

William (Billy) Richard Berg



September 13, 1977 - August 31, 2024

William (Billy) Richard Berg of Eustis, FL passed away on August 31, 2024, at the age of 46. He was born on September 13, 1977, in Omaha, Nebraska and lived there until 1983 when his family moved to Longwood, Florida.

While attending Lake Mary High School, he enjoyed a 1993 summer experience in Europe with the German & Latin clubs. Billy

was also very involved in the Chorus program and went on a summer trip to England before graduating in 1996. Billy attended Florida Southern College (FSC) in Lakeland and was active with the Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity and Student Government. He was the Senior Speaker at his FSC graduation ceremony on December 16, 2000, and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Advertising Business.

Billy worked at Disney World during his college years. Upon graduating from FSC Billy started working for Walgreens and later managed a store just north of The Villages. When he left Walgreens, Billy wanted to remain in the area to stay connected with friends and the community. He began a new learning adventure working at Bill Bryan Chrysler (later to become Leesburg Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep) in various positions.

Billy was a servant leader. He was actively involved in Southeastern Guide Dogs (raised 2 puppies with one becoming a breeder); PartyLite consultant; Relay For Life; Georgefest in Eustis and the Lady Lake Chamber of Commerce where he was the Vice President. Billy's vision of the annual Lady Lake Mac 'n Cheese Festival was brought to life in 2022.

Billy's infectious smile, continuous humor and unconditional kindness will be missed.



Business to Business Expo

See pages 8 & 9 for more pictures. Photos by CKJ-13 Kay Johnson

Farmers and Crafts Market October 1st

Lady Lake Farmers and Crafts Market Celebrates Grand Re-opening Oct. 1

LADY LAKE — The Lady Lake Farmers and Crafts Market is excited to announce its grand re-opening this fall. The market will be held every Tuesday starting Oct. 1, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Rolling Acres Sports Complex, located at 250 Rolling Acres Road. The opening day will feature live music by legendary blues guitarist Bobby Blackmon, performing from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Over 50 vendors will be in attendance, offering a wide selection of fresh fruits and vegetables, cheeses, breads, local honey, arts, crafts, and more.

“The Lady Lake Farmers and Crafts Market is a special place where the community comes together to enjoy fresh, local products,” said Market Organizer Jackie Schilling. “We're thrilled to bring back this beloved event and look forward to welcoming both returning and new

vendors.”

The market is accessible by car, golf cart, bicycle, motorized scooter, and wheelchair, making it easy for everyone to enjoy. Last year, the market welcomed more than 11,000 shoppers. This year, the market will feature special monthly events and themed shopping experiences.

The Lady Lake Farmers and Crafts Market continues to seek vendors throughout the season, with a focus on high-quality, handmade products. Small businesses specializing in food, art, crafts, and unique handmade items are encouraged to apply. Interested vendors can complete the application form on the Town's website at www.ladylakefl.gov or email market@ladylake.org. The Town of Lady Lake also cautions vendors to beware of online scams. All payments should be made directly through official Town channels.

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.

National Coffee Day

The community is invited to celebrate National Coffee with a Cop Day

LADY LAKE - The Lady Lake Police Department, in partnership with McDonald's, will participate in Coffee with a Cop to celebrate National Coffee with a Cop Day on Wednesday, Oct. 2 from 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. The community is invited to join the department for a free hot or iced premium roast coffee at McDonald's, located at 452 U.S. Highway 27/441 in Lady Lake.

The public will have the opportunity to join Chief Steve Hunt and several officers for a casual chat with no agenda. The goal is to allow residents and police officers to get to know each other and discover mutual goals for the community in which they live in and serve.

The mission of Coffee with a Cop is to break down the barriers between police officers and residents. Coffee with a Cop is dedicated to encouraging communication and positive interactions between law enforcement agencies and the public. Coffee with a Cop Day is celebrated nationwide and is one of the most successful community-oriented policing programs in the country. McDonald's supports local law enforcement agencies and is committed to being a safe community center in local service areas.

To stay up to date with Town news and events, visit www.facebook.com/TownofLadyLake or www.ladylakefl.gov.

15-Year-Old Arrested

15-Year-Old Arrested For Firing Handgun Outside Restaurant

LADY LAKE - Lady Lake police officers were called to a fight in progress at 360 S. U.S. Highway 27/441 (Fresh Jalapeno Restaurant) on Saturday, Sept. 14 at approximately 11 p.m. While en route, dispatch advised officers that shots had been fired in the parking lot.

As officers arrived, a silver SUV sped out of the parking lot. The driver, a 15-year-old, was suspected of firing the handgun. Officers pursued the suspect vehicle out of the parking lot as it headed south on U.S. Highway 27/441, where Fruitland Park officers assisted by deploying a tire deflation device, ultimately bringing the pursuit to an end, and apprehending the suspect.

While investigating the incident, Lady Lake police officers recovered several spent shell casings in the parking lot of the restaurant and located the firearm along the roadside near the area where the pursuit started.

No injuries or property damage were reported. Witnesses indicated the incident began as an argument between two groups inside the restaurant, then moved out to the parking lot where the suspect fired at least four rounds in the air above the fighting parties.

The juvenile was taken to Lake County Jail and was held until his court appearance,

where he was charged with four counts of discharge of a firearm in public, aggravated battery (due to striking someone while exiting the parking lot), two counts of fleeing and eluding a law enforcement officer and operating a motor vehicle without a license.

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 Alliance 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 digital monthly newspapers and endorse you and Trump every month.

I can't afford to send money but I will endorse you and Trump.

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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

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Thank you friends for the privilege of serving in the Senate these past eight years.

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most of our country.

As I leave the Senate, I give thanks.

As we head to elections, please prepare

and VOTE! So few exercise their freedom. AND a FEW people can make a BIG difference!!

Onward and upward,

Senator Dennis Baxley
Senate District 13



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.

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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.

Trump News

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I've been indicted by the Weaponized Harris Regime AGAIN. ELECTION INTERFERENCE!

Keep your filthy hands off me. I already beat the impeachments and sham witch hunts!

Now, they're after me again with another HOAX. BUT I WILL NEVER SURRENDER!

Illegally appointed "Special Counsel" Deranged Jack Smith is just trying to distract the American People from the catastrophes Kamala Harris has inflicted on our Nation: like the Border Invasion, Migrant Crime, Rampant Inflation, and the threat of World War III!

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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

to the preachers house. By the way we found out about the doctor while asking a waitress at a diner. My wifes 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.

Carolina. Got a phisical exam at an old building where a very old docter was, he looked at my ear checked my girlfriends (wife) heart three times, I wonder about him. Receive the paper work and went

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 where he has

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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 AUTHIRIZATIO 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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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.

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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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1. That we are being irresponsible by not

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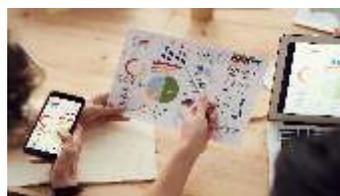
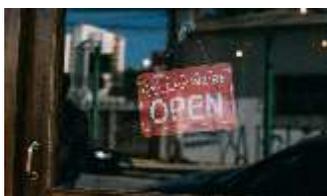
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Lady Lake Chamber Business Luncheon

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Why Join The Lady Lake Area Chamber?

- **Networking Opportunities**- Connect with business professionals
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Contact us today to be added to our email list and stay connected to local businesses & events!





Oct 8
Macramé with
Melanie
2:00 PM - 4:00
PM Umatilla
Public Library in

Umatilla
Watch artist Melody Louis demonstrate the art of macramé and learn to do it for yourself. Limited seating. Pre-register.

Oct 9
Water Wednesday
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Hickory Point in Tavares
Any new registrations will put on a waiting list - Learn about the difference between a turtle and a tortoise and their habitats.

Oct 9
Farm to Table - Okra Beyond Fried. How do I cook it?
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Great Scott Farms in Mount Dora
A recipe demo and sampling is included.

Oct 10
Trivia Night at First Presbyterian-Benefits Homeless
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM First Presbyterian Church Mount Dora in Mount Dora
Bring your friends to form a team or join a team for a fun filled night of TRIVIA. Tickets are \$15 and include Pizza, brownie and a drink.

Oct 11
Living With Florida Black Bears
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Pine Meadows Conservation Area in Eustis
Lake County is bear country! Come learn your part in how to better coexist and reduce

potential conflict between humans and bears.

Oct 11
Umatilla Literary Society
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Umatilla Public Library in Umatilla 10/1111/812/6
In Literary Society book lovers get together and discuss whatever they are reading.

Oct 11
Discover Leesburg
5:00 PM - 9:00 PM Towne Square, Downtown Leesburg in Leesburg 10/1111/812/13
Discover Leesburg: Join us every 2nd Friday evening of the month on Towne Square in Downtown Leesburg for an unforgettable experience.

Oct 12
Plants and People
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM PEAR Park Wildlife Conservation Area in Leesburg
Native plant species are important resources for wildlife and people. Learn their many roles while hiking with a staff naturalist.

Oct 12
GFWC Woman's Club of Leesburg Quarter Auction
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Social Hall at Legacy of Leesburg in Leesburg
Help our club raise funds for Cornerstone Hospice and Forward Paths, helping young adults aging out of foster care!

Oct 12
Welcome Home Clean Comedy Show
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM Hideaway Performing Arts Theater in Eustis
Get ready for a night of unstoppable laughter at the House of Laughter & Hideaway Performing Arts Theater!

Oct 12
Florida Military Collector Show
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Renninger's Antique Center in Mount Dora
The Florida Military Collector show is a one day event on Saturday. Is one of the largest all military collectible shows in the South East

Oct 13
Bugs and Bunnies
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Ferndale Preserve in Montverde
Explore the reserve with a staff naturalist while learning about the site residents.

Oct 14
Scary Plants (UF/IFAS Master Gardener)
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Umatilla Public Library in Umatilla
Carnivorous plants are plants that derive some or most of their nutrients from trapping and consuming animals or protozoans, typically insects and other...

Oct 14
Clermont Tinnitus Support Group
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Citrus Hearing Clinic in Clermont 10/1411/11
Being part of a group where others understand your struggles can provide a sense of relief & reduce feelings of isolation.

Oct 15
Blue Creek Run Paddling Adventure
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Lake George Boat Ramp in Astor
Paddlers will explore the shoreline of Lake George, Florida's 2nd largest lake and a tributary of the St. Johns River, Blue Creek.

Oct 16
Reading with a Naturalist
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Hickory Point in Tavares
Come join the Naturalist for a reading of "A Turtle's Dangerous Journey". Learn more about turtles and create your own turtle puppet plate. Ages: Pre K...

Oct 16
Kids LEGOS
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Umatilla Public Library in Umatilla
Play Legos. KG-5th Grade.

Oct 16
Shimmering Lanterns of Hope
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM UF Health Leesburg Hospital in Leesburg
Join us in our 1st annual Shimmering Lanterns of Hope community event focused on breast health, survivorship and HOPE.

Oct 19
Quarterly Bird & Butterfly Survey
7:30 AM - 11:00 AM Ellis Acres Reserve in Paisley
Assist Park Staff with surveying the birds and butterflies that inhabit Lake County's conservation lands.

Oct 19
Golden Keys Foundation FREE Fall Festival of Hope
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Mystical Winds Gathering Place in Clermont
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Lady Lake Business to Business Expo

The 9th Annual Business to Business Expo hosted by the Lady Lake Area Chamber of Commerce provided an exciting format for members to promote their business. James Floyd of WQBQ 1410 AM emceed the event and kept the energy high as each participant spent time on stage presenting their information to other business members in the room. The event was sponsored by Water Oak and Spherion Staffing. Photos by CKJ-13 Kay Johnson



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Lady Lake Business to Business Expo

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Youth



OCTOBER



Lady Lake Library

Town of Lady Lake's Spooky Park's Haunted Trail
located at Snooky Park
October 19 at 6-9 p.m.
Not So Scary Boo Bash featuring a
FOAM party, music, food, and family friendly
activities located at Guava Street Athletic Complex
October 26 at 6-9 p.m.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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 14	15	16 Authors Round Table @ 2-4pm SHINE 2-4pm	17	18 Crochet and Knitting Hangout @ 3-4:30pm
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Help Protect Yourself from the Flu



It's Time to Help Protect Yourself from the Flu and COVID-19

While there's no distinct COVID-19 season like there is for the flu, it's been shown that COVID-19 can peak during the winter months. To help fight respiratory illnesses, it's recommended you get a flu vaccination, as well as the updated COVID-19 vaccine.

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.

“Preventive vaccinations are the best way to protect yourself and your family from seasonal illnesses,” said Dr. Sree Chaguturu, executive vice president and chief medical officer at CVS Health. “Access to preventive vaccinations is critical to keeping communities healthy.”

According to Dr. Chaguturu, it's helpful to understand the science behind vaccines so people feel informed and safe getting vaccinated.

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.

Getting the flu shot every year is essential because the body's protection from the vaccine declines over time. Also, flu viruses vary yearly, so receiving the latest vaccine formulation provides optimal protection.

Flu shot appointments (for up to four

people in one appointment) can be scheduled at CVS Pharmacy or MinuteClinic by visiting [CVS.com](https://www.cvs.com) or the CVS Pharmacy app.

You can visit [CVS.com](https://www.cvs.com) to learn more about vaccinations or schedule an appointment.

Save Yourself From Spam and Scams



(NAPSI)—When your phone rings—don't answer it. At least, not unless you've a good idea of who's calling. After all, your phone is like your house. You deserve to know whom to let in.

Especially now. September, Hispanic Heritage Month, and all through the year, Latinos and others can be subject to calls from criminals looking to take your money and confuse your vote.

The Problem

Studies suggest the Hispanic community is disproportionately targeted with misinformation, particularly through phone scams and fraudulent communications. So it's more important than ever to empower Latino communities with the tools they need to protect themselves and their voices,

especially during Hispanic Heritage Month. Celebrated every September, this celebration of Hispanic culture, achievements, and contributions, is also a good time to reflect on the challenges that lie ahead, particularly as America moves into a critical election period.

The Numbers

According to the latest Truecaller/Harris Poll Scam Report for 2024, Hispanics are twice as likely as non-Hispanics to lose money to phone scams, with 30% of Hispanics reporting financial losses compared to 15% of non-Hispanics. Additionally, Hispanics experience mobile phone scams at a rate more than double that of non-Hispanics (23% vs. 11%), indicating a targeted approach by scammers.

Misinformation during election cycles often comes in the form of robocalls and text messages that spread false narratives or provide misleading voting information. The report shows that Hispanics are three times more likely than non-Hispanics to lose money to scams originating from robocalls (16% vs. 5%). This highlights the urgent need for tools that can protect this community from both financial scams and the spread of election-related disinformation.

Different Scams For Different People

Political sensitivities within Hispanic communities also vary significantly based on country of origin, making people particularly vulnerable to targeted misinformation. For example:

Mexican Americans: Often targeted with misinformation around immigration policies and healthcare access.

Puerto Ricans: Susceptible to disinformation related to statehood debates, disaster recovery efforts, and

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FROM THE DESK OF CONGRESSWOMAN KAT CAMMACK



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."

"The whims of an unaccountable administrative state should never rule our lives. For too long, an ever-growing federal bureaucracy has piled regulations and red tape on the backs of the American people without any approval by Americans' elected representatives. The recent Supreme Court decision to dismantle Chevron deference stripped away some of the power it wrongly gave to unelected bureaucrats years ago, but there's still work to do. By making Congress more accountable for the most costly and intrusive federal rules, our REINS Act would give Kentuckians and all Americans a greater voice in determining whether these major rules are truly in America's best interests," said Dr. Paul.

"Four years of unprecedented executive

branch spending and a record-setting stream of new rules from unelected bureaucrats in Washington have caused the price of everything to go up at the same time the value of every dollar has gone down. American families are left paying more for less in a broken economy that was roaring just a few short years ago. The REINS Act would empower Congress to free working families from the suffocating weight of the Biden-Harris bureaucracy and cure the cost-of-living crisis dimming the American Dream. The REINS Act cuts to the core of the fundamental question facing our nation at this critical moment in history: Do we want our future determined by unelected bureaucrats in Washington, D.C., or the elected representatives closest to the people?," added Tarren Bragdon, President and CEO of the Foundation for Government Accountability (FGA).

and feelings from that day with future generations.

On Thursday, we recognized our policewomen as part of National Police Woman Day. Thank you to the women who put on their uniforms every day and protect our communities. I am so appreciative for all that you do.

Finally, I joined Harris Faulkner on Fox News to talk about the migrant crisis taking over communities across the country. We discussed this issue and the importance of the SAVE Act, a bill passed by the House to ensure American elections are for American citizens only. Scroll down to watch our conversation!

The House returns next week for another full week in session. Stay tuned for more action from our nation's capital.

With all that's happening this Congress, it is my greatest honor to represent you and hear from you about the issues that matter most. You can read below about what we've been up to this week, and as always, you can stay up to date with us here, on our website, and on X, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.

Honoring Americans Lost In 9/11 & Congress' Return To Session

Congress was back in session this week! After six weeks of August recess back home in the district, the House returned to session with a busy schedule.

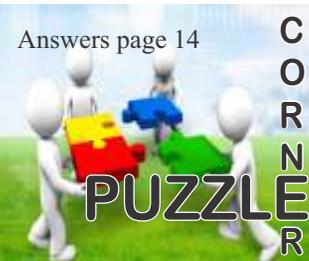
I spent most of my days running from one committee hearing to another where I had the opportunity to advocate for the issues that matter most to our region in North Central Florida. I tackled issues including fairness for our citrus and dairy farmers, rural broadband accessibility, and patients with disabilities in need of organ transplants. Read below to find out more and watch the subcommittee hearing clips.

On Wednesday, we joined our neighbors across the country as we remembered and honored the Americans we lost on September 11, 2001. At the Capitol, I visited the Memorial to United Flight 93 just off the Capitol Rotunda to pay my respects. I also had the privilege of helping Young America's Foundation place flags on the Capitol Grounds as part of their 9/11 Never Forget Project. As we get farther away from this fateful day with each passing year, I pray that we continue to share the stories, memories,

Bringing our community together...

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Across

- 1. Tied bundle
- 5. Fleet
- 10. Horse follower
- 14. State
- 15. Suppose
- 16. Popular snack since 1912
- 17. Bud container
- 19. Tool part that's sometimes hemispherical
- 20. Typo, e.g.
- 21. Japanese menu item
- 23. Chic
- 26. Alaska, once: Abbr.
- 27. Autumn stones
- 29. Mac
- 33. 30-Down part
- 37. Afflict
- 38. Newsman Charles
- 39. Spread at the market
- 40. It can precede the start of 17- and 63-Across and 10- and 36-Down

- 42. Pueblo Indian
- 43. Some like it hot
- 45. Welcome site
- 46. Hemlock, for one
- 47. Sound asleep?
- 48. Connoisseur
- 50. Pulitzer-winning humorist Barry
- 52. Gets going
- 57. Cause of honking, perhaps
- 61. Mosul native
- 62. Bossa __
- 63. Popular color in Los Angeles
- 66. Genesis brother
- 67. Use a prie-dieu
- 68. Tel __
- 69. "The other white meat"
- 70. Cecil B.'s niece
- 71. "Uh-uh"

Down

- 1. Toyland denizens
- 2. Thwart
- 3. Skeptical
- 4. "The Fog of War" producer Morris
- 5. Aussie hopper
- 6. Suitable
- 7. Big East team
- 8. Coastal features
- 9. Caterpillar rival
- 10. Protect, in a way
- 11. Geometry measure

- 12. Smell bad
- 13. Singer Braxton
- 18. Pizazz
- 22. Exasperates
- 24. One in a black suit
- 25. "Good Morning Starshine" musical
- 28. Wool source
- 30. Way out
- 31. Figure (out), in slang
- 32. Garfield housemate
- 33. Writes
- 34. Newsman Colmes
- 35. It may begin with "FYI"
- 36. Monopoly's priciest property
- 38. Furry swimmer
- 41. Kind of bean
- 44. "...one giant __ for mankind"
- 48. Laos border river
- 49. Film genre
- 51. Part of a screwdriver
- 53. Citified
- 54. Artillery burst
- 55. Supply
- 56. It's full of holes
- 57. Speak sharply
- 58. "Me and You and A Dog Named Boo" artist
- 59. "Awaiting your reply"
- 60. First place
- 64. Word of surprise
- 65. High lin

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FROM THE DESK OF

ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY


Tallahassee Woman Arrested for Defrauding Medicaid Program

Attorney General Ashley Moody today announced the arrest of Mary

Elizabeth Graham, for defrauding the Florida Medicaid program. The Leon County Sheriff's Office arrested Graham following an investigation by Attorney General Moody's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit.

The MFCU investigation revealed that Graham, while working for Panhandle Therapy Center, LLC., fraudulently caused Medicaid to be billed for services not provided.

Graham is charged with one count of Medicaid provider fraud \$10,000 or less, a third-degree felony.

The case will be prosecuted by the State Attorney's Office for the Second Judicial Circuit of Florida through a special designation of Wes Paxson III, an MFCU attorney.

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.

Last year, Attorney General Moody, along with 46 other attorneys general, opened a multistate investigation into whether TikTok's business practices violated consumer protection laws. The investigation seeks to determine whether the company engaged in conduct that harmed the mental health of TikTok users, particularly children and teens.

In March 2022, Attorney General Moody and a bipartisan coalition of 43 attorneys general demanded TikTok and Snapchat give parents the ability to monitor a child's social media usage to protect children from online threats using parental-control applications and features.

Spam and Scams

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federal aid.

Cuban Americans: Frequently exposed to political messaging around U.S.-Cuba relations, socialism, and foreign policy.

Central American and South American immigrants: Targeted with misinformation around asylum policies, refugee status, and crime rates.

An Answer

Fortunately, the world's leading spam-blocking app is well-positioned to address this issue. With its advanced spam detection and caller identification features, Truecaller can help shield the Hispanic community from these targeted attacks. The app's ability to block robocalls and identify fraudulent numbers can prevent misinformation from reaching vulnerable voters across different Hispanic subgroups.

In July alone the app saved Californians 5 million hours, Floridians 5.8 million hours and Texans a staggering 9.5 million hours from spam and scam calls. With each call averaging between three and four minutes, this time saved is crucial as the country prepares for the upcoming election season, where protecting residents from misleading information is more important than ever.

It's a simple, free app for a simple way to communicate. You can use the settings to

cater your communication experience how you want it and the app will identify the names of incoming calls or SMS without you having to do anything. You can not only identify who is calling you or block spam calls, you get a detailed call log with unknown numbers identified.

Learn More for Less



(NAPSI)—Here's good news for students and their parents: Whether in college or grade school, you can save money on Internet essentials and installation fees.

While free Internet access is available on most campuses and in dorms, for the best Internet connection to power your studies off campus, you'll need a home Internet connection you can rely on.

Fortunately, many broadband providers offer budget-friendly packages and university discounts with such perks as high-speed Internet for online classes, affordable TV bundles for downtime, and special mobile phone plans with unlimited data and discounts.

What You Can Get

Providers all over the country have student offers ranging from Internet discounts to streaming bundles. Plus, you may qualify for programs from the FCC that can save you even more. Learn more about these offers, as well as other tips and resources for students at www.smartmove.us/back-to-school-Internet.

You'll also find tips like the below for optimizing digital ecosystems at home to enhance productivity and connectivity for students of all ages.

Here's How

Optimize Network Settings:

Prioritize devices that require higher bandwidth, such as laptops for video conferencing or online learning platforms. Limit the bandwidth for non-critical devices

Upgrade Your Internet Plan: A higher-speed Internet plan may handle multiple users and bandwidth-intensive tasks simultaneously.

Use Wired Connections: For devices that require a stable connection, such as desktop computers or gaming consoles, use Ethernet cables instead of WiFi to reduce strain on your network.

Schedule High-Bandwidth Activities: Coordinate with family members to schedule high-bandwidth activities (large file downloads and streaming, say) during off-peak hours.

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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.

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Celebrate Blue Star Welcome



Help Shape the Future of Liver Health

(NAPSI)—If you or a loved one are among the nearly 100 million Americans affected by liver disease, consider joining the [American Liver Foundation Patient Registry](#). By sharing your story, you can help share the future of liver health. As a participant in the registry, you will join a group of individuals dedicated to changing the face of liver disease through the advancement of new science and treatments that will benefit all.

The [American Liver Foundation Patient Registry](#) is free to join and the first-ever patient registry for all types of liver diseases, including transplant. It helps provide researchers with a better understanding of liver diseases, the effect of current treatments, and how liver disease affects patients. Until now, there has not been one central place where researchers interested in liver disease can access information on a patient's disease history and more importantly, how patients are managing their disease and its often-debilitating symptoms and associated conditions such as:

- Obesity
- Diabetes
- Heart Disease
- High-Cholesterol

With more than 100 different types of liver disease, it is imperative that researchers have access to this kind of information to help discover better treatments and cures.

Who Can Participate?

The [American Liver Foundation Patient Registry](#) is voluntary and open to any patient with liver disease, 18 years of age

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or older, in the U.S. If you decide to participate, the registry will gather data about your disease through an online survey.

How Does it Work?

Powered by EmpiraMed's PRO Portal, the American Liver Foundation Patient Registry is designed to be easy to use. The Portal keeps track of where you are in the survey process and automatically saves your work as you go, so you never have to worry about losing information. After registering, you will be asked to complete an initial online survey about:

Your history of liver disease(s)

How you manage/treat your disease and symptoms

Other medical conditions relevant to your liver disease

Lifestyle choices which may influence your liver health

Additional information about you

Get Started Today

To learn more and sign-up go to liverpatientregistry.org and start working towards a world free from liver disease.

(NAPSI)—With millions of U.S. high school students beginning a new school year, many have their sights set on the future as they prepare for college admissions. As part of a holistic admissions process, students use the SAT® to show their strengths and be seen by colleges and scholarships.

The SAT is valuable because it's a strong predictor of college success, and colleges are increasingly asking students to submit test scores at the point of enrollment. In fact, after experimenting with test-optional policies during the COVID pandemic, many schools, including Dartmouth, MIT, Caltech, and Purdue, are reinstating testing requirements for admissions. And those remaining test-optional continue to use scores for critical decisions about admissions, student support, and class placement.

A wealth of recent research found that amid all the components of a college application—grades, essays, extracurricular activities—test scores are among the most useful in identifying students ready to

succeed. When viewed within the context of where a student lives and learns, test scores can help confirm students' grades or can even show their strengths beyond what their high school grades show.

Students are taking the SAT more than any other admissions exam, including the ACT. The new digital SAT meets the needs of today's students by providing a shorter test, with more time per question, and an overall streamlined testing experience as compared to the ACT:

Length: The SAT is 2 hours and 14 minutes. That's 41 minutes shorter than the traditional ACT, with 67% more time per question on the SAT.

Technology: The SAT is digital everywhere, and students take it on their own laptop, tablet or school-issued Chromebook. The ACT is mostly still paper and pencil, but with the digital version, students are assigned a device.

Content: The reading passages on the SAT are short, with one question each; the ACT passages are longer, with 10 questions each. The math section on the SAT has a built-in graphing calculator and all necessary formulas are provided, which is not the case on the traditional ACT. Science reasoning is built into the reading passages

and math problems on the SAT; the ACT has a separate science section.

Practice Options: For the SAT, students have access to [free practice resources](#) including full-length digital practice tests and Official Digital SAT Prep on Khan Academy®. ACT offers one free practice test, but also offers paid resources that can cost students and families several hundred dollars.

In addition, the SAT is now digital for everyone, creating a simple and straightforward option for students. ACT recently announced upcoming changes to the test that will require students to choose between 12 different versions after the full implementation is complete by fall 2025 (a paper or online version of the test, with the option to include a writing and/or science section).

Along with being a powerful tool in college admissions, digital SAT score reports now provide students in the U.S. with [insights on careers](#) growing in their state that need skills like theirs.

[Registration is open](#) for the 2024-25 digital SAT. Students are encouraged to register soon to join the millions who take the SAT every year as they plan for college and career.

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