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"This morning, I had the chance to visit and speak to over 70 business leaders in Ocala at their weekly breakfast meeting. We discussed what our team is doing to advance business-friendly policies at the federal level, fighting back against unconstitutional vaccine mandates for

employers, combating inflation and rising prices, and how we can continue to ensure Florida's Third is the best place to do business in the Sunshine State. Thanks for having me – looking forward to seeing everyone again soon!"



Pictured is Clark Yandle long time supporter of North Magnolia and Ocala Florida Development is greeting Kat Cammack at the OBL Club breakfast. Kat is a busy Lady touring to many business communities discussing her plans and

asking her constituents what they are concerned about.

Kat Cammack grew up on a farm and knows the rural and city ways of life! She is a force to be reconed with.

## Starting 2022 Strong



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**KAT CAMMACK**  
FLORIDA'S 3RD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

facing in this new year. It continues to be an incredible honor to represent the great people of Florida's Third Congressional District in Congress.

Dear Neighbor,

As we enter the new year, we are faced by mounting challenges posed by the COVID pandemic, economic stagnation, rising inflation, and supply chain disruptions. **Even with all of these problems that we face, the new year offers an opportunity to start anew and bring solutions to the table to help all Americans.**

I'm thankful to be spending the first days of this new year at home in North Central Florida visiting with my constituents. It is important for me to be on the ground hearing from folks about the challenges that they are

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

In Liberty,

*Kat Cammack*



Kevin Sheilley

## OCALA/MARION COUNTY CHAMBER & ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP



Last month I highlighted several areas describing the economic growth our community has experienced throughout 2021. This month I am excited to highlight three more areas.

### Healthcare

An item which can no longer be denied is the growth of Ocala as a regional healthcare hub. Continued investments and expansions by AdventHealth Ocala, Ocala Regional Medical Center, and West Marion

Community Hospital have added beds, new service lines, and increased access to care throughout the community, all while continuing to provide amazing care through the pandemic. ORMC is adding a floor to finish its critical care tower while West Marion has begun work on a third tower with plans for an inpatient rehab and more beds. AdventHealth continues to expand services, especially with its refurbished and expanded NICU and its new, free-standing ER in Belleview. At the end of year, the Ocala City Council rezoned approximately 30 acres

near US 27 and I-75 for a new hospital—the area's fourth—being built by UF Health.

### Downtown

The continued growth and redevelopment of the downtown core is truly something in which every citizen can take pride. New restaurants and establishments such as Cantina and Mutiny opened this year with several more in the works including the long-awaited Mellow Mushroom. The expanded Reilly Arts Center opened its new black box theater and lobby areas which doubled the size of this popular entertainment venue. Further down Tuscawilla Park, the new Artpartments opened with 27 apartments. Several major residential developments were kicking off at the end of the year, including the Watula South Townhomes, Lamplighter Legacy

luxury apartments, and Brick City Lofts. Activity and interest in downtown remains high with a number of exciting projects in the pipeline in the Midtown portion of downtown.

### Tourism

Finally, it would be impossible to discuss business growth in 2021 and not discuss the World Equestrian Center. This incredible complex had its soft opening in December 2020 and rolled out hard into the year. Featuring five indoor arenas, 25 outdoor arenas, 2800+ permanent barn stalls, a beautiful 250-room luxury hotel, and 8 restaurants, WEC has become a destination for equestrians and non-equestrians alike. With more than 700 employees and an annual economic impact already well north \$100 million, this complex has single-handedly reimagined the local tourism economy. Work had begun at the end of the year on Phase 2, which will bring 80,000 sq. ft of retail, more meeting space, and a 400-room hotel by mid-2024.

Another project which kicked-off construction in 2021 and will open in early 2022 is the new Florida Aquatic Swimming and Training (FAST) facility. This \$30 million facility being built as a part of the new Calesa master-planned community just south of the airport is truly a one-of-a-kind competition aquatic center. Featuring indoor and outdoor competition pools, seating for 2000 spectators, and state of the art scoreboards and timing systems, this facility has the capacity and ability to host major national level events. When in opens in March, Ocala will boast two major tourism draws that will significantly expand the local tourism economy and all the businesses which support it.

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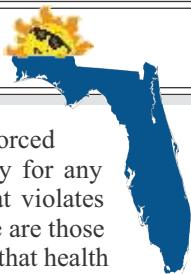
Thank you for your continued support and have a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,  
Steve Hayes  
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Florida State Senate

## DENNIS K. BAXLEY



Dear Friends,  
What a great country we live in! Only in America, could a hard-working young man who started out mowing the lawn and washing cars at a funeral home, eventually become

the principle and grow that business in to a thriving company with over 100 employees. That young man is now your State Senator and what a blessing and privilege it is to be able to serve you in Tallahassee.

First, a quick update on the redistricting process. As of this writing, the Senate and Congressional maps are just about complete and we expect to hold a vote on the final maps very soon. It was the priority of the Senate to get these done early so that we can focus on other needs of the state. Florida's citizens should be pleased with the final product as this open process followed a strict procedure and was done fairly and constitutionally.

Also, excited to inform you of some legislation that we have been working on for some time and has recently been filed for consideration. SB 1820, the "Health Care Ethics and Liberty Protection Act" is a bill that would protect doctors and health care

providers from being forced to participate in or pay for any health care service that violates their conscience. There are those on the left that believe that health care providers should not be able to refuse to perform or pay for things like abortions and gender reassignment procedures, even if these things are inconsistent with sincerely held religious beliefs. Despite the fact that these procedures do more harm than good and can be very damaging to individuals, we should all at least be able to agree that no one should be forced to participate in something that violates their conscience. This bill would reinforce that right and make it very clear that this will not be tolerated in the State of Florida.

On the front of the fight for Life, Senator Kelli Stargel and Rep. Erin Grall have just filed SB 146/HB 5, which would ban all abortions after 15 weeks. A future column will go in to more detail about this bill, as it is brand new and will need some closer analysis, but we believe this bill is a huge step forward in protecting innocent life. Leadership in both chambers, as well as the Governor, have signaled their intent to pass meaningful pro-life legislation this Session and we believe this is the best chance we have had in a number of years to finally get it

done.

Thank you for taking the time to read this legislative update and for engaging in your government. It is an honor to serve the people of Senate District 12.

Onward & Upward,  
Senator Dennis Baxley

## Free Diabetes Education



**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN MARION COUNTY PROVIDES FREE DIABETES EDUCATION IN FORT MCCOY**

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**Ocala, Fla.** — Fort McCoy area residents will soon have opportunities to learn more about diabetes at a location close to them.

The Department of Health in Marion County, in partnership with the Marion County Hospital District, is holding free weekly classes on diabetes education and prevention at the Fort McCoy Public Library starting Jan. 19.

The Diabetes Empowerment and Education Program, or DEEP, is a series of classes that helps participants who have diabetes or are considered pre-diabetic better understand their condition and self-care.

Classes will cover topics such as understanding how diabetes affects the human body and how to monitor it. DEEP also includes instruction on the importance of a healthy, balanced diet, meal planning, and physical activity. Further, the classes will teach participants how to identify and prevent diabetic complications.

The six-week class begins on Jan. 19 and will occur each Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. through Feb. 23 at the public library in Fort McCoy (14660 NE County Road 315, Fort McCoy).

Lunch will be provided by AdventHealth Ocala. Hospital staff also will provide free clinical screenings.

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### PUBLISHER'S NOTES



I need to start my column off with... "Lord forgive them for they know not what they do!" and those of you should know who I'm praying for...

Boy are we in a sorry state. The leaders of the United States is reacting with biases and hate.

Senator Lankford  
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In stead of Praying for our Children they are praying on our Children with Mandates and rules that don't apply to education. Before this over there is going to be a lot people that are phycological wrecks. Thank God for the legitimate online teachers. I know that without them some children

would have no education. So don't bad mouth those online teachers some are very good. Florida is exempt from most of those teaching problems because we have a strong Governor.

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We are still praying Harold Bevus months in the hospital because of an operation complications. Hope he gets well soon. Harold is the husband of Connie Ann Pendleton.

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I though it fun to revive a couple of moments in the past....

A man's wife told him get rid of those newspapers in his office at home. She said you don't need to save those papers. He said my picture is in every issue that you see there. I will not throw my picture away.

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Two brooms and a mop advertised with us many years ago when they first were getting started. The Villages management Board of directors at their regular meetings were given my newspaper at every meeting, to see

what I had to say editorially and if I was running any letter to the editor that was slamming something they had done.

One of the Board was in charge of the apartments where prospective customers stay when they came to see the Villages to buy a house. That board member saw her ad and called her and gave her a large number of units to clean. They grew so fast that they had a lot of their competitors working for them in a short time. She stated if you run an ad in this paper be ready to work. Publishers note: It does not always happen that way.

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My nephew in the military Kawat opened a shoe box sent to the troops by Ladies in the Villages and my newspaper was in it. Cody got to reading it and said thats my "Uncle Tom" that is what his mother calls me. Two days later I went to a bathroom to wash my hands and discovered one of my newspapers in a book rack in the stall. What a great circulation statement.

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While delivering paper to store owners on Jan 5th Delivery person went in to drop papers in a salon, the lady ask for more because the men in the salon love it! I thought about and realized they not real crazy about reading all the girly magazines. So that makes salons a perfect place to leave some for the guys.

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well I hear that they mix water and ink together to run the offset press? I said not exactly true, here is how it works.

You take a photo sensitive thin polished plate. You expose the image you want on it. Then you apply lacquer to the p[late and the lacquer sticks to the image of the exposed plate. You then put it on the press. This is where the name offset comes in. The press has a maze of rollers some distributing alumni water solution which goes on the plate and the lacquer repel's the water so the ink takes it's place. As the press run the image transfers to a rubber blanket and the rubber blanket transfers it to the paper, (Offset printing).

The Production manger said I have never heard of such a thing. I said well it works because I have done it. The Production manager went back to the owner and reported offset printing will never work in his pressroom.

They chose an experimental method called letterflex where you have a plastic plate instead of lead which had to be etched by lasers. The employees making the plates were getting burned and harm by the process, so they had to do something. They soon sold it to Scripts Howard, I had some friends telling me about the changes I was long gone. Hollywood SunTattler was in between the Ft. Lauderdale News and the Miami Herald, they could not expand, so they had very little growth. It was a little late to recover from the losses. They are no longer there. What a shame for the decision of one man who could not make the change a great newspaper went of existence.

## Newspaper Deadlines

*Editorial & Ad Copy for March*  
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## Sharing Some Newspaper History

By TomL

I said many years ago there would be a shortage of careers with apprenticeships. I served as a pressman apprentice / Typographical apprentice / Linotype operator / All what they called Hot Type. I went into offset printing knowing things were changing. I learned to run an offset press and never looked back. I remember when the Hollywood SunTattler was in business, they were strictly Hot Type and the old timers did not believe that offset was here to stay. Heavily Unionize, the production manager came to me one day and said I here you are an offset pressman. I said I have run some offset presses. He said

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## Free Substance Abuse Curriculum

**First Lady Casey DeSantis Announces Free Substance Abuse Curriculum for Schools through Florida's "The Facts. Your Future." Campaign**

LARGO, Fla. — Yesterday, First Lady Casey DeSantis announced the launch of a free substance abuse curriculum for schools in the form of a 'School Assemblies Toolkit' through Florida's The Facts. Your Future. campaign. This program directly engages youth in Florida to improve their understanding of the life-altering effects of drug abuse and empowers teens to reach their full potential.

"With the heartbreaking overdose death statistics we're witnessing across the country, and as a mom of three, I want Florida's youth to know they have the power to resist and overcome drug use and abuse," said First Lady Casey DeSantis. "Our The Facts. Your Future. initiative is reinventing the way substance abuse prevention is taught in our schools. It's not "Just Say No" — it's "Just Say No and Here's Why." Together with community partners, schools can use this toolkit to give kids proper context and perspective on the dangers of

drug use."

The 'School Assemblies Toolkit' provides schools with free content to engage in Florida's The Facts. Your Future. initiative through interactive, hands-on elements that can be incorporated throughout the school year. The toolkit contains materials such as fact sheets, conversation maps, and a school assembly template to guide schools in hosting their own events. Schools are encouraged to partner with local law enforcement and others in their communities to host dynamic, multimedia assemblies that will share real life scenarios and science-based facts about substance abuse.

"The resources in this toolkit are essential for helping schools prevent substance abuse among our youth," said State Surgeon General Joseph Ladapo. "Giving students the facts through interactive assemblies will help ensure students know that engaging in substance abuse at a young age can severely impact their development, health, and futures. The First Lady's initiative continues to evolve to address the health needs of Florida's students at such a critical time in

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**Governor DeSantis takes action to stop W.O.K.E. Activism and Critical Race Theory in Schools and Corporations.**

WILDWOOD, Fla. – Today, Governor Ron DeSantis announced

the Stop the Wrongs to Our Kids and Employees (W.O.K.E.) Act, a legislative proposal that will give businesses, employees, children and families tools to fight back against woke indoctrination. The Stop W.O.K.E. Act will be the strongest legislation of its kind in the nation and will take on both corporate wokeness and Critical Race Theory. Today's proposal builds on actions Governor DeSantis has already taken to ban Critical Race Theory and the New York Times' 1619 project in Florida's schools. For more information about the Stop W.O.K.E. Act, "In Florida we are taking a stand against the state-sanctioned racism that is critical race theory," said Governor Ron DeSantis. "We won't allow Florida tax dollars to be spent teaching kids to hate our country or to hate each other. We also have a responsibility to ensure that parents have the means to vindicate their rights when it comes to enforcing state standards. Finally, we must protect Florida workers against the hostile work environment that is created when large corporations force their employees to endure CRT-inspired 'training' and indoctrination."

"As the daughter of Cuban exiles who

fled from Marxist ideology, I am proud to stand alongside Governor DeSantis and support this proposed legislation that will put an end to wokeness that is permeating our schools and workforce," said Lieutenant Governor Jeanette Nuñez. "This important legislation gives students and employees the resources they need to fight back against discrimination, critical race theory and indoctrination. I'm proud to stand alongside the Governor not only of the free state of Florida but the woke-free state of Florida."

"Under Governor DeSantis' leadership, Florida has very publicly adopted new state education standards for English Language Arts, Mathematics, Civics, Character Education and more, and we are modernizing students' curriculum and lesson plans to match Florida's new world-class education standards," said Commissioner of Education Richard Corcoran. "However, our classrooms, students and even teachers are under constant threat by Critical Race Theory advocates who are attempting to manipulate classroom content into a means to impose one's values on students, when instead schools should be empowering students with great, historically accurate knowledge and giving those students and their families the freedom to draw their own conclusions."

"What I have been inspired by the last year is that there is a new group of people emerging and asserting the authority of the American people: these are American parents," said Chris Rufo, Senior Fellow and Director of the Initiative on Critical Race Theory, The Manhattan Institute. "It is one

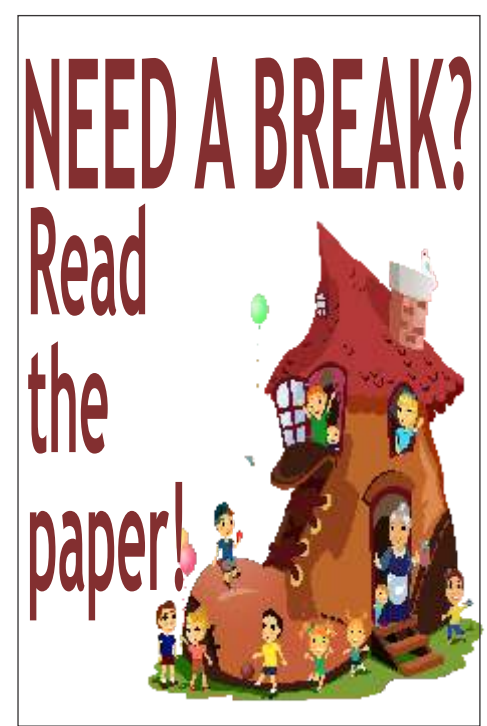
thing to have critical race theory in Universities; you can ignore it. It is one thing to have critical race theory in the federal bureaucracy. But the fact is, in the last year they have accelerated Critical Race Theory in K-12 public schools and they have done something that no government should do, step between parent and child. Governor Ron DeSantis is not only protecting all of the employees and students in the state of Florida. He is providing a model for every state in the United States of America. Critical Race Theory is wrong; it offers nothing to improve the lives of anyone of any racial background."

"I am happy to be working with Governor Ron DeSantis on education, which is one of the most important issues facing our country," said Dr. Matthew Spalding, Kirby Professor in Constitutional Government, Hillsdale College and Dean of the Van Andel Graduate School of Government, Hillsdale College's Washington, DC., Campus. "I believe we are on the cusp of a moment of which the idea of education as an issue is realigning. It is no longer a question of budget or policy; it is about returning it to its rightful place in the formation of good citizens. We must teach our students honest and true history of America that is unifying and inspiring. I commend the Governor and Commissioner Corcoran for doing so."

"Our schools are meant to be safe, fun and about learning, but teaching Critical Race Theory breeds division. There was so much being taught I had overlooked in the school system for so long," said Laly Jimenez-Hincapie. "My father was a political prisoner in Cuba who fled after his time served. I used to laugh at his fear of communism infiltrating our country. This is the land of the free and home of the brave. Communism will never come into this

country. American history is being replaced by CRT. Manipulated versions of this theory are a direct attack on the emotional wellbeing of our children. Our children deserve to know this history and be proud of it, land of the free and home of the brave."

"We need to get back to the basics: reading, math, arithmetic. CRT is not something I agree with at all, especially as a person of color," said Lacaysha Howell, mother of three. "Kids are coming home telling parents they are learning things that are incomprehensible to them. I am biracial and my three kids are biracial. This [CRT] is not what we need to be teaching in our schools. I want to continue to keep my kids in public school, but their educators need to teach them the basics."



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**CONSUMER ALERT:** Beware of COVID-19 Test Scams as Omicron Cases Increase Nationwide  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody today

issued a Consumer Alert warning Floridians about new and reemerging COVID-19 test scams as Omicron variant cases increase nationwide. With more and more people seeking tests, scammers may be exploiting this demand to steal personal, financial or medical information. There are recent reports in Florida and nationwide of potential fake COVID-19 testing sites, imposter health care workers at legitimate sites and at-home testing scams. Attorney General Moody is asking Floridians to remain cautious when requesting a COVID-19 test—both at a testing site and at home.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, “As we have seen throughout the pandemic, scammers change tactics as news and situations change. With the recent rise in the number of people seeking COVID-19 tests comes an increased risk that scammers will try to take advantage of the demand. Please take precautions to protect your personal information when seeking a test—whether at a legitimate site or when purchasing an at-home test.”

Long lines at in-person testing sites have

caused many Floridians to seek the convenience of at-home COVID-19 tests and testing services. Before purchasing one of these tests or providing personal information to companies offering at-home testing services, particularly online, follow these steps to verify the legitimacy of the product:

- Only purchase products from a well-established, legitimate store or website;
  - Search online for the brand name of the test and any complaints;
  - Beware of private companies that offer free or reduced cost at-home testing services, particularly if those companies require private information to make an appointment; and
  - Watch out for private companies that require personal information to sign up for an at-home testing service but will not guarantee an appointment time.
- In addition to at-home test scams, there have been recent [reports of suspicious COVID-19 testing sites popping up in Illinois](#). The sites appear legitimate but are designed to steal personal information from unsuspecting test seekers. Signs of illegitimate, pop-up testing sites include:
- Having no affiliation with local medical providers or government entities;
  - Not delivering test results;
  - Workers seeming uninformed about the

testing process; and

• Volunteers that are unmasked or not following current [Center for Disease Control and Prevention point-of-care guidelines](#) and the [Occupational Safety and Health Administrations standards](#) during interactions with patients.

Last week in Sarasota, [law enforcement received reports of suspicious individuals impersonating health care workers](#) at a legitimate testing site asking test seekers to provide personal, financial and medical information.

Below are questions to ask to help spot a testing-site imposter:

- Are they dressed the same as the other health care workers on site?
- Are they interacting with test seekers within the established test-site area?
- Can they accurately and correctly answer questions without seeming nervous or confused?
- Do they pressure test seekers for personal or financial information?
- Are health care guidelines and standards being followed?

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration reviews and authorizes the use of products to prevent or treat COVID-19, including vaccines, tests, drugs and non-vaccine biological products, medical products and devices and more. Unfortunately, some bad actors may sell unproven or illegal products to profit off the pandemic. Not only are these

products ineffective, but they could endanger consumers. FDA's website provides an updated list of fraudulent products and warning letters of firms who have been reported for selling these fake products.

Anyone who suspects a COVID-19 test-related scam should report it to local law enforcement, or to the Florida Attorney General's Office by calling 1(866) 9NO-SCAM or visiting [MyFloridaLegal.com](#).

**Attorney General Moody Launches New Training Initiative and Unveils New Tools in the Fight to End Human Trafficking**

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody is enlisting more soldiers and creating new tools in the fight to end human trafficking in Florida. Today, at a news conference in the Florida Capitol with Lt. Gov. Jeanette Nuñez, the Florida Alliance to End Human Trafficking and business leaders, Attorney General Moody announced a new training initiative. [The 100 Percent Club](#) is a campaign recognizing Florida businesses that pledge to train 100% of employees on how to spot and report suspected human trafficking safely and effectively.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, “Human traffickers are constantly looking for new angles and tactics to exploit victims and advance their illicit trade. We too must update and improve how we target and stop traffickers. I am proud to join our dedicated

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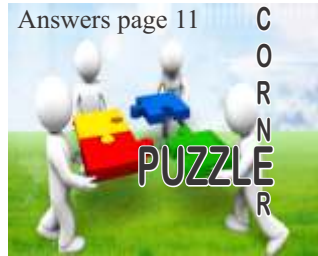
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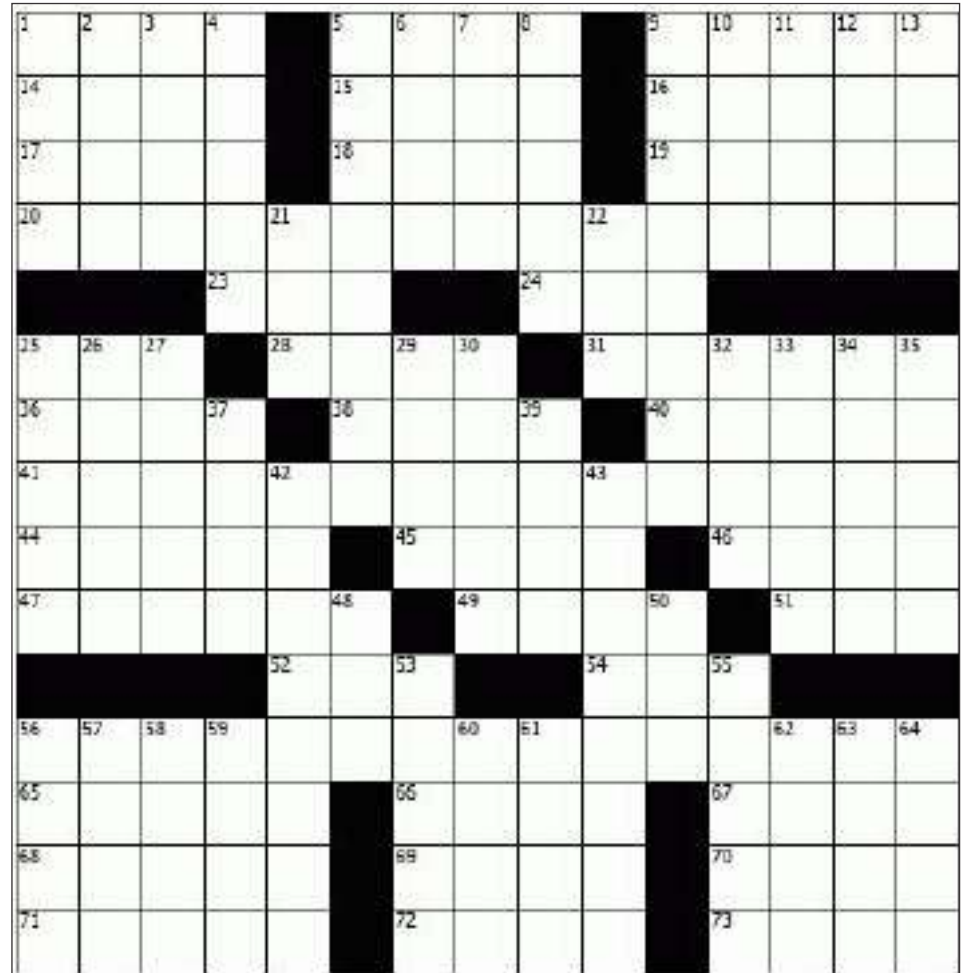




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**18.** Mother of Helen and Pollux  
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**25.** Disfigure  
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**31.** Curry favor  
**36.** Rapier with a three-sided blade  
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**40.** Stick your neck out  
**41.** African ruler?  
**44.** Resurrected  
**45.** First name among



## Substance Abuse

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 their lives.”

“First Lady Casey DeSantis has devoted much of her time and effort traveling across the state speaking to parents, students, and survivors to better understand how Florida can help provide their children with opportunities for a better future,” said Commissioner of Education Richard Corcoran. “This toolkit is a direct result of her dedication to Florida’s 2.9 million K-12

public school students and will be a valuable resource for our schools to utilize in their efforts to educate students regarding the dangers of drug abuse.”

As Florida’s The Facts. Your Future. initiative expands, schools will be provided additional resources to engage and equip students with tools they need to make decisions about their health and future.

Florida’s The Facts. Your Future. ‘School Assemblies Toolkit’ can be found here.

Contact: Governor’s Press Office, (850) 717-9282, media@eog.myflorida.com

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partners today to launch a new training initiative designed to dramatically increase the number of Floridians equipped to spot and report suspicious activity in Florida. We also are launching a new statewide tip line and providing quick-reference alert cards to Floridians to assist us in this essential fight.”

Lieutenant Governor Jeanette Nuñez said, “Governor DeSantis and I stand strong in our opposition to human trafficking in our

the fight against Human Trafficking in Florida.”

Florida Alliance to End Human Trafficking Chair Elyn Bogdanoff said, “Even though human trafficking is a global issue, it is taking place in many of our communities. By increasing our training efforts, we hope that when citizens see something suspicious, they will call the hotline and report it.”

PGT Innovations CEO Jeff Jackson said, “This incredibly important initiative resonates strongly with me because it directly aligns with our foundation of serving, leading and thriving at PGT Innovations, but also because one of my daughters, who works at PGT Innovations, brought this program to my attention, as ending human trafficking was a cause she had always been extremely passionate about. I couldn’t be prouder of being a founding member of the 100 Percent Club and of all the PGT Innovations team members who have completed the training and are now prepared to do their part to stop human trafficking.”

“Through our continued work with the Highway Heroes program, we have come to understand how rampant human trafficking is in our beautiful state, and we’ve been inspired to help all our PGTI team members receive training and education on how to spot the signs of human trafficking. We hope other organizations in Florida and across the nation are as encouraged as we were by this program to find ways to get involved in the fight against human trafficking.”

The 100 Percent Club is a partnership between companies and the Florida Attorney General’s Office that recognizes businesses taking proactive steps to train employees on the signs of human trafficking.

Read the rest of the article and so much more at:

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state. As a member of the Statewide Council on Human Trafficking, a former state legislator, and now as Lieutenant Governor, I have embraced each role as an opportunity to listen to victims, advocate for their needs, build partnerships, and develop policies and initiatives—all to protect Floridians and to end this horrible scourge. Through our collective efforts, we will one day be able to say that Florida has put an end to human trafficking.”

Representative Toby Overdorf said, “I am proud to be part of the DSO supporting the Statewide Human Trafficking Council. The training and awareness provided by the council is paramount to changing the tide in



# Valentine Night Strawberries

Strawberries stuffed with lightly-sweetened cream cheese and walnuts are perfect for that romantic evening. They go great with champagne! Pecans also work well in this recipe.

- 20 fresh strawberries
- 1 (3 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 2 tablespoons chopped walnuts
- 1 ½ tablespoons confectioners' sugar

Dice two strawberries and set aside. Cut the stems off of each of the remaining strawberries, forming a base for strawberries to stand on. Starting at the pointed ends and cutting most of the way, but not completely through the stem end, slice each strawberry into four wedges.

Beat the cream cheese until fluffy; stir in the diced strawberries, walnuts, and powdered sugar. Spoon or pipe about a teaspoon of mix into each strawberry.

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**Volunteer:** A small number of volunteers have returned to help in various departments. We are accepting volunteer applications but do not yet know when we will schedule orientations for new volunteers. Please contact us for more information about volunteering. We are currently working on a digital orientation.

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# Record Highs Covid-19 Cases

Marion County reports record weekly highs for COVID-19 cases and positivity rate

Ocala, Fla.—Marion County's number of new COVID-19 cases and new positivity rate both reached record highs last week, according to the most recent state report, released Friday.

Marion County reported 5,536 new cases for the week of Jan 7 to Jan. 13. That amount increased the county's cumulative total of COVID-19 cases to 68,316. The positivity rate for the past week climbed to 31.3%. That was up from 24.6% for the previous week.

Those numbers represent new weekly peaks for cases and the positivity rate since the onset of the pandemic.

Overall, the daily positivity rate for all new COVID-19 cases throughout Florida was 29.3%.

The state's new report indicates 990 people in Marion County received vaccines between Jan. 7 and Jan. 13. That was a decrease of 52 vaccines from the previous week. The ratio of Marion County residents aged 5 or older who have been vaccinated remained at 62% during the latest reporting period.

"The increase we have seen this week is an indicator of how transmissible the virus is within our community," said Department of Health in Marion County Administrator Mark Lander. "We encourage residents to consider a COVID vaccine if they have not received one, or a booster if they are eligible for that. Vaccines continue to be the most

effective way to prevent serious illness or hospitalization from COVID-19 for people aged 5 or older."

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention kept Marion County's community transmission rate as "high," defined as having more than 100 new cases per 100,000 people over the seven-day reporting period and having a positivity rate of 10% or higher.

The state's new report also indicates that Marion County has reported its highest daily average of new cases since the start of the pandemic.

**From COVID-19 cases reported during the week of Jan. 7 to Jan. 13, Marion County saw:**

- An average of 790.9 new cases per day
- 31.3% positivity rate.
- A total of 990 people vaccinated

**For the week of Dec. 31 to Jan. 6, Marion County saw:**

- An average of 447.1 new cases per day
- 24.6% positivity rate.
- A total of 1,042 people vaccinated

**COVID-19 vaccine availability**

COVID-19 vaccines for anyone 5 or older are available at the Florida Department of Health in Marion County.

To make a vaccination appointment, go to [tinyurl.com/MakeMarionFLVaxApp](https://tinyurl.com/MakeMarionFLVaxApp). The vaccine is available for free.

The department provides vaccinations from 8:30–11 a.m. and 1–4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at its main office, 1801 SE 32nd Ave., Ocala.

The department encourages those with questions about vaccines, whether for themselves or their children, to consult with their health care provider.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved only the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine for all age groups. People 18 and older may choose from the Pfizer, Moderna, or Johnson & Johnson vaccines.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Pfizer vaccine for children under 12 has the same active ingredients as the vaccine given to adults and adolescents, but the dose for 5- to 11-year-olds is only one-third the amount in the adult vaccine. The vaccine also is administered with smaller needles designed specifically for children.

Besides the Department of Health in Marion County, vaccines can be obtained throughout the county at many pharmacies, doctor's offices, clinics and health centers.

Visit [floridahealthcovid19.gov](https://floridahealthcovid19.gov) to learn more about vaccine locations.

**COVID-19 testing continues locally**  
COVID-19 testing remains available at the First Baptist Church of Ocala.

CovidTestFL.Org, a COVID-19 mobile clinical testing service, provides free drive-through testing at the church, 2801 SE Maricamp Road, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Call CovidTestFL.Org at 866-826-8430 for additional details about testing.

CovidTestFL.Org offers a diagnostic PCR COVID-19 test that provides results within three days via a text message or an email containing a link to results on a web portal. Expedited test results are available for an additional fee.

People who seek to be tested must enter the church parking lot entrance on SE 30th Ave. To be tested, individuals should bring a valid photo ID; minors under age 18 will

only be tested if they are accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. People should be prepared to stay in their vehicles while awaiting testing.

Additionally, testing can be done at private labs, physicians' offices, pharmacies and walk-in clinics throughout Marion County.

**COVID-19 treatment**  
Monoclonal antibody therapy is currently available in Florida. Monoclonal antibody treatments can prevent severe illness, hospitalization and death in high-risk patients who have contracted or been exposed to COVID-19.

Anyone 12 and older who is considered at high risk for severe illness due to COVID-19 is eligible for this treatment.

In addition to monoclonal antibody treatment, Florida has rolled out the newest therapeutics, AstraZeneca's Evusheld, Pfizer's Paxlovid and Merck's molnupiravir, which can be administered with a physician's prescription.

For more information about monoclonal antibody treatment and other therapeutics, including locations where it is administered, visit [floridahealthcovid19.gov](https://floridahealthcovid19.gov) and click the "Treatment Locator" tab at the top of the page.

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