



Leaf Filter was the Grand Prize winner at the Business to Business Expo. Pictured here is James Floyd, event emcee, and Shelly Scarbrough, Chamber Vice President, Christina Tucker from Leaf Filter, and Leslie DiCesare, Executive Director of the Lady Lake Chamber.

Make America Fentanyl Free

Privately funded multi-million dollar ad campaign—launched without taxpayer dollars—will be broadcast on national and local television, across all major social media platforms, and MakeAmericaFentanylFree.com

The Make America Fentanyl Free ad campaign was launched to support President Trump's efforts to save American lives from deadly fentanyl, which continues to be a leading cause of death for Americans between the ages of 18 and 45. The presence of fentanyl and other deadly drugs skyrocketed in American communities under the Biden administration's open border policies, which allowed dangerous criminals, terrorists, and deadly drugs to pour into our country.

On day one in office, President Trump shut down the dangerous, open border and stemmed the flow of deadly fentanyl through our country. As a result, fentanyl traffic at the border fell by 54% in the first months of the Trump Administration. In order to continue eradicating deadly fentanyl from our communities, the Make America Fentanyl Free ad campaign was launched to join the President's fight to:

- Reduce the number of Americans killed by fentanyl
- Inform every American about the devastating effects of fentanyl: ingesting as little as three grains of fentanyl can be lethal within minutes
- Educate the public about the hidden danger: fentanyl is frequently disguised in other substances, such as cocaine and marijuana
- Send a strong unequivocal message to Mexican drug cartels that actions leading to American deaths or harm will result in serious consequences

This multi-million dollar ad campaign will be broadcast on national and local television, across all major social media platforms, and MakeAmericaFentanylFree.com to reach the communities bearing the brunt of fentanyl's devastating impacts.

MakeAmericaFentanylFree.com includes highly poignant videos and facts to warn young people about the dangers of fentanyl by itself along with fentanyl that may be hiding in drugs such as marijuana, cocaine, and counterfeit prescription pills such as Xanax or Adderall. The "Ghosts" video on the website illustrates the dangers of fentanyl with one young person saying: "Best birthday party ever! Well, except for the weed. Turns out, it was laced with fentanyl and a birthday I'll never forget because it was my last."

The website also includes resources for those who may be struggling from addiction themselves or have family members and friends who are.

Lady Lake Officer Responded

LADY LAKE — A 53-year-old man was arrested on Friday after he forced his way into a 78-year-old woman's home, attempted to steal her purse, and injured her during the struggle.

Lady Lake Police officers responded to a home on St. Andrews Boulevard around 3:28 p.m. on Aug. 8 after the victim reported that a man had knocked on her door asking for her vehicle keys. Police say he then pushed his way inside, grabbed her purse, and tried to find the keys.

The victim bravely fought to hold on to her belongings, stating "You're not getting my car keys." She was able to push the suspect back outside and call 911. Police responded quickly and located the suspect nearby. The victim identified the suspect at the scene.

She suffered swelling and redness to her hand.

Craig Steven Johnson, 53, who is listed as homeless, was taken into custody and charged with burglary of an occupied dwelling with battery, robbery by sudden snatching, and battery on a person 65 years or older.

Johnson told officers he had been fleeing from law enforcement when he broke into the home.

The victim sent a letter to the Lady Lake

Police department thanking all five officers involved in making the arrest. "Because of their fast response and my detailed description of this person, he was apprehended within 20 minutes or so..." she wrote.

"This was a frightening and unacceptable attack on one of our senior residents," said Lady Lake Police Chief Steve Hunt. "I am proud of the quick response from our officers, which ensured the suspect was apprehended before anyone else was harmed."

Census Undercount

Governor Ron Desantis Announces Efforts To Correct Census Undercount

LAKE WORTH, Fla.— Governor Ron DeSantis announced his support for an update to the 2020 Decennial Census, which could potentially yield additional congressional seats for Florida. Governor DeSantis was joined by Attorney General Uthmeier, who has been a leading voice in the fight for a corrected census and proper reapportionment to ensure that Floridians have the representation they deserve in

Congress.

"Even the Biden administration acknowledged that Florida got shortchanged in the reapportionment stemming from the last census," said **Governor Ron DeSantis**. "My office is working with Attorney General Uthmeier in our mission to secure Floridians' due representation in Congress and to fix mistakes that have been identified in the aftermath of the 2020 Census.

"Florida was robbed by the left's multi-year effort to rig the 2020 Census, and Floridians didn't get the representation they deserve in Congress," said **Attorney General James Uthmeier**. "President Trump called for a new census, and I'm ready to work with Governor DeSantis to bring solutions to the president and get it done."

Updated data provided by the U.S. Census Bureau's 2022 Post-Enumeration Survey shows that Florida was one of the most undercounted states during the 2020 Decennial Census. Florida's population in 2020 was undercounted by nearly 3.5% [according to PES data](http://according.to/PES.data). Additionally, Florida has gained nearly 2 million new residents since 2019, many of whom are not accounted for by the Census Bureau's initial 2020 reports. All of these factors display how Florida is vastly underrepresented in Congress under the Census Bureau's current apportionment.

Town News Lake County Events

Lady Lake Historical Society

LADY LAKE - The Town of Lady Lake, The Lady Lake History Society, and the Lady Lake Garden Club invite you to the Town's first-ever History Haul to commemorate our Centennial.

As part of a weeklong celebration of events in November, residents are asked to bring old photos, documents, and artifacts of the history of Lady Lake to Heritage Park (135 Old Dixie Highway), on Wednesday, Nov. 5 from 3 to 6 p.m. The items may be permanently donated or temporarily loaned to the Historical Society to help share personal stories of the Town as we continue to celebrate our 100th year.

Items can include, but are not limited to:

- Photos taken in Lady Lake with identifiable locations and/or names
- Old newspapers
- Family heirloom owned by a known resident
- Ephemera such as postcards, ticket stubs, notebooks, diaries, receipts, etc. linked to a resident or the town
- Items or artifacts connected to a notable building or business (example: church pew, school desk, farm tool)

During the event, the Lady Lake Garden Club will generously provide free refreshments and present a talk on the history of the Heritage Park and its beautiful historic garden.

Help us with our mission to preserve Lady Lake's unique history for generations to come.

Anyone with questions may contact events@ladylake.org or visit the Historical Society Museum from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and Saturdays, located at 107 S. Old Dixie Highway, Lady Lake.

Operation Slow Down

Lady Lake Police Department issues 150 citations during Operation Southern Slow Down

The Lady Lake Police Department issued 91 warnings and 59 citations during a weeklong traffic enforcement campaign aimed at reducing speed-related crashes.

From July 14–20, officers dedicated approximately 80 hours to traffic enforcement as part of the Florida Department of Transportation's annual Operation Southern Slow Down. The campaign is a multi-state initiative involving law enforcement agencies across Florida, Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina and Tennessee.

During the enforcement, Lady Lake police issued 39 citations and 91 written warnings for speeding, 13 citations for aggressive driving, and seven citations for seatbelt violations. No DUI arrests were reported during the campaign.

The goal of Operation Southern Slow Down is to curb dangerous driving behaviors that continue to be a leading factor in traffic crashes, injuries and fatalities across the state. According to the

Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, speeding and aggressive driving contributed to 437 traffic deaths in Florida in 2023.

"This campaign gives us an opportunity to remind drivers that speeding and aggressive driving put everyone at risk," said Lady Lake Police Chief Steve Hunt. "Enforcement is just one piece—awareness and personal responsibility are just as important."

The Lady Lake Police Department encourages all motorists to drive within posted speed limits, wear seatbelts, and avoid aggressive behaviors behind the wheel.

For more information on Operation Southern Slow Down, visit www.flhsmv.gov.

Father Daughter Dance

LADY LAKE — Step back in time for an unforgettable evening of glitz, glamour, and memories at the Town of Lady Lake's Roaring '20s Father-Daughter Dance on Saturday, Sept. 13, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Held at the Lady Lake Community Building, located at 237 W. Guava St., this year's event invites fathers and father figures to treat their daughters to a dazzling night inspired by the jazz age. Dress in your best flapper dresses, feathered headbands, pinstripes, and fedoras for a chance to win the costume contest and take part in a fun selfie challenge with great prizes.

The evening includes dancing, dinner, and themed décor that will transport guests back to the 1920s.

Tickets are \$10 per person and must be purchased in advance by Wednesday, Sept. 10. Tickets are available at the Lady Lake Library and Town Hall during regular business hours.

"This event is such a special opportunity for fathers and daughters to spend quality time together in a fun and festive atmosphere," said Amy Alicea, Events Coordinator for the Town of Lady Lake. "We can't wait to see everyone dressed to the nines and ready to dance the night away!"

For more information, contact Amy Alicea at 352-205-2826 or email events@ladylake.org.

Visit www.ladylakefl.gov for updates on this and other upcoming events.



Back to School Supplies by Fines

As part of the Lady Lake Library's annual "School Supplies for Fines" initiative, the library collected and donated 26 backpacks—its largest donation to date—filled with more than 1,000 school supplies to students of The Villages Elementary of Lady Lake. Donated items ranged from everyday essentials like

notebooks, pens, and glue to more unique contributions such as headphones, Clorox wipes, and tissues. The program also forgave \$791.55 in library fines, offering patrons a chance to give back while reducing barriers to library access.

"The school was incredibly grateful—and so are we! We'd like to thank our community for helping us give back in such a

The Roaring Twenties

Father/Daughter Dance

September 13
6-8pm

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Must Purchase in Advance by 9/10

237 W. Guava Street
For more information 352-205-2826

Students Returned To School

TAVARES — Nearly 43,000 students were expected to report to Lake County Schools classrooms on Monday, Aug. 11, to kick off the 2025-26 school year.

Here's what's new:

A-rating: Lake is starting the school year as an A-rated district for the first time since 2008! Lake students showed improvements in all tested areas, and the district more than doubled the number of schools that earned an "A" for the 2024-25 school year compared to the year before. In 2023-24, three district-operated Lake Schools earned an A. In 2024-25, seven did. The A-rated district operated schools for 2024-25 are Cypress Ridge, Treadway, and Villages of Lady Lake elementary schools; East Ridge Middle; East Ridge and Mount Dora high schools, and Lake Virtual School.

New schools: The district has two new schools opening this year. Minneola Horizon Academy in Minneola will offer a full K-8 science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) program specific to engineering and coding. Fruitland Park Elementary School will welcome students into a new building that replaces the 100-year-old facility where the students attended school last year. Beverly Shores Elementary students will move into the old Fruitland Park school while renovations and upgrades are made on their campus.

Transportation app: Lake County parents this year will have access to a new app that the district is using to streamline student transportation communications. The My Ride K-12 mobile

app will make it easy for parents to locate bus route information and message the transportation staff with questions, concerns, and feedback. It is available for download on Apple and Android devices. Parents are urged to register all bus riders – even those who were bus riders in previous years – at <https://myridek12.tylerapp.com/> and to download the app at the links below.

Lincoln Park Phase 2: Last year, the district opened Lincoln Park Education Center, which houses a flexible day high school program that allows students to earn their high school diploma while holding a job. Phase 2 of the project started this summer, with Lake Technical College beginning renovations to the site's pre-existing gym. It will be converted this year into an innovative space that will house several technical programs, such as HVAC, advanced manufacturing, and electrical. These are just the start of the workforce programs that will be available on-site for students who want to dual enroll at Lincoln Park and Lake Tech to earn valuable industry certifications.

ESE training site: Lake Hills School will serve as a model site for hands-on training as part of Lake-Sumter State College's new Bachelor of Science in Exceptional Student Education (ESE) program, which the State Board of Education approved in June. The program is designed to address the need for certified ESE teachers in Lake and Sumter Counties.

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PUBLISHER'S NOTES



I love the terms "Forward Momentum" "What's Next?" "Moving Forward" "Fast Forward" it is a mind set for all businesses and Social media. I think we need to keep in mind to help others in our daily lives

and they will help you back. I can't do every request but I will try to do as many as I can.

Putin won't be happy until he owns Ukraine. The countries around him are going to fight! Maybe he will get the idea, maybe he won't mean while more of his people and Ukraines people will die. They can win against Putin if they stick together unless China gets involved. Then I think we will get involved and the escalation is very dangerous. Remember China want's Russia's land so Russia better be careful.

Where is all this going to stop. The

fighting by position's is making our country look like fools. Some of the things the Dem's in. My opinion they want to side with the criminals then let into this country. Dems grow up! Do what is good for your voter. The Democratic voters don't want to vote for a communist or a fool that let his state burn. The coast line is just a burnt mess and he is not helping the people who pay him. He is not a good Governor! The Dem's are trying to make illegals voters by Hook or by Crook! We will have to make sure people who are here illegally cannot vote. They do NOT have RIGHTS as per our constitution! They are criminals by invading our country.

The earthquake that created the tsunami that everyone was concerned about was not as bad as they it could have been for versus reasons. When the tsunami alert came out the military scrambled to secure their weapons systems. They also discussed whether or not the pentagon should be more prepared for those kind of emergency?

Hurricane pounded the east coast. Beaches along the east coast have flooding.

To make a point about college degrees and no jobs available during Obama's term. Sound people graduated and had no career to apply for. When I worked at the Chronicle in Inverness Florida in the early days I had a man come in and he said he needed a job and he was over qualified for anything in the town of Inverness that was available. He was a computer programmer, very smart. Hw said he needed to eat and pay rent. I gave him a job at a much less rate than he was use to but that was all I had. Later he would fill an I'm portent spot in the company.

Another example was on a very hot day there were roofers on the roof fixing a leak. A young man said in the back parking lot... I am a photographer and I need to get off this roof. I went into the editor and told him what happened and I had a good feeling about this young man. He was our photographer for many years.

They both did alright but they had to take a lesser job and apply themselves. So education is important. You can be successful in a small town because they grow as you grow!

Education verses very little education! I think it depends on the person.

Example I recently heard a story about a young man that admiring a red Porsha and the owner told him if he worked hard he could own one also.

The young man worked for his dad and they were mobile butcher shop. When butchering swine many people did not want the belly portion, so he ask for it and started making Pork Rhine and sold it. He now has a multi million dollar business and owns several red Porsches.

Another example of young people making good without college degrees. This young man was watching a farmer disc under a pasture to plant crops. He ask the farmer if he could take some of the grass if he did not get in the way? Yes said the farmer, today he young man. Has a large sod business with stat contracts for coding along the roads.

The answer to them is never quit! Keep trying and some times the term "Go big or go home" works!

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The FAIRtax un-taxes basic necessities through the prebate and removes the payroll tax which is the most regressive element of our current system. This allows workers to keep their paycheck without any federal income tax while causing real wages to rise. When purchasing new items under the FAIRtax, workers will be using pre-taxed (not post-taxed) dollars.

Payroll and income taxes imposed on

businesses are just another cost of doing business and they are passed along to the consumer in the price of their products and services. The FAIRtax removes these hidden taxes. In addition, employers won't need to "match" the 7.65% payroll tax of each employee reducing the cost of business all through the supply chain. Studies

indicate that, depending on the industry, costs of retail goods will drop from 10% to 25% with the FAIRtax.

The current tax system is a disaster for American companies producing goods for export and is a primary reason so many manufacturing jobs have gone overseas. Most of our foreign competitors operate in countries with a value added tax (VAT) which is added at every stage of a products assembly. When those competitors produce for export, their governments refund all the VAT that has accumulated along the production chain. The result is that these products can be offered at a much lower price than US based products as our items still contain all the embedded costs of our income/payroll tax system. By removing those embedded costs, the FAIRtax puts American manufacturing back on an even playing field with our foreign competitors and helps our blue-collar factory workers.

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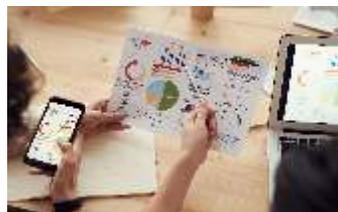
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School

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law: As with other schools across the state, schools in Lake will implement the new Florida law that restricts the use of cell phones in all elementary and middle schools during the instructional day unless permission is granted by the teacher for instructional purposes. High school cell phone usage is also limited during instructional time, with greater flexibility at lunch and other non-academic times.

Also, students will continue to be served breakfast and lunch at no charge under the National School Lunch/School Breakfast

Program. For a full list of applicable schools, please see the article. The instructional day is scheduled for 7:20 a.m. to 2:20 p.m. for high schools, 8:20 a.m. to 3 p.m. for K-8 schools, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. for elementary schools, and 9:20 a.m. to 4 p.m. for middle schools. Exceptions include:

Rimes Early Learning and Literary Center – 8:15 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Academy at Lake Hills, Howey and Mascotte – 8:15 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Lake Success Academy – 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Charter school and private school hours may differ.

Cracker Barrel Change

By TomL

I'm not against change, but why change something that's not broken? I like Cracker Barrel the way it is and I am going to experience the change and will report back if the changes are good for me! They have a good shrimp dinner / lunch not to expensive good to my taste buds and they are usually full at lunch time. I have shopped in the country store and bought Christmas gifts I could not find any where else. For instance one year I bought small hurricane oil lamps.

When we have outages I have a number of oil lamp light. So we can walk about the house without falling. Always be ready. There were some great toys for the children. Clothes available also, mostly tourist stuff.

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LAKE COUNTY EVENTS

Sept 04

Lake County Ladies Chorus

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM GraceWay Church in Leesburg

The Lake County Ladies Chorus welcomes new members. We meet at GraceWay Church which is on the corner of Radio Road and Morningside Drive in Leesburg. We practice on Thursdays with Christmas and Spring performances. Contact Bev at 352-459-1816.

Sep 05

Exploration Hike

8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Ferndale Preserve in Clermont

Join staff and explore the habitats and species of Ferndale Preserve. Hike intensity: Vigorous. Reservations required.

Sep 06

Wetland Excursion

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Sawgrass Preserve in Umatilla

Join us for a fast paced, guided hike at Sawgrass Preserve to explore the diverse ecosystems within the Preserve, including the plants and animals that call Sawgrass Preserve Home. Hike Intensity: Vigorous. Reservations required.

Sep 07

Exploration Hike

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM P.E.A.R. Park (Gateway) in Leesburg

Join staff on an early evening walk while exploring nature at P.E.A.R. Park. Hike Intensity: Light. Reservations required.

Sep 10

Water Wednesday

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

Join us as we fly into learning about the bird species that inhabit Florida's wetlands, their migration patterns, and how they interact with the ecosystem. Sustainable Activity: Learn how to design a bird friendly garden.

Sep 12

Discover Leesburg

5:00 PM - 9:00 PM Towne Square, Downtown Leesburg in Leesburg

Join us every 2nd Friday evening of the month on Towne Square in Downtown Leesburg for an evening of entertainment, shopping, and community spirit. We can't wait to see you there!

Sep 13

Beginners Paddle

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Hickory Point in Tavares

The public is invited to learn about the popular sport of paddling with experienced staff. Novice paddlers will learn paddling basics and safety. Participants will have the opportunity to practice what they have learned with supervision.

Sep 13

Second Saturday Sounds

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Ferran Park in Eustis

Second Saturday Sounds in Ferran Park is a new free concert series kicking-off in Eustis this summer. Join us each second Saturday from July - September from 6 - 8 p.m. for a summer night out on the town.

Sep 14

So Funny Sundays

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM Hideaway Performing Arts Center in Eustis

Join us for So Funny Sundays on September 14th, 2025, at the Hideaway Performing Arts Center. \$10 gets you an afternoon of comedy with James Yon, Jake Klark, and Ken Miller. Doors open at 3 PM, show starts at 4 PM. Get your tickets now!

Sep 19

Home & Garden Expo

9:00 AM - 4:00 AM Lake County Fairgrounds & Event Center in Eustis 9/19/20

Get ready for a weekend filled with inspiration, innovation and everything home and garden! Explore displays, connect with expert vendors and discover ideas to refresh your home, backyard and lifestyle. Free admission, parking and raffles.

Sep 19

Autumn Yard Sale

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Renningers Antique Center in Mount Dora 9/19/209/21

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

Sep 20

Quarterly Bird & Butterfly Survey

7:30 AM - 11:00 AM Lake May Reserve in Eustis

Assist staff with surveying one of Lake County's conservation lands for birds and butterflies. These surveys assist with the long term management of the property. Volunteers should bring their own binoculars.

Sep 20

The Habitat and Natural History of Snakes

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Pine Meadows Conservation Area in Eustis

Venture into the realm of snakes and a discussion with park staff about the different habitats and natural history of venomous and non-venomous snakes. Hiking Intensity: Light. Reservations Required.

Sep 20

Open House

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Ellis Acres Preserve in Paisley 9/20/10/1811/1512/20

Nature Center will be open and a naturalist will be onsite to answer questions.

Sep 20

The Dirtt Band with Billion Dollar Babies

5:00 PM - 7:45 PM Mt. Dora Community Center Theare in Mount Dora

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The Lady Lake Area Chamber of Commerce hosted its 9th Annual Business to Business Expo. 50 businesses were in attendance for this speed networking event,

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Thank you to our event sponsors: Water Oak Country Club Estates, Merideth Nagel and The Legacy Legal Team & Concierge Title, Trustco Bank.

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15	16	Authors Round Table @ 2-4pm 17	Movies at the Library: How to Train Your Dragon: Live Action (PG) @3 pm 18	Board Games Meetup! @2-4pm 19
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FROM THE DESK OF

CONGRESSWOMAN KAT CAMMACK



Cammack, Pallone Introduce Bipartisan Bill Supporting Aquaculture and Seafood Producers
Washington, D.C.

—Congresswoman Kat Cammack (R-FL-03) and Congressman

Frank Pallone (D-NJ-06) introduced the *Supporting Equity for Aquaculture and Seafood (SEAS) Act*—bipartisan legislation which ensures aquaculture and seafood producers are eligible for USDA grants, scientific research opportunities, and agricultural development initiatives. *"America's national security is closely tied to our food security. As aquaculture continues to advance with new technologies and techniques, it offers the promise of more affordable, sustainable, and safe seafood for American families. Florida's aquaculture industry generates over \$165 million in annual sales, ranking among the top states nationwide,"* said **Congresswoman Cammack**. *"I'm proud to work alongside Rep. Pallone in strengthening and supporting USDA's aquaculture initiatives."*

"Aquaculture has enormous potential to strengthen our food system, reduce our seafood trade deficit, and expand access to safe, sustainable American seafood," said **Congressman Pallone**. *"But for too long, USDA programs have overlooked coastal producers. The SEAS Act fixes that by putting seafood on equal footing with traditional agriculture and making smart investments to help this industry grow."*

Background:

Despite the growing importance of

aquaculture in the U.S. food supply, many seafood producers have historically been excluded from USDA resources and programs that benefit traditional agriculture. The *SEAS Act* addresses this gap by:

- Ensuring aquaculture and seafood producers are eligible for key USDA programs, including conservation, research, and technical assistance initiatives.

- Directing the USDA to develop a strategy to integrate aquaculture more fully into its mission, including coordination across agencies.

- Promoting equity for coastal and inland aquaculture producers, including those producing fish, shellfish, and other aquatic organisms.

- Supporting research and development for innovative, sustainable practices in seafood production.

By aligning federal support for aquaculture with that of traditional agriculture, the *SEAS Act* helps meet rising demand for U.S.-grown seafood, bolsters food security, and strengthens coastal economies across the country.

Cammack Introduces Truth in Women's Healthcare Act

Washington, D.C. —Congresswoman Kat Cammack (FL-03) introduced a House Resolution reaffirming the importance of accurate medical information and guidance for the public, lawmakers and emergency department professionals, treating pregnant women and their unborn children, particularly in the cases involving miscarriage and ectopic pregnancy.

"No woman facing a medical

emergency like a miscarriage or ectopic pregnancy should be left in danger because of confusion or misinformation," said **Congresswoman Cammack**. *"This resolution is about reinforcing the importance of long established and clear guidance for doctors so that patients receive quality care and that the public is properly informed on what current law does—and does not—allow."*

Background:

Last May, Congresswoman Cammack experienced a life-threatening ectopic pregnancy—a medical emergency in which the embryo implants outside the uterus and cannot survive. Her case, like thousands of others faced by women across the country, required immediate intervention to save her life.

After courageously sharing her experience in the Wall Street Journal, the Congresswoman became the target of vicious backlash. She, her unborn child, her family, and even her staff received an onslaught of death threats and harassment. This deeply personal and painful moment laid bare the consequences of today's toxic political environment surrounding women's healthcare.

More alarmingly, it revealed how reckless and dangerous the abortion lobby's disinformation campaign has become—conflating emergency medical care for miscarriages and ectopic pregnancies with elective abortion in order to push a broader narrative. By weaponizing fear and misrepresenting facts, they are not only endangering the lives of patients but also silencing those who speak the truth. Not a single professional medical, health organization or state law regards treatment for miscarriages or ectopic pregnancies as abortion. Cammack's experience underscores the urgent need for educating the general public, ensuring clarity in policy and civil discourse.

The Congressional Pro-Life Caucus, numerous pro-life and women's advocacy organizations have also voiced their strong condemnation of the threats and harassment against the Congresswoman.

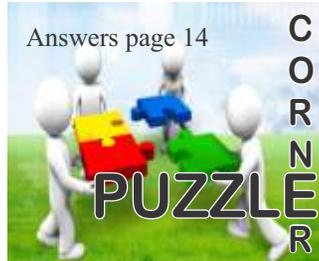
Cammack Applauds \$675.9 Million in Disaster Relief for Florida Farmers Washington, DC

—Congresswoman Kat Cammack (FL-03) released the following statement following U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins' announcement of \$675.9 million in federal disaster assistance for Florida farmers impacted by Hurricanes Idalia, Debby, Helene, and Milton:

"Florida's agriculture industry isn't just the backbone of our state's economy—it's a cornerstone of our national food security. From citrus growers and cattle ranchers to timber operations and family farms, the devastation from back-to-back storms has been overwhelming. This \$675.9 million investment will go a long way in helping our producers rebuild infrastructure, recover lost income, and stay in business," said **Congresswoman Cammack**. *"I want to thank President Trump, Secretary Rollins, and our state partner, Agriculture Commissioner Wilton Simpson, for recognizing the urgent needs on the ground and delivering the targeted, meaningful relief our ag community needs and deserves."*

Background:

As the lone voice for Florida Agriculture at the federal level, Congresswoman Cammack has championed policies and relief for Florida's agricultural community—from securing disaster assistance and pushing back against unfair trade practices to advancing pro-farmer policies through her work on the House Agriculture and Energy and Commerce Committees.



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CORNER

Across

1. Word with bike or war
5. Gave the signal
9. "Get out of here!"
14. Butterlike spread
15. Prepare for a deal
16. Sports venue
17. It's hit by 22-Across
19. Turns blue, in a way
20. Commit a faux pas
21. Air alternative
22. Key employee?
23. Dig for squares?
25. Infield defense?
26. Step on some toes
28. It's hit by 22-Across
32. Kind of shrimp
33. Tantamount
34. Fully avenged
35. Start of the Lord's Prayer
36. Clothiers
39. Tokyo of yore
40. Gwyneth Paltrow film
42. German river

43. Everglades resident
45. It's hit by 22-Across
47. Excoriates
48. One type of poll
49. Subway system
50. Part in a machine used by 22-Across
53. Musical direction
54. Bird of Minerva
57. Product of the grapevine
58. It's hit by 22-Across
60. In re
61. Declare as fact
62. "Quo Vadis" character
63. Crowning glories, of a sort
64. Word with driver or carpet
65. Jack London sailor

Down

1. Fleshy fruit
2. Outlawed spray
3. Solid ground
4. Souped-up Harley
5. Misleading story
6. Free
7. Etc. relative
8. Cotillion celeb
9. Dionysian revelers
10. More than impair
11. "Crucifixion of St. Peter" painter Guido
12. Some marching groups
13. It holds a yard
18. Did a household chore
22. Slender candle
24. Iniquitous place
25. Whip wielder
26. Orchestral instruments
27. Dowdy one
28. Escapade
29. Slighted
30. Relinquished
31. Entanglements
33. 1978 Camp David visitor
37. Harbinger of spring
38. Quadrant
41. Common solvent
44. Elongated fish
46. Puts forth effort
47. Safe partner
49. Norman Bates' establishment
50. Brighton buggy
51. Goddess of the moon
52. Word spoken before looking up
53. Name on your behind, perhaps
55. Wolf head?
56. City on the Rhône
58. Knock on wood
59. SST heading, perhaps

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FROM THE DESK OF
ATTORNEY GENERAL OFFICE



Attorney General James Uthmeier Joins Governor DeSantis to discuss the 2020 Census and Congressional Apportionment

LAKE WORTH, Fla.— Attorney General James Uthmeier joined

Governor DeSantis at Palm Beach State College to discuss the 2020 Census and Congressional Apportionment.

"Florida was robbed by the left's multi-year effort to rig the 2020 Census, and Floridians didn't get the representation they deserve in Congress," said Attorney General James Uthmeier. "President Trump called for a new Census, and I'm ready to work with Governor DeSantis to bring the president solutions and get it done."

Attorney General James Uthmeier Sues Major Textbook Publishers for Overcharging Florida Schools

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General James Uthmeier today announced that his office filed a lawsuit against McGraw Hill LLC and Savvas Learning Company LLC, accusing the companies of systematically overcharging Florida school districts for instructional materials in violation of state law and the Florida False Claims Act.

"Our lawsuit exposes a textbook case of corporate greed—companies charging Florida schools more than the law allows, pocketing the difference, and sticking taxpayers with the bill," said Attorney General James Uthmeier. "Florida will not be a playground for deceitful profiteers who think they can cheat our students and teachers. We will make sure they pay back

every dime and face the full consequences under the law."

The complaint, filed in the Second Judicial Circuit Court, asserts that the defendants failed to comply with Florida's statutory pricing requirements for instructional materials adopted for statewide use. Under Florida law, publishers must give every Florida school district the best price offered anywhere in the nation, automatically extend any price cuts made available elsewhere, and provide free materials to Florida schools whenever they are provided free to others.

According to the State's claims, McGraw Hill and Savvas knowingly charged certain Florida school districts more than the lowest price they offered to other districts, and withheld cost reductions required by statute. The lawsuit contends that these violations resulted in substantial overpayments from Florida's school districts and, ultimately, from Florida taxpayers.

The State of Florida intervened in the lawsuit after an investigation initiated under the Florida False Claims Act, which allows whistleblowers, known as relators, to bring actions on behalf of the State against entities that knowingly submit false or fraudulent claims for payment. The complaint seeks treble damages and civil penalties to prevent future violations.

Attorney General James Uthmeier Requests US DOT to Revoke CDL Programs & Funding from California and Washington; Supports Agricultural and State Law Enforcement Inspection Stations to Combat Illegal Aliens Entering Florida

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General James Uthmeier announced that he is [sending a formal letter](#) to the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety

Administration urging the federal government to revoke commercial driver's license (CDL) program authority and strip related federal funding from California and Washington following the deadly crash on August 12th, 2025, that claimed three lives.

"States like California and Washington ignored the rules, gave an illegal alien a license to drive a 40-ton truck, and three people are dead as a result. A preventable tragedy due to sanctuary state policies," said Attorney General James Uthmeier. "In response, we're supporting our Agricultural Law Enforcement and state police to ramp up inspections at state entry-points for illegal aliens who may be operating large trucks using out-of-state driver's licenses. If you're here illegally or can't speak English, you have no business operating large commercial vehicles on Florida's roads. We commend Commissioner Simpson and his department's 287(g) certified law enforcement officers for turning Florida's interdiction stations into strongholds of immigration enforcement. Together, we will ensure dangerous drivers are taken off the road and criminals serve their time before deportation."

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) Commissioner Wilton Simpson made the announcement alongside Attorney General Uthmeier at an agricultural interdiction station along Interstate 10 in Live Oak. All FDACS sworn law enforcement officers were certified in July, and they are stationing at interdiction checkpoints to work together with federal and state partners on immigration enforcement and checking for English proficiency for commercial drivers while continuing agricultural inspections. These interdiction stations, which are distinct from FDOT weigh stations, will serve as critical enforcement points to stop human smuggling, fraudulent documents, and unsafe commercial vehicles.

"The crash on the Florida Turnpike tragically took the lives of three Floridians and was a completely preventable

consequence of illegal immigration and sanctuary-state policies. It is also a reminder of why the work of our law enforcement community to combat illegal immigration is so critical," said Florida Commissioner of Agriculture Wilton Simpson. "With 23 inspection stations on Florida roadways and 100 percent of our officers being certified in the 287(g) Program, Agricultural Law Enforcement officers are uniquely skilled and positioned to help prevent another tragedy and be a force multiplier in the fight against illegal immigration and criminal activity."

"By leveraging our agricultural inspection stations and 287(g) certified officers, we are working hand in hand with state and federal partners to identify dangerous drivers, enforce immigration laws, and combat criminal activity," said FDACS Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement Colonel Rick "Lee" Adams Jr. "I want to thank Commissioner Wilton Simpson and Attorney General James Uthmeier for their unwavering leadership in standing up for law and order and ensuring that Florida remains a national leader in immigration enforcement."

"By targeting criminal illegal aliens who undermine the safety and integrity of U.S. immigration laws, the 287(g) program strengthens homeland security," said U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Enforcement and Removal Operations Acting Executive Associate Director Garrett Ripa. "We appreciate the Attorney General's support and welcome our newest 287(g) partnership with FDACS as we continue to reinforce the rule of law in Florida."

"The Miami Sector Border Patrol is committed to working with our partners to ensure our enforcement efforts provide the safety and security the State of Florida and the American people deserve," said U.S. Customs and Border Protection Deputy Chief/U.S. Border Patrol Miami Samuel Briggs II.

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Governor Ron Desantis Announces Results Of First-Of-Its-Kind Immigration Enforcement Operation

PANAMA CITY, Fla.—

Governor Ron DeSantis announced the results of a first-of-its kind law enforcement operation targeting illegal immigration—Panhandle Immigration Enforcement Operation. This operation led by the Florida Highway Patrol in coordination with federal partners at ICE, Homeland Security Investigations, U.S. Border Patrol, and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services is part of a comprehensive, multi-agency immigration enforcement detail targeting illegal aliens with criminal records, fugitives, and repeat immigration violators.

“This week, a first-of-its-kind immigration enforcement operation started in Florida's Panhandle, led by the Florida Highway Patrol in coordination with federal partners,” said Governor Ron DeSantis. “The Panhandle Immigration Enforcement Operation has apprehended hundreds of illegal aliens—including fugitives with criminal records and repeat unlawful border crossers. Florida continues to deliver on the mandate to secure our interior and protect our citizens from the threat of illegal immigration.”

Panhandle Immigration Enforcement Operation early highlights include:

- 45 FHP troopers and 20 federal personnel carrying out enforcement across Escambia, Santa Rosa, Walton, Okaloosa, Holmes, Bay, Washington, and Jackson counties.

- Nearly 200 illegal aliens apprehended.

- 37 illegal aliens arrested who previously received final orders of removal and failed to appear in court.

- Eight illegal aliens apprehended who had been deported and illegally reentered the United States—one of which had been deported four times. These individuals will be federally charged.

“The FHP Immigration Enforcement Unit has demonstrated unprecedented success in apprehending illegal aliens,” said Florida Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles Executive Director Dave Kerner. “Working hand in hand with our federal partners, we are creating an enforcement model that can truly impact the illegal immigration crisis.”

Florida state troopers encountered illegal aliens who have fled, resisted arrest, and physically assaulted officers—underscoring the heightened danger posed by criminal illegal aliens. Florida continues to face escalating attempts by criminal illegal aliens to infiltrate our communities, posing a direct and growing threat to the safety of our citizens and visitors.

This operation sends a clear and uncompromising message: Florida will not tolerate lawlessness within its borders. We will continue to deploy every available resource to identify, apprehend, and remove those who seek to exploit our state and

endanger our people.

Governor DeSantis also announced that Florida has launched weekly deportation flights out of Tallahassee, in partnership with ICE and the U.S. Coast Guard. Last week, the first deportation flight departed Tallahassee with 20 illegal aliens on board.

Governor Ron Desantis Announces Efforts To Correct Census Undercount

LAKE WORTH, Fla.— Governor Ron DeSantis announced his support for an update to the 2020 Decennial Census, which could potentially yield additional congressional seats for Florida. Governor DeSantis was joined by Attorney General Uthmeier, who has been a leading voice in the fight for a corrected census and proper reapportionment to ensure that Floridians have the representation they deserve in Congress.

“Even the Biden administration acknowledged that Florida got shortchanged in the reapportionment stemming from the last census,” said Governor Ron DeSantis. “My office is working with Attorney General Uthmeier in our mission to secure Floridians' due representation in Congress and to fix mistakes that have been identified in the aftermath of the 2020 Census.”

“Florida was robbed by the left's multi-year effort to rig the 2020 Census, and Floridians didn't get the representation they deserve in Congress,” said Attorney General James Uthmeier. “President Trump called for a new census, and I'm ready to work with Governor DeSantis to bring solutions to the president and get it done.”

Updated data provided by the U.S. Census Bureau's 2022 Post-Enumeration Survey shows that Florida was one of the most undercounted states during the 2020 Decennial Census. Florida's population in 2020 was undercounted by nearly 3.5% according to PES data. Additionally, Florida has gained nearly 2 million new residents since 2019, many of whom are not accounted for by the Census Bureau's initial 2020 reports. All of these factors display how Florida is vastly underrepresented in Congress under the Census Bureau's current apportionment.

Florida Breaks Its Own Record Again: 34.4 Million Visitors In Second Quarter Of 2025

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.— Governor Ron DeSantis announced that Florida has achieved another historic milestone in tourism, welcoming a record-breaking 34.4 million travelers in the second quarter of 2025. This all-time high for second-quarter visitation further cements Florida's reputation as the nation's premier travel destination. These results are proof of Florida's enduring draw and the state's commitment to delivering outstanding experiences for visitors from across the country and around the world.

“Florida continues to lead the way as the nation's top travel destination,” said Governor Ron DeSantis. “People from all over the world come to the Free State of Florida to take advantage of our top-tier attractions, great weather, and our

commitment to public safety. Today's record numbers are a testament to the work we've done to make Florida the most appealing state to visit in the nation.”

Domestic travelers accounted for 91.5% of total visitation, with 31.5 million Americans visiting the state. Overseas visitation rose by 11.4% over the year to reach 2.3 million, with an additional 640,000 Canadian visitors visiting Florida.

“Florida's tourism industry is strong thanks to strong state leadership under Governor DeSantis,” said Bryan Griffin, President and CEO of VISIT FLORIDA. “We are committed to keeping Florida the destination of choice for visitors from across the country and around the world as we promote our world-class amenities, unique natural and historical sites, and family-oriented opportunities.”

Key highlights from VISIT FLORIDA's Quarter 2 visitation estimates include:

- An estimated 34.4 million travelers visited Florida in Q2 2025.
- Domestic visitors made up 91.5% of the total, overseas visitors 6.7%, and Canadian visitors 1.9%.
- Overseas visitation increased by 11.4% compared to Q2 2024.
- The domestic air/non-air ratio was 37.7%/62.3%.
- Florida's 19 commercial airports handled 28.6 million total enplanements. Punta Gorda (+22.5%) and St. Petersburg-Clearwater (+14.0%) saw the fastest growth.
- Room demand at Florida hotels rose by 1.2%.

Florida visitation's steady growth shows that visitors from all over the world know that a safe and enjoyable experience can be found in the Free State of Florida.

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School Month			Student Days
AUGUST	August 11	First Day of Classes / First Grading Period Begins (Monday)	15
SEPTEMBER	September 1 September 12	Labor Day / Student Holiday (Monday) Non-Student Day / Teacher Professional Learning Day (Friday)	20
OCTOBER	October 10 October 13 October 14	End of First Grading Period (Friday) Non-Student Day / Teacher Work Day (Monday) Classes Resume / Second Grading Period Begins (Tuesday)	8 Total Days 43 14
NOVEMBER	November 11 November 24 -28	Veterans Day / Student Holiday (Tuesday) Thanksgiving Holiday / Student Holiday (Monday - Friday)	14
DECEMBER	December 19 December 22 -31	End of Second Grading Period (Friday) Winter Break / Student Holiday (Monday -Wednesday)	15 Total Days 43
JANUARY	January 1 January 2 January 5 January 6 January 19	New Year's Day / Student Holiday (Thursday) Non-Student Day / Teacher Work Day (Friday) Non-Student Day / Teacher Professional Learning Day (Monday) Classes Resume / Third Grading Period Begins (Tuesday) Martin Luther King, Jr. Day / Student Holiday (Monday)	18
FEBRUARY	February 16	Presidents' Day / Student Holiday (Monday)	19
MARCH	March 5 March 6 March 9 March 16 -20	End of Third Grading Period (Thursday) Non-Student Day / Teacher Work Day (Friday) Classes Resume / Fourth Grading Period Begins (Monday) Spring Break / Student Holiday (Monday -Friday)	4 Total Days 41 12
APRIL	April 3	Non-Student Day (Friday)	21
MAY	May 25 May 29	Memorial Day / Student Holiday (Monday) Last Day of Classes / End of Fourth Grading Period (Friday)	20 Total Days 53
		<i>Storm make-up days will be determined as needed</i>	180

Household Medications

Must-Have Medications For Every Household

(NAPSI)—A well-stocked supply of medicine must-haves can sometimes mean the difference between a minor inconvenience and a potential emergency room visit. From summer sunburns to allergy flare-ups, headaches or tummy troubles, keeping stock of appropriate over-the-counter products—and knowing how and when to use them—can help to support health at home.

To help, CVS pharmacists across the country shared their top recommendations for what every household should consider having on hand, including some surprising items consumers might not think of. Whether you're restocking your first-aid kit, preparing for seasonal allergies or updating your emergency supplies, CVS Pharmacy can make it easy to build a collection of essentials that support everyday and unexpected health needs.

Start With the Basics

While every family is different, pharmacists recommend the following basic categories:

Pain and fever relief support: Oral options include ibuprofen, acetaminophen, naproxen and aspirin; topical pain relievers include diclofenac and lidocaine.

Allergy relief support: Non-drowsy antihistamines, decongestants and nasal corticosteroids.

Cold and flu support: Cough suppressants, expectorants, lozenges and a thermometer.

Digestive aids: Antacids, anti-diarrheals and stool softeners.

Skin and sun care: Water-resistant, broad-spectrum sunscreen (at least 30 SPF recommended), aloe vera, calamine lotion and hydrocortisone cream.

First aid kit supplies: Bandages, antibiotic ointment, antiseptic spray, gauze, adhesive tape, scissors, cold packs and tweezers.

Smart Additions You Might Not Expect

Once you've covered the essentials, pharmacists also recommend including a couple of often-overlooked items:

Diphenhydramine: Available in both liquid and tablet forms for adults and children ages 6 and older. May help in allergy emergencies and is useful for short-term symptom relief while awaiting further medical care.

Electrolyte packets: Handy for rehydration after illness or overheating. While not a substitute for medical attention in serious cases of dehydration, they may be helpful for early replenishment.

Tailor Your Medicine Must-Haves to Your Family

There's no one-size-fits-all approach when stocking up on medicine must-haves, and your selections should reflect you and your home. While the term "medicine cabinet" is commonly used, the bathroom is not the best storage place due to humidity.

Medications should be stored in a cool, dry place, unless otherwise specified. Keep them out of reach and sight of children and pets. Even simple items such as vitamins or pain relievers can be dangerous if they are accidentally ingested. Childproof containers and lockable cabinets can help prevent accidents and keep your home safe.

Homes with children should include

children's formulations of fever reducers and pain relievers. Always keep products labeled and dosage instructions handy. A pharmacist can help parents pick the right strength based on age and weight.

Older adults or those managing chronic illnesses may need products compatible with their prescription medications. A discussion with your pharmacist can help ensure you're avoiding negative interactions and selecting the most effective options.

Prepare for Emergencies Beyond Just Supplies

Being prepared for an emergency means staying organized. Pharmacists recommend keeping a written record—either taped inside your medicine cabinet or stored nearby—with emergency contact numbers, a list of current medications with dosages, an allergy list, your primary health care provider's information and a copy of your health insurance details.

CVS Pharmacy has a robust selection of health and wellness products and first-aid kits, plus travel-sized items for on-the-go support, and CVS pharmacists are available to help you choose the right products, especially if you're managing multiple medications or looking for family-friendly options.

Affordable Internet



How To Stay Safe And Connected With Affordable Internet This School Year

(NAPSI)—Whether your child just started grade school or is considering graduate schools, it's essential to ensure any online learning needs are seamless and affordable. That starts with making sure they have access to the right broadband Internet speed and bandwidth.

In today's fast-paced world, slow loading times and interrupted video calls can create frustrating experiences and educational setbacks.

Fortunately, SmartMove has the resources you need to overcome obstacles and turn your home into a high-performance digital hub. At www.smartmove.us/back-to-school-Internet, you'll find tips like the below:

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 need 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.

Safeguard Your Family's Online Environment

Robust privacy and security settings keep your children safe online at any age and protect sensitive information. Here are some to take advantage of.

Parental Controls: These let you monitor and manage your child's online activities and provide a secure digital space for children to explore and learn while shielding them from harmful content.

Age-Appropriate Content Filtering: Set customized, age-appropriate filters to block access to websites, apps, and content based on your child's age group.

Screen Time Management: Regulate the amount of time your children spend online. You can set specific time limits for Internet usage, preventing excessive screen time and promoting a healthy balance between online and offline activities.

Simplifying Device Sharing and Efficiency

To make the most of your Internet without causing conflict, consider upgrading to a higher-speed Internet plan that can handle multiple users and bandwidth-intensive tasks simultaneously.

Monitor Network Usage: Network monitoring tools can identify devices or applications that consume excessive bandwidth during peak hours.

Set Limits On Devices: Where possible, set limits on bandwidth use per device to ensure adequate support during congested times.

Reposition the Router: Move the router to a central location in the house. Keep it away from physical obstacles like walls, metal objects, or appliances that can interfere with signals.

Use WiFi extenders or mesh systems: These can amplify coverage, eliminating dead zones.

Finding The Best Deals For College Students And E-Learning

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 perks such as high-speed Internet for online classes, affordable TV bundles for downtime, and special mobile phone plans with unlimited data and discounts.

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

Students and their families can find the best resources and compare plans at www.smartmove.us/back-to-school-Internet.

Health and Wellness

A Community Partner in Health and Everyday Wellness

(NAPSI)—As Idaho communities adapt to changes in the pharmacy landscape, particularly as Rite Aid begins to close its doors, many are discovering a trusted partner in CVS Pharmacy. With more

than 60 years of serving customers and patients, CVS Pharmacy has grown into America's largest national pharmacy while still maintaining local connections, with more than 9,000 community-based locations.

A Legacy of Care and Convenience

CVS Pharmacy has a long-standing commitment to supporting the local community. Whether managing chronic health conditions, offering relief from seasonal colds or allergies, having the beauty essentials you need before a big event or being the place where you can grab that last-minute gift, CVS Pharmacy is focused on providing what you need to help you get and stay healthy, celebrate life's moments and serve as a convenient neighborhood destination you can rely on.

An Expanded Role for Pharmacists

CVS pharmacists do more than ever to support community health. In addition to filling prescriptions, they offer personalized guidance on managing your medications, help you save money on your prescriptions, administer vaccines and, in select states, they can prescribe certain medications. They're an accessible, trusted resource who can help you navigate your health with confidence and convenience.

Everyday Essentials, Personalized for You

The products CVS Pharmacy carries across the store aren't just about convenience; they're an extension of its role as a trusted community destination. Each store curates its product selection to reflect the needs of the local community, with a mix of trusted national and store brands that offer value without compromising quality.

Personalization is at the center of what CVS Pharmacy does. With more than 74 million members in its free ExtraCare® loyalty program, you get access to personalized deals, ExtraBucks® rewards and even more savings with ExtraCare Plus™, including free same-day delivery and other monthly perks.

Purpose in Every Aisle

CVS Pharmacy also sets itself apart through purpose-driven initiatives that reflect a commitment to doing what's right, not just what's profitable.

In 2014, it made national headlines by removing tobacco products from its shelves, becoming the first and only major pharmacy chain to take a stand against tobacco use. Since then, it's continued to prioritize customer and community health in meaningful ways.

As another example, CVS has led the way with an industry-leading "Beauty Unaltered" commitment that promotes transparency and self-confidence by only featuring digitally unaltered beauty images to represent beauty as it truly is. It is also the first national retailer to remove all sun care products with an SPF below 15 from store shelves and to eliminate certain harmful chemicals from all store brand sunscreen products.

This history of purpose-driven commitments is embedded in CVS Pharmacy's identity as a health-first organization.

Always There, Always Evolving

CVS Pharmacy team members live in the same communities they serve. They're part of your neighborhood.

Whether transferring prescriptions, getting a vaccine or picking up everyday essentials, you can count on CVS Pharmacy to be your partner in better health.