



The Lady Lake Chamber referral luncheon was a great success. Over 50 business representatives were in attendance. The food was good, the meeting went well and at the end it started raining hard. I had won a door

prize so while I was waiting for the rain to stop I opened my door prize and voila, there was a fold up umbrella. Just saying that was a sign! I managed to keep my camera dry.

It's Your Tax Money, Not a Socialist Government

by TomL

After receiving notice that Cheate resigned Trump made his own statement. He said, "The Biden/Harris Administration did not properly protect me, and said "I was forced to take a bullet for Democracy." He then added, in all caps, that it was his "great honor to do so." In the process a first responder Fireman gave his life to protect his family. They have blood on their hands. Now the team is Harris/Walz. Some people say Harris is a chameleon, I think she is more like a female leopard they never change their spots and she is trying to convince the voters that she has changed overnight. She has total changed her views and adopting Trumps political views to steel his votes. One of the news media's said she is going for people who don't follow politics or are low information voters. That is true their are people out there that don't know who she is but they will go to a protest and support her.

Remember all the things that they are promising is coming out of YOU the tax payers money. If they make the changes Social Security, Welfare, Health Insurance (no private insurance) taking your guns away with the mandatory gun buy back program???, control the fuel/food/oil/guns/electricity and they will ask your neighbors to turn you in if they you

brake their rules, then we are set back 500 years..

Get this there was a parade in Afganistan with the Talaban army show off all the equipment that Bidden / Harris left there along with many aliases only to be slaughtered. That equipment was paid for by your tax money. They are using our equipment to fight us and try to kill our troops.

Walz is a Socialist as he has said on national TV. Both of these people I believe are the enemy! Harris's father is a Marxist professor today.

They called it price gouging; no it is an attempt to control our food supply. Just like the buyback Harris wants to do with the guns. Control everything. The Socialist / Communist Country of Cuba. I was there for a week in my younger days. Now here is what happens. They set up the rules of their government and if a neighborhood defies them they turn off the power to that section of town for a week. If you vote the Democrats in that will happen here. We will have a bunch of beat down people going to slaughter.

By the way I keep hearing the term "Biden dropped out of the race" that is not true he was forced out by the top three. I did not think he could do the job a long time ago, but forcing a president to resign was what happened.

Meet JD Vance



Information from the Internet & fact checked.

Something about JD Vance's path to

becoming a United States Marine, and what being a veteran means to me.

He grew up in the small town of Middletown, Ohio.

Middletown was once an industrial powerhouse, but thanks to the unfair trade deals signed by our "leaders" in DC, the people of Middletown were left behind.

Like most of the enlisted Marines he served with, he joined the military to serve my country. It was also a way for a kid from a poor family to achieve the American Dream.

When he got off the bus and stepped on the yellow footprints at Marine Corps Recruit Training, I honestly didn't know what I was getting into.

But when his Drill Instructor handed him his Eagle, Globe, and Anchor and I earned the title of United States Marine, it was one of the proudest moments of his life.

Where is the Social Security Fund?

By TomL

Information from the net!

Where is the Social Security fund we have been paying into all our lives?

Social Security is financed through a dedicated Payroll Tax.

Employers and employees each pay 6.2 percent of wages up to the taxable maximum of \$160,200 (in 2023), while the self-employed pay 12.4 percent. The payroll tax rates are set by law, and for OASI and DI, apply to earnings up to a certain amount.

In listening to the financial news a comment was made about "China is our largest debtor". Not true the largest debtor is our own Social Security Fund! Politicians can't stand the fact the Social Security Fund had money in it. So they have been using the money for things other than the aging. Actually they are budgeting in advance for other things not related to the elderly before they have it in hand.

Social insurance, as conceived by President Roosevelt, he would address the permanent problem of economic security for the elderly by creating a work-related, contributory system in which workers would provide for their own future economic security through taxes paid while employed. Thus it was an alternative both to reliance on welfare and to radical changes in our capitalist system. In the context of its time, it can be seen as a moderately conservative, yet activist, response to the challenges of the Depression.

One of the first American books on social insurance was by a Columbia University

economics professor named Henry Seager. He explained the principle of old-age security based on social insurance in his 1910 book, "Social Insurance, A Program of Social Reform". But they are not using it all for the aging. Today and last years they are sending checks to people who now don't want to work. If they don't work they don't pay into Social Security and that is a drag on the fund. "As changing economic conditions are rendering the dependence of old people on their descendants for support increasingly precarious, new obstacles are arising to providing for old age through voluntary saving. . . . The proper method of safeguarding old age is clearly through some plan of insurance. . . for every wage earner to attempt to save enough by himself to provide for his old age is needlessly costly. The intelligent course is for him to combine with other wage earners to accumulate a common fund out of which old-age annuities may be paid to those who live long enough to need it." I ask you??? In other words they are using the money to support the Illegals. If you die before retirement age the Government consumes it, but they owe it to you! I say all these people that died of COVID were elderly. Where is all that money going that they don't have to pay any more? Next question how did this pandemic start? Social Security was a form of safe guard, as long as the retirement check were spent a deep depression could not happen because money was moving.

How Much Money Has Congress taken

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Social Security Fund

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from Social Security? Feb 4, 2019 · Because of Congress' borrowing they had to allow Social Security to collect \$85.1 billion in interest income for 2017, and it's expected to provide \$804 billion in aggregate interest income.

Congress, is the keepers of our financial retirement fund, have been using Social Security taxes to fund other parts of the government because, well the money is there, or it will be.

Technically the government owes the Social Security fund an estimated \$2.9 trillion, money that has been used and not repaid to the fund. So when you see that debt analyzer that is clicking off interest on TV, that's Social Security interest also, our money.

Actually, the Social Security program has become much like a State Lottery it depends on people playing.

LL Library \$1 Million Grant

Lady Lake Library receives \$1 million grant for expansion project

Virtual tour of library expansion: Lady Lake Library Expansion (youtube.com)

Lady Lake – The Lady Lake Library is proud to announce it has been awarded a \$1 million Lake County Library Impact Fee grant to support its ambitious expansion project. This allocation will contribute to the Children's Library portion of the

project, with the Town of Lady Lake funding the remaining cost that includes an expansion of the Information Technology Department and addition of the Growth Management annex.

The project aims to enhance the library's offerings by enlarging the youth library area from 4,560 sq. ft. to 7,697 sq. ft., a 69% increase. It includes an expanded lobby, an additional public elevator, and a landing area for the new second floor Children's Library, adding more than 3,000 sq. ft. to the public spaces.

"This expansion is crucial for meeting the growing needs of our community," said Library Director Aly Herman. "We have quickly outgrown our current youth library, and this project will allow us to significantly enhance the library's collection and programs, benefiting all our patron's

The county's impact fee grant is justified by the library's extensive reach and the expected Town population growth. The Lady Lake Library, part of the Lake County Library System, serves over 16,000 registered cardholders and welcomes approximately 14,500 visitors each month. With the town anticipating a dozen new development projects with an estimated population increase of 8,500 people within the next four years, the expansion is timely.

"The Lady Lake Library is a vital resource for our community," Town Manager Bill Lawrence said. "This expansion will ensure we can continue to provide excellent services to accommodate our growing community. We are thankful for the generosity and support we have received

from Lake County towards realizing this vision."

The expansion will provide much-needed space for additional shelving, reading areas, a larger storytime room, a multipurpose room, and more study spaces. The library hopes to grow its children's collection by 25% and the expanded space will allow for a greater number of programs.

"We are proud to assist our member libraries, such as Lady Lake, in worthy projects that not only benefit their municipalities, but also the community as a whole," said George Taylor, Director for the Office of Library Services for the Lake County Library System. "I would like to thank the library directors for their thoughtful applications, our dedicated Library Advisory Board for their recommendations and the Board of County Commissioners for their support of these projects."

The Lady Lake Library strives to enrich lives, build community, foster success, provide entertainment, and promote lifelong learning.

The Lake County Library System

The Lake County Library System is a cooperative library system which provides free library services to all residents of Lake County, Florida. Its mission is to provide and promote life enriching experiences that exceed expectations for Lake County residents and visitors.

Employment Opportunities

Employment Opportunities Available for Job Seekers at the Lady Lake Pop-Up Job Fair

LADY LAKE - Job seekers in Lady Lake and neighboring areas looking for a fresh start, better job prospects, or a new career direction need look no further. The Town of Lady Lake is hosting the Lady Lake Pop-Up Job Fair, an event designed to connect talented workers with exciting new opportunities.

The job fair will take place on Friday, Oct. 13 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Lady Lake Public Library, located at 225 W. Guava St., Lady Lake.

The town's goal is to recruit, develop, and retain a high performing and diverse workforce. At this time, Lady Lake is hiring

the following positions:

- Police Officer
- Reserve Police Officer
- Staff Assistant to the Police Department (Part-Time)
- Utilities Technician II
- Public Works Operator II - Streets and Facilities
- Mechanic

This event is an excellent platform for serious job seekers to interact with representatives from Lady Lake, as well as numerous local entities and organizations. Job seekers should be prepared to complete applications on-site and engage in direct conversations with hiring managers eager to fill vacancies. The job fair offers a unique chance to meet employers face-to-face, expand professional networks, gain industry exposure, and boost confidence in the job search. Participating organizations include the Town of Lady Lake, Lady Lake Police Department, City of Leesburg, CareerSource Central Florida, Lake County Transit, Lake Correctional Institution, Lake County Schools, The Village Center Community Development District, The Villages Community Watch, The Villages Health, and Mission BBQ.

The event is free to attend. For more information, contact Julia Harris at jharris@ladylake.org or call 352-751-1545. To learn more about employment opportunities, visit Human Resources.

Grand Theft

On the evening of Aug. 12, four subjects committed a Grand Theft at the Sam's Club, located at 755 N U.S. Highway 27/441 in Lady Lake. The four unidentified subjects stole over \$1,000 in liquor from the store and assaulted the store employee in the process.

The suspects left in a black Mercedes-Benz, Florida tag# L5RTU, traveling south. The vehicle is registered to a transient white male in the Orlando area. Similar incidents involving the vehicle and suspects of similar description have occurred at other locations in Florida, most recently in Palm Beach Gardens, and are believed to be related.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is urged to contact Lady Lake Police Detective Jim Dunagan at (352) 751-1565 or via email at jdunagan@ladylake.org

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Lake County Detention Center

Public Booking Log

See the frequently updated public booking log of those recently charged in Lake County. Go to:

<http://tomlpublishing.com/category/villages-news/lady-lake-police-dept/>

Or go to Tomlpublishing.com and click on Lake County Sheriff on right side under "Contributing Editors".



Florida State Senate

DENNIS K. BAXLEY



From the Desk of Senator Dennis Baxley---

Good morning, friends-The Primary elections are over. The General election is just around the corner, including the Presidential election and six Constitutional Amendments. Make sure you have read and understand about the amendments. They include Partisan Election of Members of District School Boards; The Right to Fish and Hunt; Adult Personal Use of Marijuana; Limit Government Interference with Abortion; Annual Adjustments to the Value of Certain Homestead Exemptions; and Repeal of Public Campaign Financing Requirement.

For more information you can reach out to your Supervisor of Elections office.

Initial mailout of Vote-by-Mail Ballots for the November 2024 General Election for Military and Overseas Voters is September 20, 2024, Initial Mailout of Vote-by-Mail Ballots for the 2024 November General Election is September 27, 2024. Vote-By-Mail Ballot Mailouts and Counter Pickups continue for the November 2024 General Election September 30-October 4, 2024.

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, voting is from 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM.

GET OUT THE VOTE!!!

Onward & Upward



Safety Reminders

LADY LAKE - Over the weekend, the Lady Lake Police Department was dispatched to The Village of Silver Lake for a series of car burglaries. A total of 12 incidents were reported, with 10 investigated by LLPD and two investigated by the Lake County Sheriff's Office, due to jurisdiction.

The burglaries, which happened overnight on Aug. 10-11, occurred on Silver Oak Avenue, Tarson Boulevard, Ann Avenue, Mark Drive, and Jennifer Drive.

All vehicles involved had been left unlocked and were rummaged through, with primarily loose change stolen. One vehicle was stolen; however, LLPD has since recovered it.

Residents are reminded that vehicles with unlocked doors are easy targets for criminals. To prevent future incidents, the

Lady Lake Police Department urges residents to take the following precautions:

- Lock Your Vehicles: Always lock your car doors when the vehicle is unoccupied.
- Remove Valuables: Do not leave keys or valuables in your vehicles.
- Be Aware: Turn on exterior lights and set your security alarms.
- Residents are encouraged to adopt the "9 p.m. Routine," a nightly practice of securing their homes and vehicles. By doing this, residents can significantly reduce the risk of becoming victims of crimes of opportunity.

The Lady Lake Police Department relies on the vigilance and cooperation of the community to keep the area safe. If you observe any suspicious activity, please contact the Lady Lake Police Department immediately. Your awareness and prompt reporting can make a difference in protecting your neighborhood.

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Contracted Road Silver Certificate of Leadership Improvement

LADY LAKE - As part of ongoing efforts to ensure the highest standards of road safety and quality, the Town of Lady Lake has contracted with Atlantic Southern Paving and Sealcoat-ing, Inc. for road resurfacing work. The milling and paving work is scheduled to begin on Sept. 16 and is expected to continue through Sept. 25. During this period, work will be carried out between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Residents are asked to ensure that no vehicles, boats, trailers, or debris are left in the road-way during the hours of operation to allow paving to proceed efficiently, safely and on time. There will be limited access to these roadways during working hours, with full access available during non-working hours. Affected residents will be notified directly.

A full list of the roads affected by this project is on the Town' website at www.ladylakefl.gov/167/Town-Projects.

The Town of Lady Lake is proud that its proactive road improvement initiatives have again yielded impressive results, with the town's roads rated as "excellent," with a score of 83 out of 100. This rating reflects the town's commitment to maintaining and enhancing infrastructure to benefit both residents and visitors.

The Town appreciates the community's cooperation during this time. For more information or immediate assistance during the project, residents may contact Gordon Young at (954) 591-3971

LADY LAKE - Lady Lake Mayor Pro Tem Treva Roberts, Commissioner, Ward 1, was recently awarded the Silver Certificate of Leadership during the Florida League of Cities (FLC) Annual Conference.

Florida municipal officials received bronze, silver and gold certificates from the Certificate Program for Elected Municipal Officials hosted by the FLC University.

In February, Commissioner Roberts graduated from the Institute for Elected Municipal Officials (IEMO), a course for FLC's premier educational program designed specifically for Florida's elected municipal officers. In April, Commissioner Roberts took the Elected Municipal Officials II class in Altamonte Springs.

The certificate achievement program rewards municipal officials for their commitment and dedication to training and continuing education. FLC University launched the certificate program to recognize elected officials participating in the League's many training opportunities. Elisha Pappacoda



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PUBLISHER'S NOTES



By TomL

During an interview of Donald Trump, Elon Musk of Tesla and X CEO suggested creating a "government efficiency commission" to study and discuss Government Spending. GREAT IDEA! Trump

said he wanted to cut some of the Government programs. Elon Musk said he would like to be part of that commission that does the study.

A report claims 30% of the hospital

money is being spent on the Undocumented (illegals) and the government is paying the migrants twice as much as the retirees are getting. Some of the government Dems say that we should not have Social Security. There would not be any problem with funding it if the politicians would have stop using it to pay for their pet project.

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Another thing I have not heard mentioned. I sat and listened to an undocumented person who said they had a family meeting in the country they came from. The father said there was more money in the United states than any country they could go too. They are here and in school and meeting other children their age and some will fall in love and marry. If they marry an American they will become an Americans spouse and probably can't be deported. I don't have a problem with it, that represents a few more perminant people on the roles.

Let's talk about the people who are escaping the states they are in. Leave the state habits where you came from back there. Try to fit into the way of life where you want to settle. Florida is getting a lot of intrusion! Don't try to change things to what you are use to. We have a great state. You are welcome here only don't try to make here like there. If you want to make here like there you should not have left there in the first place. That sounded like a speech from Harris with the here there stuff. IT TRUE! Think about it you live in a place that changed to a place you don't like. When you move except the life style in your new environment.

To all these people coming to Florida... The Governor needs to write a mandate to leave their state habits in the state they came

from. That means their driving habits also. I have almost been run over in parking lots twice in a month. I know, I know you say it was on purpose Ha Ha. When I moved to Dunnellon and bought acreage 54 years ago, the first thing a neighbor said to me was "the first thing you guys do when you move here is put up a fence." I said "YES it's to keep your damn animals out of my yard!" Since then many have ask if their horse or cows can graze in our fence? Since then we have had every animal you could think of in my yard even after we put up the fence! Probably 40 or 50 species. Stray dogs, stray cats other peoples live stock, horses, cows, Lamas, peacocks and etc all domestic animals in our yard eating the vegetable garden and Flowers. We like to see the wild animals but someone else's cows trying to get in our pasture because the grass is greener. One guy let his cows run loose so he don't have to feed them. Animal Control don't like those calls. About the fourth time they were called they went and told the guy he would be fined and if they sent someone to catch the cows he would have to pay for the cowboy that round them up.

Of all the trespassers humans were the most offensive!

OFFICIAL MEMO FROM JD VANCE
When President Trump asked me to be his Vice Presidential Nominee, this is what he told him:

"Mr. President, it would be an honor to serve as your Vice President.

During your time in office, America was at its best.

Our economy was roaring, our border was under control, our cities were safe, and we were respected overseas.

As your Vice President, I will faithfully serve by your side and help you make our country GREAT AGAIN!"

Interesting comment from Orlando he says..When one door closes and another door opens, Your are probably in prison.

Ha! Ha! He also said...

The older I get the earlier it gets late.

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Everyone has heard the story of The Emperor's New Clothes by Hans Christian Andersen where a very vain emperor obsessed with his appearance is approached by two weavers who claim they can weave the finest clothes imaginable. So fine that they are invisible to anyone who is unfit for their position or hopelessly stupid. Eager to flaunt these magical garments, the emperor commissions the weavers who proceed to pretend to work at their looms but

producing nothing. Fearing to be seen as unfit or stupid, the emperor pretends to see the nonexistent clothing and decides to give a formal parade to show off his new garments.

For a time, all the parade observers are eager to show that they are not stupid so they exclaimed how wonderful the emperor's new clothes seem. However the ruse is exposed when a child points out to his mother that the emperor is wearing nothing at all. Hearing the child, others begin to say the same thing and the embarrassed emperor is hurried back to his castle.

What does this fairytale have to do with reform of the U.S. tax system? Since 1913,

the Elites have told the American people that only people "unfit for their position or hopelessly stupid" would question the logic and benefits of a system that:

*Tells taxpayers that a refund of taxes they overpaid each year is a "gift" from the government and they should be grateful.

*Tells the Americans people that even though the income/payroll tax system is complicated and harms American competitiveness and costs American jobs, that it is the necessary price paid for having a "fair" system.

*Tells people that even though their personal and private tax returns may very well be leaked, it is still ok to require the onerous forms that often require paying tax professionals to complete.

Andersen's fairytale serves as a reminder of the importance of critical thinking and the courage to speak the truth. The Elites who reprimand and belittle us for seeking real tax reform are desperately afraid they will be exposed not as the intellectual superiors they claim to be, but as scared people who are wearing "no clothes".

Americans have always been proud of the fact that we, as a nation, demand the truth from our leaders. It's time we demand the truth about our failed income/payroll tax system and demand REAL tax reform - ADOPT THE FAIRTAX.

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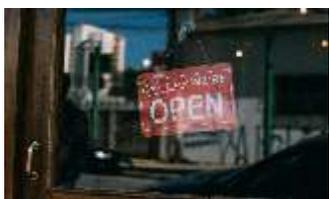
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Endictment

Julie Ann Sulpizio Indicted for Principal to Murder in the First Degree of a Law Enforcement Officer

Today, in Lake County, a grand jury was convened by the State Attorney's Office of the Fifth Judicial Circuit to determine whether there was sufficient evidence to charge Julie Ann Sulpizio for her role in the August 2 ambush that claimed the life of Master Deputy Bradley Link and injured Deputies Stefano Gargano and Harold Howell. The grand jury returned a true bill of indictment for the following charges:

· PRINCIPAL TO MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – PREMEDITATED

· PRINCIPAL TO ATTEMPTED FIRST DEGREE MURDER OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER (3 counts)

· CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE – PREMEDITATED

· BATTERY ON A LAW ENFORCEMENT OR OTHER OFFICER

· BATTERY (3 counts)

A grand jury is required in Florida for all cases in which the death penalty could be sought. Principal to Murder in the First Degree of a Law Enforcement Officer is one such charge. The State Attorney's Office has 45 days to make that decision and will do so after a thorough review of all available evidence. That decision has not yet been made.

Sulpizio remains in custody on no bond status in an area detention facility.

Our Tax Money At Work

THEY GOT CAUGHT!

Information From the Internet
I guess the Biden / Harris team did not do such a good job after all.

They reported a job growth of 818,000 to many. Just a small mistake. Small error!

I wonder if they were trying to make themselves look good for the election???

Hmmmm

GOTCAUGHT!

The IRS is cracking down on more tax cheats this year but failed to enforce this standard on thousands of its employees. While 96% of IRS employees fulfilled their tax obligations last year, a significant share were delinquent, owing nearly \$50 million in taxes to the IRS, a new oversight report found. GOTCAUGHT!

Sen. Joni Ernst (R-IA) is pushing for a regular audit of the Internal Revenue Service after a new inspector general report found that nearly 6,000 employees owe nearly \$50 million in back taxes.

The July 24 report, requested by Ernst and conducted by the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, found that while 96% of employees were compliant with tax obligations, over 5,800 IRS and contractor employees owed nearly \$50 million in overdue taxes, and only 20 of the agency's employees who were failing to pay taxes were terminated.

The senator also took issue with a figure in the report that found over 500 former IRS employees with tax compliance issues or performance issues, "including criminal misconduct, sexual misconduct, inability to perform duties, fighting and assault, and unauthorized access to tax return information," were rehired. Of the rehires, 282 had multiple previously documented conduct and performance issues.

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Ha! A little humor but true.

As I see it Fair Tax is not an additional tax it's a replacement tax! It takes the place of federal and state taxes. It does not tax you every year like the federal income tax it only taxes you when you buy something new. When that same item 5 years down the road is sold the sale is tax free. Trump wants to tax imports. That would even be better along with the Fair Tax. Read the Fair Tax column we have every month.

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September Holidays

Not just about Labor Day... Who Comes Up With these???

Sept. 1: American Chess Day, Ginger Cat Appreciation Day, American Chess Day, Emma M. Nutt Day, National Cherry Popover Day, National Tofu Day, World Letter Writing Day, Pink Cadillac Day, National Little Black Dress Day

Sept. 2: Labor Day, World Beard Day, World Coconut Day, Calendar Adjustment Day, National Live Fearless Day, National Blueberry Popsicle Day,

Sept. 3: National Skyscraper Day, National Bowling League Day

Sept. 4: National Wildlife Day, National Macadamia Nut Day, Eat an Extra Dessert Day

Sept. 5: National Be Late for Something Day, National Cheese Pizza Day, International Day of Charity, World Samosa Day

Sept. 6: National Coffee Ice Cream Day, Fight Procrastination Day, National 401(k) Day, National Read a Book Day, National Lazy Mom's Day, National Food Bank Day

Sept. 7: National Salami Day, Buy a Book Day, International Bacon Day, National Acorn Squash Day, Neither Rain Nor Snow Day, National Beer Lover's Day, National Grandma Moses Day, International Day of Clean Air, National Acorn Squash Day, National Hummingbird Day, National Tailgating Day

Sept. 8: Grandparents Day, International Literacy Day, National Ampersand Day, National Dog Walker Appreciation Day, National Hug Your Hound Day, National Iguana Awareness Day, World Physical Therapy Day, Star Trek Day, National Pet Memorial Day

Sept. 9: Wonderful Weirdos Day,

National Teddy Bear Day, National When Pigs Fly Day, International Sudoku Day, International Box Wine Day

Sept. 10: National Swap Ideas Day, National TV Dinner Day, World Suicide Prevention Day, National Ants on a Log Day

Sept. 11: Patriot Day (9/11 Remembrance), National Make Your Bed Day, National Hot Cross Bun Day

Sept. 12: National Video Games Day, National Chocolate Milkshake Day, National Day of Encouragement, Are You Okay Day, National School Picture Day, National Police Woman Day

Sept. 13: Roald Dahl Day, Defy Superstition Day, Uncle Sam Day, Positive Thinking Day, National Peanut Day, National Kids Take Over the Kitchen Day, National Bald Is Beautiful Day, National Celiac Disease Awareness Day, International Chocolate Day, National Doodle Day, National Hug Your Boss Day, Stand Up To Cancer Day

Sept. 14: National Cream-Filled Donut Day, National Live Creative Day, National Sober Day, National Eat a Hoagie Day, Gobstopper Day, National Coloring Day

Sept. 15: Make a Hat Day, Greenpeace Day, National Online Learning Day, National Double Cheeseburger Day, Wife Appreciation Day, Felt Hat Day, National Creme de Menthe Day, National Linguine Day, World Engineers Day, National Online Learning Day

Sept. 16: The American Legion Day, Mexican Independence Day, Mayflower Day, National Play-Doh Day, National Step Family Day, National Working Parents Day, Collect Rocks Day, National Guacamole Day, National Cinnamon Raisin Bread Day, Working Parents Day, World Barber Day

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Sep 7
Father/Daughter
Disco Dance
6:00 PM - 8:00
PM Lady Lake
Community

Building in Lady Lake

The Town of Lady Lake invites the community to a night of fun and nostalgia at the upcoming Father-Daughter Dance Disco Party on Saturday, Sept. 7. Tick...

Sep 8 Guitars and Cars

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM Renninger's Antique Center in Mount Dora
Guitars (Big Al's Lake County Musicians Swapmeet) Buy-Sell-Trade Tons of great gear and deals Central Florida Blues Lovers' Jam at noon Cars Car ...

Sep 9 Restoration With Recreation: A Balancing Act

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM Pasture Reserve in Groveland
Come learn how land use and restoration planning efforts merge to find their footing.

Sep 11 Water Wednesday

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Hickory Point in Tavares
Macroinvertebrates - what is in the water? Learn about the organisms that live in the waters at Hickory Point through shoreline dip netting.

Sep 11 Kids STEM

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Umatilla Public Library in Umatilla9/119/2510/910/23
Plus More
Science Technology Engineering & Math.

Smart after-school enrichment for KG-5th.

Sep 13 Umatilla Literary Society
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Umatilla Public Library in Umatilla

In Literary Society book lovers get together and discuss whatever they are reading.

Sep 14 Quarterly Bird & Butterfly Survey
7:30 AM - 11:00 AM Neighborhood Lakes Scenic Trail and Trailhead in Sorrento
Assist park staff with surveying the birds and butterflies that inhabit Lake County's conservation lands.

Sep 14 12th Annual Purses of Purpose Tea Under the Sea

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM LifePointe Church in Eustis

12th Annual Purses of Purpose Tea Under the Sea, Ladies' Tea on September 14, 2024 from 10 am to 1 pm. Prizes, Live and Silent Purse Auction, Brunch...

Sep 14 Last Call Mount Dora

3:00 PM - 8:00 PM Elizabeth Evans Park in Mount Dora

Join us for the ultimate beer, bacon, bourbon, and BBQ! Enjoy live music, wrestling, a cigar lounge, and pitmaster competitions.

Sep 16 Native Plants for Landscapes (UF/IFAS Master Gardener)

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Umatilla Public Library in Umatilla

Native plants provide food and habitat for wildlife. In this class you will learn about the benefits of having natives in your landscape

Sep 17 Hire What You Hate...The

Solopreneurs Guide to Their 1st Hire

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Online

If you are making your first hire or your next hire, join us to learn how to define the role with confidence while setting salary expectations.

Sep 18 Reading with a Naturalist

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Hickory Point in Tavares

Come join the Naturalist for a reading of "Are You A Dragonfly?". Learn about the lifecycle of a dragonfly from water to air.

Sep 18 Storytelling: The Secret Ingredient to Accelerate Sales

8:00 PM - 9:00 PM Online

This webinar examines the immense power of storytelling in the sales process. Learn the why and how behind crafting relatable and compelling stories.

Sep 18 Kids Games

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Umatilla Public Library in Umatilla9/1810/211/13

Play games with friends. KG - 5th grade.

Sep 20 Summer Yard Sale

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Renningers in Mount Dora9/209/219/22

Don't miss Renninger's Summer Yard Sale Clean out your unwanted items and sell them at this show Antique Center- Flea Market Free Admission...

Sep 20 Downtown Clermont Wine Strolls

6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Downtown in Clermont9/2010/1911/2212/20

Explore historic Downtown Clermont while sampling 25 different wines at participating shops. Wine sampling starts at 6:30pm at each of the 20+ locations...

Sep 21 Open House

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Ellis Acres Reserve in Paisley

The Nature Center will be open and a naturalist will be on site to answer questions.

Sep 21 Quarterly Bird & Butterfly Survey
7:30 AM - 11:00 AM Ferndale Preserve in Minneola9/2110/12

Assist Park Staff with surveying the birds & butterflies that inhabit Lake County's conservation lands.

Sep 23 Zeroing in on Specific Soft Skills for the Workplace

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Online

Starting a home based business in Florida can be a daunting task. Seminar will discuss the types of businesses you can (and cannot) operate from your home

Sep 23 How to turn Likes and Follows into Dollars 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Online

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Sep 27 Venue Tour & Rumba Dance Class

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Anastassia Ballroom & Dance in Leesburg

Celebrate Anastassia Ballroom's 10-year anniversary with a venue tour and rumba dance lesson. Enjoy a fun group dance class & exciting walkthrough tour ...

Sep 27 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM Citrus Tower in Clermont

Family fun event with live music, food trucks, farm and artisan vendors, classic cars and more. Come for a free ride to the top of the tower

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Lady Lake Chamber Business Luncheon

Over 50 businesses attend the Lady Lake Chamber referral luncheon. The luncheon is designed for chamber members and guest to sit at different tables. When you come in you draw a number and that is the table you sit at. At the beginning of the meeting for 30 minutes, 11:30, til 12 noon everyone mingle and meets everyone in the room. Then we sit at the table order our meal and

get to know the business people at our table. There is a drawing for door prizes. Everyone has a chance to meet a lot of business people. The Lady Lake Chamber does a great job organizing the luncheon every month the third Thursday of every month. If you want to take part call the Chamber 352-753-6029.



Lady Lake Chamber Business Luncheon



Adult SEPTEMBER

Lady Lake Library

Hours:
 Monday: 9am-7pm
 Tuesday-Friday: 9am-6pm
 Saturday and Sunday: Closed
 Closed: September 2nd (Labor Day)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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9	Book Discussion @ 2-4pm	SHINE 2-4pm	Bingo! @2-3:30pm sign up required	BestBuy iPhone/iPad @ 9:30am
16	17	Authors Round Table @ 2-4pm	Vampires, Gators and Wackos presentation @ 2-3pm	 20
 23	24	25	Crochet and Knitting Hangout @ 2-3:30pm	BestBuy iMac @ 9:30am
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Youth SEPTEMBER

Lady Lake Library

Hours:
 Monday: 9am-7pm
 Tuesday-Friday: 9am-6pm
 Saturday and Sunday: Closed
 Closed: September 2nd (Labor Day)

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 2	Tiny Tots @ 10:30am Family Crafting @ 3:30pm	Storytime 10:30am Read with Scarlett 3:00pm-4:00pm	 5	Lego Masters @ 3:30-4:30pm
Craft Kits Available! While supplies last.	Tiny Tots @ 10:30am Family Crafting @ 3:30pm	Storytime 10:30am Read with Scarlett 3:00pm-4:00pm	 12	Baby Storytime @10:30am Video Games @3:30-4:30pm
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Craft Kits Available! While supplies last.	 Join Us In Our Monthly Scavenger Hunt! Follow the clues and win a cool prize!			 

CME Group Awards Scholarships



CME Group Awards Scholarships to Future Leaders in Agriculture

(NewsUSA) - State fairs are an opportunity for families, friends and communities to celebrate on an annual basis. Along with the yearly tradition, the state fair is an opportunity to shine a spotlight on the important role U.S. agriculture plays in the global economy. The state fair is a place for young farmers to showcase their expertise in the food and farm industry while also learning the value and role of risk management.

At this year's Governor's Sale of Champions, CME Group presented each of the nine champion livestock exhibitors with \$5,000 scholarships that will be used to advance their education. This was the ninth year CME Group has provided scholarships at the Illinois State Fair, bringing total contributions to over \$500,000. CME Group also purchased the Grand Champion Barrow at the Governor's Sale of Champions, which was exhibited by Olivia Shike.

Recipients of the 2024 CME Group scholarships included: Bryce Clayton (Scott County); Kade Gensini (Putnam County);

Nora Hoge (McDonough County); Kadie Hummel (Ford County); Karly Reel (LaSalle County); Chase Riley (Grundy County); Olivia Shike (Champaign County); Chesney Thorton (Piatt County); Oakley Yard (McDonough County).

"We are proud to support scholarship programs that help the next generation of agriculture leaders to pursue their education," said John Ricci, Managing Director and Global Head of Agriculture, CME Group. "The agriculture industry has not evaded the uncertainty faced within the global economy. It is as important as ever for the future leaders of agriculture to find new and innovative ways to continue feeding the world. We applaud all the scholarship recipients and are excited to see what their futures have in store."

CME Group sponsored this year's 4-H Illinois Superior Young Livestock Producers Contest at the fair. Nine 4-H members from across Illinois have competed in this year's skillathon and have engaged in hands-on challenges in livestock management, livestock marketing and hedging, breed identification and use, quality assurance and equipment identification and use. The contest promotes youth development, career development, and personal growth through increased knowledge of the livestock industry.

The nine skillathon champions each received a \$1,000 CME Group scholarship to continue their education. The 2024 scholarship recipients were: Ryker Beckmier (Christian County); Kaylee Blackford (Vermilion County); Morgan Crouch (Macon County); Taylor Crouch (Macon County); Gwen Hall (Ogle County); Blaine Homann (Coles County); Kadie Hummel (Ford County); Molly McCalla

(Madison County); Hayden Miller (Livingston County).

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Delicious Summer and Fall Drinks



Raise a Glass to "Sum-all" Season with a Variety of Delicious Summer and Fall Drinks

(NewsUSA) - It's that time of year again! The time between summer and fall when some people start thinking about leaves and football, while others aren't quite ready to trade in their flip-flops for flannel.

Join us in raising a glass to "sum-all" season! It's the perfect time to enjoy the best of both worlds, blending the warmth of summer with the crispness of fall. Whether you're clinging to those last beach days or eagerly anticipating cozy evenings by the fire, this season lets you do it all. So, grab your drink of choice, fire up the grill, and make the most of this special time of year.

Check out this sampling of sum-all favorites made at the Genesee Brewery in

Upstate New York and available at select retailers across the U.S.

-Black Cherry flavor provides bridge to fall. Genesee Black Cherry Vanilla Kellerbier continues the Genesee tradition of releasing seasonal beers on the cusp between seasons. The Black Cherry Vanilla Kellerbier combines the tart sweetness of black cherry with a hint of smooth vanilla that is refreshing on a warm summer day and also a perfect complement to a brisk fall game day afternoon.

-Light beer wins through late summer. Labatt Blue Light Grapefruit, a summer seasonal beer, is perfectly suited to shift into fall and enjoy on the golf course.

-Green and citrusy "sum-all" to a T. Nothing says summer like iced tea, but the right tea flavors span the seasons. Lipton Hard Iced Tea Citrus Green Tea works on the patio by the pool, or at an early fall outdoor concert or sporting event.

-Kick off the fall with pure refreshment. Made with real cane sugar and fruit juice, Seagram's Escapes Refreshers are available in fruit flavor combinations including Strawberry Acai, Pineapple Cherry, Mango Orange and Kiwi Lime. Refreshers are a perfect ready to enjoy option for any social gathering.

Visit Fifcousa.com and Genesee Brewery (geneseebeer.com) for more information on these and other "sum-all" drinks made at the brewery. Also, be sure to share your sum-all moments with #GennySumAll and be part of the "sum-all" celebration.

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Rep. Kat Cammack, Rep. Jared Moskowitz Lead Florida Colleagues In Bipartisan Letter To President Biden Requesting Revised Presidential

Declaration For Emergency Assistance

GAINESVILLE, FL — As Hurricane Debby makes its way across Florida and the southeast this afternoon, Congresswoman Cammack (R-FL-03) and Congressman Jared Moskowitz (D-FL-23) led a letter with their Florida colleagues to President Biden requesting the activation of Public Assistance Category A (debris removal) in the storm's aftermath.

Florida members on the letter include Sen. Marco Rubio, Rep. Neal Dunn, Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart, Reps. Vern Buchanan, Rep. Michael Waltz, Rep. Gus Bilirakis, Rep. Bill Posey, Rep. Daniel Webster, Rep. Greg Steube, Rep. Cory Mills, Rep. Carlos Gimenez, Rep. Aaron Bean, Rep. Brian Mast, Rep. Anna Paulina Luna, Rep. Scott Franklin, Rep. John Rutherford, Rep. Matt Gaetz, Rep. Darren Soto, Rep. Maxwell Frost, Rep. Kathy Castor, Rep. Sheila Cherfilus McCormick, Rep. Lois Frankel, Rep. Frederica Wilson, and Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz.

Hurricane Debby Makes - Landfall In Our District

Dear Neighbor,
 This last month brought our first serious storm of the 2024 Atlantic Hurricane Season. Our first responders and National Guard troops were prepared and on the ground working to ensure our safety after the storm while linemen from across the southeast got to work quickly to restore

power. These folks' service has been tremendously appreciated this week.

I and several members of our team fed dinner to our local linemen earlier this week to thank them, and yesterday, Senator Rubio and I were in Live Oak to thank the National Guardsmen and women who came to Florida's aid. You can take a look at my message to all of those who have been helpful below.

With hurricane recovery top-of-mind, if you are still in need of recovery assistance, please call my team in our Gainesville office at (352) 505-0838. We are here to advocate for you and provide you with the resources you need to take care of your family, your business, and your property.

Additionally, phone numbers and websites to keep in your back pockets as hurricane season continues are below.

Immediate need for food, water, or shelter? Call the Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767.

Immediate housing need? Text SHELTER and your zip code to 43362 for a FEMA shelter in your area.

Visit FEMA.gov for up-to-date information and resources available from the federal government, or give our office a call at (352) 505-0838.

For the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service's Disaster Distress Helpline, call 1-800-985-5990.

Stay safe this weekend, and we look forward to hearing from you if we can be of assistance during this hurricane season.

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.

For the Republic,

Dear Neighbor,
 Where did the time go? Just like that, August is nearly over and the House will reconvene on September 9. It's been an incredibly productive district work period and I'm thrilled to keep the momentum going into the fall.

This week marked the three-year anniversary of the deaths of 13 American heroes at Abbey Gate in Afghanistan. After the Biden-Harris administration hastily removed troops from Afghanistan with no withdrawal plan, we lost 13 service members in a deadly attack that could have been prevented. As we remembered them this week, we keep their family members and friends in our thoughts as they embark upon another year without their loved ones.

Back in Florida, our community remembered the life of USPS Carrier Pam Rock. Pam Rock served as a postal worker in Putnam County and was tragically killed in 2022 after being attacked by dogs while on her mail route in Interlachen. Together with Representative Aaron Bean and Senators Rubio and Scott, we passed legislation to rename the Melrose Post Office after Pam. Take a look at photos from the ceremony earlier this week below.

Last week we hosted our Service Academy Day at Forest High School. If you are or know a high school or college-aged student interested in pursuing higher education opportunities while serving our nation, our service academies are an excellent choice. To learn more about what was discussed at Service Academy Day and to see the full list of important deadlines this fall, give our Gainesville District Office a call at (352) 505-0838.

Finally, Disaster Recovery Centers are still open in our district. The Florida Department of Emergency Management operates a DRC in Dixie County at the library in Cross City. Read below for details.

With all that's happening this Congress, it is my greatest honor to represent you and hear

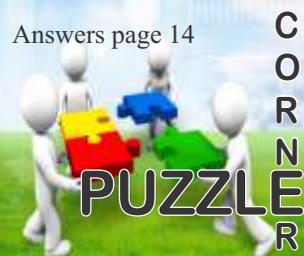
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- Answers page 14
- Across**
- 1. Flat letters
 - 9. In the zone
 - 15. Preceding in development
 - 16. 1995 Literature Nobelist
 - 17. Nation since '91
 - 18. Unlikely to make waves
 - 19. Jazz pianist
 - 20. "Told ya!"
 - 22. Roster abbr.
 - 23. Boxes
 - 26. Specialty
 - 28. "Lord, is ___?"
 - 29. Put back in
 - 30. Seven Years' War participant
 - 32. Bottle model
 - 34. Half of a clamshell
 - 35. Carrie creator

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 - 42. "Family of Charles IV" artist
 - 43. Crawled quicker than
 - 46. Recovers, in a way
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 - 52. DoD division
 - 53. "So . . ."
 - 54. Make some joe
 - 56. Kids' hangout
 - 58. Decorator's asset
 - 59. Ballet attraction
 - 61. Monster-movie mainstay
 - 64. Presidential nickname
 - 65. One who fiddles
 - 66. Made better time
 - 67. Couch potato's condition
- Down**
- 1. Brutal critic
 - 2. Like some publications
 - 3. Straightaway
 - 4. Spill
 - 5. Tears into
 - 6. "Der Spiegel" article
 - 7. Bourbon ruler
 - 8. Mex. matrons
 - 9. Words of consternation
 - 10. Start of some art movements
 - 11. Refuse to ignore
 - 12. FDR and JFK
 - 13. Not absolute
 - 14. Pencil product
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 - 24. Off-the-wall product
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 - 38. GI uniforms
 - 39. Fictional Copperfield
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 - 45. "Of Mice and Men" wife
 - 47. ___ Island, NY
 - 48. Skeptical comment
 - 49. Bath units
 - 50. Ugly looks
 - 55. Variety
 - 57. When Caesar is warned
 - 60. "Charlie's Angels" actress
 - 62. Clear
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FROM THE DESK OF ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY



**AG Moody
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Florida Tax
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Annual
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Encourages
County
Leaders to
Inform the
Public About**

How to Report Voter Registration Fraud

Attorney General Ashley Moody today in Orlando encouraged vigilance in spotting and reporting voter fraud at the Florida Tax Collectors Association Annual Conference. Tax collector offices around the state are where Floridians go to interact face to face with government. In Florida, tax collectors are independent constitutional officers duly elected by registered voters.

These county government leaders do more than collect taxes. In tax collector offices, Floridians can receive vehicle tags, hunting licenses, driver's licenses and even submit voter registration forms. With the 2024 presidential election around the corner, Attorney General Moody is encouraging tax collectors to display information about reporting voter registration crimes to Florida's Voter Fraud Hotline: 1(877)868-3737.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "For many Floridians, tax collectors are the face of the government. Tax collectors help them obtain their first driver's license and can even help them register to vote. Florida has taken great steps to ensure the integrity of our elections. Today, I encouraged tax collectors to help us keep Florida elections secure by posting information about Florida's Voter Fraud Hotline—so Floridians know how and where to report suspicious activity."

In 2022, Governor Ron DeSantis created the Florida Department of State's Office of Election Crimes and Security to conduct preliminary investigations into irregularities or fraud involving voter registration, voting, candidate or issue petition activities, or any other alleged violations of Florida's Election Code. According to the website, OECS has reviewed and investigated more than 3,000 complaints and allegations of election fraud. Additionally, OECS has initiated more than 1,300 independent investigations.

At the annual conference, Attorney General Moody asked tax collectors to post the OECS information in offices across the state, so Floridians know where and how to report illegal voter registration. The call follows efforts by Attorney General Moody to encourage elected leaders to provide the public with information to anonymously report criminal activity through **TIPS and display other public-safety messages aimed at spotting and preventing consumer fraud.

As Colleges and Universities Begin a New Academic Year, AG Moody Advises Higher Education Officials About Legal Protections and Shared Commitment to Jewish Students in Florida

As colleges and universities begin a new academic year, Attorney General Ashley

Moody today sent a reminder to higher education officials in Florida about their duty to protect Florida's Jewish students from harassment, intimidation and other incidents of antisemitism. The reminder comes in the wake of radical antisemitic protests continuing around the nation and following the destructive protests witnessed at colleges and universities in the previous academic year.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "Last year, my office circulated a memo advising higher education officials of the zero-tolerance policy for antisemitism in our state. Florida offered an example to the rest of the country with swift action while other states witnessed their colleges and universities overtaken by chaos and, in some instances, crime. Let this serve as a reminder, there is no room in our state for lawlessness or antisemitism. As a new school year begins, we are renewing our commitment to making Florida a safe state for Jewish students."

The letter states, "In the days and months following the horrific October 7 attacks on Israel, America saw university administrators across the country utterly fail to protect Jewish students and maintain law and order. Many schools allowed encampments and demonstrations to disrupt student life and school operations...Some of these schools even tolerated overt acts of antisemitic harassment and violence. And because school administrators allowed this unconscionable conduct to continue throughout the entire school year, some universities were forced to cancel graduation ceremonies."

The letter points out that in Florida, schools stood by Jewish students and ensured that Florida's campuses remained institutions of education, "instead of cesspools of lawlessness and hate."

Attorney General Moody goes on to remind school officials that there are legal risks for colleges and universities if they fail to uphold protections for Jewish students. "I also want to advise you that failing to protect Jewish students would create significant legal risk for Florida colleges and universities. For example, a federal court in California recently entered an injunction against UCLA after the court found that 'Jewish students were excluded from portions of the UCLA campus because they refused to denounce their faith,' a fact the court called 'unimaginable' and 'abhorrent to our constitutional guarantee of religious freedom.' Such failures may also put federal funding at risk."

The letter calls for a renewed commitment to making Florida the "best state in the nation for education and the safest state for Jewish students."

Attorney General Moody Urges Older Floridians to Watch Out for Fraud Ahead of National Senior Citizens Day

Ahead of National Senior Citizens Day, Attorney General Moody is asking older Floridians to watch out for fraud. Florida is home to more than 5.5 million seniors. Attorney General Moody is highlighting efforts to protect these Floridians from fraudulent schemes. After taking office in 2019, Attorney General Moody launched Florida's Senior Protection Team, an intra-

agency group of experts working together to fight fraud. Last year, the team secured more than \$1 million in financial relief for Florida seniors.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "Florida may be known as the Sunshine State, but we are also a silver state—and we prioritize protecting those who choose to live out their golden years here. Ahead of National Senior Citizens Day, we're asking older Floridians to watch out for fraud and highlighting efforts to help seniors avoid falling victim."

Attorney General Moody's Senior Protection Team consists of members from the Office of Statewide Prosecution, Consumer Protection Division and Medicaid Fraud Control Unit. Together, the team fights elder abuse and fraud as well as develops strategies to help seniors avoid falling victim to scammers or criminals. Since Attorney General Moody took office in 2019, the Senior Protection Team secured more than \$8 million in financial relief for Florida seniors.

Attorney General Moody also:

Hosted a symposium for seniors in June at The Villages and shared tips on how to avoid falling victim to cryptocurrency schemes and honored outstanding volunteers of the Seniors vs. Crime program;

Launched the Scams at a Glance initiative to provide low-tech, in-depth resources to educate older Americans about major scams; and

Released the CyberCrime and Seniors Guide that highlights common schemes targeting older Floridians and offers tips about how to spot, report and avoid falling victim to fraudulent schemes.

Treat Chronic Low Back Pain



Discover a Minimally Invasive Procedure Transforming the Treatment of Chronic Low Back Pain

(NAPSI)—For more than half of her life, 43-year-old Megan Bettor dealt with bouts of excruciating low back pain. She doesn't remember a specific accident or injury that caused the initial pain—all she knows is that it was a constant part of her life.

Megan's pain was centered in her lower back and was aggravated by sitting, bending forward or with physical activity. For many years, she managed it with conservative treatments such as over-the-counter medications and physical therapy.

As the pain worsened, these treatments stopped working. When this interior designer and mom of two wasn't busy, she often found herself spending weekends laying in bed unable to move due to her pain.

"There wasn't just like a bad week," said Megan. "It was every day, every morning [where it was] nearly impossible to get out of bed, brush my teeth and feed our dog."

Megan knew something had to change and began exploring surgical options, including a disc replacement, an invasive and expensive treatment that may or may not address her pain.

That's when she met Ramana Naidu, M.D., director of pain management, MarinHealth Medical Center and interventional pain physician and anesthesiologist. Dr. Naidu not only offered Megan a clear diagnosis of vertebrogenic pain but also a proven treatment.

The ABCs of vertebrogenic low back pain

After examining Megan's symptoms, Dr. Naidu reviewed an MRI of her low back. He identified specific changes in her vertebral endplates, called **Modic changes**, that indicated she likely had vertebrogenic low back pain.

This type of pain is a relatively new discovery and caused by vertebral endplates that get damaged due to age, wear, tear and everyday living. While approximately 5.3 million people in the U.S. are living with vertebrogenic pain¹, this condition did not have an official diagnosis until recently, let alone a treatment.

Dr. Naidu thought Megan would be an ideal candidate for a procedure utilizing Boston Scientific's **Intracept™ Intraosseous Nerve Ablation System**, which provides a minimally invasive, same-day treatment specifically designed to address vertebrogenic pain.

"Patients with vertebrogenic pain are the same type of low back pain patients we have seen for years," said Dr. Naidu. "The frustration we had as providers is that we could identify these patients but there was little we could do to effectively treat them. The Intracept system changed that."

The Intracept system targets a specific nerve in the lower back—the basivertebral nerve or BVN—that transmits pain signals from the damaged vertebral endplates to the brain. The Intracept system uses a radiofrequency probe to heat the BVN and prevent it from sending these signals. The procedure is proven to be safe and effective², with patients reporting significant pain and functional improvements at five years after a single treatment.³

"Historically, the disc was presumed to be the source of most chronic low back pain, but recent research demonstrates that the vertebral endplates play a significant role in causing pain," said Ray Baker, M.D., vice president and chief medical officer, Neuromodulation, Boston Scientific. "By targeting the BVN, patients can achieve durable relief through a minimally invasive procedure."

Regaining a life without vertebrogenic pain

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Governor Ron DeSantis and First Lady Casey DeSantis Announce Emergency Response Hope Florida Expansion

SARASOTA, Fla. — Today, Governor Ron DeSantis and First

Lady Casey DeSantis announced “Activate Hope,” an expansion of Hope Florida to serve Floridians recovering from the impacts of disasters. Serving as the emergency response arm for the Hope Florida initiative, Activate Hope pulls together the private sector, nonprofits, and government resources to help Floridians get back on their feet following disaster. Activate Hope helps connect Floridians with outside resources to provide food, household goods, home repairs, and more.

“The state of Florida leads the nation in storm preparation and disaster response,” said Governor Ron DeSantis. “The launch of Activate Hope through Hope Florida and the Florida Division of Emergency Management will enable us to strengthen our recovery efforts and rebuild stronger communities by utilizing the existing Hope Florida network to help those impacted by disasters find the help they need.”

“With today’s launch of Activate Hope, we can now bring Hope Florida directly to a community in exceptional need—like those dealing with the impacts of a storm,” said First Lady Casey DeSantis. “This new Hope Florida expansion will ensure that in the future, Floridians impacted by storms or other emergency situations can readily connect with Hope Navigators and receive the help, services, and supplies they need. On the flip side, Hope Florida can rally communities and empower them to help their fellow Floridians in need, especially during a disaster.”

“Thanks to the leadership and dedication of Governor and First Lady DeSantis, we prepare our residents and prioritize the resiliency of our communities year-round and with partnerships not seen anywhere else in the nation,” said Florida Division of Emergency Management Executive Director Kevin Guthrie. “Activate Hope is another example of how the state continues to innovate our disaster response and recovery practices, and FDEM is proud to support the recovery of those in need with this program.”

Through Activate Hope, Florida will expand the reach of Hope Florida, adding a box truck and an additional ADA-accessible Hope Bus. This expansion will increase the capacity for Hope Florida to join the efforts of the Florida Division of Emergency Management at their Points of Distribution sites, State Business Recovery Centers, and Multi-Agency Resource Centers across the state. Hope Navigators and volunteers from state agencies will be on-site after a storm to distribute needed supplies, such as food, water, baby supplies, cleaning supplies, etc., and offer Hope Navigation services.

Additionally, Governor Ron DeSantis and First Lady Casey DeSantis announced that a new toll-free Hope Line at 833-GET-

HOPE is active today for Floridians seeking help to call. You can call Hope Florida’s Hope Line to speak with a Hope Navigator who can help identify barriers to success, such as lack of resources, skills, opportunities, or basic necessities. This line will also be used as a part of Activate Hope to help connect Floridians with outside resources to provide food, household goods, home repairs, and more.

Hope Navigators help individuals identify their needs, develop long-term goals, map out a path forward, and work to ensure all sectors of the community have a ‘seat at the table’ to be part of a lasting solution. In two years since Hope Florida’s launch in July 2022, nearly 30,000 Floridians have reduced their reliance upon or are no longer reliant on government assistance—a reduction which is estimated to save the State of Florida nearly \$800 million over the next decade.

Floridians who are in need of support can connect with Hope Florida by visiting www.HopeFlorida.com or calling the Hope Line (833-GET-HOPE). Organizations interested in joining Hope Florida’s Care Portal can visit www.HopeFlorida.com.

Governor DeSantis Appoints Two to the State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota District Board of Trustees

Governor Ron DeSantis announced the appointment of Jaime DiDomenico and Brittany Riner to the State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota District Board of Trustees.

Jaime DiDomenico
DiDomenico, of Nokomis, is the Vice President of The Wrench Group, LLC. Active in his community, he currently serves as Treasurer of the Boys and Girls Club of Sarasota and DeSoto Counties Board of Directors and Meals on Wheels PLUS of Manatee County Board of Directors. DiDomenico earned his bachelor’s degree in management and his master’s degree in accounting from Nova Southeastern University.

Britt Riner
Riner, of Sarasota, is a business and civic leader and currently serves as the President of Liber Consulting. Active in her community, she is currently appointed to the Florida Interagency Coordinating Council for Infants and Toddlers, is a former member of the Sarasota County Public Hospital Board, and the former Chair of the Education Foundation of Sarasota County. Riner earned her bachelor’s degree at Duke University and her master’s degree from Stanford University.

These appointments are subject to confirmation by the Florida Senate.

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Megan underwent her procedure with the Intracept system in November 2023. Her pain relief was immediate and, as time went on, Megan ramped up her physical activities without the accompanying low back pain.

Soon she found herself traveling with her family, including on trips to ski and surf – something she wouldn’t have dreamed of

doing before. It also gave her an opportunity to appreciate doing the little things that previously would have caused her pain.

“Intracapt saved my life,” said Megan. “That sounds dramatic but it’s the most significant thing that could have happened to me.”

For Dr. Naidu, outcomes like Megan’s inspire him to continue educating his patients and the broader medical community on vertebrogenic pain and the Intracapt system.

“If she had surgery, it might have been helpful, but what would the long-term consequences have been? With Intracapt, you don’t have to worry about long-term consequences,” said Dr. Naidu. “That’s why this therapy is so special – it’s really changing people’s lives in a major way.”

Find an Intracapt-trained physician near you

If you have suffered from chronic low back pain for at least six months and find it gets worse with physical activity, you may have vertebrogenic pain.

Physicians across the US are trained to make this specific diagnosis and to determine if treating your low back pain with the [Intracapt system](#) may be an option for you. You can also use the [Intracapt Physician Finder](#) to locate a physician near you to make an appointment and learn more about this diagnosis and proven treatment.

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Results from case studies are not necessarily predictive of results in other cases. Results in other cases may vary.

Celebrate Blue Star Welcome

Join the Movement: Celebrate Blue Star Welcome Week and Support Military Families

(NewsUSA) - The average military family moves three times as often as their civilian peers, and most of these permanent change of station (PCS) moves occur during the summer, according to Blue Star Families, a nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering, supporting, and connecting military families in communities around the world.

Many military families live in their local civilian communities. However, military families whose lives are often disrupted by deployments and frequent moves often struggle to feel part of these communities, according to Blue Star Families’ 2023 Military Family Lifestyle Survey. Blue Star Welcome Week is a new American tradition spearheaded by Blue Star Families to create a greater sense of belonging and community for everyone.

Kathy Roth-Douquet, CEO of Blue Star Families, says, “It’s time for a new tradition where we make military families feel valued and included. Welcome Week connects military families with their civilian neighbors. Whether it’s a simple message or a community event, every gesture builds a stronger, more inclusive community. This is how we honor their sacrifices and show our gratitude.”

Blue Star Welcome Week happens every year during the last week of September – this year’s event is scheduled for September 21-29, 2024.

As we gear up for Welcome Week, here are four ways you can ‘do your part’. And, you can check out more inspirational ideas here!

Host a Blue Star Family Welcome Week Block Party. Welcome the newest military families to your neighborhood by hosting a festive gathering where military and civilian families can connect and make memories. If hosting solo feels overwhelming, team up with a local organization or form a block party host group. With events happening around the world, your volunteer efforts help bridge the gap between military and civilian communities. Let’s make a difference together!

Every Little Bit Helps. Support military families in your neighborhood through small thoughtful actions. Make a meal, bring up

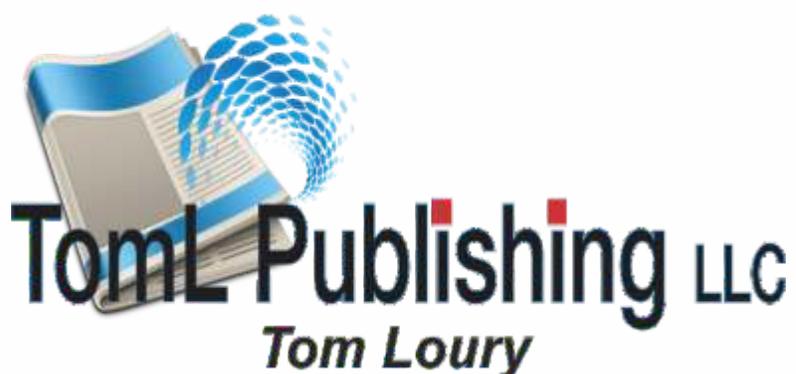
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trash cans, help find a babysitter (or babysit), cut their grass, or invite them to your next holiday gathering. These simple gestures can make a significant impact in helping our military families feel connected to their

community. Educate Yourself on Their Unique Challenges. Military families face unique challenges that impact their daily lives. The 2024 Military Family Lifestyle Survey

(MFLS) by Blue Star Families highlights key issues like financial strain, underemployment of spouses, mental health concerns, and feeling disconnected from their communities. These quality-of-life concerns have led to fewer service members recommending military service, threatening the future of our All-Volunteer Force. By understanding these challenges, you can better support and advocate for military families in your neighborhood!

Support Companies That Hire Military Spouses. For decades, military spouses have endured an unemployment rate of 20% or higher, three to four times higher than their civilian counterparts – this remains the top concern for active-duty spouse respondents for the sixth consecutive year. The 4+1 Commitment is a way for employers to voluntarily commit to improving military spouse employment outcomes – extend your support by patronizing those who have made this commitment, like Starbucks, T-Mobile, PenFed Credit Union, USAA, Nextdoor, Navy Federal Credit Union, Comcast NBCUniversal, Home Depot, Amazon, Lowe's, Johnson & Johnson, and Humana.

Blue Star Welcome Week is more than just a series of events – it's a movement to

build stronger, more inclusive communities for our military families. By participating, you play a vital role in making every military family feel valued and supported and help lay the foundation for a new tradition.

Join us from September 21-29, 2024, and make a difference in the lives of those who serve our nation.

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