



This day and walk is to make people more aware of PTSD. When a person has a traumatic experience, it will sometimes affect them for life. What the

people walking tells you they are here for you Post Traumatic Stress Disorder is tuff to deal with. See more pages 6 & 7.

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This is a picture of a Coral Snake that was run over by a tractor in a field in Marion County. About this time of year snakes move a little more because they like the heat. Some times they are looking for a

new field because they have depleted their food: toads, frogs and rodents. They seem not to want to stay where there is no food.



Visitor from out of town Lake Tuscowilla Senior Fishing Derby this Pelican was showing the seniors how to catch fish. I

don't think they usually hang out on fresh water ponds but there he is!

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Fight Fight Fight

By TomL

He said FIGHT FIGHT FIGHT with a clinched fist and blood running across his face. I was looking for fear, there was none. He was angry, discussed and had questions. Yes I'm talking about Donald J Trump! I feel the same way he does...Mad Discussed I have no fear, you should not when you are in the right. He was grateful that his attacker did not kill him. Many are convinced it was an act of God. I think they will find bad neglect and as a results they almost killed our candidate for President. and kill a great father shielding his family. Two other were injured and are in the hospital showing improvement.

Let's look back they have arrested him! Searched his home! Went through his family personal belonging! His family and himself have been threatened! They charged him with things that are not criminal acts and found him guilty. The legal system works slow but now the Dem's court cases are falling apart and prosecutor Jack Smith is not a legal prosecutor. Case closed! Now they have shot him! WHO SHOT HIM? Who's neglect allowed him to be shot? The blame game is coming out.

You better believe they are evil! I said in my last newspaper TRUMP IS COMING and the people are coming with him. The people who are trying to hurt him just don't realize, the deplorable's have a cause and anything you do to him, you do to them! A cause or belief just don't go away. The evil

dark side is pushing the good side closer to GOD, FAMILY and they need a big change! Think back and remember who called his follower's deplorable's? Who paid for starting the Russia hooks? Who is the group trying to get rid of Biden? I do not believe the Democratic party any more. Who said Donald Trump had to be stopped at all cost? I think they tried to stop him and the man above stopped them.

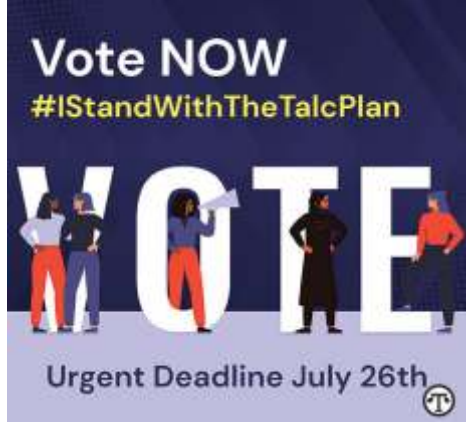
Will they try again? I hope his team protects him!!!

Let me restate what I said last month with a few little changes. TRUMP IS COMING! JD Vance, the Republican Party and millions of people are coming with him. To find the true I would start with the politician's who tried to strip Trump of his security. Now the FBI has broken the code on the guys phone. (The scrubbing begins) I think we have shown the shooters picture way to many times. The News Media is spinning the story as if Trump had fallen down and other story's. They are not stating he was shot by one of their followers & (the scrubbing continues).

It is hard to find the truth when everyone is CYOA's.

We need to legally guard the ballot boxes, Last Presidential election a group of people were jailed for illegally stuffing boxes. The estimate was 2,000 criminals being paid in a number of states. Check out the video 2,000 mules.

Women With Ovarian Cancer



Women With Ovarian Cancer Explain Why They Support Approximately \$8 Billion J&J Talcum Powder Settlement Plan But Time is Running Out for Others to Vote to Support Plan Deadline to Vote is 5pm ET July 26

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(NAPS)—Women suffering from ovarian cancer after using Johnson & Johnson's (J&J) talcum powder products want others and their families to know that a critical deadline is approaching for victims of these products. They are urging the tens of thousands who contracted cancer as a result of using J&J talcum powder to take advantage of a unique opportunity and vote for an approximately \$8 billion settlement plan that would resolve years of fruitless litigation.

But time is quickly running out: the vote deadline is 5pm ET on July 26.

Nonnie Hightower, 53, of Milwaukee used J&J baby powder her whole life before getting ovarian cancer.

“We put it on our babies, used it to smell better, even to slip into form-fitting clothes in the 90's! Now I'm angry - for myself, for my daughter, and for my granddaughter. I wonder if I potentially harmed my own family by using baby powder on them. Battling cancer while raising my granddaughter was grueling. I'm supporting this settlement because there are many women waiting for justice, and financially, I need to.”

A group of attorneys from across the country, The Ad Hoc Group of Supporting Counsel, representing more than 77,500 individuals harmed by J&J talcum powder products, is also urging claimants to take immediate action and vote for this historic talcum powder settlement before the deadline.

Under the J&J plan, ovarian cancer clients are likely to receive an average recovery of between \$75,000 and \$150,000, according to the disclosure statement submitted by J&J in support of the plan.

J&J and a subsidiary have agreed to pay approximately \$8 billion over 25 years (\$6.475 billion net present value) to people who were harmed by talcum powder products. The plan provides a way for people to receive compensation without the time and expense of going to trial. But 75% of the claimants voting on the plan must vote to support the plan for it to move ahead.

People who believe they are sick from using J&J products containing talc (such as J&J Baby Powder and Shower to Shower) can vote on the plan by visiting www.OfficialTalcClaims.com or calling 1-888-431-4056 to learn more and request a

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In 2015 the CEP has the industry. Perhaps one of the biggest new contributors to this impact is the growth in tourism especially in light of the opening and continual development of the World Equestrian Center.

Farmland Preservation

The CEP is and will continue to be a strong promoter of our Farmland Preservation Area (FPA). Our partners at Horse Farms Forever take the lead in ensuring we can remain the Horse Capital of the World® for generations to come. Maintaining the nearly 200,000-acre FPA is important to us all.

Equine contributes \$2.6 billion annually to the local economy. That reflects not only the direct spin of the horse farms, shows, and support industries but also the thousands of tourists and guests who visit our community whether for a horse show, thoroughbred auction, or just to view the beautiful farms.

This past year, our friends at the Florida Thoroughbred Breeders & Owners Association updated that study and what an update! Today, the equine industry provides a \$4.3 billion annual impact. Just as in 2015, the industry contributes approximately 1/5 of the area economy. As Ocala has grown, so

However, that does not mean that either group is anti-growth, just that it needs to occur in the right location. Between FPA, Ocala National Forest, and other government owned/protected lands, *we as a community have basically agreed to preserve 89% of our county*. Approximately 90% of this place we call home is basically off-limits for development or significant development. In other words, virtually all our growth must occur in 1/10th of our land area and most of that should be centered in the Urban Growth Boundary which is 50% smaller than the FPA.

As a community of more than 400,000 residents, this means that the overwhelming majority of development is denser and urbanized. However, this is a small concession to make to ensure we protect this farmland and our springs and forest.

More Rankings

We all know our community is growing. However, we always look forward to sharing rankings from outside entities to verify what we are seeing and experiencing.

PODS, known for their portable moving and storage containers, recently released their Top 20 Cities for Relocation. Ocala has been on this list each of the four years it has been produced. This year, our community moved up two spots to #2. This places us just behind Myrtle Beach/Wilmington and just ahead of Houston. Pretty good company in which to be!

Additionally, Moving Trends released its Top 10 Move-to Cities for the first portion of this year. Not only was Ocala again on the list, but the city ranked #1 with an in-out ratio of 3.32. Translated, this means for 100 people moving out, 332 are moving into our community.

The growth is significant. However, we can and will continue to protect our farmland, forest, and springs while encouraging and supporting growth to create a more prosperous community.

EPA Can Help You Save



The EPA Can Help You Save Big On Energy Efficient Upgrades For The Home

(NAPSI)—If you're like most homeowners,

there's probably a laundry list of major upgrades you'd like to make to improve the efficiency, performance, and functionality of your house. However, high upfront costs and project complexity can keep you from taking action, especially when projects involve expensive but essential systems, such as heating and cooling, water heater, and home envelope. Now, though, thanks to the Inflation Reduction Act (2022), there are numerous financial incentives that can significantly reduce the cost of these upgrades, making them more affordable and accessible, even for low- and middle-income households.

To help Americans take advantage of these financial opportunities and make

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PUBLISHER'S NOTES



By TomL
Trump got shot, a fire Fighter was killed shielding his family, two other shot and nobody knows who was supposed to guarding the President elect. There are many unanswered questions

and I'm sure they will come out.

It has been a busy week. The republican Convention started shortly after the attempt on Trumps Life. When the shots rang out I

was watching it live. I knew it was gun fire. Trump grab his ear and went down to avoid getting hit again. Some thought he was hit in the head. A few minutes before people were yelling there is a man on the roof with a gun. 150 yards from the stage. No one stopped him! The same man was spotted earlier and listed as a suspicious person. No one stopped him! He was seen earlier that day with a range finder. That is use to get the exact footage to the target to put the cross hairs on target within inches. No one stopped him! This shooter's parents called the police and listed their son as missing and



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they said he had a gun. No one stopped him. He walked in the crowd for some time. People reported him as a suspicious person. No one stopped him! I have been hearing rumors that security was told to stand down. I have trouble believing that.

One of the things I took away from Trump and Vance was they were going to lower taxes and replace it with the FairTax and import tax on products coming into our country. Especially automobiles. Shut down the mandate on Electric cars. The Electric cars are very bad for the environment as a junk car the battery's are lethal when getting into the ground water. Drill baby drill which will fire up the auto industry right away, they are dying. Start building all of our own parts for everything on an auto. We need to build our own up to date oil refinery's. There are some many things to do the first week Trump will have delegate jobs to do and then hold them accountable.

The stock market went crazy after Trump was shot and everyone found out he was OK, but right after that it dropped again. I don't understand all of that so that's why my

wife and I depend on Nick Navetta to take care of our meager investments. Speaking of which we leave our Health Insurance to Christine Calvert. They both advertise in this paper, actually all of the people advertising with me I trust or they would not be there. Look through the paper and see who is advertising or has advertised. We keep a years worth of back issues on our websites all five of them.

The Referral clubs I belong to are the Ocala Business Leaders Breakfast group and the Select Business Associates Lunch group. If you want to promote your business call 352-804-1223 my number and I'll try to get you an invite.

I have been involved with the CEP Ocala Chamber of Commerce, they a very effective. Just show up at their functions with business cards and stick out your hand and you would be amazed. Also I am affiliated with the Lady Lake Chamber, many moons ago I was president for two years. The ladies that are there now have taken it to a new high. Again show up with

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From the Desk of Senator Dennis Baxley---

Good morning friends-With the elections just around the corner, I wanted to share some more information with you.

In Lake County, Vote-By-Mail Ballot mailouts begin on July 12th. Sample Ballots are available on July 29th.

Early Voting dates and times for the 2024 Primary Election are August 8th-17th, from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. The Primary is on August 20th.

Early Voting dates and times for the General Election are October 21st -

November 2nd, from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. The General Election is on November 5th.

It's not too early to make sure your voting registration is in order, and you know where your voting precinct is located. For more information, contact your Supervisor of Elections office.

Onward & Upward



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business cards and stick your hand out and you will meet a nice group of people.

Got to keep you eye open and beware. My wife was walking across the grocery store parking lot and a car pulled in front of her. It looked like she was alone, she was not I was close by.. A woman got out and was giving her sob story's and said she needed money for grocery's. Had she pulled out her wallet it would have been gone. There was a driver in the car with the motor running and the door was open for a fast get away. I got involved the woman saw that she was with me and left. You never know where they will come from. I reported to the store manager and she was going to look a the film from the parking lot and see what she could do about stopping it!

EPA

Continued from page 3 these projects easier, ENERGY STAR recently launched a home improvement savings web tool. This handy online tool is a one-stop shop that lets you enter your ZIP code and find information on incentives available to you. Currently, it features generous tax credits and utility rebates that can help you substantially lower costs on qualifying products. Over time, it will include additional information on state energy efficiency rebates for low- and moderate-income households as they come online. Find the tool at: energystar.gov/homesavings.

What projects qualify? These incentives cover projects that tackle your home's biggest energy users, such as

heating and cooling systems, water heaters, insulation, and more. These areas are not only the biggest energy users, they're essential systems that are expensive to upgrade. By taking advantage of these incentives, you can significantly reduce the cost of purchase, as well as your energy bills.

What savings are available? There are numerous ways homeowners can save on upfront costs:

Federal tax credits: Tax credits provide annual discounts of 30% of project costs, up to \$3,200, for products such as heat pump HVAC, heat pump water heaters, windows, and insulation.

State Rebates: As of May 2024, state rebate programs offer incentives available depending on your income. These include a discount of up to \$8,000 for switching to an ENERGY STAR-certified electric heat pump HVAC system and \$1,750 for installing an ENERGY STAR-certified electric heat pump water heater. You can find rebates offered in New York on the home savings tool and learn the status of other state programs here.

Utility Rebates: In addition to the Inflation Reduction Act incentives, many utilities offer rebates on ENERGY STAR-certified appliances and equipment.

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National PTSD Awareness Day was or witnesses a traumatic event. It Thursday, June 27, 2024. The day also honors the memory of Army aims to raise awareness of post- Staff Sgt. Joe Biel, who died by traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), a suicide in April 2007, and whose mental health condition that can birthday is June 27. develop after someone experiences



Around 3.9% of the world's population has experienced PTSD at some point in their lives.



Walk for PTSD Fund Raiser

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FAIRtax



The current federal income tax system is clearly broken - unfair, overly complex and almost impossible to completely understand. There is however a reasonable and nonpartisan alternative that is both fair, efficient and easy to understand and that is the FAIRtax (HR 25).

The FAIRtax is a national sales tax that treats every person equally and allows American businesses to thrive while generating the same tax revenue as the four-million-word-plus tax code we now live under. The FAIRtax is NOT an add-on but a REPLACEMENT of the current income tax.

Under the FAIRtax, for the first time in recent history, American workers will bring home what they earn with the elimination of federal withholding from their paychecks giving them an instant raise in take-home. Social Security and Medicare benefits will not change. In fact, the FAIRtax actually puts these programs on a more solid foundation. Instead of being funded by worker's wages, which is a relatively small pool, they will be funded by taxes on overall consumption by all residents.

The FAIRtax provides a progressive program called a prebate. This gives every LEGAL household an advanced refund at the beginning of each month so

that purchases made up to the poverty line level are tax free. This prevents an unfair tax burden being placed on low-income households.

Once an item has been taxed (when new) it is not taxable again eliminating the double and sometimes triple taxation that comes with today's income tax system. You, the American taxpayer, will be in control of how much you pay in taxes through your spending habits not on how much money you make. If you are thrifty, you will pay lower taxes than someone who is not. Tax evasion and the underground economy costs each taxpayer today an additional \$2,500 every year. But by taxing new products and services consumed, the FAIRtax puts everyone in the country on the same level at the cash register.

Under the FAIRtax, the dreaded IRS will no longer be needed. There will be no more complicated tax forms, no individual audits and no intrusive federal bureaucracy requiring you to tell the government more about your financial life than you are willing to tell your own children. Retailers will collect the FAIRtax at the cash register the same as they do now for state sales taxes. They will then submit it to the state taxing authority which will in turn pass it along to the US Treasury. Both the retailers and the states will be paid a fee for their collection services.

For further information regarding the FAIRtax please go to FAIRtax.org

Ovarian Cancer

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solicitation package to determine whether they can vote on the Plan.

Tamika Evans, 47, of Chicago used J&J baby powder daily from age 13 until she was diagnosed with ovarian cancer.

"I thought it was safe and used it to stay dry and during sports. I loved the smell. Now, after five years of chemotherapy and missing out on work and family activities, I'm glad it's no longer for sale. I had to cut back on medical care because it got too expensive. I was forced to quit my job making medical supplies because of being sick. I support this settlement because it's about more than money - it's about acknowledging the impact on our lives."

"It's a highly democratic and efficient process that gives our clients a voice, for the first time, about whether the plan goes through or someone else decides for them," said Anne Andrews, a member of the Ad Hoc Group and Founding and Managing Partner of Newport, CA-based law firm Andrews & Thornton.

Andrews represents Hightower and Evans and more than 10,500 other J&J talc victims. They have waited through years of frustrating and fruitless litigation with the global corporation.

Anna Maria Sanderford, 62, from Florence, Arizona, also represented by Andrews, says her mother used J&J talcum powder on her and her siblings growing up. She used it on her sons and herself as well.

"In the six years since my cancer diagnosis, my recovery has been long and slow. We need to get this settlement done so we can go on with our lives and do what we want with the time we have left. It's especially important for women of my generation who used talcum powder the longest. We're the ones who have suffered the most. I don't want the legal process over a settlement to continue to drag on and use up

even more of my time. I want to enjoy the life I have left."

"Without the settlement through the bankruptcy, it will take decades more for claimants to litigate their cases, with no recovery unless they win," said Andrews. "These women are growing sicker by the day and some have already died while waiting years for justice. I also urge the families who've lost a grandmother, sister, daughter or others to participate on behalf of their loved ones who've already passed away."

Rhonda McKey, 54, of Zachary, Louisiana, another client of Andrews, says baby powder was a part of her life since she was a baby but that now, after battling cancer, her life has completely changed.

"I've gone from being self-employed to being on disability, unable to work as I did before. Now, I'm not able to physically or financially help my family as I had wanted to and planned for. I support this settlement because I've seen companies take years to resolve these issues. For those of us still here, it's important that J&J follows through. I don't want to just survive. I want to live. But it's not just about me—it's for all the women who have suffered, and for the families who have lost loved ones."

Plaintiffs with ovarian cancer cases have lost approximately 95% of cases tried against J&J to date, including every ovarian cancer case brought to trial in the last six years, according to Andrews. "Without the settlement through this plan, it will take decades for claimants to litigate their cases, with no recovery unless they win."

Andrews, Hightower, Evans, Sanderford and McKey urge claimants to take immediate action and vote for this historic talcum powder settlement before the 5pm ET on July 26 deadline by visiting www.OfficialTalcClaims.com or calling 1-888-431-4056 to learn more and request a solicitation package to determine whether they can vote on the Plan.

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As this situation is constantly changing, we ask that you continue to visit our Shelter using the safety guidelines in place.

How can you help?

Pet Food Bank: Help stock our Pet Food Bank with pet food and supplies for people who cannot afford them due to job loss or other reasons. You can also bring donations to our Shelter daily from 10-6. Masks required please! If you need help keeping your pet with you during this time, our Happy Paws food program is here for you.

Volunteer: A small number of volunteers have returned to help in various departments. We are accepting volunteer applications but do not yet know when we will schedule orientations for new volunteers. Please contact us for more information about volunteering. We are currently working on a digital orientation.

Opt to adopt: According to the Centers for Disease Control and the World Health Organization, there is no evidence that companion animals such as cats and dogs can spread the virus that causes COVID-19.

Donate: We know there is a lot of uncertainty right now but homeless and unwanted animals still need us. Donate to help the Humane Society of Marion County so we continue our lifesaving work and make them feel safe and loved.



Bilbie

Bilbie is a 14 weeks old male brought to the HSMC with her brother Wombat! We believe they could be Xoloitzcuintli, or Xolo, which is Mexican hairless dog breed.

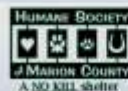


Fuchsia is a 15 week old paralyzed kitten full of love.



Ninja is paralyzed in his hind legs but enjoys runs with his wheels.

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FROM THE DESK OF

ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY



Ashley Moody urges Senate to pass SAVE Act for election security

Florida Attorney General **Ashley Moody** and a coalition of 22 state attorneys general are urging the U.S.

Senate to pass the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act (SAVE Act), which aims to prevent illegal voting by ensuring only American citizens can vote in elections.

“The SAVE Act is crucial legislation that ensures only Americans vote in American elections, and I strongly urge the United States Senate to pass this bill,” Moody said on Tuesday.

The attorneys general sent a letter to congressional leaders expressing concerns that President **Joe Biden's** immigration policies have led to a rise in illegal immigration, which they argue could undermine election security.

The consortium pointed to instances where it was alleged that noncitizens are allowed to vote in local elections and noted that some states, like Arizona, permit noncitizens to vote in federal elections if they register without proof of citizenship.

“The SAVE Act protects our elections from illegal immigrants and upholds the rule of law,” the letter states. “Under the SAVE Act, individuals must provide proof of citizenship when registering to vote.” The act also allows states to access federal databases to identify and remove noncitizens from voter rolls.

Moody's endorsement aligns with Florida's efforts to enhance election security, including requiring proof of citizenship and photo ID for voter registration.

The coalition includes attorneys general from Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia and Wyoming.

ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY AND COALITION CALL ON US SENATE TO PASS SAVE ACT TO ENSURE ONLY AMERICANS VOTE IN AMERICAN ELECTIONS

Attorney General Ashley Moody and a coalition of state attorneys general today called on the United States Senate to pass the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act, or the SAVE Act, to ensure election integrity by protecting United States elections from illegal voters. The attorneys general call the bill a “common-sense reform” that has broad support among American voters.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, “The SAVE Act is important legislation that ensures only Americans vote in American elections, and I along with my colleagues strongly urge the United States Senate to pass this bill.”

In a letter sent to congressional leaders, the attorneys general note, “President Biden's immigration disaster now threatens the security of America's elections. During this surge in illegal immigration, cities and States across the country have started allowing noncitizens to vote in their

elections. But allowing illegal voters in State and local elections, while bad enough, does not remain confined to just those elections. Indeed, some States have taken an even odder approach. Arizona's Secretary of State explains that voters who register to vote without proof of citizenship will be designated 'federal-only' voters, meaning they are allowed to vote in federal, but not state or local, elections.”

The attorneys general go on to say, “The SAVE Act protects our elections from illegal immigrants and upholds the rule of law. Under the SAVE Act, individuals must provide proof of citizenship when registering to vote. The SAVE Act also will help States identify and remove illegal immigrants from their voter registration rolls by providing States with access to federal databases. Those simple, common-sense reforms will protect our elections.”

The 22-state coalition is strongly urging Congress to pass the SAVE Act to provide necessary security and ensure only Americans participate in American elections.

Attorney General Moody is joined by the attorneys general from Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia and Wyoming.

ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY ANNOUNCES 2024 FLORIDA SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER OF THE YEAR

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody today announced the 2024 Florida School Resource Officer of the Year, Columbia County Sheriff Deputy Scott Ceckanowicz. Dep. Ceckanowicz has

served as an SRO for six years, is described by peers as being exceptionally attentive and demonstrates a keen awareness of the needs and concerns of both students and staff alike—volunteering after hours to help with school projects.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, “School resource officers have a very important role in the safety and wellbeing of our students. The 2024 Florida School Resource Officer of the Year, Deputy Ceckanowicz, goes above and beyond to protect the children where he serves and ensures they have the tools they need to succeed in and out of the classroom. His dedication to the school he serves is unmatched and I am grateful for his service and the example he sets for our students.”

Columbia County Sheriff Mark Hunter said, “Deputy Ceckanowicz's dedication to our School Resource Unit and his passion for students is beyond measure. Everything he does for these kids, he does from the heart, not from obligation, and in doing so, strengthens the trust between the students and law enforcement.”

Known as Deputy Chewy to the students at Melrose Elementary, Dep. Ceckanowicz became a law enforcement officer in 2000 and began working at the Columbia County Sheriff's Office 13 years ago.

Through steady support and encouragement, Dep. Ceckanowicz creates a positive and nurturing environment for students. Each morning, Dep. Ceckanowicz can be seen giving each student that passes by a high five. Off duty, Dep. Ceckanowicz is known to stay late and provide extra help with activities on campus and organizing educational projects. Even on the weekends, the deputy has built shelves for teachers and fixed broken bicycles that are then donated to students who walk to school.

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[Governor Ron DeSantis Awards More Than \\$12 Million in Northwest Florida Through the Job Growth Grant Fund](#)

PENSACOLA, Fla. — Today, Governor Ron DeSantis awarded funds for workforce

development and infrastructure improvements through the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund (JGGF) and the Defense Infrastructure Grant (DIG). Awards were made to Pensacola State College, the city of DeFuniak Springs, Santa Rosa County, and Jackson County for projects that will support the aviation and aerospace industry, the military and defense industry, and increase access to workforce housing.

“Today's awards will help bring high demand, high wage jobs and businesses to Northwest Florida,” **said Governor Ron DeSantis**. “These strategic investments will benefit Escambia, Walton, Santa Rosa and Jackson counties and provide new opportunities for families from across the Panhandle.”

“Governor DeSantis' focus on catalytic infrastructure and workforce investments, especially in sectors such as manufacturing, aerospace and aviation, and military and defense, will continue to bring job creators and job seekers to Northwest Florida,” **said Secretary of Commerce J. Alex Kelly**. “I'm especially grateful for the Governor's support of the community-driven visions in each of these projects.”

The following entities will receive an award through the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund:

▪ **Pensacola State College (\$4,410,000)** – to establish a new Airframe and Powerplant Mechanics program. This project will support the construction of a new hanger, training equipment, and operating costs for the education program which will be located at the Pensacola Airport.

▪ **DeFuniak Springs (\$3,051,550)** – to construct two 6,400-square-foot hangers, one 10,000-square-foot hanger, a taxiway, an access road, and associated utilities. This infrastructure will allow the airport to attract new innovative employers in aerospace and defense, including Advanced Air Mobility (AAM). The project will create 500 jobs and have a total estimated fiscal impact of more than \$12.3 million.

▪ **Jackson County (\$4,680,059)** – to connect a workforce housing development with an industrial area with a new 1.3-mile, two-lane road. This project will create at least jobs 400 new jobs and has an estimated impact of \$12.5 million. This award builds on more than \$23 million in strategic investments in Jackson County, including more than \$15 million through the Rural Infrastructure Fund, more than \$7 million through the Broadband Opportunity Program, and \$1.5 million through the Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Grant program to encourage job creation, capital investment, and economic development.

The Florida Job Growth Grant Fund is an economic development program designed to promote public infrastructure and workforce training across the state. Proposals are reviewed by FloridaCommerce and are chosen by Governor DeSantis to meet the demands for workforce training or infrastructure needs in

communities around the state.

For more information on the Job Growth Grant Fund, click [here](#).

The following entity will receive an award through the Defense Infrastructure Grant:

▪ **Santa Rosa County Whiting Aviation Park – Security Fence Project (\$500,000)** – to create a secure, double-entry gate system connecting NAS Whiting Aviation Park. This will allow aircraft to move safely and efficiently between the base and maintenance area, which will enhance security and maintenance operations. A new electronic gate will also speed up emergency response and provide a secure route for personnel and equipment.

Defense Infrastructure Grants support transportation and access, housing, utilities, communications, and security needs for military communities across the state.

Governor Ron DeSantis Appoints Six to the Florida Greenways and Trails Council

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Today, Governor Ron DeSantis announced the appointment of Paul “P.J.” Marinelli, Karl Rasmussen, and Morgan Wilbanks and the reappointment of Michael Stephens, Scott Stryker, and Stephanie Wardein to the Florida Greenways and Trails Council.

Paul “P.J.” Marinelli

Marinelli, of Naples, is the President of RiverGlades Family Offices, LLC. Active in his community, he serves as Chairman of the Florida Wildlife Corridor Foundation Board of Directors. Marinelli earned his bachelor's degree from Duke University.

Karl Rasmussen

Rasmussen, of Tallahassee, is a Senior Policy Advisor at Metz, Husband, & Daughton, P.A. Previously, he served as a Deputy Chief of Staff and Director of Cabinet Affairs for Governor Rick Scott. Rasmussen also served as the Assistant

Director of State Lands and as the Cabinet Affairs Director for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

Morgan WilbanksWilbanks, of Fleming Island, is the Vice President of Operations for the Stellar Group, Inc. Active in his community, he is a board member of the Clay County Economic Development Corporation and Young Life Clay County. Wilbanks earned his bachelor's degree in construction engineering from Texas Tech University.

Michael StephensStephens, of Umatilla, is the Senior Vice President for United Southern Bank. Active in his community, he serves as Chairman of the Trails Committee of Lake 100 and is a member of the Ocala Mountain Bike Association. Stephens earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from Stetson University.

Scott Stryker

Stryker, of Estero, is the Director of Membership and Communications for the National Association for the Self-Employed. Active in his community, he currently serves as a board member of the Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee. Stryker earned his bachelor's degree in philosophy and legal studies from Florida Gulf Coast University.

Stephanie Wardein

Wardein, of Babcock Ranch, is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwest Florida. She serves as the event Chair of the American Heart Association Board of Directors and is a member of the Ave Maria University School of Nursing Advisory Board. Wardein earned her bachelor's degree from Franciscan University of Steubenville and her master's degree from Ave Maria University.

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CONGRESSWOMAN KAT CAMMACK



A July Legislative Update

Dear Neighbor,

Only two legislative weeks remain in July until the House is out for August recess. During those busy weeks in August, we'll be all over the district,

visiting businesses, manufacturing facilities, health care practices, and more. We look forward to seeing you and your families as we relish the time back in the best congressional district in the country.

This week, we wanted to share a few important bills we've co-sponsored over the last several weeks that affect our veterans, farmers, and all American taxpayers. You can take a look at each of those bills below to learn more about them.

We hope you have a great weekend and look forward to sharing more from Washington, D.C. next week as July comes to a close.

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 X, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.

Honoring Our Vietnam Veterans Who Served In Dustoff Crews

I am proud to co-sponsor H.R. 1015, the Dustoff Crews of the Vietnam War Congressional Gold Medal Act. Dustoff crews performed aeromedical evacuations from May 1962 to March 1973, proving to be the difference between life and death for wounded personnel.

Being a Dustoff Crewmember in Vietnam meant a 1 in 3 chance of being wounded or killed. They constantly operated in complete darkness, in bad weather, over mountainous terrain, and braved intense enemy fire.

I'm pleased to join Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers and Rep. Derek Kilmer in this important bill to award these heroes their due.

Defending Our Dairy Farmers

I'm a proud co-sponsor of the DAIRY PRIDE Act, a bill that prohibits the sale of

any food that uses the market name of a dairy product (such as milk, yogurt, or cream cheese) unless the food (1) is the milk of a hooved animal, (2) is derived from such milk, or (3) contains such milk as a primary ingredient.

We're tremendously proud of our dairy products in Florida and support their recognition as what they are: true dairy products.

Protecting Medicaid

I was glad to join my colleagues in signing onto H.R. 7014, the Protect Medicaid Act. The bill prohibits federal payment under Medicaid for the administrative costs of providing health benefits to noncitizens who are ineligible for Medicaid based on their immigration status. American taxpayers shouldn't be on the hook for the health care of those in the country illegally.

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