



This is a picture of the business people attending the Lady Lake Business Luncheon. They are discussing business and making friends at the same time. The Luncheon was held at the Water Front Inn, the Villages. More photos page 8

## Festival of Trees



Note: This Festival of trees picture is from last year.

Community invited to participate in Library's 3rd annual Festival of Trees

The Lady Lake Library is inviting the community to participate in the third annual Festival of Trees, a heartwarming celebration that welcomes families,

schools, non-profit organizations, and businesses to showcase their holiday spirit.

The Festival of Trees is an opportunity for participants to decorate their own Christmas trees, which will be prominently displayed at the Lady Lake Library from Nov. 17, 2025 – Jan. 3, 2026.

Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis and the deadline to submit is Nov. 12. Trees must be decorated on Nov. 14 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Patrons will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite tree throughout the season beginning on Nov. 24. Votes will be tallied with an award given for best design.

"This year is especially exciting as we celebrate the completion of our library renovation. What better way to showcase our beautiful new space than with the Festival of Trees?," said Library Director Aly Herman. "Your festive display will be enjoyed by hundreds of local families throughout the season—and it's a wonderful way to show off your creativity and community spirit. We hope you'll join us again this year to make the Festival of Trees extra special!"

The cost to participate is \$20 per entry, donated to Friends of the Lady Lake Library, and free for non-profits (501 c3s), municipal or government agencies and schools. There is a limit of one tree per organization, family or individual. Space is limited. For an application visit the library in person at 225 W. Guava St. or contact Library Assistant Kourtney Fehr at 352-753-2957 or [Kourtney.fehr@mylakelibrary.org](mailto:Kourtney.fehr@mylakelibrary.org).

The Lady Lake Library strives to enrich lives, build community, foster success, provide entertainment and promote lifelong learning. To learn more, follow the library on Facebook at

[www.facebook.com/lakelakelibrary225](https://www.facebook.com/lakelakelibrary225).

## Thank You Charlie Kirk!

By TomL

I did not know Charlie James Kirk, but what I had heard and what I saw made me curious, so I started researching him. I was watching TV the day he got assassinated. While combing the internet, I was very surprised at what I found. He and his team of believers help Trump get elected by motivating young people into voting and voting for Trump. Millions of people heard him before I did, then I saw him on TV with Trump. I think at the first time I saw him on TV there was doubt that he could deliver the youth vote, HE DID! TRUMP WON!

He was born October. 14, 1993. He grew up in Chicago suburbs. He attended Harper college. He dropped out after the first semester. He wanted to pursue a full time political career. Its was not long before he was considered an American right Wing Activist, he was also an entrepreneur and a

TV / media personality. Charlie's co-founder of Turning Point USA was Pastor Rob McCoy in 2012. That was when he created Turning Point Faith and was talking about Christian nationalism. He became the executive Director of Turning Point until he died. Charlie was quit accomplished, he published books. He hosted the "Charlie Kirk Show" He became a prominent voice of the Republican Party and Prominent Voice of the MAGA movement as part of the Republican Party! He was considered an icon of American contemporary conservatism.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO THANK CHARLIE KIRK IN PRINT! (IT'S FREE!) Send me a short note and I will use your first name only unless you request otherwise. [tloury@att.net](mailto:tloury@att.net) subject line "Charlie Kirk"

## Taste of Lady Lake Speakeasy

### Lady Lake to host 'Taste of Lady Lake Speakeasy' as part of Centennial celebration

LADYLAKE— The Town of Lady Lake will host a new signature event, the Taste of Lady Lake Speakeasy, on Friday, Nov. 7, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Lady Lake Library. The 21-and-over event is part of a weeklong celebration marking the town's 100th anniversary. Guests will enjoy samples from local restaurants and caterers, a cash bar, and live music by Sofia and The Speak EZ Band. Tickets are \$20 in advance and are on sale through Nov. 5. Four VIP sit-down tables that seat six are available at

\$180 per table.

A portion of proceeds will benefit the Friends of the Library, a non-profit organization that supports Lady Lake Library programming.

The 1920s themed evening celebrates Lady Lake's century-long journey from its early days as a citrus and watermelon hub along the railway to the vibrant community it is today. The library, which has become a cornerstone for residents, will serve as the backdrop for the celebration.

"This event is a chance for our community to come together in a fun, lively way to celebrate 100 years of Lady Lake," said Events Coordinator Amy Alicea. "We're proud of our history, from our roots in agriculture to becoming the birthplace of The Villages, and we invite everyone to raise

a glass to our next century as a strong and vibrant community we are proud to call home."

The Taste of Lady Lake Speakeasy is one of several events scheduled from Nov. 3 through 8, as the town commemorates its official incorporation on Oct. 19, 1925. The week will showcase Lady Lake's heritage, resilience, and community spirit that has endured through milestones such as the growth of its citrus industry, its designation as a Tree City for 20 years, and its recovery from the 2007 tornado.

For tickets to this event, visit Town Hall or the Lady Lake Library or contact [events@ladylake.org](mailto:events@ladylake.org). For more information on all upcoming Centennial celebrations, visit [ladylakefl.gov/505/Centennial-Celebration](https://ladylakefl.gov/505/Centennial-Celebration) or text LadyLake100 to 38276 to stay up to date.

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# Town News Lake County Events

## Breast Cancer Awareness



## Marble Veteran Memorial



The driver in the golf cart is being sought for striking a marble stone marker at the Veterans Memorial Park off Paige Place near Spanish Springs Town Square in The Villages, causing \$1,500 in damage to the memorial on Saturday, Sept. 20. Video of the incident showed the cart overturn after striking the sign.

Throughout October, Town of Lady Lake staff are proudly wearing pink to raise awareness for breast cancer. Together, we stand in support of survivors, honor those we've lost, and encourage regular screenings and early detection.



# LLPD Earns Recreditation

**Lady Lake Police Department earns reaccreditation, upholding statewide standards**

LADY LAKE — The Lady Lake Police Department has once again achieved reaccreditation from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA), marking continued recognition for professionalism, accountability, and excellence in law enforcement practices.

Accreditation is a coveted award that symbolizes a department's commitment to the highest standards of law enforcement. Under the leadership of Accreditation Manager Lt. Robert Tempesta, the Lady

Lake Police Department first earned accreditation in October 2016, with subsequent reaccreditations in October 2019, December 2022, and now again in October 2025.

The CFA assessment, conducted Aug. 19–20, 2025, found the department in full compliance with 100% of 191 standards.

“The reaccreditation process is more than just maintaining compliance. It's about continuously improving how we serve our community,” said Chief Hunt. “This honor reflects the hard work and dedication of every member of the Lady Lake Police Department and reaffirms to our community

that their police department is operating with transparency, integrity, and excellence. I would like to recognize Lt. Tempesta's daily work and dedication to ensuring Lady Lake meets and exceeds the accreditation standards.”

The assessment team commended the department's leadership and innovation, particularly during a period of staffing challenges. The Department implemented an aggressive recruitment and retention campaign, increasing officer pay by more than 30%, adding two new supervisory lieutenant positions, and investing in upgraded equipment, including new body-worn and dash cameras, Tasers, and

handguns with red-dot optics. These efforts resulted in stronger morale, safer operations, and improved career development opportunities for officers.

Community engagement also played a key role in the department's success, including outreach programs like Coffee with a Cop, Heroes and Helpers, and a community shredding event.

“Accreditation is not a one-time event. It's an ongoing commitment,” said Chief Hunt. “Our department's success comes from teamwork, accountability, and a focus on providing the highest level of service to the people of Lady Lake.”

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### PUBLISHER'S NOTES



THANK YOU CHARLIE KIRK!

Thank you for helping the young and old break away from decades of the Radical Left! He has shown them another way to believe. He would invite them up and give them a voice to debate with him and he would try to explain his side and some times the other person would see it! The one he did very successfully was showed them Christianity, show them about Jesus and God!

Charlie and his team showed young and confused something the world has lost "belief in GOD". I believe everyone who believes in God will be right about their religion as long as you believe. Some don't believe in God. I have known two people in my life that did not believe. Neither was educated beyond High School. Both are gone but before they passed they were

praying to God to forgive them. When people call me out about God, I ask them questions. How do you think the world was formed and life evolved? One said being came down from outer space and started a colony. I say OK That was God! Then I ask them another question and there are so many story about the creation of our world. There are many things I don't understand. But I try to send them to a scholar that can explain how things happened and what to expect.

It is and has always been the belief of our newspaper "that everyone has the right to see their opinion in print." Keep it short and send it to me. [tloury@att.net](mailto:tloury@att.net)

One of the things the young have shared is we stole the land we live on today. That happens in history every day. Here is a question, how does a nomad own any piece of property. They follow the weather and the migration of the animals. When the weather changes 50 or 100 miles north they follow the animal migration and weather. Where does that land them? Maybe on some farmers land or a ranchers land or in the

wilderness? Do they own it? I would usually stay for part of a year!

I am happy sharing information I collect from people, internet about history and books. I feel good when I help someone. I believe that is the way Charlie Kirk his wife and his team feel when they help people. You have to connect with people, believe in people, Family and God. Greed will sometimes grab hold of people. Young people don't ask their family for advice. I learned at an early age that the older you get the wiser you get. So I talk to more mature people than me, that has been in business and experienced family problem especially about GREED and EXPECTATIONS!

One of my sons said to me one day many years ago "If you don't expect anything you won't be disappointed that you did not receive what you DID NOT EXPECT". I thought about for a long time. That means you can't wish for things! I believe you get back what you put into things. Work hard on your FAMILY, JOB, FRIENDS and you will receive. Show love and respect.

I don't like what was said by Corey Booker when he and Cash Patel were debating/arguing, at the end Booker says "I FEAR FOR YOU!" That is a warning. FBI should be all over him for that remark! Someone needs to tone down Booker or investigate him, the people around him and see what he has already done! He is a scary guy.

To go a little further the Democrats and

the crime syndicates are trying to intimidate the Republicans and Judges, they worry about their families. They should go to jail for any threats, maybe a ninety day cooling off period and kicked out of politics for life.

I recently heard a guy make a remark that he was not renewing his Concealed Weapons permit since Florida has OPEN CARRY. Think about the difference between Concealed Weapons permit and open carry. BIG DIFFERENCE! You need to rethink that.

REMBER ONE THING! You can't build a successful business on hate. Example look at what is happening to people that tried to make up stories to take down Trump. The FBI is not making it up this time!

What comes next?  
Forward Momentum!  
Looking into the future!  
Is Elon Musk starting another party?  
If so Is it to split the vote?

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In looking at what is evil it some times comes as a gentle soul, Challenged by their feelings and manipulated by the bad people

or country's. A business that looks like it is trying to help you... I hate to tell you to be skeptical but some not good intentions. Always sit with your back against the wall. Always have something to deter the bad person. Plan what you will do if and when Evil comes and Evil will come in some form. The young lady on the train that a guy stab her in the throat, she was totally relaxed and distracted. The bad guy hit for no reason but the opportunity. Maybe if she had a

spray or something to help her fight off the attacker she might have survived.

Example: I live on a dirt road back in the woods. Long dirt driveway so you can't lose your way. When someone goes off the pavement at 2 am or 4 am something is wrong. I heard a metal rattling sound. Then I could hear a truck. It park out of my field of vision. Then I saw a figure in the door window in our laundry room. So I pick up my 357 magnum and went to the door while I was going there I ask my wife to call 911. She did and I ask the woman what they wanted? It was a very cold night and she was wearing a white fury looking thing full length, black hair. It was a young woman asking for me to let her in. Asking from a locked door are you alone? She said no. Are you in trouble she said no. Then what are you doing here. She said you know what I want? I said well if you are having a problem the police are on their way here, you can ask them to help you! She ran back to the truck and left.

Some time later a year or more there was another time a vehicle showed up in my front yard. Again it was a woman asking to use the bathroom, my wife was talking to her. I was looking from behind a curtain and could see how many there was out there, a second person standing in the shadows. My wife said you will have to take care of it out there and she continued to ask. Finally I spoke and said the Sheriff Department is

on their way they will help you find a bathroom. She left, the sheriff department pickup a guy walking on the road close by, the woman left him and drove away. The police ask do you want us to do with him. I said tell him how lucky he is because I was armed and turn him loose on the other side of the county.

Two days later a car pulls up in our driveway and two women get out and said they were looking for a purse. The one woman said my sister got a little crazy the other night and stole my mother's car and purse. I said I think she was probably the one that came here at three AM and wanted in us to let her in to use the bathroom. We did not let her in so you are welcome to look out there where she was at and then leave and don't ever come back. The girl that was at our house two days earlier was in the back seat of the car.

Two weeks later a neighbor was mowing along the road and found a purse. They turn it into the sheriffs office. We were ready but suppose we were not and we let them in ????

Our road is a dead end road and usually the bad guys don't like to come down a one way road. One way in and one way out. So Beware! We have a dog in the house now, she is a light sleeper. She growl's in a low tone to let me know there is activity outside and hear her right away.

ALWAYS BE READY! HAVE A PLAN OF ACTION!

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Wetland Excursion - Wolf Branch Sink  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Wolf Branch Sink Preserve in Mount Dora  
Join us for a fast paced, guided hike at Wolf Branch Sink Preserve to explore the diverse ecosystems within the Preserve.

Nov 01  
Burn in the Burg Chili Cook-Off  
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM Town Square Downtown Leesburg in Leesburg  
Join us for our Burn in the Burg Chili Cook Off at Town Square in Downtown Leesburg! Live Music by Soundforge All you can eat Chili samples

Nov 01  
Lady of the Lakes Renaissance Faire  
10:00 AM - 5:00 AM Open-air Property in Tavare  
The 24th anniversary of the Lady of the Lakes Renaissance Faire features dozens of vendors and merchants in addition to more than 100 performers

Nov 02  
Exploration Hike  
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM P.E.A.R. Park (Gateway) in Leesburg  
Join staff on an early evening walk while exploring nature at P.E.A.R. Park. Hike Intensity: Light. Reservations required.

Nov 02  
Piano and Organ Concert at First Presbyterian  
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM First Presbyterian Church Mount Dora in Mount Dora  
The highlight of the evening will be a

stirring performance of Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue plus variety of favorites showcasing the beauty and versatility.

Nov 07  
Exploration Hike  
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Ferndale Preserve in Clermont  
Join staff and explore the habitats and species of Ferndale Preserve. Hiking Intensity: Vigorous. Reservations required.

Nov 07  
Featured Event  
45th Montverde Day  
6:30 PM - 11:00 PM Kirk Park in Montverde  
Music Festival with live bands, food trucks, vendors, midway games, over 100 raffles, Cowboy stunt show. Great family fun. Friday, 11/7 6:30 p.m to 11...

Nov 08  
Quarterly Bird & Butterfly Survey  
7:30 AM - 11:00 AM Pasture Reserve in Groveland  
Assist staff with surveying one of Lake County's conservation lands for birds and butterflies.

Nov 08  
Featured Event  
Veterans Day Parade  
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Towne Square, Downtown Leesburg in Leesburg  
We invite everyone to come out, wave your flags, and show your appreciation for our veterans! It's a perfect opportunity for families to gather

Nov 08  
Amphibians  
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Lake Norris Conservation Area in Eustis  
Trek out with park staff to discuss, listen for and identify frog species. Amphibians play crucial roles in Florida's wilds.

Nov 12  
Water Wednesday  
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Hickory Point Pavilion in Tavares  
Join us this month as we share water wisdom. Learn about the historical significance of Florida's waterways.

Nov 14  
Featured Event  
Discover Leesburg  
5:00 PM - 9:00 PM Towne Square, Downtown Leesburg in Leesburg  
Join us every 2nd Friday evening of the month on Towne Square in Downtown Leesburg for an evening of entertainment, shopping, mouth-watering treats, and more

Nov 14  
Antique Extravaganza  
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Renningers Antique Center in Mount Dora  
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Nov 15  
Quarterly Bird & Butterfly Survey  
7:30 AM - 11:00 AM Neighborhood Lakes Scenic Trail & Trailhead in Sorrento  
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Nov 15  
Flapjack 5K  
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM Towne Square, Downtown Leesburg in Leesburg  
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Nov 15  
128th Annual Fall Festival & Bazaar  
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Nov 20  
Paddling Adventure  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Helena Run, Singletary Park in Leesburg  
Experienced paddlers are invited to join staff as they canoe and kayak along a former steamboat route thru Helena Run, visit Bugg Springs Run, and more

Nov 21  
Stories of Water (Umatilla)  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Sawgrass Island Preserve in Umatilla  
Join us for a casual guided hike as we share the Story of Water at Sawgrass Preserve. Hike Intensity: Moderate. Reservations required.

Nov 27  
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# LL Business Luncheon WaterFront Inn



# LL Business Luncheon Door Prize Winners

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Lady Lake Chamber



# Adult NOVEMBER

## Lady Lake Library

**Hours:**  
 Monday: 9am-7pm  
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 Saturday and Sunday: Closed  
 Closed: November 11, 27, and 28

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><b>Festival of Trees</b></p> <p>The Lady Lake Library and the Friends of the Library invites you to participate in the annual holiday tree decorating campaign. Festival of Trees is your opportunity to showcase your organization, business or individual creativity by decorating a Christmas tree for hundreds to see. Trees will be on display at the Lady Lake Library from Nov. 17 - Jan. 2, 2026. Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. The deadline to submit is Nov. 12, 2025. Voting for your favorite tree will begin on Nov. 24, 2025.</p>				
<p><b>Chair Yoga</b> 3                  @10am &amp; @11:30am                  ESL @10-11:30am                  (Sign Up Required)</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p><b>SHINE 2-4pm</b></p>	<p>6</p> <p><b>Cryptids and Paranormal Research Group</b>                  @2-4pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p><b>Closing at 12pm for Lady Lake Town Event</b></p>
<p><b>Chair Yoga</b> 10                  @10am &amp; @11:30am                  ESL @10-11:30am                  (Sign Up Required)</p>	<p>11</p> <p><b>Closed for Veterans Day!</b></p>	<p>12</p> <p><b>SHINE 2-4pm</b></p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p><b>Bingo!</b>                  @2-3:30pm                  Sign up required</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chair Yoga</b> 17                      @10am &amp; @11:30am                      ESL @10-11:30am                      (Sign Up Required)</li> <li>• <b>Page Turners Book Club</b>                      @5:30pm</li> </ul>	<p>18</p> <p><b>Book Discussion</b>                  @ 2-4pm  <b>Lisa's Arts &amp; Crafts</b>                  @ 2pm                  Sign up Required</p>	<p>19</p> <p><b>Authors Round Table</b>                  @ 2-4pm  <b>SHINE 2-4pm</b></p>	<p>20</p> <p><b>Chef Warren Thankful Thanksgivings</b>                  @2-4pm</p>	<p>21</p> <p><b>Crochet and Knitting Hangout</b>                  @ 3-4:30pm</p>
<p><b>Friends of the Library Meeting</b> @10am 24                  Chair Yoga @10am &amp; @11:30am                  ESL @10-11:30am                  (Sign Up Required)</p>	<p>25</p> <p><b>Board Games Meetup!</b>                  @3-5pm</p>	<p>26</p> <p><b>SHINE 2-4pm</b></p>	<p>27</p> <p><i>Happy Thanksgiving</i></p> <p>28</p> <p><b>Closed for Thanksgiving and the following Friday (27th and 28th). Happy Thanksgiving from us to you! WILL Reopen Monday, Dec. 1</b></p>	

# Youth NOVEMBER

## Lady Lake Library

**Hours:**  
 Monday: 9am-7pm  
 Tuesday-Friday: 9am-6pm  
 Saturday and Sunday: Closed  
 Closed: November 11, 27, and 28

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><b>Fall Into Reading! (Ages 13-17)</b>                  Now through Nov 28th                  Join our Reading Challenge Raffle for a chance to win some cozy prizes!</p>		<p>November is <b>DINO</b>ver in the youth Library. They can participate in a scavenger hunt, adopt a dinosaur and more!</p>		
<p>3</p> <p><b>Alphabet Adventures</b>                  @11:30am                  Craft Kits Available!                  While supplies last.</p>	<p>4</p> <p><b>Tiny Tots</b>                  @ 10:30am  <b>Storybook Studio (Craft and a Story!)</b>                  @ 3:30pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Storytime 10:30am                  Read with Scarlett 3-4 pm                  Ghibli Film Fest                  Kiki's Delivery Service (PG)                  @3:30pm</p>	<p>6</p> <p><b>Food Tasting Challenge</b>                  Ages 10-17                  Sign up required</p>	<p>7</p> <p><b>Little Sprouts Playtime</b>                  (Up to 18 months)                  @10:30-11:30am                  Closing at 12 pm                  Lady Lake Town Event</p>
<p>10</p> <p><b>Alphabet Adventures</b>                  @11:30am                  Craft Kits Available!                  While supplies last.</p>	<p>11</p> <p><b>Closed for Veterans Day!</b></p>	<p>12</p> <p>Storytime 10:30am                  Read with Scarlett 3-4 pm                  Ghibli Film Fest                  Howl's Moving Castle (PG)                  @3:30pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p><b>Senpai Squad</b>                  Ages 12-17                  @4:00pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p><b>Little Sprouts Playtime</b>                  (Up to 18 months)                  @10:30-11:30am  <b>Lego Masters</b>                  @ 3:30-4:30pm</p>
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# Small Cell Lung Cancer New Hope Medical and Cancer Research



## New Hope for a Once Hopeless Diagnosis: Small Cell Lung Cancer

(Diane Mulligan) - Small cell lung cancer (SCLC) is among the most aggressive, deadliest forms of lung cancer, yet it's still too often overlooked. For

decades, treatment options were limited, offering little hope to those diagnosed with SCLC, until now.

In 2013, Congress passed legislation that mandated the National Cancer Institute create a scientific plan for treating patients with less than a 50% chance of surviving 5 years. This included SCLC. With this focus on research, SCLC, once considered a hopeless diagnosis because of its swift spread and resistance to standard treatment, is now seeing real momentum. Breakthrough research has increased the number of treatment options by 67% giving doctors new tools and patients new reasons to hope.

Because of research, treatments like the recently FDA-approved Tarlatamab belong to a class of drugs called bispecific T-cell engagers (BiTEs), which harness the immune system to combat cancer. Another treatment, Lurbinectedin, slows or stops the growth of cancer cells in your body. There are also next-generation approaches, such as CAR T-cell therapy and antibody-drug conjugates, and many others, now in clinical trials. Clinical trials, once a last resort, are rapidly becoming a front door to tomorrow's

breakthroughs.

Early detection is critical. Screening is the best way to find SCLC early.

Wendy Brooks knows this firsthand. Wendy had a history of lung cancer in her family. She pushed hard to get screened, and her cancer was caught early, rare for this disease. Through two clinical trials, Wendy has kept the cancer confined to her lung and is living fully. She credits screening and participating in clinical trials with saving her life.

"I'm here today because of research," Wendy says. "I want others to know there's hope, and clinical trials can be a lifeline."

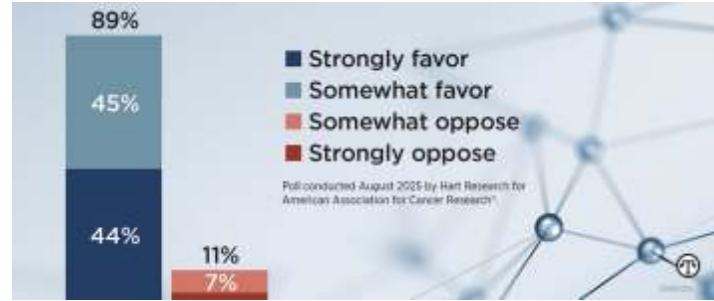
Thoracic oncologist Dr. Jacob Sands echoes that optimism: "I have patients more than five years out from that initial diagnosis doing great, living their lives and not on treatment. And I'll go as far as to say that I think some patients are cured of their incurable disease."

Lung Cancer Foundation of America (LCFA) is raising awareness of the lifesaving power of early screening, new treatments, and the growing promise of clinical trials for people facing SCLC.

LCFA is a nonprofit organization dedicated to eradicating lung cancer through research, education, and awareness programs. Committed to improving patient outcomes, donations to LCFA fund innovative research projects, educational initiatives, and advocacy for increased resources for lung cancer research.

Donate today to fight Lung Cancer at [LCFAmerica.org](http://LCFAmerica.org)

<https://about.newsusa.com/new-hope-for-a-once-hopeless-diagnosis-small-cell-lung-cancer>



## New Survey Finds Overwhelming Public Support for Federal Funding for Medical and Cancer Research

(NAPSI)—When it comes to federal spending, the majority of Americans want Congress to make increasing medical research funding a high priority.

A recent national poll conducted by the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) found very high levels of support for federal funding for medical and cancer research across the electorate.

Highlights of the survey include:

89% of voters favor the federal government using taxpayer dollars to fund medical research to fight diseases and improve public health.

71% of voters think increasing federal funding for medical research should be a top congressional priority.

72% of voters who believe reducing the national debt and federal spending should be a top congressional priority also think increasing medical research funding should be a "high" or "highest" priority issue for Congress.

83% of voters, including 75% each of independents, Republicans, and MAGA supporters and 93% of Democrats, favor

increasing federal funding for cancer research.

Voters have high levels of confidence in cancer researchers and the National Cancer Institute (NCI) to act in the best interests of the

public. 71% of survey respondents express a "great deal" or "quite a bit" of confidence in cancer researchers, while 65% express a "great deal" or "quite a bit" of confidence in NCI.

77% of voters say they would feel more favorable toward their congressional representative if he or she voted to increase federal funding for cancer research over the next decade.

## Funding Leads to Progress for Patients

"As these survey results demonstrate, the American public strongly supports robust federal funding for medical and cancer research," said Margaret Foti, PhD, MD (hc), chief executive officer of the AACR. "Cancer affects everyone. Sustained and predictable investments in the National Institutes of Health and NCI are essential if we are to power new breakthroughs against cancer and other diseases and uphold a national commitment to the patients and families who are relying on lifesaving progress."

### Learn More

For more details about the survey, visit [www.AACR.org/poll](http://www.AACR.org/poll).



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## FROM THE DESK OF CONGRESSWOMAN KAT CAMMACK



### Cammack, Dingell Unveil Bipartisan Bill to Advance Women's Healthcare Coverage & Care for Breast Cancer Survivors

The new legislation, "Advancing Women's Health Coverage Act"

brings federal health coverage into the 21st century—ensuring every woman's recovery is defined by choice, not insurance codes.

Washington, D.C. — Today, U.S. Representatives Kat Cammack (R-FL-03) and Debbie Dingell (D-MI-06) introduced the Advancing Women's Health Coverage Act, bold bipartisan legislation to modernize the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998 (WHCRA) and ensure every breast cancer survivor has access to comprehensive, up-to-date reconstructive care.

"Women should be fighting cancer rather than insurance companies. Every woman battling breast cancer deserves access to the best care modern medicine can offer—not limits based on outdated insurance codes & bureaucratic red tape," said Rep. Cammack. "For too long, survivors have been denied coverage for proven reconstructive options that restore confidence, dignity, and quality of life. This bill puts patients back in charge, ensuring their recovery, health and confidence aren't dictated by a system stuck in the 1990s."

"Every person diagnosed with breast cancer deserves access to the full range of options that support their recovery. Reconstructive surgery is not just about appearance—it's a part of the healing process that helps patients recover both

physically and emotionally," said Rep. Dingell. "By closing insurance loopholes, this bill not only expands access to comprehensive reconstructive care but also provides breast cancer survivors the dignity of choice in their treatment journey."

"These changes ensure no breast cancer patient is left behind when it comes to accessing the best possible reconstructive care," said C. Bob Basu, MD, MBA, MPH, President of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons. "This legislation empowers patients with the reconstruction and recovery resources they deserve."

"The updates are not just about procedures, but about patient autonomy and choice," said Babak Mehrara, MD, President of The Plastic Surgery Foundation. "Modernization ensures breast cancer patients are fully supported with care from diagnosis through recovery."

"Access to reconstructive surgery after mastectomy is an essential part of mastectomy care for those patients who make the deeply personal decision to choose reconstruction. For over 25 years, the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act has ensured patients have coverage for reconstructive surgery but it is past time that our laws reflect the rights of patients to full, modern mastectomy and post-mastectomy care," says Molly Guthrie, Vice President of Policy and Advocacy at Susan G. Komen. "Modernizing this law to guarantee affordable access to needed services after mastectomy – whether that be chest wall reconstruction, breast reconstruction or the use of breast prostheses – is an important opportunity for all stakeholders to come together and support the breast cancer community. Susan G. Komen applauds

Representatives Cammack, Dingell, Van Duyne, McBath, Hinson, McClain Delaney, Kim and Pettersen for their leadership in bringing coverage into the 21st century by introducing the Advancing Women's Health Coverage Act."

Additional original co-sponsors of the bill include Representatives April McClain Delaney (D-MD-06), Marie Gluesenkamp Perez (D-WA-03), Ashley Hinson (R-IA-02), Young Kim (R-CA-40), Laurel Lee (R-FL-15), Lucy McBath (D-GA-06), Brittany Pettersen (D-CO-07), and Beth Van Duyne (R-TX-24).

The Advancing Women's Health Coverage Act:

Expands coverage to include all recognized breast reconstruction options—from implant-based procedures to advanced microsurgical and combination techniques.

Protects patients by guaranteeing coverage for all reconstruction procedures listed under the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS Level I).

Empowers survivors with insurance coverage for flat closure, symmetrical reconstruction, and custom prostheses.

Improves access by requiring at least one in-network provider for every recognized reconstruction modality.

Protects medical judgment, prohibiting insurance denials that override physicians' expertise while preserving flexibility in rate negotiations.

Drives accountability through a GAO study assessing ongoing gaps and disparities in reconstructive care.

Closing Gaps, Advancing Care  
More than 300,000 women in the U.S. are diagnosed with breast cancer each year. While medical innovation has transformed reconstructive surgery, outdated insurance codes have not kept pace—leaving many survivors without access to the procedures their doctors recommend.

Originally enacted over 25 years ago, the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act was a pioneering step toward fairness in coverage. The Advancing Women's Health Coverage Act builds on that legacy, ensuring that federal law reflects today's medical standards and every survivor's right to full recovery.

Supported by multiple cancer advocacy and medical associations, the bill will be referred to the Education and Workforce Committee, Energy and Commerce Committee, and Ways and Means Committee.

### Democrats' Shutdown Hurts Florida Families

By Kat Cammack  
On September 19th, House Republicans voted to keep the government open and spending flat. Unfortunately, Senate Democrats made the choice to shut down the federal government.

While the political blame game plays out on national television, the facts are clear:

Senate Democrats are pushing an alternative funding bill that includes \$200 billion in healthcare coverage for illegal immigrants (which can be found on page 57, section 2141 of their proposal).

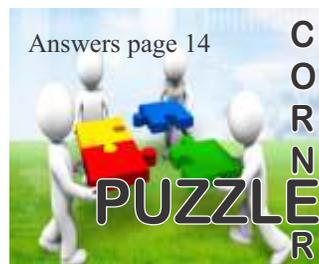
They also want to roll back \$50 billion in direct rural healthcare investments and redirect \$400 billion in subsidies that go directly to insurance company.

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5. Sheep sounds
9. Young cow
13. Stories
15. Singer Guthrie
16. Computer owner
17. Klutzy
18. Hang on to
19. Queue
20. Town near Cape Canaveral
22. See socially
23. Singer Eartha
24. Hwys.
25. Suffix for suburban
27. Dallas sch.
29. Health-spa offering
33. \_\_\_-CIO
36. On a cruise
39. Art stand
40. Decorative touches in sewing
43. Lake boat

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45. \_\_\_ out a living
46. Get out of one's chair
48. \_\_\_ Aviv
50. Chip off the old block
51. British title
53. Leisure
57. One pill a day, perhaps
60. Decoration on armor
63. Solemn assent
64. Tulsa's loc.
65. Brainstorms
66. Cash-register compartment
67. Vocal
68. Literary style
69. Poker starter
70. "My Fair \_\_\_"
71. "Darn it!"

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1. Adhere
2. Vietnam's capital
3. Vote in
4. Bus terminals
5. Prepared, as popovers
6. Vicinities
7. Actor Baldwin
8. Actress Loren
9. Dead end

10. Largest continent
11. Ash Wednesday follower
12. On the house
14. Bus terminal: Abbr.
21. Cruel one
26. African fly
28. Manage somehow
29. Husband or wife
30. Arthur of tennis
31. Nerd
32. Ultimatum conclusion
33. Kindergarten lesson
34. Like a pancake
35. Turner of films
37. Discontinue
38. Sixth-sense letters
41. Baloney
42. Opening statement
47. Not with it
49. Band boss
51. Soup alternative
52. Where Venice is
54. Sports stadium
55. Brainy
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58. Sign of the future
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FROM THE DESK OF  
ATTORNEY GENERAL OFFICE



ICYMI: Attorney General James Uthmeier Takes California to the U.S. Supreme Court over "Sanctuary" Policies  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – During an appearance on Hannity last night, Attorney General James Uthmeier announced a lawsuit against Gavin Newsom and California in the U.S. Supreme Court.

Attorney General James Uthmeier's Office of Parental Rights Files Enforcement Action Against Roku

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General James Uthmeier announced that the Office of Parental Rights is filing of a civil enforcement action against Roku, Inc. and its Florida subsidiary for violations of the Florida Digital Bill of Rights (FDBOR) and the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act (FDUTPA).

"Florida families deserve to know what is happening with their children's personal information," said Attorney General James Uthmeier. "Parents—not technology companies—direct the upbringing of their children. We will hold any company that conceals or exploits that information accountable."

Roku is a platform for streaming video content; it acts as a smartphone for your TV, providing access to a vast library of apps for movies, TV shows, live news, sports, and more. Roku is the U.S. market leader in streaming video distribution, reaching 145 million people as of 2024.

The complaint alleges that Roku collected, sold, and enabled reidentification of sensitive personal data—including

viewing habits, voice recordings, and other information from children—without authorization or meaningful notice to Florida families. The State contends that Roku's practices violated Florida's privacy and consumer-protection laws by failing to obtain parental consent before selling or processing children's data and by misrepresenting the effectiveness of its privacy controls and opt-out tools.

The Florida Digital Bill of Rights, enacted to give consumers—and especially parents—greater control over their personal information, requires companies to obtain clear consent before selling or using a child's sensitive data and to provide honest notice about how personal information is collected and shared.

Through this action, the Attorney General seeks civil penalties, injunctive relief, and measures ensuring that Roku provides transparent disclosures, implements lawful parental-control mechanisms, and ceases unauthorized sale or processing of children's data.

This case is part of Florida's ongoing effort to empower parents, protect children, and bring accountability to the digital marketplace.

Attorney General James Uthmeier Announces Arrests and Charges for Multi-County, Multi-State Organized Retail Theft Ring

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General James Uthmeier's Office of Statewide Prosecution, in an operation led by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement, charged seven defendants for their involvement in a multilevel criminal enterprise centered on stealing smoke detectors from The Home Depot.

"This operation is the result of a great partnership between Florida's Ag Law and our Office of Statewide Prosecution," said Attorney General James Uthmeier. "We are proud that Florida doesn't have stores with merchandise locked behind glass like you see in California, and we intend to keep it that way."

"Today's announcement shows Florida means business when it comes to organized retail theft. Our Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement — working with local and state partners — led a months-long investigation that dismantled a major criminal enterprise stealing hundreds of thousands of dollars of products from Home Depot stores across our state," said Commissioner of Agriculture Wilton Simpson. "While too many states are weakening their laws and turning a blind eye to retail theft, Florida is strengthening its laws and holding criminals accountable. If you steal from Florida businesses and citizens, expect to be caught and prosecuted."

"At The Home Depot, combating organized retail crime is about protecting the safety of our customers, associates, and communities," said Scott Glenn, vice president of asset protection for The Home Depot. "We're grateful for the leadership and willingness of Attorney General Uthmeier and Florida lawmakers to stop these criminals, and we remain committed to working with law enforcement and policymakers to address this growing issue."

"The Florida Retail Federation is grateful for the leadership of Attorney General James Uthmeier, Commissioner Wilton Simpson, and our law enforcement partners in combating organized retail crime," said Lorena Holley, vice president and general counsel of the Florida Retail Federation. "This cross-agency collaboration not only brings criminals to justice, but also protects Florida businesses, retail team members and

consumers, reinforcing our state's reputation as the nation's law-and-order state."

Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement Investigators uncovered at least 44 smoke detector thefts at The Home Depot locations across 17 Florida counties. The Home Depot estimates total losses from this organized theft ring are more than \$800,000. Law enforcement recovered \$78,000 in stolen merchandise during the execution of a search warrant at a storage unit in Hillsborough County. This location is believed to be one of the stops along the trafficking route, before ultimately ending up at a large Houston, Texas, warehouse.

According to Agricultural Law Enforcement, an estimated \$300,000 worth of product was located at the Texas facility during a search warrant execution by the Houston Police. These defendants share a combined total of over 170 prior charges between them.

The thefts were committed at The Home Depot locations in Pasco, Polk, Highlands, Hillsborough, Pinellas, Orange, St. Lucie, Brevard, Lee, Manatee, Flagler, Sarasota, Seminole, Duval, St. Johns, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach counties.

The following suspects are facing felony charges of Conspiracy to Commit Racketeering, Organized Retail Theft, and Dealing in Stolen Property:

- Willie Hendry Delmarta Marquis Harvin
  - Earl Choyce Gordon II
  - Charles McCloud Jr.
  - Eduardo Franco Viruet
  - Dwight Richard Mosby
  - Eugene Rohala Oneal
  - Hermis Brayan Martinez Sierra
- Assistant Statewide Prosecutor Ben Grueschow and Chief Assistant Statewide Prosecutor Paul Dontenville will handle the case.

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**Governor Ron DeSantis Highlights Success of Everglades Python Removal Program**  
STUART, Fla.—

Governor Ron DeSantis highlighted the success of the Florida Fish and Wildlife

Conservation Commission's Python Action Team – Removing Invasive Constrictors (PATRIC) program in achieving record-setting removal numbers of invasive Burmese Pythons from Florida's Everglades. The governor also called on funding for the program to be continued annually to build off of the state's initial \$2 million investment in 2025.

“FWC's partnership with Inversa has supercharged the removal of invasive Burmese Pythons from the Everglades,” said Governor Ron DeSantis. “The new program accomplished more removals in July 2025 alone than in the entire year before. Our \$2 million investment in python removal in the state budget has made this partnership possible, amplifying the success of the PATRIC program. We must now build on their achievements and continue investing in this proven strategy to protect the Everglades for many years to come.”

**Governor DeSantis Announces Success Academy Is Opening the First Florida Campus in Miami**

MIAMI, Fla.— Today, Governor Ron DeSantis announced that Success Academy, one of the nation's highest-performing charter school networks, is opening its first charter school in Miami as part of Florida's Schools of Hope initiative. This represents a major expansion of high-quality educational options for families living in communities served by persistently low-performing schools.

“Florida leads the nation in educational freedom, and today we are adding to that promise,” said Governor Ron DeSantis. “With Success Academy opening in Miami, students will now have access to one of the highest-performing education models in the country. Florida's families deserve world-class education, and we will continue to make it available to every child no matter their zip code.”

“Under Governor DeSantis' leadership, parents are empowered to choose the educational path that best suits their children's unique needs,” said Commissioner of Education Anastasios Kamoutsas. “Success Academy offers families another high-quality option, backed by a nationally recognized track record of academic excellence and school improvement.”

Created in 2017, the School of Hope program was designed to provide students in persistently low-performing schools with a pathway to a world-class education. Hope Operators are nonprofit charter networks with a record of success serving low-income families and ensuring access to a high-quality education without barriers. The goal of the program is to close achievement gaps between low-income students and their peers.

Governor DeSantis has committed to expanding options for students and families by implementing new statutes and initiatives, including:

- Signing House Bill 1 into law in 2023 making Florida the first state to provide universal school choice to all families regardless of income. More than 1.8 million students, over half of Florida's K-12 population, are now enrolled in a school choice option.
- Creating the Personalized Education Program through House Bill 1 to provide flexible funding to parents to customize learning and select the curriculum or tutoring needed to help their student succeed. Florida has more than 150,000 students participating in home education.
- Signing Senate Bill 248 into law this summer, which provides homeschool students the opportunity to play on their local high school football team, join the band, or be part of any activity offered at the school without losing their homeschool status. For more information about the Florida Department of Education, visit [www.fldoe.org](http://www.fldoe.org).

**Governor Ron DeSantis Announces Major Advancements for Congestion Relief in Central Florida**

Projects include a new express lane on I-4 in Hillsborough County, critical truck parking facility, and the nation's first Advanced Air Mobility aerial test bed

BARTOW, Fla. – Today, Governor Ron DeSantis announced major steps for congestion relief in Central Florida. These include 17 miles of new express lanes on Interstate 4 (I-4) in Hillsborough County and a new truck parking facility along the I-4 corridor in Polk County. The state is also breaking ground on the nation's first infrastructure for Advanced Air Mobility (AAM), an entirely new mode of transportation.

“Florida's conservative policies and sound fiscal management have produced one of the strongest economies in the nation,” said Governor Ron DeSantis. “Through our Moving Florida Forward initiative, we are making record infrastructure investments and completing projects ahead of schedule to meet the needs of our growing state.”

“Thanks to Governor DeSantis' leadership, we've successfully brought revolutionary congestion relief projects to life for Florida's residents and visitors,” said Florida Department of Transportation Secretary Jared W. Perdue, P.E. “Our work to accelerate congestion relief, especially along the I-4 corridor, is a commitment we will continue to deliver on.”

Projects included in today's announcement build upon Governor DeSantis' commitment to reducing congestion along Florida's busiest travel and freight corridors through the Moving Florida Forward Infrastructure Initiative, which has expedited major projects 10-15 years in advance.

As Governor DeSantis continues to take

bold action to ensure families spend less time in traffic, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will be constructing 17 miles of a new single express lane facility on I-4 in Hillsborough County in both directions from Interstate 75 (I-75) to County Line Road. These express lanes will bring significant congestion relief to the traveling public by separating long-distance traffic from local commuter traffic, providing additional reliable travel options and enhancing the quality of life for residents traveling in the area. This project has officially been programmed within FDOT's project pipeline and will be advanced by ten years, with construction expected to begin in 2028.

To further support Florida's freight traffic along the I-4 corridor, which has one of the largest truck parking deficits throughout the state, FDOT will also be constructing a new 100-space truck parking facility in Polk County at the Polk Parkway and I-4 interchange. This advancement reflects the state's commitment to fiscal prudence by maximizing available resources, as the new truck parking facility will utilize existing right-of-way within the interchange. With 75 percent of Florida's total freight moved by trucks, Governor DeSantis has remained committed to expanding critical truck parking facilities throughout the state to support this vital industry.

Additionally, Governor DeSantis announced today that the construction of the first of two AAM vertiports is officially underway at the FDOT's SunTrax testing facility, which will be expanded to a statewide network of interconnected commercial vertiports. This facility will establish the nation's first-ever AAM aerial test bed and dedicated airspace, driving innovative research and development for this emerging technology. Additional announcements related to Florida's role in AAM will be released by FDOT in the coming months.

**When You're Sick**



**Life Doesn't Pause When You're Sick; Get Vaccinated This Fall**

(NAPSI)—In most of the United States, respiratory illnesses like flu, COVID-19, RSV, and pneumococcal disease consistently show increased activity between October and March. That's in part because during the fall and winter, people spend more time indoors and close to one another, making it easier for respiratory illnesses to spread.

These infectious diseases can cause more than just a few days of sickness or missed work. In some cases, they can disrupt your life, cause a financial burden, or even lead to complications such as long-term health issues or hospitalization—and infants, older adults and individuals with chronic health conditions are at higher risk for severe illness.

That's why vaccination is an important step to help stay protected this fall. Getting vaccinated can mean the difference between a mild infection and a severe illness.

**Respiratory Vaccines Help Protect You and Those You Love**

Vaccination is the best protection—helping to reduce the spread of respiratory illnesses in your community, especially to those most vulnerable.

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# When You're Sick Cancer Research is Improving

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Depending on your age and health status, vaccines for flu, COVID-19, RSV, and pneumococcal disease may be recommended for you. As you age, your immune system naturally weakens, putting older adults at a significantly higher risk of severe illness and hospitalization from these respiratory diseases.

That's why staying up to date on respiratory vaccines is an important fall activity, starting with getting your seasonal flu shot. The 2025-2026 flu vaccine has been approved and recommended by CDC for everyone ages 6 months and older, with rare exceptions.

2025-2026 COVID-19 vaccines are also recommended by CDC based on individual decision-making for those 6 months to 64 years of age, especially if you are at increased risk for severe COVID-19, and for adults 65 years and older.

Individual decision-making means that the choice to get vaccinated is best made individually and CDC encourages you to talk to a health care provider, like a doctor, nurse, or pharmacist, to help make the best choice for you. However, you don't need a prescription to get a COVID-19 vaccine.

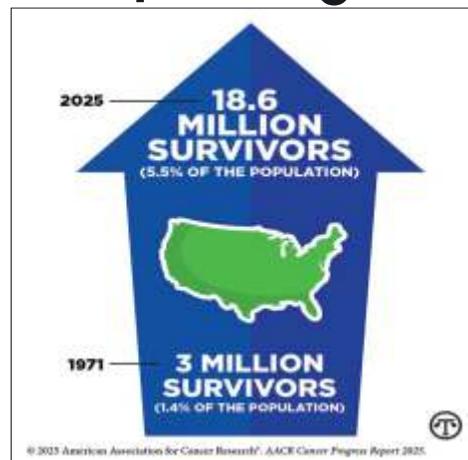
The RSV vaccine is recommended for all adults ages 75 and older and for adults ages 50-74 who are at increased risk of severe illness from RSV, such as those with chronic heart or lung disease and those who live in a long-term care facility.

Lastly, all adults ages 50 and older should receive a pneumococcal vaccine if they haven't previously. Adults ages 19-49 may also need a pneumococcal vaccine if you have certain medical conditions that can increase your risk for infections like pneumonia. Adults can receive RSV and pneumococcal vaccines at any time of the year.

## Staying Protected This Fall

Flu, COVID-19, RSV, and pneumococcal vaccines can be given at your local pharmacy, health care provider, or community health center. Medicaid, Medicare, and private insurance all cover recommended vaccines at no cost to you but check with your insurer to make sure the pharmacy or health care provider is in-network. You can also call ahead to your local pharmacy or health center to ensure availability.

Visit [CVEEP.org](http://CVEEP.org) for more vaccine resources, including the most up-to-date vaccine recommendations, and to learn about vaccines that offer the best protection against severe illness. You can also use CVEEP's Vaccine Locator to find a vaccination location near you.



## Cancer Research Is Improving, Extending, And Saving Lives

(NAPSI)—Good news: According to a recent report from the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR), discoveries across basic, translational, and clinical research as well as population sciences are driving advances in cancer medicine and early detection, leading to a steady decline in the overall U.S. cancer death rate, and allowing more people to live longer and fuller lives after a cancer diagnosis.

From the AACR Cancer Progress Report 2025, here's a look at some recent breakthroughs.

Between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved 20 new anticancer therapeutics, including:

- the first T-cell receptor (TCR) T-cell therapy, approved for patients with soft tissue sarcoma;
  - a new therapeutic antibody targeting a novel protein on stomach cancer cells, which helps those with gastric or gastroesophageal cancer;
  - the first IDH-targeted therapy for treating brain tumors, which is bringing new hope to young adult patients who have a mutation in this gene; and
  - two new antibody-drug conjugates, both of which were approved to treat lung cancer and one that was also approved to treat breast cancer.
- At the same time, FDA also approved:
- new uses for eight previously approved anticancer therapeutics;
  - a wearable device that uses low-intensity electrical fields to slow the growth of lung cancer cells;
  - two new minimally invasive early detection screening tests, including the first liquid biopsy test and a next-generation multitarget stool DNA test for colorectal cancer screening;
  - a device for at-home sample collection

- for cervical cancer screening; and
- several AI-powered devices and software tools for aiding in cancer risk prediction, diagnosis, and early detection.

**Survival Statistics:** Due to a reduction in smoking rates as well as advances in prevention, early detection, and treatment, the age-adjusted overall cancer death rate in the United States fell by 34% between 1991 and 2023, a reduction that translates into averting more than 4.5 million deaths from cancer.

What's more, the five-year relative survival rate for all cancers combined has increased from 49% for those diagnosed between 1975 and 1977 to 70% among those diagnosed between 2015 and 2021.

As a result, there are more than 18.6 million adults and children with a history of cancer living in the United States, representing 5.5% of the total U.S. population.

The AACR's annual Cancer Progress Report is a cornerstone of the organization's educational and advocacy efforts. This comprehensive report provides the latest statistics on cancer incidence, mortality, and survivorship and highlights how federal investments in basic, translational, and clinical cancer research and cancer-related population sciences have led to impressive scientific advances that are improving health and saving lives.

**The Challenge:** The report also highlights how progress is now in jeopardy due to prolonged funding uncertainty and political interference that are weakening cancer research, undermining scientific integrity, and eroding the infrastructure that turns discovery into lifesaving patient care.

## The Call to Action

To help address the funding challenges facing cancer research, the report issues a strong, timely call to action urging policymakers to stand up in support of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the National Cancer Institute (NCI), FDA, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and to provide a robust funding increase for cancer research in Fiscal Year (FY) 2026.

## Learn More

For further facts and to read the report, visit [CancerProgressReport.org](http://CancerProgressReport.org).

# The Reilly Arts Center

**Stan and Martha Hanson Commit \$300,000 to Establish the "Adam Hanson Bringing Music to the Community Fund" at the Reilly Arts Center**

Ocala, FL The Reilly Arts Center and the Ocala Symphony Orchestra are proud to announce a transformative \$300,000 commitment from Stan and Martha Hanson to establish the "Adam Hanson Bringing Music to the Community Fund."

This newly created fund will ensure that everyone in our community, regardless of age, background, or financial means, can experience the joy and power of live music. Through the fund, community members will have the opportunity to attend orchestra rehearsals and performances, and participate in educational programs that bring the music beyond the stage of the Reilly Arts Center and directly into schools, neighborhoods, and community spaces.

"Stan and Martha have been friends of the

Ocala Symphony and the Reilly since we first walked through the old city auditorium together more than 11 years ago. I am so happy that their support through establishing this important fund will advance and create music education and entertainment opportunities throughout our community" shared Music Director and Conductor, Matthew Wardell.

"The Adam Hanson Bringing Music to the Community Fund beautifully reflects our mission to connect people through music and ensure that everyone, regardless of background, can experience the magic of live performance," said Natalie McComb, Executive Director. "We are deeply grateful to Stan and Martha Hanson for their extraordinary commitment to sharing the power of music."

The fund will support several key organizational goals of the Ocala Symphony and Reilly Arts Center:

- **Connecting the Community Beyond the Concert Hall**  
Supporting initiatives such as *Symphony for Schools* and community ensemble performances that bring live orchestral music directly to audiences across Ocala and Marion County.
- **Increasing Access and Engaging the Next Generation of Orchestra Lovers**  
Providing complimentary tickets for veterans, underserved and underrepresented groups, and youth, as well as supporting the *Open Rehearsal* program that offers a behind-the-scenes look at the orchestra in action.
- **Expanding Music Education and Access Through the Ocala Symphony Orchestra's Community Music Conservatory**  
Providing scholarships for students with financial need and expanding opportunities for young people to engage with music in meaningful and lasting ways.

"Martha and I are very pleased to be provided the opportunity to utilize the Adam Hanson Better Communities Fund to support the expansion of music entertainment and education in our county," said Stan Hanson. "Adam's Music Fund will provide access to many individuals and groups that have not had the opportunity to take advantage of the excellent musical presentations available at the Reilly Arts Center."

Through this generous gift, Stan and Martha Hanson will help to ensure that music continues to inspire, uplift, and unite the people of Marion County for generations to come.

## About the Reilly Arts Center

Located just 5 blocks from Ocala's Historic Downtown Square in picturesque Tuscahill Park, the Reilly Arts Center is Ocala's home for the arts and live entertainment. Featuring state-of-the-art acoustics and production equipment, the 705-seat venue hosts an eclectic assortment of events, concerts, meetings, and parties and has become a hub for the arts in Ocala. In addition to being the home of the Ocala Symphony Orchestra and producing local, regional and national acts, as the new flagship center for arts and culture in Ocala, the Reilly is committed to being an active and accessible venue in our community. The organization also brings live performances, movies, music, and art to Ocala's Marion Theatre in Downtown Ocala. To learn more visit [reillyartscenter.com](http://reillyartscenter.com).

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