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The Lady Lake Chamber had a ribbon cutting celebrating the Discount Beverage center.

Many attended from the Chamber; some 50 to 75 people circulated through the store. They had Poppy's Food Truck

serving Mexican Classics. The food was great and a wine tasting was greatly appreciated. They handed out swags; everyone was networking; there were photo opportunities. Visitors from all levels in the community attended and

enjoyed the beverage center. Chris and Alana say thank you for the Ribbon cutting and invited everyone to come experience her store and what it has to offer.



Past President Susan Soltysiak and Ambassador holding up our newspaper. Susan has been a great supporter of the Lady Lake Chamber and a friend to the newspaper. For the picture I could not help myself. Thanks, Susan for being a reader!



At Fakhoury Medical and Chiropractic Center, we would like to introduce you to our newest team member, Dr. Christopher Ruppel. We are so pleased to have him join our amazing group of Chiropractors. Here is a little of his incredible story that led him to follow his passion of serving:

"It is an honor and truly a privilege to begin serving the community here at Fakhoury Medical and Chiropractic Center in the Ocala and the Villages offices. Both communities are rich in prosperous, and hardworking Americans, who have made a vast array of accomplishments and sacrifices in their lifetime, creating the great state and nation we are afforded to live in today.

As I learn and grow to become a part of these beautiful communities, I hope to be able to share with you my passion to serve not only as a great Chiropractor here in Ocala and in The Villages, but also a referring physician to help guide you towards the care you need and most

certainly deserve.

To begin developing my relationship with the beautiful people here, I find it would be fitting for me to share with you how and why I became to be so passionate about serving as a Chiropractic physician.

This passion has been developing for me since the age of 10 years old when I was involved in a severe motor vehicle accident in which the door of the car I was in was struck by a semi truck going 60 plus miles per hour. This resulted in a concussion, broken nose, and complete laceration of my upper lip and chin as well as some significant neck pain to follow. The pain soon wore off however even after healing from the superficial wounds, I was still unable to look all the way to the right due to the trauma to my neck causing a subluxation and or a restriction preventing me from that movement.

My mother, the wonderful loving nurse she is, insisted that I see a Chiropractor. I had been with her a few times before to watch as she was adjusted. The sounds I heard from her spine had more or less convinced me there was NO WAY I would let someone ever do that to me. However, I noted that she always talked about how much better she felt when she left. It's funny how a mother has a way of directing your care, especially being a nurse. Therefore I decided "Okay if mom says its safe, I'll give it a try". Still apprehensive and extremely nervous to say the least, I laid down to allow this Chiropractic physician an opportunity to fix my neck and restore full range of motion. The adjustment to my surprise was over before I knew it, and I was immediately able to move my neck further to the right. At 10

years of age, this blew me away. I was so amazed at how one man could use his hands to take all the pain and pressure away and also allow me to move my neck again. So from that day forward, I became to rely on Chiropractic care when I had an ailment, pain or restriction that I wasn't able to resolve myself.

Flashing forward 11 years, I was then 21 years old serving on my second tour to Iraq as a Sniper in the Army. During this deployment on 09-26-2008 at 1:06 am, I was involved in an IED attack followed by a mortar attack with two explosions coming in direct contact with the truck that I was riding on top of in the gunner's turret. This explosion left me with damage to my neck, head, ruptured ear drum, and even ruptured my cochlea which is a vital organ to give you a sense of balance. Needless to say the weeks to follow were not pleasant but I was soon able to return to missions and thought I was 100% the soldier I was before.

Just a couple months later, we returned home. I quickly discovered as I began to return to civilian life that I wasn't the soldier or man that I was before I left for Iraq. Not only the way I looked at life and the meaning it now had to me, but I began to have severe migraines with vomiting, sensitivity to light, hot flashes, loss of balance, and a pain that caused me to curl up with a bed pan or next to the toilet in a dark room. These migraines lasted anywhere from 4-72 hours as a complete shutdown, drastically changing my ability to not only be a productive member of society but just be myself and live life. I had seen several neurologist, had several scans of my brain and inner ear, even had surgery where they took a graft of skin

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Elvis Impersonator Mark Shelton is not just one of the best Elvis impersonators, he is an Army Veteran, Military Police, he has a master's degree in Criminal Justice - Boston University, Commissioned Kentucky Colonel, Great Voice, great Music, Great Memories. Mark Shelton bringing you memories of Elvis. 802-274-8050

A.J. "Tony" Powell

AS I SEE IT

AS I SEE IT BY A.J.(Tony) Powell

Did you know that the Constitution of the United States of America limits impeachment to "Treason, Bribery, or other High Crimes and Misdemeanors".

Unfortunately the exact meaning of the phrase "High Crimes and Misdemeanors" is not defined.

The Democrats in Washington DC are determined to "IMPEACH THE PRESIDENT!"

My understanding is that President Donald Trump is alleged to have asked the President of The Ukraine to investigate allegations of bribery and corruption in their country.

At the time, the son of former Vice President Joe Biden was being paid \$800,000 by a 'utility company' over there. His 'job' was to accept a position on their 'Board' which, apparently, did not require his attendance at their meetings or participation in their management.

To make sure that the Ukrainians got the

investigation started, President Trump reminded them that millions of dollars of 'aid' from American tax-payers might be withheld if they didn't cooperate.

It's 'usual practice' for politicians to steer money to their family. Putting their spouse or their children on the payroll is typical.

At least 13 members of Congress have hired family members this year.

Hiring immediate family members with campaign funds is legal as long as the salary payments amount to "bona fide, campaign related services," according to the House Ethics Manual.

But it's really a 'legal' way to enrich family members.

Interestingly, Paul S. Ryan, vice president for policy and litigation at Common Cause said. "It would be a violation of law for a member of Congress to give a family member a no-show job."

But it's not against the law for Vice-President Joe Biden to have his son hired in a foreign country.

It should be noted that President Trump, has daughter Ivanka Trump and son-in-law Jared Kushner in White House jobs BUT they are both unpaid.

It's almost impossible to find out how many Elected Leaders have family members who are taking money from foreign countries or foreign companies.

Is it likely that Biden is the only one?

As I See It, it's a Presidents job, to protect the interests of the United States and the American people.

At the time, Joe Biden was a leading candidate for the Presidency.

If Biden won the election, and it was then discovered that, in fact, they (Biden & Son) had taken hundreds of thousands of dollars illegally, would we then be asking Donald Trump, "Why didn't you investigate them before the election?"

And, "If the Ukrainians would not cooperate, you should have 'pressured them' to get it done".

"Impeach the President?"

They should give him a medal. .

'Til next time

SOCIAL SECURITY



Social Security Benefits Increase in 2020

By Blanca Taylor

Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

Each year, we announce the annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA). By law, federal benefits increase when the cost of living rises, as measured by the Department of Labor's Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W). Usually, there is an increase in the benefit amount people will receive each month, starting the following January.

Nearly 69 million Americans will see a 1.6 percent increase in their Social Security benefits and SSI payments in 2020.

Other changes that will happen in January

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Florida State Senate

DENNIS K. BAXLEY



Friends,
This column comes to you from our desk in the Florida Capitol. That is right, our desk, not mine. This seat, this desk, belong to the people of Senate District 12 and it is very humbling for me to be here on your behalf today. It is never taken for granted the responsibility and trust that you have given to me to represent over 500,000 people in

our great State. We get to work on some big issues, that will affect all of you, and it is very important for you to be engaged and informed in our legislative process.

One piece of legislation that you should all be very aware of is one that was touched on briefly in my last column. In fact, this is probably the most important bill that will be filed all year in the Florida Legislature. SB 404, filed by Senator Kelli Stargel and co-sponsored by your State

Senator, is a bill that would require parental consent for minors seeking to obtain an abortion procedure. Current state law only require parental notification. Critics from the left have labeled this an anti-abortion bill that would infringe on women's privacy rights. Nothing could be further from the truth. This bill is quite simple. Parents must be involved in any medical decisions that their children undergo. In schools, your child is not allowed to take a Tylenol without your permission. At the movie theatre, your child is not allowed to see an R-rated movie about abortion (see movie: Unplanned) without your permission. Yet some people believe that these same children should be allowed to undergo a medical procedure,

without any input from the people who are held responsible for their safety. That is just not right.

My friends, this is not about pro-life versus pro-choice. My stance on those issues is well documented and I am very proud to be called a defender of life, but we need to put all of that aside for minute and recognize what we are trying to do here. This is about empowering families to be able to take care of each other. When a child is faced with that kind of situation, a father and/or a mother's involvement, no matter what decision is made, is so critical to that child's future and we must let parents take care of their children. Since there will be cases of minors who do not have family involvement, then this bill provides a way for them to petition a court, at no cost, and have their records remain completely confidential with no public access.

As this is being written, the bill was heard in the Health Policy Committee in the Florida Senate, and fifteen amendments were filed. All of them were given a fair hearing. We anticipate that this bill will pass that first stop and be heard in at least two more committees before it reaches the floor.

Thank you for letting me update you on this important issue, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office should you have any questions.

Onward & Upward,
Senator Dennis Baxley

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NaturVet Quiet Moments Calming Aids

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PUBLISHER'S NOTES



Publishers Notes December Issue

There is a new drink being served in Washington. It is called Supenacolada!

Another interesting thing I saw when I was in George Marshals Flags and Flag Poles place downtown Lady Lake the other day, he had Trump Water. It's in a blue bottle, with red cap and a red, white and blue label. The label says Trump President 2020 with American Flags on it. I think it's a collectible.

What in the Trump world is going on??? The following is what is going on... A kangaroo court is a court that ignores recognized standards of law or justice, and often carries little or no official standing in the territory within which it resides. The term may also apply to a court held by a legitimate judicial authority who intentionally disregards the court's legal or ethical obligations. More...What is the

meaning of the idiom kangaroo court? A self-appointed tribunal that violates established legal procedure; also, a dishonest or incompetent court of law.

I have been saying for three or four years that a third party will emerge. I still say that. Right now the Socialist Party is hiding inside the Democratic Party and using their platform to run for political offices. The Democrats have been so busy trying to impeach the President they were not paying attention. They have almost lost their identity. When the Democratic Party started this hate trip they left themselves wide open to Socialism. They just stepped in and started operating. Now it's almost too late for the Democratic party to stop them. They have been educating our children about free stuff they can receive through Socialism. They are not teaching them where the money comes from and why it can't last forever. Ask a wealthy person this question...Would you stay in this country

and let them tax you into poverty or...Would you move to beautiful spot in another country where the taxes are normal?

In my Opinion there must be three classes of people.

The wealthy

The middle Class

The poverty class

Let's look back in history...

The wealthy In the (1950's)... The wealthy had \$100,000 to a million dollars. They drove a Cadillacs, had private phone lines.

Today... The wealthy are billionaires. They all have smart phones; all have computers; private line house phones; airplanes; go out to eat every night or hire it catered in home.

The middle class In the (1950's)... They had one car, one TV, Mom stayed at home, etc

Today ... There are TV's in every room. Mom, Dad, and the kids all have cars. Moms can even have a career and are not stuck at home all day.

The lower income people in the (1950's)... Some had one TV; phone line was party line; some had older cars that they were constantly fixing.

Today... The working person has everything available to them in moderation. Some people were force into the lower income level when the previous administration said business with a certain number of full time employees would have to pay for their healthcare. The businesses could not afford that so they made everyone part time employees 29 hours. This cost the working person over -25% of their pay. That had a big impact on our economy. That shoved many of the workers down into the lower income bracket, but it gave a false rating for the numbers employed. They hired one more for every four employees they made part time, lower the weekly wage on the working person. Trump getting rid of those rules brought back the full time employee and higher wages. That will raise the lower income to a higher level never met before. This gives that worker and his family more purchasing power, businesses thrive, stock market goes up. We are in a very encouraging time. Actually the stock market is being held up by the middle class workers instead of the Fat Cats that manipulate numbers. Don't let anyone change that.

It seems as though there are some people still in jail for drug conviction laws that are no longer on the books. The Governor needs to look at this and make a ruling to make things right by law.

Merry Christmas to all and we wish you a happy /safe new year!

WHAT SAY YOU?

Fakhoury Medical

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had surgery where they took a graft of skin from behind my ear to patch the leaking fluid from my cochlea in my inner ear to correct my balance. All in hopes it would prevent these horrible migraines. Yet years later, I was still having these debilitating migraines with no end in sight.

Two years later in 2010, I was working as a student radiographer in pursuit of a bachelors in radiological imaging. On a student budget, I wasn't able to get the regular Chiropractic adjustments as mom recommended and that I truly needed.

So fast forward 4 more years, as I'm still suffering with these debilitating migraines, I decided to leave radiology, based upon all of the personal advances in my own health care and after shadowing over a dozen different Chiropractic offices, I decided I wanted to start on the journey to become a Chiropractic physician. So I finally had the ability to receive regular adjustments as Chiropractic students received free treatment! There was slow but certainly notable improvement with each adjustment. After my third year at Logan Chiropractic College in St. Louis receiving highly specific managed care by a mentor and role model of mine Dr Jeff Lawlor, I was and have been to this date 100% migraine FREE!

These personal impacts that I have had in my own life, along with the amazing changes I have been able to make in the lives of others since I have began working as a Chiropractor, has driven me further in pursuit of this profession. I truly feel its my calling and purpose to share the amazing possibilities Chiropractic care has to offer. Being a Veteran with 7 years as a Army Sniper, two tours to Iraq and a Purple Heart, my primary focus is to serve those who have served our great nation with honor and pride. Those comrades, our community Veterans, deserve our upmost respect, gratitude, and care for their selfless sacrifices and commitment."

-Dr. Christopher Ruppel

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ONE PERSON'S OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter to Tom (publisher)

Your article "along came trump" would be a laughable gumbo of rubbish if you weren't so tragically misinformed. If you and Trump mean by draining the swamp is to get rid of all the highly respected, capable, and experienced politicos and replace them with inexperienced, money grubbing, puppet "yes" men then I guess that you are both in agreement. Your lack of credible information, combined with your ignorance of facts are a bit hard to comprehend.

You really believe that Trump is transparent when he has forbidden staff to cooperate with the legitimate investigation, has refused to turn over any documents requested by congress, and refuses to turn over his tax returns that he promised to make public once they were out of audit? Does this smack of transparency?

When was the last time you witnessed the type of corruption exhibited by this administration? Even the Nixon impeachment was not as damaging as this administration's.

One more thing.... You brought up the steal dasia in your foolish ranting. At least look up the proper spelling...It is Steele dossier. At least this foolish blunder brought a tiny smile to my lips, (but only briefly.)

Bob from The Villages

Publisher note:

Bob what I did was not a rant but you did was a rant! You sound like a hard core Democrat. I take my hat off to you, everyone has to believe in something. Good for you

keep up the pressure. I will call it like I see it!

Thank you reading the paper and giving me your opinion.

TomL

To TomL

Presidential phone calls are monitored for a variety of reasons. His phone calls need to be shared with various federal department employees, depending on the reason for any given call. No, the president should not ask a foreign leader about "crimes" he or she may know about American citizens. Those foreign leaders most likely do not get into any "gossip". It would be beneath their dignity. You need to "bone up" on why presidential phone calls need to be monitored. Here is a link for you - <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-49858318>

D.S.

Publishers note

Hi D.S.

I read the link you sent me. It does say that some people in certain positions can listen in, but I ask: Would you want people listening in on your conversations? I know I would not! Maybe the President needs to reduce the number of listeners / leakers so that there are not people leaking his conversations to the media so they can't misconstrue information. I do not like what the president is going through while trying to run the country. Especially with foreign leaders. There are media people not reporting the news. They

are trying to create it. The President has obviously done a lot for the working people. He also understands people with money hire people who work for a living. Now the fact that people are working for a living are the same people who are driving the stock market up. The more jobs the stronger the market. The fat cats used to manipulate the strength of the market but now it's up even after all they have done to ruin the Presidents reputation. Turn him lose and let's see what he can do! Look what he has already done!

TomL

Letter from S.S.

Just read your little paper for the first time. Re: mock impeachment hearing, and your statement " The whistle blower loses all credibility if they cannot be cross examined by presidents attorneys, they can't keep a witness anonymous they must be cross examined"

Did you look up the whistleblower act? Do you know anything about it? That they are protected by the government during that investigation? And not just "they".... that includes you also. In a situation where you could lose your job by reporting fraud wouldn't you want to remain anonymous if you could? But apparently, if it doesn't suit your purposes you don't want to play by the rules.

It amazes me that so many people, like yourself, will stand behind every awful thing that this president does. He truly has gotten people to show who they really are, and it's not a pretty sight. Rather than making America great he has torn the fabric of what we were on the cusp of becoming....a nation of beautiful, caring, tolerant people. A shining beacon to the world. God help us all.

Publishers note:

Hi S.S.

I will look up "Whistle Blower". Thanks you for the tip! I wonder what you are going say when people start going to jail??? What people you say the people you believe instead of the President of the United States. The people voted him in and the people can voted him out. Until then I will stand up for any President the people voted in.

I don't believe anyone should stand behind a curtain. Anyone can say anything and don't have to answer for a lie. Have you been watching the circus that has been going on the impeachment inquirer? Your right God Help us.

TomL

PS In looking up whistle Blower it says...If it is found that they are lying, they may be subjected to criminal charges. The Supreme Court has ruled this protection

only applies to government workers when the disclosure is not directly related to the job.

To the Editor

WOW! Knowledge is bad, a new perspective on that issue.

If you believe that knowledge encompasses just good or the bible, we are on 2 different planets. Knowledge includes the good, the bad, and the ugly of human behavior including congress and Jerry Springer. The history of human behavior since the creation of this planet is knowledge. There are no limits to knowledge. How can you find a happy path for your life without knowing what to beware of?

One can lead a purely religious life yet know nothing of the pitfalls that exist. That was my route until, I began to read. 4000 nonfiction books later I now have a different perspective on life. There are bad things in life that can be harmful. People do want to take advantage of others use us, control us, enslave us, cheat us, and like John Dewey "Keep us dumbed down" without knowledge of these bad things, we can be victimized and exploited so easily. If sharing this information is bigotry to some, they are to be pitied. Closing one's eyes does not make bad things disappear. Bad things are still there, and will still affect your life. I wonder why no one ever told me I was wasting my time reading until now. There just went 50 years down the tube. Wasted.

This might be a fun place to start an experiment. Alinsky's Rules for Radicals vs. Kahane's, Rules for Conservative Radicals. Mull those over for a spell, two perspectives.

Knowledge makes life so much more enjoyable, than tons of money. Comfort {enough money to pay cash for purchases} was my goal, and it has provided me with a happy life, in spite of the usual unavoidable issues we all have to contend with {health issues}. More money would not have made me any happier, friends, and family did the trick. More good friends and family might have contributed to a happier life. Maybe I was just lucky the friends and family I have are good.

The history of lotto winners seems to bear out this theory. Few big lotto winner stories have happy endings. Some are even tragic.

Knowledge not brain washed education is what leads to a happy life. You feel good when you know someone is trying to scam you and you foil their attempt. That is as good as deflecting a bullet.

Prime example: When I researched the

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CHIEF ROBERT TEMPESTA.



HOLIDAY SAFETY REMINDERS FROM THE LADY LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT

As the holiday season approaches, residents in our community will be gathering with family and friends to celebrate. Whether you are traveling out of town or hosting holiday festivities at home, the Lady Lake Police Department wants you to be safe. Here is a security checklist to help protect your home and family.

Before you leave town it is important to make sure your home appears occupied. Place timers on your lights and set them to turn on and off at different times. Lock your garage door and disconnect the automatic opener. Most importantly, tell a trusted neighbor that you are going to be away and ask them to dial 911 immediately if they see anyone on your property.

Here are some additional home security tips to keep in mind:

- Be sure the locks on all doors and windows are still functioning properly and always use them. If not, replace them. The cost to do so will be less than the damage and theft from a burglary.
- Stop newspaper and mail deliveries while you are away from your home.
- Never hide a spare key outside.
- Give that spare key to a trusted neighbor

and provide them with an emergency telephone number where they can reach you.

- Have someone mow your lawn if you'll be away more than a couple of weeks.
- Turn down your telephone ringer so no one outside can hear repeated rings, and never leave a message on your telephone answering machine stating you are out of town.
- Leave your window blinds as you normally would if you were home.
- Invite your neighbor to park their car in your driveway or have a friend move yours if you left it at home.
- Try to avoid posting holiday travel plans on social networking sites, if possible. Even if you are not planning to travel, the holidays are also a time when the criminal element are looking to cash in at your expense. Here are some tips from the Lady Lake Police Department to help keep your home, your car, your possessions, and your family safe.

Keeping Your Home Safe

We all want our homes to reflect the joy of the season, but avoid displaying gifts where they can be seen from a window or doorway.

- Arrange to have packages delivered to a neighbor if you're not home to receive them. Packages left on porches or doorsteps are "easy picking" for thieves. It also draws unwanted attention to your home.
- Consider simple outside decorations. Elaborate decorations are sometimes stolen right off the lawn.

- Be sure not to obscure the view from your windows. You need a clear view of your property.
- Always lock your home's doors and windows, even if you're only gone for a few minutes.

- Dispose of gift packaging discreetly. Often criminals will spot something you've discarded and can target you for their next burglary or theft.

Remain Alert While Shopping

- Always lock your car and close the windows, even if you're only gone a few moments. When possible, lock all merchandise or packages in the trunk of your car. Load your packages before departing and not at the next destination.
- Shop with at least one other person. Have your car or house key in your hand as you approach the door.
- Stay alert to your surroundings and the

people around you. Look inside your car and around it as you approach.

- Be mindful of your purses and wallets. Be sure that your purse is secured as you travel to and from the store and don't leave it in a shopping cart unattended. Keep wallets in a side pant pocket or an inside pocket of a coat, if possible.
- Avoid carrying large quantities of cash.
- Plan your trips to the stores. Instead of one big shopping trip, try several small ones. This will cut down on the amount of money you carry, the packages you will be overloaded with, and it will make your shopping less stressful.
- Park in well-lighted areas that will be well-lighted when you return.

On behalf of the men and women of the Lady Lake Police Department, I wish you all a safe and enjoyable holiday season!



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Restaurant Reviews

Roma's Italian Restaurant review...There are usually 10 to 12 of us that dine out together every week and we dine at Roma's quite often. The food is always good and the wait staff is very friendly. Whether you are ordering a calzone, chicken cacciatore or eggplant parmigiana, you can expect a wonderful meal. Vickie is our frequent waitress and she is amazing - always getting the order & billing correct with a pleasant and friendly smile. I would recommend Roma's to anyone in the Ocala area that wants a good Italian meal. (Off US 27 next to Publix). Ron & Elaine

Front Porch home style cooking, very well prepared, appetizing to look at and the service was good Buuuut they have home pies fresh made daily.

Breakfast Go For Donuts fresh baked in house every night. Dunlop Florida.

Terry Restaurant on Friday. Great fish sandwich or Shrimp Poor Boy.

Mojo's many great salads in an eatable crunchy shell with your choice of meat and dressing.

A New **Hardee's** and **Taco Bell** has opened in Dunnellon. They are moving and shaking in Dunnellon. I like Hardees roast beef.

Villages area **Texas Road House** had a coupon in the Village Spectator in the October issue for a free Cactus Blossom. Good till 12-31-19

A restaurant I frequent is **Northgate Diner** at the corner of NW 35th St and Old 301/200A/J'ville Rd. The food is good ol' home cooking style. The service is as great as the food and very moderately priced. The owner Tammy Lolley, and has been in business for over 17 years. PS-Tammy is

also a great bowler.

Lunch at **Applebee's**. I had to travel to Tampa for newspaper and order newspaper bags for the Villages papers. It went well. I pulled into the loading dock area, told the guy at the desk my name and in about three minutes I hear a forklift. I drop the tail gate on my truck and the guy slides the pallet into the truck and we left...Fast!

On the way back my wife and I stopped at Applebee's in the newly formed Wesley Chapel area. The hostess and the waitress were very friendly and accommodating. I order a Whiskey Burger medium (no alcohol). It was a handmade burger with cheese, lettuce, tomato and battered thin sliced onion fried crisp on top before putting the top bun half on. It was served with fries. I ordered coffee if they could assure me it would be hot...It was. My wife had a bowl of potato soup with cheese on top. It was good and thick and a house salad. Both were well prepared and were delicious. It was a good experience!

Letters

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price of manufacturing hearing aids, and learned it was \$75 to \$200, I am still shopping for hearing aids.

Knowledge is not a bad thing. It might be the best thing humans do for ourselves. Try it you might like it.

Unknown

Letter from DM

I found your magazine in my driveway the other day. That is my first time reading it but I really love your paper. It tells things the way they are and that's something lacking in this country. Wish you could mail that to everybody in the US that would be great. Thanks for the info.

Darrell

Publishers note: Darrell wish I could mail to everyone in the US also. I don't have that kind of money. Thanks for reading. Our Ocala paper is going into the University of Florida's digital Library. Maybe that will help.



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Nothing but networking was a good event. Over 50 people attended. They had ten new people joining the networking event. It is always busy at the end of the year. A lot of discussion about businesses and what they are planning for the new

year. Everyone sounded optimistic. Most were saying business is up and that is always good. As you can see by the smiles things are good. We will have more pictures next year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!





The tenth annual Christmas in the Villages was held at the Wildwood Community Center. There was continuous Entertainment: Mark Shelton put on Elvis Christmas Show and Do Wop Music by Danny & Johnny. Grand Prize Drawing was at 3 pm. The first 100 people through the door were given free raffle tickets, a tote & door prizes. Of course there is always food. There were 100 venders with some free stuff and lots of information. Parking was free. If you missed this event it is held every year. Watch for an ad in this newspaper.





Governor Ron DeSantis & VISIT FLORIDA Launch New Website for Service Members and Their Families

Tallahassee, Fla. — Today, in honor of Veteran's Day, Governor Ron DeSantis announced the launch of a new military-friendly travel section on VISIT FLORIDA's website,

www.visitflorida.com/military.

The section is a consolidated source of Florida travel information for service members, veterans, and their families. The site includes information about discounts and experiences available to military members and their families, monuments and memorials, military-related events, museums and more.

"More than 1.5 million veterans call Florida home and the defense industry is one of the state's top economic drivers," said **Governor DeSantis**. "On Veteran's Day, we recognize and observe the sacrifices of our men and women in the armed services who have dedicated their lives to preserving the principles upon which our great country was founded. Since taking office, I have made it a priority to enhance Florida's reputation as the most veteran-friendly state in the nation. VISIT FLORIDA's new military travel hub expands this initiative and further strengthens the bond between Florida and our nation's heroes."

"Florida is one of the world's leading destinations and VISIT FLORIDA is dedicated to providing all our visitors with inspiring travel ideas," said **VISIT FLORIDA President and CEO Dana Young**. "Through this new addition to our website, VISIT FLORIDA is showcasing the many military-friendly experiences available throughout the state. We are honored to provide our country's servicemen and women with tailored visitor information, and will remain committed to ensuring military members, veterans, and their families feel welcome when creating lifelong memories in the Sunshine State."

Florida is a diverse destination that last

year attracted 127 million travelers from around the world. Tourism remains the state's leading industry and, based on the latest economic impact study, visitors to Florida contributed \$85.9 billion to the state's economy and supported 1.5 million Florida jobs in 2017.

Governor Ron DeSantis and Education Commissioner Richard Corcoran Announce Florida Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant Awardees

On November 20, 2019, in News Releases, by Staff

Nearly \$3 million in funding dedicated to career and technical education remains available

Tallahassee, Fla.— Today, Governor Ron DeSantis and Department of Education (DOE) Commissioner of Education Richard Corcoran announced the school districts, universities, colleges and private institutions who have been awarded with the Florida Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant.

During the 2019 Legislative Session, Governor DeSantis worked with the Florida Legislature to secure historic funding for Florida's students and families, including \$10 million dedicated to career and technical education for the newly created Florida Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant Program. The program provides competitive grants to eligible institutions to create or expand apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship programs. Of the \$10 million in state funding, nearly \$3 million still remains.

"Ensuring for a talented, well-educated workforce matters for the success of Florida's economy and the health of our democracy, and I am thrilled to award these institutions with the Florida Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant," said **Governor DeSantis**. "By investing in workforce education and apprenticeship programs, we are ensuring Florida's students will have new opportunities and

career paths. I am committed to making sure Florida is on track to being the best state in the nation for workforce education by 2030, and this grant creates the conditions for the talented workforce our state needs."

"Governor DeSantis has remained committed to expanding opportunities to build a strong workforce in Florida, and this grant is just another way we will ensure Floridians have access to a world-class education and a highly skilled workforce," said **DOE Commissioner Richard Corcoran**. "Statewide interest is at an all-time high, and this grant will have a positive impact on the lives of Florida's students for years to come."

"We stand behind Governor DeSantis and our partners throughout the state as they advance career paths for all Floridians," said **Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Executive Director Ken Lawson**. "Providing diverse career training opportunities for Floridians throughout the state will continue to grow and evolve our workforce, communities and economy."

"Governor DeSantis continues to demonstrate his commitment to strengthening workforce education and training, including apprenticeships, with today's announcement of \$7 million in grants awarded to education and business entities statewide to expand these programs," said **CareerSource Florida President and CEO Michelle Dennard**. "Apprenticeships are a proven solution for businesses to recruit, train and retain highly skilled workers, and the CareerSource Florida network is honored to be working closely with our state partners to help more employers build their own apprenticeships and other training programs to meet critical talent needs."

For more information on the Florida Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant Program, visit

www.fldoe.org/pathwaysgrant.

Social Security

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2020 reflect the increase in the national average wage index. For example, the maximum amount of earnings subject to Social Security payroll tax will increase to \$137,700 from \$132,900. The earnings limit for workers who are younger than "full" retirement age (age 66 for people born in 1943 through 1954) will increase to \$18,240. (We deduct \$1 from benefits for each \$2 earned over \$18,240.)

The earnings limit for people turning 66 in 2020 will increase to \$48,600. (We deduct \$1 from benefits for each \$3 earned over \$48,600 until the month the worker turns age 66.)

In December 2019, we will post Social Security COLA notices online for retirement, survivors, and disability beneficiaries who have a *my Social Security* account. You will be able to view and save future COLA notices via the Message Center inside *my Social Security*.

You can log in to or sign up for a *my Social Security* account today at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount to get more information about your new benefit amount. You can choose to receive an electronic notification by email, text, or both ways under "Message Center Preferences." Our notification will let you know that a new message is waiting for you. We will not send any personal information in the notification. The Message Center also allows you to go paperless by opting out of receiving agency notices by mail that you can get online, including annual cost-of-living adjustments and the income-related monthly adjustment amount increases. The Message Center is a secure portal where you can conveniently receive sensitive communications that we don't send through email or text.

More information about the 2020 COLA is available at

www.socialsecurity.gov/cola.

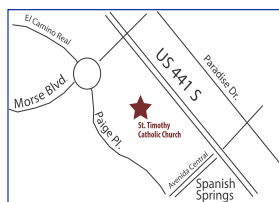
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Senior Protection Team

Attorney General Ashley Moody announced Florida's Senior Protection Team, an intra-agency group of experts working together to fight fraud and abuse. The team is comprised of leading members from the Attorney General's Office of Statewide Prosecution, Consumer Protection Division and Medicaid Fraud Control Unit. Seniors v. Crime and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement will also actively assist the team with investigations and outreach efforts.

The goal is to bring attorneys and investigators specialized in fighting civil, criminal and health care fraud together to develop strategies to protect Floridians 60 and older. The team is already meeting with experts and stakeholders across the state to develop aggressive ways to combat fraud

against seniors.

This team of highly-skilled attorneys and investigators is laser focused on identifying, investigating and eliminating fraud and abuse harming Florida seniors. More than five million seniors call Florida home. Many of these great Americans have served our country and economy in countless ways. We owe it to them to make sure they can enjoy their golden years free from the threat of financial exploitation and physical abuse."

-Ashley Moody, Florida Attorney General

The Senior Protection Team will also attempt to identify emerging scams, spot trends and stay ahead of changes in technology used to prey on seniors. For more information about how to tell if a senior may be a victim of financial fraud and how to guard against senior scams, click [here](#).

To report an emergency please call 911. To report any nonemergency scam or abuse, please call (866) 9NO-SCAM or file a complaint by going to



Nov. 22, 2019

This week is National Utility Scam Awareness Week. Utility scammers prey on unsuspecting consumers' emotions and scare them into giving up personal and financial information.

I don't want any Floridian to feel helpless against these fraudsters, so I issued tips directly to consumers this week through social media to arm them with information needed to not fall for these scams.

There are three main ways that utility scammers try to exploit consumers. First, they call threatening disconnection of utility services unless payment is made immediately using prepaid cards. Second, they claim that a utility bill was overpaid, and bank account information is needed to facilitate a refund. Finally, they could come to the door impersonating a utility worker to gain entry into your home.

While this is not an exhaustive list of all the methods these fraudsters use, the following tips will help you discern if you are speaking with a legitimate utility company or a scammer.

Remember, utility representatives will never call to demand payment over the phone or request prepaid debit cards for bill payment. If you receive a call that you believe is from a utility company and want to confirm the validity, hang up and then call the company directly to see if it is a legitimate request.

It is also a good rule of thumb to never give out or confirm personal information to anyone initiating contact, whether by phone, in-person or email, claiming to be a utility representative. Additionally, never let someone you do not personally know into your home.

My office is here to help you. Report fraud to my office by calling 1(866) 9NO-SCAM or visiting MyFloridaLegal.com.

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1. "Boy, is it hot!"
5. Nothing to write home about
9. Billiards shot
14. Ogden Nash's priest
15. Tess Durbeyfield's victim
16. Nobel winner Leo Esaki's birthplace
17. Super's apartment
18. Choice reading?
19. Essence of roses
20. Off-season hangout for Santa?
22. Looks beneath the surface?
23. Love's companion
24. Comparable figures
26. Animated Szyslak
28. Put back in the hospital
32. Gypsy Rose Lee's closetful
37. Kay Thompson character
38. Greeting from a tin can
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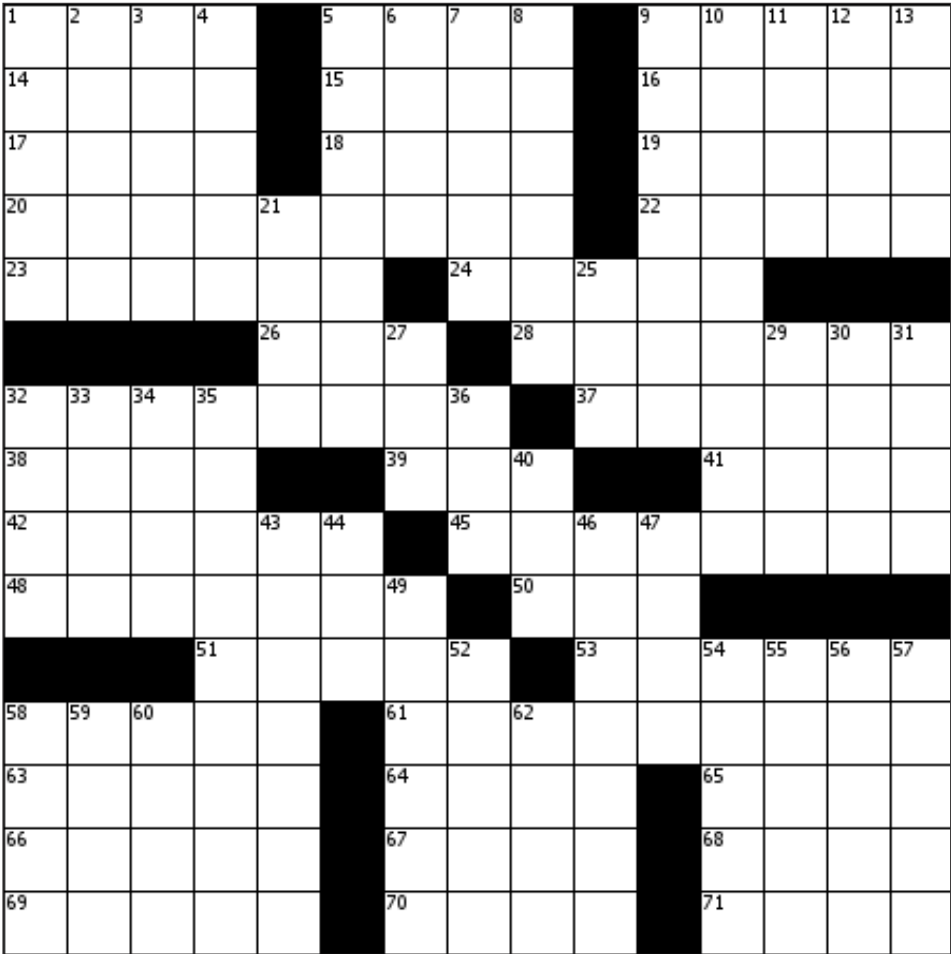
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58. Mogul Empire capital
61. Amusing stroke of luck?
63. Bye, somewhere
64. Like a dusty area
65. Anise-flavored ap  ritif
66. Green damage
67. It has many slots
68. Computerphile
69. How-to listings
70. Rain anagram
71. You need it to make the grade

Down

1. Hollow twang
2. Mot Cot Pagoda locale
3. Kuwaiti haves
4. Charlie the Stone
5. 1984 NBA Rookie of the Year Ralph
6. Alternate for butter
7. Polite title
8. About vision
9. Cable type
10. Earth-bound comet, perhaps?
11. Pro ---
12. Not spectacular
13. Utopia Planitia setting

- feeling
41. Ruler of Valhalla
42. Attired like some senators of old
45. Reason to say "Whew!"
48. Mooches
50. Tad's dad
51. Remote spots?
53. Los ---,
21. Spherical starter
25. Kickoff platform
27. Shirred item
29. It covers half a calf
30. Sister of Osiris
31. Bo's equals
32. Rods and heaters
33. Place for future carpenters
34. Like some lunch orders
35. Where a daytime soap cast shoots baskets?
36. Bask
40. Hyson, for one
43. The world revolves around them
44. Rock's --- Leppard
46. Wantonness
47. Count (on)
49. Occasion for a game plan?
52. More steady
54. Man / town link
55. Gus in "Cinderella"
56. Seeps slowly
57. Nasal grunt
58. Father figures
59. Cut and paste
60. Pre-videotape
62. Singer Simone



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Connecting Veterans And Volunteers



Connecting Veterans And Volunteers Nationwide

(NAPSI)—If you would like to help a veteran, if you are a veteran who needs extra help, or know of one in your community, here's good news. There's a new, nationwide resource that makes it easy to match civic-minded individuals with those who need a little assistance. The database, called VolunteerforVeterans.org, was created by DAV (Disabled American Veterans), a nonprofit charity that helps veterans get their benefits and services.

Here's how it works. Veterans, as well as their caregivers, can use the site to seek assistance by entering the type of help they need, from basic tasks such as yardwork, help with errands or other services. Neighbors or friends who know of a veteran in need of help can step in to coordinate requests on their behalf. On the flip side, volunteers who are interested in giving their time can use the site to look for and respond to requests for help.

Using the site is easy, and at no cost to

veterans or volunteers. Go to www.VolunteerforVeterans.org, click on the "sign up" icon and indicate whether you are a veteran or caregiver who needs help, a friend or neighbor making a request on someone's behalf, or a volunteer willing to give support. Choose your state and the screen will populate with requests.

There is no minimum time requirement for volunteering, and groups, such as the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, can participate. Volunteer opportunities are updated daily, so individuals and groups are encouraged to check back often.

Ways to help. Opportunities to volunteer vary from activities that require special skills to basic assistance around the house, such as fixing and serving a meal, home maintenance, laundry, cleaning, grocery shopping, paperwork, carpentry, automotive repair and more.

Become a volunteer driver. One important and growing need, particularly for the aging veteran population, is transportation to medical appointments. At one time, the federal government provided assistance for veterans to help them access the care they earned. Unfortunately, that program was stopped in 1987. Since then, DAV has stepped in to coordinate no-cost rides through volunteer drivers to get ill and injured veterans to their scheduled care at VA medical facilities.

Drivers are provided training and use

DAV-donated vehicles for transporting veterans. Volunteers may select the days that best fit their schedule.

"Giving even just a few hours of time a month can make a huge difference in the lives of veterans who need help," says John Kleindienst, DAV's National Voluntary Services Director. "VolunteerforVeterans.org makes the process of providing and receiving life-changing help easy."

To find out about volunteering, or if you are a veteran in need of assistance, go to www.VolunteerforVeterans.org.

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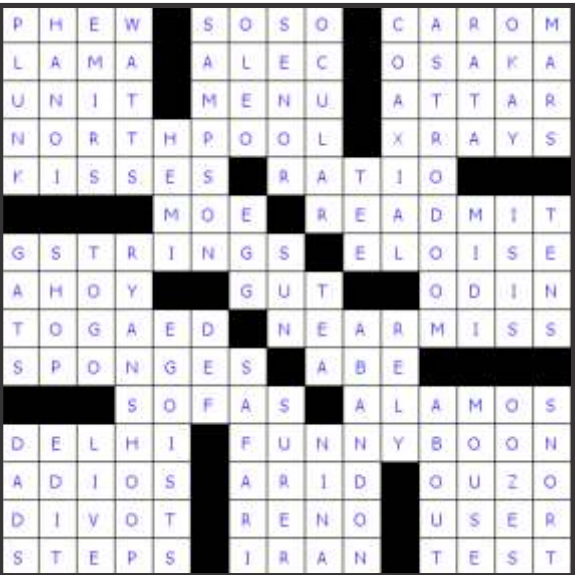
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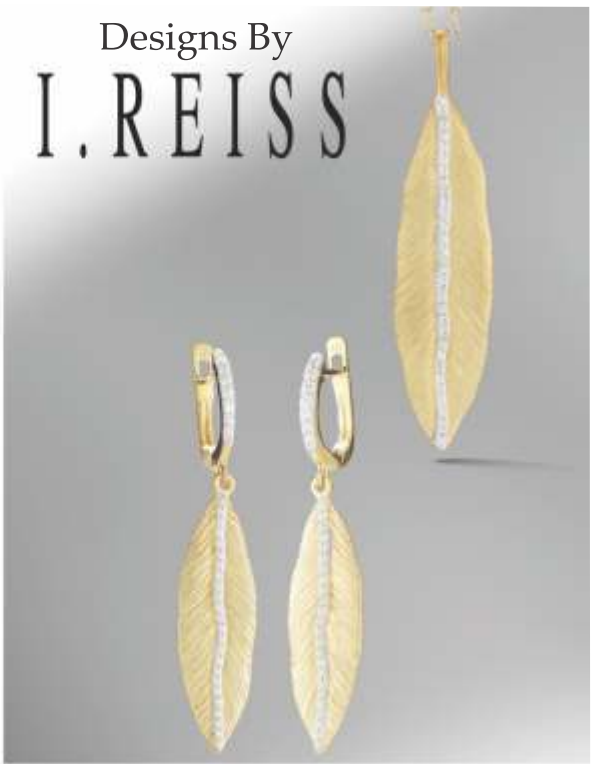
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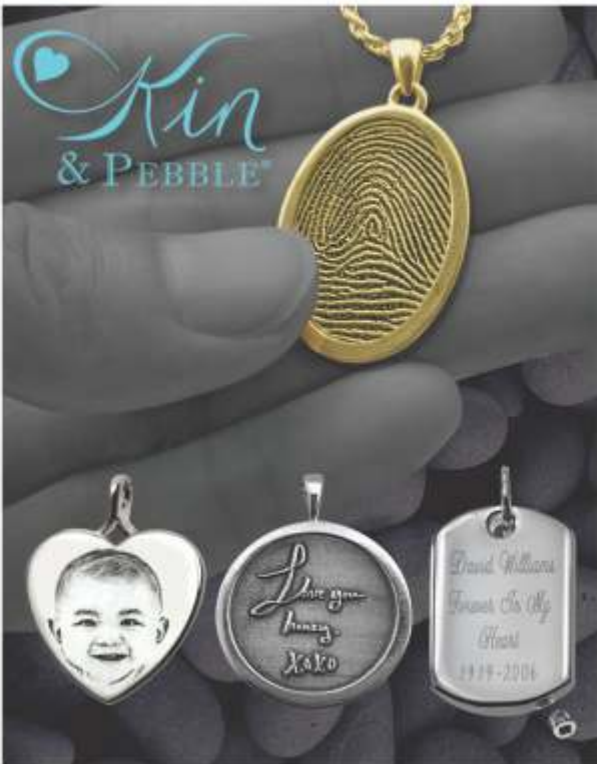
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