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By TomL

The 15 Annual Senior Fishing Derby was a great success. The main organizers were Grace Huffman and LoToya Artis of the Ocala Recreation and Parks. BJ Trophy's donated the trophy for the biggest fish which was caught by Willie May Brown. The second trophy was given to the oldest fisher person who was 90 years young Violet Daigle.

I was worried that there would not be any more Fishing Derby's because of the COVID. Actually it turns out that it's healthier to get out side in the sun while social distancing. The weather was perfect, the fish in Lake Tuscawilla were not cooperating but the lake 100 feet to the west was producing fish. There were 95 fisherman / fisherwomen. The food, the fishing poles and the bait were furnished by The City of Ocala Recreation and Parks. Lunch was Subway Turkey and Ham Sandwiches / chips / chocolate cookies / soda.

The Sponsors were BJ Trophy's, Clark Funeral Home, CarePlus, Nelsons Lawn care, Greater Hope Baptist Church, Humana and Seniors Voice who advertised the Derby and furnish a Rod and Reel to the biggest fish.

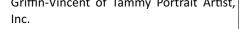




Tammy says 'People don't remember Griffin-Vincent of Tammy Portrait Artist, what you say, what you do, who you know more than how you make them feel... My goal is to help people feel good about their image and their relationships. To preserve them for a lifetime of enjoyment!' Tammy



Our neighbors Harry and Terry Weber have a new born miniature Donkey named Clemintine. She is so cute, the other day my wife and I were driving by and Clementine was laying in a hole with just her ears sticking up. It was so funny...



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our local economy. We have a strong, diverse manufacturing sector locally. Companies in the metro make everything from fire engines to missile control systems, cake sprinkles to hurricane impact windows and everything in between. With more than 9,000 employees, the Ocala Metro manufacturing sector is one of the largest in Florida.

AdvisorSmith, a business consultancy, ranked the Ocala Metro as a top mid-sized metro (250,000 to 750,000) for manufacturing. The area ranked in the Top 20 of ALL metros for manufacturing output growth and for manufacturing employment growth. Additionally, the Ocala Metro has been ranked #1 or 2 in the growth of our manufacturing employment throughout 2021.

The strength of our manufacturing sector was very much highlighted during the pandemic when our companies not only kept employment strong but grew it throughout 2020.

CEPAnnual Luncheon

In early April we hosted our CEP Annual Luncheon. While we normally hold this must-attend event in February, we pushed this year's date back to the spring to allow for more vaccine implementation. Additionally, instead of the 620-capacity crowd at one location, we spaced out 650 guests through two separate physical locations and an online audience.

While the venue and the setting changed, the importance of the event and the incredibly fun way the CEP team delivers it did not waiver. This year our theme was The Search for the Prosperous Community and employed an Indiana Jones approach. Working with EblanWorxs, a local company which has developed props for movies such as Star Wars and Indiana Jones, they provided multiple original Indy props and custom stage props for our event.

The message of the event was really threefold: 1) our local economy actually thrived through the pandemic thanks to the incredible partnerships; 2) the future is only looking brighter with more growth and opportunity in the pipeline for 2021 and beyond; and 3) all the momentum can be lost in a moment if we as a community stop working together and decide to rest on our laurels. Thankfully, I fully believe that our years of hard but diligent work to grow and opportunities of the future and will refuse to is certainly focused on Moving Forward! rest!

community's leadership is embracing the diverse this local economy. This community

We are just beginning to see the fruit of



from our trip to Las Vegas on Project 2224, a project to help new candidates for office learn about the logistics of running for office and the issues. Three of the four candidates who signed the Candidate's FAIRtax Pledge. From left Ron Maiellaro of US House in Florida District 10, in the FAIRtax guys! middle is Rubin Young, candidate for US

From the FairTax guys. Here is a photo House in Florida District 23 and to the right of Rubin is Alex Stovall, candidate for US House in Arizona District 7. Bob Paxton is on the right. Not in this photo is Jerrod Sessler, candidate for US House in Washington District 4. Bob Paxton of FAIRtax. This photo was taken on April FAIRtax, Willie Mongteque, candidate for 24th. Ron and Bob are known as the

Activity Guide

Fresh off the press! The

Ō c a l a Recreation and Parks activity guide features events. programs and more that will take place this summer like our Aquatic Fun Centers,

summer camps and more. We have something to do for all ages so make 2021 your year to try something new with Ocala Recreation and Parks!

The guide is published three times a year: January-April, May-August and September-December. It is available in print and online. For questions regarding content or to sponsor the program guide, contact us by e-mail.

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A quick



Dear Friends, The 2021 note: In the Legislative Session last two (and the ensuing Special Session on Gaming) has highlighted concluded. It feels good to be back in Senate District 12 with my family and

friends. Thanks to Senate President Wilton Simpson, House Speaker Chris Sprowls and Governor Ron DeSantis, we accomplished much and we are very proud of the strong position that Florida is in for the future. For the next two or three columns, we will highlight some of the work we did as a body, on behalf of the citizens of Florida. This month, we will report on the budget.

columns, we h a v e extensively our elections integrity bill and we are excited to report that the bill was approved by the legislature and signed by the Governor.

The legislature approved a \$101.5 billion balanced budget that leaves \$6 billion in state reserves, while making key investments in infrastructure, child welfare, and increasing the state employee minimum our hardworking state and local first responders, teachers, and childcare providers, and nearly \$1 billion will be provided to reimburse health care employees and emergency responders for childcare expenses incurred during the pandemic.

The Legislature further increases an already unprecedented level of per student funding for K-12 education, and increases our allocation to again raise teacher salaries. Totally spending for education in Florida is nearly \$40 billion and is the second most significant portion of state spending, right next to healthcare. Do not let anyone tell you that Florida does not invest in education!

Health and Human Services represents \$45 billion of state funding. This year we ensured that our Medicaid program remains fully funded, as well as the KidCare Program, which provides high quality health insurance for 229,000 children in

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Significant investments are made to expedite water quality improvements and environmental restoration projects, as well as replenish the funds available for state highways projects, which declined last year as people spent more time at home due to the pandemic. Total funding for environmental and agriculture projects comes in at around \$4.4 billion. This includes immediate spending of \$111 million to fund project grants and planning for threats from flooding and sea level rise.

The best part about all of this? These responsible and strategic investments are made without needing a state income tax and without taxing businesses to death like they have done in New York and California. Our budget is half the size of New York, and we have more people than they do. Yet, by keeping taxes low and allowing people more freedom, we can ensure Florida continues on its path towards a full economic recovery, and positions our state to address any potential challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

Onward & Upward,

Senator Dennis Baxley



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PUBLISHER'S NOTES



I remember our history studies in school about the Holocaust. I wondered, how did Hitler get millions of people follow passively to their death and not fight back??? Suddenly I realized we Americans are taking the same path!

Socialism is free stuff. Sounds great, where

does the free stuff come from? What happens when the company or people get tired of supplying free stuff? Socialism is tax the rich to feed the poor. Kind of like Robin Hood who really did not do what they claim. Remember Robin Hood was a bandit, a bad guy. When the rich don't want to be taxed any more they take their money and move out of the country where the tax is not as bad.

The second big problem with Socialism is there is no middle class. The powers to be have to get the middle class dependent on the Government hand out. Then there is only two classes. The upper class (the wealthy) and the lower class (the dependent's). As a dependent you lose your ambition, sense of pride and the

sense of right from wrong. If you and your family are hungry, you will do what's necessary to survive.

People keep relating these recent problems with history. I don't think there is any correlation to compared these times with anything we have every experienced. I think the pipe line shutdown was to teach us a lesson about who is in charge. In Cuba when a person in a certain neighborhood does something the Government does not like the government shuts down the electricity to that neighborhood, one block two blocks three blocks or the whole east coast...get the picture.

I am concerned but not afraid and if I was I would not let them know. I am to old to charge up a hill in battle but I WILL STAND MY **GROUND!** *****

WORLD MURDER STATISTICS From the World Health Organization The latest Murder Statistics for the world: Murders per 100,000 citizens per year. ALL (109) of the countries have 100% gun bans.

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However, SWITZERLAND'S law requires that EVERYONE:

1. Own a gun.

2. Maintain Marksman qualifications ... regularly.

Did you learn anything from this?? I think the message is - loud and clear ...

I will never forget the speech where Nancy Pelosi said ... "Donald Trump will never serve another term NO MATTER WHAT IT TAKES

Now Bidon's first one hundred days he has attempt to undo every executive order that Trump did and he is trying to take credit for Warp Speed. It has cost the people of this country dearly. Biddon does not seem to care or maybe he don't understand, he is just another empty suit that wants to be cool! *****

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

A negative power lusting agenda, by bottom feeders, who grab any negative concept they can find. Use them to falsely accuse others, and use bullying tactics to enforce these falsehoods on good people.Good people must resist to save their sane way of life. A perfect example of bottom feeders are the three leaders of BLM. A million dollar house here a million dollar house there a million dollar house everywhere. What a fun game this is.

Every generation has its group of ruthless power lusting monsters, and this generation has a bumper crop.

There are multiple groups vying for control. Fighting them off is a monumental task. But we cannot relax and become lazy, we must remain vigilant. If we back down we condemn ourselves to an existence of torment.

This crop of ruthless are especially vicious. Look at what they propose. Theories without proof. Nutty notions they get in their minds, that they force on us, but not on themselves. That should be the first best clue what they are up to. Kerry flying on a private jet half way around the world to receive a phony baloney award. Perks for me but not for thee. This is the way the ruthless game is played.

Number one issue that needs attention. The nutty idea that you can be a country

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without a border has got to be rectified We need our border back, immediately. Something is wrong with Biden. If there is no border there is no country. What is he president of? No country, no need for a president.

Know of a group of men who discuss these matters at the golf club, however think it will take a little more than a golf club discussion to thwart this problem. Time to get tough.

We sit and discuss, while they riot loot, and destroy property . They are bottom feeders incapable of discussion. Nothing in their upper stories.

We should be ashamed allowing a bunch of good for nothings besting us. Where did this notion come from that I [WE} are responsible for every person in the universe? When we were in the depression, no one was responsible for us. Was told my father sat in a chair and cried because he had no money to buy food to feed us. We owe them opportunity not food shelter clothing, education, and health care. My father wanted a job, not a handout. How things have changed. If you expected health care you had to have \$5 in your pocket.

Because you live like a creampuff does not mean everyone will. Unless you care to pay for all the free stuff people in the world. Let us not get sidetracked. Freedom is our primary issue. Nobody has the right to tell me how to live, the last I heard God gave me the right to live free.

The difference today, is day and night, between the Greatest Generation. and today's Dipsey Doodle Ruthless generation. D.I.L.



Ocala Business Leaders. Pictured from left Patrick Dolder / New members Roberto Casasola / Fay Tilton / Margie Kludss and Parish Tanner standing member. The Ocala

Three new members inducted into the Business Leaders are actively looking for good upstanding Business People. Ocala Business Leaders has been active for about 25 years. Photo by Tammy Portrait Arstist

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Before Buying Plants From Overseas

What You Need To Know Before **Buying Plants Or Seeds From Overseas**

gardening enthusiasts, offering unprecedented access to rare and exotic plants and seed products from around the world at the click of a button. But before you buy plants or seeds online from overseas sellers, you should know they could pose a significant risk to U.S. agriculture and natural resources, because they can carry harmful plant pests and diseases.

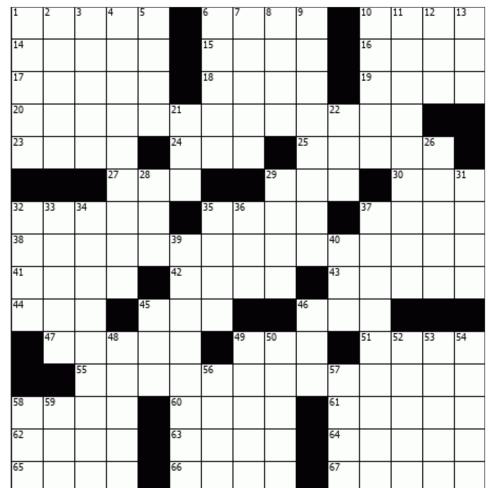
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It's illegal to import plants and seeds from

overseas into the U.S. without the (NAPSI)—Online shopping and e- appropriate paperwork indicating they're commerce have opened new doors for pest-free. Just because it's easy to buy them online, does not mean they're safe and you, the buyer, are responsible for checking the origin and import requirements.

The Problem

Invasive pests and plant diseases are often not visible to the buyer and, if left unchecked, can easily and rapidly spread. Plant diseases, for example, can be carried in common garden staples grown outside the U.S., such as tomato and pepper seeds. Not

only do invasive pests cost the U.S. an estimated \$40 billion a year in damage to trees, plants, crops and related eradication and control efforts, they can have a significant effect on America's food supply. **An Answer**

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2.Request shipping labels from APHIS, if equired under the permit conditions.

3.Inform the seller about the labeling and shipping requirements detailed in the permit.

4.Instruct the seller to include an invoice detailing the scientific name and quantity of *Continued page 9*



Buying Overseas

Continued from page 8 plants or seeds in the shipment.

5.Ensure the seller has a phytosanitary certificate from the National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) of the country of origin. This means the NPPO has inspected the plants or seeds and found them free of plant pests and diseases.

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Governor Ron DeSantis Signs Bill to Safeguard the Sanctity of Florida Elections

Florida Leads on Election Integrity and Transparency

West Palm Beach, Fla. - Today, Governor Ron DeSantis signed into law Senate Bill 90, Florida's new election integrity bill, strengthening voter identification, prohibiting the mass mailing of ballots, banning ballot harvesting and prohibiting private money from administering elections in our state.

"Florida took action this legislative session to increase transparency and strengthen the security of our elections," said Governor Ron DeSantis. "Floridians

can rest assured that our state will remain a leader in ballot integrity. Elections should be free and fair, and these changes will ensure this continues to be the case in the Sunshine State. I'd like to thank our legislative leaders on this issue - Senate President Wilton Simpson, House Speaker Chris Sprowls, Senator Dennis Baxley, and Representative Blaise Ingoglia."

"Florida leads the nation in election reforms because the Florida Legislature and Governor have taken a proactive approach to review and address any election issues," said Senate President Wilton Simpson. "Safeguarding and maintaining the integrity of our elections is important to all of us. We all lose when people have no confidence in the integrity of an election. That's what we want to avoid. We don't want to backslide.

Florida was a model for the nation in increases election transparency, and states. I appreciate the Governor's leadership voter rolls. on this important issue.'

ballot than ever before. With that variety while simultaneously banning ballot must come assurance of security, harvesting by political operatives. Under accountability, and transparency," said this law, a person may not handle more than House Speaker Chris Sprowls. "The bill two ballots other than those of immediate Governor DeSantis signed today will protect family members. There is an exemption for our election procedures and provide voters ballots collected during supervised voting at with confidence that our elections will assisted living facilities and nursing homes remain accessible, efficient, and secure. The to make sure no undue burden is caused for right to vote should never be taken for Florida's most vulnerable. granted, and we must always strive to improve the processes that establish the ballots, ensuring that vote-by-mail ballots foundation of our democracy."

to ensure that our elections process remains each election cycle they intend to vote by secure and credible," said Senator Dennis mail. The bill also increases election Baxley. When it comes to the integrity of our transparency, allowing each political party free and fair elections, our state did not wait and candidate guaranteed access to observe until something went wrong. Instead we signature matching reviews by the were proactive in our responsibility to ensure canvassing board, and allows for appointed that Florida voters are confident that their watchers on their behalf. vote is being counted. Thank you, Governor DeSantis, for your leadership and for helping every county have access to live voter us make Florida a place where it is easy to turnout data, updated hourly by Supervisors vote and very hard to cheat."

prevailed. I thank Governor DeSantis for his least every hour. vote of confidence to carry such landmark most sacred right we have as Americans."

ID laws, bans ballot harvesting, prohibits aspect of election administration or unsolicited mass mailing of ballots, operations.

November, and that is something we can all prohibits private money from administering take pride in. With this legislation, we are elections. While Florida already requires codifying provisions of the Governor's identification to vote, Senate Bill 90 will executive order that were largely credited as require additional identification information a reason Florida's 2020 general election went when changing any voter registration so smoothly, and why results were available information, or requesting a vote by mail much quicker in Florida than in many other ballot, preventing fraud and securing the

The proposal strikes a reasonable balance "Floridians have more options to cast their for families and those in elder care facilities

The proposal bans the mass mailing of are only sent to the individuals that "Florida's leaders have answered the call requested them, and only if requested for

The bill bolsters reporting, requiring that of Elections (SOEs). SOEs will also be "This legislative session, we set out to required to post, beginning at 7 p.m. on improve and strengthen the integrity of Election Day, the number of vote-by-mail elections," said Representative Blaise ballots that have been received and the Ingoglia. "We set out to ensure safe, secure number of vote-by-mail ballots that remain and trusted measures for voting, and we uncounted. This reporting will be updated at

Finally, the bill will prohibit private legislation that will restore confidence in the money from administering elections by prohibiting our Election Supervisors from Senate Bill 90 strengthens existing voter accepting donations or grants to fund any



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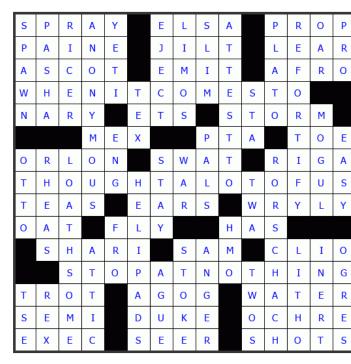
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