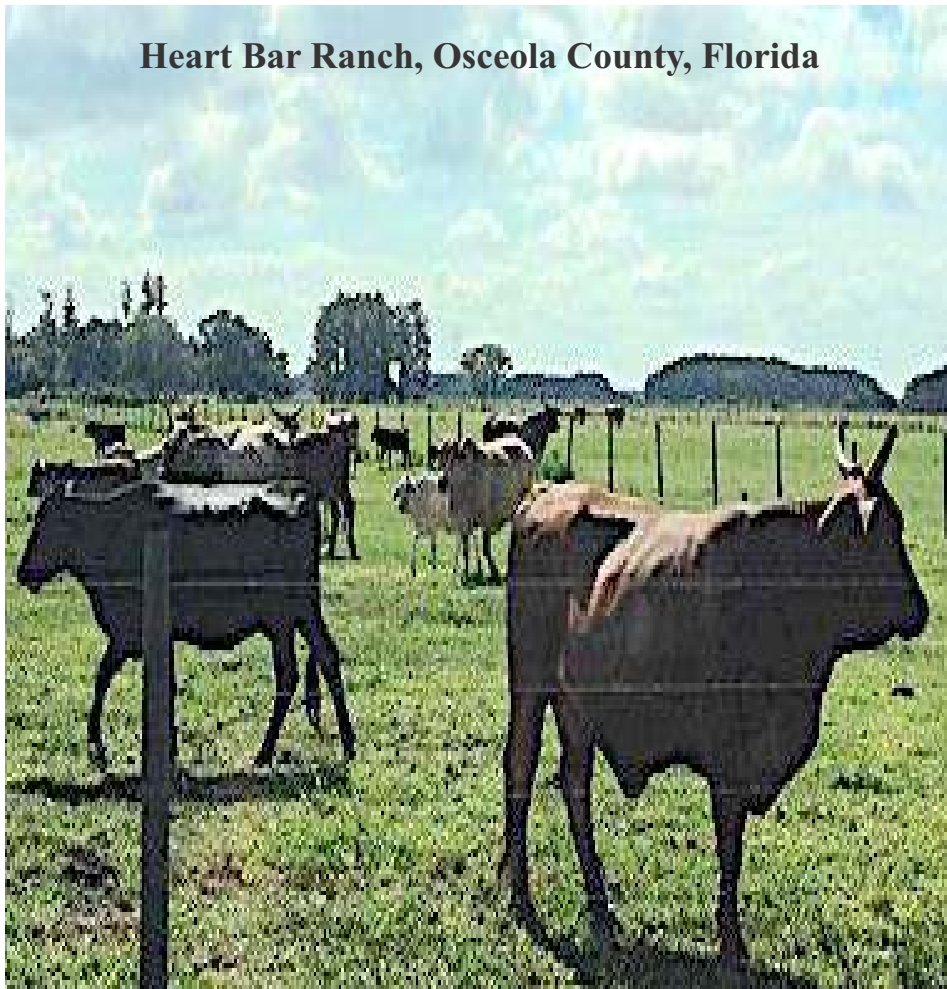


Heart Bar Ranch, Osceola County, Florida



Florida Farmland

Florida Commissioner of Agriculture Wilton Simpson announced the preservation of Florida farmland through the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Rural and Family Lands Protection Program. More than 386 acres of working agricultural land in Heart Bar Ranch in Osceola County is being preserved through a rural land protection easement for \$2,600,000.

"Preserving an additional 386 acres of working farmland located within Heart Bar Ranch – a family farm that we worked with earlier this year to preserve over 3,000 acres of farmland – is yet another indicator that the Rural and Family Lands Protection Program is not only successful in its mission, but that generational farmers are

eager now more than ever to participate in the program to help preserve important land in Florida," said Commissioner Wilton Simpson. "These rural land protection easements strengthen our food security through the protection of prime agricultural land, keep the protected property on the local tax rolls, and require every property owner to maintain the land and its natural resources according to state standards."

The Rural and Family Lands Protection Program purchases the development rights to the agricultural properties through voluntary rural land protection easements, which prevent the future development of the land and allow agriculture operations to continue to contribute to Florida's economy and the production of food, timber, and other resources vital to the prosperity of Florida.

Ocala Fire Rescue

Ocala Fire Rescue to Conduct Training Burn at the Ocala International Airport

(OCALA, FL.) September 18, 2024 – Ocala Fire Rescue will be conducting a training burn on Friday, September 20, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Ocala International Airport, 1770 SW 60th Ave.

The exercise - a live fire burn - will simulate an aircraft emergency on airport grounds. The burn will include real-life scenarios that airport personnel and

emergency responders could encounter, to optimize their preparedness for such incidents.

Smoke and flames may be visible while the training burn is conducted.

We ask residents and businesses in the vicinity to not be alarmed as this scheduled training will be conducted under strict safety protocols and poses no threat to the public nor surrounding areas.



Photos by CKJ-13 Kay Johnson

09-07-2024 Highland Memorial Park/Hiers Baxley Patriot Day. Parade of Jeeps and Motorcycles and misc others. What a day, patriots held a parade to show respect to our warriors. Pictured is

the 100 year old veteran Howard Mautner surrounded his biker veteran friends. You men are great for showing all veterans respect and we thank you for your service.

Cackling Kamela

Inspired by the stupidity

By TomL

Trump calls Kamala Harris comrade Harris. He probably should not call people names but she cackles a lot, Cackling Harris. On the farm when you walk by the hen house and you hear a hen cackling you know she is about to lay an egg. Putin says she has an infectious laugh. As the left is trying to keep her from talking or cackling, Kamala has layed many political eggs, It is to bad she is not laying the kind of egg that we can feed the hungry, becuse they are on the increase BIG TIME! Enough with the humor. We are engulfed in a battle far worse than a war.

China is a Communist country, the far left is letting China take over in the name of Socialism, THEY ARE COMMUNIST! I thought it was in error, and was just a few of our government. China without a doubt is behind it. They have poisoned our country with phentenal and killed thousands of people with COVID virus and they sit silently by with a smurk. The worst thing about the people dieing from the virus, was their loved ones could not be by their side.

Kamala is trying to stay under the radar answering no questions, just stating

rehearsed words. But when people go to the grocery store, the gas station, get their power bills, Insurance hikes, the days get sader and sader. Wake up America and get educated on what is going on. Go to a meeting / go to a rally / read up on current affairs. We are about to loose our country and our lives to criminal foreigner (GANGS) not the kind of gang that have been in our country. These gangs murder people that get in their way, including the police.

We are not setting a good example for the rest of the world. The enemy is killing Christians all over the world by the thousands. They need to fight fight fight! The children that use to play in the park can not because it is full of tents. The Illegals are staying in big fancy hotels while our veterans are living on the street. Alan Dershowitz a renowned Constitutional Scholar has cut ties with Democratic Party. He criticized the Anti-Jewish, Anti-Isreal experience at the Democratic Convention. Well another important Democrat bites the dust. The people who are leaving the Democratic Party are not just the blue collar worker tax payers but career polititions.

A Letter from JD Vance

I've been traveling around the country sharing President Trump's vision for a brighter future, but I wanted to take a moment to send you a message from the bottom of my heart:

THANK YOU.

You've selflessly stepped up to support our campaign, even while Kamala Harris wreaks havoc on our economy. And trust me, Thomas, I understand the value of a dollar.

As you probably know already, I didn't grow up with a silver spoon in my mouth like so many of the career politicians I've had the misfortune of working within the D.C. swamp.

I grew up poor, in the Rust Belt, in a small Ohio town that had been losing jobs and hope for generations.

In Middletown, hard-working families that gave everything they had to achieve the American Dream watched helplessly as their jobs were shipped overseas by the "elites" who rule our country.

But under President Trump's strong leadership, their manufacturing jobs finally started to come back.

Despite all the incredible progress he made, I'll be honest with you: communities like mine are in more danger than ever if Kamala Harris takes the White House.

Publishers Note...Thanks JD

I am from Aliance Ohio, my grandmother raised 53 foster children on her farm. I went back as a boy a couple of times and found it fun and pleasant. We stayed on the farm for a few days and experienced that type of living. I am now a true red white and blue Florida boy who lives on a small farm. I have 4 didgital monthly newspapers and endorse you and Trump every month.

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With all of the growth in the community, I am often asked about more retail options. We have seen thousands of houses and apartments built in the last few years and added millions of square feet of industrial space. However, I understand the interest of everyone in seeing new and additional retail options in our community.

Good news! More retail is on the way. In fact, I have been saying for some time that 2024 will be the Year of Retail in the Ocala Metro. It may not necessarily make as big a splash but when one looks back on the year, I think they will be surprised to realize how many additional retailers have opened. I would like to share about three new businesses opening soon: a retailer, a service, and a restaurant.

By mid-October lululemon will have opened their doors in Paddock Mall. The well known national athletic brand with more than 700 locations worldwide is best known for their yoga pants. The Ocala location will be the first in Florida between Jacksonville and Orlando. The store is opening in the JC Penny wing at the Paddock

Mall which has a great story in itself. At a time when many have been proclaiming the death of the mall, the Paddock Mall is boasting near 100% occupancy with record visitors and sales per sq foot. The Mall is continuing to welcome new national retailers with more on the way.

Purchase your new yoga gear from lululemon and then head over to Churchill Square where a new Club Pilates will soon open. This fitness studio chain with more than 1,000 global locations offers low-impact, full body Reformer Pilates-based workouts. The Club Pilates Ocala location will fill the space once occupied by Adobe East.

Lastly, once you have completed your Club Pilates workout you can visit the new Culvers which will soon begin construction on W. Silver Springs Blvd and I-75. This Wisconsin-based fast-food franchise famous for their frozen custard will open their 2nd location in Ocala in the middle of next year. One should never skip the frozen custard, but their butter burgers are pretty good too. Or so I hear.

This is just a sampling of the new retailers opening in our community. Restaurant Depot, Elliano's, Chipotle, Sprouts, Tropical Smoothie Café, Pandora, The Great Greek, and many more have all announced new Ocala locations. Growth creates opportunities and these opportunities include more shopping and dining options.

Shockingly High Radiation

Shockingly high radiation levels on a popular U.S. hiking trail have been likened to those found at Chernobyl, igniting public alarm and calls for urgent action.

At a Glance

Acid Canyon, near Los Alamos, New Mexico, has radiation levels comparable to Chernobyl.

Biochemist Michael Ketterer's tests indicate significantly dangerous contamination.

Ketterer demands official warnings for hikers. DOE claims the area is safe.

High radiation risks, particularly with water and runoff affecting downstream habitats.

Revelations of a Radioactive Hiking Trail

The recent uncovering of radiation levels in Acid Canyon, a popular hiking and biking trail near Los Alamos, New Mexico, has sent waves of concern through both the scientific community and the public. New tests have shockingly revealed that the area's radiation levels are comparable to those found in the notorious Chernobyl disaster site.



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Tom Loury *Tom Loury Long time member of CEP/Ocala Chamber of Commerce, Past President of the Ocala Business Leaders and current member, Co-Founder and past President of Select Business Associates, Past President of the Lady Lake Chamber and current member.*

PUBLISHER'S NOTES



Well my wife and I just celebrated 62nd years. I don't deserve any of the credit. I'm the only guy I know that prayed for amnesty. Ha! Just kidding. We eloped, got in my 57 Chevy and ran to North

Carolina. Got a physical exam at an old building where a very old doctor was, he looked at my ear checked my girlfriends (wife) heart three times, I wonder about him.

Receive the paper work and went to the preachers house. By the way we found out about the doctor while asking a waitress at a diner. My wives Father and Mother would not except us it would be years later I saw them and talked to them and the rest was history. He backed me up on several scarey ocasions. He died in my arms at age 90.

I am very sad that State Senater Dennis Baxley is retiring from office. You can see his good bye message in this paper. He has been a special friend to me for many years. The good news is he will be home in Ocala



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where he has business interest and his family. We all love and respect him! Dennis let's do some projects together?

I have to thank Nick Navetta for running ads with us and when he heard they were going to cut the interest rates he called and we talked about what could happen an gave us some idea's but made no recommendations just educated us on what the market could do! Thanks Nick, I am comfortable about our decisions thanks to you!

Another Thank You to Christine Calvert. She is our health insurance agent. I can count on her to fix the impossible. I recently received a bill for \$2500 from a dermatology company (no names). I scanned it on my computer and sent it to Christine. Short time later she emailed me back and said it looks like they did not put a authorization number on it. I called them ask for book keeping and said in a loud voice...(YOU DID NOT PUT AN AUTHORIZATIO NUMBER ON THE BILL TO THE INSURANCE COMPANY!). There was silence on the other end then the person came on the phone and said oh my gosh your right I'm very sorry, you don't owe us anything.

WOW what an agent! She is worth her weight in gold. THANK YOU Christine. You can see her ad in this paper.

Wish I could thank Kamala & Tim the clown, my analogy is her laughing is Cackling and when you go by the hen house you always know when a hen lay an egg. There is a lot of Cackling. She has laid a lot of political eggs, not the kind thats going feed the people. Read the story on page one.

Trumps bad and good fortune. Some say the Lord is looking out for him, but it is hard to recognize the bad people. The latest attempt was close. There should have been several agents with canines on both sides of the shrubs checking it prior to the event. I guess the shrubs are for privacy, but not protection. Canines have a unique ability to smell, hear and see at night and during the day. I use to hunt with dogs, they told me when a wild hog was close and chose to bark

at them, then it was between me and the hog. Walking into the palmettos waist high made me nervous. I don't hunt any more but it was fun when I was younger. I have some great stories to remember.

I just heard a story about a Judge being killed in his courtroom. He was shot multiple times. The story is being told as we speak. Watch the news for the information. You also need to vote for someone that could clean up this mess that Biden and Kamala has gotten us into.

What a move by the Prime minister: Benjamin Netanyahu! Pagers? Who would think of that idea. Many terrorist died or were maned. On phase one and phase two with the walkie talkies blowing up the next day was successful. Now they know who went to the hospital for treatment. Wow!

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According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), people six months and older, with rare exception, should get the updated annual flu vaccine, ideally by the end of October. The CDC also recommends that everyone ages six months

and older should get the updated 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccine, unless otherwise noted, to help restore and enhance protection against the currently circulating virus variants.

It's especially important to protect certain populations. This includes those at increased risk of complications from severe flu or COVID-19 illness, such as adults 65 and older, people with certain immunocompromising or chronic medical conditions, infants, children younger than two and pregnant women.

Myth #1: You should wait until flu season peaks to get vaccinated.

According to the CDC, the timing of flu season is difficult to predict and can vary in different parts of the country and from season to season. It's important to get vaccinated before flu season peaks or outbreaks occur in your area since it takes about two weeks for your body to build up protection after getting vaccinated.

Myth #2: You can't receive other vaccinations with the flu shot.

The CDC says patients can get a COVID-

19 vaccine at the same time as the flu vaccine and other eligible vaccines. At CVS Pharmacy, patients can schedule multiple vaccinations in one appointment.

Myth #3: You don't need updated vaccinations for the flu.

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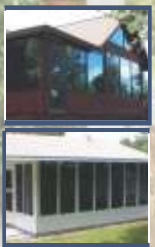
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Nick Navetta

Most people in Marion County already know Nick as a financial advisor. I found his background very interesting. He agreed to a bio on what he is doing today and a little about his military career. Here is what we came up with. Colonel Nick Navetta served thirty years in the U.S. Army, with his last duty position as the J7 Training Division Chief for U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM). A Veteran of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm; Operation Joint Forge in Bosnia; Operation Iraqi Freedom; and Operation Enduring Freedom. His awards include The Army Achievement and Army Commendation Medals; The Meritorious Service Medal; The Bronze Star Medal; and The Legion of Merit Medal. Colonel Navetta was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant upon completing four years of ROTC at The University of Florida. He commanded an 8-Inch , Self-Propelled Howitzer Battery (nuclear capable); a Field Artillery Service Battery; and a Combat Military Police Battalion (with 859 Soldiers assigned) in Kuwait/Iraq. He served as Airfield Commander for Wright Army Airfield in Georgia; J5 Plans Officer at U.S. Southern

Command in Miami; Liaison Officer to the Serbian Army for the NATO Joint Military Commission in Bosnia; Deputy Provost Marshal for the Theater Support Command in Kuwait/Iraq (with over 20,000 Troops assigned); Civil Affairs Government Team Chief, U.S. Army Special Operations Command in Pensacola; and Senior Liaison Officer for Multinational Corps-Iraq in Baghdad. . On a local level, Nick presently serves as Vice President of the Military Officers Association of America local chapter and is the former Vice Chairman of Marion Military Academy --- the only Charter High School in Marion County over a 12-year period. He is an active member and supporter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, the Veterans Council, and the Friends of Marion County veterans Park Foundation. He works closely with all Junior ROTC units at Marion County High Schools, acts as a Military Liaison to West Point Military Academy, and assists local recruiters in increasing their ranks. Nick and his wife, Diana, have called Ocala / Dunnellon area their home since 1974. All of their children went on to successful careers after graduating from universities and they have blessed their parents with four Grand babies, so far. Nick serves on a variety of local Boards here in Marion County and looks forward to giving back to the Community. Nick Navetta, Financial Advisor (352) 629-2165 PUBLISHERS NOTE: Thank you for your service!



Christine Calvert

Christine is the Medicare Insurance Agent. Christine has had more than 20 years in the Medicare insurance arena, with focus in the Medicare Supplement and Medicare Advantage spaces. She comes from a medical background of ten years, so she brings a unique knowledge base to her career as an insurance agent. Christine has built her client base with a one on one approach and makes recommendations based on the needs and goals of her clients. She has

operated mainly in the Central Florida area, but does have a client presence statewide. Christine has a home office in Central Ocala and operates out of a satellite office outside On Top of the World, with golf cart access and another office near the Brownwood Community in Wildwood. Since Christine has been a broker for her entire career, she can offer plans based on her client's needs. Christine's client loyalty is a testament to her dedication to her clients and the service she provides. She offers an annual review of her client's policy and reviews any changes as well as any new plans available. She has developed a wealth of knowledge over the years and loves her job. You can reach Christine at Cell – 352-572-8510.



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Eddie Levine

Eddie is from New Orleans and received his Undergraduate and Graduate Degrees (BS and M B A) from Louisiana State University (LSU in Baton Rouge, LA.).
Eddie has been an Independent Insurance Agent for 50 years, continuing his education with the CLU Designation for 47 years (Chartered Life Underwriter), the ChFC Designation for 46 years (Chartered Financial Counselor), and through Membership in the Million Dollar Round Table (47 Year Lifetime Member and Member of MDRT's Quarter of a Century Club). Eddie is also a long standing member for 47 years of the Society of Financial Service Professionals (FSP).
In addition to the above many

Professional Organizations, Eddie is a member of the Ocala Chamber CEP, The Ocala Business Leaders, member of the Select Business Leaders.
Eddie is an avid tennis player, bike rider, fishing enthusiast, and is a Black Belt in the Martial Art of Shorinjikempo (a form of Karate which is very similar to Chinese Kung Fu).
Eddie is married to Sandy (56 years), and they have two grown children, Rosemarie and Buster Levin . They also have two Grandchildren.
Eddie and Sandy enjoy their lives spending most of their time in two areas including Inverness, and West Jefferson, North Carolina. In Inverness, they reside downtown in a historic cottage. They enjoy the exceptional Southern Hospitality of the quaint town and the amenities such as the beautiful Withlacoochee Bike Trail.



Connie Ann Pendleton

Connie Ann Pendleton has over 30 years of experience helping people buy and sell businesses. She began selling businesses in her hometown of Key West, Florida. She has owned various businesses and has been on both sides of the transactions. Connie understands the challenges and emotions that are common with buying and selling a business. She offers consultation, exit-strategies and business evaluations, to determine the Fair Market Value of a business.

Connie and her family moved to Ocala in 2003 from Denver, Colorado where she was a sales trainer and co-owner of an advertising agency that successfully sold. Connie has won many awards for top sales and listings. Since 2011, she has annually been part of the Million Dollar Recognition status of Florida business brokers. She is one of the Top Fifty Sales agents in Florida and has served on many boards. She is a state officer for Business Brokers of Florida, an ambassador for the CEP, member of Ocala Business Leaders, a participant of SBA. In addition to her career, Connie is a member of Ocala Christian Church and Bible Study Fellowship. As a “seasoned” broker, she is considered one of the most sought-after business brokers in Florida.

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Elaine Maiearo

Elaine, an office worker, and her husband Ron, a school administrator, moved to Florida in 1996 and started a trucking business. and then, after selling the trucking business, Ron became President and Elaine became Secretary of the FFTEA for 3 years. The mission of the FAIRtax is to change the way the government is funded by enacting HR 25, the FAIRtax Act. A system based on consumption rather than income. Although Ron has since passed, Elaine is still working toward that goal by educating citizens and politicians of the benefits of the FAIRtax over the current system. The FAIRtax totally REPLACES the income tax. It eliminates personal income taxes, corporate taxes, federal payroll taxes, inheritance taxes... ALL taxes based on income with the bonus of abolishing the IRS. The government is funded by tax on what you consume so YOU control how much you pay in taxes by how you choose to spend your money. For more information go to FAIRtax.org.

While driving, they became interested in the FAIRtax after listening to Neil Boortz radio program and reading "The FAIRtax Book" by Boortz & Linder. They started volunteering by attending events and eventually presenting workshops on the FAIRtax and joined the Florida FAIRtax Education Association (501c(3)). They were elevated to Marion County Coordinators, then District Coordinators



Grace Vazul

Grace Vazul is the owner of Vazul Hair Artistry located in the heart of Ocala, on highway 200. Born in Roanoke, VA however she does travel state and nation wide to provide services for weddings and other special events. She specializes in Hair and Makeup for weddings, proms, homecomings and more! When not at the salon or on the road traveling, Grace can be found with her boyfriend and family at Universal Studios, Disney or SeaWorld.

Vazul Hair Artistry is a full service salon and spa with services ranging from hair, manicures, pedicures, facials and massages. To schedule your appointment today or to inquire about services you can visit our website, email or call/text us!

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Grace currently resides in Marion County and services the Ocala area,



Tom Loury

I have been in the Newspaper business most of my life. I delivered Ft Lauderdale news from age 9 until 14. From 18 to 21 I work at a small town paper pushed the go button on a 70' long press and it started to roll it was a treat to me. Like starting a locomotive. I retire from there from there after 13 years the second time, to much Corporate politics so I had 18 years in that company and retirement.

Moved to Dunnellon Florida over fifty four years ago, went to work for the Citrus County Chronicle. My wife work in banking, I work at Newspaper's, we both work full time until children, She had our first son at forty then another at forty four. I worked five years at the Chronicle, my job not moving up fast enough so went on my own started and running a print shop. After a couple of years, one day the owner of the Chronicle came to my shop and bought me out if I would go back to work for him. I did! They paid a handsome sum. I did not know it at the time but once I agreed he bought a very large web press, the price was 7 digits. He wanted me to run it and train others to run the press, I was his plant manager, prepress and press. There was something about when you

During all the above I was a part time consultant for newspaper chains to help them with their production side and and bringing down there waste figures. One company I was hired by had

\$10,000 per week in newsprint waste. They were running 18 weekly newspapers on a normal week on one press. In one week I brought that down to \$3,000 which was good for that shop. Another project I had was to figure out another Company Florida was losing money. The was management theft going on and I exposed it. They were back into the profit mode in no time.

My wife and I live on our farm, I bought twenty acres then bought twenty more, built a house, then bought two more acreage parcels. My wife and I raised two sons on that land and now they have businesses they started are running themselves. My wife and I are both up in years, we have been here 54 years and we are staying on the farm for ever. Our oldest son and his family live right next to us and is part owner operator in charge of the farm.

What I'm doing today as a newspaper publisher I like very much. It can get very exciting now and then when my political view's get expressed in print. tomlpublishing.com



Ron Hipner

Bio: Ron Hipner 2024

Business: Enagic USA: Celebrating 50 yrs in Business! - Enagic.com

Value Proposition: I offer premium upgrades for water lovers.

What my friends think I do: Network 24/7

What I actually do is Strategically Build My Personal Brand.

Official Bio: Born 1965 in Garden City Michigan to a Military family.

We were stationed to California in 1970 and I grew up in beautiful San Diego.

I briefly Attended Southwestern College 1984-85

Became a State Lic. Contractor in 1990, Recognized as an Industry Leader Specializing in Floor and Wall

Installations for Clean Rooms, Medical, Pharmaceutical and Manufacturing Facilities.

Became a Real Estate investor 1997 – current.

Certified as a Master Captain and launched a Charter fishing Service: West Florida Sportfishing 2004-20012

Owner Operator of a small IT services company from 2008-2010

Primary Business: Direct Sales

Professional and Global Trainer for Enagic USA 2011 to present.

2 time graduate of Rapport Mastery training under Joe Pici of Pici & Pici. 2016,2017.

Ocala CEP Partner Relations Associate 2023-Present

Guest Speaker for DR. Philip Geist; BYOB hosted by SBDC: Professional Networking

Guest Business Networking Trainer for the Kauffman Foundation sponsored FastTrac program with the Ocala CEP 2022-2024

Where am I From: San Diego, California.

Background: Business / Contractor / Investor/ Professional Networking

Fun Facts or Hobbies: Avid Fisherman, Outdoors Enthusiast, I Play Guitar and enjoy Snowboarding.

Currently Learning Aquaponics and improving my skills at growing food. I have some electronics circuitry design and Computer Skills both inspired by wanting to know how things work. Yes I was that kid that took things apart...

Favorite Quote: "THE RICHEST PEOPLE IN THE WORLD

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1. That we are being irresponsible by not saving enough money for retirement while they continue to discourage us by taxing our savings and investment incomes.

2. That if we need more money we should simply work harder while they continue to prop up a tax system that

discourages hard work by "rewarding" that harder work with higher taxes.

3. That they are working to help American businesses and save American jobs while they refuse to replace a tax system that favors imports and sends our jobs overseas.

4. That the federal deficit and federal debt are nothing to worry about even though they lead to inflation that robs working people of their purchasing power.

All these problems can be eliminated by replacing our failed income tax system with the simple, transparent and efficient FAIRtax. The FAIRtax: Does not tax saving or investments Rewards hard work since there are no payroll taxes Keeps jobs at home and offers many more employment opportunities.

We, the people, the workers, control how much we pay in taxes under the FAIRtax through our spending habits. WE are in control, not a few DC elites. For more information please go to FAIRtax.org

I hope everyone enjoyed their recent Labor Day festivities. Labor Day became a national holiday when Congress passed the bill, and President Grover Cleveland signed it into law, in 1894.

Traditionally, Labor Day is celebrated with parades, picnics, barbecues, speeches and other public gatherings. Over time, it has also come to mark the unofficial end of summer with many people taking advantage of the long weekend for vacations and family get-togethers. Unless you were born with a huge trust fund and don't need to "labor", we are all laborers.

We work to get the money we need to provide for ourselves and our families. Unfortunately, the elites and their minions in DC are not working with us but working against us in that endeavor. They are working feverishly to prop up a failed income/payroll tax system that harms all working people while at the same time giving them control over our lives.

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The HSMC is here for you and the animals who depend on us. We wanted to share that we will continue to be here to help unwanted pets during this pandemic while following all Marion County and Florida state guidelines.

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 Xolaitzcuinli, 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.

Your donations make it possible to provide medical care, food and shelter to animals in need. On behalf of all the animals, thank you for caring.



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FROM THE DESK OF ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY



Attorney General Moody Urges Floridians to be Ready to Weather Any Storm During National Preparedness Month

In recognition of National Preparedness Month and with storms brewing in the Atlantic Ocean, Attorney General Ashley Moody is encouraging all Floridians to take proactive steps to be ready for potential storm strikes. September is also the peak of hurricane season, and it is important that Floridians review emergency plans, gather essential supplies and stay informed about possible threats.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "It is National Preparedness Month, and we are in the peak of hurricane season. With multiple tropical disturbances currently being tracked in the Atlantic, it is crucial for every Floridian to assess emergency plans, update disaster kits and remain alert."

Attorney General Moody is issuing the following tips during National Preparedness Month:

Create an Emergency Plan: Develop a family communication plan and decide on a safe meeting place. Ensure everyone knows what to do in case of an emergency;

Build a Disaster Supply Kit: Include essentials such as water, non-perishable food, medications, flashlights, charged batteries and important documents;

Stay Informed: Monitor local news and weather updates. Follow the Florida Division of Emergency Management's X

account, @FLSERT, for live updates on weather emergencies;

Prepare Homes and Businesses: Secure outdoor items, review insurance policies and consider the installation of storm shutters or impact-resistant windows; and

Understand Evacuation Routes: Be familiar with local evacuation routes and shelters, and have local emergency numbers handy.

For additional tips and supply lists, check out Attorney General Moody's 2024 Hurricane Preparedness Guide here.

After a storm, recovery can be a grueling process that scammers may attempt to exploit. Attorney General Moody's Scams at a Glance: After the Storm resource has information to avoid falling victim.

During a declared state of emergency, Florida's price gouging law goes into effect. Price gouging is when essential commodities are sold during a state of emergency for an amount that grossly exceeds the average price for that commodity prior to the emergency event.

To report potential price gouging during a declared state of emergency, use the No Scam app, call 1(866) 9NO-SCAM or file a complaint online at MyFloridaLegal.com.

Attorney General Moody Calls on Congress to Protect Youth by Requiring Surgeon General Warning on Social Media Platforms

Attorney General Ashley Moody and 41 other attorneys general are calling on congressional leaders to pass legislation requiring a U.S. Surgeon General warning on all algorithm-driven social media

platforms. The letter comes amid growing scrutiny of social media companies for their role in causing generational harm to young people's mental health.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "Studies show that there is a link between youth's use of social media and psychological harm. We are fighting to protect our youth online by calling on Congress to pass legislation requiring a U.S. Surgeon General warning on these platforms. This warning would not only highlight the inherent risks that social media platforms presently pose for young people, but also complement other efforts to spur attention, research and investment into the oversight of social media platforms."

Attorney General Moody and the coalition cited growing bodies of research that link young people's use of algorithm-driven social media platforms to psychological harm, including depression, anxiety, and even suicidal thoughts in kids and teens. The attorneys general also note how platforms feature irresistible algorithmic recommendations, infinite scrolling, and a constant stream of notifications that are designed to keep kids relentlessly engaged on the platforms, even at the expense of taking breaks, engaging in other activities, or sleeping.

States have already taken historic action to hold platforms accountable for the harm caused to young people. Attorney General Moody took legal action against Meta in October 2023. Many states, including Florida, are also either investigating or actively suing TikTok in state court. Despite these efforts to address the harms caused by social media platforms, the attorneys general say the need for federal action is clear.

The attorneys general say more action is necessary because "social media platforms

have demonstrated an unwillingness to fix the problem on their own."

Attorney General Moody is joined by the attorneys general in the following states and territories in signing the letter: Alabama, American Samoa, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, U.S. Virgin Islands, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

Attorney General Moody is fighting to protect youth online.

In March, Attorney General Moody demanded Meta cease monetizing child exploitation and prohibit child-modeling accounts on Instagram.

In January, Attorney General Moody called on Congress to push social media outlets to protect kids.

In October 2023, Attorney General Moody took legal action against Meta alleging the company knowingly designed and deployed harmful features on Instagram and its other platforms that purposely addict children and teens.

Since then, Meta made minor changes to enhance youth protections, including a new "nightly nudges" setting that prompts users to put Instagram or Facebook away for the night. However, the setting is not compulsory, and Meta has yet to respond to Florida's allegations.

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Florida Ranks #1 in Education Freedom for Third Year in a Row

Today, the Heritage Foundation announced that Florida ranks #1 in Education Freedom for the third year in a row. This achievement is a direct result of Florida's priorities to expand school choice, support parental rights in education, and ensure that families can make the best educational choice for their individual child. The Education Freedom Report Card began in 2022, and Florida has earned the top ranking every year since its inception.

"Florida has enacted policies that allow parents to direct where education money goes," said Governor Ron DeSantis. "Our universal school choice program has empowered families, benefitted students, and improved educational opportunities. Florida leads on education freedom—and students and families are better off because of this leadership."

"I am proud that Florida has once again been recognized for our commitment to ensuring that students can access an education that works for them," said Commissioner of Education Manny Diaz, Jr. "Under Governor DeSantis' leadership, Florida offers the most robust array of education options in the nation. I encourage other states to follow our example and break the norm to create higher performing students and happier families."

The report card uses four categories: school choice, transparency, regulatory freedom, and spending to rank states. States

were evaluated on the access to scholarship programs, the design of private schools, and the environment for charter schools and homeschooling within the education choice category.

In addition to Florida's overall rank as #1 for Education Freedom, Florida also earned high rankings in the following categories:

#1 for Academic Transparency due to Florida's expansive legislation allowing parents to access classroom materials and Florida's Parental Bill of Rights.

#2 for Teacher Freedom due to Florida's alternative pathways to entering the teaching profession.

#2 for Education Choice due to Florida's empowerment of families to make the best educational choice for their individual child.

The full Education Freedom Report Card can be viewed on the Heritage Foundation website.

For more information about the Florida Department of Education, visit www.fldoe.org.

Governor Ron DeSantis Highlights Success of Florida Prepaid Program; Encourages Parents to Claim Available Refunds

ORLANDO, Fla.—Today, during National College Savings Month, Governor Ron DeSantis announces record refunds to parents through the Florida Prepaid program and encourages all Florida families to take advantage of an affordable prepaid college plan.

"Because of our focus on academic achievement and fiscal responsibility, Florida has both the number one ranked higher education system and the lowest tuition in the country," said Governor Ron

DeSantis. "Florida's flexible college savings options like the Florida Prepaid program allow parents to get a head start on paying for the future, and even get money back when tuition stays low. And because I have ensured tuition has not been raised in Florida since I've become Governor, we have another round of refunds available for parents now."

"Florida is setting an example for the rest of the nation for ensuring that students can access higher education without taking on high amounts of debt," said Florida Department of Education Commissioner Manny Diaz, Jr. "I am proud that Florida not only offers options like Florida Prepaid, but we are also returning money to parents because Governor DeSantis has kept tuition low."

"There is a national narrative that higher education is extremely costly and not worth it. As the number one state for higher education for eight years in a row, Florida universities are a great return on investment. Florida has held tuition and fees flat and continues to prioritize textbook affordability," said Ray Rodrigues, Chancellor of the State University System of Florida. "National College Savings Month provides an opportunity to highlight the affordability of our public institutions and the benefit Florida's Prepaid College Savings Programs offer to families."

In total, Florida has returned nearly \$1 billion to Florida families through Prepaid Florida refunds. Florida Prepaid is the largest and longest running prepaid program of its kind, with a 35-year track record of helping over 1.2 million Florida families save for college so they can graduate and enter the workforce without burdensome loan debts. The Florida Prepaid college saving program allows Florida families to lock in future tuition costs at today's prices. Because the program factors in what tuition

may cost in the future, parents receive a refund if tuition stays lower than what is predicted, often resulting in thousands of dollars back.

Since Governor DeSantis took office, Florida has secured two rollbacks on Florida Prepaid Plan rates, one in 2020 and another earlier this year. These rollbacks have resulted in hundreds of thousands of families paying less, with their prepaid plan rates being reduced by a cumulative amount of \$2.6 billion. In fact, more than 40,000 families still need to collect their 2024 refund, with over \$130 million in unclaimed refunds. To find out if you have an unclaimed refund, please login to your Florida Prepaid account.

DeSantis Makes First Award of \$100 Million in Grants

BRADENTON, Fla.—Today, Governor Ron DeSantis announced the award of \$18 million in funding to invest in Florida's supply chain and boost aggregate storage for critical infrastructure and asphalt and concrete production. These awards specifically are the first of \$100 million to be invested over five years. The first five recipients of these grants will create an additional 1.2 million tons of aggregate materials storage and enable more rail access to existing aggregate storage facilities. This material will support major projects under the Moving Florida Forward Initiative.

"A strong supply chain is key to Florida's economic strength. We can't rely on Washington—we need Florida-based solutions," said Governor Ron DeSantis. "These grants will help our state boost capacity and ensure vital materials reach projects on time."

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Rep. Kat Cammack, Sen. Rand Paul Introduce Regulations From The Executive In Need Of Scrutiny (REINS) Act Updates

Congresswoman Kat Cammack (R-FL-03) and Senator Rand Paul (R-KY) introduced their updates to the Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act to put power back in the people's hands instead of the administrative state.

The REINS Act would return legislative power to Congress, check federal overreach, and ensure Americans have the tools needed to defend their rights. The REINS Act requires Congress to approve major federal agency rules and rules with an impact of \$100M or more before they take effect.

The original REINS Act most recently passed the House of Representatives in June 2023. The bill stipulates that once major rules are drafted, they must then be affirmatively approved by both chambers of Congress and then signed by the President, satisfying the bicameralism and presentment requirements of the Constitution. Currently, regulations ultimately take effect unless Congress specifically disapproves.

The updated REINS Act includes the following changes:

New defense for individuals: Individuals can argue that the average person would not have known their actions violated federal law if the statute did not clearly state it

Right to sue: People can sue to stop the enforcement of a rule if an agency implements a rule without prior congressional approval

LIBERTY Act: Agency guidance with an economic impact of \$100M or more needs congressional approval just like major rules

Deregulatory actions exempted: Agencies do not need congressional approval to withdraw costly or burdensome rules

"Nameless, faceless, unelected bureaucrats in Washington have had too much power over the American people for far too long. The federal bureaucracy's rapid growth over the last several decades has resulted in serious damage to the livelihoods of millions of Americans with reckless rulemaking not approved by the body granted Article I authority," said Rep. Kat Cammack. "The REINS Act is a critical step toward 'reining' in this unchecked power and restoring the lawmaking authority to Congress instead of the executive branch. With SCOTUS' Loper Bright decision earlier this year, we've made solid progress in dismantling Chevron, and I'm encouraged for the future of REINS and what it will mean in stopping executive overreach. I thank Senator Paul for his partnership in the Senate and look forward to earning my colleagues' support for this legislation in the House."



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- Company name on tournament signage and a social media mention
- One hole sign
- One foursome

LUNCH BUFFET | \$2,500 (limit 1)

- Company logo on tournament signage and a social media mention
- Speak to attendees at lunch
- One hole sign
- One foursome

BEVERAGE CART | \$1,000 (limit 3)

- Company logo on tournament signage and a social media mention
- Ride the course
- Signage on a beverage cart
- One foursome

PRIZE MONEY | \$1,750 (limit 1)

- Company logo on tournament signage and a social media mention
- Present to winning teams (\$600, \$400, \$300, \$200)
- One foursome

OPD TEAM | \$550

- Sponsor an Ocala Police Department foursome
- Company name on tournament signage and a social media mention

LONGEST DRIVE | \$450 (limit 2)

- Set up on Longest Drive hole
- Present to the Longest Drive winner
- Mention on social media
- One hole sign
- Two players

CLOSEST TO PIN | \$450 (limit 2)

- Set up on Closest to Pin hole
- Present to the Closest to Pin winner
- Mention on social media
- One hole sign
- Two players

HOLE SPONSOR | \$100

- Mention on social media
- One hole sign

Mulligans will be sold for \$10 each – 2 max per player.

Putting Contest – \$20 per person (50/50 competition)

Door Prize Raffles – If you are interested in donating an item to the raffle, please contact the tournament coordinator at pwilson@sunshineac.com.

*Sponsorship commitments are required before August 31, 2024 to have your logo printed on tournament signage.

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