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## Zika Update

Publishers Note: I don't want to alarm anyone but we should keep an eye on the battle against the Zika virus with all the lakes, ponds, retention ponds, and ditches being constructed to take the water off the roads by the DOT and anything water related. If Zika got a foothold in our area it could turn into a real problem. Hopefully the State of Florida and national attention should do all they can to stop it where it's at right now! We are spending a lot of time trying to get test kits and not stopping the cause.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Governor Rick Scott announced that the Florida Department of Health (DOH) is investigating a new non-travel related case of Zika in Palm Beach County. This case is unrelated to the other non-travel related case announced earlier this month in Palm Beach. Last week, the Governor called on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for 5,000 Zika antibody tests. The CDC has only sent less than 1,200 to Florida.

Governor Scott said, "Last week, I requested that the CDC provide Florida with 5,000 Zika antibody tests, but they have only sent less than 1,200. This is unacceptable. We also requested additional lab support personnel to help the state expedite Zika testing and an additional 10,000 Zika prevention kits. It is disappointing that these requests have not been fulfilled. Florida now has 43 cases of locally acquired Zika and the Obama Administration must quickly fulfill our entire request so that we can continue to provide the resources our state needs to combat this virus. I have also repeatedly called on the Obama Administration to provide a detailed plan on how Florida should work with FEMA on how federal resources will be allocated to combat this virus. I expect the Obama Administration to be a good partner and work quickly to fulfill these requests."

DOH has begun door-to-door outreach and targeted sampling in Palm Beach County and mosquito abatement and reduction activities are also taking place. DOH still believes ongoing active transmission is only

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day Eaton's Beach.

With the hope of developing another Coney Island, Eaton built a 30 foot boardwalk over the water, a dive tower, a boat house and even a three lane bowling alley. Many local Florida residents and tourists made lasting memories there.

Since 1943, the property was bought and sold by three different families: The Houser family (who's snooker billiards table is proudly suspended from the ceiling above the lower level Sandbar); the Enos family (their grandchildren were known for their competitive swimming, which originated the annual Lake Weir Marathon swim that we proudly sponsor today); and now local Lake Weir residents Randy and Sue Keuntjes.

With the complete rebuilding of the beautiful lakeside restaurant, the Keuntjes' hope has become a reality. The 6,000 acre recreation Lake Weir offers many kinds of wildlife and water activities such as fishing, skiing, kayaking, sailing and frequent sea plane visitors; just a few of the things you may see sitting beachside.

Arrive by land or water via the dock and boat slips. Casual and comfortable dining with amazing sunsets over calm water awaits new and old Eaton's Beach enthusiasts alike.

Just like back in 1924, Eaton's Beach is  
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## More To Do and Eat Than A Single Day Can Handle

The History of Lake Weir's Best Kept Secret

by David Reyes

Once upon a time, a New Jersey resident,

bought a white sand beach front property right off Lake Weir. The year was 1924 and that man was Jay Eaton – and the property itself? Well, that's none other than modern

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## AS I SEE IT

This is another summary of the ‘Good Old Days’ of the George Bush Republican Presidencies which The Donald wants to take us back to.

George Walker Bush was Governor of Texas, then President of the USA 2001 to 2009. He never had a real job because his fathers connections got him a big pay-check in Big Oil. ‘The Donald is saying that the upcoming November election might be ‘fixed’, but George Jr got 543,895 fewer than opponent Al Gore but he took the Presidency anyway.

Did Bush keep America safe?

Eight months after he took over the White House we had the September 11 terrorist attacks. Instead of working on the protection of America and Americans, Bush invaded Afghanistan and Iraq.

While here in America he rewarded his wealthy cronies with huge tax cuts.

He also approved electronic surveillance of ordinary Americans and the use of torture by our military. Even his own Republicans were dismayed at his inept handling of the Iraq War and Hurricane Katrina.

Bush was one of the most unpopular presidents ever because of the 2008 financial crisis which caused millions of working Americans to lose their jobs and, eventually their homes.

Bush went to an all-male boarding school where, his greatest accomplishment was as

the head cheerleader. A distinction which he repeated at Yale University, while maintaining a modest 77 GPA.

In order to avoid military service Bush joined the Texas Air National Guard. He was selected as a pilot despite his low pilot aptitude test scores and his irregular attendance. Later he was suspended for failure to take a scheduled physical exam.

Bush had episodes of alcohol abuse, having been arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol.

Apparently, Bush was an avid reader, and not at all dedicated to his Presidential responsibilities. It’s reported that as president, Bush read 14 Lincoln biographies and about 186 books in his last 3 years in the White House.

He wasn’t much better in business, despite his high-powered connections. His oil exploration company went broke, and he was suspected of insider trading, but his fathers cronies on the SEC said that there was “insufficient evidence” to prosecute him.

Not to be deterred, he got an \$800,000 share of the Texas Rangers, and was rewarded with a \$15 million dollar payout a few years later.

At election time, Bush rumored that candidate Ann Richards, was a lesbian, and one of his henchmen criticized Richards for ‘appointing avowed homosexual activists’ to state jobs”.

Bush then tried to ban abortions and same-sex marriage, and to persuade retirees to put their savings into risky Stock Market ventures, and he opposed mandatory carbon emissions controls.

But it was Bush who called for a ‘Guest Worker program for immigrants,

Over an eight-year period, Bush’s once-high approval ratings steadily declined, as his disapproval numbers increased.

Then in 2007, the United States entered the longest post-World War II recession. He increased federal government spending to 60% and increased our taxes by 14 percent. The increase in spending was more than under any predecessor since Lyndon B. Johnson.

At the same time, government workers increased by 91,196.

Bush entered office with the Dow Jones Industrial Average at 10,587, which peaked

at over 14,000. When Bush left office, the average was down to 7,949.

(Please note that, under the Obama leadership its now over 18,000.)

By the end of Bush’s presidency, unemployment had climbed to 7.2 percent.

Bush had lead us into the longest post-World War II recession, which included a plunging house market, soaring oil prices and a declining dollar-Remember \$5 gasoline?

Bush let in nearly 8 million immigrants from 2000 to 2005, more than in any other five-year period in the nation’s history.

But Bush still wanted to allow more than 12 million illegal immigrants to work in the United States with the creation of a “temporary guest-worker program”.

Next month we’ll speculate on the future of ‘The Donald’ . . .

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ing room. Lunch is \$11.25 and you pay in the room. Price includes meal drink,tax and gratuity. For info call (352) 748-7009.

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taking place within the small identified areas in Wynwood and Miami Beach in Miami-Dade County. More details will be announced when the investigation concludes.



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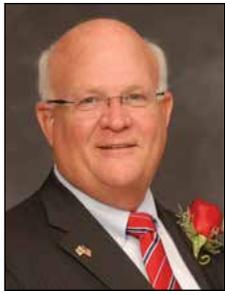


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**Elections Matter**  
The season is upon us and the August 30th party primaries are coming fast. What an exciting reminder that public officials serve the people and not the other way around

as we choose our representative leaders for US Senate, US House of Representatives, State Senate, State Representative, local offices, and consider some state constitutional amendments.

The greatest challenge we face in the public policy process is apathy. The August 2014 primary was determined by only 16% of registered voters in Marion County. Over 80% of registered voters in Marion County chose not to participate in the primary. This lack of engagement can have very significant consequences on the leadership in our county, state, and country.

The upside of this apathy is that A FEW PEOPLE could make a BIG DIFFERENCE. Many elections have been determined by a handful of votes. Prepare yourself and VOTE! Beware of late arriving negative mail. It always happens. Hits occurring in the last few days do not allow the

opponent to respond. They are usually sent in a desperate attempt to suppress voting by creating cynicism. But incoming fire means you are engaged and acting! Don't fall for this stunt. Don't allow it to make you stay home. When you stay home, you let someone else make your decisions for you.

Lastly, thank you to all who submit to the grueling process of offering yourself to serve. Anybody can run---and they do. Give it your best effort to select those who will serve most effectively. It's still a great Country! We choose! Onward and Upward!

## New Initiative Aims To Reduce Repeat Heart Attacks

(NAPS)—Every 42 seconds, someone in the U.S. has a heart attack—but you needn't be among them.

Consider this: Julie Kubala was one of those statistics. She's working now to ensure she doesn't become a different stat—about 21 percent of women and 17 percent of men



age 45 and older will have another heart attack within five years of their first one.

To help, the American Heart Association (AHA) launched a new educational campaign aimed at reducing the number of repeat or recurrent heart attacks by arming survivors with simple but effective steps.

“Our message is simple: Don't wait for a second heart attack,” said Alice Jacobs, M.D., former AHA president and chair of the advisory group overseeing the new initiative. “Research shows there are some very clear things you can do to lower your chances of having another event.”

- Take medication as directed —More than a third of heart disease patients don't follow their medication treatment plans; more than a third of medication-related hospital readmissions are caused by people not taking their medicine as they should.

- Have a follow-up doctor's appointment—Heart attack survivors who don't have a timely follow-up with their doctor may be up to 10 times more likely to be re-hospitalized.

- Complete a cardiac rehabilitation program—One study found that heart patients who completed cardiac rehab were 42 percent less likely to die of a second heart attack than those who didn't.

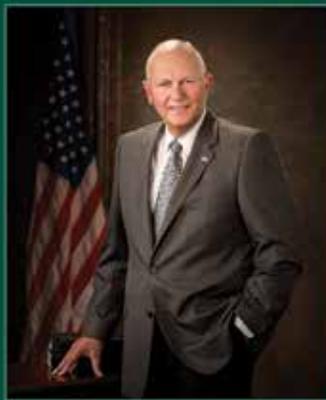
- Manage risk factors—Reducing risk factors such as physical inactivity, high blood pressure, high blood cholesterol, diabetes, smoking and obesity lowers the chance of having a heart attack or needing heart surgery.

- Develop a strong support system—People with low perceived social support have worse outcomes after a heart attack.

Kubala goes to cardiac rehab and is learning the importance of being proactive to take control of her health.

“I knew my family history of high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes. What hadn't really hit me was our family history of heart disease or how all of that can be

“I firmly believe that public trust and confidence in the Marion County Sheriff's Office can be restored; the pride, satisfaction and morale of the dedicated Sheriff's Office employees can be dramatically improved; and, the reputation for the crime solving ability of the Agency can again reach premier status in Florida.”



### Former Sheriff Ed Dean's Four Point Plan is designed to fix problems and put the Sheriff's Office "Back on the Right Track" to quality public safety now and in the future.

**01 Restore** public trust and employee pride and contentment through implementation of servant leadership practices and principles.

**02 Reestablish** a citizen-focused, core value-centered, agency culture of accountability, caring and peace.

**03 Reinstitute** decentralized, staff driven strategic action planning to reduce crime through community policing.

**04 Recommit** to accurately reporting and measuring Sheriff's Office operational activities and enforcement actions for effectiveness, fairness, stewardship and performance comparison.

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- Co-Chairman of the National Cargo Theft Prevention Task Force
- Co-Chairman of Northeast Florida Regional Domestic Security Task Force
- Member of the Florida Domestic Security Oversight Board
- Chairman of the Northeast Florida High Intensity Drug Trafficking Agency (HIDTA)
- Member of the Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission
- Chairman of the Florida Model Jail Standards Committee
- Chaplain and Board member of the Florida Sheriff's Association
- Graduate of Florida Department of Law Enforcement Executive Institute
- Graduate of the FBI Academy Executive Program
- Graduate of Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government Executive Program entitled “Driving Government Performance”
- First Sheriff in the United States to have Agency receive an award for performance excellence from Florida Sterling Council based upon the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award Criteria
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Primary Election: This paper will be at the printers when the election is held so I won't have any of the election results but I would like to mention that we were denied the right to vote or not vote for one of the sheriff candidates. It is my opinion that Sheriff Blair was railroaded. If you look at the evidence that just came out you will see what I mean.

A press conference was held on the 26th of August and a videotape, which was used to bring charges of perjury during a grand jury trial, was released to Chris Blair after he had made a plea deal. He made the plea deal because it would cost an estimated \$300,000 to \$500,000 to fight the charges. The video

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FULL MOON Oh boy is it! I could not help taking a picture of the moon going down. I could only see it through the trees. I have taken sunrises, sunsets, the animals, birds, and colts being born on the farm. Picture August 18, 2016 at 7 AM.

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School's Open – Drive Carefully:

School Bus Laws & Penalties In Florida

No matter where in Florida you may live, keeping our children and students safe is a community responsibility. There are many guidelines put in place to ensure that our students arrive to and from school safely every single day - designated crosswalks, Community Service Aides, seat belt laws, and so on. But one law that is absolutely crucial - and yet often gets ignored - is ALWAYS stopping behind a school bus.

The State of Florida has enacted laws that require every single driver to stop when a school bus has its "Stop" sign extended and its red lights flashing. But sometimes impatient drivers may think to themselves, "There are no children crossing the street,

and I'll drive very slowly so I can stop if I see one. I don't have time to sit and wait for this bus!" Drivers like these should think again: the penalties for passing stopped school bus could literally stop you in your tracks for quite a long time.

What Will Happen If I Pass a Bus?

Anyone caught passing a stopped school bus or speeding in a school zone can expect to get a costly fine. The State of Florida pulls no punches when it comes to the safety of its students and the Lady Lake Police Department simply will not tolerate violations that could harm a child.

We also take into account which side of the bus you chose when violating the law. While neither side is necessarily "safer," the amount of danger to kids sharply increases

if you pass the bus on the right-hand side, as this is the side that the children use to step off of the bus, and therefore are more likely to be struck by your car.

If you pass the bus on the right-hand side, you will pay a minimum fine of \$265 for your first offense. A second offense within 5 years of this nature carries an additional \$265 fine, as well as the suspension of your license for 180 days to one year and a mandatory court hearing.

Drivers who pass on the left-hand side are no less culpable for their actions. Your first offense will cost you \$165, and a second offense will add another \$165 to that total, along with license suspension of 90 days to 6 months.

You will also be required to attend and successfully complete a basic driver improvement course and you must complete the course within the time allotted by the court which has dealt with your citation.

Submission of successful completion proves to the state that you have reviewed and refreshed your knowledge of Florida traffic laws, including those dealing with school zones and school buses.

Remember - Kids are Just Kids!

Although any parent whose child takes the bus to and from school has no doubt cautioned them about the dangers of traffic, we need to remember that children are still young and still learning. With all of the distractions and noises that are abundant on school busses, it's easy to imagine a child stepping off of the bus and not being able to hear oncoming traffic. We are the adults; it is our duty to abide by the laws put in place and give our children a safe environment in which to learn, play, and grow.

On behalf of the men and women of the Lady Lake Police Department, we wish everyone a productive and safe school year.

—Tom Loury

**PUBLISHER'S NOTES**

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that was shown to the TV and press media was 50 minutes after the time frame that was in question. When Blair saw that video after the fact he said there is the proof of my innocence. Blair said the question he was asked was "Did you see the defendant's face when they took him for treatment?" Blair said "no I saw the back of his head!" The video that was shown to the public was after the defendant was treated and was being lead to the Swat Truck for questioning 50 minutes later. Hmmm now what? I say it comes down to one of two things, it's either gross incompetence or bias prosecution. This is the same State Attorney that released negative information about Blair during the last primary 3 1/2 years ago. Hmmm now what? I hear Chris Blair's wife is under investigation. Hmmm now what? Where does this stop? At least they need to give him his reputation back. Where is Pam Bondi??? Where is the Governor??? Hmmm Now what?

Phrases from the past:

Hope everything is Hunky Dory, Don't touch that dial, carbon copy, You sound like a broken record and Hung out to dry, straighten up and fly right - Heavens to Betsy! Gee whillikers! Jumping Jehoshaphat! Holy moley! in like Flynn and living the life of Riley, knucklehead, a nincompoop or a pill. Not for all the tea in China! Swell, pageboys and the D.A., spats, knickers, fedoras, poodle skirts, saddle shoes and pedal pushers. I'll be a monkey's uncle! This is a fine kettle of fish. Poof, gone, the milkman did it. Hey! It's your nickel. Knee high to a grasshopper. Well, Fiddlesticks! Going like sixty, I'll see you in the funny papers. Don't take any wooden nickels, Heavens to Murgatroyd! More than Carter has liver pills. See ya later, alligator!

Why is our country going broke and Seniors are losing benefits?

\$11 Billion to \$22 billion is spent on welfare to illegal immigrants each year by state governments.

\$22 Billion dollars a year is spent on food Assistance programs such as food stamps, WIC, and free school lunches for illegal im-

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## Scott Gets Turned Down

Today, Governor Rick Scott was notified that the Obama Administration has denied Florida's appeal for an emergency declaration to address much needed repairs to the federally operated Herbert Hoover Dike and respond to algal blooms in South Florida. Governor Scott continues to wait for the Obama Administration to provide a detailed plan on how they would like Florida to work with FEMA on requesting emergency

response funds since the Zika virus has become mosquito-borne in Florida. The Governor originally requested this plan from President Obama on June 1st and asked that it be provided by June 15th. Today, Governor Scott announced that he will be in Washington D.C. on September 6th to meet with members of Congress and impress upon them the urgency for immediate action and funding to combat the Zika virus.

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\$17 Billion dollars a year is spent for Education for the American born Children of illegal immigrants, known as Anchor babies.

\$3 Million Dollars a DAY is spent to in-

carcerate illegal immigrants.

30% percent of all Federal Prison Inmates are illegal immigrants.

\$90 Billion Dollars a year is spent on Illegal immigrants for Welfare & social Services by the American taxpayers.

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## Sheriff Blair Proves Innocence!

Former Marion County Sheriff Chris Blair was indicted by a Grand Jury on May 19, 2016 on two counts of Perjury and one count of Official Misconduct and was arrested on May 20, 2016. He was forced to resign from the Office of Sheriff and withdraw from the election, he has now proven that he is innocent of all charges...

**GUILTY UNTIL PROVEN INNOCENT...**

by Sangi Blair

My name is Sangi Blair and I am the proud wife of former Sheriff Chris Blair. I spent over 35 years serving the citizens of Marion County in the Criminal Justice field both as a Probation Officer and as an Academy Instructor and Coordinator. My husband served Marion County as both a Deputy and as a Sheriff for a total of 38 years.

Throughout his 35+ year career as a Deputy, he served under three different Sheriffs and was promoted by each of them. He is one of the most highly decorated deputies in the history of the Marion County Sheriff's Office, receiving numerous awards and commendations to include Medals of Commendation, the Medal of Distinction, and Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. But... when my husband decided to run for the office of Sheriff, he was immediately met by opposition from the Marion County "Good Old Boys" to include State Attorney Brad King.

Even though my husband had come through the ranks of the MCSO and was the only candidate running for Sheriff in 2012 who had law enforcement experience, the "Good Old Boys" chose to support and endorse Dan Kuhn, an attorney with NO law

enforcement experience. Even when Kuhn withdrew from the election because of a sex scandal, my husband still faced adversity. In fact, SA Brad King went so far as to call and personally meet with members of the Republican Executive Committee and asked them not to put my husband back on the ballot. This was a clear attempt to use his elected position to try and sway the election, a violation of the Hatch Act under federal law.

When my husband was elected Sheriff, he immediately began to deal with constant pressure from SA King involving unending reviews of MCSO cases and policies and procedures. Even though the majority of the policies had been established under the previous Sheriff, now, years later, they came under scrutiny by King.

In March of 2016, SA King personally impaneled a Grand Jury to investigate the MCSO. On April 8, 2016, my husband filed

a petition with Governor Rick Scott outlining the personal bias that SA King had demonstrated in the past towards my husband. The petition asked that Governor Scott appoint an outside agency to conduct the investigation so that it could be run fairly and impartially. My husband asked the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to conduct the investigation but he was turned down. He then asked investigators from the Brevard County Sheriff's Office to conduct the investigation but after a short time, they were told to "stand down" by SA King as they were interfering with his investigation. Unfortunately, the petition to the Governor went unanswered and on May 19, 2016, my husband was indicted by the Grand Jury and was arrested the following day. The arrest of my husband was nothing more than a political assassination by SA Brad King as a payback for the downfall of Kings' friend and former employee Dan Kuhn. The day that my husband was arrested, he was immediately suspended without pay. He lost his career and his dignity without even the benefit of a trial. He was crucified by the press and social media without having the opportunity to tell his side. These charges stemmed from allegations that my husband had denied seeing the face of Dustin Heathman on June 1, 2014. Heathman, who is now serving a life sentence plus 80 years for multiple charges to include the attempted murder of a Law Enforcement Officer, had fired over 50 rounds at the MCSO SWAT Team during a lengthy standoff that day.

On July 28, 2016, SA King offered a Deferred Prosecution Agreement which stated that all charges against my husband would be dropped if he withdrew from the election and resigned from the Office of Sheriff. The decision to accept the Agreement was an extremely difficult one to make but it was made in the best interest of our family, particularly our children, the men and women of the MCSO, and the citizens of Marion County. SA King had distracted the men and women of the MCSO from their mission of serving the citizens of Marion County and had wasted a significant amount of tax dollars to satisfy his own personal vendetta.

My husband has now proven that he was INNOCENT of all charges brought against him by SA Brad King. It was proven both by photographs and official reports, that the charges brought against my husband were completely FALSE and that he was indicted, arrested, suspended, and subsequently removed from office and the election for something that he DID NOT DO. I would like to first point out that I know what happened on June 1, 2014 because I too, was there that day. The following is the account of what was proven beyond a reasonable doubt on August 26, 2016 at a press conference held on the steps of the Marion County Courthouse:

During the Grand Jury, my husband was asked specifically if had seen the face of Dustin Heathman at the time that he was being treated by medics. My husband responded that he had seen the back of him as he was surrounded by numerous people. My husband was also asked by a civil attorney to complete a sworn affidavit and to outline when he had seen Dustin Heathman

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# Unemployment Up

Sidebar: Summer Spike Insight

Tracking summer unemployment trends every 10 years starting in 1995, each county saw slight upticks beginning in May, peaking in June or July and returning to the pre-spike rate or lower by September or October (the one exception was Levy County in 1995 which didn't return to its April rate of 4.4 percent until December).

That pattern held true for the region as a whole, as well. In 1995, the April jobless rate was 5.4 percent with 7,724 jobless, peaking in July at 6.2 percent with 8,741 unemployed and dropping to 5.3 percent and 7,488 unemployed by October (even though Levy County's rate had not yet rebounded).

In 2005, the region's unemployment rate in April was 3.7 percent with 7,252 out of work, it rose to 4.2 percent in July with 8,098 out of work, and falling to 3.4 percent and 6,875 unemployed by October.

Last year, the jobless rate for all three counties in April was 6.3 percent with 12,790 unemployed, spiking to 7.1 percent in July with 13,815 unemployed, and dropping to 6.0 percent with 11,923 jobless by October.

Seasonal Uptick in Jobless Rate Continues

Ocala, Fla. (Aug. 19, 2016) – Despite the one-two punch of powerhouse hiring events in July, the seasonal summer spike in

unemployment could not be smacked down.

The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion area was 6.4 percent in July, up 0.3 percent over the month but down from 7.1 percent a year ago. Out of a labor force of 194,776, there were 12,377 unemployed.

The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity's preliminary employment report for July shows that Levy County continued to have the lowest unemployment rate in the region at 5.5 percent, followed again by Marion County at 6.1 percent, with Citrus County posting 7.3 percent. Florida's not seasonally adjusted rate in July was 5.1 percent, up 0.02 percentage point over the month, and the national rate remained the same at 5.1 percent. The state's adjusted

was 4.7 percent, the same as in June, and the national adjusted rate was 4.9.

Statewide, the unemployment rate increased in 56 counties, remained the same in eight and fell by 0.01 percentage point in three counties.

"We anticipated the increase though there was a chance it might be offset by robust hiring during the month," said Rusty Skinner, CEO of CareerSource CLM, referring to FedEx Ground, Episcopal Children's Services and Marion County Fire Rescue. "It may just be that the reporting for those jobs hasn't caught up with the state's data collection ... As with each monthly picture, the August snapshot of the labor force will better define where we are going."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To TomL

A friend whose son has been out of work for seven months has no income, health insurance or medicine benefits. He is a type 1 diabetic. If it wasn't for his parents (on a fixed income he would be in the streets pandering for his existence. No Obama care for him because he has no income and he is white American citizen.

Tell me who can afford a 3500.00 deductible, his sister has this deductible and can't

afford it so she uses urgent care and puts off the tests she should get. Thank you Obama.

Now as far as Trump is concerned he is an Angel compared to Hillary. He is rough around the edges but that will get better. People don't like him because he tells it like it is, not what you want him to say. He could hire Hillary to write his speeches if you want a real whitewash job. He is not a politician he is a business man. Tell me what business man has not done a few things he might

not want to boast about. Trump genuinely loves this country and all it stands for. The Democrats are trying to turn it into a socialist country, how has that worked for other countries?

Honesty, trustworthiness, (pay attention) we are talking about Trump not Hillary he has all of these and yet people will vote for her. I don't understand it name her qualities. Why does he need experience? What

experience did Obama bring to the White House besides being a community organizer in Chicago and how has that worked out for them?

Hillary failed her husband and her country and now she wants to hire him to fix the economy. I think this is called nepotism?

Sorry it is longer than I intended but there is so much to gripe about.

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Governor Rick Scott

## FROM THE GOVERNOR'S DESK

Gov. Scott Announces AutoZone to Build Distribution Facility and Create 240 New Jobs in Ocala

OCALA, Fla. – Governor Rick Scott announced that AutoZone, the leading retailer and a leading distributor of automotive parts and products in the United States, will build a new distribution facility in Ocala, Florida. The new facility will create 240 jobs and invest \$50 million in the local community. AutoZone currently has more than 290 stores across the state and employs more than 4,000 Floridians.

Governor Scott said, "I am proud to announce that AutoZone will be building a new distribution facility and creating 240 jobs in Ocala. As a national company, AutoZone could have chosen to invest in many other locations, but they ultimately chose Florida as the best place to invest their growing company. We will continue to do all we can to outcompete other states for job wins so we can create even more opportunities for our families."

Construction for the AutoZone Distribution Center – AutoZone's 10th in the U.S. – will begin in early 2017 and open in 2018. This facility will service AutoZone stores throughout Florida and Puerto Rico. Each AutoZone store carries an extensive product line for cars, sport utility vehicles, vans and light trucks, including new and remanufactured automotive hard parts, maintenance

items, accessories, and non-automotive products. AutoZone opened its first store in Florida in 1984.

Rod Halsell, Senior Vice President, Supply Chain for AutoZone, said, "We are grateful to the Ocala/Marion County Chamber & Economic Partnership, the Ocala City Council, the Marion County Board of Commissioners and Cone Distributing for their warm welcome and support for our growing business. We look forward to being an active member of the Ocala and Marion County community in the coming years."

As a major international trade center, Florida has a robust distribution and logistics sector. Florida offers easy access to global markets, plus the infrastructure to facilitate the needs of any wholesale trade and transportation provider.

Crystal Sircy, COO and Executive Vice President of Enterprise Florida, Inc., said, "Florida continues to attract international leaders in the logistics and distribution industry, and we're thrilled to add the AutoZone name to that list. AutoZone will be able to capitalize on Florida's expansive infrastructure, and we look forward to watching their new facility take shape in Ocala."

Cissy Proctor, Executive Director of the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, said, "AutoZone's new distribution center in Ocala will create 240 jobs. This is great news for local families and job seek-

ers. Florida's competitive business environment and strong transportation and logistics networks will help AutoZone continue to grow and create jobs for Floridians."

Kathy Bryant, Chair of the Marion County Board of County Commissioners, said, "We are excited to welcome AutoZone to Marion County. Within three years, our community will have 240 job opportunities through this one company, and the positive impact of that will certainly be felt within our community beyond those new employees and their families."

Ocala City Council President Jim Hilty said, "The City is very excited about AutoZone coming on board. With the company's capital investment and the creation of new jobs, we look forward to this project's significant economic impact and overall benefit to the community."

Ken Ausley, Chairman of the CEP Board, said, "This announcement represents a partnership between AutoZone, the City of Ocala, Marion County, CareerSource CLM, Ocala 489 LLC, Enterprise Florida, and the Ocala/Marion County Chamber & Economic Partnership."

AutoZone plans to begin the hiring process in early Fall 2017.

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About AutoZone:

As of May 7, 2016, AutoZone sells auto and light truck parts, chemicals and accessories through 5,226 AutoZone stores in 50 states plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico in the U.S., and 458 stores in Mexico, 25 IMC branches and eight stores

in Brazil for a total count of 5,717.

Many stores also have a commercial sales program that provides commercial credit and prompt delivery of parts and other products to local, regional and national repair garages, dealers, service stations, and public sector accounts. IMC branches carry an extensive line of original equipment quality import replacement parts. AutoZone also sells the ALLDATA brand diagnostic and repair software through [www.alldata.com](http://www.alldata.com). Additionally, we sell automotive hard parts, maintenance items, accessories, and non-automotive products through [www.autozone.com](http://www.autozone.com), and accessories and performance parts through [www.autoanything.com](http://www.autoanything.com), and our commercial customers can make purchases through [www.autozonepro.com](http://www.autozonepro.com) and [www.imcparts.net](http://www.imcparts.net). AutoZone does not derive revenue from automotive repair or installation.

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## Sheriff Blair Proves Innocence!

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in a patrol vehicle. Heathman was treated by medics when he first arrived at the Command Center in a patrol vehicle at 5:52 pm. At that time, he was surrounded by deputies and paramedics and only the back of him could be seen. Also, while Heathman was being treated, my husband went to another location to check on his SWAT Team and he also prayed with them (See Photo 1 which depicts the location of the rescue vehicle as they were treating Heathman)

The video that was shown to the Grand Jury and used as the ONLY evidence to indict my husband, depicts two deputies escorting Dustin Heathman from a patrol vehicle to a SWAT vehicle so that he can be interviewed. This occurred at approximately 6:50 pm, almost an hour AFTER Heathman was treated by paramedics (See Photo 2 which depicts the time when Heathman was being led into the SWAT vehicle to be interviewed).

As you can see, my husband was asked to complete a sworn affidavit and was questioned during the Grand Jury about a specific incident that took place on June 1, 2014 regarding Dustin Heathman, and he answered TRUTHFULLY. All informa-

tion discussed in this article was verified by MCSO and Marion County Fire Rescue written statements, MCSO audio interviews, crime scene photographs and videos, and the MCSO Communications Report.

In the words of Martin Luther King Jr., "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." Governor Rick Scott has always been a supporter of the Florida Sheriffs and the law enforcement profession as a whole. As the wife of not only a Sheriff but also a law enforcement officer who has dedicated his life to serving and protecting others, I have asked that Governor Scott open an investigation into State Attorney Brad King and the State's Attorney's Office. If my husband, a decorated lawman and the top law enforcement officer in the county, can be falsely arrested by the top two attorneys at the State Attorney's Office, one must ask how many others have they done this to? I ask you, the citizens of Marion County, to write or call Governor Scott and request an investigation as you, the voters, were deprived the right to elect the Sheriff of your choice because Brad King used his power to make that decision for you. Thank you and God Bless...



# Have Fun, Stay Safe: Family Safety Tips For Outdoor Fun

(NAPS)—Your kids should move... move around, that is. The American College of Sports Medicine recommends that children participate in 60 minutes of physical activity every day. Physical activity on a regular basis, combined with healthy eating habits, will prevent obesity and other diseases.

Kids need outdoor play to be active, burn up excess energy and have fun. There are, however, a few steps you can take to protect them from injury.

### What You Can Do

Here are seven simple safety tips from Joan Lawrence, Toy Industry Association's "Toy Safety Mom," to help keep your child's outdoor play as safe as it is fun:

1. Make adult supervision a crucial part of outdoor play.



2. Watch children carefully whenever they're near water. Kids should never be left alone near swimming pools, beaches, lakes or other bodies of water—even "kiddie" pools—no matter what their ages or swim

capabilities. Children under 5 should always be no more than an arm's length from an adult near water sources.

3. Always keep toys away from unsupervised and high-traffic areas, such as driveways and sidewalks, so they don't lure a child into a dangerous situation.

4. Ride safely. Make sure your kids wear helmets, knee pads and other protective gear when playing with bikes, trikes, scooters and other ride-on toys. Accidental falls are the No. 1 cause of childhood injury, according to the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control.

5. Organize and store toys to prevent slips, trips and falls. Designate "parking" spaces for bikes and other ride-on toys and store smaller items, such as skateboards, on

shelves.

6. Uninflated balloons and broken balloon pieces can pose a choking hazard. At parties and other festive events, and especially when kids are playing with water balloons, remember to supervise children and throw away any broken latex pieces you find.

7. Be sure to check and follow age guidance on toy packaging. The age grading doesn't have anything to do with how smart your child is—it's safety guidance that's based on the developmental skills and abilities of children at a given age and the specific features of a toy.

### Learn More

You can find further facts and tips about keeping your kids safe and happy from the experts at [www.PlaySafe.org](http://www.PlaySafe.org).

Taking your kids out for a bike ride can be a great way to spend quality time together. Just be sure they're properly protected.

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## Eaton's Beach

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# How To Eat Responsibly

(NAPS)—This spring, the U.S. government put out its revised Dietary Guidelines for Americans, which strongly stressed the need for increased consumption of seafood.

But which seafood? Concerns about overfishing and environmental contamination may make people unsure of their seafood choices, so here are a few handy tips to make the choices clearer:

**Sustainable fisheries:** It is well known that some species of fish are in critical decline due to overfishing, so it's best to eat fish from healthy, renewable sources.

- Sustainable: Sardines (brisling), Alaskan salmon, catfish, crab, Atlantic mackerel.
- Watch list: Atlantic halibut, shark, orange roughy, monkfish, bluefin tuna.
- Wild-Caught: Food producers have re-

acted to depleted fisheries by “farming” seafood, either on land in pools or in shoreline pens. But while this limits ocean overfishing, it leads to other problems, such as sanitary conditions, environmental hazards, and cross-breeding with native species.

- Wild-Caught: Sardines, mackerel, Pacific cod, wild trout, Pacific rockfish.
- Farmed: Tilapia, farmed Atlantic salmon, imported shrimp.

John Engle, president of King Oscar USA, a Norwegian-based seafood company that cans both premium sardines and mackerel, said, “Making the right seafood choices is really important for consumers, but it is hard to thread the needle. They are looking for fish from healthy, sustainable stocks, that are also free of pollutants and wild caught. Our fish happen to be in a can, which will surprise some people, but all are wild caught, contain no genetically modified ingredients and are harvested



from sustainable stock. It's a really simple and clean product.”

For some good resources on the healthiest and most environmentally correct seafood, you can visit [www.seafoodwatch.org](http://www.seafoodwatch.org).

You can also view the USDA's new dietary guidelines at <http://health.gov/dietaryguidelines>.

Eating lots of seafood is one good way to see your way clear to better health.



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