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## Surprises by session's end

### Some bills considered longshots early on now headed to the governor's desk.

By **DARA KAM** and **BRANDON LARRABEE**  
*The News Service of Florida*

TALLAHASSEE — In some ways, it was a session of the unexpected.

When lawmakers decamped to Tallahassee at the beginning of March, the agenda was full of conservative red meat. Taxes and fees would be slashed by \$500 million. The state's de facto school-vouchers program would

be expanded. Military veterans would be given benefits in something dubbed the "Florida GI Bill." Public-employee pensions would be overhauled. And, if all went well, Gov. Rick Scott would be placed on a glide path to re-election.

Most of those things happened — though, it should be noted, the pension changes went down in

flames. Some of them happened in an unexpected way, such as the voucher expansion, which seemed dead 12 hours before it was revived.

But other items that weren't on the radar or at best looked like long shots before the Legislature was gavelled into session in

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## Springs bill dies

*From staff and wire service reports*

A comprehensive bill to preserve and protect Florida's freshwater springs won't make it to the governor's desk this session.

The bill (SB 1576) sought to control the amounts of fertilizers allowed into waterways, redirect waste water, replace septic systems at no charge to homeowners and have the Department of Environmental Protection rank the needs of the various critical springs projects.

It passed the Senate unanimously but was never taken up by a single committee in the House.

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## Thousands came to

# JAM



Photos by **JASON MATTHEW WALKER**/Lake City Reporter

JJ Lawhorn performs at the Suwannee River Jam at the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park. More than 25,000 were expected to turn out for this year's Jam, which ended Saturday.



Fans cheer on performers at the 24th Annual Suwannee River Jam.

## Murder suspect may face death

### Indicted Friday for first degree murder.

*From staff reports*

Carlis Lindsey III was indicted for first degree murder by a Columbia County grand jury

Friday in the stabbing death of his girlfriend. Prosecutors have not decided whether to seek the death penalty.

Police say Lindsey, 31, of 375 NW Bascom Norris Drive, stabbed Chaquasha Shawntey Avinger repeatedly after meeting her at the corner of NE Jackson Avenue and NE Morgan Street shortly after midnight on Friday, April 11.

Avinger, 36, was found bleeding in the street and taken to

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Fort Lauderdale residents Luis Luna and Andrea Lowery dance on their way to join the audience. 'I'm a salsa and merengue kind of guy, but I love country music,' Luna said.



Nikki Sheerer, of Sattler's Leather & Hats, shows Jeremy Bass, 22, of Orlando, his reflection at the Suwannee River Jam. Bass, a first time visitor, said that he is looking forward to watching Brantley Gilbert play and that he 'wishes the rain would go away.' Gilbert performed Saturday evening.

## 'Perseverance' common theme for FGC grads

By **TONY BRITT**  
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No two people travel the same path to graduation, but a common pebble on that path for the FGC class of 2014 was perseverance.

Florida Gateway College held its annual commencement exercises Friday at its Howard Conference Center. The school had 690 graduation candidates, but only 250 students walked across the stage to get their credentials — certificate, degree or diploma, during Friday's morning and afternoon commencement exercises.

Several of the commencement speakers spoke of the



Photos by **TONY BRITT**/Lake City Reporter

Graduates turn their tassels, ending commencement exercises.

importance of perseverance, both in getting this far and in going further toward their goals.

Cyril Weatherspoon, one of the speakers at the afternoon commencement exercise, used rap lyrics to make his point.

"Started from the bottom now we here," he said, quoting rapper Drake.

Weatherspoon explained how he quit a job he held for eight years to go back to school to get his degree.

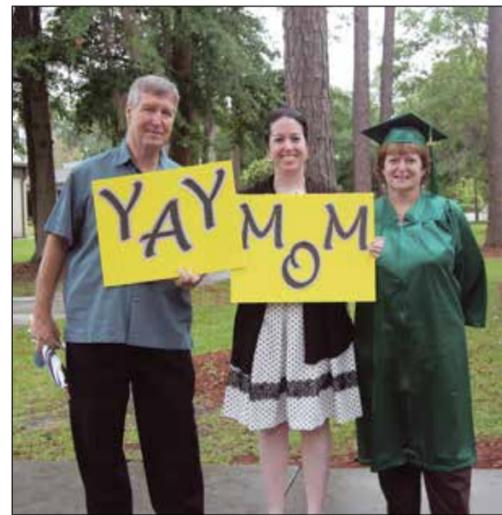
"It meant a lot to be one of the speakers," he said. "I was asked to — it wasn't something I signed up for, but I'm glad I did it. It shows my kids that you can go out, get a degree and go up there and talk at graduation. It was an honor."

**'It's a very emotional moment for me. I wanted to lead by example for my child and my granddaughter.'**

— Jacqueline Williams, White Springs

Weatherspoon said he quit his job with the Florida Department of Corrections so he could pursue college full time. He completed

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Jill and John Moore show off the signs they made to congratulate Heidi Moore on her graduation.



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## QUICK HITS

### Scripture of the Day

“Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.”

— Romans 12:9-13

### Thought for Today

Summing up, it is clear the future holds great opportunities. It also holds pitfalls. The trick will be to avoid the pitfalls, seize the opportunities, and get back home by six o'clock.

— Woody Allen

## AROUND FLORIDA

# Trapper removes 4 gators from school campus

**OSPREY** Officials say a wildlife trapper removed four alligators from a school campus in one day this week.

Pine View School principal Stephen Covert says alligators have been spotted on the sprawling Osprey campus in the past, but the four that were captured Thursday was an unusually high number.

Covert says the trapper played a mating call from a recorder, removed them from the school and let them go at an unknown location. One of the gators was more than 8 feet long.

The animals were caught during the school day, but Covert says it was not a disruption to the students.

Covert told The Sarasota Herald-Tribune reports that the alligators likely came from fenced-in nearby retention ponds in search of mates.

### Robbery suspect shot after chase

**LAKE WORTH** — A man suspected of attempting an armed robbery in Lake Worth in which

shots were fired, is in the hospital after later being shot by a deputy.

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office says it is investigating the incident, which occurred early Saturday morning.

Authorities say deputies responded to the area of the suspected robbery near Sixth Avenue. Later, a patrolling deputy later encountered the suspect, whose name was not released. A foot chase ensued into an alley, where officials say the suspect pointed a gun toward the deputy, prompting the deputy to shoot.

The man was taken to Delray Medical where he was listed in critical condition with non-life threatening injuries.

The deputy, whose name was also not released, has been placed on administrative leave.

### Police officer guilty of selling drugs

**WEST PALM BEACH** — A South Florida police officer has pleaded guilty to selling drugs illegally while in uniform and carrying his service weapon.

Court records show that

45-year-old Dewitt McDonald pleaded guilty in federal court last week. McDonald is an officer with the West Palm Beach Police Department.

Authorities say McDonald also operated a pair of health and wellness clinics. Through these, he acknowledged illegally selling steroids and other prescription drugs.

McDonald also admitted in March that he delivered drugs to another police officer while carrying his weapon and on duty.

McDonald faces a sentence of between five years and life in prison. A Fort Lauderdale federal judge is scheduled to sentence him on July 18.

### Biden to speak at commencement

**MIAMI** — Vice President Joe Biden is set to give a commencement speech in South Florida.

Biden is among the speakers who will be addressing nearly 15,000 Miami Dade College graduates Saturday.

He will address graduates from the college's InterAmerican and Homestead campuses. Biden and George Mason University

President Angel Cabrera also will receive honorary degrees during the ceremony.

### Teen guilty of fatally shooting police dog

**WEST PALM BEACH** — A South Florida teen has been convicted of fatally shooting a police dog during a burglary.

A Palm Beach County jury found 17-year-old Ivins Rosier, who was tried as an adult, guilty Thursday of animal cruelty, armed burglary and shooting into an occupied building. He previously declined a plea deal that would have sent him to prison for 20 years.

Authorities say Rosier was one of three teens who broke into the home of Florida Highway Patrol Trooper Robert Boody in November 2012. During the break-in, a 5-year-old German Shepherd who lived at the home was shot several times. The retired K-9 had to be euthanized five days later.

One of Rosier's co-defendants is still awaiting trial.

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COURTESY

### Supporting our troops

Support the Troops, an organization that donates care packages to military members deployed overseas, recently donated items to the Robert H. Jenkins Jr. Veterans' Domiciliary Home in Lake City. Pallets of donations were given to each Florida veterans home including six nursing homes and the domiciliary here. The donations, delivered by Walmart, included: eight boxes of scrubs for staff, six boxes of books for the resident library, over 200 cases of Girl Scout Cookies, 13 boxes of coffee and tea and 10 boxes of miscellaneous snacks and goodies. Felix C. Johnson, III, Domiciliary Administrator, is pictured with volunteers and veterans after receiving the donations.

### Winning Lottery Numbers

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**Florida Lotto:** (Wednesday) 12-28-34-40-42-47-x4

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## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

# Zimbalist, star of 'The FBI,' dies at 95

**LOS ANGELES** — Handsome, debonair and blessed with a distinguished voice that reflected his elite prep school upbringing, Efreim Zimbalist Jr. seemed born to play the television roles that made him famous, that of hip Hollywood detective and brilliant G-man.

A prolific actor who also appeared in numerous films and stage productions, Zimbalist became a household name in 1958 as Stu Bailey, the wisecracking private investigator who was a co-partner in a swinging Hollywood detective agency located at the exclusive address of "77 Sunset Strip."

When the show of the same name ended in 1964, Zimbalist became an even bigger star playing the empathetic, methodical G-man Lewis Erskine in "The F.B.I."

The actor, who in recent years had retired to his ranch in Southern California's bucolic horse country, died there Friday at age 95.

"We are heartbroken to announce the passing into peace of our beloved father, Efreim Zimbalist Jr., today at his Solvang ranch," the actor's daughter Stephanie Zimbalist and son Efreim Zimbalist III said in a statement. "He actively enjoyed his life to the last day, showering love on his extended family, playing golf and visiting with close friends."

Zimbalist's stunning good looks and cool, deductive manner made him an instant star when "77 Sunset Strip" began its six-season run in 1958.

### Kerry Washington and husband have a girl

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — It's a girl for Kerry Washington and retired NFL player Nnamdi Asomugha.

A birth certificate released Friday shows the couple's daughter Isabelle Amarachi Asomugha was born around

5 p.m. on April 21 in Los Angeles.

The parents haven't announced the baby publicly. Washington's publicist Amanda Silverman said no statement was available.

Washington is the Emmy-nominated star of the ABC series "Scandal." The show's third season was cut short after the 37-year-old actress became pregnant.

Asomugha, a former cornerback with the Oakland Raiders, Philadelphia Eagles and San Francisco 49ers, announced his retirement last year.

### Disney ride centerpiece of New Fantasyland

**LAKE BUENA VISTA** — The centerpiece of the New Fantasyland area inside the Magic Kingdom at Walt Disney World will open to the public on May 28.

On Friday, Walt Disney Parks and Resorts Chairman Tom Staggs announced the opening date of the Seven Dwarfs Mine Train.

The ride is a roller coaster aimed at the whole family. It does have a height requirement of 38 inches.

It takes guests throughout the forested world of the dwarfs, then plunges them into a mine with glowing gems. Scenes and songs from the movie "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" play during the ride, and animatronic dwarfs and animals also make an appearance.

There are some steep hills and quick plunges, and the coaster's cars pivot back and forth.

### 'Grand Budapest' stars sail on Queen Mary 2

**NEW YORK** — The director of "Grand Budapest Hotel" and several of its stars will be sailing across the Atlantic in June aboard the Queen

Mary 2.

Wes Anderson, along with actors Tilda Swinton and Jason Schwartzman, will join passengers on the Cunard Line's flagship for a seven-day New York-to-England sailing beginning June 13.

"Grand Budapest Hotel" will be shown onboard along with other films. The movie, released earlier this year, is about the quirky staff, guests and goings-on at a European hotel.

The QM2 marks its 10th anniversary this year. In New York, the ship homeports in Brooklyn, and will sail to Southampton on this trip.

### Jack Bauer's back to save the day in '24'

**NEW YORK** — Jack's back.

A counterterrorism agent forced to go rogue, Jack Bauer had been lying low since 2010. He's been off the grid and off-screen since the final cycle of "24."

For eight seasons of this Fox thriller, the indomitable Bauer repeatedly saved the country from innumerable disasters (or tried to) at grave cost to himself. But far from being showered in the thanks of a grateful nation, he was branded and re-branded a most-wanted villain for his service. He had no choice but to go on the lam.

Viewers — like his fictional pursuers on "24" — might reasonably have given up on ever seeing Jack again.

But on "24: Live Another Day," he is nabbed by the CIA shortly after 11 a.m., London time, as this real-time, sequential drama erupts with the first of a dozen episodes that will carry the saga to a breathless resolution 12 hours later in the same hectic day.

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his studies in the Physical Therapist Assistant program.

"It means a lot to get my degree after I quit my job because now I can feed my family," he said with laughter. "I haven't worked and my wife has been taking care of me and this means a lot."

Following the ceremony several of the graduates and their families shared hugs and spoke of their journey leading to graduation.

"It feels fantastic to graduate — exciting," said Jaime Marie Roberts, as she stood at the back of the Howard Conference awaiting her family. She is now credentialed to become a physical therapist assistant.

Roberts, a Lake City native, said she was excited that her family and friends were at graduation.

"They're proud of me and excited to see me graduate and it means a lot to me to have them here," she said.

Rodrisica White, of Lake City, had 10 of her family members attend the graduation ceremony and said it was a special occasion for the entire family.

"It means the world to me that they're all here with me today," she said.

White, who graduated with credentials in phlebotomy, said she and her classmates were happy to finally reach graduation day.

"It means the world to us to graduate and get everything lined up so that we could see this day," she said.

Jill Moore and her father John Moore wanted to catch the attention of mother and wife Heidi Moore as she walked across the stage, so the two held up yellow signs with black letters. Jill's sign read "Yay" while John Moore's read "Mom."

"We wanted to make sure she saw us when she walked across the stage," Jill Moore said.

"Not many moms were up there," added John Moore.

"It's awesome," said Heidi Moore, of Fort White, of the graduation signs. "My daughter actually flew in from Virginia to be here. She came to be supportive and it's awesome that she's here. Getting the diploma was a long time coming, but I'm glad I finished. It was rough at my age but my husband and my daughter were supportive throughout the whole evolution."

Jacqueline Williams, of White Springs, is a grandmother who walked across the stage to applause from her children and grandchildren when she received her credentials.

"Words cannot describe it," she said of graduating. "It's a very emotional moment for me. I did it. I wanted to lead by example for my child and my grand daughter."

Dr. Chuck Hall, Florida Gateway College president, said the graduation class will be remembered for diversity in programs.

"They came to Florida Gateway College at a time when we were re-organizing, upgrading, changing faculty and supervisors and programs throughout the college," he said. "They came at an interesting time of change and upgrading."

## SESSION

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March ended up headed to Scott's desk by the time of the Legislature's traditional adjournment "sine die."

### Joint work plan

For the second year in a row, House Speaker Will Weatherford, R-Wesley Chapel, and Senate President Don Gaetz, R-Niceville, touted their ability to compromise and reach a joint "work plan" for their chambers — a shared agenda meant to serve as a contrast to the often-toxic relationship between their predecessors, former House Speaker Dean Cannon and former Senate President Mike Haridopolos.

For the second year in a row, the document included changes to the Florida Retirement System as one of its components. And for the second year in a row, the work plan was largely a success — except for the FRS changes. Gaetz said afterward that the two leaders won approval for "about 4.3" of their five work plan entries.

The failure of the pension overhaul was particularly frustrating for Weatherford, who was the primary force behind overhauling the retirement system for hundreds of thousands of state and county employees. On Wednesday, Weatherford wasn't quite ready to concede defeat on the initiative — but was already eulogizing the plan, which went through multiple versions as lawmakers looked for the combination that could pass the Senate.

"We've always known that it wasn't going to be an easy lift," he said.

Another one of Weatherford's work-plan priorities came down to the very end, when a drive to expand eligibility for the state's de facto voucher program passed in the waning hours of the session. The plan appeared dead on Thursday evening after Democrats used a procedural move to block it on the Senate floor.

But Republicans revived it Friday morning, tacking it onto another education measure (SB 850). That bill passed — only to twice be put on hold in the House, as lawmakers discussed whether to take off language dealing with diplomas for students with disabilities, an issue that was a priority of Sen. Andy Gardiner, an

Orlando Republican who will take over from Gaetz following the November elections. Ultimately, the House let the measure pass unchanged.

### 'Innocents Lost'

Gaetz and Weatherford had already agreed to focus on reforming the child welfare system as part of the work plan when The Miami Herald began running "Innocents Lost," a scathing series of articles documenting 477 child deaths over six years.

On the last day of the session, lawmakers approved a far-reaching bill designed to revamp Florida's child welfare system, which had drawn legislative scrutiny over child deaths even before the Herald's reporting. The measure (SB 1666) passed both chambers unanimously, accompanied by \$47 million in new funding for child protection.

"I believe that this legislation includes provisions that will require information about the tragedy of children dying and make that information available," Gaetz said.

The measure was linked to a sweeping human trafficking bill (HB 7141), and both were collaborations by the House Healthy Families Subcommittee and the Senate Children, Families and Elder Affairs Committee.

Funding for the bills is linked, also. The biggest item is for child protective investigators, with \$18.5 million for 191 positions at the Department of Children and Families and \$8 million for the six county sheriffs' offices that conduct investigations. The goal is to reduce investigator caseloads.

### Gambling goes bust

A gambling overhaul was a crap shoot from the beginning, and in the end it turned out to be no dice.

Lawmakers spent \$400,000 on a gambling analysis by New Jersey-based Spectrum Group, didn't like the first version the industry group provided and, ultimately, shelved any gambling legislation altogether.

Weatherford wanted a constitutional amendment to go on the November ballot that, if approved by voters, would have required a statewide vote on any future gambling expansions.

What finally killed any gambling proposals this session was

Weatherford's almost insurmountable second condition — that Scott complete a deal with the Seminole Tribe of Florida before the end of the session.

### 'Charlotte's Web'

The Republican-dominated Legislature doesn't like pot.

At least, not until this year, when, in an amazing turnaround, legislators gave overwhelming support to a medical marijuana proposal Scott has said he will sign. The proposal deals with a strain of marijuana that is low in euphoria-inducing tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) but high in cannabidiol (CBD). The strain, known as "Charlotte's Web," is supposed to dramatically reduce life-threatening seizures in children with a rare form of epilepsy but has not been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Holley and Peyton Moseley — a Panhandle couple who enlisted the support of Rep. Matt Gaetz, a Fort Walton Beach Republican who just happens to be the Senate president's son — led the charge on the issue on behalf of their adopted daughter RayAnn and about 150,000 other Florida families they say can benefit from the low-THC marijuana.

Scott said he will sign the proposal (SB 1030), though the governor failed to limit the bill as he had hoped. The governor wanted to only allow patients involved in clinical trials to have access to the marijuana, usually administered in paste or oil form.

"I'm a parent and a grandparent. I want to make sure my children, my grandchildren, have the access to the health care they want," Scott told reporters after the measure received final approval from the Legislature on Thursday.

Politically, some Republican lawmakers were faced with a dilemma. For them, approving even a strain of cannabis that purportedly doesn't get users high was troubling. What made it even more problematic was many Republicans' staunch opposition to a proposed constitutional amendment on the November ballot that would allow doctors to order regular old marijuana for critically ill patients.

### Immigration

Republicans settled on two proposals: One that would allow undoc-

umented immigrants brought to America as children to pay in-state tuition at state colleges and universities, and another paving the way for an undocumented immigrant to practice law in Florida.

In perhaps the highest-profile turnaround, Scott has promised to sign both bills.

### Record budget

One bill will never be a surprise when it passes the Legislature: The budget for the coming fiscal year, which begins July 1. Lawmakers are constitutionally incapable — literally — of going home without deciding how to spend the tens of billions of dollars that come in from the state's taxpayers and the federal government.

In this case, it was nearly \$77.1 billion, a record in terms of raw dollars. The state's economic recovery appears to be picking up steam. And while Scott and Crist argued over whether the governor or the president deserves more credit, the Legislature was more than happy to shower the extra funding on public schools, child welfare and more than a few local projects.

Not to mention the \$500 million in tax and fee reductions — most of it spoken for in a measure Scott has already signed to roll back an increase in motor-vehicle fees signed by (not coincidentally) Crist. The other \$105 million was covered by a mish-mash of tax holidays, credits and exemptions that the House sponsor, Rep. Ritch Workman, R-Melbourne, labeled a "patchwork of awesomeness."

What adjective did Workman, R-Melbourne, use to describe the final version of HB 5601 approved Friday? "Awsomer."

The handful of Democrats who voted against the bill were left with only one complaint: Lawmakers should have spent more, particularly on education and trimming waiting lists for state services.

"The economy is good. We're moving in the right direction. There's more money around. But there's a problem with priorities," said Rep. Elaine Schwartz, D-Hollywood.

The budget sailed through, the session adjourned and lawmakers were free to focus on their re-election campaigns — and ponder what surprises might be in store when they return in a little more than 300 days to start the annual session all over again.

## LINDSEY

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a local hospital where she died, according to LCPD.

Police believe Avinger drove to the area with her three-week-old infant to visit Lindsey, the child's father. Before fleeing the scene, police say he delivered the infant to a relative.

Third Circuit State Attorney Jeff Siegmeister said he would decide in the coming weeks whether to seek the death penalty.

"I'm reviewing it," he said Friday. "I can't ignore his history with her, his history with other people, as well as the nature of the crime."

LCPD reported at least 11 incident of domestic violence involving Lindsey and Avinger over the past two years, records show.

## SPRINGS

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Speaker Will Weatherford, R-Wesley Chapel, had expressed skepticism about the Senate proposal, which underwent several late-session changes.

The most notable alteration came last month

when a proposal was stripped from the plan to use existing revenue, estimated at up to \$378 million a year, from a tax on real estate transactions to fund the springs improvements.

Prior to the session, Weatherford suggested that water-policy issues may have to wait until the 2015 session.

Sen. David Simmons, an Altamonte Springs Republican who is also part of the group of five senators behind the bill, remained optimistic that the bill would get House support by the end of the session.

Regardless, Simmons said people shouldn't look down on the \$30-plus million allocated in the bud-

get for springs next year. The House and Senate approved the fiscal 2014-15 budget Friday.

"We have received a significant sum of money compared to prior years," Simmons said. "It's not what we wanted, but it is significant."

The amount is \$20 million less than Gov. Rick Scott requested.




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ANOTHER VIEW

## Liberal censorship at work in America

**R**onald Reagan reminded us of the need to always fight for, protect and defend our freedoms, because freedom is never “more than one generation away from extinction.” Liberty is not the sort of thing lost all at once; it disappears bit by bit through proposals like those recently advanced by Sen. Edward J. Markey, Massachusetts Democrat, and Rep. Hakeem Jeffries, New York Democrat.

They propose to have the National Telecommunications and Information Administration watch television, listen to radio and surf the Internet on a scavenger hunt for speech that they say encourages “hate crimes.”

The Hate Crime Reporting Act of 2014 represents the latest effort to deputize the federal government as the online speech police. “It is important,” says Mr. Jeffries, “to comprehensively evaluate the scope of criminal and hateful activity on the Internet that occurs outside of the zone of First Amendment protection.”

What type of speech goes beyond the reach of the First Amendment? There is no doubt the Internet has its dark corners. The same freedom that allows us to explore new ideas, criticize our government and post cat pictures also serves as a platform for misguided individuals to spew invective and racism. It’s an unfortunate byproduct of liberty.

What the congressional Democrats are targeting, however, isn’t virtual Ku Klux Klan rallies. The left slaps the “hate speech” label on just about anything with which it disagrees. They aim to shut down conservative voices.

The National Organization for Women has repeatedly accused popular talk-radio host Rush Limbaugh of promoting hate speech. Feminists have demanded that the Federal Communications Commission pull the licenses of the radio stations airing his nationally syndicated program. “It’s time for the public to take back our broadcast resources,” wrote Jane Fonda, Robin Morgan and Gloria Steinem in a joint op-ed essay for CNN. “Limbaugh has had decades to fix his show. Now it’s up to us.”

While Mr. Markey’s legislation only creates a study of the issue, the idea behind it is to empower the government to determine what speech is acceptable and to “fix” the speech that is objectionable. Many leftists, as we have seen, have a liberal interpretation of what’s objectionable.

Special-interest groups, from the recording industry to Las Vegas casinos, have all pushed their own legislation to regulate the Internet to gain a market advantage for their products and services. Most, thankfully, have been defeated.

The freedom to express our thoughts and ideas on the Internet is far too valuable to let go without a fight. Mr. Markey’s bill isn’t likely to go anywhere this session, but it shows the precarious state of our First Amendment freedoms that he introduced it in the first place.

■ Washington Times



## Economy puts squeeze on weeknight dinner

**W**ith all the recent turmoil, it may seem the least of our collective worries is the escalating cost of food. But for millions of Americans, this is a daily worry.

Prices of beef, pork, fruits and vegetables are rising; current bouts of bad weather will not help.

True, we pay a smaller percentage of our incomes for food than much of the world. And too many of us have eaten too many calories over the years.

But most Americans get by on a fixed amount of money each week; 10 or 20 dollars more spent for the same amount of food means something has to give.

Not insignificantly, along with plain old bad weather, climate change seems to be an increasing factor in food prices, along with mysterious blights, government regulations, land prices and changing food tastes.

The price of limes is front-page news. (Yes, we now have the 89-cent lime. The Wall Street Journal found a California Mexican restaurant needing 1,000 limes a week that will give customers a 25-cent margarita in exchange for a bag of limes from backyard fruit trees.)

Apparently, the harsh winter and heavy rains have decreased the lime supply from Mexico, which provides 97 percent of the 500,000 tons Americans squeeze each year. Prices have quadrupled.

But this is about more than the search for half a lime to jam into a bottle of Corona, even with the approach of Cinco de Mayo.

In Florida the citrus crop is imperiled by one of the worst



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blights in memory. No changing out that margarita for a mimosa or a salty dog without worrying about the rent.

As grilling season begins, we learn the number of cattle coming to market has plummeted because of recession and the dreadful winter. For 19 consecutive months inventories in U.S. feedlots with 1,000 head of cattle or more have declined from the same months the previous year. There’s evidence beef prices are the highest in 17 years.

Drought now extends to 50 percent of the contiguous United States, causing water shortages and weakening farmland values.

As for pork, prices are at an all-time high because of a deadly pig virus.

And woe to you if you crave healthful “super foods.” At an East Coast supermarket, blueberries were fetching \$10 for 16 ounces although most customers were putting them back after ascertaining they were, in fact, ordinary blueberries.

The White House, with its own carefully tended vegetable garden, seems unconcerned. President Obama, seen not too long ago exiting a \$400-a-person sushi bar in Japan, has other things on his mind.

But prices are skyrocketing so fast it could be an issue in the all-important, crucial, incredibly significant, make-or-break midterm November elections. (If you have been focused on other things such as making a living, Democrats might lose control of the Senate, leaving Obama at the mercy of Republicans who can’t abide him controlling Congress.)

More significantly, high food prices hurt the poor and the few Americans left who call themselves middle class. Families are eating cereal for breakfast and dinner; fresh produce is even scarcer on America’s tables.

Chalking up the cost of breakfast a few weeks ago, USA Today found eggs up 5.7 percent, tomatoes up 6.9 percent, sausage up 8.7 percent, potatoes up 6.9 percent and oranges up 12.2 percent.

The Agriculture Department says it hopes “normal weather” will resume and prices will settle back to “historical norms.”

But after more than a decade of war, Americans are telling pollsters they want their political leaders to pull back from world affairs and fix domestic problems. Who can blame them? The trillion dollars spent on war could rebuild a lot of roads and bridges, address water distribution issues, fund research and start rebuilding the economy so a few more dollars spent at the supermarket wouldn’t be so painful for so many.

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## A ‘Mockingbird’ for a new generation

*“I wanted you to see what real courage is, instead of getting the idea that courage is a man with a gun in his hand. It’s when you know you’re licked before you begin, but you begin anyway and see it through no matter what.” — Atticus Finch in “To Kill a Mockingbird”*

**A**fter more than 50 years, “To Kill a Mockingbird” remains one of America’s most beloved books. The seminal tale follows Atticus, a courageous, strong-willed, morally impeccable lawyer, and his preteen daughter and teenage son as Atticus defends a black man wrongfully accused of raping a young white woman in a small Alabama town.

Published in 1960, the novel helped shape our national consciousness about race. It particularly helped whites reconcile with their racial past by offering a painfully honest portrait of those who manipulate and profit from race, and then counterbalancing it with Atticus — patient, perceptive, honest, courageous, conscientious protec-

tor of the weak and voiceless. The father every child wants, the lawyer every defendant hopes for. The person we’d all like to be.

The combination of compelling characters and issues, an honest and contentious storyline, and its introduction in the early 1960s — a time when the country was grappling with race — turned “To Kill a Mockingbird” into an instant American treasure. According to a study by the Center for the Learning and Teaching of Literature, it is the fifth-most-widely taught piece of literature in schools, just behind “Romeo and Juliet,” “Macbeth,” “Huckleberry Finn” and “Julius Caesar.”

“To Kill a Mockingbird” is at once charming and repulsive, forgiving and cruel — all within the pages of one book. And for 50 years, that was the only way you could access the beautifully written prose of Harper Lee: in traditional book form. So, we were delighted when, in a rare public statement Monday, Lee announced that she would allow “To Kill a Mockingbird” to be offered as an e-book and digital audiobook, beginning July 8.

“I’m still old-fashioned. I love dusty old books and libraries,” said Lee, 88. “I am amazed and humbled that ‘Mockingbird’ has survived this long. This is ‘Mockingbird’ for a new generation.”

Indeed it is. According to the Kids and Family Reading Report, the percentage of children who have read an e-book almost doubled from 2010 to 2013. And one has only to follow the past week’s news to understand the importance of continuing to expose new generations of Americans to this coming-of-age tale about race and stereotypes: Nevada rancher Cliven Bundy’s outrageous commentary about slavery, Los Angeles Clippers owner Donald Sterling’s reportedly bigoted attitude toward blacks.

With “Mockingbird” now set for e-release, we can only hope that other major works follow suit. We nominate: “The Catcher in the Rye,” “The Autobiography of Malcolm X” and “One Hundred Years of Solitude” to start.

■ Dallas Morning News

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

## Ongoing

### Artists wanted

The Art League of North Florida is seeking artists for their Ninth Annual Juried Art Show which will take place June 7 through August 17. Participants must either be a member of the Friends of Columbia County Public Library or the Art League of Florida, fees are \$5 or \$25, respectively. Applications containing all the rules and details of the art show are available at the three branches of the Columbia County Public Library, the Fabric Art Shop, and the Frame Shop and Gallery in Live Oak. Call the Gateway Art Gallery at 386-752-5229 with questions.

### Crafters wanted

Artisans and crafters are wanted for the art/market fair in Macclenny on July 12. Cost is \$10 per booth. Email Cynthia at [ivycottageofmacclenny@gmail.com](mailto:ivycottageofmacclenny@gmail.com) for application or call (904)994-5595.

### Books needed

The Friends of the Columbia County Library are in need of books for their ongoing book sale. They accept books and magazines of all genres. Please bring your donations to the Main Library.

### Fundraiser

An ongoing fundraiser for Janet Dyal, a lung transplant candidate, is currently taking place. Janet is No. 6 on the list for transplants at Mayo in Jacksonville and, as a part of her medication, has been asked to raise \$15,000. Raffle tickets for a one-hour massage offered by Christa Davis at Morse Chiropractic are \$5. Buy them from Tina at Cracker Barrel or call the Dyals at 386-269-0962. A benefit will be held at Ops in St. Mary's Thursday, June 5 from 5-8 p.m.

## Today

### Author to speak

Join the Friends of the Library as they host Helen Hill, author of Searching for Holy Ground. Helen will speak at the Main Library on Sunday, May 4 at 2 p.m.

### GriefShare

GriefShare, a grief recovery support group, will meet every Sunday



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

## Praying for the nation

New Life Christian Fellowship members Charlie Ellis (from left), Carolyn Ellis, Carolyn Burnham and Ray Burnham bow their head in prayer during the National Day of Prayer on Thursday.

through May from 4-5:30 p.m.. First United Methodist Church, 973 S. Marion Ave. GriefShare is a nondenominational group and features biblical teaching on grief and recovery topics. Real help for deep hurt. Call 752-4488 for more information.

## May 5

### Young Professionals

The Chamber of Commerce will hold a Young Emerging Professionals Social and Cinco de Mayo Celebration at the Holiday Inn & Suites Hotel on Monday, May 5 from 5-7 p.m. RSVP to 386-752-3690.

## May 6

### Open House

The Chamber of Commerce will hold an Open House and R/C for Academy of Martial Arts at 492 SE Country Club Road on Friday, May 9 at 10:30 a.m. RSVP to 386-752-3690.

## May 7

### Lake City Newcomers

The Lake City Newcomers will meet on Wednesday, May 7 for their Friendship Lunch at

Texas Roadhouse at 11:30 a.m. Call Rose Taylor at 755-2175 for more.

### Grieving God's Way

First Presbyterian Church will offer a grief support program for those who have lost loved ones. "Grieving God's Way" will run each Wednesday at 5 p.m. between May 7 and May 28 at the First Presbyterian Church Education Building, room 112. Space is limited to eight participants. Call the church office at 752-0670 to register.

### LifeStyle Enrichment

The Boomers will perform karaoke at the LifeStyle Enrichment Center on Wednesday, May 7 from 10:45- 11:30 a.m.

### Death of a Spouse

Hospice of Citrus will offer a Death of a

Spouse Support group on Wednesday, May 7 at 11 a.m. at the Wings Education Center, 857 SW Main Blvd. The workshop, facilitated by Jerry Tyre, Grief Services Manager is a monthly support group to suggest ways of coping with a recent loss of a spouse. For information or to regis-

ter, contact Vicki Myers at 755-7714 Ext. 2411 or 866-642-0962. There will be no charge for this event.

## May 8

### Girls Night Out

Shands Lake Shore Regional Medical Center and Lake Shore Hospital

Authority will host a Girls Night Out at the Holiday Inn & Suites Hotel on Thursday, May 8 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Melinda Keener, MD Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, will be the guest speaker. RSVP to [shandslakeshore.com](mailto:shandslakeshore.com) or 386-292-8120. Space is limited.

## May 9

### Ribbon Cutting

The Chamber of Commerce will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony for Applebee's at 2893 US Highway 90 on Monday, May 5 from 5-7 p.m. RSVP to 386-752-3690.

## May 10

### CHS '55 Reunion

The CHS Class of 1955 is having its 59th Reunion on Saturday, May 10 at the Lake City Garden and Woman's Club, 257 SE Hernando Ave. The event will take place from 2:30-2:30 p.m. Call 386-752-0823.

### '49-'53 reunion

The CHS classes of 1949-1953 will hold a class reunion on Saturday, May 10 at 11:30 a.m. at Mason City Community Center. Out of town members need only to bring themselves. Locals should bring a covered dish. Drinks and place settings will be provided. This is an open reunion and any class member is welcome. Call 752-7544 with questions.



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## OBITUARIES

### Margaret Elizabeth Howell

Mrs. Margaret Elizabeth Howell, 94 of Wellborn, passed away peacefully on Friday, May 2, 2014 at the Lake City Medical Center. She was born in Altha, Florida and was the last surviving of five children to the late Dillard and Miriam Douglas. Mrs. Howell lived most of her life in Jacksonville and moved to Suwannee County in 1972. She was very strong in her faith and loved her church family at Mt. Beulah Baptist Church in Wellborn. Mrs. Howell was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, Mr. Roscoe Jasper Howell in 2003, one son, William Ray Howell in 2008 and one grandson, Christopher Poole in 1999.

Survivors include her three daughters, Mary Howell Thrasher (Jim), Lake City, Melba Howell Matthews (Mike), Roswell, GA and Wanda Howell Doumar (David), Jupiter, FL; one daughter in law, Patricia Howell, Wellborn; six grandchildren, Sherri Lee (Don), Lake City, Alan Raulerson (Stacy), Ft. Myers, FL, Matthew Doumar, New York, NY, Philip Doumar, Tampa, FL, Cole Howell (Kathryn), Fairfax, VA and Lisa Walling (Brian), Setaukut, NY; and six great grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services for Mrs. Howell will be conducted on Tuesday, May 6, 2014 at 2:00 PM in the Chapel of Guerry Funeral Home with Rev. Lewis Gooch, pastor of Mt. Beulah Baptist Church officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Beulah Baptist Cemetery. Visitation with the family will be from 1-2:00 PM, Tuesday, one hour prior to the service at the chapel. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Mt. Beulah Baptist Church Building Fund or the Haven Hospice Suwannee Valley Care Center. Arrangements are

### Lance Michael Reid

Mr. Lance Michael Reid, 34 of Lake City died Sunday April 27, 2014 due to injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He had made Lake City his home after moving here from Connecticut he was a member of Epiphany Catholic Church. He had worked for Timco, contracted cell towers, and also, with Flight Star Sub Contracts with STS. He enjoyed mowing the lawn, watching television, spending time with his family and going to the beach. He was a "Good" dad to his only child.

Lance is survived by his daughter Katryn Noelle Reid, Lake City, FL; his mother Lee Fowler (Papa Donnie) Lake City, FL; his father Dennis Reid, Sr. Lake City, FL; two brothers Dennis Reid, Jr. (Amy) Charleston, S.C.; Shawn Reid (Cindy) Lake City, FL; two sisters Heather Stokes (Tony) and Dawn Peisel (Eric) both of Lake City, FL; his two brothers in Arms David Barrett, and Ron Parrish. A memorial service will be conducted Monday May 5, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. at the DEES-PARRISH FAMILY FUNERAL HOME CHAPEL. Family will receive friends one hour prior to service time. Dees-Parrish Family Funeral Home in Lake City, FL is in charge of all arrangements. 458 South Marion Avenue Lake City, FL 32025. Please sign guestbook at [www.parrishfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.parrishfamilyfuneralhome.com).

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# 50 years after first grade



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Several members of the Richardson High School/Columbia High School Class of 1975 returned to Niblack Elementary School Friday to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the start of their public education with the current school's staff. Attending were: Jessie Williams Taylor (front row from left), Conrad Wallace, Valliee Caldwell, Ronald Griffin, Rhonda Wright Washington, Winfred Warren and Gloria Robinson Daniels. (Second row from left) Steve Bell and Annie Flowers Stewart. (Top row from left) Nathaniel Thomas Jr., Naacomia Taylor, Melinda Moses (Niblack Elementary School principal), Hattie Mack and Lonnie Morgan.

# 13 return to visit Niblack Elementary

By TONY BRITT  
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A group of 13 former Niblack Elementary School students returned to the school Friday morning to commemorate and celebrate the beginning of their educational careers. Many in the group attended Minnie J. Niblack Elementary School from 1963-1969. The 2013-14 school year marks the 50th anniversary of the beginning of their journey through the education system. "We're out here today basically to celebrate 50 years from first grade," Conrad Wallace, 1975 Richardson High School/Columbia High School class president. "Numerous classmates were here and we've

had a good time since we've been here. Ms. [Melinda] Moses [Niblack Elementary School principal] and her staff have really accepted us and been really professional to all of us." Wallace said he and the group came out to reminisce about the things they did in school and he noted the building hasn't changed. During their visit, the group toured the school, answered questions for current students and watched the students compete in a math competition. "It truly is like a de ja-vu to come out to the school," said Gloria Robinson Daniels, the 1975 class treasurer. "It makes me smile and feel warm all over." Daniels, who said she

had 13 years of perfect attendance during her school career, said her parents stressed the importance of an education to her and she wanted to pass that along. She said the group, which meets monthly, visited the school last year. Moses said it was lovely morning at the school for both the students and for the guests. "The Class of 1975 alumni got to get those feelings back about being in school, those positives of a family atmosphere that they felt here that we feel we still have at Niblack Elementary," she said. "We put them with some students to discuss what school was like when they were here. It was nice for both groups to have a positive experience."

# Lessons about Agriculture

Shining Star students participate in Ag Literacy Day.



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**ABOVE:** 4-H Poultry Club leader Kaicie Chasteen holds a two month old gosling named Black Beard while sharing the book 'Florida Farms at School' with sixth and seventh graders at Shining Star Academy for Ag Literacy Day on Friday.



**TOP RIGHT:** Clovers of Columbia 4-H member Emy Chasteen (left) shows baby ducklings to second and third graders at Shining Star Academy during Ag Literacy Day Friday.



**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Chasteen holds Speckles, a Plymouth Rock hen, as she shares the Ag Literacy book 'Florida Farms at School.'

# Ceremony will honor fallen public safety officers

From staff reports

The Columbia County Public Safety Memorial Service will be held on Tuesday, May 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of The First Baptist Church of Lake City. The ceremony is an opportunity for local and state Emergency Services Agencies to gather together and honor the 15 individuals who have died in service to the people since 1900. Columbia County's Fallen Heroes are: William T. Strange, City Marshall, November 28, 1900; Hardy A. Revels, Police Officer, November 22, 1922; Leon Walker, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, August 13, 1970; Charles W. Parks, State Trooper, February 6, 1973; Dan Crowder, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, May 3, 1974; Walter F. Irey, Deputy Sheriff, July 6, 1976; William T. Williams Jr., Deputy Sheriff, July 6, 1976; Austin Gay, Agricultural Law Enforcement Officer, April 14, 1979; Merle T. Cook, State Trooper, July 13, 1981; Charles B. Stafford, Police Officer, June 9, 1991; Jefferson H. Davis, Deputy Sheriff, May 30, 2002; George A. "Andy" Brown III, State Trooper, April 27, 2004; Brett L. Fulton, Forest Ranger, June 20, 2011; Josh O. Burch, Forest Ranger, June 20, 2011; and Ruben H. Thomas III, Correctional Officer, March 18, 2012. Agranite memorial, which is engraved with the names of the 15 Fallen Heroes, is on the banks of Lake De Soto behind the Columbia County Courthouse. Local residents are invited to join the Public Safety Memorial Committee as we remember and honor fallen heroes and their families.

# Register now for county summer camps, clubs

**Day Camp**  
The Columbia County Recreation Department began registration for Day Camp on May 1. Space is limited to the first 50 registrants. The camp is open to boys and girls, 6-13 and will be held Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Camp dates are June 9-August 8. The cost for the 9-week camp is \$250 and will include a variety of daily activities, free breakfast, lunch & snack and weekly field trips. (Admission charges for weekly field trips are included in the price of admission.) An early-bird discount of \$25 will be

given during the first 2 weeks of registration. Cost May 1-16 is \$225; May 19-June 6 is \$250. Late registration June 9-13 is \$275. Sibling discounts available, for additional information please contact Mario Coppock or Nicole Smith @ 754-7095 or 754-7096.

**Girls, Boys Club**  
Registration for the Lake City Recreation Department Girls Club and Boys Club begins Wednesday, May 14 at 8 a.m. and will continue until the camp is full. The cost of the camp is \$250. Youth must be between the ages of six and 13

and completed first grade. Call Terri Phillips or Tara Kriehauser at 386-719-5840.

**CHS Camps**  
The North Florida Center of Excellence in conjunction with the Florida Education Fund of Tampa will hold two summer camps at Columbia

High School. The camps will be held June 9-26 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Application deadline is May 16. The Common Core/FCAT math camp is open to upcoming 6-8 graders. The SAT camp is opened to upcoming 9-12 graders. For more information contact Gloria McIntosh @ 386-755-8080

ext 293 or mcintoshg@columbiak12.com.

**Summer Camp**  
The Boys and Girls Club of Columbia County began registration for summer camp on May 1. Boys and girls ages 6-14 are eligible to attend. Fees for the program are \$225. Call 752-4184 for more information.

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HAVEN HOSPICE DERBY DASH

# Years of history on the streets of Lake City

By STEVEN RICHMOND  
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Over a century of automotive history was parked along the edge of Lake DeSoto Saturday morning during the Derby Dash 5K Festival and Car & Truck Show.

Organized by and benefiting Haven Hospice, the event combined the center's annual 5K with an antique car show highlighting automotive masterpieces dating as far back as an 1899 Pierce Arrow bicycle on display at Darby Pavilion.

About 60 runners/walkers gathered early Saturday, raising funds for Haven Hospice and their unreimbursed programs and services benefitting Suwannee Valley residents.

"Last year some local car clubs wanted to add a car show to help with the run," said Haven Hospice Event Coordinator Stephanie Brod. "This is our first year doing it like this ... We called it 'Derby Dash' because the Kentucky Derby is tonight."

Once the runners finished their jaunt around town, car enthusiasts shared the unique histories behind their pride-and-joys.

"This here is a Chevy-powered Ferrari,"

said Randy Cook by his 1959 Ferrari 250 GT, a model made famous during events like the Mille Miglia, a historic 1000-mile endurance race through Italy. "It wasn't unusual to replace a Ferrari engine with an American one back then. [Ferrari engines] were expensive and parts were hard to come by in America."

To Cook, a quality car isn't something "that's cool today and not cool tomorrow ... It's something that has ageless appeal."

James Bond would feel right at home in the two vehicles retired Public Defender Dennis Roberts brought to the show: A cream 1973 Jaguar XKE V-12 Roadster and a jet-black 1964 Chevy Impala SS Convertible — both with original engines.

"I felt they were really beautiful cars," Roberts said. "They're a great way to meet people in general. Whenever I drive [the Jaguar] around, people stop and wave and say hello. It really brightens people's days

... It feels like you're doing something positive."

Richard Lasseter drove from Valdosta, Georgia to show off his red and white 2013 Ford GT40 — a rare find, considering only 500 were ever made.

"The whole theme of the [original 1960s GT40] was a big battle between Ford and Ferrari," Lasseter said. "Nobody could beat Ferrari at Le Mans [a French 24 hour endurance race]. That made

Henry Ford mad, so he pulled out all the stops and made the GT40. It's a tribute to Ford and their ability to beat Ferrari in 1966 [at Le Mans]."

The GT40 was the first American vehicle to win Le Mans and continued to do so three more times up to 1969.

"I'm typically an old muscle-car kind-of-guy," Lasseter said. "But I drove this because it needed to be driven."



Photos by STEVEN RICHMOND/Lake City Reporter  
A 1957 Chevy Bel Air.



Dewey Burton (right) wipes rain off of his 1963 Chevy Corvette Sting Ray at the Haven Hospice Derby Dash 5K Festival and Car & Truck Show Saturday.



ABOVE: Jeremy Glass (right) checks out the interior of a 1959 Ferrari 250 GT at the Haven Hospice Derby Dash 5K Festival and Car & Truck Show by Randy Cook. The Ferrari 250 model gained notoriety for its performance in the historic Mille Miglia, a round-trip 1,000-mile endurance race from Brescia to Rome, Italy.

TOP LEFT: Phil and Ann Soliz of Lake City show off their custom 1982 Chevy Corvette with scissor doors open.



Jeff Delaney's 1968 Ford Bronco was one of the few antique SUVs on display at the Haven Hospice Derby Dash 5K Festival and Car & Truck Show Saturday.

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**NATIONAL FORECAST:** Low pressure will provide cloudy skies and wet weather across the Northeast and into the northern portions of the Mid-Atlantic. A storm system will move onshore in the Northwest, with cloudy and wet weather for that region as well.

### NATIONAL FORECAST MAP 3 p.m. today

**YESTERDAY'S NATIONAL EXTREMES** High: 98°, Imperial, CA Low: 23°, Mt. Washington, NH

### REGIONAL FORECAST MAP for Sunday, May 4

Sunday's highs/Sunday night's low

City	Monday	Tuesday
Cape Canaveral	84/65/pc	86/67/pc
Daytona Beach	87/64/pc	88/63/pc
Fort Myers	90/65/pc	90/67/pc
Ft. Lauderdale	84/72/pc	85/74/pc
Gainesville	89/60/s	88/60/s
Jacksonville	89/60/s	89/61/pc
Key West	84/75/pc	85/78/pc
Lake City	89/60/s	88/60/s
Miami	85/72/pc	86/74/pc
Naples	85/68/pc	85/70/pc
Ocala	89/58/s	89/60/s
Orlando	89/68/pc	90/69/pc
Panama City	80/65/s	79/66/pc
Pensacola	80/69/s	81/70/pc
Tallahassee	89/60/pc	87/60/pc
Tampa	87/68/pc	88/69/pc
Valdosta	90/60/pc	87/60/pc
W. Palm Beach	84/71/pc	84/72/pc

### LAKE CITY ALMANAC

TEMPERATURES	SUN
High Saturday	64 Sunrise today 6:44 a.m.
Low Saturday	60 Sunset today 8:10 p.m.
Normal high	84 Sunrise tom. 6:44 a.m.
Normal low	59 Sunset tom. 8:10 p.m.
Record high	95 in 2002
Record low	45 in 1925

PRECIPITATION	MOON
Saturday	0.20" Moonrise today 11:09 a.m.
Month total	3.31" Moonset today 12:12 a.m.
Year total	9.74" Moonrise tom. 12:01 p.m.
Normal month-to-date	0.18" Moonset tom. 12:54 a.m.
Normal year-to-date	13.69"

May 6 First May 14 Full May 21 Last May 28 New

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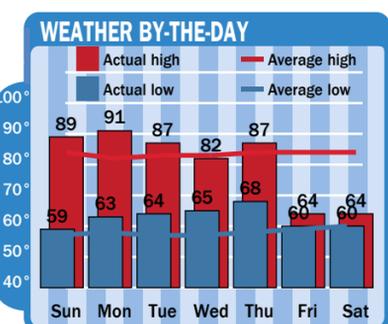
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CITY	Saturday Hi/Lo/Pcp.	Today Hi/Lo/W	CITY	Saturday Hi/Lo/Pcp.	Today Hi/Lo/W	CITY	Saturday Hi/Lo/Pcp.	Today Hi/Lo/W
Albany	63/48/.00	57/44/ts	Des Moines	71/46/.00	61/45/pc	Oklahoma City	86/46/.00	94/64/s
Albuquerque	75/46/.00	84/53/s	Detroit	60/46/.04	57/40/pc	Omaha	68/46/.00	67/48/pc
Anchorage	57/43/.00	66/45/pc	El Paso	80/51/.00	91/64/s	Orlando	73/69/.24	85/61/pc
Atlanta	73/48/.00	83/61/s	Fairbanks	64/43/.00	63/40/pc	Philadelphia	69/53/.00	69/47/sh
Baltimore	69/51/.00	74/47/sh	Greensboro	73/51/.00	82/54/pc	Phoenix	93/68/.00	100/70/pc
Billings	45/41/.00	63/43/ts	Hartford	66/41/.00	62/43/ts	Pittsburgh	60/48/.00	61/37/sh
Birmingham	75/46/.00	86/62/s	Honolulu	78/71/.00	82/70/pc	Portland ME	61/42/.00	58/42/ts
Bismarck	50/37/.00	57/40/sh	Houston	82/55/.00	86/68/pc	Portland OR	59/50/.00	60/48/r
Boise	67/51/.00	69/48/pc	Indianapolis	64/44/.00	66/47/pc	Raleigh	73/53/.00	83/55/pc
Boston	64/51/.00	62/47/sh	Jackson MS	80/48/.00	86/56/s	Rapid City	54/38/.00	64/42/pc
Buffalo	55/45/.03	53/37/ts	Jacksonville	64/59/.43	84/58/s	Reno	73/55/.00	71/41/pc
Charleston SC	75/61/.00	85/61/s	Kansas City	60/50/.00	83/56/pc	Sacramento	68/55/.00	76/53/pc
Charleston WV	66/46/.00	74/49/sh	Las Vegas	93/70/.00	96/68/pc	Salt Lake City	77/55/.00	79/53/pc
Charlotte	73/48/.00	84/58/pc	Little Rock	81/46/.00	88/61/s	San Antonio	66/57/.00	91/61/s
Cheyenne	72/37/.00	78/44/pc	Los Angeles	87/64/.00	78/57/pc	San Diego	84/66/.00	68/58/pc
Chicago	64/46/.00	56/39/sh	Memphis	78/52/.00	86/63/s	San Francisco	62/55/.00	61/53/fg
Cincinnati	66/42/.00	70/47/sh	Miami	89/77/.00	85/71/pc	Seattle	59/48/.05	58/48/ts
Cleveland	60/48/.01	57/39/sh	Minneapolis	59/43/.00	55/40/pc	Spokane	59/52/.00	60/43/ts
Columbia SC	73/50/.00	84/53/pc	Mobile	79/50/.00	86/59/s	St. Louis	72/57/.00	83/55/pc
Dallas	86/51/.00	91/62/pc	New Orleans	82/57/.00	84/64/s	Tampa	75/66/.39	84/65/pc
Daytona Beach	70/64/.71	84/61/pc	New York	64/50/.00	63/46/sh	Tucson	91/59/.00	96/61/s
Denver	56/49/.00	83/50/pc	Oakland	61/54/.00	65/53/fg	Washington	72/57/.00	76/49/sh



### WEATHER HISTORY

A large tornado with a width of 500 yards swept through the town of Pleasant Hill, Mo., hitting the town's high school and grade school on this date in 1977. Due to superb tornado warnings and drills, no fatalities and only minor injuries occurred.

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Acapulco	87/75/.00	87/78/pc	La Paz	60/32/.00	62/39/ts	Rio	82/66/.00	84/68/s
Amsterdam	55/39/.00	53/39/s	Lima	77/68/.00	73/66/pc	Rome	66/51/.00	66/48/pc
Athens	71/51/.00	71/60/pc	London	57/35/.00	59/42/s	San Juan PR	89/79/.01	88/76/pc
Auckland	68/48/.00	68/53/pc	Madrid	73/41/.00	75/46/pc	Santiago	93/71/.00	93/73/s
Beijing	77/44/.00	77/44/s	Mexico City	73/50/.00	73/51/pc	Seoul	77/51/.00	66/44/s
Berlin	57/37/.00	57/35/s	Montreal	60/46/.00	59/46/r	Singapore	91/80/.00	91/80/ts
Buenos Aires	68/62/.00	68/59/pc	Moscow	50/30/.00	53/35/s	St. Thomas VI	86/78/.00	87/78/s
Cairo	98/71/.00	96/82/s	Nairobi	80/60/.00	78/59/pc	Sydney	59/53/.00	60/51/r
Geneva	57/50/.00	57/41/r	Nassau	87/77/.00	87/77/s	Tel Aviv	93/59/.00	93/64/s
Havana	89/71/.00	89/68/ts	New Delhi	98/80/.00	107/80/s	Tokyo	77/62/.00	77/51/pc
Helsinki	46/28/.00	51/30/r	Oslo	48/41/.00	57/33/pc	Toronto	48/41/.00	50/41/r
Hong Kong	86/77/.00	84/75/pc	Panama	93/77/.00	87/77/pc	Vienna	55/46/.00	60/41/pc
Kingston	87/80/.00	87/77/ts	Paris	59/41/.00	59/41/s	Warsaw	48/39/.00	48/33/r

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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# Repeat roadblock

Columbia falls to Creekside, 3-0, in regional final.

By TIM KIRBY  
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Cotton-eyed jolt. Columbia High's softball team does a dance to the old fiddle tune as part of its pre-game ritual, but it was Creekside High that had the floor at the end of the game.

Creekside derailed Columbia's return to the final four to defend its state championship with a 3-0 regional final win in Lake City on Saturday.

The Lady Tigers managed just three hits and had only one base runner reach third.

Sami Hays threw the shutout for the Knights. She walked three and struck out six.

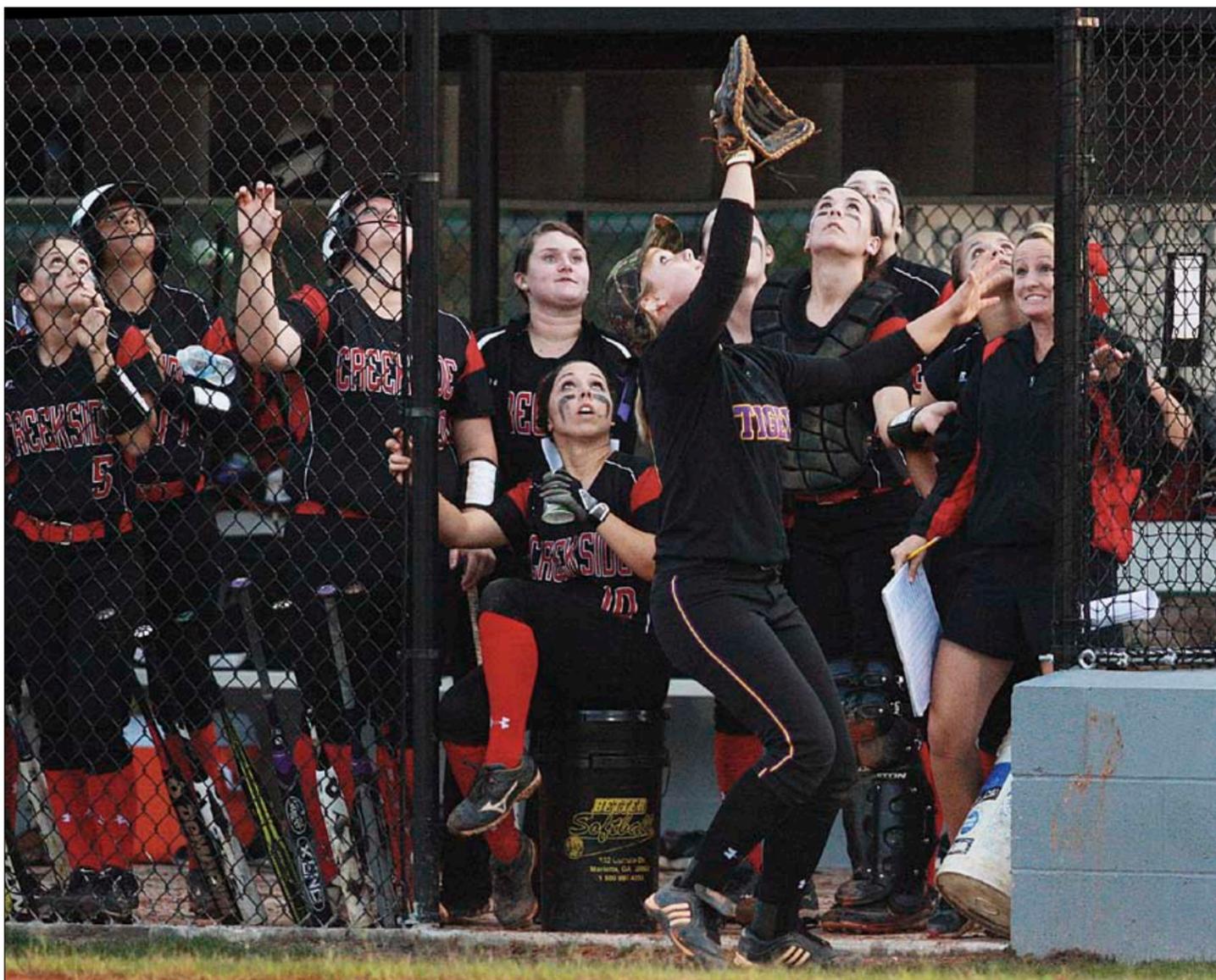
"I knew they are an awesome team and I had to come out and stay focused," Hays said. "We came out and played our best. My change-up was working and my curve ball. I didn't get many calls on it, but it was keeping them off-balance. That was the main key."

Columbia's Erin Anderson stayed right with Hays, pitching shutout ball for 5½ innings. With two outs in the sixth inning, Creekside put together a double, single and home run for the three runs.

Ashley Chambers doubled off the fence in center field and Jennifer Miller punched her first pitch to right field for an RBI. Hannah Dekle then crushed a 2-1 pitch that cleared the truck brigade lining the outfield fence.

"I was looking for my pitch," Dekle said. "I thought of my team and when I hit it I knew it was gone. God was on my side and we came together as a team."

Ashley Shoup relieved



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High first baseman Brittney Morgan tracks down a fall ball for an out alongside the Creekside High dugout on Saturday.

Anderson and gave up two hits, then got the final four outs. She had two strikeouts. Anderson gave up seven hits, but did not walk a batter and struck out four.

Columbia threatened in the second inning when Hollianne Dohrn led off with a single to right field. Tatum Morgan followed with a single up the middle. Brandy Morgan hit a shot off Hays' glove, but she recovered to get a force at third base.

Brandy Morgan had a two-out single in the fourth inning for Columbia's last hit of the game.

The Lady Tigers had base runners in the next two innings.

With one out in the fifth, Brittney Morgan walked and Lacey King bunted and reached on an error. Kayli Kvistad forced King and later moved into scoring position.

Dohrn walked to lead off the sixth inning and Brandy Morgan walked one out

later, but there would be no Columbia comeback this night.

Creekside's Miller caught the final two outs in right field, giving her five putouts on the night.

"Coming into the game we knew they were a great lineup," Miller said. "I had to be mentally prepared and be ready to get the ball. I did not think they would hit any to me. The adrenaline was going the whole time on that last out and everybody running to me. There

are no words for this."

Hannah Janz had two hits for the Knights. Miller had a hit in the second inning and was picked off second by Dohrn. Dekle had a single in addition to her dinger and Alex Walton had a double. Ali French also had a hit.

Creekside (21-5) returns to the final four, after they went last year in Class 5A.

"I told them going in we were playing one of the best teams," Creekside head coach Sabrina Hartsell said.

"It is probably the most powerful lineup we have faced. Sami did a phenomenal job with her composure."

Columbia finished the season 28-2 and repeated as district champions.

"You can't win with zero," CHS head coach Jimmy Williams said. "This loss does not define us as a team. It is only our second loss this year and we have had only six the last two years. These truly were the best two teams in the region."

# Still plenty of reasons left to smile

Unfortunately losing is part of the game, but it gives a chance to learn the hard lessons of life, where losing happens far more often than Columbia High's softball team has experienced.

While it's been an amazing ride, in the end it's only a game.

Life is sure to throw many more heartbreaking moments at these girls. There will be lost loved ones, some may struggle with financial issues, but in the end, they'll always have

FROM THE SIDELINE



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the memories with their teammates.

Nothing can take away what they have accomplished over the last two years.

When life throws dirt in

their face, this moment will fade further into the back of their minds.

What they'll remember is all that has been accomplished.

This is a team of seniors that have led the Lady Tigers to three regional finals, a state title, and a win at the prestigious Kissimmee Klassic. They became the first team to be ranked No. 1 in school history, won the Doc4life tournament and won back-to-back district titles.

That's what they're going to remember years from now.

Sure, they'll remember the loss. They'll pick out the little things that could have happened differently, but that's what competitors do. That's what makes this team different, and that's what will help them succeed in life.

The Lady Tigers have always been able to bounce back after a defeat only this time, there aren't any games left to be played.

Some will go on to play in college, some will return to Columbia next year, and some won't ever play again. But for this team, the one that took the field together

for 30 games this season, the ride is over, and losing is not what will define them.

Defining moments in life are not made in moments of defeat. The defining moments are always made after a loss.

Nobody remembers how Tim Tebow played against Ole Miss in 2008, but everyone remembers the speech and how Florida responded.

Nobody will remember how Columbia was eliminated years from now, but they'll know how these girls respond later.

Will they become doctors? Will they go on to play in the Olympics? Will they teach and mold a new crop of girls to reach for their dreams as they did?

That's what will be important.

Columbia head coach Jimmy Williams said after the game that these girls will be hard to replace, but they're not going anywhere. What they've done will be etched in the school's history forever.

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**ARENA FOOTBALL**  
 7 p.m.  
 ESPN2 — Spokane at Los Angeles

**AUTO RACING**  
 1 p.m.  
 FOX — NASCAR, Sprint Cup, Aaron's 499, at Talladega, Ala.  
 FS1 — USCC, Prototype Challenge/GT Daytona, Monterey Grand Prix, at Monterey, Calif.

**5:30 p.m.**  
 FS1 — USCC, Prototype/GT Le Mans, Monterey Grand Prix, at Monterey, Calif.

**COLLEGE BASEBALL**  
 2 p.m.  
 ESPN — LSU at Texas A&M

**COLLEGE SOFTBALL**  
 1 p.m.  
 ESPN — Florida at Arkansas  
 3 p.m.  
 ESPN — Stanford at UCLA

**GOLF**  
 6:30 a.m.  
 TGC — European PGA Tour, The Championship at Laguna National, final round, at Singapore (same-day tape)

**1 p.m.**  
 TGC — PGA Tour, Wells Fargo Championship, final round, at Charlotte, N.C.

**3 p.m.**  
 CBS — PGA Tour, Wells Fargo Championship, final round, at Charlotte, N.C.

TGC — LPGA, North Texas Shootout, final round, at Irving, Texas

**7 p.m.**  
 TGC — Champions Tour, Insuperity Invitational, final round, at The Woodlands, Texas (same-day tape)

**MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL**  
 1:30 p.m.  
 MLB — Regional coverage, San Francisco at Atlanta or Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees (1 p.m.)

**8 p.m.**  
 ESPN — St. Louis at Chicago Cubs

**MOTORSPORTS**  
 7 a.m.  
 FS1 — MotoGP World Championship, Grand Prix of Spain, at Jerez, Spain

**NBA BASKETBALL**  
 1 p.m.  
 ABC — Playoffs, first round, game 7, Dallas at San Antonio OR Brooklyn at Toronto (if necessary)

**1 p.m.**  
 TNT — Playoffs, first round, game 7, Brooklyn at Toronto

**3:30 p.m.**  
 ABC — Playoffs, first round, game 7, Dallas at San Antonio

**NHL HOCKEY**  
 3 p.m.  
 NBC — Playoffs, conference semifinals, game 2, Minnesota at Chicago

**7:30 p.m.**  
 NBCSN — Playoffs, conference semifinals, game 2, N.Y. Rangers at Pittsburgh

**SOCCER**  
 8:25 a.m.  
 NBCSN — Premier League, West Bromwich at Arsenal

**10:55 a.m.**  
 NBCSN — Premier League, Norwich at Chelsea

**4 p.m.**  
 NBCSN — MLS, Columbus at Kansas City

**Monday**  
**MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL**  
 7 p.m.  
 ESPN — St. Louis at Atlanta

**NBA BASKETBALL**  
 8 p.m.  
 TNT — Playoffs, conference semifinals, game 1, teams TBD

**10:30 p.m.**  
 TNT — Playoffs, conference semifinals, game 1, teams TBD

**NHL HOCKEY**  
 7:30 p.m.  
 NBCSN — Playoffs, conference semifinals, game 3, N.Y. Rangers at Pittsburgh

**10 p.m.**  
 NBCSN — Playoffs, conference semifinals, game 2, Los Angeles at Anaheim

**SOCCER**  
 2:55 p.m.  
 NBCSN — Premier League, Crystal Palace vs. Liverpool, at London

## BASKETBALL

### NBA playoffs

**FIRST ROUND**  
**Wednesday**  
 San Antonio 109, Dallas 103  
 Toronto 115, Brooklyn 113  
 Houston 108, Portland 98

**Thursday**  
 Indiana 95, Atlanta 88  
 Oklahoma City 104, Memphis 84  
 Golden State 100, L.A. Clippers 99, series tied 3-3

**Friday**  
 Brooklyn 97, Toronto 83, series tied 3-3  
 Dallas 113, San Antonio 111, series tied 3-3  
 Portland 99, Houston 98, Portland wins series 4-2

**Saturday**  
 Indiana 92, Atlanta 80, Indiana wins series 4-3  
 Oklahoma City 120, Memphis 109, Oklahoma City wins series 4-3  
 Golden State at L.A. Clippers (n)

**Sunday**  
 Brooklyn at Toronto, 1 p.m.  
 Dallas at San Antonio, 3:30 p.m.

**CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS**  
**Monday**  
 Washington at Indiana, TBD  
 L.A. Clippers or Golden State at Oklahoma City, TBD

## FOOTBALL

### NFL calendar

Wednesday — Deadline for club to exercise right of first refusal for its restricted free agents.  
 Thursday-Saturday — 2014 NFL draft, New York.  
 May 19-21 — Spring league meeting.

Atlanta.  
 June 22-28 — Rookie symposium, Aurora, Ohio.  
 Aug. 3 — Hall of Fame game, Canton, Ohio.  
 Sept. 4 — Regular season begins, Green Bay at Seattle.  
 Sept. 7-8 — First full weekend of regular season.

## BASEBALL

### AL standings

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	16	13	.552	—
Baltimore	15	13	.536	½
Boston	15	16	.484	2
Tampa Bay	14	17	.452	3
Toronto	13	17	.433	3½

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	16	9	.640	—
Kansas City	14	15	.483	4
Minnesota	13	15	.464	4½
Chicago	14	17	.452	5
Cleveland	13	17	.433	5½

West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	18	12	.600	—
Texas	16	13	.552	1½
Los Angeles	14	14	.500	3
Seattle	13	15	.464	4
Houston	10	20	.333	8

**Saturday's Games**  
 N.Y. Yankees 9, Tampa Bay 3  
 Boston 6, Oakland 3  
 Minnesota 6, Baltimore 1  
 Seattle 9, Houston 8  
 Cleveland 2, Chicago White Sox 0  
 Pittsburgh 8, Toronto 6  
 Detroit 9, Kansas City 2  
 Texas at L.A. Angels (n)

**Today's Games**  
 Chicago White Sox (Rienzo 2-0) at Cleveland (Kluber 2-3), 1:05 p.m.  
 Tampa Bay (Bedard 0-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 3-3), 1:05 p.m.  
 Oakland (Gray 4-1) at Boston (Lackey 4-2), 1:35 p.m.  
 Toronto (McGowan 1-1) at Pittsburgh (Volquez 1-2), 1:35 p.m.  
 Baltimore (Mi.Gonzalez 1-2) at Minnesota (P.Hughes 2-1), 2:10 p.m.  
 Detroit (Verlander 3-1) at Kansas City (Vargas 2-0), 2:10 p.m.  
 Seattle (Maurer 0-0) at Houston (McHugh 2-0), 2:10 p.m.  
 Texas (Darvish 1-1) at L.A. Angels (Skaggs 2-0), 3:35 p.m.

**Monday's Games**  
 Minnesota (Gibson 3-2) at Cleveland (McAllister 3-2), 7:05 p.m.  
 Toronto (Happ 0-0) at Philadelphia (Undecided), 7:05 p.m.  
 Houston (Cosart 1-2) at Detroit (Scherzer 3-1), 7:08 p.m.  
 Chicago White Sox (Quintana 1-2) at Chicago Cubs (Samardzija 0-3), 8:05 p.m.  
 Texas (M.Perez 4-1) at Colorado (Lyles 3-0), 8:40 p.m.  
 N.Y. Yankees (Undecided) at L.A. Angels (Weaver 2-2), 10:05 p.m.  
 Seattle (C.Young 1-0) at Oakland (Kazmir 4-0), 10:05 p.m.  
 Kansas City (Ventura 2-1) at San Diego (Stults 1-3), 10:10 p.m.

**NL standings**

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	17	12	.586	—
Washington	17	13	.567	½
New York	15	13	.536	1½
Miami	15	14	.517	2
Philadelphia	14	14	.500	2½

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	21	10	.677	—
St. Louis	15	16	.484	6
Cincinnati	14	16	.467	6½
Pittsburgh	12	18	.400	8½
Chicago	11	17	.393	8½

West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	19	11	.633	—
Colorado	18	13	.581	1½
Los Angeles	17	13	.567	2
San Diego	13	17	.433	6
Arizona	10	22	.313	10

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 Chicago Cubs 3, St. Louis 0  
 Pittsburgh 8, Toronto 6  
 Philadelphia 7, Washington 2  
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 Sept. 1 — Active rosters expand to 40 players.  
 Sept. 30 — Postseason begins.  
 Oct. 22 — World Series begins.

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 Site: Talladega, Ala.  
 Schedule: Today, race, 1 p.m. (Fox, 12:30-5 p.m.).  
 Track: Talladega Superspeedway (oval, 2.66 miles).  
 Race distance: 500.08 miles, 188 laps.  
 Next race: 5-Hour Energy 400, May 10, Kansas Speedway, Kansas City, Mo.  
 Online: <http://www.nascar.com>

**NATIONWIDE AARON'S 312**  
 Next race: Iowa 250, May 18, Iowa Speedway, Newton, Iowa.  
**CAMPING WORLD TRUCK**  
 Next race: SFP 250, May 9, Kansas Speedway, Kansas City, Mo.  
**VERIZON INDYCAR**  
 Next race: Grand Prix of Indianapolis, May 10, Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Indianapolis.  
 Online: <http://www.indycar.com>

**FORMULA ONE**  
 Next race: Spanish Grand Prix, May 11, Circuit de Catalunya, Barcelona, Spain.  
 Online: <http://www.formula1.com>

**NHRA MELLO YELLO DRAG RACING**  
 Next event: NHRA Summer Nationals, May 16-18, Atlanta Dragway, Commerce, Ga.  
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# Columbia High softball



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Members of the Columbia High softball team dance while in a huddle before their regional final against Creekside High on Saturday.



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Columbia High's Kayli Kvistad slaps hands with teammates as she is introduced prior to the regional final against Creekside High on Saturday.



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Columbia High's Brittney Morgan bunts against Creekside High on Saturday.



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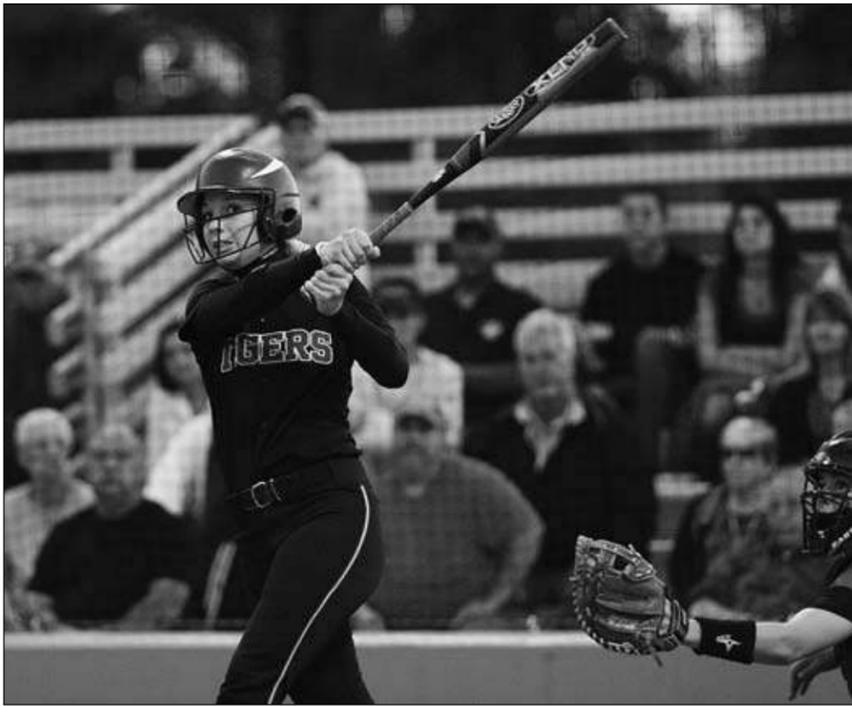
Columbia High's Kelby Hogan slides into third base against Creekside High in the Lady Tigers' 3-0 loss in the 6A regional final on Saturday.

# wraps up season 28-2



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High's Brandy Morgan dives back to first base before Creekside High's Ali French can tag her out in the regional final on Saturday.



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Columbia High Hollianne Dohrn eyes a foul ball she hit against Creekside High on Saturday.



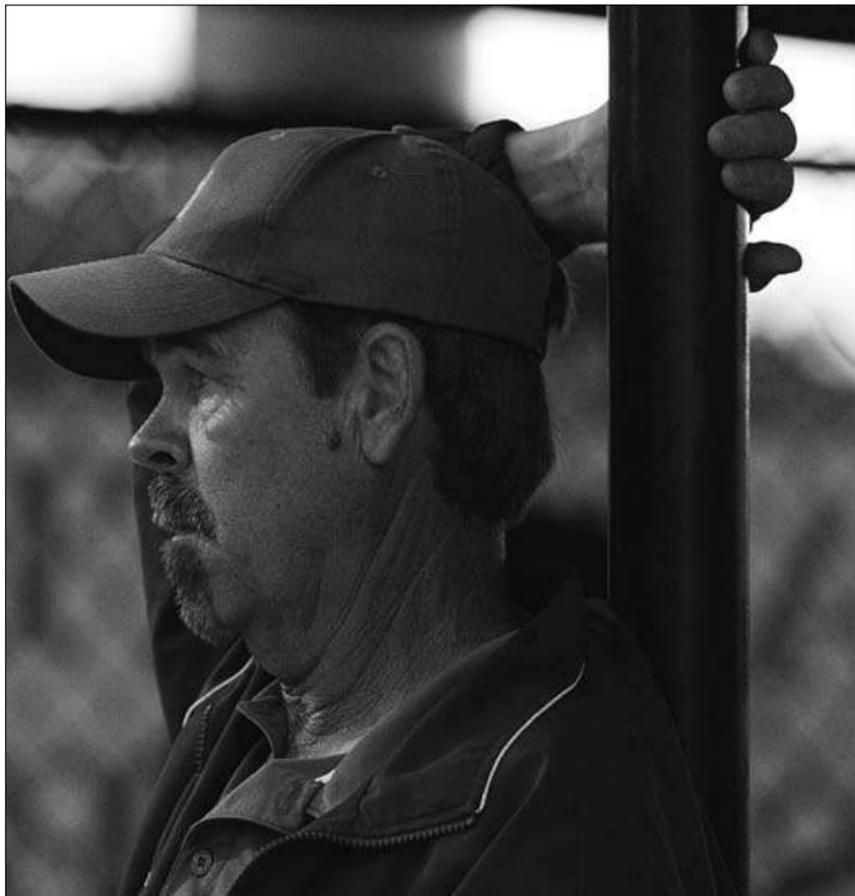
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Brittney Morgan swings at a Creekside High pitch during the region finals on Saturday.



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Columbia High's Kamdyn Kvistad unsuccessfully tags Creekside High's Ashley Chambers out at second base.



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Columbia High head coach Jimmy Williams looks on as his team struggles to keep up with Creekside High on Saturday.



# Outdoors360

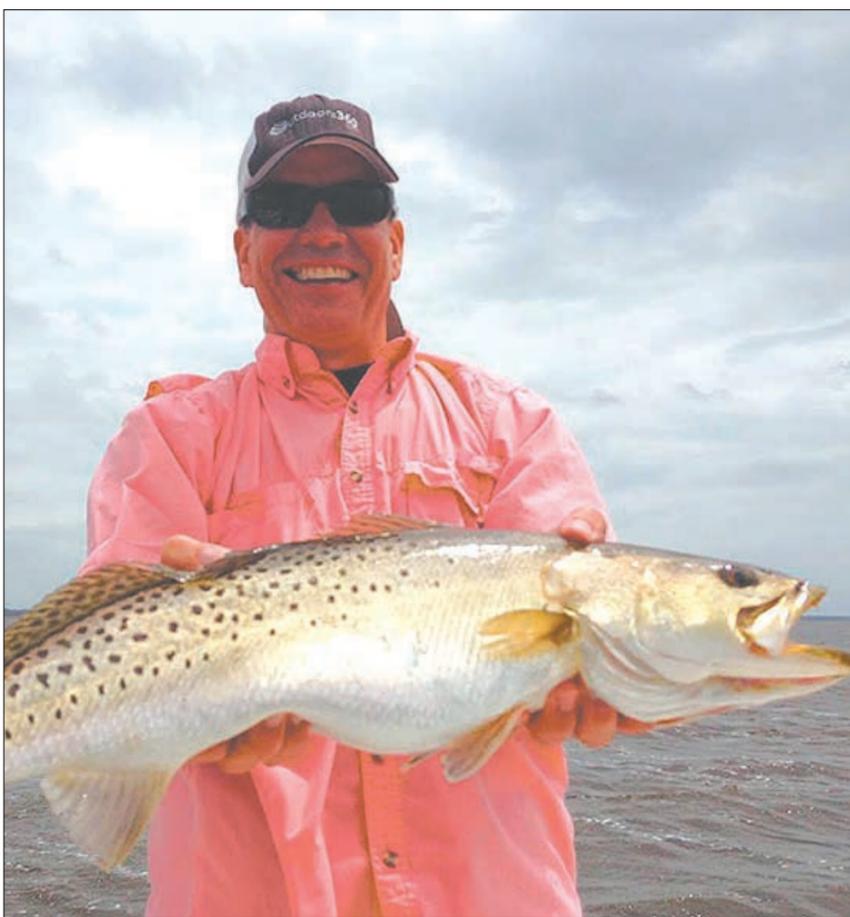


Photo provided by Rob Chapman

Ralph Rowand with a personal best 27-inch trout.

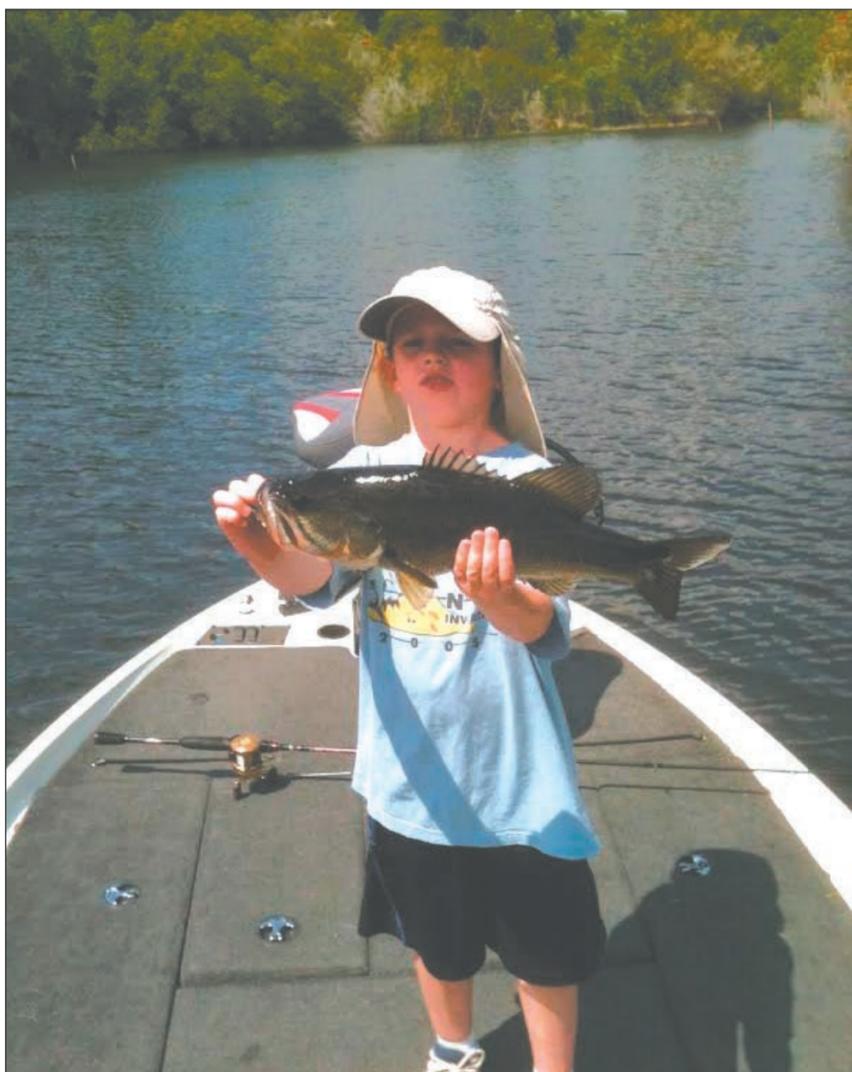


Photo provided by Rob Chapman

Jonathan Parker D. Jordan caught this bass all by himself, while fishing with his grandpa, Ray Hill.

# Wreck discovery

I'm a one-trick pony when bottom fishing offshore. I learned from several die-hard bottom guys that knew way more about the sport than me, and I asked a billion questions. We built up a "book" of numbers over the years, chock full of our favorite fishing spots, and it was full of rocks, reefs, coral, lots of sand, and a couple of mystery spots. The Gulf of Mexico inside of 35 miles (where we primarily fished), is very well documented, with every public reef, shipwreck, and weather buoy marked and available with exact GPS locations.

There are few secrets, and nearly every wreck, reef and large piece of structure will have boats on it when the weather allows. Finding a new fishing spot that no one knows about seems harder than finding a needle in a haystack.

So what happens when you go, say 120 miles or more into the Gulf of Mexico, where fishing boats rarely venture. For anglers Justin Hey, Danny Pool, Brian Beukema and Jay Travis, comprising the hardcore fishing team Seaveeche, a needle in a haystack was found resting in 412 feet of water — but the anglers were unaware of the extent of their discovery.

"We found a spot while trolling a few years ago," Hey said. "We had two numbers in the general area that we fished. On one trip we were trolling when our depth finder alarmed us of something very large on the bottom. We knew it was a wreck of some type. We had fished it three or four times, catching amberjack to 90 pounds, Warsaw and gag grouper, and large red snapper."

Keeping such a discovery a secret is hard to do, especially with undiscovered shipwrecks still haunting the Gulf of Mexico.

So when curiosity built within the anglers about the possibilities of their discovery, they made contact with Michael C. Barnette, an accomplished diver, author and photographer. Barnette has helped in identifying more than 30 unknown shipwrecks in the past 20 years.

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**Rob Chapman**

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"I was contacted by these hardcore anglers, curious about deep-water shipwrecks in the Gulf of Mexico off Southwest Florida," he said. "Brian gave me a rough position of their site to see if I had any shipwreck coordinates in the area in the off chance the site might already be identified ... Eventually, it was clear to me that their site was different and undocumented."

With their curiosity climaxed, the anglers planned a trip with Barnette, dive partner Joe Citelli, and support diver Michael Muscato, to make the extreme plunge 400 feet down into the Gulf of Mexico. With every safety precaution taken, they left on a Friday night in September to calm seas. The crew arrived after running all night to see the mystery below light up their Furuno 585 depth finder on Saturday morning.

The divers made their way along the anchor line, passing huge schools of amberjack that the anglers knew would be present. At 400 feet, there was no room for error. The divers had about 20 minutes of bottom time to take it all in, while also trying to comprehend what they had discovered. Equipped with a scooter and camera, Barnette worked his way around the wreck, documenting as much as

he could. After a lengthy decompression, the divers surfaced and the journey was reset back for home.

"We discussed the wreck but ultimately could not answer the one inevitable question: What was the identity of the shipwreck?" Barnette recalls. "That would have to wait until I could get home to compare my notes and photographs from the dive with information archived in my shipwreck files."

The discovery was compared with numerous reports, before Barnette pieced it all together. "That mystery wreck is the 346-foot, 42-foot wide Whaleback steamer The City of Everett, built in 1894. This wreck is loaded with significant historical value. Originally built in Everett, Wash., by Pacific Steel, this was the first and last vessel built by them, as well as the only West Coast Whaleback vessel ever built. It was the first U.S. Steamship to pass through the Suez Canal, as well as the first to circumnavigate the globe. The ship was sunk during a storm on Oct. 12, 1923, while on a trip from Cuba to New

Orleans. All 26 crewmen were lost after the radio operator relayed an S.O.S. and report the ship was going down stern first."

So the mystery has been solved for the curious anglers and divers, but they aren't quite done with it yet.

"We are going to go back and see if we can recover any additional items on the wreck. On the first visit many pieces of antique china and portholes could be seen laying in the sand," Hey says.

And in case you're wondering, its location is still a secret known only to these select few.

■ Rob Chapman IV is a tournament winning angler and outdoorsman from Lake City. He's an award winning marine artist, a graduate of Florida Gateway College and of Jacksonville University. He is currently the Coordinator of Marketing, Web, & Graphics Production at FGC, and is active both in the outdoors and designing for outdoors companies throughout the world. He'd love to hear from you! Send your reports, photos, and articles to [rob@outdoors360.com](mailto:rob@outdoors360.com).

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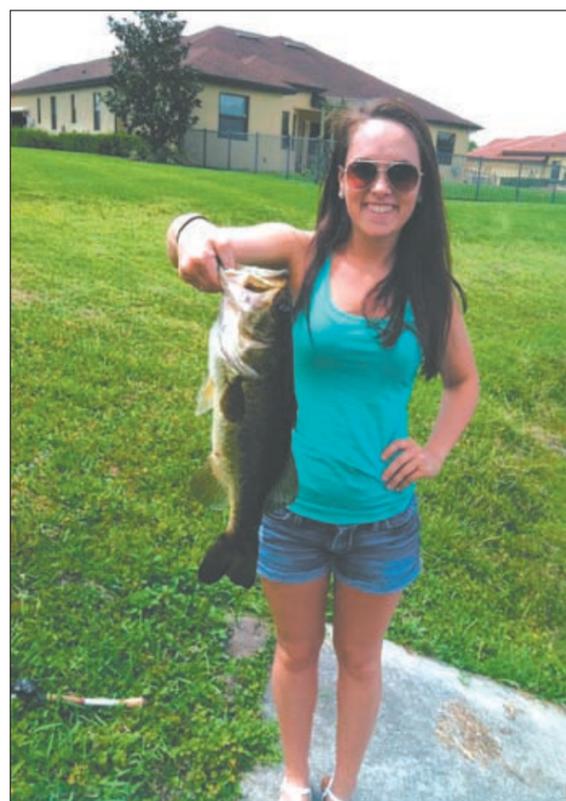


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Carson Palmer caught this bass while fishing with a Kevin VanDam Sexy Shad crankbait.

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