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Cotton makes a comeback in Columbia. **9A**



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## Obamacare: Charting a course

How to go about getting government health care, despite snags in system.

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The Affordable Care Act's health care marketplace officially opened Oct. 1, but flooded phone lines and overloaded web-

site servers created more confusion than solutions for many Columbia County residents.

In an effort to streamline the process, the federal government established "navigators" to provide unbiased advice to uninsured citizens, helping them answer questions and determine their healthcare needs.

"The navigators and navigator programs' goal is to get people enrolled through the marketplace who aren't knowledgeable on

individual and family plans," WellFlorida Council associate planner Lauren Pollock said.

The WellFlorida Council is a 40-year-old non-profit organization servicing 16 counties in the North Central Florida area, including Columbia County. They received funding for the navigator program as part of a consortium of programs funded through a grant awarded to the University of South Florida to the tune of roughly \$4,200,000, provid-

ing funding for navigator projects for approximately two-thirds of all Florida counties.

The assistance is sorely needed. According to data released by the Census Bureau, 28.8 percent of Floridians age 18 to 64 had no health insurance in 2012. Only Texas has a higher proportion of uninsured individuals in the same age range.

**OBAMACARE** continued on 8A



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter  
Narragansett Smith has been a breast cancer survivor since 2012.

## Faith, hope and love

How Narrie Smith got through the worst New Year's Eve of her life.

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As 2010 came to a close and people around Narragansett Smith celebrated with fireworks and champagne toasts, Smith had the worst New Year's Eve of her life.

Doctors diagnosed her with breast cancer on the last day of the year. Two weeks later, she had surgery to remove the lump. Her whole world changed as she began a two-year journey through chemotherapy and radiation treatments.

"The only thing you hear is: Cancer," Smith said. "Initially when they told me I had breast cancer, I was numb. I started thinking about my family, my children, my grandchildren, my

**SURVIVOR** continued on 3A

## Robbery suspect sought

From staff reports

A Fort White convenience store was robbed of about \$3,500 Friday by an armed man who fled on foot, according to a press release from the Columbia County Sheriff's Office.

The suspect, a white male approximately 6'1" to 6'2" with a medium build, entered the Chevron station at 7692 SW Highway 27 shortly after 3 p.m. wearing a white winter cap with tassels and a light-colored bandana covering his face, the release said. He was dressed in a black, long-sleeve shirt, black

**ROBBERY** continued on 3A

## TOYS for BOYS



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Caden smiles from the cabin of an excavator at the Big Boy Toy Expo Saturday at the Columbia Cabin Fairgrounds. The expo had 12 different types of equipment on display, as well as RVs, classic cars and lawnmowers. Organized by the Kiwanis Club of Lake City, the event also featured hunting equipment, outdoor grills, motorcycles and more.

## Boys of all ages get their fill at 'Toys' expo

Annual event wows 'em with trucks, bikes, guns, gadgets, more.

By **AMANDA WILLIAMSON**  
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As the old cliché will tell you: Guys don't grow out of their toys; the toys simply get more expensive.

The third annual Big Boy Toys Expo, held on Friday and Saturday at the Columbia County Fairgrounds, offered all of Columbia County's outdoor enthusiasts the chance to see the best equipment for the lawn, for the hunt and for the good, down-home barbecue.

Organized by the local Kiwanis Club of Lake City, Big Boy Toys drew strong community support, said Kiwanis president Teena Peavey. On Friday, the events targeted adults with a series of amateur MMA cage fights. But, on Saturday, the big boys and their little ones shared the fun with a wide range of activities suited for both audiences. Children enjoyed the archery competition, bounce houses and the Touch a Truck area. Adults surveyed the sales at the gun show and a few even slipped inside the excavators



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Christian Motorcyclists Association member Columbia County Judge Tom Coleman (from right) shows Ron and Frances Benedict his Honda VTX 1800 at the Kiwanis Big Boy Toys Expo on Friday.

and earthmovers showcased in Touch a Truck.

The event partnered with Gun Traders Gun Shows to organize Saturday and Sunday's gun show of 30 vendors display-

ing knives, ammo, women's purses and more.

"It's hard to explain what happens here," said Terry Jewell, the promoter for Gun Traders Gun Shows. "A lot of people

think it's a bunch of guys in a room full of guns, but that's not the case. ... It's a great place to learn about guns. There's a

**TOYS** continued on 6A



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Local news roundup.



Friday:  
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(18)



Friday:  
7-17-23-31-36



Saturday:  
Afternoon: 8-0-3  
Evening: N/A



Saturday:  
Afternoon: 6-4-2-4  
Evening: N/A



Wednesday:  
13-16-17-40-42-44  
x4



Wednesday:  
3-9-19-33-38-18

## AROUND FLORIDA

# 31 infected by bacteria in warm saltwater, 10 dead

**ST. PETERSBURG**  
Patty Konietzky thought the small purple lesion on her husband's ankle was a spider bite. But when the lesion quickly spread across his body like a constellation, she knew something wasn't right.

After a trip to the hospital and a day and a half later, Konietzky's 59-year-old husband was dead.

The diagnosis: vibrio vulnificus (vih-BREE'-oh VUHL'-nihf-ih-kus), an infection caused by a bacteria found in warm salt water. It's in the same family of bacterium that causes cholera. So far this year, 31 people across Florida have been infected by the severe strain of vibrio, and 10 have died.

"I thought the doctors would treat him with antibiotics and we'd go home," said Konietzky, who lives in Palm Coast, Fla. "Never in a million years it crossed my mind that this is where I'd be today."

State health officials say there are two ways to contract the disease: by eating raw, tainted shellfish — usually oysters — or when an open wound comes in contact with bacteria in warm seawater.

While such occurrences could potentially concern officials in states with hundreds of miles of coastline and economies largely dependent on ocean-related tourism, experts say the bacteria is nothing most people should worry about. Vibrio bacteria exist



COURTESY

### Target presents United Way Campaign results

Representatives of the Target Distribution Center United Way campaign team presented a "check" representing the results of the employee giving campaign. Employees conducted in-house fundraising events and employee pledging and presented a "check" for \$21,858.32. Additional campaign donations received subsequent to the check presentation achieved a grand total of \$24,151. This amount constitutes an 11% increase over the facility's prior year giving. Pictured are, back row, from left to right, Jacob Meacham, Outside Events Captain; Rich Mills, Building Captain; Kyle Dyal, Support Captain; Tiffany Bradway, Inside Events Captain; Jessica Joyner, Support Captain; Brian Husebo, Inside Events Captain; Rita Dopp, Executive Director, United Way of Suwannee Valley; front row: Megan Harrell, Support Captain; and Marci McAdams, Support Captain. Not pictured is Latesha Moseley, Communications Captain.

normally in salt water and generally only affect people with compromised immune systems, they say.

Symptoms include vomiting, diarrhea and abdominal pain. If the bacteria get into the bloodstream, they provoke symptoms including fever and chills, decreased blood pressure and blistering skin wounds.

### Baby hippo born at panhandle zoo

GULF BREEZE — A

Florida Panhandle zoo is celebrating the birth of a baby hippopotamus.

The 65-pound calf was first spotted last week by the train conductor at the Gulf Breeze Zoo.

Zoo officials say they haven't gotten close enough to the calf to determine whether it is male or female. The calf's parents — Cleopatra and Kiboko — have lived at the zoo since 2005.

Zoo director Kayte Wanko tells the Northwest

Florida Daily News that it wasn't easy to determine when the 4,000-pound Cleopatra was expecting. Wanko says it's hard to tell that hippos are pregnant because "they're already very large."

The zoo is asking the public to help name the new hippo.

### 57 groomsmen to set record

PANAMA CITY — Kaycie Blaylock may not

have set out to break a world record.

But her wedding on Wednesday at St. John Catholic Church in Panama City may have done just that. Kaycie and Jim Blaylock tied the knot at the school where she is principal — with 57 boys between the ages of 5 and 13 serving as groomsmen.

The News Herald of Panama City reports Blaylock saw a story about a woman attempting to break the Guinness World

Record for most bridesmaids — which is 96. So, she went for the record number of groomsmen.

The record of 47 belongs to Arulanantham Suresh Joachim, a Tamil-Canadian entertainer who has broken 60 world records.

To challenge the world record, the Blaylocks are in the process of submitting an application to Guinness. Kaycie Blaylock said she'll have to provide signatures of each groomsman, a marriage certificate and a photo.

### Passengers stuck on roller coaster

ORLANDO — A dozen people were stuck for more than two hours on a roller coaster at Universal Studios Florida.

The 12-person train stopped near the top of the first hill of the Hollywood Rip Ride Rockit around 7 p.m. EDT Wednesday. Local news media reported they were finally freed after 9 p.m.

Park officials told reporters a glitch caused the computers to go into safety mode, stopping the ride.

Orlando Fire Rescue was on scene. No injuries were reported.

The ride was previously closed for two days in August. The coaster came to a sudden stop, which caused one woman to sustain a minor injury.

■ Associated Press

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

### Cruise ship makes maiden voyage to N.O.

NEW ORLEANS

A cruise ship that can carry more than 2,300 passengers is making its maiden voyage to New Orleans this weekend.

The Port of New Orleans says the Norwegian Jewel will be the largest ship from Norwegian Cruise Line to homeport in New Orleans when it arrives on Sunday.

The 965-foot ship is scheduled to sail weekly seven-day cruises in the Western Caribbean through April, with ports of call in Mexico, Honduras and Belize.

The port says the 2,376-passenger ship has 16 dining options, 13 bars and lounges, three swimming pools, six hot tubs, a spa and fitness center and a casino.

### Director secretly shoots feature at Disney parks

LOS ANGELES — As a kid, Randy Moore was haunted by Disney World, where he made an annual trip during summers with his dad. So as an adult, and a filmmaker, Moore wanted to capture and question the allure of such manufactured-fantasy.

The result is "Escape From Tomorrow," which was shot guerrilla-style at Disneyland and Disney World without permission from the famously proprietary Walt Disney Co., and which has actually made it to the screen.

"I was pretty confident that Disney wasn't about to go out of their way and give me permission," Moore said, "so I didn't ask them for it."

The writer-director insists there was no other way to tell his story of a frustrated family man who begins losing his grip on reality during a trip to Disney World. So Moore and his crew bought season passes to Disneyland in Anaheim, Calif., and Disney World in Orlando, and used hand-held digital cameras to shoot scenes and tiny digital audio recorders to capture sound.

They repeatedly rode It's a Small World and other trademark Disney attractions to film from various perspectives — just like any other theatrical feature.

"Escape From Tomorrow,"



COURTESY

### Cake for teachers at FWES

Sam's Club representatives showed how much they honor outstanding teachers with a visit to Fort White Elementary School, bringing a delicious chocolate cake decked out with a huge white bow, and \$50 gift cards won by four lucky teachers: Carol Barnett, Brenda Hunter, Peggy Jurczewsky, and Jo Ragan. Sam's Club Membership Coordinators Adam Bates, Thomas Whitman, and Angel Williams made the presentation.

available on video-on-demand and in select theaters Friday, first premiered at the Sundance Film Festival earlier this year.

### Popular Humans of NY photoblog now a book

NEW YORK — Brandon Stanton rounds the corner, spots a tiny blur of pink, and runs over to ask if he can take a picture. He crouches in a busy Manhattan bike lane to get the shot: a beautiful little girl with pink leg braces, a walker and a big smile, her dad posed behind her.

Stanton posts the picture on his website, HumansofNewYork.com — known to fans as HONY — with a mere two sentences from the father: "We go to four appointments every week, but I don't mind. She's my blood." No names or other details.

Within an hour, the image has 22,000 likes. Comments like this pour in: "HONY. Restoring my faith in humanity, one photostory at a time."

Stanton's magical blend of portraits and poignant, pithy storytell-

ing has earned HONY more than 2 million followers online. Now he's putting his work in a book, "Humans of New York," out Oct. 15 from St. Martin's Press.

### New Hanks movie stars Minn. Somali actors

MINNEAPOLIS — When Barkhad Abdi and three other amateur Somali actors from Minnesota learned they had won major roles in a new Tom Hanks movie, they tore off their clothes and jumped into the Pacific Ocean.

Abdi and his fellow actors are now living that dream of red carpet premieres and Hollywood endings. The four portray Somali pirates who hijacked an American cargo ship off the Horn of Africa in 2009 and took its captain, played by Hanks, hostage in "Captain Phillips," opening Friday. The ordeal ended when U.S. Navy sharpshooters picked off three of the pirates holding Capt. Richard Phillips captive in a lifeboat.

■ Associated Press

### Celebrity Birthdays

- Singer/songwriter Paul Simon is 71.
- Retired NFL wide receiver Jerry Rice is 50.
- Olympic ice skater Nancy Kerrigan is 43.
- Sacha Baron Cohen is 41.
- Basketball player Paul Pierce is 35.
- Singer Ashanti is 32.
- Nickelodeon actor Noah Crawford is 18.

### Thought for Today

"Religion is no more the parent of morality than an incubator is the mother of a chicken."

— Lemuel K. Washburn

### Scripture of the Day

"Truly my soul waiteth upon God: from him cometh my salvation. He only is my rock and my salvation; he is my defence; I shall not be greatly moved." — Psalm 62:1-2

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# FGC to offer second 4-year degree

Water resources mgmt. may qualify for Scott's \$10,000 degree program.

From staff reports

Florida Gateway College has taken the first step in adding an additional four-year program, a baccalaureate in Water Resources Management, that it hopes will be available by the beginning of 2015.

College officials say the Bachelor of Applied Science in Water Resources Management

could additionally meet Governor Rick Scott's challenge of offering a four-year degree that costs students no more than \$10,000.

The Florida Gateway College District Board of Trustees approved the offering of the program at its Tuesday meeting, the first step in making the program a reality. Program approval will hinge on the Florida Board of Education, and then proceed to Southern Association of Colleges and Schools for approval.

The process could take up to six months. FGC officials expected the Water Resources

Management baccalaureate to launch during the 2014-2015 school year, and it will be primarily online.

FGC began offering its first bachelor degree program, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, in 2012, and it has already produced eight graduates. Though the college has explored additional four-year degrees in recent years, President Charles Hall said that one dealing with water is perfect for the local community and Florida as a whole.

"We're really happy about it because water, the liquid sun-

shine in Florida, is a basis of life, and if we don't get a grip on water and water management, we're going to let it get away from us," he said.

Hall said he feels Florida Gateway College is the perfect school to offer this program due to its experience in water resources. FGC operated the Banner Center for Water Resources as part of a state initiative to develop curriculum and educate the public about water quality and water management issues. FGC also offers an online certification program, one of the best in the nation, Hall said, as well as a two-year associate degree.

Scott earlier this year challenged community and state colleges to develop four-year programs that cost less than \$10,000. At the time, FGC agreed to explore the possibility of offering a program that fell under the governor's criteria, and Hall said this program could potentially meet those standards.

"This is a high-need area, one-of-a-kind right now because no one else is doing it, and because we have such a great experience in it, we feel like we're the right ones to be offering this," Hall said.



AMANDA WILLIAMSON/Lake City Reporter

## NJROTC exercises

Columbia High School student Lyric Boyd competes in the Annual Joint Services Sporting Competition tug-a-war challenge Saturday at the CHS stadium. JROTC students from eight schools, including Gainesville High School and Ocala's West Port High, joined together for friendly competitions in basketball, softball, volleyball and drill.

## SURVIVOR

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husband and the impact it would have on them."

In November 2010, Smith — by accident — discovered a lump in her right breast as she crossed the Publix parking lot. Her sister, a nurse practitioner, told her to immediately schedule an appointment with her doctor.

Soon, she was sitting in the office Dr. Arlene Weinshelbaum at the Gainesville Women's Center. The news wasn't good. Weinshelbaum asked Smith to return in two days for a biopsy. After further tests, Smith asked her doctor what to expect.

"She said, I can't give you an exact diagnosis, but it does not look good," Smith said. "On the last day of the year, she called me and said, 'Narrie, you have breast cancer.' That was the saddest New Year's I've ever had."

Smith quickly learned she had Stage IIB breast cancer, which meant the cancer was approximately two inches and had spread to the lymph nodes under her arm. After her mas-

tectomy, Smith recuperated for eight weeks before beginning the second stage to recovery: chemo and radiation. Chemo caused her nausea, loss of appetite and loss of strength. By the time Smith started regaining strength, it would be time for another round of chemo.

And by the second round, Smith lost her hair.

It became one of the most emotional moments of her battle with cancer, she said. The other was when she learned the chances of survival for African American women rank lower than those for their white counterparts.

"More women are surviving than ever before, but the statistics say that African American women are at a higher risk than their white sisters," Smith said. "Our chances of survival are less. ... I did not cry in front of my doctor. My husband was with me. I cried when I got to the car. He cried and I cried — because you don't want to see yourself as a statistic."

But what kept her going was her faith in God and the support from her fam-

ily, her church family and the community.

"I do believe in my heart that Columbia County is a very caring community filled with a lot of people who are genuinely compassionate," Smith said. "When you go through something like this, you're able to share your testimony with others who are going through the same thing. I've had others who've helped me with their testimony and hopefully I've helped others with mine."

Smith's family does not have a history of breast cancer, so the diagnosis surprised her. But to keep others from dealing with the same shock, she suggests women regularly get mammograms and exams. Because she found the lump herself, she believes women should remember to self exam.

"Early detection is the best way to help yourself in this fight against cancer," Smith said.

She encourages both her daughters — Pam and Nikki — to see their doctors on a regular basis, even though they haven't reached 40 yet. The

National Cancer Institute suggests women who are 40 or older should have a mammogram every one to two years. Women who have a higher risk of breast cancer, such as a family history of the disease, should talk with their health care providers about receiving mammograms before age 40.

Smith participated in the October Breast Cancer Awareness Month opening ceremony at the Lake City Medical Center on Oct. 1. She also plans to assist the Breast Cancer Drive at her church, the New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church.

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## Woman faces drug charges after crash

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A Live Oak woman faces charges of marijuana possession and careless driving after she collided with the rear of a vehicle stopped in a construction zone on Friday, according to a Florida Highway Patrol crash report.

Angela Maria Benjamin, 34, was taken to Shands Lake Shore Regional Medical Center in serious condition after her 2005 Suzuki Reno ran into the back of a Chevrolet truck stopped for roadwork on US 90, just east of CR-10A.

The truck then hit a truck in front of it, FHP said.

Benjamin was not wearing her seatbelt, FHP said. Her passenger, five-year-old Chloe Marie Benjamin of Fort White, was not in a child's seat, according to the report. She suffered minor injuries.

## ROBBERY

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pants and blue gloves.

The sheriff's office, Florida Highway Patrol and Florida Department of Corrections responded to the scene to search with K-9s. The search led to an area where the suspect was believed to have fled in an unknown vehicle, the release said.

Authorities ask anyone with information about the robbery to call the CCSO detectives division at 758-1095 or Crime Stoppers of Columbia County at 754-7099.

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OUR OPINION

## If your kids haven't been immunized, do it now

**A**s you've read in the pages of this newspaper, pertussis, better known as whooping cough, is making a comeback in our community. It's a problem pretty much of our own making.

Whooping cough had nearly been eradicated when some folks got the idea that vaccinating their children was somehow harmful to them.

Some years back they quit getting their kids their shots, and pertussis – along with a whole host of other communicable ailments – started making a comeback.

It's a serious problem, with thousands of cases of whooping cough confirmed nationwide in this latest outbreak.

Seven cases have been confirmed in Columbia County, and 70 more possible cases are under scrutiny.

We can't turn back the clock on those already infected, but we can take precautions to slow the spread.

First, monitor your children closely.

What starts out as a run of the mill runny nose can quickly turn into something far more serious.

If you suspect there's a problem, keep them out of school and get them to the doctor right away.

Also, since pertussis bacteria can live on everyday objects for days, disinfect your home regularly.

That will help some.

Most important, though, is this.

If your children haven't been immunized against pertussis, we urge you in the strongest terms to get them vaccinated.

We know that in some cases, religious beliefs may stand in the way.

If your faith prevents you from getting your kids immunized, so be it. It's not our place to criticize your beliefs.

For the rest of us, however, there is no good reason not to take this important step.

While whooping cough is rarely fatal, it can be, especially in babies less than one year of age, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The shots are free at your local health department. No appointment needed.

We urge you to stop in as soon as possible, or, in the alternative, to visit your family doctor.

We can't protect our children from every danger they face, but we can stop this one dead in its tracks.



## A week to contemplate good health

**T**he women of Altrusa International of Lake City are off and running with their fitness initiative that was officially introduced to our community last week.

The Get Fit Lake City kickoff breakfast was a sellout crowd eager to eat yogurt and fruit and be inspired by Julie Hadden, the keynote speaker who was the runner-up contestant of NBC's Biggest Loser program during Season 4.

Hadden, who grew up in Jacksonville and now lives in Macon, Ga., told the audience her success story of how she battled her weight her entire life, then found her path to health through the boot camp environment of the television show. She lost 97 pounds through 14 weeks of sequestration from bad habits, the strict implementation of a new diet and lifestyle and as much as eight hours of exercise per day.

Hadden was inspiring. Altrusa of Lake City has launched a very aggressive program to help Lake City find its health. The club is hosting a 16-week challenge officially known as "The Get Fit Lake City Initiative." The program is twofold: There is a "Fittest Business" challenge where business teams of



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employees categorically log their daily exercise and workouts and score points that will be evaluated.

For individuals, there is a "Biggest Loser" competition and the top male and female entrant who loses the largest percentage of their body weight during the 16-week contest period will each earn a cash prize.

If you're interested, there are deals on gym memberships, complimentary tech T-shirts and gym bags for contestants. There's still time to get involved in either challenge, as the official "weigh in" and start of the competition is Oct. 21-24. For more information and all the details, call Heather Gray at (386) 365-4777 or Jill Adams at (386) 965-7533.

To top it off, last Thursday was one of the healthiest themed days in Lake City's history. After the Altrusa kickoff breakfast, Hadden

also spoke at Lake City Medical Center's Standing Up to Breast Cancer's Lunch and Learn. The event was a partnership with Columbia County Resources Tough Enough To Wear Pink project and also saw a capacity crowd.

Hadden spoke to that group with the same energy and focused on the importance of exercise to help fight off disease. Cancer survivors were honored during the healthy salad-and-fruit luncheon. The amazing work of CCR's Tough Enough To Wear Pink crisis fund also was described.

All of the agencies worked together to bring Hadden to Lake City to speak to as many residents as possible.

Our community appreciates the combined efforts of the dozens of Altrusa members who have worked very hard to create this "Get Fit" program for our community. Here's hoping it carries through to February with great enthusiasm.

Thanks to everyone associated with both the Altrusa breakfast and the breast cancer awareness luncheon. These were two very positive events in our community last week.

■ Todd Wilson is publisher of the *Lake City Reporter*.

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## The roots of the budget crisis

**W**e ought to think about the cultural roots of the budget crisis in Washington.

The political left says the shutdown is all about an ideological tantrum of a handful of Republicans.

Certainly, tea partiers have an ideology and vision about what ground rules would produce a more prosperous, freer and fairer America.

But let's be honest. The gentleman in the White House, our president, is as hard core in his ideological dispositions as any tea partier.

Each side believes America would be better off if it were run according to their vision.

What's the crucial difference? As a tea partier, I'd like my neighbors to agree with me that personal responsibility, traditional values and limited government is the best way to build a healthy and prosperous life and nation. If they don't agree, they can do what they want.

But the world according to the big-government, morally relative left is much different. In this view, yes, nobody is forcing me to agree that personal responsibility and traditional values don't matter. But in their view, it's also only fair that I pick up the massive costs of their failures.

Take, for instance, poverty. We all agree that we want to



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get as many out of poverty as possible.

The evidence abounds that a lifestyle that reflects personal responsibility and traditional values – like traditional sexual attitudes and marriage and family – reduces dramatically chances that an individual will wind up in poverty.

I hope people live according to these values. But if they don't want to, that's their business.

But those on the left don't think so. They want to foster a culture that says do what you want. Then they say it is only fair that everyone pay the costs of the mess. ...

The incidence of homes headed by a single mother has gone from 6.3 percent of all households in 1950 to 23.9 percent in 2010.

In a Gallup poll, 71 percent of respondents between 18 and 34 years old said having a baby outside of marriage was morally acceptable.

So we have promoted a culture ... in which poverty is more likely to occur. And then those who promote

this culture say it is only fair that everybody pay the costs.

Worse, the evidence is overwhelming that government spending on poverty has little or no impact on the incidence of poverty.

... [S]pending in constant (inflation-adjusted) dollars on means-tested anti-poverty programs increased \$500 billion from 1980 to 2011, with a tripling of the amount spent per person in poverty. Over the same period, the poverty rate was virtually unchanged.

Also worth noting is that over this same period, the percent of babies born to unwed mothers went from 18 percent in 1980 to over 40 percent in 2011.

Obamacare, as the Affordable Care Act is popularly known, will add up to 20 million more individuals to the almost 60 million already covered by Medicaid, the government health care program for the poor. Medicaid now pays for 40 percent of all babies born in the country.

Price tag of big government, moral relativism – hundreds of billions. Price tag of limited government, personal responsibility – zero.

Is this an ideological battle? Of course it is.

■ Star Parker is president of CURE, Coalition on Urban Renewal and Education ([www.urbancure.org](http://www.urbancure.org)) and author of three books.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

■ To submit your Community Calendar item, contact Emily Lawson at 754-0424 or by e-mail at [elawson@lakecityreporter.com](mailto:elawson@lakecityreporter.com).

## Oct. 13

### Dicks Family Reunion

The 52nd annual Joseph Dicks Family Reunion will be held at the Hopeful Baptist Church in the Life Center on Sunday, Oct. 13, at 12:45 p.m. All friends and family are welcome to join. Please bring a covered dish to share. Contact Jeff Dicks at 752-2329 with questions or for more information.

### Pastor's Appreciation

The Philadelphia Baptist Church family invites you to share in 27th Pastor's Appreciation Celebration for Pastor I.L. and First Lady Betty Williams on Sunday, October 13, 2013. Our 11AM speaker will be Rev. Michael Miller, Antioch Baptist Church, Alachua. 3PM speaker Lantz Mills Sr. and New Day Springs Church Family.

### Theater auditions

The High Springs Community Theater will produce Earl Hamner's "The Homecoming" for its holiday production.

Seeking male (age 16 - 25) for lead role of Clay-Boy and female for the lead role of mother, Olivia Spencer

Casting men and women, ages 6 - 70 for many ensemble roles. Families are encouraged to participate. Technical opportunities are available including lighting, sound, stage management and costuming.

Audition Dates:  
October 13 and 14 at 7 p.m. at the High Springs Community Theater, 130 NE 1st Avenue, HS.

Performance Dates:  
Dec. 6 through Dec. 22, Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Sundays, 2 p.m.

## Oct. 14

### Cancer support

The October meeting of the Women's Cancer



COURTESY

## \$5,000 donation to safety patrol

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 57 recently donated \$5,000 to the Eastside Elementary Safety Patrol. 'We are so grateful for this generous donation,' said a patrol spokesperson. 'It is extremely helpful in our fundraising for the Washington D.C trip.' Pictured are (front row, from left) Bailey Dicks, Kayla Hardy, Isabella Martin, Madison Lipscomb, Ms. Sandy Varner (back row) Ms. Mary Ann Bell, Ms. Irma Wehrli, Jessie Taylor, Eli Pittman, Aaron Morse, Ms. Nancy Moschetti, Ms. Val Enhat, Sarah Douglas, Mrs. Sarah Ripple, Ms. Judy Ripple, Ms. RoseMarie Goodbread, Ms. Marge Huck, Ms. Sandy Varner.

Support Group of Lake City will celebrate Breast Cancer Awareness Month. We will meet for a Dutch Treat dinner at the Cracker Barrel Old Country Store from 5:30 to 6:30 PM on Monday, October 14th, 2013. Information at 386-752-4198 or 386-755-0522.

## Oct. 15

### Art League meeting

The monthly meeting of the Art League Of North Florida will be held on October 15th at 6:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church.

The community is invit-

ed to attend. There will be dinner followed by a short business meeting and a speaker. The speaker will be Eileen Sims Box, a graduate school teacher receiving her BS from Jacksonville University and Masters from Nova University.

Eileen has always been interested in art and now that she is retired has more time to devote to her painting. She paints in oil, water-

color, colored pencil and photography. Eileen is the past President of the Live Oak Art Guild and member of the Suwannee Valley Plein Air Painters. Her work has

won many awards in art shows and is highly recognized in the art community.

### Garden plots available

The High Springs Community Garden has garden plots available to area residents, local service clubs and nonprofit organizations interested in growing healthy food for personal consumption and/or distribution to those in need. Fall planting begins October 15th.

Plots are 4 feet by 8 feet and are available for \$15.00 per season or \$25 per year.

Applications are available at High Springs City Hall, 110 NW 1 Avenue and at the High Springs Farmers Market each Thursday from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sponsorships for plots are also available.

Contact Sharon Dockter at 386-462-1828 or [dockters@windstream.net](mailto:dockters@windstream.net).

### RMS fundraiser

Richardson MS football is hosting a BBQ Fundraiser Tuesday, Oct. 15 at Tiger Stadium from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Available dinners for purchase include the chicken plate for \$7, the ribs plate for \$8, and the combo plate for \$10. All dinners include baked beans, cole slaw and a roll. Dinners can be delivered for large orders.

## Oct. 17

### Ladies Lunch & Learn

In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Shands Regional Medical Center will be hosting a Ladies Lunch & Learn featuring a distinguished physician panel.

Date: Thursday, Oct. 17th

Time: Noon to 1 p.m.  
Details: Please call 386-292-8120 or register online at [ShandsLakeShore.com](http://ShandsLakeShore.com)  
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## OBITUARIES

### David Cochran Ratliff

Mr. David Cochran Ratliff, 83, died Friday October 11, 2013 in the Macclenny Nursing and Rehab center. He was the son of the late Paul and Mabel Cowart Ratliff and is preceded in death by three brothers Cecil, Benny and Owen Ratliff and one sister Mary Burnett. He had lived in Lake City all of his life.

He is survived by his wife of fifty-four years Betty Jean Ratliff Lake City, FL; one son Ronald Ratliff (Melinda) Shick Shinn, PA. three daughters Cynthia McCollum, Teresa Staffieri (David) and Tammy Garber all of Lake City, FL; one sister Maude Hardy, Live Oak, FL; three sisters in law Carolin Calviet (Donald) Waldo, FL; Alma Jordan and; Rhoda Roberts, and two grandchildren Sabrina Staffieri and Andrew Vanhyfte. Numerous Nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday October 15, 2013 at 11:00 A.M. at the Dees-Parrish Family Funeral Home Chapel with Randy Ogburn officiating. Family will receive friends Monday October 14, 2013 from 5P.M. until 7P.M. Monday evening. Interment will take place in Riverside Cemetery in White Springs, FL. Dees-Parrish Family Funeral Home is in charge of all arrangements. 458 South Marion Avenue Lake City, FL 32025.

### Cynthia Darlene Brandt

Mrs. Cynthia Darlene Brandt, 53 of Lake City, died as a re-

sult of injuries sustained in an automobile accident on October 10, 2013. A native of Atlanta, Georgia Mrs. Brandt had been a resident of Lake City for the past six years having relocated from Georgia. Mrs. Brandt loved cats, collecting antiques, gardening, her grandchildren and living life. Mrs. Brandt was of the Christian Faith. Mrs. Brandt was preceded in death by her mother Joan Brady.

Mrs. Brandt is survived by her husband of fourteen years Joseph Brandt, Lake City, Florida; her father Larry Brady, Fayetteville, Georgia; Son, Joseph Brandt III (Melissa) Kansas; Three daughters, Sheree Jefferson (Chris) Locus Grove, Ga.; Kayla Gray (Joshua) Ocala, FL; Melanie Brandt, Powder Springs, Georgia; Three Brothers Scott Brady (Valeria) Concord, Georgia; Shane Brady (Kim) Stockbridge, Georgia; Johnny Brady (Mary) Canton, Georgia; Two Sisters Rhonda Harp (Todd), Riverdale Georgia; Karla Barber (Randy) Hartwell, Georgia; Four grandchildren Parker and Jackson Jefferson; Brennan Ganter and Alexandria Gray; and a host of nieces and nephews and friends. Memorial services will be conducted Sunday October 13, 2013 at 2:00 P.M. in the Chapel of the Dees-Parrish Family Funeral Home with Rev. John Hathaway officiating. The family will receive friends prior to the service at 1:00 P.M. Arrangements are under the direction of the DEES-PARRISH FAMILY FUNERAL HOME, 458 South Marion Ave. Lake City, FL 32025. Please

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# On a mission to end world hunger

**Churches doing their part to pack a million meals.**

By **AMANDA WILLIAMSON**  
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Members of Lake City's United Methodist churches combined a scoop of rice, a scoop of dried vegetables and a scoop of soy protein in 20,000 meals Saturday at the First United Methodist Church.

The combination will feed six people for only 25 cents. Florida's United Methodist Churches kicked-off the "A Million Reasons" campaign during its annual summer conference by packaging over 112,000 meals, a small step on the way to packing its goal of 1 million. Saturday's event bagged another 3,448 bags, which totaled the 20,000 meals. The meals will be shipped overseas to impoverished countries in an attempt to stop world hunger.

According to Stop Hunger Now, a global humanitarian aid organization, a child dies every six seconds from hunger-related causes.

"We wanted to include an opportunity for people to help others," said district superintendent of the United Methodist Church Dr. Robert Gibbs. "This is a wonderful way to package a great deal of meals in a short time. The Christian life is to help others, espe-

cially those in need." Approximately 70 volunteers showed up for the first packaging shift at 1 p.m. The second shift followed an hour later at 2. Each group was expected to package 10,000 meals.

Akil Tunsil, a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, helped to place the dried vegetables into the provided plastic bags.

"To put scoops in a bag and know its going to feed six people is just an awesome thing," he said. "Maybe I can get a little bit better sleep tonight."

As the contents were collected into the bags, runners — mostly young children — handed the bags to adults waiting at a row of scales. The contents had to be weighed appropriately so they could be shipped to one of the 65 countries served by Stop Hunger Now. Then 36 bags were placed into a box, sealed and carried to the truck. Each box holds 36 bags, no more and no less. If one bag is forgotten, then six children go without a meal.

Stop Hunger Now provides food mainly for schools and orphanages.

"This is a missionary project that we can do to help feed people in other countries," said Nancy Mabrey, a member of the Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church. "This is a way we can be missionaries from home."



AMANDA WILLIAMSON/Lake City Reporter

Donna Giebeig, left, and Nancy Mabrey, right, scoop protein and dried vegetables into a funnel at the Stop Hunger Now event Saturday at the First United Methodist Church. Behind them, Chris Costello, left, and Louie Mabrey, right, work alongside each other to help the churches bag 20,000 meals. Statewide, the United Methodist Church hopes to bag 1 million meals to aid in the fight against hunger. The organization serves 65 million countries by packaging 21 essential vitamins into the mixture. According to Stop Hunger Now, 10.9 million children under age five die each year from lack of food.

## TOYS

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room full of experts."

Even though visitors scoped out the guns, custom-made purses and spy-style pen security cameras, the most popular item at the gun show was probably ammo, Jewell said. Lately, there has been a shortage in certain calibers, such as ammo for a .22-caliber gun.

"There's probably more ammo in this building than there's been in the town for six to eight weeks," he said.

While Big Boy Toys ended on Saturday, the gun show runs through 4 p.m. today at the Columbia County Fairgrounds.

Lake City residents Ralph Pender and Whitney Ammons browsed the wares Saturday at the show. Ammons said she was especially excited about a purple gun and the

selection of custom purses that had a hidden pocket for a concealed weapon.

But Pender, a gun enthusiast and former military member, said his favorite item available for sale was the AR-15, a civilian mockup of the military-issued M4 carbine. But it was four-year-old Richard Ammons who seemingly had the best day. He loved climbing in all the trucks and construction equipment on show.

"I liked it all," he said, especially the "big dippers" and the helicopter. Sean Beard's son Caden shared Richard's excitement. By about 3 p.m., the two had sat in every machine on display, including the bulldozers, the excavators, the earthmovers and more. Beard and Caden were on their second loop through the equipment.

"It's neat to see them as an adult too," Beard said. "I've always wanted to sit in a bulldozer, and never

got the chance until now. It brings out the kid in you."

Other than the 'big boy' trucks, Beard strolled through the gun show earlier in the day to get out of the heat. In the past, he used to hunt quite a bit, but hadn't been in a while. He said he saw some good prices on clips, but didn't really look for a gun to purchase.

Not too far away, at the archery range, eight-year-old Kevin Williams took aim with a bow and let his arrow fly. While it didn't hit true on the first shot, he eventually got a bull's eye. Underneath his camouflage deer hunter hat, he grinned.

"You might be able to wear that hat out of here," said Jordan Wade, the Kiwanis president-elect and the day's archery coach. All day, Wade said, he's seen the same kids keep coming back to the archery booth.

"It seems like at first they are timid," he said. "Then once they hit that target, it just hooks them."



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Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Officer Brad Stanley teaches Matriel Dillard, 8, how to steer an FWC patrol airboat at the Kiwanis Big Boy Toys Expo at the Columbia County Fairgrounds on Friday.

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# UW \$50K closer to new quarters

\$50,000 boost from PCS was a big help.

By **TONY BRITT**  
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United Way of Suwannee Valley recently got a financial boost as the organization looks to construct a new office in the area.

Potash Corp. White Springs made a \$50,000 donation to UWSV for its building fund during United Way's annual campaign kickoff event in September.

Mike Williams, public affairs manager for Potash Corp. White Springs, said the business has several employees, including himself, Terry Baker, PCS White Springs general manager and Jeff Kitto, PCS White Springs manager of chemical operations, who serve on the United Way board of directors, and who understand the organization's need for a new facility.

United Way of Suwannee Valley has been in its current location since 2000.

United Way of Suwannee Valley has been a local organization serving the community for 46 years and PCS has been involved with it for at least 30 years, Williams said.

"Potash Corp. believes in community investment and we believe in sustaining our community investments," Baker said in a prepared statement. "We like to invest in our communities for things that either have a legacy or make a difference for the people within the communities that we serve. United Way has a proven track record of 46 years of great works and making our community better. We feel that by donating to this building that we're looking for United Way to be a pillar of our community for the next 46 years."

Williams expressed similar sentiment. "United Way has been a hub of social services to our multi-county area, Hamilton, Columbia, Suwannee and Lafayette counties, for 46 years," Williams said. "They fill a great number of needs and they've accomplished some pretty wonderful things. Focusing on the 23 United Way affiliated agencies and other agencies that participate with the United Way, they're responsible for us having the food bank with Catholic Charities, they help sponsor the long-range recovery committee that comes into play every time we have a natural disaster and they just clearly serve our community in a myriad number of ways."

Rita Dopp, United Way



Photos by TONY BRITT/Lake City Reporter



**ABOVE:** The building that the United Way uses for its office was constructed in 1939 and has housed UWSV since 2000. **LEFT:** Rita Dopp (left), United Way of Suwannee Valley executive director, talks to Jennifer Lee and Lynne Hodges Friday in the UWSV office on Hernando Avenue.

of Suwannee Valley executive director, said no date has been set for when construction on the new United Way building will begin.

"The building committee is actively working on a building plan so that we can ensure that the site selection is correct," she said.

United Way of Suwannee Valley is currently housed in a building on Hernando Avenue that's owned by the City of Lake City.

"Because the building's age, condition and layout is such that it's aging and

not conducive to an office environment, the building committee has been keeping its eye on the possibility of building over a period of time and the time is getting ready to make a decision and act upon that," Dopp said. "This gift really helps us move in the right direction."

Dopp said Jim Moses of First Federal Bank is the chairman of the United Way Building Committee and the committee has other members with experience in the construction industry, as well members with architectural and engineering experience.

"They'll be coming up with building costs since we're looking at approximately a 3,000-square foot building," she said, noting the approximate cost for the building will be around \$300,000. "We want to make sure the building is such it meets the needs of our community for foreseeable years, that's an important consideration for us."

Dopp said having the

new building will help United Way better serve the community.

"This building has been able to meet our needs, but it hasn't been the most efficient building," she said, noting that having a space that's built to be an office would afford greater client confidentiality, greater productivity in terms of work space and provide more adequate meeting space.

In addition to making the \$50,000 donation for a new United Way building, Potash Corp. representatives challenged other local businesses to make a contribution to the United Way building fund.

"We're hoping that this donation will serve as a catalyst for the other members of the business community to donate towards making this building a reality," Williams said.

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# What does Obamacare mean for LSHA?

It's not yet clear how ACA will impact local hospital authority.

By **TONY BRITT**

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The Affordable Healthcare Act promises to change the way Americans' health care needs are served.

Also known as Obamacare, the ACA will also change the way health care services are provided to local indigent patients who now utilize the Lake Shore Hospital Authority for care.

Jack Berry, Lake Shore Hospital Authority executive director, said he is uncertain how the Affordable Healthcare Act will impact LSHA.

"Conceivably if it works the way that I found it that it's designed to work, there won't be an LSHA indigent care program," he said. "All of our current patients should be assumed under this federal program."

Berry said he is uncertain how long it will take to get the LSHA clients transferred to Obamacare, but the LSHA program is currently funded through Sept. 30, 2014.

"I think it's going to take full year for us to find out how the Affordable Healthcare Act is going to affect us, because not all of the people that we deal with are going to fit under that program either," he said.



Sue Frazee, Lake Shore Hospital Authority administrative director, does prescription drug assistance paperwork.

Berry noted that many current LSHA clients can't pay the \$95 penalty that will be imposed on them if they don't buy insurance.

He said if the state had expanded its Medicaid program, then most of clients in the local program would have fit under the guidelines of the new expansion.

Berry has an appointment

Tuesday with a federal representative where he will learn details of getting local residents enrolled in the program.

"Our objective is to get everybody off this program (LSHA indigent care program) and onto that program," he said.

The Lake Shore Hospital Authority contracts with several local physicians to see its cli-

ents, who pay slightly less than Medicaid rates for visits with primary care physicians. The move has resulted in fewer patients utilizing the hospital's emergency department.

In addition to the indigent care program, LSHA also has a prescription drug program where residents who qualify based on financial guidelines, get their pre-

scriptions filled for \$4.

"The prescription drug program has been absolutely phenomenal as far as keeping people out of the hospital is concerned and running up additional indigent care bills," Berry said. "It's proven to be very successful program."

The Lake Shore Hospital Authority is an independent taxing district founded in 1953. It's designed to provide quality medical services to the residents of Columbia County and to operate an indigent care program for residents who are less fortunate.

In addition to Berry, the LSHA program has two full-time employees and one part-time employee.

Sue Frazee, LSHA administrative director, Cynthia Watson, LSHA financial director, and Courtney Bryan, assist residents attempting to qualify for the programs.

"We offer primary health care for the indigent of Columbia County," Frazee said. "We assist clients with medication, whether brand name through drug manufacturers or generics, we provide assistance for healthcare. We feel like we're more than a government agency, because we go out of our way to provide health care. We try to make it easy and pleasant to help people."

The LSHA office, 259 NE Franklin St., is open 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday.

LSHA programs are limited to Columbia County residents whose income is 125 percent of the federal poverty level.

## OBAMACARE

Continued From 1A

### ACA'S SHAKY START

WellFlorida's plan is to visit public facilities such as community centers, schools and libraries, set up an array of laptops and tablets powered by a mobile WiFi hotspot and help citizens sign up for insurance.

But as many Americans are finding, the website through which to visit the healthcare exchange, healthcare.gov, has been plagued with overloaded servers, glitchy identity verification and poor web design mechanics since it went live Oct. 1.

Local agent Tyson Johnson, a 12-year veteran of the health insurance industry, said he tried going through the enrollment process only to be met with resistance and confusion.

"I was able to get past the identity verification stage, which is further than most people," Johnson said. "Then I got to this portion about multiple choice questions about me and my family. No matter how I answered them, it always looped me back to the first page. I couldn't get any further than that."

WellFlorida's plans were delayed due to the website's poor functionality.

"As you can imagine, we are holding off until we get the website running," WellFlorida CEO Jeff Feller said. "It won't behoove us to be in the field until then. We need that website working."

He also added, however, that a faulty website shouldn't stop people from taking the first necessary steps toward new insurance plans.

"Don't worry about the website not being fully functional yet," Feller said. "Use the website to get info on plans and personal or family circumstances. Do a little healthy deliberation on what you want to do. Don't drag your feet, but don't necessarily have to be there the first day it's up and running."

The online exchange serves Florida and 35 other states that opted out of establishing their own healthcare marketplace.

States that established their own online exchanges have seen better results:

- Citizens enrolled as of last week:
- New York: 40,000
- California: 16,000
- Kentucky: 7,000
- Connecticut: 1,426
- Maryland: 326

(Courtesy NBC, CNBC)

But for citizens of Florida, the federal government's healthcare marketplace is the only option.

According to representatives from HHS, individuals and families can apply over the phone, via email or by traditional mail while government IT specialists work to bring the online application up and running.

### INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES

One of the pillars of the Affordable Care Act is that insurance companies can no longer discriminate based on gender or medical history. That being said, the only requirements for applying through the healthcare exchange are the social security numbers of every individual looking for enrollment and a proof of income (paystub, W-2, etc.) if the individual/family wishes to apply for federal subsidies.

Here's what enrollment through the

marketplace may look like to individuals and families:

#### Example: 'Dan,' healthy single male, 28, and 'John' his obese father, 64.

• Before Jan. 1, 2014: John's premiums would be extremely high given his condition and Dan's would be very low.

• After Jan. 1, 2014: John's monthly premiums cannot exceed three times what Dan would pay for the same plan. John's payments would likely go down and Dan's would increase considerably.

"The younger age groups will see a more significant change because [premiums] increase more drastically as a percentage of what they're currently playing," Johnson said. "Reason is, younger people are charged less than older people [currently]. The new law says that if you're 64 and applying for the same policy as a 21-year-old, you can't pay three times more than what he pays. The current spread is much greater than three-to-one."

A study by New York City management consulting firm Oliver Wyman said that the new age compression ratio will increase premiums 45 percent for individuals 18-24 and 35 percent for those 25-29.

"Insurance carriers are having to compress that difference," Johnson said. "People on the older end might pay a little less. At the end of the day, the insurance carrier has to collect enough of a premium to pay all of the claims."

#### Example: 'Skylar,' 58, female smoker

• Before Jan. 1, 2014: Skylar's premiums would skyrocket due to her regular tobacco consumption. Companies could also justify higher premiums due to increased possibility of uterine and breast diseases in post-menopausal women.

• After Jan. 1, 2014: While insurance companies can no longer discriminate based on pre-existing conditions, they can increase premiums up to a maximum of 50 percent more than the same plan for a non-smoking 45-year-old. Insurance company rates are the same for both genders, as well.

"The only underwriting difference is tobacco vs. non-tobacco," Johnson said. "The law does allow companies to charge tobacco users up to 1.5 more than non-users. Not all companies are assessing that full number and some aren't differentiating."

#### Example: 'Hank,' 50, and his two children, 'Tom,' 16, cerebral palsy, and 'June,' 10 months

• Before Jan. 1, 2014: Hank's plan does not cover maternity or pediatric care and Gus may be denied coverage due to his pre-existing condition.

• After Jan. 1, 2014: All private health insurance plans offered in the marketplace must cover pediatric services and newborn care as part of several essential benefits all plans must cover. Gus, too, will be eligible for coverage.

#### Example: 'George' has an insurance plan through his employer. He makes \$36,000 annually before taxes and pays \$3,600 a year in premiums.

• Before Jan. 1, 2014: George receives no government assistance for his health-

care costs.

• After Jan. 1, 2014: George is eligible to receive government subsidies to cover part of his premiums if he decides to enroll in a new plan through the healthcare exchange.

A section of the ACA stipulates that individuals and families between one and four times the federal poverty level who pay more than 9.5 percent of their income on monthly insurance payments are eligible for government assistance on healthcare premiums.

However, if George's employer offered insurance at nine percent his income, he would not be eligible for the subsidies.

"When you file your tax return at the end of the year, if your tax credit was more than it should've been based on your income, you would owe that money back to the government. You'd have to pay it in taxes or it'd reduce the size of your refund," Johnson said.

Families of four with household incomes as high as \$94,000 will likely receive some form of healthcare assistance.

#### Example: 'Jillian,' 32, exercises regularly and maintains a healthy lifestyle. However, she lives in an area with historically high rates of obesity and crime.

• Before and after Jan. 1, 2014: Although Jillian is doing everything she should, it is possible she may see a higher premium than someone who lives in a location with a higher average quality-of-life among its residents.

Individual markets can vary their premiums due to the Adjusted Community Rating, which allows company to decide rates based on several demographic criteria for a given geographic area.

"[Actuaries] are probably looking at claims evidence for a given geographic area and their reimbursement rates to providers in that area," Johnson said.

Example: "Arthur" and "Molly" have eight children, all minors.

• Before Jan. 1, 2014: Arthur and Molly's family health plan payments would increase proportionally to the number of individuals it covers.

• After Jan. 1, 2014: A new law in the ACA says a family only has to charge for the first three minor dependents, meaning each additional child would not incur increases to premiums.

#### Example: 'Michael,' 28, swims regularly and maintains himself in excellent physical condition. He decides not to enroll in healthcare because he is healthy and believes injury/illness are unlikely.

• Before Jan. 1, 2014: Michael would pay no premiums and have to cover any medical bills 100 percent out-of-pocket.

• After Jan. 1, 2014: Michael still pays no premiums and pays bills 100 percent out-of-pocket.

However, the ACA stipulates that anyone not enrolled in healthcare by March 31, 2014 will be assessed a penalty on their 2014 taxes (filed in early 2015).

Michael, uninsured, would have to pay one percent of his income or \$95, whichever is greater, on his 2014 taxes. In 2015, those numbers increase to the greater of two percent of income or \$325. In 2016, 2.5

percent of income or \$695. Penalties for uninsured minors are half those amounts.

People like Michael are what's known as "young invincibles"—young adults who are unlikely to buy into insurance because they'd rather pay the fine than a year's worth of premiums on the assumption they are too healthy to warrant medical insurance.

"Younger people tend to be healthier and create fewer claims, but their premiums will help support the less healthy population," Johnson said. "The fear is that they'll pay the \$95 fine and go without the coverage."

We would encourage them to think about the risk of not having coverage. Suppose you're in an accident or you get ill. Any of these things can happen."

### INSURANCE FOR BUSINESSES

Businesses are not required to begin providing healthcare insurance for employees until 2015. However, they will be able to enroll for employee workplace plans through the marketplace beginning Nov. 1.

If a business employs 25 or fewer full-time employees who average less than \$50,000 annually, it will qualify for healthcare tax credits on plans under the exchange.

Businesses who employ over 50 full-time workers (or the hourly equivalent of such) will be levied a fine of \$2,000 per person if their workers are uninsured in 2015.

### THE ROAD AHEAD

The Affordable Care Act has received mixed reviews from critics across America. Some praise the law's new ban on discrimination against pre-existing conditions and exploitative pricing plans, bringing insurance to millions who've never been enrolled before.

However, others feel the law does not do enough to address the underlying causes of steep medical bills and the high price of health in the United States.

"This is more health insurance reform than healthcare reform," Johnson said. "The underlying costs of healthcare, what doctors, hospitals and pharmacists get paid, are influenced by a host of things that went largely unaddressed."

Critics say the steep cost of healthcare is driven by the elementary economic principle of supply and demand. The theory goes that when supply of a commodity or service goes down, its demand, and price, go up.

"There's a shortage of doctors and nurses and it's just going to get greater," Johnson said. "We also have an aging population that's putting a greater demand on the healthcare system."

Critics argue that allocated funding for subsidies could have been used to address tort reform (frivolous lawsuits) and educational loan forgiveness for members of the medical community.

"I can see where aspects of the ACA will have a short-term positive impact," Johnson said, "But doesn't, in my opinion, do much to address the increased costs in the healthcare sector."

For assistance with the ACA marketplace, or to sign up for a plan, visit [healthcare.gov](http://healthcare.gov) or call 1-800-318-2596.

# Cotton is on the rise in Columbia County



COURTESY

Columbia County cotton acreage jumped dramatically from 2012 to 2013. With so much interest in cotton-growing in the area, gin representatives from Georgia have expressed interest in building a cotton gin facility capable of annually handling approximately 30,000 bales of cotton in the Columbia County area.

## Harvesting season has begun for more than 2,100 acres

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### By the numbers

**C**otton is a cash crop that has made its way back into more than a few Columbia County fields.

According to statistics from the Columbia County Extension service office, the number of cotton-planted acres increased dramatically across the region. In 2012 Columbia County farmers grew 642 acres of cotton and in 2013 Columbia County farmers planted 2,132 acres of cotton.

With the cotton acreage on the rise, local farmers have inversely decreased their peanut acreage.

Statistics indicate that in 2012 Columbia County farmers planted 8,422 acres of peanuts, but in 2013, local farmers reduced the amount of peanut planted acreage to 3,686 acres – that's a 56 percent decrease.

Mace Bauer, University of Florida/IFAS Extension Service Columbia County agronomy agent, attributes the change in numbers to the market.

"Largely it's supply and demand," he said. "The demand for peanuts is lower. There was an oversupply of peanuts in 2012. Farmers looked at alternative markets and cotton was a good fit for the conditions here."

While Bauer is uncertain of the number of local farmers

**642** acres cotton planted in 2012 compared to 8,422 acres peanuts  
**2,132** acres cotton planted in 2013 compared to 3,686 acres peanuts  
**800** pounds of ginned cotton per acre estimated by taking 1.5 to 2 bales of cotton per acre by 500 pounds per bale  
**420** dollars per bale of cotton, bringing in roughly 84 cents per pound

planting cotton, he said he expects the trend of increased cotton acreage to continue next year.

He said there are benefits to planting cotton in the area.

"We can grow cotton without irrigation here because of the life cycle of the plant," he said. "It sets its boles throughout the season, so we're more likely to catch rainy periods throughout the season. It doesn't put all of its emphasis on a single point during the season — that makes it a relatively forgiving crop."

Cotton is traditionally planted from April to May and harvested between early October and November in sunny weather.

A benefit of planting cotton in Columbia County is that it has a rather long harvest window, where equipment can be spread over many acres.



COURTESY

Eric Langford, of Fort White, inspects a roll of cotton after a recent harvest. Cotton crops are making a comeback for farmers in the region.

Columbia County farmers are harvesting anywhere from 1.5 – 2 bales of cotton per acre. With a bale of cotton creating 500 pounds of ginned cotton, Bauer said the state average for harvest is around 800 pounds per acre.

"The local farmers I talked to plan to grow it again next year and the first-time growers are going to do it next year as well," Bauer said.

The conditions this year have been a little tough and were not exactly what local farmers expected, due to the of large amounts of rain.

Rain presents a challenge because it overpowers the growth regulators that are used to keep cotton from getting too tall. Regardless of the regulators, when cotton is wet, it will keep growing.

"We just had some expenses and management that we didn't foresee because of consistent rainfall," Bauer said. "We're going to have a good crop here because we got consistent rainfall, but it costs a lot of money to get there."

Bauer said another benefit of growing cotton is that it's a good rotation for the peanut crop because it's in a different plant

family and has different disease and pest cycles.

When it comes to machinery, cotton harvesters were the only new equipment most farmers had to add.

"Many of the cotton harvesters are leased equipment, so it was easy to bring them in," Bauer said.

The cotton gin used by Columbia County farmers is located in Quitman, Ga. The gin handles all the transportation, including cotton module trucks that collect modules of cotton left in the fields after harvesting.

"The cotton gin (representative) has hosted a meeting and expressed interest in building a location in our area," Bauer said. "There's interest there, but it takes a lot of commitment to build a \$6 million (cotton gin) facility."

Bauer said cotton gin representatives would like to build a facility capable of handling approximately 30,000 bales of cotton annually.

A bale of cotton is valued at approximately \$420, with cotton bringing in approximately 84 cents per pound.

"A lot has to happen for that facility to locate here," Bauer said. "There has to be long term interest in the region in growing cotton. Transportation and the location of where the cotton is grown is an issue."



### Santa Fe song winner

**RIGHT:** Michael Loveday (center) took first place last weekend in the fourth annual Our Santa Fe River song contest for 'Drift Away.' Second place was Kevin Wayne Sullivan for 'Santa Fe Blues' and third place was Bo Page for 'We All Own The River.' **ABOVE:** Thirty percent of sales from an art show from Rum 138 Art Gallery also went to benefit the non-profit Our Santa Fe River organization, located near Rum Island County Park on the Santa Fe River.



COURTESY PHOTOS

# THE WEATHER

<b>13</b> SUN Mostly sunny HI 83 LO 59	<b>14</b> MON Partly cloudy HI 79 LO 61	<b>15</b> TUE Partly cloudy HI 81 LO 63	<b>16</b> WED Partly cloudy HI 83 LO 63	<b>17</b> THU Partly cloudy HI 85 LO 63
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## REGIONAL FORECAST MAP for Sunday, Oct. 13

Sunday's highs/Sunday night's low

City	Monday	Tuesday
Cape Canaveral	84/70/sh	86/71/pc
Daytona Beach	84/69/sh	86/69/pc
Fort Myers	87/69/pc	88/71/pc
Ft. Lauderdale	86/72/pc	85/74/pc
Gainesville	82/63/pc	81/64/pc
Jacksonville	79/63/sh	78/64/sh
Key West	85/75/pc	85/76/pc
Lake City	82/63/pc	81/64/pc
Miami	86/72/pc	86/74/pc
Naples	85/69/pc	86/71/pc
Ocala	84/64/pc	83/66/pc
Orlando	85/69/sh	86/70/pc
Panama City	85/67/pc	81/68/pc
Pensacola	84/69/pc	78/70/pc
Tallahassee	84/62/pc	83/64/pc
Tampa	86/69/pc	88/72/pc
Valdosta	79/61/pc	82/62/pc
W. Palm Beach	86/72/pc	86/73/pc

**NATIONAL FORECAST:** Showers will develop along a cold front from the eastern Great Lakes to the southern Appalachians. Showers and thunderstorms will be likely over the southern Plains. Upper-level low pressure will produce rain and snow over the northern Rockies.

## NATIONAL FORECAST MAP

3 p.m. today

**YESTERDAY'S NATIONAL EXTREMES** High: 95°, Edinburg, TX Low: 17°, Leadville, CO

## LAKE CITY ALMANAC

**TEMPERATURES**

High Saturday	84
Low Saturday	63
Normal high	82
Normal low	62
Record high	92 in 1911
Record low	46 in 1905

**PRECIPITATION**

Saturday	0.00"
Month total	0.86"
Year total	49.23"
Normal month-to-date	1.40"
Normal year-to-date	41.41"

**SUN**

Sunrise today	7:31 a.m.
Sunset today	7:01 p.m.
Sunrise tom.	7:32 a.m.
Sunset tom.	7:00 p.m.

**MOON**

Moonrise today	3:31 p.m.
Moonset today	2:02 a.m.
Moonrise tom.	4:13 p.m.
Moonset tom.	3:05 a.m.

## UV INDEX

**8**

Very High  
20 mins to burn  
Today's ultra-violet radiation risk for the area on a scale from 0 to 10+.

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CITY	Saturday HI/Lo/Pcp.	Today HI/Lo/W	CITY	Saturday HI/Lo/Pcp.	Today HI/Lo/W	CITY	Saturday HI/Lo/Pcp.	Today HI/Lo/W
Albany NY	62/53/0.00	60/41/pc	Des Moines	66/50/0.00	68/46/s	Oklahoma City	75/57/0.00	78/61/ts
Albuquerque	64/42/0.00	75/49/pc	Detroit	75/51/0.00	69/46/sh	Omaha	66/46/0.00	70/48/pc
Anchorage	46/44/0.01	45/38/r	El Paso	78/48/0.00	85/61/pc	Orlando	86/65/0.00	87/66/pc
Atlanta	80/57/0.00	80/61/pc	Fairbanks	43/28/0.00	46/30/sh	Philadelphia	70/62/0.00	69/53/sh
Baltimore	66/62/0.09	65/54/r	Greensboro	68/58/0.00	72/59/r	Phoenix	82/60/0.00	86/59/s
Billings	41/31/0.00	48/33/r	Hartford	68/46/0.00	67/40/pc	Pittsburgh	72/57/0.03	71/54/sh
Birmingham	84/57/0.00	84/61/pc	Honolulu	82/73/0.00	85/74/pc	Portland ME	57/46/0.00	60/40/s
Bismarck	54/44/0.00	56/41/r	Houston	87/72/1.95	86/72/ts	Portland OR	53/50/0.02	63/41/fg
Boise	51/43/0.00	59/39/pc	Indianapolis	75/52/0.00	70/45/s	Raleigh	65/61/0.00	73/61/r
Boston	60/54/0.00	62/46/s	Jackson MS	84/60/0.00	87/61/pc	Rapid City	52/29/0.00	60/41/pc
Buffalo	77/46/0.00	68/50/sh	Jacksonville	84/59/0.00	83/63/pc	Reno	64/37/0.00	61/36/pc
Charleston SC	82/66/0.00	77/63/pc	Kansas City	63/49/0.00	70/52/pc	Sacramento	70/48/0.00	76/50/s
Charlotte WV	64/55/0.00	73/55/sh	Las Vegas	72/54/0.00	76/54/pc	Salt Lake City	66/44/0.00	60/41/sh
Charlotte	75/59/0.00	76/60/r	Little Rock	79/63/68	81/60/pc	San Antonio	91/78/0.00	83/74/ts
Cheyenne	48/33/0.00	59/39/pc	Los Angeles	73/55/0.00	72/57/fg	San Diego	69/63/0.00	65/58/pc
Chicago	71/55/12	64/47/s	Memphis	73/63/44	81/60/fg	San Francisco	59/48/0.00	63/54/s
Cincinnati	78/53/0.00	75/52/pc	Miami	87/72/0.00	87/71/pc	Seattle	54/50/0.04	60/43/fg
Cleveland	75/52/0.00	70/54/sh	Minneapolis	59/50/0.00	60/41/pc	Spokane	50/41/0.00	56/34/pc
Columbia SC	73/59/0.06	73/47/s	Mobile	84/64/0.00	87/64/fg	St. Louis	78/64/0.02	74/50/s
Dallas	91/75/0.00	84/70/ts	New Orleans	86/72/0.00	85/69/ts	Tampa	86/69/0.00	87/70/pc
Daytona Beach	85/63/0.00	86/67/pc	New York	73/60/0.00	69/54/pc	Tucson	82/52/0.00	87/57/s
Denver	44/37/0.00	68/42/pc	Oakland	61/50/0.00	69/54/s	Washington	68/62/25	66/56/r

**WEATHER BY-THE-DAY**

Day	Actual High	Average High	Actual Low	Average Low
Sun	89	85	68	63
Mon	85	82	70	67
Tue	82	85	67	63
Wed	73	84	57	63
Thu	85	84	57	63
Fri	84	84	63	63
Sat	84	84	63	63

**WEATHER HISTORY**

A 1981 low pressure system brought high winds to the west coast on this date. The central pressure of the low was measured at 956 mb and winds gusted to 97 mph in parts of Oregon and Washington. The winds were so strong that 12 deaths were attributed to them.

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## INTERNATIONAL

CITY	Saturday HI/Lo/Pcp.	Today HI/Lo/W	CITY	Saturday HI/Lo/Pcp.	Today HI/Lo/W	CITY	Saturday HI/Lo/Pcp.	Today HI/Lo/W
Acapulco	87/78/0.00	89/77/pc	La Paz	62/35/0.00	66/37/ts	Rio	84/69/0.00	84/68/s
Amsterdam	51/41/0.00	53/42/cd	Lima	62/57/0.00	64/55/cd	Rome	75/53/0.00	73/55/ts
Athens	80/60/0.00	80/66/pc	London	57/48/0.00	55/46/s	San Juan PR	88/78/10	88/76/ts
Auckland	60/53/0.00	62/57/ts	Madrid	71/44/0.00	75/50/pc	Santiago	89/69/0.00	87/71/r
Beijing	71/46/0.00	73/59/pc	Mexico City	77/59/0.00	77/57/pc	Seoul	71/57/0.00	71/50/s
Berlin	57/53/0.00	59/41/pc	Montreal	71/48/0.00	69/51/s	Singapore	89/77/0.00	89/80/r
Buenos Aires	68/60/0.00	69/59/pc	Moscow	53/41/0.00	50/39/pc	St. Thomas VI	89/80/0.00	89/80/r
Cairo	86/66/0.00	87/62/s	Nairobi	78/57/0.00	80/59/pc	Sydney	78/59/0.00	80/62/s
Geneva	51/41/0.00	51/41/pc	Nassau	86/78/0.00	91/77/pc	Tel Aviv	80/64/0.00	82/64/s
Havana	87/68/0.00	86/71/ts	New Delhi	86/73/0.00	84/73/cd	Tokyo	87/68/0.00	82/59/s
Helsinki	53/32/0.00	53/42/fg	Oslo	50/46/0.00	55/35/s	Toronto	64/50/0.00	64/51/s
Hong Kong	89/80/0.00	87/77/r	Panama	87/75/0.00	84/73/ts	Vienna	62/42/0.00	64/53/pc
Kingston	86/78/0.00	87/78/ts	Paris	53/42/0.00	57/39/pc	Warsaw	55/48/0.00	64/50/pc

**KEY TO CONDITIONS:** c=cloudy, dr=drizzle, f=fair, fg=fog, h=hazy, i=ice, pc=partly cloudy, r=rain, s=sunny, sh=showers, sn=snow, ts=thunderstorms, w=windy.

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Section B

# District downer

## Tigers drop first game of year to Ed White, 34-17

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Ed White High took command of the District 3-6A race with a convincing 34-17 win against Columbia High on Friday in Jacksonville.

The Tigers lost running back Lonnie Underwood on the game's second drive and were never able to recover after falling behind early.

Ed White scored on its second possession with a 68-yard touchdown run from Taylor Thomas and never trailed in the contest.

Columbia capped off a nine-play drive with a 23-yard field goal from Brayden Thomas, but couldn't punch it in the end zone after Underwood broke a 52-yard run. He left the game following two more carries and never returned.

The Commanders answered quickly with a 98-yard kickoff return from

Javonte Ferguson to take a 14-3 lead with 59 seconds remaining in the first quarter.

The Commanders added a field goal from 37 yards from Josh Davidson with 3:36 remaining in the first half to take a 17-3 lead going into the half.

Terry Calloway recovered a fumble with 6:38 remaining in the third quarter and Columbia drove 86 yards to cut the score to 17-10 with 3:35 remaining, but Columbia wouldn't get any closer.

Kemario Bell capped off the drive with a two yard run, but the drive was set up by a 47-yard pass from Nate Taylor to Alex Weber.

Ed White extended its lead back to two touchdowns to close out the third quarter when Eric Vickers hit Dashawn Patterson Jr. for a 27-yard touchdown pass.

A second field goal from Davidson, this time from 39 yards, would give the Commanders a 27-10 lead with 7:01 remaining in the contest.

The Tigers didn't go down without a fight and added a second touchdown from Bell with 5:37 remaining to cut the Ed White lead to 27-17, but after the Columbia defense held the Commanders on a three-and-out, the Tigers would fumble to end their chances.

Ed White added an exclamation point to their victory with a Vickers pass to Eddie Edwards from 10-yards away with 1:41 remaining in the contest.

"There's no time for tears," Columbia head coach Brian Allen told the team after the game. "We thought we had all the answers. It's time to dry our eyes and get back to work."



BRENT KUYKENDALL/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High's Malechi Jean takes Ed White High's Dashawn Patterson Jr. down on Friday.

## Lot on the line in Fort White's district week

### Indians bring in Madison County High on Friday.

By **TIM KIRBY**  
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FORT WHITE — The second playing date for District 2-4A football is Friday and the playoff picture will either become crystal clear or muddled with potential tiebreakers.

Fort White High (4-0, 1-0) hosts Madison County High (2-4, 0-1). Kickoff is 7:30 p.m. Both teams had open dates last week to prepare for the showdown.

In the other district game, Taylor County High (3-3, 1-0) plays at Fernandina

Beach High (3-4, 0-1).

If Fort White and Taylor County win, the district champion and runner-up — and the two playoff spots — will be settled in Perry on Nov. 1. Any other combination would likely bring on some sort of district tiebreaker after the regular season.

Taylor County followed up its overtime win over Madison County with a 49-16 shellacking of visiting Jefferson County High.

Fernandina Beach fell at West Nassau High, 20-7, the third loss in a row for the Pirates.

Suwannee High, which will come to Fort White on Oct. 25, improved to 4-1 overall and 3-1 in District

### District standings

Fort White	1-0	4-0
Taylor County	1-0	3-3
Fern. Beach	0-1	3-4
Madison Co.	0-1	2-4

5-5A with a 35-3 home win over Belleview High.

The Bulldogs bring in Dunnellon High this week for another district game. Dunnellon's head coach is Frank Beasley.

Buchholz High lost bragging rights in the city with a 26-14 defeat at the hands of Gainesville High.

The Bobcats (3-3, 0-1), Fort White's opponents on Nov. 8, travel to Oakleaf High this week for a District

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GAMES

**Tuesday**  
 ■ Columbia High girls golf hosts District 4-2A tournament at Quail Heights Country Club, 9 a.m.  
 ■ Columbia High boys golf hosts District 4-2A tournament at The Country Club at Lake City, 9 a.m.  
 ■ Columbia High swimming Senior Night vs. Suwannee High, P.K. Yonge School, 5 p.m.  
 ■ Fort White High volleyball at Keystone Heights High, 6 p.m. (JV-5)  
 ■ Richardson Middle School football vs. Lake City Middle School in Commanders Cup, 7 p.m.

**Wednesday**  
 ■ Columbia High bowling vs. North Marion High at Splitz in Gainesville, 4:30 p.m.

**Thursday**  
 ■ Columbia High cross country hosts Crossroads Conference, 4:20 p.m.  
 ■ Fort White High volleyball at Union County High, 5:30 p.m.  
 ■ Columbia High JV football vs. Camden County (Ga.) High, 5:30 p.m.  
 ■ Columbia High volleyball at Lafayette High, 6 p.m. (JV-5)  
 ■ Fort White High JV football vs. Taylor County High, 7 p.m.

**Friday**  
 ■ Fort White High football vs. Madison County High, 7:30 p.m.

# District golf double

## Both Columbia teams host tournaments on Tuesday

By **TIM KIRBY**  
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Lady Tiger golfers Gillian Norris and Brooke Russell will be looking to return to region competition and, this time, bring the entire team along.

Columbia High hosts the District 4-2A girls golf tournament on Tuesday at Quail Heights Country Club. The tournament begins at 9 a.m.

Taking on the Lady Tigers for the district championship are Bradford, Eastside, Keystone Heights, Palatka and Suwannee high schools.

Columbia placed fourth last year, but a new district has head coach Todd Carter expecting his team to compete for the title. The top three teams advance to region.

"Columbia and Keystone Heights should battle it out for first place," Carter said.

Norris was district runner-up last year, while Russell placed sixth. Both qualified for region as individuals.

"Gillian has been in the No. 1 seat for us the whole season," Carter said. "She holds a 38.1 average and has a very good chance of



Columbia High's Gillian Norris (left) and Brooke Russell show their ribbons won at the Jill Darr Invitational on Thursday.

moving on to state."

Russell carries a 42.9 average and has a low round of 37 this season. She shot a 37 on the back nine in the Alachua County tournament.

Rounding out Columbia's five players are Abby Blizzard at No. 3, Dallas Ste-Marie at No. 4 and Dixie Donnelly at No. 5.

Blizzard competed in the district tournament last year. Ste-Marie only played

in four matches this season. Donnelly is a first-time player as a senior.

Columbia tuned up for district at the Jill Darr Invitational on Thursday.

Buchholz High won with 342 to 385 for CHS and 446 for Gainesville High

Norris fired a career-best 73 and was second medalist. Russell rebounded for an 85 that placed her fourth. Donnelly shot 113 and Blizzard shot 114.

By **TIM KIRBY**  
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Columbia High's boys golf team needs to make amends for a less-than-stellar district performance last year.

The Tigers are hosting the District 4-2A tournament on Tuesday at The Country Club at Lake City.

It is a much easier district for Columbia this year — Bradford High, Eastside High, Keystone Heights High, Palatka High, Santa Fe High and Suwannee High.

"We are clearly the front-runner going in," CHS head coach Steve Smith said. "We should be the favorite to win, but you have to go out and play. It is always nice to host. There is no guesswork on the course and you know the greens."

The Tigers have a team of district tournament veterans. Seniors Nick Jones and Tim Bagley, and juniors Luke Soucinek and Dillan VanVleck played in the tournament last year. Sophomore Jacob Soucinek joins the top five.

The tournament begins

at 9 a.m., but all Columbia players will have a later morning start: 10:30 — VanVleck (40.8 season average); 10:39 — Luke Soucinek (40.3); 10:48 — Jacob Soucinek (38.7); 10:57 — Bagley (38.4); 11:06 — Jones (38.1).

The top three teams move on to region, as do the top three players not on one of the advancing teams.

Columbia played in the Alachua County Tournament at Gainesville Country Club on Thursday. The Tigers shot 321 to place third behind Buchholz High (311) and St. Francis Catholic High (315) in the eight-team field.

Bagley fired a 76 to finish in third place behind Tyler Allen of Buchholz and Purean Kim of Gainesville. Allen and Kim tied at 74 and Allen won a one-hole playoff.

Other scores for Columbia were Jones 79, Jacob Soucinek 81, Luke Soucinek 85 and VanVleck 89.

There is no admission to the tournament, but Smith said the FHSAA issued a directive that spectator carts are banned.

BRIEFS

**OUTDOORS**  
**Squirrel season opened Saturday**

Grey squirrel hunting season on private lands opened Saturday and runs until March 2. Check FWC brochures for hunting dates on wildlife management areas. There is no taking of fox squirrels.

For details, go to [www.MyFWC.com/Hunting](http://www.MyFWC.com/Hunting).

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The locations for these classes will be given to those who register in advance by calling the regional FWC office at 758-0525 or going to [www.MyFWC.com/HunterSafety](http://www.MyFWC.com/HunterSafety).

**CHS FOOTBALL**  
**Q-back Club meeting Monday**

The Columbia High Quarterback Club meets at 7 p.m. Monday in the Jones Fieldhouse. For details, call Allen Masters at 292-0725.

**FORT WHITE FOOTBALL**  
**Q-back Club meets Monday**

The Fort White Quarterback Club meets at 7 p.m. Monday in the faculty lounge at the high school. For details, call Margie Kluess at 365-9302.

■ From staff reports

# Missouri upsets No. 7 Georgia

Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga. — Receiver Bud Sasser threw a 40-yard touchdown pass to L'Damian Washington in the fourth quarter after quarterback James Franklin left with a shoulder injury and No. 25 Missouri held off No. 7 Georgia's comeback attempt to upset the Bulldogs 41-26 on Saturday. Missouri (6-0, 2-0 Southeastern Conference) led by 18 points in the first half before Georgia (4-2, 3-1) cut the lead to 28-26 in the fourth quarter.

The Tigers answered the challenge with two late touchdowns despite losing Franklin to a shoulder injury.

After Franklin was taken to the locker room, freshman backup Maty Mauk threw a lateral to Sasser, who stopped and tossed a deep to the end zone for Washington. Washington, who outfought cornerback Damian Swann for the catch, had 115 yards and two touchdowns.

James Ponder's interception of Aaron Murray's pass with 4:25 remaining set up Henry Josey's 7-yard touchdown run to end Georgia's hopes.

**Texas 36, No. 12 Oklahoma 20**

DALLAS — Case McCoy and these Texas seniors

gave Mack Brown a much needed and long-awaited win over Oklahoma.

McCoy threw two touchdowns, defensive tackle Chris Whaley returned an interception 31 yards for a score and Texas beat the 12th-ranked Sooners 36-20 Saturday, ending Oklahoma's three-game winning streak in the Red River Rivalry and giving Brown at least a temporary reprieve from all the gloomy talk about his future with the Longhorns.

It was Brown's 154th victory in his 16 seasons at Texas, second most in school history behind Darrell Royal. That also matches coach Bob Stoops' win total in 15 seasons with the Sooners. The head-to-head record for the only active Big 12 coaches who have won national championships is now Stoops 9, Brown 6.

Texas (4-2, 3-0 Big 12), a two-touchdown underdog, never trailed after the impressive rumble late in the first quarter by Whaley, a converted running back.

Oklahoma (5-1, 2-1) had won the last two games in the series by a combined score of 118-38, but came out with its 10-game Big 12 winning streak snapped.

Daje Johnson had an 85-yard punt return in the third quarter for the Longhorns, who had two 100-yard rushers

# LSU shuts down Florida in SEC showdown, 17-6

From staff reports

Florida and LSU looked to play their ways back into national contention on Saturday, but only the Tigers offense showed up in a 17-6 win in Baton Rouge, La.

The Gators only managed two field goals in the game with one coming on a 14-play drive with 4:28 remaining in the first quarter to take an early 3-0 lead.

LSU answered with two touchdown drives in the second quarter to take a 14-3 lead into the half.

J.C. Copeland scored the first touchdown for the Tigers with a one-yard rush coming with 14:56 remaining in the first half to give LSU a lead that it would not

give up.

Anthony Jennings rushed for a second score for the 14-3 halftime lead before Francisco Velez added a 27-yard field goal with 12:11 remaining in the game to cut the LSU lead to 14-6.

The Tigers matched with a nine-play drive capped by Colby Delahoussaye with a 31-yard field goal for the 17-6 final.

LSU dominated the game on the ground outrushing the Gators 180-109 after Florida running back Matt Jones left the game with an injury following only four carries.

Jeremy Hill led all rushers with 19 carries for 121 yards in the contest, while Florida freshman Kelvin Taylor saw the most action of his career carrying the ball 10 times for 51 yards for the Gators.

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# Tigers suffer loss



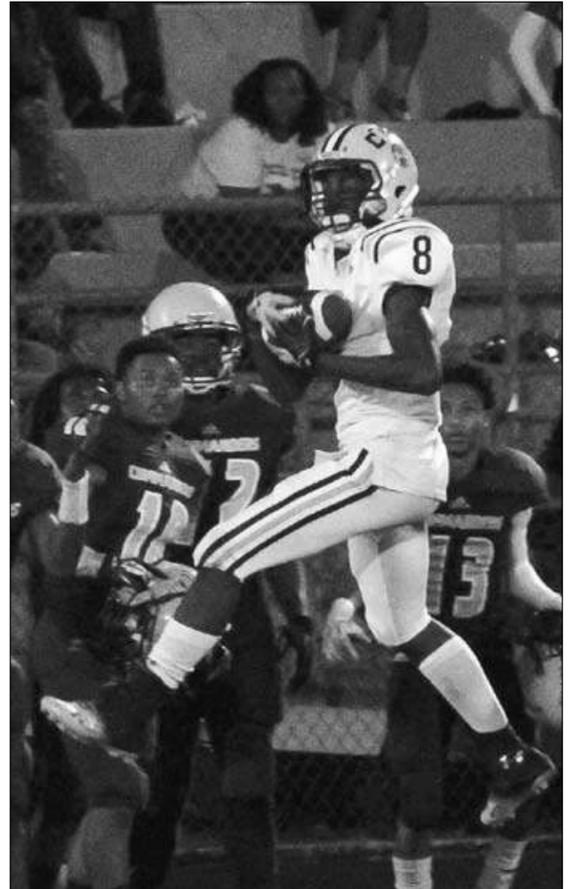
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Columbia High quarterback Nate Taylor looks for receiver Caleb Carswell in the Tigers' 34-17 loss to Ed White High on Friday in Jacksonville.



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Columbia High's Roc Battle breaks into the open field on a kickoff return against Ed White High on Friday in Jacksonville.



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Columbia High's Akeem Williams comes down with a pass.



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Caleb Carswell looks for an opening against Ed White High.



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Columbia High's Kemario Bell finds a hole against Ed White High on Friday in Jacksonville.

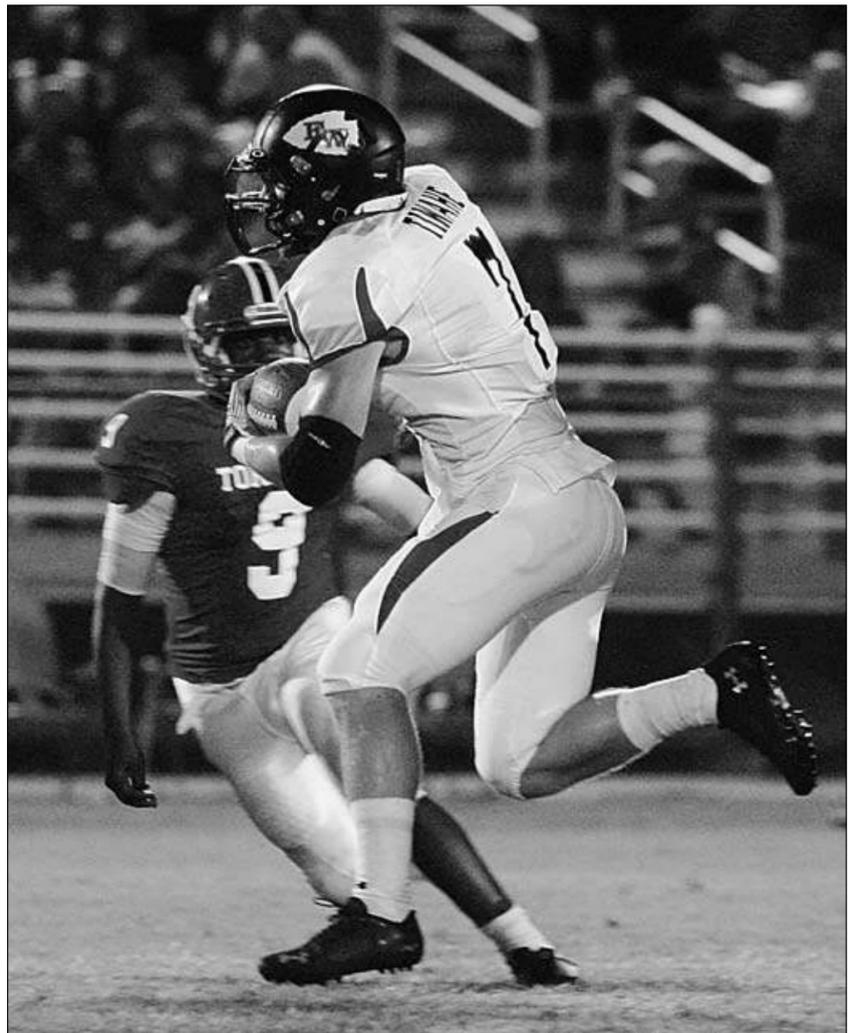
# Indians halfway home



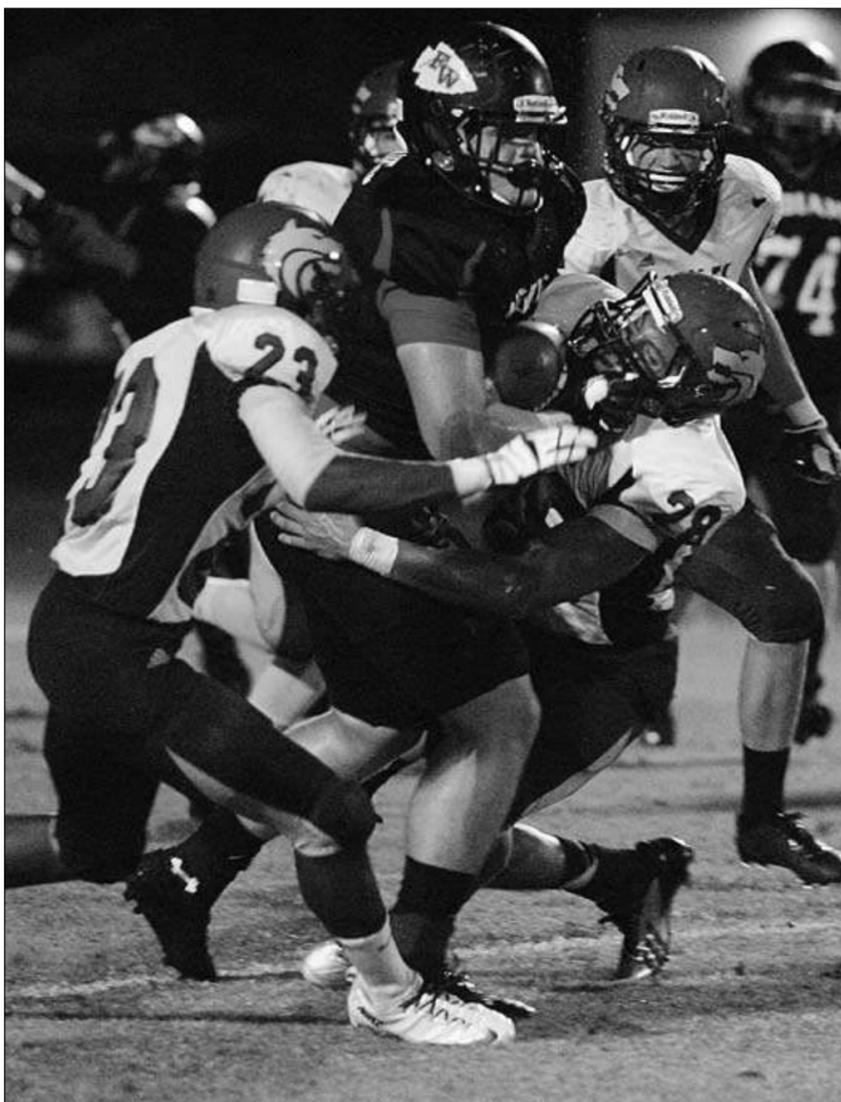
Fort White High Andrew Baker runs the ball on a quarterback keeper against Bradford High. The Indians are heading into a district showdown against Madison County High on Friday. JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter



The Fort White High football team breaks through a banner before their Homecoming Game against Chiles High. JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter



Kellen Snider barrels past a Bradford High defender as he drives down the field for a first down. JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter



Fort White High's Christian Helsel trucks through a number of tacklers against Chiles High. JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter



Tavaris Williams looks for an opening while driving down the field for a first down earlier this year. JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

# Warner eyes big future

By BRANDON FINLEY  
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Columbia High recruited from within for its new varsity wrestling coach with Kevin Warner set to lead the men of the mat.

Warner has coached at the middle school level and had been an assistant coach for the last two years at the high school under coach Andrew Porter.

Now, Warner has his eyes set on a bright future for the Tigers' program after a long history in the sport.

"I started out in Live Oak at about 5 years old," Warner said. "My brother was wrestling and I got in middle school and took off. I had pretty decent success. I missed out wrestling in college due to being a stupid kid."

With his own wrestling career over after high school, Warner figured the best way to stay involved in the sport was to pass it on to a new generation.

"I started coaching in 2000," Warner said. "I started coaching middle school about five or six years ago. I coached there for three years and won two North Florida Championships."

After getting a taste of the competition at the lower levels, Warner made the move up as part of a family decision.

"I moved up with my son," Warner said. "I started coaching with coach Porter and Allen Worley."

As the head coach this year, Warner knew it was important to keep his crew intact and asked Worley to stay on with the Tigers.

"I couldn't do it without

him," Warner said. "I'm an airline pilot by trade. My schedule keeps me out, but we team coach it and get it done. This my first year as head coach, but we've been doing it for the last three years."

The two have been quite the team together as assistants and Warner hopes that production continues as he moves into the head coaching role.

"We've produced six state placers and nine state qualifiers," Warner said. "We've brought home six medals. We've had some success."

But success is twofold for the coach. Not only does he want the wrestlers he currently has to succeed, but he's also interested in growing the sport by adding new wrestlers to the squad.

"Our main goal is to try to grow the team," Warner said. "We want to get more kids involved. We do that through Monsta wrestling. We try to get as many elementary and middle school kids as we can to entice them to stay in it."

Warner said the biggest setback to growing the sport is the rigors that come along with it.

"It's a hard sport," he said. "A lot of kids want to do it until they realize the hard work aspect that goes into it. We do our best to have a productive team, a full team. It's been a challenge, I won't lie. In Live Oak, kids were beating down the door, but over here, we haven't had as much success."

Warner said the numbers will be there this year, but he's hoping for more to go



BRANDON FINLEY/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High's Dustin Regar gains position on Austin Chapman during the Ken Chertow wrestling camp at Columbia on Saturday.

along with an already successful core.

"This year, we're have about 20 kids and hope to pick up more once football is finished," he said. "We have five returners that will be tough."

Among the returners is Warner's son, who could be one of the Tigers' top wrestlers.

"Kaleb Warner was a state placer last year as a sophomore at the 126-pound weight class," Warner said. "He was a district and a regional champion."

But the Tigers also have a host of other strong returning wrestlers.

"Dustin Regar was one match away from state last year," Warner said. "He'll be at the state tournament this year. He's tough enough and could make a

statement."

A bit of the jitters kept another wrestler from making a state run last year according to Warner.

"Crishtian Little had a really successful season and got to the postseason and nerves got him a little bit," Warner said. "Austin Chapman has been wrestling now for four years and he'll be tough. He's wrestled all summer long and got a lot better. He had to wrestle up in weight class last year, but this year he should be at 138 and something to deal with. Kody Waldron is going to be tough."

Warner said one of the best things the Tigers have going for them is competition throughout the team.

"We'll have some battles in the wrestling room to see who is gonna go where," he said. "There's a couple of other kids that have wrestled for us that are starting to get their stuff together. Hopefully they'll be a force as well."

The Tigers have had strong state finishes each of the last two years, but Warner says there's no reason Columbia can't continue to improve.

"We took 11th two years ago and 16th last season," Warner said. "As far as I can find, that's as high as we have finished in the state tournament, at least since 2000. We are doing our best to put together a successful program."

In order to continue the success, Warner believes one thing is key and that's the support from a strong community.

"We just need to have the community support and that's why we're hosting the Ken Chertow camp," Warner said. "We'll have another camp with Raymond Jordan, who is a two-time Olympic champion. He was Jordan Borrows' training partner. He'll be coming in and of course coach Chertow is a former

Olympian that has camps all over the country. He's been doing it a long time. He'll be here and we're trying what we can do to get exposure for the team. We want to make it something that kids want to be a part of. That's why we're doing all this."

Warner said that as the team continues to grow, they want to make improvements to the facilities offered to the wrestlers as well.

"The next big push that we're going to make is to try to get a wrestling room built," he said. "Our two middle school programs both have wrestling rooms and the high school does not. We're trying to find a way to get that built for

the kids. I honestly believe if we build it they'll come. We workout in the multi-purpose room and then as soon as the season is done we have to move to the middle school."

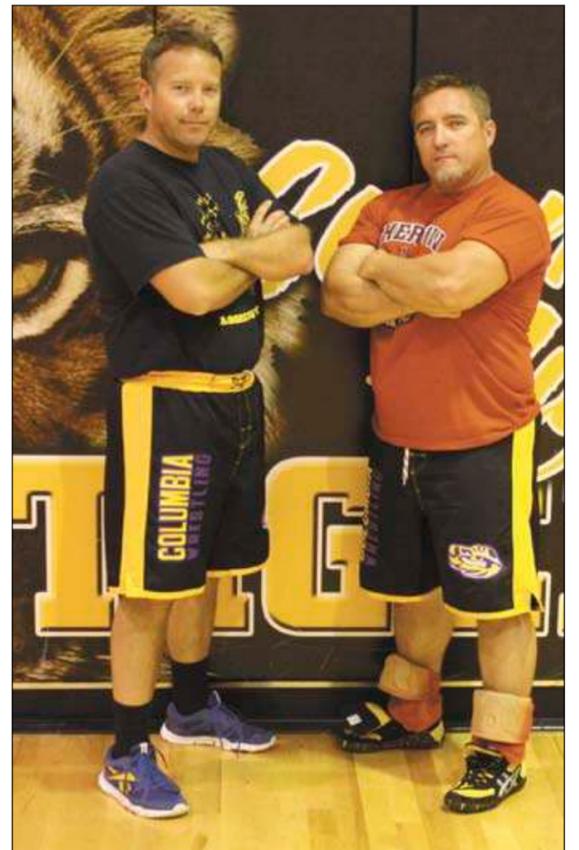
The key to the building is funding and Warner said he's throwing out ideas to find a way to make that happen for the Tigers.

"We've offered to go out in the community to try to raise money, but haven't had a lot of success," he said. "We've talked to the school board and they want to help, but there's a lot to it. That's still in the works, and hopefully we can get that accomplished. We want to give these kids something they can claim and proud to be a part of."



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Columbia High's Kaleb Warner performs a fireman's carry on Crishtian Little during a wrestling camp at the high school on Saturday.



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Columbia High coaches Kevin Warner (left) and Allen Worley.

## Injuries piling up for CHS going into bye week

By BRANDON FINLEY  
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Columbia High has dealt with its fair share of injuries this year already, but two more hit the Tigers in their first loss of the year on Friday.

The Tigers entered Friday's District 3-6A showdown without safety Trey Marshall, defensive end Tyrone Sands and quarterback Jake Thomas.

If that wasn't bad enough, Columbia lost running back Lonnie Underwood, who is already over 1,000 yards for the season, in the first quarter of the contest.

That wasn't all for the Tigers. In the second half, linebacker Terry Calloway went down with what could

be a season-ending injury.

Underwood was off to his usual start in the first quarter and had rushed for 65 yards on only eight carries before exiting the contest.

The early diagnosis was the Underwood suffered a hip flexor. He was injured two weeks ago against Englewood High with a rib injury that kept him out of the second half, but the injuries were unrelated.

"Lonnie suffered a hip flexor injury or somewhere around that area," Allen said after the game.

Underwood is expected to rest the injury during the team's bye week and return when the Tigers host Lee High on Oct. 25 in a district contest.

The news wasn't as good for the Tigers' senior linebacker.

Calloway was in as a blocker on offense in a special package for the Tigers' offense when he went down with an ankle injury.

"We think that Terry may have a fracture, but we're hoping it's just a sprain," Allen said. "We're hoping to find out soon."

Despite all the injuries, Allen wouldn't make excuses for the Tigers. He said that Columbia still possessed enough pieces to pick up the win.

"We have to step up when a man goes down," Allen said. "It's man down, man up. That's why these guys get all the reps that they do when we practice."



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Columbia High's Lonnie Underwood breaks into open field against Ed White High on Friday.

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I've been helping Lake City make car buying decisions since 2011. I that time, I've made it a policy to treat my customers the way I'd want to be treated with fairness, honesty, and a true concern for customer satisfaction. I currently serve as Executive Boardmember for the American Legion Post 57 and I'm also a committee member of Riders with Caring Hearts.(a group of motorcycle enthusiasts who conduct ride to benefit local charities.) It is my pledge that when you visit NFAA, North Florida's Premier Pre-owned Auto Dealer; that my staff and will strive to exceed what you've come to expect in a car buying experience. We are a full line Pre-owned dealership with access to over 200 pre-owned vehicles, low over-head and a vast selection of vehicles, access to over 15 lenders like Bank of America, TD Bank, Campus Credit Union, Florida Credit Union and other national and local options for our buyers.

**Pat Riley | SR. Sales Consultant**



Many of you know me from Fort White where I owned Dewey Brien Motors and later T radition homes. I served as President of the South Columbia Chamber of Commerce and brought many firsts to the town. Integrity, honesty, Trust, are the things I provide to each of my customers. Friends, I call you my friends as my motto is: "Make friends & sell a car." My customer friends send me their friends, which is what makes me a success. Customer Service is my #1 priority! I look forward to the opportunity to earn your business.

**Dwight Twiggs | Sales Manager**



I have been a Sales Manager for North Florida Auto Agency for four years. My objective is to assure you that your experience at North Florida Auto Agency will be like no other. I invite everyone to stop by and experience the North Florida Difference. Customer Service is the Key!

**Tim Richards | Sales Consultant**



Newlywed and has been residing in Lake City for the past two years, after spending twelve years in the United States Army. I invite all my Veteran Comrades to come see me when they need to purchase their next vehicle.

**Brenda Brannon | Sales Consultant**



I am a Lake City native. I am a past hair stylist of twenty-two years; and five years sales experience. I welcome all my past clients, friends, and family members to come see me when its time to purchase your next vehicle. I will treat you the way I would like to be treated when I purchase a vehicle.

**Eric Mathis | Sales Consultant**



I am in my first year here at North Florida Auto Agency. I am an eight year veteran and I pastor Mt. Zion House of Prayer Church located in Madison, FL. We did it by having a management staff that made sure we are highly trained and that we are provided with the necessary support to promote customer satisfaction. "When our customers leave here, they leave feeling like champions."

**Melissa Parnell | Sales Consultant**



"No one cares how much you know until they know how much you care" - Theodore Roosevelt  
The above quote is my favorite quote. I am a fifteen year resident. Here at NFAA I love my job because of the customer interaction. My objective here is not only to send you home in a vehicle, but to send you on your way with having had one of the best customer service experiences ever.

**Jerry Balster | Sales Consultant**



I am a Lake City resident for twenty-five years, with my wife, Tammy, three grown children, and eight grandchildren. Twenty-five years sales experience; owned and operated Garden Artists, and I am an award winning portrait photographer. Family, friends, acquaintances and past customers please come by the dealership and let me earn your business.



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Section C

## WOMEN IN BUSINESS



TONY BRITT/Lake City Reporter

Members of the Women In Business organization Alice Liang (from left), Vickie Griffin, Janice Dorminey, Nicole Storer, Gigi Register, Renee Faulkner and Gloria Markham, hold a banner promoting the upcoming Women In Business Expo.

## St. Johns issues algae bloom warning



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Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE — An environmental group says water samples from an algae bloom in a north-east Florida river show toxin levels up to 100 times higher than what's considered safe by the World Health Organization.

The St. Johns Riverkeeper is warning people to stay away from the St. Johns River until the bloom dissipates.

According to press reports, Riverkeeper Lisa Rinaman outlined what she called "alarming levels" of microcystin algae toxin to the Jacksonville Waterways Commission this week.

Rinaman said she collected samples Monday along the Jacksonville University shoreline. She said toxin levels may have been particularly high near the shoreline, where algae clings to the top of the shallow water.

A St. Johns River Water Management District spokeswoman says the agency tracked algae blooms this summer without finding similar readings.

## Expo to host more than 30 vendors

By TONY BRITT  
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**"It's important for people to know that women are in all types of business."**  
— Vickie Griffin, WIB expo facilitator

Local women will have the opportunity to meet successful business women and network during a business expo catering to the needs of local professional women.

The Women In Business Expo will take place Wednesday, Oct. 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Lake City Mall.

"We'll have more than 30 vendors," said Vickie Griffin, the Women In Business Expo facilitator. "Each vendor is a business woman and will represent businesses of all industries from the

home to the office."

Griffin said the event gives women an opportunity to showcase their business to the public.

Vendors will demonstrate and exhibit various products, give out samples, set appointments with attendees and give information about their businesses during the event. Attendees will be able to register for drawings at several of the vendor tables.

The 2013 Women In Business Expo marks the third year the

exposition has been held locally.

Griffin said at least 200 people normally attend the expo throughout the day.

"It's important to hold this event annually because it's important for people to know that women are in all types of businesses, they like to get out and promote themselves and they like to get out and network with other businesses as well as the community," she said. "It's also community-based and we do some community-based things that most

people don't even know about."

In honor of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, vendors and attendees have been encouraged to wear something pink to the event.

The Women In Business group meets year-round and the expo is their main event. The group is composed of approximately 80 members.

Griffin said women play a significant role in local businesses, both inside and outside the home.

"Women can bring diversity to a job because we manage a home, checking accounts, children and time," she said. "It's important for people to know that we're able to multi-task and get out and do these things."

## Starbucks asks customers to sign petition about shutdown

By MAE ANDERSON  
AP Retail Writer

NEW YORK — Starbucks, known for its piping hot coffee, is throwing itself in the middle of yet another heated national debate.

The world's biggest coffee chain said Thursday that it will ask customers and businesses to sign a petition calling for an end to the partial government

shutdown that has forced hundreds of thousands of federal workers off the job.

The petition, which will be available at all Starbucks 11,000 U.S. locations to sign beginning Friday, calls for reopening the government, paying debts on time and passing a long-term budget deal by the end of the year. In addition to Starbucks

customers, the company is trying to get the CEOs of the nation's largest companies to sign.

### In the spotlight

The move is unusual for a company like Starbucks. While big brands generally steer clear of politics to avoid alienating customers,

Starbucks and its outspoken CEO, Howard Schultz, in recent years have run toward the spotlight by trying to gain a voice in national political issues.

But because the company's efforts are generally non-partisan and unlikely to cause controversy, marketing and corporate image experts say they burnish

Starbucks' reputation as a socially-conscious company.

"It's always risky when brands mix politics and business," said Allen Adamson, managing director of the New York-based branding firm Landor Associates. "But the benefit for Starbucks likely outweighs the risk."

### Gun control, too

Last month, Schultz asked customers not to bring guns into Starbucks stores. In December of last year, the chain asked its employees to write "Come together" on cups to send a message to law-

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All 11,000 U.S. locations of the world's biggest coffee chain will be asking customers to sign a petition calling for an end to the government shutdown.

OCTOBER IS NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH.



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Q I have some money I'd like to invest. I'd like to set up a Roth IRA, but I want to be able to withdraw the money whenever I need to without paying a penalty. What should I do? — *K.L., Detroit*

A First, remember that any money you might need within a few years (and even 10 years, if you're very risk-averse) should not be in stocks, as they can be volatile in the short run. So stick with investments such as CDs or money market funds for short-term money.

Roth IRAs are terrific for most of us, as we can eventually withdraw money from them tax-free — no matter how much our holdings have grown in value over time.

There are rules, though. You're expected to leave your money in them for at least five years and to not withdraw your earnings until age 59 1/2. Otherwise, a 10 percent early withdrawal penalty fee may apply. Get more IRA details at [rothira.com](http://rothira.com) and [fool.com/retirement/ira/index.aspx](http://fool.com/retirement/ira/index.aspx).

To be able to withdraw funds at will, you might want to open a regular brokerage account for investments that are not tax-advantaged. Learn more at [broker.fool.com](http://broker.fool.com). Don't dismiss the Roth too quickly, though — its tax benefit can be very powerful, as long as you leave the money to grow.

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Q Which good books discuss the world's best investors? — *G.C., Danville, Pa.*

A Check out "Money Masters of Our Time" by John Train (HarperBusiness, \$16), "The Value Investors" by Ronald Chan (Wiley, \$30) or "The Guru Investor" by John Reese and Jack Forehand (Wiley, \$28). They'll introduce you to folks such as Warren Buffett, Peter Lynch, George Soros, John Neff, John Templeton, Benjamin Graham and Philip Fisher.

Got a question for the Fool? Send it in — see Write to Us



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## Churn Butter, Not Money

The word "churn" might conjure images of dairy farms and milkmaids, but there's another kind of churning — it's financial, and it can hurt you. That kind of churning is when a financial professional engages in excessive trading (buying and selling) ostensibly on someone's behalf, often generating commissions for himself and usually not serving his client very well. This churning results in billions of dollars lost each year.

Many stockbrokers are paid based on the number of trades they make in your account, not how well that account performs. (This explains the cold calls that can interrupt your dinner, as some broker tries to sell you on an "amazing opportunity.") Even if your broker is good and has you invested in growing companies, she might still be moving you out of one good company and into another too frequently. Each transaction results in a gain for the brokerage — regardless of how it fares for you.

Churning is also a problem in the mutual fund industry. Fund managers are often so pressured to beat the market over short periods that they can't simply be patient with solid investments that are temporarily doing poorly.

Mutual funds that buy and sell frequently have what is called a high "turnover rate." Unsurprisingly, funds with the highest turnover rates tend to underperform their less active counterparts. After all, lots of buying and selling generates lots of commission expenses, which are borne by shareholders.

Finally, we individual investors ourselves sometimes engage in churning if we have short attention spans or are just impatient.

Churned investors are hurt not only by excessive commission costs, but also taxes. Any stocks you've held for more than a year get taxed at the preferable long-term capital gains rate, which is 15 percent for most people. Short-term gains are taxed at your ordinary income rate, which can approach 40 percent. So selling appreciated stock before you need to or should can cost you more.

In your financial life, keep the cost of churning in mind.

## My Dumbest Investment

## Not a Fluke

I bought some Apple shares at \$46. The stock rose, and then was fairly flat for years, so when it surged, I figured it was a fluke and sold around \$87 per share. I should have just taken my original investment amount and left the rest. So, the rest is history. The iPhone was soon rolled out and then the iPad. If only I had just hung onto those shares! — *K.M., online*

**The Fool responds:** Apple stock passed the \$700-per-share mark last year and has recently been near \$500. Many great stocks can be volatile, with the companies enduring some stagnant times. Apple stock is down by double digits over the past year, but has averaged annual gains of close to 25 percent over the past 20 years. Keep up with your holdings' progress, competitive position and growth potential, and determine how much confidence you have in them. Whenever you have little faith in a company, selling is the right thing to do. (The Motley Fool owns shares of Apple and its newsletters have recommended it.)

**The Fool Responds:** Do you have an embarrassing lesson learned the hard way? Boil it down to 100 words (or less) and send it to [TheMotleyFool@fool.com](mailto:TheMotleyFool@fool.com) c/o My Dumbest Investment. Got one that worked? Submit to [MySmartestInvestment](mailto:MySmartestInvestment@fool.com). If we print yours, you'll win a Fool's cap!

### LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

I was founded in 1932 and sold my first product, an innovative long-lasting nail enamel, to beauty salons, department stores and certain drugstores. During World War II, I made first aid kits and dye markers for the Navy. Following the war, I produced nail enamel, lipstick and tools for manicures and pedicures. Beginning in the 1950s, I sponsored television programs. In the 1970s, my "Charlie" fragrance was the world's best-seller. Brands I've bought or own include Almay, Halston, Max Factor, Mitchum and Gatineau. My market value tops \$1 billion. My ticker symbol reflects what engines can do. Who am I? (Answer: Revlon)

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## Name That Company

I was born when two brothers bought a pizza place in Ypsilanti, Mich., in 1960. The next year, one of them traded his stake in it for a VW Beetle. Today I'm the world's top pizza delivery company, operating in more than 70 nations and delivering more than a million pies per day. I'm 95 percent franchise-owned and sport more than 10,400 stores globally. I rake in about \$3.5 billion in U.S. sales annually, and nearly \$4 billion internationally. In the 1990s, I introduced bread sticks and a patented hot bag to keep traveling pizzas warm.

Who am I?

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## US jobless claims jump to 374K due to backlog

By CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER  
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — The number of people applying for U.S. unemployment benefits jumped by 66,000 last week to a seasonally adjusted 374,000. But the spike was largely because California processed a huge backlog of claims and the partial government shutdown prompted some companies to cut jobs.

The Labor Department said Thursday that the less volatile four-week average rose 20,000 to 325,000. The sharp increase in both the weekly figures and the four-week average comes after applications hovered near a 6-year low the previous week.

### Numerous key factors

A government spokesman said that about half the weekly increase occurred in California, where officials processed applications that were delayed several weeks by a computer upgrade. One-quarter of the increase reflected applications from employees at government contractors and other workers affected by the shutdown. Applications are a proxy



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The number of people applying for U.S. unemployment jumped by 66,000 last week due to a backlog of applications in California because of a computer problem. One-third of the increase included government contractors and other workers affected by the shutdown.

for layoffs. Before last week, they had declined steadily over the past three months. That's a sign companies are cutting fewer workers.

"The broader picture is still that labor market conditions are improving, albeit not quite as much as we previously thought,"

Paul Ashworth, an economist at Capital Economics, said.

Federal workers temporarily laid off by the shutdown may also file for benefits. But their numbers are reported separately and published a week later than the other applications.

### Fewer furloughed

Lockheed Martin said Monday that it is furloughing about 2,400 employees. That's lower than the 3,000 employees the company initially said it would furlough because Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel has recalled most of the Pentagon's civilian

employees to work.

Falling applications are typically followed by more hiring. But there aren't any signs that that has happened yet. Instead, job gains have slowed in recent months.

It's not clear if hiring trends changed last month. The government was unable to issue the September employment report because of the shutdown.

However, last week payroll provider ADP said businesses added just 166,000 jobs in September, evidence that hiring remains sluggish. The ADP figures usually diverge from the government's more comprehensive employment report.

Analysts forecast that the economy was growing slowly before the shutdown. They predict economic growth at a 1.5 percent to 2 percent annual rate from July through September. That's generally not fast enough to spur much hiring.

Many economists had forecast that growth would pick up to an annual rate of 2.5 percent to 3 percent from October through December. But the shutdown will likely shave about 0.15 percentage point from that figure for each week it lasts.

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makers about the damage being caused by the divisive negotiations over the "fiscal cliff," a combination of tax and spending cuts that was scheduled to become effective Dec. 31, 2012.

And In 2011, Schultz asked other chief executives to join him in halting campaign contributions until politicians stopped their partisan bickering over the debt ceiling, which led to a downgrade in the country's credit rating. The CEOs of more than 100 companies, from AOL to Zipcar, took the pledge. Also in 2011, Starbucks collected donations for a program to stimulate job growth.

### Pay it forward

On Wednesday, the company made headlines when it said it would give a free coffee to anyone in its stores who buys someone else's order in a "pay it forward" gesture.

On Friday, Starbucks plans to post its petition to try to put an end to the partial government shutdown in the New York Times, Washington Post, USA Today and the Wall Street Journal. It also will be in stores and available to print out.

"I believe that we will capture the voices of the American people," Schultz said. "We want to send a powerful message to Washington."

## New from Hershey Co.: soft caramels 'Lancaster'

By MAE ANDERSON  
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — Chew this.

The Hershey Co. is launching a new candy brand, its first new brand in 30 years, a soft caramel creme line called Lancaster. And for the first time it is taking a double barreled approach, debuting the candy in the U.S. and China at once.

The move comes as China

increasingly becomes a focus for U.S.-based consumer goods companies that are seeking to offset slower growth in developed markets like North America. Hershey, which makes candy such as Kit Kat, Twizzlers and Hershey's Kisses, said its most recent quarter that new products in both the U.S. and overseas helped its net income rise 18 percent.

"China and the U.S. are major focus markets for the company,"

said Steven Schiller, senior vice president of sweets and refreshment. China is the second largest sweets market behind the U.S., he added.

The Lancaster name stems from founder Milton Hershey's first candy company, The Lancaster Caramel Co. founded in 1886. And the candy comes after two-and-a-half years of research into consumer tastes and the global confectionery market.

A category the company calls "comforting richness" — caramel or milk-based soft candy — was under tapped, Hershey found, even though at \$1.5 billion dollars it was big business in China.

Caramel is also a fast-growing category globally, Schiller said, growing faster than chocolate and other non-chocolate candies. "It is one of the fastest growing segments in the food industry," Schiller said.

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Section D

## 'A Land Remembered' at the library

By AMANDA WILLIAMSON  
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Step back in time with the Columbia County Friends of the Library Community Reads program to explore the world of Florida cowboys and the fictional MacIvey family who battles frontier hardships in untamed Florida to rise from the impoverished Cracker life to real-estate tycoons.

The library selected "A Land Remembered" by Patrick Smith to be the current community read, and tailored two month's worth of library events to fit the historical theme.

"This particular book is required reading in a lot of schools in Florida," said Columbia County Library Director Debbie Paulson. "It's fictional, but there's really a lot about Florida history in it."

### National initiative

Nationally, the American Library Association has an initiative to encourage communities to read together called: One Book, One Community. The program selects a book and tries to get as many people as possible within the community to read it. The program's goal is to promote literacy.

"It's really an inter-generational program that brings people of all ages together in a sense of community," Paulson said.

Columbia County Public Library tailored their local program after that national



AMANDA WILLIAMSON/Lake City Reporter

Debbie Paulson, the Columbia County Library Director, stands next to a display table with Patrick Smith's book, "A Land Remembered." The library is distributing the books free of charge to citizens who would like to participate in the Library Community Reads programs to explore the world of Florida.

initiative, and selected "A Land Remembered" to localize the book.

Two separate grants funded the Community Read. The Altrusa International, Inc. of Lake City provided funds to purchase student editions of the book to be placed in the library of each elementary school in the county. Florida Humanities

Council — with funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities — purchased 200 copies of the book to be distributed at no cost from the library, at 490 SW Columbia Ave.

Books started being distributed a few weeks ago, but Paulson said there are still copies left to be picked up.

"We're encouraging book

clubs to read it," she said.

### Programs to be held

Throughout mid-October and into mid-November, people interested in the book can attend several programs focused on Florida, as well as two book discussions.

The first event of the month starts today at 2 p.m. at the

Columbia County Library. Janis Owens, author of "The Cracker Kitchen," will talk about her book, her writing and her life in North Florida via Skype.

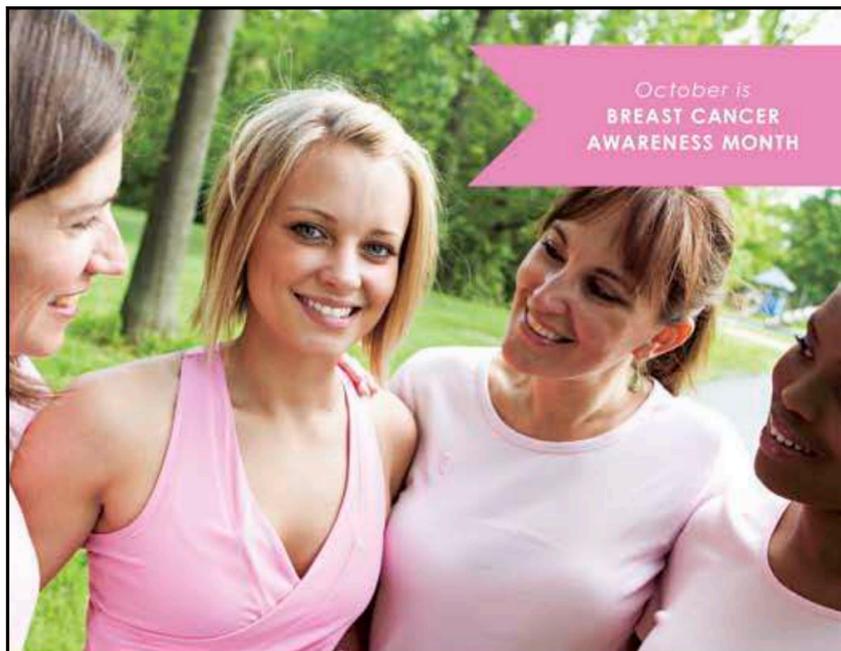
Following her presentation, local history teacher James "Mr. Mont" Montgomery will lead the first book discussion of "A Land Remembered" on Oct. 22 at 7 p.m. According to Paulson, the discussion will be an informal, question-and-answer style.

A Florida Cracker Cowboy poet Hank Mattson, from Lake Placid, will perform on Sunday, Oct. 27, at 2 p.m. Mattson will share his poetry and information about the Florida Cracker culture and cowboy life.

The second book discussion, led by Dr. Sean McMahon of Florida Gateway College, will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 29 at 7 p.m. As a professor of history, he will provide his interpretations of various aspects of Patrick Smith's novel.

The grand finale of the library's program will be a multimedia presentation by Rick Smith, Patrick Smith's son. Held at the Columbia County School Board Administrative Complex in the auditorium on Nov. 19 at 7 p.m., the program will feature videos, artwork, photographs and music. The program will talk about Patrick Smith and the research and experiences that led him to write his various novels.

"We partnered with the schools, so we are hoping school children will be a part of the event," Paulson said.



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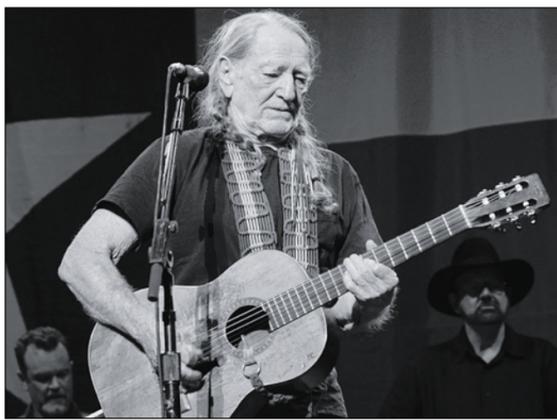
# Willie Nelson to headline the annual Magnolia Fest

From staff reports

Hopefully there will be no “blue eyes crying in the rain” this year when Willie Nelson headlines at the annual Magnolia Fest at the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park in Live Oak.

Joining Nelson are John Prine, Kris Kristofferson, Stephen Ragga Marley and Dawes who will lead the line-up of more than 40 remarkably talented bands at the four-day festival which runs Oct. 17–20.

Yoga will be offered each morning for festival-goers to participate in. The Kids’ Tent – a fun and safe place for kids to be kids – includes music, art, hands-on activities, lessons, yoga and games. “Made in Americana” original arts and crafts and gourmet food choices including meat, vegetarian and vegan are available in the Vending Village.



COURTESY

Singer-songwriter Willie Nelson, performing at the Wellmont Theatre in Montclair, New Jersey last year.

Join us Saturday morning for a Music Legends parade led by Grand Marshall Rushad Eggleston of Tornado Rider. All festival-goers are welcome to participate in and dress for the parade. The parade begins at 11 a.m.

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music and art lovers.

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For more info about the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park, please go to [www.musicliveshere.com](http://www.musicliveshere.com), email [spirit@musicliveshere.com](mailto:spirit@musicliveshere.com) or call 386-364-1683.

## ENGAGEMENT

### O’Connell to wed McCarthy

Cynthia F. O’Connell, Secretary of the Florida Lottery in Tallahassee, Florida, and widow of Stephen C. O’Connell, is to be married to Captain Julian Daniel McCarthy, United States Navy retired, of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. Ms. O’Connell is the daughter of Mrs. Faye Warren of Lake City, Florida, and the late Mr. Martin L. Bowling of Lake City, Florida. Captain McCarthy is the eldest son of John and Nancy McCarthy of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. A wedding is planned for spring 2014 in North Florida.

## Giant-breed owners see having dogs as living the high life

By JENNIFER PELTZ  
Associated Press



FRANK FRANKLIN II/Associated Press

NEW YORK — Life with Suzzane Kelleher-Duckett’s dogs has required a few adjustments. Getting rid of the coffee table, for one.

Stashing things in the microwave or on top of the refrigerator if she wants to keep them out of the dogs’ reach, since they can easily grab items off the counter and stove. Buying a minivan — and taking out the middle seat so they can fit.

But after 16 years of owning Great Danes, Kelleher-Duckett wouldn’t live without one.

“As big as they are, they love that big,” the Santa Clarita, Calif.-based breeder said Tuesday as one of her two Danes, a 3-year-old, 134-pound female named Vendetta who’s 34 inches tall at the shoulder, eyed her owner’s sandwich after the breed’s competition at the Westminster Kennel Club dog show.

Whatever dog wins America’s most prestigious canine competition, giant breeds can’t help but make a big impression on spectators who snap pictures of small children reaching up to pet huge dogs and ping the owners with queries: How much does he weigh? How much does she eat? What’s it like to live with one?

Here’s what it’s like for Chris Boltrek and Ashley Erlitz, who share their Sound Beach, N.Y., home with Huxley, a 190-pound mastiff who’s nearly 2. He plays with tree branches, not sticks, and with balls designed as horse toys.

He eats 10 to 12 cups of food a day, he may get spit on the walls if he shakes his head, and he outweighed the petite Erlitz when he was 9 months old and has knocked her over on walks a few times.

Aristocrat, a St. Bernard, attends a news conference about the 137th annual Westminster Kennel Club dog show in New York. Caring for a large dog has demands not associated with having smaller breeds.

Many dog breeds, big and small, are susceptible to certain health problems. Giant breeds can be prone to orthopedic troubles, heart problems and what’s known as bloat, a dangerous stomach condition. And in general, smaller dogs tend to live longer than huge ones.

Also, temperament and training are perhaps even bigger priorities for giant dogs than others because the big breeds’ size and appearance can be off-putting if they’re not well-behaved.

“You want to be able to look them in the face and have it be inviting,” said dog handler Melody Salmi, who showed the St. Bernard best-of-breed winner, Aristocrat (or, formally, Jamelle’s Aristocrat V Elba), Tuesday at Westminster. He’s owned by Linda and Edward Baker of Hopewell, N.J.

Oftentimes, “I sell a puppy to people, and they say, ‘Oh, it’s so big,’” said Aristocrat’s breeder, Michele Mulligan of Diamond Bar, Calif. But a year later, the same owners will say fondly, “They’re not so big,” she said.

“They just grow on you.”

## Shutdown hinders SMOKY MOUNTAIN visitors



## Floridians don’t get to watch leaves change in state parks

By CHAD SIMONS  
Smoky Mountain Times

BRYSON CITY, N.C. — Joe Parker of Key Largo, Fla., called the partial federal government shutdown a joke.

“It’s disgusting,” said Parker, who was staying with his wife at Deep Creek Campground in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

The news meant the Parkers had 48 hours to pack up due to the inability of Congress and the President to work out a budget agreement.

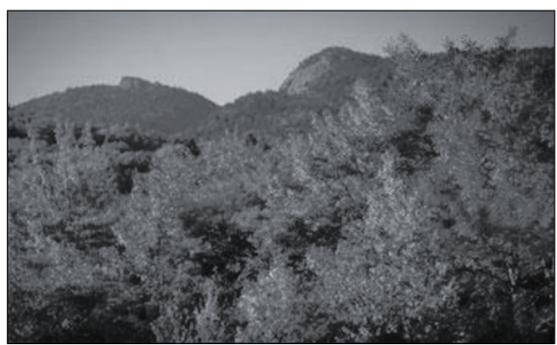
“I don’t blame the President,” said Parker, a former Navy mechanic. “I blame Congress. They don’t want to compromise on anything. It’s really gonna hurt a lot of the businesses around here.”

His solution — impose term limits and get real people back in Congress.

The partial shutdown resulted in the furlough of some 800,000 non-essential federal government employees and the closing of all national parks.

This at the height of fall color season and a busy October that sees many Floridians escape the waning days of summer heat and head north to watch the leaves change. Locals and visitors alike share the frustration of abandoned and obstructed National Parks.

David Smith, owner of Bearmeat’s Indian Den arts and crafts store in Cherokee, N.C., since 1991, is concerned about a prolonged shutdown.



“This is our best month,” Smith said. “Now and the first week of November. Not just for the summer, but for the entire year.”

Smith relies on the national park for customers.

“Most likely — yes, it will affect us,” he said.

Florida residents headed north for leaf season should realize the main highways through the Great Smoky Mountains National Park remain open. Turnout parking areas, visitors centers, campgrounds, public restrooms and many off-road trails are closed to the public. The entire 71-mile span of the Appalachian Trail that runs through the national park is closed and off-limits to hikers.

U.S. Highway 441 from Cherokee, N.C., to Gatlinburg, Tenn., remains open to motorists.

Ken Blankenship, who manages the Museum of the Cherokee Indian in the town of Cherokee, agrees.

“We’ll be fine if that stays open,” he said.

The GSMNP employs 329 full time workers. Law enforcement and emergency personnel continue to

be on the job, according to park spokeswoman Molly Schroer. The GSMNP on average sees about 1.1 million visitors during October, Schroer said.

The shutdown could turn visitors away from the area, and consequently cause businesses to suffer, said Karen Wilmot, executive director for the Swain County Chamber of Commerce in Bryson City, N.C.

“It could have a detrimental impact on businesses here,” Wilmot said. “October 2012 was the most profitable month for tourism revenue last year, even outdoing July. It’s a big deal for us — we’re just hoping it’s short-lived.”

Chamber officials reminded all visitors to the North Carolina mountains that great vistas are readily available throughout the area on state-run public lands. Also, private campgrounds and lodging are readily available.

The Bryson City Chamber also posted information on its website, [www.greatsmokies.com](http://www.greatsmokies.com), giving visitors options for the area.

COURTESY PHOTOS

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# Micro-irrigation makes Florida-friendly sense

Summer is our rainy season and watering is not often a problem. But the dry fall months have arrived, so installing a new drip or micro-irrigation system in your garden would be a great project. The following information is from <http://solutionsforyourlife.ufl.edu>

Also known as low-volume irrigation, micro-irrigation is a watering system that carries water to plants under low pressure. When micro-irrigation is installed and used correctly, water use is reduced because water is delivered directly to the plants' roots. Less water evaporates, and disease problems resulting from wet foliage is reduced. Unlike sprinkler irrigation, micro-irrigation can supply water to your plants with 90 percent efficiency. Now that is a Florida-friendly gardening practice.

This type of irrigation system can be installed above, on, or below the surface of the soil. Use it for various plantings including vegetables, trees, shrubs, containers, and flower beds. Micro-irrigation is easily installed, and kits and components are readily available at most garden centers and home improvement stores.

Originally designed for commercial vegetable growers, micro-irrigation has become very popular

## GARDEN TALK



**Nichelle Demorest**  
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in home gardens. This system does require some maintenance, but it is easy to manage.

### Three main types of micro-irrigations

**In-line drip tubing:** Placed on or below the soil surface or mulch, drip tubing is ideal for vegetable gardens where plants are in rows. The flexible tubing can also be easily wound through a plant bed.

**Drip emitters:** Used where plants are spaced farther apart or used for potted plants and hanging baskets. The emitters can be punched directly into the main tubing or attached to "spaghetti tubes" that lead to plants.

**Micro-sprayers:** Used just above the surface, micro-sprayers wet a larger portion of the ground and emit more water than other types of micro-irrigation systems.

Micro-irrigation systems can be attached to a hose or outdoor faucet and controlled manually or with a battery-operated timer. They can also

be "hard-piped" into an existing in ground system and automatic irrigation controller. Some drip and spray emitters can even be adjusted to control the amount of water emitted. The most common issues are plugged emitters and tubing punctures. But these problems are easy to detect and repair by monitoring the system regularly.

Your plants should also be monitored for signs of too little or too much water and the system should be adjusted accordingly. Whether you are trying to reduce water use or increase your garden quality, drip irrigation is a beneficial option.

Attend free workshops hosted by UF/IFAS Extension Master Gardeners at Lake City and Ft. White public libraries. This month you'll learn about proven practices for planting shrubs and trees in Florida, the recommended fruit tree varieties for northern Florida, and some timely pruning tips you can use now. Ft. White branch, Thursday, Oct. 17th at 5:45, and Lake City downtown library, Saturday, Oct. 19th at 1:30.

■ D. Nichelle Demorest is a horticulture agent with the Columbia County Extension of the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

# Cop saves sea turtle hatchlings at resort

SARASOTA — A Florida police officer saved nearly 100 baby sea turtles when he gathered the newly hatched creatures from a hotel parking lot and street and released them into the Gulf of Mexico.

Sarasota Officer Derek Conley was on patrol at 1 a.m. Saturday when he saw sea turtle hatchlings crawling toward the front door of the Lido Beach Resort. A passerby also told Conley that several dozen other baby turtles were walking around the hotel's parking lot.

Conley, along with some resort guests, scooped up the hatchlings in a box and released them into the water.

"I began collecting hatchlings from the street and stopped traffic several times to do so," wrote Conley in a report.

A news release says that Conley spotted three dead turtles, and he estimates that 90-100 turtles were saved.

Conley also called two area marine rescue groups.

Sea turtles nest from May 1-Oct. 31 in Florida. According to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, there are five types of nesting sea turtles in Florida. All are protected under state statutes. Sea turtles make anywhere from 40,000-

84,000 nests in the state each year.

The loggerhead is turtle is threatened and the green and leatherback are endangered, but all sea turtles are protected by the federal Endangered Species Act and the Florida Marine Protection Act. It is against the law to touch or disturb nesting sea turtles, hatchlings or their nests.

Adult females nest every two or three years and lay several nests in one season. They emerge from the water to nest on the beach mostly at night. Nests average 100 eggs, which incubate in the sand for about 60 days, depending on the species.

The hatchlings usually emerge from their nests at night. Only about 1 in 1,000 baby turtles survive to adulthood.

According to biologists, sea turtle hatchlings are born with the instinct to move toward the brightest direction — on a natural beach, this direction is the light of the open horizon — which could be why the Sarasota turtles were headed toward the hotel's front door.

Across the state, a number of parks, beaches and conservation groups run programs where nature lovers can learn about the turtle nesting and hatching phenomenon and even watch baby turtles — without disturbing them — as they emerge from the nests and make their way to the water.

■ Associated Press



# National Zoo getting 3 new elephants

WASHINGTON — A \$2 million gift from businessman David Rubenstein will allow the Smithsonian's National Zoo to nearly double the size of its Asian elephant herd.

The zoo announced recently that it will receive three female elephants in an open-ended loan from the Calgary Zoo in Canada, which is relocating its elephants to more suitable habitats.

The move will be funded entirely by Rubenstein, a co-founder of the Washington-based private equity firm The Carlyle Group. In 2011, Rubenstein gave \$4.5 million to the zoo's giant panda pro-

gram. He has sat on the Smithsonian's Board of Regents since 2009.

The new elephants will arrive sometime in spring 2014, the zoo announced. They will spend at least 30 days in quarantine before joining the zoo's existing herd of four Asian elephants.

The zoo's elephant habitat reopened in March after a seven-year, \$56 million overhaul that nearly tripled the elephants' living space. It can house up to 10 adult elephants and their young and includes a walking trail, sand and rubber floors and a shower the elephants can operate themselves.

The Calgary Zoo sustained \$50 million in damage from floods that devastated the city in June, although the decision to relocate the elephants was made before the floods. The zoo, which is partly located on an island in the Bow River, remains mostly closed.

Two of the new elephants, Kamala and Swarna, were born in the wild and are nearly 40 years old. They were brought to the Calgary Zoo from an elephant orphanage in Sri Lanka in 1976. The third elephant, Maharani, is Kamala's female offspring and was born in captivity in 1990.

■ Associated Press

# IMAGINE WARMTH: Dream about adding a greenhouse

By LEE REICH  
Associated Press

Now is not the time of year for sowing, unless it's sowing an idea: As the weather turns colder and the landscape becomes washed in grays and browns, imagine a retreat, an oasis of lush greenery and brightly colored flowers suffused in warm, moist air.

A greenhouse.

Home or "hobby" greenhouses run the gamut from lavish, Victorian-style conservatories to primitive structures cobbled together from discarded window frames. Each creates its own oasis. Even my coldframe — nothing more than a large wooden box with a clear plastic cover — hints of the tropics each time its cover is opened.

For most of us, the greenhouse of our dreams would be a spacious conservatory, cozy for its abundance of lush, tropical greenery, with enough space among the 6-foot-long banana leaves and fragrant citrus blossoms to accommodate a small dining table and chairs.

But let's float back down to reality. That greenhouse is beyond many a gardener's budget, and it's hard in these environmentally aware times to justify heating a space enough to keep tropical plants happy in winter. Fuel needs rise dramatically with each degree you ratchet up greenhouse temperature.

Then again, newer greenhouse coverings, coupled with innovative methods of storing excess heat generated on sunny days, can go a long way to dampening heat losses.

Before letting your imagination run away with you though, consider whether you'd prefer your greenhouse to be freestanding or attached to your home.

A freestanding structure offers the most flexibility in design and siting, and is bathed in light from all four sides. Also, there's no need to integrate it with house design, or for it to look anything prettier than just functional.

An attached greenhouse requires more attention to style but it does have some advantages. Cozied up against your home, an attached greenhouse loses less heat. It can tap the heat-storing capacity of the



LEE REICH/Associated Press

This image taken on June 10, 2011 shows a greenhouse on the property of a home. Home or "hobby" greenhouses run the gamut from lavish, Victorian-style conservatories to primitive structures cobbled together from discarded window frames.



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Most of us can't afford the spacious conservatory of our dreams — full of lush, tropical greenery — but we can scale it down in size to something just as enjoyable.

home's wall where it is attached, especially if that wall is masonry, and can even tap into the home's heating system.

On sunny winter days, excess heat generated in the greenhouse can be vented into your home. That moist heat is a lot more comfortable than the dry heat of home heating systems, although some caution is needed against venting too much moisture into your home.

And getting back to that table and chairs that might be squeezed into your greenhouse: How likely

## Attached vs. standalone

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are you to trudge across the snow with brunch to your freestanding greenhouse? If you have a wall facing in a direction that gets enough light for the plants you want to grow, the attached greenhouse is the one most likely to provide living space as well as functional space.

Deciding on the greenhouse's size and what plants it will house also can help determine heating needs. No need to get into other details just yet.

Let your imagination roam.

# Marinades made easy Eight great ways to flavor perfection.

By ALISON LADMAN  
Associated Press

Marinades are one of the simplest ways to add fast and easy flavor to your meals. Combine a few ingredients in a zip-close plastic bag, add your meat, seafood or veggies, then walk away for a while.

We've outlined some basic marinades below to help get you started, as well as some suggestions of what you can use them for.

These marinades are enough to cover 1 1/2 pounds of food. Double up as needed, but keep in mind that you don't need the food to swim in the marinade, just be thoroughly coated. Once the food has soaked up the flavor, you can pan-fry it, grill it or broil it.

## VINAIGRETTE

Because vinegar is so aggressive, you'll want to temper it with oil. This helps carry the flavor into the food, as well as prevent the flavors from becoming too jarring. Adding oil to vinegar also gives you a bit of leeway in your timing. For fish, seafood and vegetables, marinate for 30 minutes and to up to 2 hours. For chicken, steak and pork, you can go for up to 8 hours.

— **GARLIC-BALSAMIC:** 2 tablespoons olive oil, 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar, 4 cloves minced garlic, hefty pinch salt. Try with pork loin or steak tips.

— **SPICY HOISIN:** 2 tablespoons rice vinegar, 2 tablespoons hoisin sauce, 1 tablespoon vegetable oil, 1 teaspoon red pepper flakes, 1 teaspoon five-spice powder. Try on chicken tenders or scallops.

— **MAPLE-SOY:** 2 tablespoons soy sauce, 3 tablespoons apple cider vinegar, 2 tablespoons maple syrup. Try with pork tenderloin medallions or cod.

## WINE

Wine is a great base for subtle marinades. Because

they have a softer flavor than citrus or vinegar, you can use them to highlight other flavors. Like the vinaigrette marinades, use a little oil to help carry flavors, and prevent food from sticking to the cooking surface. These marinades work especially well for hearty vegetables and meats. Marinate from 30 minutes to overnight.

— **RED WINE-ROSEMARY:** 1/4 cup red wine, 1 tablespoon olive oil, hefty pinch each of salt and black pepper, 1 large stem rosemary, chopped. Try with sirloin steak or portobello mushrooms.

— **WHITE WINE-MUSTARD:** 1/4 cup dry white wine, 3 tablespoons Dijon mustard, 1 tablespoon vegetable oil, hefty pinch each salt and black pepper. Great with chicken thighs or eggplant.

## CITRUS

Citrus juices are fairly acidic, which means they permeate and tenderize food quickly. They work great as a base for marinades that you want to throw together just before dinner. These marinades work equally well for seafood as they do chicken or steak. For seafood, marinate for up to 30 minutes; chicken and steak can handle up to 2 hours.

— **CHIPOTLE-LIME:** Juice and zest of 2 limes, 2 tablespoons adobo sauce and 1 minced chipotle chili from a can of chipotles in adobo sauce, 2 cloves minced garlic, a hefty pinch of salt. Great on flank steak or shrimp.

— **ORANGE-CUMIN:** Juice and zest of 1 orange, 1 tablespoon ground cumin, 1 teaspoon chili powder, 1 teaspoon garlic powder, a hefty pinch of salt. Try with haddock or chicken breasts.

— **LEMON-HERB:** Juice and zest of 1 lemon, 1 tablespoon Italian herb blend, 1 teaspoon ground black pepper, hefty pinch of salt. Good on salmon or chicken thighs.

SUNDAY EVENING OCTOBER 13, 2013. Table with columns for Comcast, Dish, DirecTV, and time slots from 6 PM to 11:30 PM. Lists various TV shows and their descriptions.

WEEKDAY AFTERNOON OCTOBER 13, 2013. Table with columns for Comcast, Dish, DirecTV, and time slots from 12 PM to 5:30 PM. Lists various TV shows and their descriptions.

MONDAY EVENING OCTOBER 14, 2013. Table with columns for Comcast, Dish, DirecTV, and time slots from 6 PM to 11:30 PM. Lists various TV shows and their descriptions.

## DEAR ABBY

# Military woman eager to start family should pause to think

DEAR ABBY: I am a 19-year-old female who is serving in the U.S. Air Force. I'm stationed overseas at the moment, and I plan to make the military my career.



**Abigail Van Buren**  
www.dearabby.com

I have reached a point in life when I am ready to have a family. Unfortunately, I haven't found a man who is compatible with me. Every relationship I have ends because it conflicts with my military schedule.

I know adoption is a hard process, but I'm willing to go through it. What do you think about my trying to adopt as a single parent? — UNSURE OF MY NEXT MOVE IN ENGLAND

DEAR UNSURE: I'm glad you asked because I think you're jumping the gun. At 19, your search for someone compatible has been limited because of your youth and job responsibilities.

Who would care for your little one if you, as a single mother, were transferred to a "hot spot," or injured or worse? Would relatives assume the responsibility? Before becoming

a mother — adoptive or otherwise — it's important that you think about this realistically from the point of view of what would be best for the child. If you wait to become a parent until you are older, as many women do today, you will be better equipped emotionally and financially for the responsibility.

DEAR ABBY: I have a friend whose child is brilliant. He is testing in the 99.5 percentile. At 7, he is already far in advance of his classmates. He has read chapter books since age 5, is doing algebra and asking post-doctoral math and science questions, according to a professor close to the family.

His mother is in denial. She says the other kids will "catch up" in time. If he had special needs in another area, I know she'd be in

there fighting to get him appropriate services and accommodations.

Please, Abby, what can we do to convince his mother that he needs more than what his inner-city schools can provide? I was one of those kids, and I know he needs contact with other kids who match his intellectual level more closely. — CONCERNED FRIEND IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR CONCERNED: The mother may be in denial, but the child's teachers and principal must surely have recognized his abilities. Enlist their help in convincing the mother to see that her son advances at a rate appropriate for his IQ.

When students are as far ahead academically as the child you describe, they can become bored and disruptive. It would be in everyone's interest to see that he is placed in classes where he can continue to excel — regardless of whether the others catch up.

Write Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

## HOROSCOPES

### THE LAST WORD Eugenia Word

Ignore the differences you have with others. A creative endeavor has potential. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Keep the peace at home regardless of what it takes to do so. Someone will try to interfere in your plans. Take care of responsibilities before someone complains. A change in a relationship with someone special will be beneficial. ★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Concentrate on learning something that will increase your chance to improve your life. Don't let a poor relationship with someone ruin your day. Make changes at home that will ensure you protect your assets and your emotional well-being. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Consider what you can offer your community or a company you'd like to work for. Making calls and discussing your plans with someone who has experience will lead to a positive recommendation. Don't make a

rash decision, but prepare to make changes. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Forge ahead, expand your interests and friendships, and look for ways to use your knowledge and insight more efficiently. A change related to someone from your past will be an unexpected surprise. Protect your home and family. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Stay on top of your game. Go with the flow and be ready to leap into action if someone offers you something. Take on a challenge, but don't risk your position, reputation or hard-earned cash. Stick to basics. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't make changes based on what you hear from others. Offer suggestions, and you will make a difference to those less knowledgeable. Keep your emotions out of the equation, or you may lose sight of your goals. ★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): An emotional situation will arise with a friend if you cannot come to an agreement about plans you are working on together. Step back and listen to what's being said, and you will find a workable solution. Love is on the rise. ★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Take care of debts and look at your investments, assets and means to make your money grow. Expand your friendships and interests and consider what you can do to put a stop to those who take advantage of your generosity. ★★★

## CELEBRITY CIPHER

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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Previous Solution: "Just think, if it weren't for marriage, men would go through life thinking they had no faults at all." — Henny Youngman

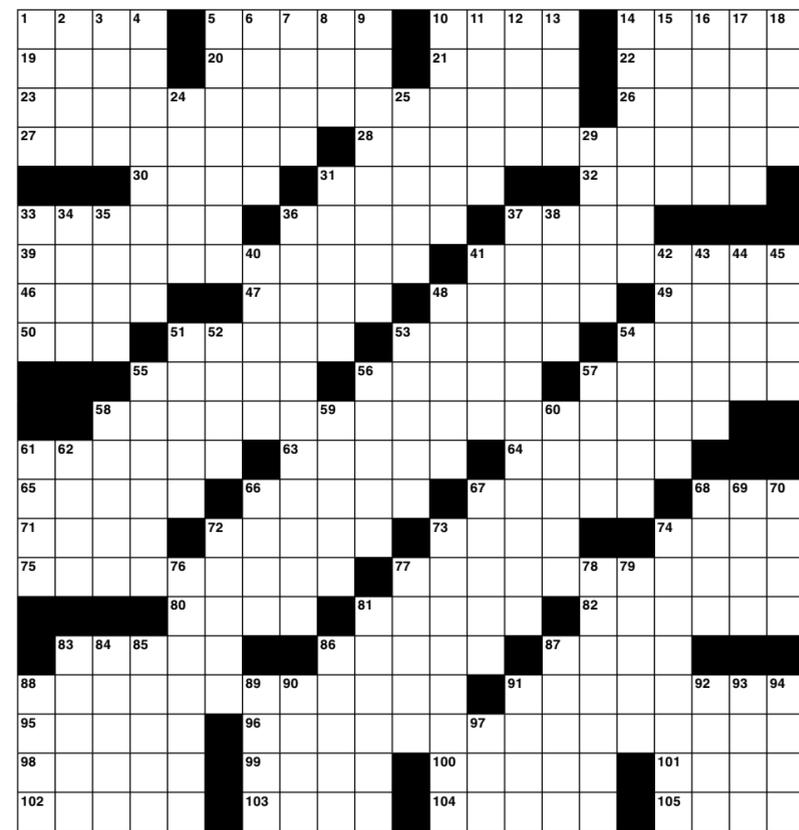
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## SUNDAY CROSSWORD

TOE TAGS By Patrick Berry / Edited by Will Shortz

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| Across  | 48 Stumper                                     | 83 Skimming utensil  | 10 Extracts metal from                               |
| 1 Tach site                                     | 49 Hindustan capital of old                    | 86 Tootle  | 11 Car company based in Palo Alto, Calif.            |
| 5 "Histoire de ___" (children's classic)        | 50 Common ingredient in Nigerian cuisine       | 87 Unsound, as an argument   | 12 Seven-foot (or so) cryptid                        |
| 10 Ocular ailment                               | 51 Bag End resident                            | 88 Portion of Dante's "Inferno" that was wisely excised?                   | 13 English school                                    |
| 14 Where roots grow                             | 53 "North Dallas Forty" star                   | 91 Photo processing centers  | 14 Leave surreptitiously                             |
| 19 Tech company in the Fortune 500              | 54 Tenderloin cut                              | 95 To date   | 15 Southernmost province of Spain                    |
| 20 Like Lincolns                                | 55 Hands-free microphone's place               | 96 Christmas decoration that automatically steers toward lovers?           | 16 Compensate (for)                                  |
| 21 Comply with                                  | 56 More than ardent                            | 98 "Here lies One ___ Name was writ in Water" (words on Keats's tombstone) | 17 Pleasant vocal qualities                          |
| 22 Holmes of Hollywood                          | 57 Camp rentals                                | 99 Tiny pasta  | 18 Spanish "weight"                                  |
| 23 Magic word that never loses its power?       | 58 Stingy snack vendor's special offer?        | 100 Sad sack   | 24 Elite squad                                       |
| 26 Autograph seekers' targets                   | 61 Gussied (up)                                | 101 Constellation animal   | 25 Sonata segment                                    |
| 27 Company with a monocled mascot               | 63 Impertinent                                 | 102 Whittled (down)  | 29 Take a stab at                                    |
| 28 1970s Ford on the move?                      | 64 Rises dramatically                          | 103 Spotted  | 31 Genoese delicacy                                  |
| 30 Twins, possibly                              | 65 Say uncle                                   | 104 Goizueta Business School's university                                  | 33 Frightful   |
| 31 Old trans-Atlantic voyager                   | 66 Like the word "cwm"                         | 105 Slip by  | 34 Defendant's declaration                           |
| 32 Exudes                                       | 67 Settlement stipulations                     |  | 35 Incur cellphone charges, maybe                    |
| 33 More than a murmur of discontent             | 68 Capture                                     |  | 36 Model A features                                  |
| 36 Ruptures                                     | 71 Away from the wind                          |  | 37 Fitting punishment                                |
| 37 Bezos who founded Amazon                     | 72 Rock used for flagstones                    |  | 38 Sport with a French name                          |
| 39 Enthusiastic enjoyment of one's unhappiness? | 73 Country club vehicle                        |  | 40 Ancient Hellenic healer                           |
| 41 The Josip Broz Memorial Trophy?              | 74 Dublin-born musician                        | 1 People's Sexiest Man Alive ... twice                                     | 41 ___ Kaepernick, Super Bowl XLVII QB for the 49ers |
| 46 Lapse in secrecy                             | 75 Big Apple cop who's looking to bust Popeye? | 2 Genesis victim   | 42 Spoils  |
| 47 Balance sheet nos.                           | 77 Learn all about the capital of Ecuador?     | 3 1979 Fleetwood Mac hit   | 43 Round house                                       |
|   | 80 Conversation openers?                       | 4 Service manual?  | 44 Golfer's obstacle                                 |
|   | 81 Track assignments                           | 5 Waterless  | 45 Stable diet?                                      |
|   | 82 Teacher at Alexandria                       | 6 Maintains  | 48 Submarine   |
|   |  | 7 Rubbermaid wares   | 51 Sang in the moonlight, maybe                      |
|   |  | 8 Lead bug in "A Bug's Life"   | 52 Player in a pocket                                |
|   |  | 9 You may have had issues with them in the past                            | 53 "But of course!"                                  |
|   |  |  | 54 Some fund-raisers                                 |



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| 55 Pacified                      | 66 Lick                       | 78 Orbital decay result                                | 88 Stare stupidly          |
| 56 Get more mileage out of       | 67 Dart gun                   | 79 Small game  | 89 Impediments to teamwork |
| 57 Learn fast, say               | 68 Seethe                     | 81 Three-time Olympics host                            | 90 Medical breakthrough    |
| 58 [unmentionable]               | 69 Prefix with septic or tank | 83 One of the Obamas                                   | 91 ___ soup                |
| 59 Wine Country surname          | 70 "I'm glad!"                | 84 Seinfeld called him "the Picasso of our profession" | 92 Sensor forerunner       |
| 60 Area in which one shines      | 72 Rock launcher              | 85 Overlarge   | 93 Give orders to          |
| 61 Cannon who married Cary Grant | 73 Make out                   | 86 Mesoamerican crop                                   | 94 Poseidon ruled them     |
| 62 Like sulfuric acid            | 74 Driver's recommendation    | 87 Tempered by experience                              | 97 Pop lover               |

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### Answers to last Sunday's Crossword.

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## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

## Jackson Mitchell Brannen

Parents: Jeffery and Crystal Brannen  
 Place of residence: Lake City  
 Date of birth: Sept. 13  
 Weight: 7 lbs, 14 oz  
 Length: 20 inches  
 Sex: Male  
 Siblings: Mackenzie, 9 and Dakota, 7  
 Grandparents: Monica Holton and Larty Wilson, Mitch and Colleen Brannen  
 Great-grandparents: Judy and the late Sal Simonetti, the late Jack and Evelyn Brannen

## Is Coke's 127-year-old recipe the same?

By CANDICE CHOI  
 AP Food Industry Writer

ATLANTA — Coca-Cola keeps the recipe for its 127-year-old soda inside an imposing steel vault that's bathed in red security lights. Several cameras monitor the area to make sure the fizzy formula stays a secret.

But in one of the many signs that the surveillance is as much about theater as reality, the images that pop up on video screens are of smiling tourists waving at themselves.

The ability to push a quaint narrative about a product's origins and fuel a sense of nostalgia can help drive billions of dollars in sales. That's invaluable at a time when food makers face greater competition from smaller players and cheaper supermarket store brands that appeal to cash-strapped Americans.

It's why companies such as Coca-Cola and Twinkies' owner Hostess play up the notion that their recipes are sacred, unchanging documents that need to be closely guarded.

In an emailed statement, Coca-Cola said its secret formula has remained the same since it was invented in 1886 and that cocaine has "never been an added ingredient" in its soda.

In the 1980s, Coca-Cola and PepsiCo both switched from sugar to high-fructose corn syrup, a cheaper sweetener. The companies last year also said they'd change the way they make the caramel coloring used in their sodas to avoid having to put a cancer warning label on their drinks in California, where a new law required such labels for foods containing a certain level of carcinogens.

Both Coca-Cola and PepsiCo say the sweetener and caramel sources do not alter the basic formulas or taste for their sodas. And they continue to hype up the enduring quality of their recipes.



## FLORIDA KEYS



KEVIN GAINES/Associated Press

In this undated photo, provided by the Coral Restoration Foundation via the Florida Keys News Bureau, Ken Nedimyer, president of the Coral Restoration Foundation, poses in the organization's coral nursery off Key Largo, Fla., with juvenile coral cuttings. Nedimyer partners with Florida Keys hotels and dive operators to offer opportunities for visitors to learn about coral and do volunteer work in the nursery.

# Divers volunteer on coral restoration

By SUZETTE LABOY  
 Associated Press

KEY LARGO — Ken Nedimyer likes to say that he breathes new life into coral reefs.

In fact, he's been doing it for more than a decade, and recreational divers are volunteering in the effort.

"We are trying to put Humpty Dumpty back together again," said Nedimyer, whose Coral Restoration Foundation has planted four coral nurseries off the shores of the Florida Keys. The foundation offers workshops and diving trips for recreational divers who help by cleaning and preparing new coral for planting.

"We are trying to get people to realize that it was a lot better and it can be brought back again," Nedimyer added.

Divers helping out with the work first get a crash course in everything about corals. They learn that coral reefs are experiencing a rapid decline, particularly in the Caribbean. "It's not as magical as it once was and it's going downhill," said Nedimyer.

The decline of coral has dire implications. Coral reefs, much like a rain forest, support a huge amount of biodiversity; attract tourism and commercial fishing; and act as a natural barrier to coastal erosion during storms. In the Florida Keys, staghorn coral (cylindrical branches) and elkhorn coral (antler-like branches) face local extinction. Both are listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has proposed listing them as endangered.

"Corals are dying rapidly, much more rapidly than we believe they have in the past, which is a problem for sustaining the populations," said Margaret Miller, an ecologist with the National Marine Fisheries Service of NOAA. "Caribbean coral reefs are already dramatically changed from the way we understand they should look because 50 to 80 percent of the coral has already been lost from most Caribbean reefs."

Nedimyer's four coral nurseries are thriving. But Miller cautioned that while the "nurseries are helping us keep pace with this negative decline," there needs to be a concerted effort to address larger problems such as global warming and the chemical makeup of the ocean "if coral reefs throughout



TIM GROLLMUND/Associated Press

In this undated photo provided by the Florida Keys News Bureau, Ken Nedimyer, president of the Coral Restoration Foundation, works with a volunteer in the foundation's coral nursery situated in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary off Key Largo, Fla. Nedimyer partners with Florida Keys hotels and dive operators to offer opportunities for visitors to learn about coral and do volunteer work in the nursery.

### If You Go...

**CORAL RESTORATION FOUNDATION:** <http://www.coralrestoration.org> asks for a \$50 donation per diver per day. High school and college groups are \$35 a person. Next workshop will be June 20-23. Divers of all ages and skill levels can participate. Several resorts in the Upper Florida Keys offer packages that combine stays with opportunities to learn about coral reefs and help in the foundation's coral nursery, including the Amory Dive Resort — <http://www.amoray.com/> — on Mile Marker 104. For more information, <http://www.fl-keys.com/volunteer/>.

the world are going to survive."

In the meantime, recreational divers can join marine scientists in helping to buy time through the reef restoration efforts.

"The idea is to come up with a simple process and train people just like you to do it," Nedimyer told a group of seven volunteer divers at a recent workshop in Key Largo that includes a series of educational lectures and hands-on dives to restore corals.

Nedimyer explained to the group that disease, severe cold fronts (just like Floridians, corals don't like the cold), multiple years of coral bleaching (caused by warmer water and other environmental factors) and frequent hurricanes are among the "stressors" that have contributed to the rapid decline of the coral, along with climate change, overfishing, coastal development and more.

Nedimyer and his group have experimented with different ways to grow corals in the nurseries,

much as you would with plants. At first, corals were mounted on concrete disks using underwater adhesive, with each disk attached to a PVC pipe with a cement base raising the disk off the ocean floor. Live tissue grew over the adhesive as the coral formed new branches.

Low-cost line nurseries were later introduced, where corals hanging from wire or monofilament survived at high rates and grew rapidly. But wildlife officials were concerned that dolphins, turtles and other species would get caught in the lines. The foundation's latest technique has proven to be most effective: Corals hang on a tree nursery (think a Christmas tree with ornaments) that is tethered to the sea floor but can move around in storms.

The coral starts out about the size of a knuckle but can grow to 30 or 40 centimeters (12 or 15 inches). The volunteer divers help Nedimyer attach the tiny starter coral fragments onto the

tree nurseries about 30 feet (9 meters) below the surface of the water. When the coral lengthens and has healthy multiple branches, Nedimyer clips it for replanting in the popular diving and snorkeling spot Molasses Reef in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. (Boats are tied up to permanent moorings, marked by buoys, to prevent dropped anchors from damaging the reef.)

The divers at the recent Keys workshop traveled from across the U.S. for what they described as "underwater community service." Their visit included swimming out to the coral nursery — about the length of an acre (four-tenths of a hectare) and as far as your goggled-eyes can see — to clean and prepare corals for planting.

"This is my way of giving back to the community," said Erin McKinnon of Orlando, who has taken the course twice.

"This garden is blossoming," said Sharon Boggess of North Conway, N.H., holding back tears. "It's just so amazing to replenish the reef."

Nedimyer, whose work has led to the cultivation of some 40,000 corals in total, said he hopes his "obsession" with coral restoration can be expanded to local dive shops, so they can offer his workshops to visitors to help in the nurseries.

"Now we have more corals than we can plant," he said. "We've created a monster."