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White House slams Florida republicans. The controversy started when the GOP rejected legislation and they named it "Don't Say Gay!" The goal is to protect the children who need protection from legislation that would

show them in a negative light. They would be subject to Bullying.

The new "F" word is FREEDOM to many of our leaders are infringing on FREEDOM. The word is not being considered as they make a move toward Martial Law.

Our own Republican Dennis Baxley sponsored a proposal. Baxley told law makers it would not forbid to spontaneous discussion but would bar districts from incorporating LGBTQ topics into the

Baxley said some discussions are best left to parents! Baxley said when you enter sexual discussions with children you're entering the "Danger Zone"!

DeSantis stated you've seen incidence in which kids are encouraged to be doing stuff with like gender ideology and I think the parents really do need to be involved in that discussion.



Lake Chamber members and officers other. See more pictures page 9

Pictured here are some of the Lady meeting and referring business to each

# Legal Action Against Biden

Taking Legal Action Against Biden for Releasing Illegal Immigrants into Florida

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. —Attorney General Ashley Moody announced Florida is taking legal action against the Biden administration for ignoring federal immigration law as the out-of-control situation at the U.S. southwest border continues. The Attorney General filed an amended complaint challenging President Joe Biden's latest unlawful immigration policy. Instead of commencing immigration court proceedings against illegal immigrants caught at the border, the federal government is releasing them into the interior without even starting the legal process for their removal. The government is calling this unlawful policy "Parole + Alternatives to Detention.

The amended complaint comes after shocking evidence uncovered dozens of adult male illegal immigrants brought to a U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement office, and then bussed to a nearby airport to be sent to their chosen destination inside the United States, including Miami according to news reports.

The Biden administration has not only consciously refused to enforce immigration laws, but it has also developed an operation to secretly resettle illegal aliens into communities across Florida and the rest of the United States," said Governor Ron DeSantis. "They're doing this in the dark of night without any coordination with states, without any background checks, and without any efforts to initiate the legal process for their removal. I am glad Attorney General Moody is continuing our

Gov DeSantis and Attorney General is fight to hold the Biden Administration accountable for its reckless disregard for immigration laws.

"It is appalling that the president is using taxpayer dollars to fund his open-borders agenda — even facilitating flights to transport illegal immigrants around our own country," said Attorney General Ashley Moody. "Beyond that, his brazen lack of responsibility has led to the absolutely outof-control conditions at our southwest border — where our border agents came into contact with more than 2 million illegal immigrants last year. While the president's policies are helping human traffickers, criminals, and deadly drugs find their way across the border and into Florida, I remain committed to fighting to protect Floridians from this disaster."

In September 2021, Florida filed a challenge to the Biden administration's catch-and-release border practices that ignore federal law. According to federal law, arriving immigrants, including those claiming asylum, are required to be detained while immigration courts determine if there is a valid basis to enter the United States. As a result of this litigation, the federal government abandoned its "notice to report policy" — which media reports characterized as "immigration by the honor system." But the "Parole + Alternatives to Detention" policy is yet another unlawful policy out the Biden administration.

Recently, video footage emerged showing dozens of single-adult illegal immigrants lined up to get on busses outside of an ICE facility office in Texas. The buses were then driven to the local airport, where the illegal immigrants were flown to their destination



### Flags, Flags, Flags

Flags & Flag poles is a local store in business for over 18 years and is run by the Marshall family George, Bill & Linda. George's father Bill a vet and George's mother linda keep's busy with sales thanks to the strong support of local customers in the area. We urge you to buy local from family-owned businesses.

The Marshall family have been able to stay busy through the past year with sales and installing flag poles in the local area. Having a retail store in lady lake also helps so people can walk in and see the supplies the store offer's and purchase local on site. They also offer discounts on most products when you pay by cash or check. When you buy local you help support a small business like the Marshall locally family owned and operated store.

The store hours are 8 am - 4 pm Monday -Thursday, the Marshall's can be reached at 352-751-1876

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of choice within the U.S., with at least one of the immigrants admitting to be heading to Miami. This seems to violate the Biden administration's own procedures under Title 42, where single adult illegal immigrants would not be admitted to the country for public health reasons.



## The **Butterfly** Nebula

See page 15 A.J. "Tony" Powell =

### AS I SEE IT

By Tony Powell Is Putin stealing Ukraine! Do we care?

Apparently Former President Donald Trump thinks that Putin's invasion of Ukraine is the 'savvy' act of a 'genius'

As we all know, Putin has thousands of military units on the border and has already started an invasion.

Most other world leaders think it's an act of war.

What's disappointing in the media coverage is that they portray Putin's actions as somehow, unusual or disruptive – while as the same time refusing to acknowledge that taking over other peoples property; their homes, their land their country, is the way that the world works, and the way that this world of ours has always worked.

Russia claims that the Ukraine was, at some time in history, part of their country, so, now, they are taking it back.

Isn't it a fact that 'Might Makes Right!"?.

Could Mexico 'take back' the southwestern parts of the USA?

Don't they have that right? Their country was taken by force, so 'Why not'?

Does the original population of the socalled 'New World' have the right to take back what was theirs?

Does Israel have the right to take back what was once theirs?

Should the European population of Australasia 'give back' what they took?

Should the state of China be dissolved, and given back to the myriad of the original 'nationalities'?

How far back would you go?

Does England belong to their most recent conquerors, the Normans? the Angles? the Saxons? the Romans? the Vikings? or the Celts?-The list goes on.

Putin accused the USA of trying to create a new world order.

One-world government ruling a onegovernment world.

Through a process of conquest; military and economic, we now have a threegovernment world.

The USA, China and the Soviet Union – (not dead yet)

Putin is in a distant third place.

But, as they say, "you gotta start somewhere", and, for him, the Ukraine is as good as anywhere.

But what the media reports as 'Russia', isn't Russia at all.

Are these 'free countries' or 'Satellite States?

Armenia, Moldova, Estonia, Latvia,

Lithuania, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Tajikistan, right in. Kyrgyzstan, Belarus, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan or, are they part of Russia?

Correct name for 'Russia' is the USSR -The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

To me 'Republic' means someones'

Is Tasmania part of Australia?

Is the Basque Country part of Spain? Is Sicily part of Italy?

Who conquered Iceland? Apparently noone wants it!

But Greenland was taken by Denmark.

Are Alaska and Hawaii both part of the

If it's wrong/illegal to take over a foreign land, how is it that the USA 'owns' Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Why do we demand that Putin release his 'colonies', while we will not grant freedom

One obvious reason is that, if we release ours, then they (China & Russia) will jump

If we granted a world wide vote to every living person, how many would choose to be 'ruled' by China? by Russia? by the USA?

As I See It, it's a 'no-contest'!

"Land of the free and home of the brave"

Some don't love it, but I don't see them leaving!

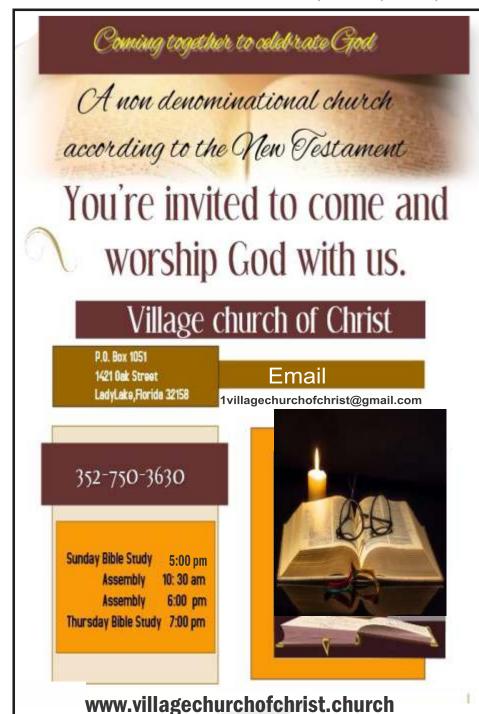
'til next time....

# Fentanyl Deaths

The leading cause of death for Americans 18-45 is fentanyl. It's not climate change. It's not COVID. It's fentanyl. Every single American is affected by this drug, pouring across our border and into our communities, courtesy of this administration's policies. It's happening here in FL-03 and it's happening in communities across the U.S. We have got to stop this drug, stop the overdoses, stop the drug trafficking, and stop the deaths of our youngest







### DENNIS K. BAXLEY



Dear Friends.

Thank you to all of you that have taken the time to call, write and email our office over the past few weeks as we continue fighting to protect faith, family, freedom, opportunity

and life itself at our state capitol.

We have reached the halfway mark of the 2022 Legislative Session and we are very excited about the good work being done on

behalf of the people of the state of Florida. Will we get everything we want; just the way we want it? No. This process is a conversation that happens between 22 million people in our state who come from many different backgrounds and many different life experiences. Sometimes it can be messy, but a better system of government has yet to be found. Many have tried and many have failed. We should be very grateful that we live in constitutional republic where the

protected.

The most important basic right, the right this country. 63 million lives (and counting) have been lost since Roe v. Wade in 1973. Since then, state legislatures have been battling this disastrous ruling and for the first time, we are beginning to see a glimmer of hope that we can score some major victories on behalf of unborn life. HB 5/SB 146 is styled after Mississippi bill currently being reviewed by the U.S. Supreme Court that could overturn Roe v. Wade. Our bill in 15 weeks and tightens up reporter requirements for those performed before

rights of individuals are honored and that. This bill is going to save thousands of precious babies from destruction.

We are happy to report that Florida looks to life, has been under attack for decades in to be in a strong financial position. The initial state budget bills have been proposed by the House and Senate and are available for review as HB 5001 and SB 2500. The budget conference process to figure out the differences between will begin soon but we expect a smooth path forward and that the final number will be in between \$105-\$108 billion. This is a record number for Florida and it is all thanks to you, the constituent. The thing that some people do not realize is Florida completely prohibits abortions after that we do not have any money in Tallahassee, it is all money that belongs to you that you send up here so that we can do some worthwhile things. We just figure out how to appropriate those dollars so that we are getting the best return on your investment. Thank you for continuing to make Florida the best place to live, work and raise and family.

By the time this column reaches you, the Session should almost be concluded and we are looking forward to sharing more in the months that follow. Please continue to talk to us, engage with us, and most of all pray for us as we conclude our work for the year.

Onward & Upward, Senator Dennis Baxley

# Medicare **Advantage**



### Three Tips To Help Medicare Advantage Enrollees Choose A No-Cost Or Low-Cost Gym Membership

(NAPSI)—It's still Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment season and many fitnessminded folks are choosing to sign up for Medicare Advantage and Medicare Supplement plans because they appreciate the extra benefits such as subsidized gym memberships. If you have one of these plans, or you're thinking of enrolling in one, then you may be ready to take the next step in your exercise journey by joining a new fitness center. Here are three tips to help you select the best fitness center for your needs:

1. Learn which gyms are subsidized through your Medicare Advantage program. Whether you currently belong to a gym and want to remain a member there, or if you want to try a new fitness center, Medicare Advantage may have you covered. Thousands of top-name gyms, fitness centers, YMCAs, and boutique fitness clubs across the country belong to fitness networks that honor Medicare Advantage memberships. You can call your Medicare Advantage plan directly to learn what fitness program they offer and what gyms near you participate. Options such as the Silver&Fit® Healthy Aging and Exercise program offer access to 18,000+ fitness centers across the nation. Programs like these also offer member benefits such as health coaching and a library of on-demand video workouts. Plus, members can enjoy Continued page 5



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## PUBLISHER'S NOTES



month I have to repeat what I wrote over a year ago. While I was researching something on the internet and I came across this.

It claimed that Wuhan Lab research on COVID was being funded through a religious group by the Obama administration by Fauci. I guess they call that masking or Ghosting. The research and development was on SAR-CoV1. The lab had a bad record of having accidents, so Obama told Fauci to stop funding the research. Now this was a long time ago during Obama's term. It also claimed, Fauci found private funding for his research through allegedly Hillary Clinton and several other which was indicated to be high tech guys in the internet business. Now the Investigation today has not mentioned Hillary or the other's yet, so maybe that was a wrong projection. This was all in 2002, it jump to humans from bats and was named

Going into another SARS. That was the first pandemic. This is a the first development of the COVID. Over 8,000 people were infected and things started happening.

> COVID-2 Shows up some time 2019 they claim it jump from Bats to humans after the virus had changed. The claims now are it was a Lab leak, then it went Global. Stop a lot of international travel killed a lot of people and was used to change our political image and it has not stopped yet. Yes we need to find out all we can about who was involved but that won't change the out come. If someone in Washington is responsible they need to be stripped of there title, money, job and any further money like retirement. Fauci is our top scientific Advisor. Is he in bed big pharma? Should he stay or should he go?? It is your call as the American people.

> Now who are the American people and who is trying to sell us this crap about our Constitution was nothing but an experiment. It is the laws we live by and someone who think it's an experiment is crazy. A few super rich people think they can control the

American people and they are wrong. They are just a disruption. We are smarter than that. We just need to change the people at the top SO VOTE!

Interesting now Nancy Pelosi's son is being investigated. Also allegedly Maxine Waters has been paying a family member with campaign money. It is probably legal some how but is it right? I think the figure was one million dollars. We have to stop this intrusion on our Taxes. Maybe go back to bartering? "A product or service in exchange for a product or services!" What an interesting Idea.

You know how you get these phone calls and they say they are someone but their not. My cell phone rand and a lady voice said I'm from the Attorney Generals Office and I would like to invite you to our Press Conference tomorrow morning in the Villages. At first I thought it was someone pulling my leg but it was true. I felt honored that I would get a call from the Attorney General Ashley Moody support team would take the time to call in person inviting me!

I feel if you consistently do something in life or in business something will happen. I have been bringing you her monthly information in our newspapers.

I have never been thanked by a person

who won a door prize. This lady who is in business in the Villages sent me a thank you note. People don't say thank you much. I say thank you all the time it does not cost anything to say "THANK YOU!"

We have become a nation that has lost its collective mind because we say yes to thing's we would never thought we would agree with. Some of it is over a check from the government, They say yes!!!

(NEW YORK)! Our National Guard are replacing the nurses who refused the vaccine, yet the National Guard don't have to get the vaccine until June!

Our government is more concerned about illegal Alien than the people who are homeless on the streets.

Nancy Pelosi is cheering our athletes on in China she "asked US athletes not to anger the Chinese by speaking out against their human rights abuses. Pelosi stated that the Chinese are ruthless, suggesting they wouldn't tolerate any free speech within their country's borders. She accused the International Olympic Committee of turning a blind eye to China's human rights violations."

All of this Pandemic is leading up to enacting Martial Law so they can implement Socialism. Wake up America!

# Newspaper Deadlines

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**Publishers Restaurant Review** 

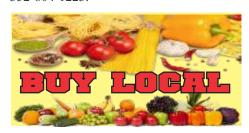
Do you remember the Isaac Walton Tom the newspaper guy sent you. Lodge well it is under new ownership, a husband and wife team Chris and Anna Wakeman. The restaurant is now called the Blackwater Inn it is a place to go!

If you make reservations you might be able to get a table by a window and you can watch the Withalacoochee river flow by, working Fishing and pleasure boat's go by while you enjoy the wonderful food they serve you. The setting is black table clothes with everything you need to eat. Our waitress stop frequently to ask is everything OK here or did we need anything or can I get you anything for you. My wife had a Iceberg lettuce wedge salad it comes with a wedge of lettuce, tomatoes, red onion, bacon bits, and blue cheese crumbles. My wife said it was wonderful. I had a shrimp plate. A half pound of shrimp.

They offer three ways you can have it fixed blackened, grilled or fried. I had it blackened with two side. I had two sides I had cole slaw. It was all well prepared and delicious. I noticed that when some customers got up from their lunch they took the table cloth away and put a fresh new one down. From what I understand the new owners purchased a number of businesses right on the river. It is located 6301 Riverside Drive, Yankee Town Florida. Phone number is 352-441-5002 tell them

Denny's restaurant HWY 40 and I-75. I have not been to Denny's for a while so I went in search a new meeting place for the Select Business Association. Something new I learned, there is a back way in and out to avoid traffic. Just west of Denny's there is a little road entrance, it will take you to the new hotel or Denny's.

Anyway three of us went to lunch. The menu was great you can have breakfast, lunch or dinner at lunch time. One of our members choice was breakfast and the other fish dinner. It was nicely prepared moderately priced and not to loud. It took me two minutes to get out onto SR 40. I took a loaded potato soup home for my wife. She said it hit the spot. Week two new menu, I order Bourbon Bacon Hamburger no bun with Broccoli it was delicious! The people were friendly service was good. If you would like to join our lunch group call Tom Loury at 352-804-1223.



# Medicare **Advantage**

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Facebook Live workout classes or YouTube streaming classes. Whether you want to work out at home, get fit at the gym, or attend classes online, the Silver&Fit program offers something for everyone.

exercise needs. Ask yourself this question-what are the most important things that will keep you coming back to the gym in 2022? Do you have a yearning for yoga, a passion for Pilates or a goal to gain muscle? Then make sure the gym you select offers those options and more. If you love strength training, check that a gym offers various weight training machines and free weights. If you crave structured workout sessions, ask the gym for a class schedule so you can scout the options available. If you're an older adult who enjoys low-impact water aerobics, seek out a gym with a pool. Today's gyms offer many workout options, so investigate several. You can research gyms online by visiting the websites of programs such as the Silver&Fit program to see what gyms are in their network. Just enter your zip code and you'll see what gyms are convenient for you.

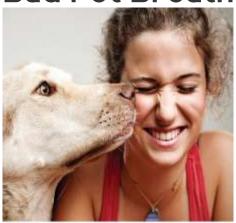
3. Choose a gym that will motivate you to work out. Research shows that people stay more motivated to work out when they can do it with a spouse or friend. Find a gym your spouse or friends will also enjoy, then work out together. Or join a gym that offers social events, such as lunches or coffees. Or meet new friends in your in-person classes. Another important motivating factor is location. Choosing a gym close to your home can help ensure that you go regularly. It may be especially helpful if you find one within walking distance. Your walk to the gym can serve as a warm-up and cool-down to start and end your gym session. Other amenities to keep in mind are access to showers and locker rooms and the cleanliness and safety of the gym. Many gyms provide hand sanitizer and equipment sanitizer stations as well as other COVIDsafe protocols. Call the gyms you are considering to learn what their specific policies are.

Always remember to consult with your doctor before starting a new exercise routine and to discuss what types of exercises are safest for you.

You can use the Medicare Advantage open enrollment period as an opportunity to

plan how you'll get back into your fitness routine—or to set new fitness goals. It's never too late to get started. To learn whether your Medicare Advantage plan offers the Silver&Fit program, check: https://www.silverandfit.com/health -plans.

# rogram offers something for everyone. 2. Choose the right gym for your Bad Pet Breath



### Bad breath is just natural for dogs and cats. Or is it? @

Bad Pet Breath Can Mean Health Issues

by Dr. Jay King, DVM

(NAPSI)—By the age of three, 80% of dogs and 70% of cats show signs of dental disease. If your pet has smelly breath, it could be a warning sign. Pet parents might not know that bad breath is caused by harmful bacteria and can be an indicator of oral disease. Harmful bacteria in the mouth can also work its way under the gum line, cause gum disease and get into the bloodstream. It gets worse. Bacteria in the blood can harm joints, damage organs and lead to chronic disease.

### Doctor's Advice

As a veterinarian, I want you to know it's important to be proactive when it comes to pets' oral health, and how easy and affordable it can be to vastly improve it with an oral-care probiotic. ProBiora3®, a proprietary blend of three beneficial bacteria strains, found only in ProBioraPet®, is all natural and packed with beneficial bacteria. This abundance of "good bacteria" crowds out the "bad bacteria" and does away with the source of bad breath. Simply sprinkle one scoop daily into your pet's food. There's no odor and no taste. Pets still happily enjoy their chow—and you can enjoy sweeter pet

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## **Border Crisis & Its Side Affects**

Dear Neighbor,

It's been a busy week in Washington, D.C. and this evening I'll be back to Florida's Third for a great weekend in the Sunshine State.

fought back against the America COMPETES Act, a bill offered by House Democrats to counter the Chinese Communist Party's influence. Instead of countering China, however, this bill does This week in Washington, D.C. we nothing to fight back against the CCP,

instead giving China billions of dollars and racking up our national debt with reckless spending unrelated to China at all. You can read more about that bill and everything else going on in Washington this week below.

With all that's happening this Congress, it is my greatest honor to represent you and hear from you about the issues that matter

most. You can read below about what we've been up to this week, and as always, you can stay up to date with us here, on our website, and on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.

In Liberty.

# Pet Breath

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The blend also supports gum and tooth health, freshens breath and naturally whitens teeth. It's been called the most comprehensive oral-care probiotics technology currently available in the pet oral healthcare market. The scientific basis for the oral health benefits provided by these three strains of bacteria has been documented in numerous peer-reviewed publications over the last 30 years.

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Dr. King is medical director of the Center for Animal Rescue and Enrichment, St. Louis, MO.



# CHIEF ROBERT TEMPESTA.



It's Tax Season-Be aware of scams

As peak tax e a s o n approaches, be aware of any suspicious activity using your personal information. The IRS has reported

incidents of tax fraud from victims. There are victims reporting that they are attempting to file their taxes and are being rejected as their social security number has already been used by someone to do so. With on-line methods for banking, shopping, and also a means of bill payment being more popular, it is important to safeguard your personal information. It's a good idea to purchase a cross cutting shredder and shred all documents that you no longer need prior to discarding them.

If you are a victim of tax fraud, you will need to file a police report with your local law enforcement agency and then with the

IRS providing them with your case number. The IRS will investigate the fraudulent activity. It is a good idea to check your credit history periodically through Experian, Equifax, or TransUnion to ensure that you are not an unsuspecting victim.

A reminder that you should never be asked to pay for anything or "owe" any money by purchasing gift cards and providing the identifying number on the back. No law enforcement agency will ever call and solicit money for any reason, especially, through the use of gift cards. Once the number on the card is provided to any person, the monetary value will be taken by that person and you will suffer the loss. You will also never be asked to overnight cash to any location to "get out of legal trouble." Please contact the police department if you are presented with this type of situation. The police department will only be able to take a report if you are a victim of this type of scam.

The Lady Lake Police Department reminds you that we are here to help protect you from criminal activity but protecting your identity starts with you.

damage to crops across the state. Governor in urging USDA Secretary Vilsack to DeSantis issued a state of emergency in 30 approve the disaster declaration and free up counties across Florida, and a USDA the resources necessary to support a full Disaster Declaration would provide additional support under the Farm Service Agency to impacted farmers.

'In 2019, Florida's agriculture industry generated \$7.8 billion from a variety of agricultural crops— from citrus, blueberries, and watermelon to everything in between," said Rep. Cammack. "As one of our state's leading economic drivers, we know how important Florida agriculture is to the Sunshine State and the nation. I'm grateful to my colleagues for their support of this bipartisan effort to make sure Florida's farmers receive the necessary aid to recover from this historic freeze."

"Florida's farmers have been severely impacted by freezing temperatures. It's critical that USDA take swift action to support our state's agricultural industry,' said Rep. Charlie Crist (FL-13).

'Responsible for feeding millions, Florida's farmers and growers serve as a vital component of both the state and nation's economy," said Rep. Byron Donalds (FL-19). "The freezing temperatures experienced by the Sunshine State last month have great potential to detriment the nation. Assisting our agricultural industry following these uncontrollable and unprecedented conditions is critical to ensuring the survival of Florida's producers."

"Florida farmers play a pivotal role in our nation's agriculture industry. Unfortunately, recent freezing temperatures in our state have significantly affected producers, as they continue to confront the disruptions created by ongoing supply chain issues," said Rep. Neal Dunn (FL-02). "I am proud to join my Florida Congressional colleagues

recovery."

"Florida's citrus and grapefruit is American grown, the best in the world, and I agree with the actions taken by Governor DeSantis," said Rep. Bill Posey (FL-08).

'The agriculture industry plays a major role in Florida's economy and our way of life," said Rep. John Rutherford (FL-04). "With recent weather volatility, including a hard freeze, we're asking for federal approval of a USDA Disaster Declaration. Florida agriculture is key to stocking grocery stores nationwide and this declaration will support our farmers' recovery efforts."

"In January, agriculture workers and farmers in Florida's 17th District faced some of the lowest temperatures in more than a decade. I greatly appreciate the state of emergency declared by Governor DeSantis. However, the crop damages sustained from this disaster also require USDA's immediate attention. Growers in my district's six affected counties would benefit greatly from additional resources made available by USDA's disaster programs. I join my colleagues in asking Secretary Vilsack to review Florida's request and act swiftly in delivering relief to Florida's agriculture industry," said Congressman Greg Steube

"Agriculture is one of the three pillars of Florida's economy, with our state's farmers growing high quality foods that end up on kitchen tables around the world," said Rep. Daniel Webster (FL-11). "I will continue to work with my colleagues to preserve and protect our domestic farms and ensure Continued page 12

# How Important Are Florida Farmers

Kat Cammack (FL-03) and Congressman Darren Soto (FL-09) led a bipartisan letter with members of the Florida delegation to United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack in support of the state of Florida's request for a USDA end of January, resulting in prolonged

GAINESVILLE, FL —Congresswoman Disaster Declaration for the counties impacted by freezing temperatures January 29-31, 2022.

The letter describes how areas of Central and South Florida saw temperatures plunge to their lowest in more than a decade at the

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### ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY



Attorney General Moody **Prevails in Long** Legal Battle with Federal Government Over Cruise Industry Lockdown

**TALLAHASS** 

Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody is declaring victory following a long legal battle with President Joe Biden, U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention over the federal lockdown of Florida's cruise industry. Florida is the top state in the nation for cruises with approximately 159,000 hardworking Floridians who depend on the industry for their livelihoods. Good news for those families-following Attorney General Moody's relentless legal efforts, Biden's CDC has allowed the Conditional Sailing Order that shuttered the industry to expire, and now the state is moving to end the litigation.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "As the court said, Biden's industry-wide shutdown was, 'breathtaking, unprecedented and acutely and singularly authoritarian.' Furthermore, his draconian order had a very real impact on thousands of Floridians who were just trying to feed their families. I am proud to stand with Governor

DeSantis against the shuttering of our cruise industry, and declare victory over a federal government that has proven time and time again that it has no qualms about exceeding its authority—even when it prevents hundreds of thousands of Americans from working.'

In April 2021, Attorney General Moody filed a Complaint for Declaratory and Preliminary and Permanent Injunctive Relief in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida. The complaint argued that the CDC does not possess the authority to issue yearlong nationwide lockdowns of entire industries. The complaint also contended that the CDC's actions were arbitrary and capricious, and otherwise violated the Administrative Procedure Act.

Last June, the court granted Attorney General Moody a Preliminary Injunction, essentially shutting down the federal government's unlawful Conditional Sailing Order in the state of Florida.

Florida fought the CDC all the way to the Supreme Court of the United States. Then, last month, the CDC let the order expire and announced that the order would not be renewed. Additionally, the CDC dismissed its appeal of Florida's preliminaryinjunction motion. Given the federal government's abandonment of its order, Attorney General Moody today dismissed the matter and issued a statement outlining the legal and practical win for Floridians.

Online Safety Tips for Children, Seniors and Adults on Safer Internet Day

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody today released online safety tips for Floridians in recognition of Safer Internet Day. In 2020, the Federal Bureau of Investigation reported that internet scammers victimized more than 50,000 Floridians, with nearly \$300 million lost to online scams. Anyone can fall prey to these schemes—so, Attorney General Moody is issuing a warning to children, seniors and adults on Safer Internet Day to help Floridians guard against fraud.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, No one is completely safe online, and that is why we have developed resources to help protect Floridians on the internet. As we recognize Safer Internet Day, please take a moment to review your online security plan to ensure you are doing all you can to protect your identity, personal information and children from cybercriminals and predators.'

In the past year, Attorney General Moody has released online safety content for Floridians of all ages:

Online Safety for Children

Last month, Attorney General Moody released the 2022 Online Safety lert. <u>Toolkit</u>, designed to help empower parents to teach their children about the dangers of human trafficking online and to create effective online safety plans for safe internet use. The toolkit contains pages of educational material aggregated from federal, state and local public agencies,

Attorney General Moody Provides including the U.S. Department of Justice, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Florida law enforcement and technology companies.

Online Safety for Seniors

In an effort to help seniors avoid scams, Attorney General Moody launched the Scams at a Glance program. The online resource provides tips and information through downloadable brochures designed to assist consumers with information and best practices to guard against fraud.

Online Safety for Adults

Attorney General Moody releases Consumer Alerts covering a wide range of topics, with many focusing on various techrelated scams that are reported to the Florida Attorney General's Office.

Some of the latest, top technology-related Consumer Alerts include:

- Malware that Drains Cellphone Batteries and Bank Accounts
- Payment App Hack Attacks
- **QR Code Scams**
- Tips to Protect Passwords

To view other recent Consumer Alerts, visit Attorney General Moody's Consumer Alert webpage at

MyFloridaLegal.com/ConsumerA



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- Cat Litter
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### GOVERNOR DESANTIS



ICYMI from the Department of Children and Families: DCF Files Proposed Rule to End Participation in Federal **Unaccompanied** 

### Alien Minor Program

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - Today, the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) filed a proposed permanent rule that prohibits the issuance or renewal of licenses for facilities or organizations that house Unaccompanied Alien Children (UAC) whom the Federal Government is resettling across the United States, including Florida, unless there is a cooperative agreement between the State of Florida and the Federal Government.

DCF Secretary Shevaun Harris said, "Through its policies, the Federal Government has made a decision to encourage the mass smuggling of minors to the southern border without their parents. No government that claimed to care for children would ever tolerate this. The Federal Government's careless policies have led to this unsafe situation, and Florida will no longer be complicit in it. By ending the State's involvement with the UAC program, the proposed rule will finally force the Federal Government to take full

the UAC population."

The proposed rule will not affect the Unaccompanied Refugee Minor (URM) program because there is a cooperative agreement that governs the resettlement of URM. Additionally, the rule also bars existing licensees from adding to their UAC population, but would require them to conduct regular, in-person welfare checks of any UAC from their current population who are placed with sponsors in Florida.

UAC are minors, mostly older teenagers, who enter the country illegally without their parents. The journey to the southern border can be dangerous, and the UAC are often smuggled or trafficked by criminal actors, sometimes with the knowledge or participation of family members who are already illegally present in the country. The Biden Administration's willful refusal to faithfully enforce the nation's immigration laws has incentivized this intolerable state of affairs. In President Biden's first year of office, the number of UAC arriving at the southern border ballooned to over 146,000, compared to approximately 33,000 in fiscal year 2020 and 80,000 in fiscal year 2019.

DCF is the state's lead agency to implement and maintain Florida's refugee resettlement program in coordination and consultation with the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) and other federal agencies.

The state has an approved state plan for

defines the state's role regarding URM, and this URM program is not impacted by the rule. Providers serving URM may continue to accept and serve these children.

There is, however, no corresponding agreement or state plan with ORR regarding UAC. DCF's proposed rule prohibits a UAC child-placing or residential child-caring agency from accepting UAC without such an agreement in place.

Governor Ron DeSantis Awards Over \$1 Million to Moore Haven for Rural **Infrastructure Improvements** 

MOORE HAVEN, Fla. -- Today, Governor Ron DeSantis awarded more than \$1 million in funding to the City of Moore Haven through two Rural Infrastructure Fund grants to improve and enhance the downtown area and attract new development, creating new jobs and improving the local economy. The City of Moore Haven will use the funds to complete roadway and stormwater improvements that will mitigate recurrent flooding and prevent pollutants from entering the Caloosahatchee River Basin Estuary.

'Our rural communities are the backbone of our state, and I will continue fighting for these communities," said Governor Ron DeSantis. "This infrastructure funding will help the Moore Haven area support current residents, protect the environment and better prepare for future growth."

"I'm grateful for the Governor's leadership in granting our rural counties and small cities the resources they need to

Refugee Resettlement with ORR, which DEO Secretary Dane Eagle. "Florida is leading the nation in returning to work and starting businesses because we are making strategic investments in the infrastructure and programs that create long-term opportunity and therefore long-term economic resiliency."

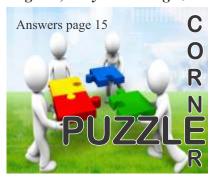
> "This project will not only bring jobs to Glades County, but will create a foundation for generational economic growth," said Florida Lottery Secretary, and Lake Okeechobee area native, John F. Davis. "With the Governor's support, we will continue to invest in projects that have a lasting impact on rural economies."

> Administered by DEO, the Rural Infrastructure Fund Grant is used to facilitate the planning, preparation and financing of infrastructure projects in rural communities. Funded projects encourage job creation, capital investment and the strengthening and diversification of rural economies.

> For more information about the Rural Infrastructure Fund Grant Program, please visit FloridaJobs.org/RIF.

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- 1. Monastery resident
- 5. Change, as a motion
- 10. Either horn of a crescent moon
- 14. Off, as a note
- 15. Voice range
- 16. Seat of King Olaf V's
- 17. Singer's concern
- 18. Lose underpinnings
- 19. Stand on hind legs
- 20. Put this down on paper
- 21.Continental headquarters, 1777-78
- 23. Like an oak leaf
- 25. Sports buff
- 26. Robin Goodfellow, e.g.
- 28. Not for one time only
- 33. California-Nevada resort lake
- 34. Clink glasses
- 35. Took off
- 36. Brief scrapbook item

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Florida Farmers

farmers are provided with the stability

Signers of the letter include Florida Reps.

Cammack, Soto, Diaz-Balart, Lawson,

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- 38. It has feathers and flies
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- 45. It aids moving
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- 47. Historic site of 1775
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- 56. "The Turn of the Screw" girl
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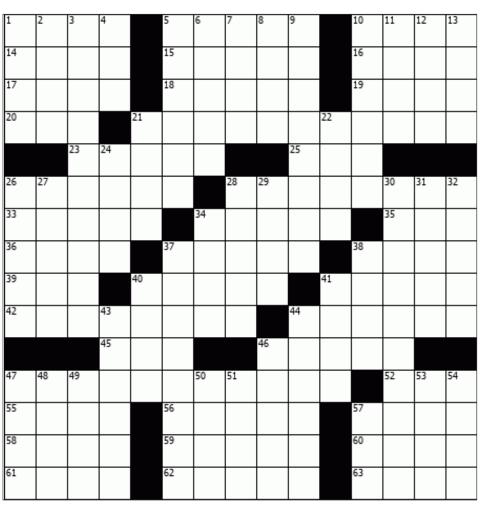
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- 5. Lolling
- 6. European thrush

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- 8. Lymph
- 9. "Jaws" star
- 10. Sun's halo
- 11. Exploitative type
- 12. Tailings matter 13. A sweater uses it
- 21. Stand up and be counted
- 22. Cut calories completely
- 24. Run rampant
- 26. Brown ermine
- 27. Picasso or Neruda
- 28. Play reveille
- 29. Bridge seat 30. 1777 battle site
- 31. Word on a tag
- 32. Board
- 34. Horseback ride
- 37. The way ferries travel
- 38. Face on a wrist
- 40. Type of muffin
- 41. It flattens as it ages
- 43. Drew out
- 44. Word with "Run" in a
- 1976 sci-fi film title 46. Bridge maven Charles
- 47. Picked-up items
- 48. Unholy figurine
- 49. Word with sugar or
- walking
- 50. "Rio Lobo" actor Jack
- 51. Travel randomly
- 53. Scent or aroma
- 54. Hatchling's home
- 57. Internet branch

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# **Monoclonal Antibody Therapies**

Congresswoman Kat Cammack Sends treatment sites. Letter To HHS, FDA Leaders Over Abrupt End To Use Of Monoclonal Antibody Therapies For COVID-19 **Patients** 

Letter questions the end to the use of previously approved treatments for Eli Lilly and Regeneron's monoclonal antibody

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, Congresswoman Kat Cammack sent a letter to Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra and Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Commissioner Janet Woodcock regarding the announcement to abruptly end the use of the monoclonal antibody therapies (mAbs) on patients infected with COVID-19.

In the letter, Cammack questions the FDA's updated Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for two previously approved monoclonal antibody treatments and discusses how the sudden decision affects Florida's state-supported antibody

In the letter Cammack writes: "I have heard from medical professionals across Florida and across the country that monoclonal antibody treatments can save lives and that ensuring providers have access to these treatments is an important component of fighting the spread of COVID-19, even if certain treatments are only partially effective. It is essential to have as many treatment options available as possible, so that providers can make the best decisions on a patient-by-patient basis."

"We've seen great success with monoclonal antibody treatment sites in Florida, yet this abrupt decision at the federal level will have adverse effects on patients in the Sunshine State," said Cammack. "A consistent supply of various treatment methods, as well as the introduction of new therapeutics, are key to our country's continued response to the spread of COVID-

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Attorney General Ashley Moody visited the Lake County Lake Police Department for the expansion of K-9 programs aimed Sheriff's Office in Lady Lake to continue the Thin Line Tribute at helping officers both on and off duty. initiative. Attorney General Moody honored the LCSO and Lady

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# Mint Chocolate **Brownies**

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**Ingredients:** 

10 ounces dairy free dark chocolate

- 1 cup of Earth Balance
- 4 organic happy free-range eggs
- 2 cup packed light brown sugar 10 oz almond meal
- ½ cup sweet white rice flour
- 1 teaspoon fine sea salt
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon xanthan gum
- 4 teaspoons vanilla extract 1 ½ teaspoon peppermint extract
- 1 bar of dairy free mint dark chocolate, chopped

### **Directions:**

- 1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Line an 9x13-inch square baking pan with foil and lightly oil the bottom.
- 2. Using the double boiler method melt the dark chocolate and butter. Stir together to combine. Set aside.
- 3. In a mixing bowl, beat the eggs on medium high till frothy. Add the brown sugar and beat until the mixture is smooth. Add the melted chocolate mixture into the egg-sugar mixture very slowly and beat well for a good minute. The chocolate will look smooth and glossy.
- 4. In a bowl, combine the dry ingredients: almond meal, rice flour, fine sea salt, xanthan gum and baking soda; whisk together. Add the dry flour mix into the chocolate mixture one cup at a time and beat well for a minute. Add the vanilla and mint, beat another half a minute or so.
- 5. Layer the chopped mint chocolate over the top of the batter and press them in slightly. Bake in the center of a preheated 350 degree F oven for 33 to 35 minutes, or until the brownies are set. Don't overcook, gluten free brownies taste better chewy.

# SW Florida Water Management Dist

The District offers a variety of free camping opportunities across our 16 counties. Starting Oct. 1, new rules will be enforced to create a more consistent and efficient system and increase availability to more campers.

The Florida Legislature updated camping rules during the 2021 legislative session. These rules govern camping reservations on District lands. Here are some of the key changes:

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Reservations must be made in advance. You cannot make a reservation for the current day.

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Permittees can hold no more than two active camping reservations at any one time.

Any attempt to circumvent the 7-day maximum or 30-day total annual length of stay is prohibited.

An updated mobile emergency contact phone number is now required on each reservation.

See more at

From www.swfwmd.state.fl.us

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Letter to the editor

In 800 B/C. the Upanishads saw so much evil in the world and decided to look for a way for humans to live happy lives on this

They decided to look at 3 issues knowledge, conduct, and government,

After 1000 years of looking the same 3 issues were being considered.

In 2022 same issues still considered. On January 19, 2021 a Goldem Warriors owner said he did not care about an enslaved people. Proof that the ruthless gene recently discovered in Israel does exist.

It is a genetic defect and deserves attention.

If the reset battle is won, freedom is gone forever The ruthless will have won the war. Reset issue number 1: depopulate the

planet by 95 %. Issue number 2: No one ever owns

anything. What fool wants that?

GAME. WHO DO YOU WANT IN CONTROL OF YOUR LIFE/?

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#### To the Editor

Before we discuss the monstrous toll road we need to discuss Florida is dying. It is

wide all the springs and state parks are so popular now that they close at capacity by 10:00 am. Most do not open back up the rest of the day. Springs have closed areas to the public because foot traffic is killing underwater vegetation and eroding the shoreline from overuse. Beaches have to close for different kinds of pollution daily, weekly, or longer for anything from raw sewage to flesh-eating bacteria. Lake Ockachoobee is so polluted that when they open the gates to release the overflow, the blue-green algae is so toxic it kills animals that drink it, fish, turtles, porpoises, manatees, and people are told to stay away from the beach for respiratory reasons. The toxic water from Lake O is so polluted it has killed part of the Indian River Lagoon to the point manatees are starving because the natural grass is gone. Various areas along the Atlantic and Gulf are void of fish because of blue-green algae and red tide.

Tampa has built a giant desalination plant CONTROL IS THE NAME OF THE for potable water because over-pumping has resulted in saltwater intrusion into wells that can no longer supply potable water. As of 2020, Florida had over 140 brackish water and desalination plants supplying potable water. Florida once known for its beautiful pristine aquifer is drying up or so polluted it can't be used. All of this pollution is south of being loved to death. We have to consider the rural areas they want to put the toll road that Florida is already so crowded that state- through. At one point and time, the toll road

may have been feasible but certainly not now. Like the barge canal, we have learned that this kind of construction is destruction. If they use route C or D in addition to Veterans highway, there will be no rural Citrus County left. It will end rural Citronelle and Red Level which will turn into developments creating more pollution and water usage.

Rainbow Springs State Park will be just a mile from routes A and B. The road and road construction, with all of its pollution, will divide the Rainbow River Aquatic Preserve, threaten the springs with damage from the pounding of the construction, and then the pollution from all the runoff. Regardless if its route A or B it will bring explosive urban development. All of the farmers and ranchers who lose all or part of their property will be forced to close their farms and ranches. Some of these farms and ranches have been in the family for 3, 4, or 5 generations. Young men and women, who thought they would continue the family business, will find themselves out of work. with no place to call home. Farm and Ranchland that is used by an abundance of wildlife, including the gopher tortoise, Sherman fox squirrels, bobcats, bears, deer, wild turkeys, ground-nesting and songbirds, and the list goes on and on, will be destroyed. Romeo has been and is a winter home for thousands of sandhill cranes. That rural Florida will be repeated over and over again like a dragon eating and burning its way through state forest, preserves, greenways, family homes.

As to the turnpike extension being used for an evacuation route. Florida has a great evacuation route make all of I-75 or 95 lanes north. Texas and Louisiana turn their highways all lanes north for hurricanes so could Florida. I could go on about why this is insane and we know FDOT knows that it is. The toll road extension has been killed multiple times and it must be again forever. We must say no toll road.

# Monoclonal **Antibody**

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The letter asks the FDA to reverse this decision and reauthorize the use of bamlanivimab-etesevimab and REGEN-COV as potential treatment options and asks why HHS failed to coordinate its policy change with Florida. The letter also asks how the Biden administration plans to make available other authorized treatment supplies that are currently in short supply.

# area will become housing developments as the farms and ranches that support the cranes will be destroyed. As the A or B route moves north the destruction of natural and

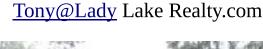
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# Leesburg Homicide

On the morning of 02/16/22 at approximately 4:30 a.m., Lake County deputies responded to a report of a

shooting at 804 Montclair Road in Leesburg. Upon their arrival, one subject was found injured on the front porch of the home and at least one person, at this point, has been found deceased inside the home.

The injured subject was transported to UF Health Leesburg where he was later pronounced deceased.

Anyone with information concerning this incident is asked to call the Sheriff's Office, or Central Florida CRIMELINE at 1-800-423-TIPS. In order to be eligible for a cash reward, the tip must be submitted through CRIMELINE.

The identities of the subjects are not available at this time. The investigation is ongoing and no further information is available.

# The Butterfly Nebula



From www.archynewsy.com/nasa-shows-the-phenomenon-butterfly-nebula/

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), revealed through its official account on the social network Instagram: 'NASA Hubble' a **impressive image taken by the Chandra X-ray Observatory.** 

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It is the phenomenon called 'butterfly nebula', which is characterized by its extensive colors, formed by a star that consumes solar energy and sheds its outer layers of material.

"Streams of intense ultraviolet radiation cause material ejected from the nebula to glow" NASA explained.

But nevertheless, The space entity adds that from one moment to another said brightness will fade and leave a small stellar corpse called a "white dwarf".

The Butterfly Nebula's cosmic wings have never looked better, thanks to observations from both Hubble and the @nasachandraxray Observatory.

This nebula formed after a star like our Sun used up most of its fuel and shed its outer layers of material.

P.S.: Planetary nebulae really have nothing to do with planets! They were misnamed by early astronomers looking through small telescopes when they thought that these objects looked like planets.

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# Watersheds

www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/watersheds Watershed Basics

We all live in a watershed and if you live near a spring, you live in a springshed.

Watersheds are defined by the way water flows across the land and are shaped by features and elevations on the surface of the land. <u>Springsheds</u>, on the other hand, are defined by the way water flows beneath the land and are shaped by the geology and pressure below the surface of the land.

As rainwater moves across the land, it picks up bacteria and chemicals and carries them to our streams, rivers, lakes, coasts and underground aquifers. Common activities such as walking the dog, taking care of the lawn and driving the car, leave behind pollutants. We all share responsibility for this type of pollution—nonpoint-source pollution—because of its many random sources.

Everything we do on land can affect the health of our water. Learn how to protect your watershed and prevent water pollution.

Join the Community Effort for Clean Water

· Use <u>fertilizers</u> and pesticides according to package directions. Extra



nutrients can runoff your lawn and into our water supply, leading to unhealthy algal blooms.

· Have <u>septic systems</u> inspected every 2–3 years. Leaks can pollute groundwater and nearby water bodies.

#### Conserve water

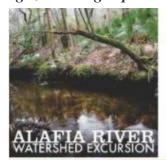
- · Overwatering your lawn can damage your landscape and places extra stress on our water supply.
- · Never dump anything down a storm drain. Storm drains are channels for rainwater that help reduce flooding and drain to nearby water bodies.
- · Pick up after your pets. Pet waste left on the ground can wash into nearby water bodies, spreading E. coli, roundworms and Salmonella.

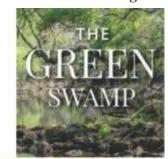
# Explore Your Watersheds

Through these virtual

watershed excursions, you'll learn all about the connection between land and water. If you're a teacher, go to

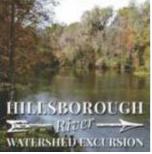
https://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/watersheds for <u>'coordinating teachers guides</u>, for each virtual watershed excursion.















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