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Yoho is tea party pick

Local group says it's wary of challenger.

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The North Central Florida Tea Party board of directors has unanimously endorsed incumbent Ted Yoho for U.S. Congress in the Aug. 26 primary.



Yoho

The board's seven members cited various reasons for their choice, but one of their chief reasons, agreed on by many of them, is that they know and trust Yoho.

"I think he shares our values," board member Jo Lytte said. "I think he believes in the Constitution."

The NCFTP ran an ad in The Lake City Reporter in Wednesday's edition that lists the results of its "leadership straw poll" for the primary, and even though it says in the advertisement that the straw poll is not an endorsement, NCFTP president John Lacquey said it is a list of the candidates the local tea party board endorses.

Board secretary Sharon Higgins said the board

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'The evolution of Pedro Jermaine'



TOP: 'My Weakness,' a 16x20 oil on canvas from The Evolution of Pedro Jermaine. **CENTER:** 'Innocence,' an 18x24 oil/graphite on canvas from The Evolution of Pedro Jermaine. **BOTTOM:** 'The Redeemed,' a 24x36 oil on canvas from Mammography Art Initiative.



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Pedro Jermaine displays some of his artwork in his home studio. The oil on canvas paintings — 'The Surreal' (from left), 'Glamorous Life,' 'Global Diversity,' 'Uncontrollable Thoughts' and 'Reflecting: Finding Self' — all have a personal touch. 'I try to put a message in my work. It's a way I get out my release, anguish. I let everything go.'

Lake City resident inspires children to follow their passions.

By EMILY BUCHANAN
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A local resident who has remained hidden from the spotlight for eight years has emerged from the shadows as he paints his way through Lake City.

Pedro Jermaine Perry, 35, an information technology professional, was born in Live Oak and is a well-known artist in the South Florida area, but said he has lived in Lake City for the last eight years merely to paint in the quiet, until recently.

"I figured it was time to get involved with the community," Perry said. "Whether it's donating art or giving kids advice about art, I've always tried to give back to the community."

Perry said he began to branch out to the community in helping students from

'I used to look at my reflection in the mirror when I was younger and tell myself that I was going to make a difference in people's lives.'

Hands of Change paint a mural for Richardson Middle School last Saturday. He said Hands of Change is an organization in Gainesville that works with the youth teaching them the importance of community service.

At the age of 6, Perry said while he watched the "Muppet Babies" television show, he was able to find his hidden talent. "First, I looked all over the house," he said. "I looked under the couch, in the cabinets and in all the closets of my mom's apartment. Fortunately, I found it a few days later while I was in Suwannee Elementary School when I drew a picture of an anteater."

He said as his grandmother supported his talent while he would spend close to 13 hours a day as a child drawing all kinds of

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Candidate Forum 2014 to air again this weekend



A Florida Gateway cameraman views the monitor as Rusty DePratter (right) and Marc Kazmierski answer questions.

By EMILY BUCHANAN
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Residents who did not get to watch candidates running for the local race aired live on public television during the Candidate Forum 2014 at Florida Gateway College on August 4 and 5, now have the opportunity from Friday through Monday to watch a replay of the political forum on television.

The forum will air on Comcast Channel 8 on all four nights.

The first political forum held August 4 will air Friday from 8-10

Replay schedule

August 4 forum (U.S Congress, county attorney, school board):

- Friday from 8-10 p.m.;
- Saturday from 6-8 p.m.;
- Sunday from 6-8 p.m.;
- Monday from 8-10 p.m.

August 5 forum (county commission, city council):

- Friday from 10 p.m.-midnight;
- Saturday from 8-10 p.m.;
- Sunday from 8-10 p.m.;
- Monday from 10 p.m.-midnight.

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The August 4 forum included U.S. Rep Ted Yoho, R-Gainesville, and challenger Jake Rush, a Gainesville lawyer who also seeks the Republican nomination for congressional District 3. Candidates seeking the school board District 1 and District 3 seats and the county attorney post were also featured on the first day.

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Attempting the shot

Shawn Stamper (left) and Ricky Knight watch as Wes Johnson, 7, attempts to make a backwards basketball shot at Youngs Park on Wednesday. Johnson made his previous attempts at closer positions.

Man arrested for video voyeurism at Wal-Mart

JACKSONVILLE — Call it a different kind of "cellfie" — a smartphone photograph that lands the taker in jail. Jacksonville authorities, acting on a tip posted on their Facebook page, arrested a man for taking a smartphone photo up a woman's skirt at Wal-Mart.

The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office arrested 29-year-old James Harvey hours after posting images on its Facebook page from surveillance video taken at the store.

The images showed a black truck driven by the suspect, and a commenter said they thought they'd seen the vehicle in the Windy Hills area of the city.

Police went to the area and found the truck — and Harvey.

He is charged with video voyeurism and other charges.

Harvey was released on bail. It is not clear if he had an attorney.

Officer fired 9 times in Orlando bar shooting

ORLANDO — Police say nine bullets were fired from an officer's gun during a confrontation with an armed man outside a downtown Orlando nightclub, including a bullet that accidentally killed a female bystander inside the bar.

A police report released Wednesday says Officer Eduardo Sanguino fired nine times at Kody Roach after Roach ignored police instructions to get on the ground, a Taser failed to incapacitate Roach and Roach appeared to be reaching for his waistband.

Roach survived the shooting and was charged Wednesday with carrying a concealed weapon.

A 22-year-old bystander inside the

bar was killed after she was struck by a stray bullet.

Roach was thrown out of the bar after security noticed he had a concealed gun.

SeaWorld drops appeal of OSHA violation

ORLANDO — SeaWorld Entertainment has dropped an appeal of citations it received after the drowning of a trainer who was pulled under by a killer whale, ending any chance of trainers ever again swimming with orcas during shows.

The marine park company said in a Securities and Exchange Commission filing last week that it wasn't going to pursue the appeal of a court's decision to uphold the citations.

Last April, the federal appeals court in Washington said SeaWorld's challenge to the finding was unpersuasive, and that the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission was correct when it found that the SeaWorld park in Orlando had violated a federal workplace safety law.

SeaWorld trainer Dawn Brancheau was killed in 2010 when killer whale Tilikum grabbed her and pulled her into a pool.

Tilikum became the focus of a critical 2013 documentary film "Blackfish."

After an investigation into Brancheau's death, OSHA recommended that trainers perform with killer whales only when they have a protective barrier or sufficient distance from the marine mammals, making it impossible for trainers to swim with the whales during shows.

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Winning Lottery Numbers

Cash 3: (Wednesday) 7-0-1
Play 4: (Wednesday) 5-4-6-6
Fantasy 5: (Tuesday) 2-5-9-12-30

Thought for Today

Strength is the capacity to break a chocolate bar into four pieces with your bare hands and then eat just one of the pieces. — Judith Viorst, newspaper journalist (born 1931)

Scripture of the Day

"I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure."

— Psalm 16:8-9

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The greatest reward

Florida Gateway College nursing student Kirby Roberts, 21, studies at the school's library on Wednesday. Roberts said that he is proud to be venturing into nursing because the greatest 'reward would be helping others in need.'

New York City mayor declares 'Al Roker Day'

NEW YORK — Al Roker didn't have this honor in his forecast.

Mayor Bill de Blasio surprised the beloved "Today Show" weatherman on his 60th birthday Wednesday and declared it Al Roker Appreciation Day across the city.

De Blasio presented Roker with a mayoral proclamation featuring a photograph of the home where Roker grew up in St. Albans, Queens.

De Blasio's appearance came during the second hour of the NBC morning show.

The program aired a retrospective on Roker's life and career and had other surprises planned to mark the start of his seventh decade.

Emmys: Crystal to pay tribute to Robin Williams

LOS ANGELES — Billy Crystal will pay tribute to Robin Williams, his

longtime friend and fellow comedian, at next week's Emmy Awards.

Crystal will honor Williams as part of the traditional "in memoriam" segment for industry members who died during the past year, Emmy executive producer Don Mischer said in a statement Wednesday.

Mischer said the memorial segment during Monday's ceremony will include a performance from Grammy-nominated singer-songwriter Sara Bareilles.

The Emmy Awards will be broadcast by NBC.

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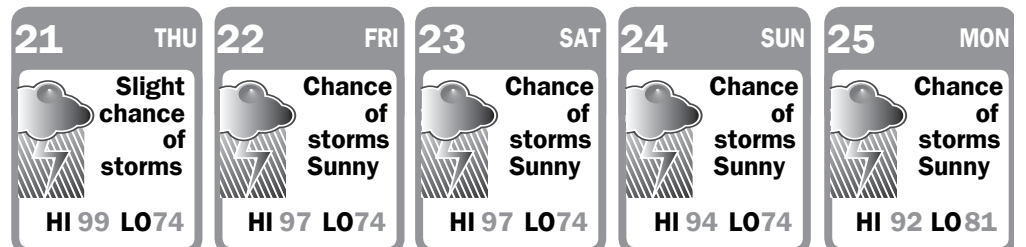
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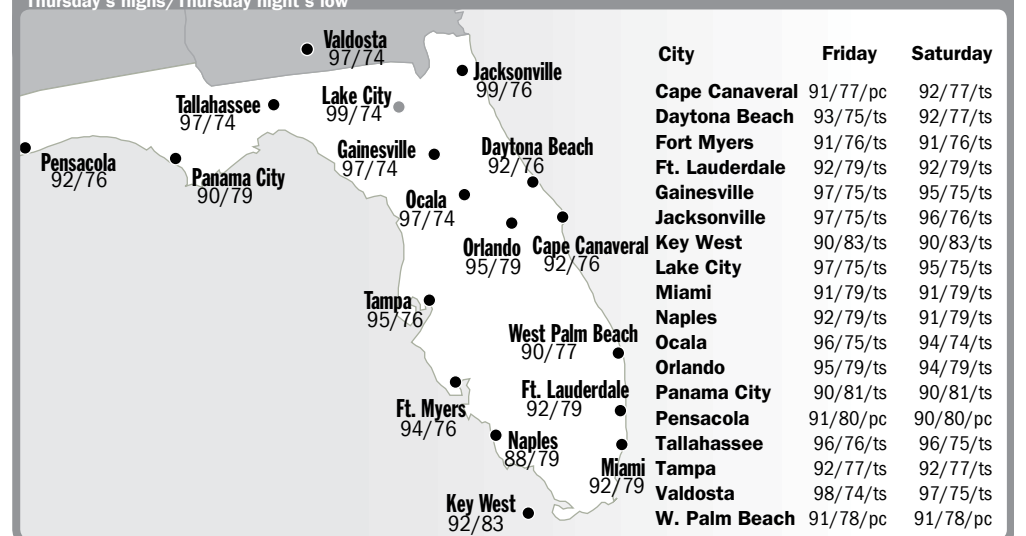
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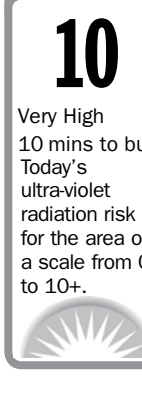
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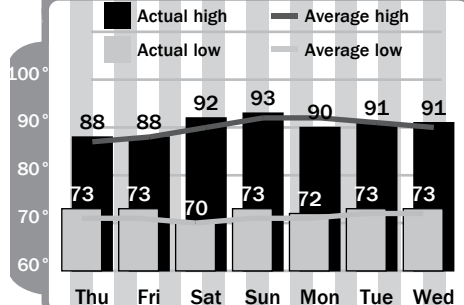
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WEATHER BY-THE-DAY



WEATHER HISTORY

One of the most devastating typhoons in a decade hit Southeast Asia on this date in 1997. The storm killed at least 140 people in China, 37 people in Taiwan, and 16 people in the Philippines. Authorities in Zhejiang and Shanghai managed to evacuate 790,000 people before the storm.

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Open House for local schools

From staff reports

Thursday, Aug. 28

Melrose Park Elementary: Open House at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 4

Pine Mount Elementary: Open House for grades K – 2 at 5:45 p.m.; Grades 3 – 5 at 6:45 p.m.

Westside Elementary: Open House for grades K – 2 at 5:45 p.m.; Grades 3 – 5 at 6:45 p.m.

Summers Elementary: Open House with a twist for grades K – 2 from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.; Grades 3 – 5 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 8

LCMS: Open House at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 11

Five Points Elementary: Open House at 5:30 p.m.

Niblack Elementary: Open House at 5:30 p.m.

Fort White Elementary: Open House from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 18

Richardson Middle School: Open House from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Kick off the Suwannee River Cleanup

Opening day is Saturday, Sept. 27.

From staff reports

The kick-off for the 2014 Great Suwannee River Cleanup will be Saturday, Sept. 27 at 9 a.m. at the Joe Anderson Boat Ramp in Chiefland.

This is the fifth year Current Problems has hosted a cleanup on the river. The Great Suwannee River Cleanup began with an idea to clean up the Suwannee from the Georgia state line all the way to the Gulf of Mexico. Building on three successful years of clean up, last year's efforts expanded to include the Suwannee's tributaries. The rivers that flow into the Suwannee suffer the same fate when trash and harmful garbage accumulate on river bottoms and along riverbanks.

Last year, divers scoured river bottoms as volunteers worked on the river banks to remove literally thousands of pounds of trash. There were nearly 600 volunteers making up 30 separate teams who cleaned up over 29,000 pounds of trash. It's time to do it again this year.

Join Current Problems for the start of the cleanup season and enjoy a free lunch to all volunteers after the first day of cleaning. Volunteers are needed for land support, kayakers and canoeists to shuttle trash back to the ramp and work on the shoreline. Bring your own boats if you wish to row or paddle. A motor boat would also be helpful. Depending on the weather conditions, a dive team may partici-



FILE

Help keep the Suwannee River and the springs clean for generations to come. Registration to clean local rivers is going on now as the cleanups are scheduled to take place from September to November.

participate in the kickoff. Remember, to volunteer as a diver, you must be cave-certified.

If you want to participate in the Sept. 27 kickoff, an RSVP is needed by Wednesday, Sept. 24.

The 2014 cleanup season will run September, October, and November, possible extending into the first week of December, depending on the weather conditions.

Businesses, civic clubs, fishing

and boating groups, churches, government agencies, non-profits, chambers of commerce, and groups of friends are all encouraged to participate. Go to the event map at <http://tinyurl.com/mwa2pjk> to determine your section based on mileposts and GPS coordinates. Then register your group, the date of your cleanup, and your river section online at <http://tinyurl.com/19pntwn>. Shortly after registration, your

cleanup will appear on the event map.

Current Problems is available to assist you as you plan your cleanup and to provide supplies (grabbers, buckets, trash bags, etc.).

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Current Problems' Executive Director Fritz Olson at 352-215-7554 or e-mail her at aar@currentproblems.org.

Primary early voting ends Saturday

From staff reports

Early Voting for the 2014 Primary Election ends this Saturday, August 23.

Voting hours will be from 8:30

a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Two Early Voting locations will be available for all registered voters of Columbia County.

Vote at Supervisor of Elections Office, 971 W Duval St. Suite 102,

or Fort White Community Center, 17579 SW State Road 47.

Call the office of Supervisor of Election Liz Horne with questions: 386-758-1026.

Citizens Police fundraiser

The Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association is hosting a garage sale fundraiser Sept. 6-7 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Columbia County Fairgrounds, 438 Florida 247.

Please drop off items for donation (excluding clothing) at the vacant parking lot across from LCPD, 225 NW Main Blvd, Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.



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OUR OPINION

Shining Star students in need of certainty

Now that it appears Shining Star Academy of the Arts will be closing down, it is time to figure out where its former students will be attending school.

The charter lost its appeal after recording consecutive F grades during its first two years of operation, and while a group of parents and teachers says it will immediately seek to charter a new school in Shining Star's place, the FDOE deadline for doing so has passed. Unless the local school board chooses to ignore this state-imposed mandate — and it's far from clear they have authority to even contemplate such a move — Tony Buzzella's successors will have to wait till next year. That's probably for the best, as getting a whole new school up and running in a matter of weeks (even with teachers, students and a schoolhouse already in place) sounds ambitious at best.

Meanwhile, district officials plan to issue formal notice of closure to Shining Star at Tuesday's school board meeting. After notifying Shining Star of its decision, the district will then begin meeting with school officials to determine the last day of classes at the facility.

All of this needs to happen quickly.

By all accounts, many students at Shining Star are well behind in their studies already.

Some of them, especially those who have been enrolled at Shining Star from the start, may need serious remedial work to get back on track.

These students need the certainty of knowing just where they stand academically — where will be attending class and what they may need to catch up.

These are urgent matters that must be addressed sooner rather than later.



Needed: Moratorium on large water use permits

Speaking on behalf of the Ichetucknee Alliance at the Suwannee River Water Management District meeting on August 12, I called on the District to enact a moratorium on new large (over 100,000 gallons per day) water use permits until such time as District staff members are able to calculate a realistic water balance or water budget for the area that includes the Ichetucknee River and its associated springs. I based the Alliance's call for a moratorium on four factors.

First, the District has acknowledged that flows in the Ichetucknee River and its associated springs are impaired and that the river should be classified as being "in recovery," meaning that steps must be taken to restore lost flows.

Second — even after acknowledging that the river should be in recovery — the District issued a large water use permit (WUP) that staff reported would negatively affect the Ichetucknee.

Third, precedent for a moratorium exists in Florida. The Southwest Florida Water Management District stopped issuing WUPs in a section of one of its Water Use Caution Areas.

Fourth, the State of Florida made a huge investment in Ichetucknee Springs State Park for the public's benefit, spending close to \$40 million to acquire and protect both land and water. Over 7 million people have visited Ichetucknee Springs since it became a state park. This large investment for the public's benefit must be protected, not wasted.



John D. Jopling

The Alliance is also concerned about the health of the Floridan Aquifer, not only because it feeds our rivers and springs but also because it supplies our drinking water. While aquifer levels fluctuate over time, long-term trends confirm that those levels are dropping throughout Florida — and when the level of fresh water in the Floridan Aquifer drops, the layer of saltwater underneath it rises. Falling aquifer levels can result in dry wells or saltwater intrusion like that experienced recently in Cedar Key. Such situations can affect farmers and public utility operators as well as homeowners and taxpayers.

Because they are the visible top layer of the aquifer, our freshwater springs are the first indicators of potential aquifer problems. Reduced flows such as those acknowledged in the Ichetucknee indicate falling aquifer levels caused by overuse of water, inadequate recharge, and drought.

Human beings cannot control drought; however, we can improve aquifer recharge and we can control the amount of water we are using. We are pleased that SRWMD currently has active recharge projects. The Alliance believes that more

must be done, however, to control water use. Florida needs to create a strong water conservation ethic before we even begin to use taxpayer money to construct large alternative water supply projects, because without such an ethic all those projects will do is encourage more water use. To save our springs, we are all going to have to change the ways we use water.

To calculate a water budget, we need to know how much "water income" we have — in terms of rainfall that recharges the aquifer — as opposed to how much we are losing through pumping, evapotranspiration, and runoff (rainfall that is not captured for aquifer recharge). Knowing exactly how much water we are pumping and knowing the cumulative effects of those water withdrawals on the aquifer are keys to managing water use permit requests — and managing those requests is key to restoring the Ichetucknee.

Based on the Suwannee River Water Management District's acknowledgement of impairment to the Ichetucknee along with our stated mission to restore the river to its average historical flow rate, the Ichetucknee Alliance believes that our water budget is overdrawn; that is why we have called for a moratorium on new large water use permits.

■ John D. Jopling is president of the Ichetucknee Alliance, Inc.

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Keep political spats out of court

Even in the no-holds-barred world of Texas politics, the indictment of Gov. Rick Perry last week was a low blow. A grand jury in Austin, a Democratic Party hotbed, indicted Perry, a Republican with presidential aspirations, on two felony counts for allegedly abusing his power. His offense? Threatening to veto funding for the county district attorney's Public Integrity Unit unless District Attorney Rosemary Lehmberg, a Democrat, resigned. But the Texas governor has the legal authority to veto spending, which makes the dispute between Perry and Lehmberg essentially a political one. And the courts are the wrong place to settle political scores.

The Public Integrity Unit has long been a thorn in Texas Republicans' side, having brought criminal charges against then-Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison (prosecutors ultimately abandoned the case) and former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay (his convictions were overturned on appeal). More recently, it spent more than a year probing grant-making decisions by the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, an agency that has been championed by Perry. Lehmberg, meanwhile, had

worked at the Travis County district attorney's office for 32 years before voters elected her to the top job there in 2008 and 2012. In 2013, county sheriff's deputies pulled her over on suspicion of drunk driving, and videos from the scene and the jail captured her intoxicated belligerence as she was arrested and booked. Although she quickly pleaded guilty to the charge, Republicans said her behavior showed she was unfit to oversee the Public Integrity Unit.

There seems to be little dispute over what happened next. Eager to oust Lehmberg, Perry zeroed out the Public Integrity Unit from the 2013-14 budget, but offered to restore the funding if she stepped down. Had Lehmberg done so, Perry would have been able to name a replacement, presumably a Republican, to run the office until the general election this November. Lehmberg refused.

This is hardball politics, and it's ugly to see a governor try to superimpose his will over the local voters'. But it's not illegal. (Nor, by the way, did the budget cut end the unit's work.) And yet the complaint that led to Perry's indictment at the hands of a special prosecutor and a

Travis County grand jury accused him of nothing else.

The courts certainly have a role to play in stopping officials from taking steps that are beyond the bounds of statute or the Constitution. They do not, however, belong in the middle of a fight between politicians over policy or power. If lawmakers can't muster the votes to overturn a spending veto or repeal a law they don't like, they shouldn't run to the judicial branch for help. That's just as true for Washington Republicans aggravated by the continuation of Obamacare as it is for Austin Democrats aggrieved by the governing style of Rick Perry. They should find a way to win either the debate or more elections.

Even in the culture of Texas politics, the indictment of Gov. Rick Perry was a low blow

■ Los Angeles Times

Partisan clash dominates the hearing over new map

Circuit Judge Lewis gives no indication whether he will approve the new map.

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — A Florida judge is once again considering what to do in the next round of a lengthy and partisan-tinged battle over Florida's congressional districts.

Circuit Judge Terry Lewis held a three-hour hearing Wednesday over whether to approve a new map swiftly passed earlier this month by the Florida Legislature. Legislators approved the map after Lewis in July ruled that the state's current congressional map was illegally drawn to benefit Republicans in elections.

Lewis gave no indication when he would rule, saying only he would act quickly.

The hearing itself featured a rehash of some of the same arguments heard during a previous trial on the district makeup. But this time the partisan acrimony was on much more vivid display as each side

accused the other of pushing a new congressional map designed to benefit either Republicans or Democrats at the expense of minority voters.

The focus of much of the hearing was on the sprawling district held by U.S. Rep. Corinne Brown that runs from Jacksonville to Orlando. Legislators altered seven of 27 districts in north and central Florida including Brown's district.

The coalition of groups that sued the Legislature contends Lewis should toss the revised version because it makes cosmetic changes. They still assert Democrats remain packed into the district in order to help adjacent GOP districts. As an alternative, the groups propose shifting Brown's district to one that stretches across North Florida.

Attorney David King, who represents the League of Women Voters of Florida

and other groups, argued that the shift would actually make it more likely that a minority would also win a central Florida congressional seat. He said that legislators drew a new map to protect "Republican interests."

"They never tried, they never considered any other alternative because the intent we established in the last trial is alive and well in the Florida Legislature," King told the judge.

But George Meros, an attorney for the Florida House, argued legislators need to keep Brown's district running from north to south to ensure that blacks continue to have a chance to elect someone to Congress. The federal Voting Rights Act bars states from diluting the voting strength of minorities.

Meros said the goal of the groups who sued

was to make it easier to elect white Democrats. He said that racial discrimination remains a problem in northeast Florida counties such as Alachua and Marion.

Meros, citing that national Democratic groups have paid part of the legal fees in the case, said "It's OK you

may not be able to elect a black, but you'll get a white Democrat to support you. And that's wrong...It takes us to a dark day."

Allison Riggs, a lawyer representing the Florida branch of the NAACP, backed the Legislature.

"This isn't a game of limbo — how low can you go with the black voting-age population in order to distribute black voters into Democratic districts," Riggs said. "That is the kind of gamesmanship the Florida NAACP is trying to avoid."

'[This] is a kind of gamesmanship the Florida NAACP is trying to avoid.'

—Allison Riggs, NAACP lawyer

Early voting numbers

Lake City	Fort White	Total
Saturday: 367	Saturday: 58	Saturday: 425
Sunday: 194	Sunday: 12	Sunday: 206
Monday: 326	Monday: 66	Monday: 392
Tuesday: 324	Tuesday: 57	Tuesday: 381
Wednesday: 362	Wednesday: 60	Wednesday: 422

REPLAY

Continued From 1A

Candidates for Columbia County Attorney post, Joel Foreman and Bruce Robinson, emphasized their experience and qualifications.

The school board District 1 race featured three candidates, incumbent Linard Johnson and challengers Daniel C. "Danny" Green and Allison Lashea Scott.

In school board District 3, incumbent Steve Nelson answered questions alongside challenger Edgar Clauser III.

The second day of the Candidate Forum 2014 on August 5 featured county commission Districts 2 and 4, along with city council Districts 10 and 14.

Adee Farmer and Harold Perry faced off against incumbent Eugene Jefferson in the City Council District 10 forum.

The candidates in the City Council District 14 race were challenger Ricky Jernigan and incumbent George Ward.

Incumbent Rusty DePratter and Mark Kazmierski appeared in the county commission District 2 forum.

The last candidates to speak at the forum were County Commission candidates Richard Keen, Everett Phillips, Clifton O. Ward and Toby Witt, who are competing for the commission District 4 seat.

Candidate Forum 2014 was moderated by Robert Bridges, editor of the Lake City Reporter, and hosted by Mike McKee, FGC executive director of media and public information. Both videos of the forum are available on Florida Gateway College's YouTube website.

Election day is Tuesday.

Medicare workshop coming up

From staff reports

Are you age 64½? If so, have you thought about enrolling in Medicare but don't know where to start?

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The LifeStyle Enrichment Center is sponsoring an educational Medicare Seminar on Tuesday, September 9.

The seminar will run from 5-6 p.m. and is free of charge, as a service to you.

The seminar will be moderated by Irv Crowetz, owner and founder of C/C & Associates, Inc. in Lake City.

Crowetz will cover a wide range of subjects in the Medicare Seminar including:

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PARTY

Continued From 1A

wanted to make clear that the endorsements don't necessarily reflect the views of all the organization's members, only board members.

For Higgins, an endorsement for Yoho is almost more of a vote against Yoho's opponent Jake Rush than it is an endorsement for Yoho.

"It may be the lesser of two evils," she said.

The first time Rush came to one of NCFTP's meetings he spent the whole time badmouthing Yoho, Higgins said.

"We wanted to hear what he has done," she said. "We can figure out what Yoho's doing."

Lytte also said Rush has said things in the past that she doesn't think are true.

"Rush said Yoho went to Washington for the perks, which is kind of stretching the truth," she said.

Lytte and Higgins along with Joel Higgins, who is another board member, said there are even things that they don't particularly like about Yoho — for example, that he voted for the Ryan-Murray budget, which even though it kept the government from shutting down was not a sound move for many tea party members.

Sharon Higgins said that budget supported the farm bill and the subsidies it provides to farmers, which she isn't in favor of because



Jake Rush (left) shakes the hand of current U.S. Rep Ted Yoho (R-Gainesville) at the end of the FGC Candidates Forum held at the college's Wilson S. Rivers Library & Media Center on August 4. The forum will be re-broadcast this weekend on public access television.

subsidies aren't in the Constitution.

But Sharon Higgins said she still thinks Yoho is the best choice for the position.

"I think that Yoho has the right heart," she said.

But the NCFTP wants to work closer with him on certain issues if he is reelected, she said.

Lacquey, unlike other members of the board, said one of the reasons

he likes Yoho is actually because he did vote for the Ryan-Murray budget.

"He did the right thing when voting for the budget," he said. "He was voting in a way that now we're on track."

Lacquey said he thinks Yoho has done a good job in Washington.

He said he also likes Yoho as a person.

"He professes to be a Christian, and I like that," he said.

Lacquey said he didn't know if Rush is one.

"I'm not saying he's not one," he said. "I just don't know if he is."

Rush has said that he is a

Christian.

Joel Higgins said he may not agree with every vote Yoho has made in office, but Yoho is still the one he wants to be his congressman.

"He's accessible to the people," he said. "I'm gonna give Mr. Yoho one more chance."

School of Supernatural

Class preview will be September 7 at 6 p.m.

From staff reports

Christ Community Church, 159 SW Spencer Court, is offering School of the Supernatural, a 36-month school which will teach, equip, and activate the believer in their calling and destiny.

The school operates on a yearly schedule of two semesters (winter/spring); each semester is between 13 and 16 weeks.

A class preview will be Sept. 7 at 6 p.m. Classes will begin Sept. 14 at 6 p.m.

The school uses live teachers as well as DVDs and uses curriculum from Bethel School of Supernatural Ministry. Each semester the student will have opportunities to minister in other churches/para-

church ministries.

There are, also, summer mission trips available in various countries (cost for these trips various base upon location).

Dr. Terry Shiver, a graduate of Fuller Theological Seminary and who has over 20 years of ministry experience, will be the headmaster for the school.

The cost per semester is \$175 per student which includes books/teaching material.

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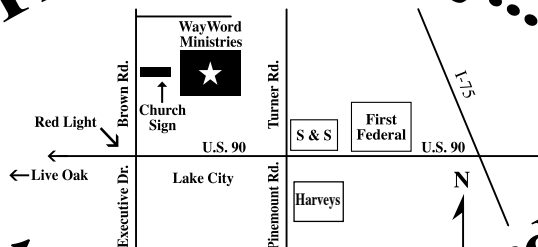
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Tales Meet Trails

Literacy Day at O'Leno is September 5.

From staff reports

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection will celebrate the 7th annual Literacy Day at O'Leno State Park with its "Where Tales Meet Trails" book fair on Sept. 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Gentle Carousel Therapy Horses will present their new book "The Power of Magic."

There will also be an arts and crafts area, games, face painting and refreshments. Admission to the event is free by showing a library card or book.

The park will accept donations of new or gently-used, family-friendly books.

'14 COUNTRY SHOWDOWN

3 local artists to sing Sept. 5

North Florida finals will be at SOSMP.

From staff reports

LIVE OAK — Mark your calendar for the North Florida Finals of the Country Showdown which will take place Friday, Sept. 5 at the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park in Live Oak.

Nine area winners from three months of preliminary competitions will perform for a spot to move on to the Florida State finals on Saturday, Sept. 13.

June winners are: Brittney Lawrence, of Jacksonville, Barbed Wire Creek Band, of Bayou George, and Late Night Sessions Band, of Live Oak.

July winners are: Alexus Branscome, of Lake City, Jessica Davis, of Lake City, and Kara Frazier, of Jacksonville.

August winners are: Willow Veda, of Lake City, 309C Band, of Palatka, and Jolie Crapo, of St. Augustine.

At the state competition winners from across Florida as well as one solo artist and one duet from Georgia will compete for a chance to win \$1,000 and move on to the regionals.

Regionals are just one step away from the finales at the Grand Ole Opry stage where the winner will be awarded \$100,000 and be named the Best New Act in Country Music.

Both the North Florida Finals on Sept. 5 and the Florida State Finals on Sept. 13 will be held at the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park.

Admission to both competitions is free.

The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park is located at 3076 95th Drive, Live Oak.

Blackwater Music Festival set for this weekend at SOSMP

Three-day festival has big line-up of reggae artists.

From staff reports

LIVE OAK — Blackwater Music Festival will make its second appearance today through Saturday at the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park in Live Oak.

This three-day music festival originated several years ago for just one year but by popular demand is back with one of the nation's top reggae, funk, folk, hip-hop bands, Slightly Stoopid.

The festival gets underway Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Amphitheatre, Porch Stage, Music Hall and Beach Stage. The show begins at 1 p.m. Friday in the Amphitheatre and Saturday at noon on the Beach Stage.

Friday and Saturday music will break out all over the SOSMP in the Amphitheatre, Porch Stage, Music Hall and Beach Stage. The show begins at 1 p.m. Friday in the Amphitheatre and Saturday at noon on the Beach Stage.

Slightly Stoopid will be on the Amphitheatre stage Friday evening from 8 - 9:30 p.m. followed by Stephen "Ragga" Marley from 10:30 - 11:30 p.m.

Tickets are available online at www.blackwatermusicfestival.com/tickets/ or by calling the SOSMP at 386-364-1683, emailing spirit@musicliveshere.com or go to www.musicliveshere.com/.

Check www.blackwaterfestival.com for the schedule or go to www.musicliveshere.com/events.

Artists are Slightly Stoopid, Stephen "Ragga" Marley, Steel Pulse, Easy Star All-Stars, The Expendables, Tribal Seeds, Gramatik, Michal Menert, Caked Up, Passafire, MartyParty, The Revivalists, Fishbone, Zoogma, Beebs and Her Money Makers, Catfish Alliance, Sidereal, Ballyhoo. More bands to be announced.

The SOSMP is located at 3076 95th Dr. Live Oak.



COURTESY PHOTOS

California-based band Slightly Stoopid describe their music as 'a fusion of folk, rock, reggae and blues with hip-hop, funk, metal and punk.' They will perform Friday at 8 p.m. at the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park.



Founded in 2007 and currently located in Deefield Beach, The Resolvers are the definition of 'Big Band Reggae' with their combination of classic Jamaican and lively New Orleans sounds. They will perform this weekend at the Blackwater Music Festival.



Five-time Grammy award winning artist, producer, and member of Ziggy Marley & The Melody Makers, Stephen Marley is the son of reggae legend Bob Marley and Rita Marley. The Jamaican-American musician is in the lineup for this weekend at the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park.

LINEUP

Slightly Stoopid
Stephen "Ragga" Marley
Steel Pulse
Easy Star All-Stars
The Expendables
Tribal Seeds
Gramatik
Michal Menert
Caked Up
Passafire
MartyParty
The Revivalists
Fishbone
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and more

Folk music will take over High Springs in Sept.

Seven area artists to play in six attraction spots.

From staff reports

On Sunday, Sept. 21 Folk music will take over High Springs as a different Folk artist will be performing at a different location throughout downtown.

This festival is to highlight the artists and specific locations within walking distance of Main Street. There will be seven artists in six locations.

Kicking off the show is Elaine Mahon, a Folk artist from Gainesville, with her award-winning CD "Rise." She will be playing from 12-1 p.m. at the Secret Garden at Wisteria Cottage.

Alan Height, an Ocala-based Folk artist, has been playing music since he was seven and now has three CD's out. He will be playing from 1-2 p.m. at the Old Schoolhouse/Train Station.



Smalley



Height

Snoro Rogers has been around North Florida for 14 years playing at the Pioneer Days, Florida Folk Fest and Alachua County Farmers

Market. This band will be playing from 2-3 p.m. at James Paul Park.

Union County resident Dayrl Brewer has kicked off every Farm to Family show since 2005 and has plenty of catchy songs he likes to call "Gator Songs." He will be playing from 3-4 p.m. at the Firehouse.

Don Austin started play-



Gertner



Mahon

ing guitar at age 11 and went on to win the Santa Fe River Singing and Songwriting Contest in 2012. He will be playing from 4-5 p.m. at the Gardens at the

Library.

H.R. Gertner is currently working on his fourth CD and has a tour schedule of over 100 performances in the North Florida area this year. He will be playing from 5-6 p.m. at the Great Outdoors.

Brian Smalley has released seven CD's in the past 20 years. His accous-

tic CD "Chicken Pigs" is based in Civil War-era Florida and was named the Best Florida Folk CD of 2013. He will also be playing at the Great Outdoors but will finish the day with a grande finale from 6-8

p.m.

Come visit places you may have never seen in downtown High Springs, such as the Secret Garden, the Community Playhouse and the High Springs Museum.

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Dowling Park concert series on now

From staff Reports

Members and season ticket holders of Community Concerts of Lake City, Inc. are invited to attend all of the concerts held at Dowling Park in Live Oak, free of charge.

If you are a season ticket holder and would like to attend the September 5 concert at Advent Christian Village in Live Oak, please be aware that your name has been submitted to the Dowling Park staff and you are welcome to attend those concerts without having your pass.

The Friday, Sept. 5 concert is: Piano Quartet. "Con Brio." This will entail an

internationally acclaimed violin, viola, cello and piano quartet.

Concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. at Advent Christian Village, 10680 Dowling Park Dr., Live Oak.

The first concert of the 2014-15 Community Concert Series will be on Thursday, October 2 at 7:30 p.m.

Season tickets and Dowling Park passes will be mailed prior to this date.

Adult tickets for a single concert with Community Concerts will be sold at the door for \$20.

For more information about tickets or concerts, call (386) 466-2013.

FHP teaches bus safety



PHOTOS COURTESY FHP

The Florida Highway Patrol is focusing on school bus safety during "back to school" week. Tracy Hisler-Pace, public information officer with Lake City-based Troop B, visited Melrose Park Elementary School Wednesday with Corporal K.M. Boatright, Jr. As they boarded the school busses to go home, Corporal Boatright spoke to the kids about how to be safe in and around school buses throughout the year. He welcomed them back to school with a big smile, FHP stickers and potential lifesaving information.

PEDRO

Continued From 1A

pictures. He said he would draw on the walls from his home to the walls of public buildings — the sky was the limit.

When Perry first went to college, he said he was accepted as a microbiology major and was quick to realize it was not what he wanted to continue in. He said after his second year of college he switched to become a fine arts major and graduated from the University of Florida with his Bachelor of Art in Visual Art Studies in 2002.

As a commission-based artist, he began selling his art in 1998. He said he tries to produce 35 paintings a year, which can take anywhere from 8 to 200 hours to complete and can range from \$1,500 to \$10,000 a piece.

While creating his works of art, Perry said it could take up to four months to research news and information before he begins to paint. "When I go to paint my paintings, I try to dig within myself to find these pieces," Perry said. "I used to look at my reflection in the mirror when I was younger and tell myself that I was going to make a difference in people's lives."

Some of Perry's finest works of art were put in a show at Studio@620 in St. Petersburg, where 20 of his oil paintings were displayed. He said he completed the paintings within nine months and named it



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Local artist Pedro Jermaine Perry, known artistically as Pedro Jermaine, is seen in his home as he talks about what motivates him to give back to the community.



'Third Dimension,' a 30x40 oil/graphite on canvas from Mammography Art Initiative.

"The Evolution of Pedro Jermaine."

Perry said his showcase reflected on his childhood, which at times was dark.

He said he was bullied as a young child, and he said, "I wanted to teach other people not to sweep their emotions under the rug."

Perry said he was approached by Sherry DuPree, director at the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization-Transatlantic Slave Trade, about possibly designing the next global postage stamp in 2016.

"I always tell people to follow your passion because in the end, no one else can hurt what you're really passionate about, and artists will be the first ones to criticize their own work. But my motto is to

have passion for artistic excellence," Perry said. "In the end, I will create a name for myself."

Perry said he is recognized by his artistic name Pedro Jermaine.

CCSO swears in 4 members



COURTESY PHOTOS

Brett Sullivan was sworn in Wednesday as a Deputy Sheriff with the Columbia County Sheriff's Office. Sullivan is pictured with Sheriff Mark Hunter.



Keith Thomas was sworn in Wednesday as a Detention Deputy with the Columbia County Sheriff's Office. Thomas is pictured with Sheriff Mark Hunter.



Martha Escobar was sworn in Wednesday as a School Crossing Guard with the Columbia County Sheriff's Office. Escobar is pictured with Sheriff Mark Hunter.



Mary Luke was sworn in Wednesday as a LPN with the Columbia County Sheriff's Office. Luke is pictured with Sheriff Mark Hunter.

Volunteer at Shands

The Auxiliary at Shands Lake Shore Hospital is looking volunteers of all shapes and sizes. With its new regime, the Auxiliary is able to offer a variety of opportunities for volunteers willing to donate just four hours of their time each week. Of course, you may volunteer as many hours as you'd like. If you are 18 or older and would like a volunteer opportunity, stop by the gift shop to pick up an application or call 386-292-8000 x 21216 to receive an application by mail. Gift shop hours are Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday stays open until 8 p.m.

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Section B

GAMES

Friday

■ Columbia High football vs. West Orange High in kickoff classic, 7:30 p.m.

■ Fort White High football at Dixie County High in kickoff classic, 7:30 p.m.

BRIEFS

SEMINOLES

Kickoff gathering celebration today

The Lake City Seminole Club's 2014 Kickoff Gathering is 6 p.m. today at The Country Club at Lake City. Speaker is Michael Langston with *warchant.com*.

For details, call 752-2180.

YOUTH FOOTBALL

Youth league registration set

Registration for youth league football is 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Teen Town Center. Registration is open to boys and girls ages 6-13. A birth certificate or proof of age is required. Cost is \$50 per child. A parent or guardian must accompany the player to sign permission forms.

For details, call Heyward Christie at 754-3607.

Christ Central flag football

Christ Central Sports has flag football registration for children ages 5-10 through Aug. 29 at the church on Dyal Avenue. Fee is \$45. For details, call Ronny Busscher at 365-2128.

YOUTH CHEERLEADING

Columbia Cheer registration set

Columbia Cheer Association registration for the fall season is 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and Aug. 30 at Memorial Stadium. Fee is \$40 for a first child and \$35 for others. Cost of the uniform is \$60.

For details, call Wilma Drawdy at 965-1377.

BOYS CLUB

Fall registration underway at club

The Boys and Girls Club of Columbia County is registering for the fall session, which runs through Oct. 18. Children ages 6-14 are eligible to attend. Cost is \$160 for nine weeks. Transportation is available from elementary and middle schools. The club offers a variety of activities.

For details, call 752-4184 or visit the club on Jones Way.

■ From staff reports

Almost kickoff



Columbia High's Zedrick Woods attempts to take down Suwannee High's Denzel Washington during a game last season.

Tigers host West Orange on Friday

By BRANDON FINLEY

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Columbia High opens up the season at No. 7 in the Associated Press Preseason Top 10 Florida high school football poll. The Tigers look to show in the kickoff classic on Friday why they intend to end on top.

Columbia hosts West Orange High (which received 23 votes to finish No. 12 in the 8A poll) at 7:30 p.m. on Friday.

Columbia head coach

Brian Allen expects the game to be a matchup of two electric offenses.

"I think they're pretty good offensively," Allen said. "They won a lot of games that way. You pull them up and you see a lot of guys that are going to be next-level players. They've got some top-notch receivers. It's gonna be an explosive offense."

Allen said it's good to gear up against a team like West Orange with the difficult start the Tigers have

to the season.

"It's going to be a good test for us," Allen said. "We're hoping to come out and get better just like we will every week. It's a chance for us to see that explosive offense and see what our defense can make out of it. We'll have a chance to make adjustments and see who comes out on top at the end of the night."

Allen said that he expects all of his players to be ready to go and we'll see the play-makers as well.

"I plan to play everybody,"

Allen said. "I'm not one that buys into the holding your guys back. We don't need to reserve anything. We need to go out there and compete like we will any other Friday."

The Tigers have beaten up each other throughout practice and this gives them a chance to hit someone else.

"I'm excited to see them go out against live competition," Allen said. "Show others what they've got."

Class 6A

Record	Pts	Prv
1. Miami Central (12) 0-0	155	1
2. Armwood (3) 0-0	144	2
3. Mainland (1) 0-0	130	5
4. Naples 0-0	93	RV
5. Ed White 0-0	78	9
6. Miami Carol City 0-0	58	10
7. Columbia 0-0	45	6
8. Boynton Beach 0-0	38	NR
9. Heritage 0-0	20	3
10. Pace 0-0	19	NR
(tie) Springstead 0-0	19	NR

Others receiving votes: Largo (0-0) 16, Hallandale (0-0) 13, Escambia (0-0) 10, South Fort Myers (0-0) 10, Jefferson (0-0) 9, Winter Haven (0-0) 9, St. Augustine (0-0) 8, South Lake (0-0) 5, Venice (0-0) 1.

Tackling district

Lady Indians have tough field in volleyball.

By TIM KIRBY

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FORT WHITE — Fort White High's volleyball team will tackle its tough district under a new head coach.

Becky Larson takes over the Lady Indians. She knows the task at hand, having moved up from coaching the junior varsity.

Fort White is in District 5-4A with Bradford High, Interlachen High, Keystone Heights High, P.K. Yonge School and Santa Fe High.

The Lady Indians open the season with a tune-up match against Hamilton County High at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

District play begins against Interlachen at

6:30 p.m. Aug. 28. The district teams play each other just once and Interlachen was Fort White's only district win in 2013.

The matches are part of a homestand that has Fort White playing five matches in 10 days. Junior varsity matches precede the varsity, except for Dixie County High on Sept. 3. The match against the Bears will be varsity only in front of the student body at 2 p.m.

P.K. Yonge moved up to Class 4A last year and was district champion. The Blue Wave made it to the third round of the playoffs before falling to Lake Highland Prep in five sets. Lake Highland lost to Ransom Everglades High in the state championship match.

Santa Fe was district runner-up. The Raiders lost to Trinity Catholic High in the

first round of the playoffs.

Those two matches are later in the season for The Lady Indians — Santa Fe at home on Sept. 18 and P.K. Yonge in Gainesville on Sept. 30.

Other district matches after Interlachen are Keystone Heights at home on Sept. 2 and Bradford in Starke on Sept. 9.

Fort White plays a home-and-home series against Columbia High. The teams meet in Fort White on Oct. 1 and in Lake City on Oct. 16.

Other schools the Lady Indians play twice are Hamilton County (Tuesday, Sept. 23), Dixie County (Sept. 3, Oct. 14), Chiefland High (Sept. 4, Sept. 16), Suwannee High (Sept. 11, Sept. 25) and Newberry High (Sept. 22, Oct. 6). Fort White has a single road match at Lafayette High on Oct. 7.



Rykia Jackson returns for her senior year with Fort White High.

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TELEVISION

TV sports Today CYCLING 3:30 p.m. NBCSN — USA Pro Challenge, stage 4, at Colorado Springs, Colo. GOLF 9 a.m. TGC — European PGA Tour, Czech Masters, first round, part II, at Prague 2 p.m. TGC — PGA Tour, The Barclays, first round, at Paramus, N.J. 6:30 p.m. TGC — Web.com Tour, Portland Open, first round, at North Plains, Ore. 1:30 a.m. TGC — LPGA, Canadian Pacific Women's Open, first round, at London, Ontario (delayed tape) 5 a.m. TGC — European PGA Tour, Czech Masters, second round, part I, at Prague LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL 3 p.m. ESPN — World Series, elimination, Guadalupe vs. Seoul/Tokyo loser 7:30 p.m. ESPN — World Series, elimination, Chicago vs. Las Vegas/Philadelphia loser MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL 1 p.m. MLB — Regional coverage, Houston at N.Y. Yankees or Detroit at Tampa Bay 7 p.m. MLB — Regional coverage, Atlanta at Cincinnati or L.A. Angels at Boston NFL FOOTBALL 7:30 p.m. NFL — Preseason, Pittsburgh at Philadelphia TENNIS 1 p.m. ESPN2 — WTA, Connecticut Open, quarterfinal, at New Haven, Conn. 3 p.m. ESPN2 — ATP World Tour, Winston-Salem Open, quarterfinals WNBA BASKETBALL 7 p.m. ESPN2 — Playoffs, Eastern Conference semifinal, game 1, Washington at Indiana 9 p.m. ESPN2 — Playoffs, Western Conference semifinal, game 1, San Antonio at Minnesota YOUTH OLYMPICS GAMES 7 p.m. NBCSN — Swimming, at Nanjing, China (same-day tape)

NL standings East Division Washington 71 53 .573 — Atlanta 66 60 .524 6 Miami 63 62 .504 8 1/2 New York 59 68 .465 13 1/2 Philadelphia 55 71 .437 17 Central Division Milwaukee 71 55 .563 — St. Louis 68 57 .544 2 1/2 Pittsburgh 64 62 .508 7 Cincinnati 61 65 .484 10 Chicago 55 70 .440 15 1/2 West Division Los Angeles 71 56 .559 — San Francisco 65 59 .524 4 1/2 San Diego 58 66 .468 11 1/2 Arizona 53 73 .421 17 1/2 Colorado 49 76 .392 21 Today's Games Arizona (Miley 7-9) at Washington (Gonzalez 6-9), 4:05 p.m. Atlanta (Teheran 11-9) at Cincinnati (Holmberg 0-0), 7:10 p.m. San Francisco (Bumgarner 13-9) at Chicago Cubs (T.Wood 7-10), 8:05 p.m. San Diego (T.Ross 11-11) at L.A. Dodgers (Greinke 12-8), 10:10 p.m. Friday's Games Baltimore at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m. San Francisco at Washington, 7:05 p.m. St. Louis at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m. Atlanta at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m. Pittsburgh at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m. Miami at Colorado, 8:40 p.m. San Diego at Arizona, 9:40 p.m. N.Y. Mets at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.

FOOTBALL

NFL preseason Today Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m. Friday Carolina at New England, 7:30 p.m. N.Y. Giants at N.Y. Jets, 7:30 p.m. Jacksonville at Detroit, 7:30 p.m. Oakland at Green Bay, 8 p.m. Chicago at Seattle, 10 p.m.

AUTO RACING

Race week NASCAR SPRINT CUP IRWIN TOOLS NIGHT RACE Site: Bristol, Tennessee. Schedule: Friday, practice (Fox Sports 1, 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m.), qualifying (ESPN2, 5:30-7 p.m.); Saturday, race, 7:30 p.m. (ABC, 7-11 p.m.). Track: Bristol Motor Speedway (oval, 0.533 miles). Race distance: 500 laps, 266.5 miles. Next race: Oral-B USA 500, Aug. 31, Atlanta Motor Speedway, Hampton, Georgia. Online: http://www.nascar.com NATIONWIDE FOOD CITY 300 Site: Bristol, Tennessee. Schedule: Today, practice; Friday, qualifying (Fox Sports 1, 3:30-5 p.m.), race, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN, 7-9:30 p.m.). Track: Bristol Motor Speedway (oval, 0.533 miles). Race distance: 200 laps, 133.25 miles. Next race: Great Clips 300, Aug. 30, Atlanta Motor Speedway, Hampton, Georgia. VERIZON INDYCAR GRAND PRIX OF SONOMA Site: Sonoma, California. Schedule: Friday, practice; Saturday, practice, qualifying (NBC Sports Network, 7:30-9 p.m.); Sunday, race, 4:40 p.m. (NBC Sports Network, 4-7 p.m.). Track: Sonoma Raceway (road course, 2.385 miles). Race distance: 202.73 miles, 85 laps. FORMULA ONE BELGIAN GRAND PRIX Site: Spa-Francorchamps, Belgium. Schedule: Friday, practice (NBC Sports Network, 8-9:30 a.m.); Saturday, practice, qualifying (CNBC, 8-9:30 a.m., NBC Sports Network, 12:30-2 p.m.); Sunday, race, 8 a.m. (NBC Sports Network, 7:30-10:30 a.m.). Track: Spa-Francorchamps (road course, 4.35 miles).

Race distance: 191.415 miles, 44 laps. Online: http://www.formula1.com

BASKETBALL

WNBA final standings

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Eastern Conference: z-Atlanta (19-15, .559), x-Indiana (16-18, .471), x-Washington (16-18, .471), x-Chicago (15-19, .441), New York (15-19, .441), Connecticut (13-21, .382). Western Conference: z-Phoenix (29-5, .853), x-Minnesota (25-9, .735), x-Los Angeles (16-18, .471), x-San Antonio (16-18, .471), Seattle (12-22, .353), Tulsa (12-22, .353). x-clinched playoff spot, z-clinched conference.

WNBA playoffs

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS (Best-of-3) Today Washington at Indiana, 7 p.m. San Antonio at Minnesota, 9 p.m.



COURTESY FWC

Bow season opening soon

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission issued a reminder that archery and crossbow seasons open Sept. 13 in Zone C on private lands. Zone C includes Columbia and surrounding counties.

BASEBALL

AL standings

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. East Division: Baltimore (72-52, .581), New York (63-60, .512, 8 1/2), Toronto (64-62, .508, 9), Tampa Bay (61-64, .488, 11 1/2), Boston (56-69, .448, 16 1/2). Central Division: Kansas City (70-55, .560), Detroit (67-56, .545, 2), Cleveland (63-61, .508, 6 1/2), Chicago (59-67, .468, 11 1/2), Minnesota (55-69, .444, 14 1/2). West Division: Los Angeles (74-50, .597), Oakland (74-51, .592, 1/2), Seattle (68-57, .544, 6 1/2), Houston (53-73, .421, 22), Texas (48-77, .384, 26 1/2).

Little League

WORLD SERIES At South Williamsport, Pa. (Double elimination) Late Tuesday Guadalupe 11, Maracaibo 1, Maracaibo eliminated Chicago 6, Pearland 1, Pearland eliminated Wednesday Game 23: Seoul vs. Tokyo (n) Game 24: Las Vegas vs. Philadelphia (n) Today Game 25: Guadalupe vs. Loser G23, 3 p.m. Game 26: Chicago vs. Loser G24, 7:30 p.m.

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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

Jumble puzzle grid with words POMOH, CATEN, NUNSEK, AUNGIA and a grid of circles for the answer.

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

Cartoon of two men talking about a jumble puzzle. Text: 'I call it the way I see it! Well, you called it wrong. I was safe by a mile.' 'AFTER NOT BEING CALLED SAFE, THE BASEBALL PLAYER WAS ---' (Answers tomorrow)

Print your answer here: (Answers tomorrow) Yesterday's Jumbles: IMAGE DITTO UNJUST GLANCE Answer: He wasn't sure exactly how many people were staying at the hotel, so he — "GUEST-IMATED"

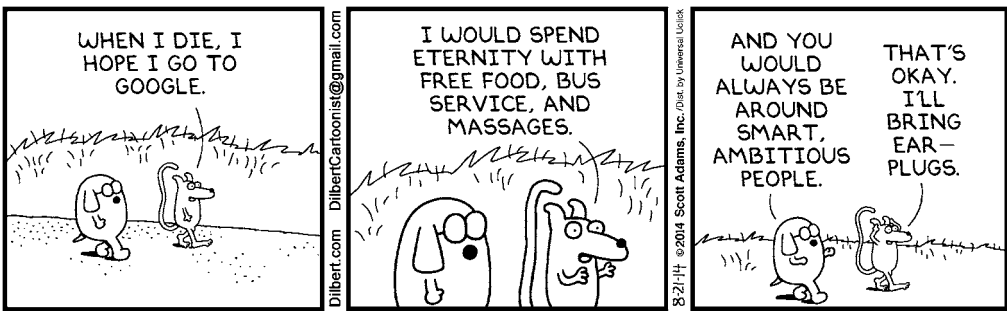
Want more puzzles? Check out the "Just Right Crossword Puzzles" books at QuillDriverBooks.com

Large crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-61.

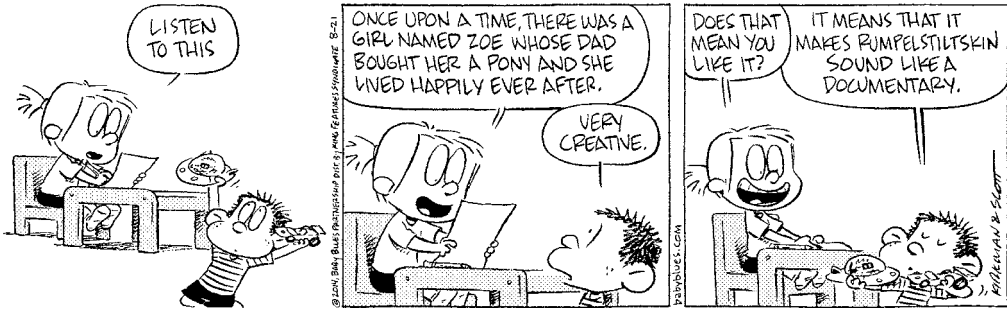
THURSDAY EVENING AUGUST 21, 2014

Large TV schedule table with columns for time slots (6 PM, 6:30, 7 PM, 7:30, 8 PM, 8:30, 9 PM, 9:30, 10 PM, 10:30, 11 PM, 11:30) and rows for various channels and programs.

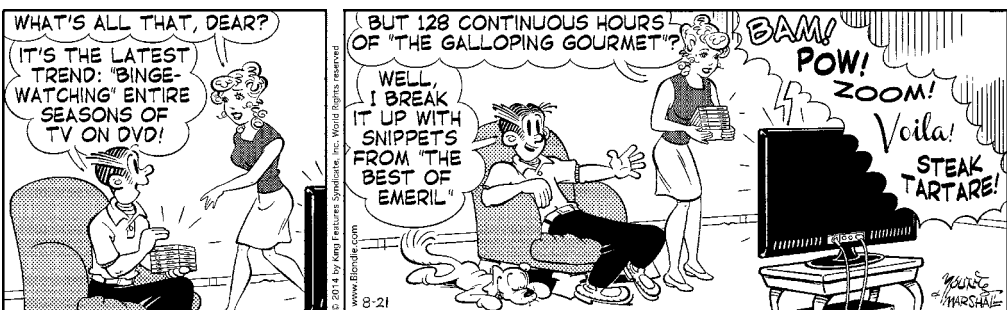
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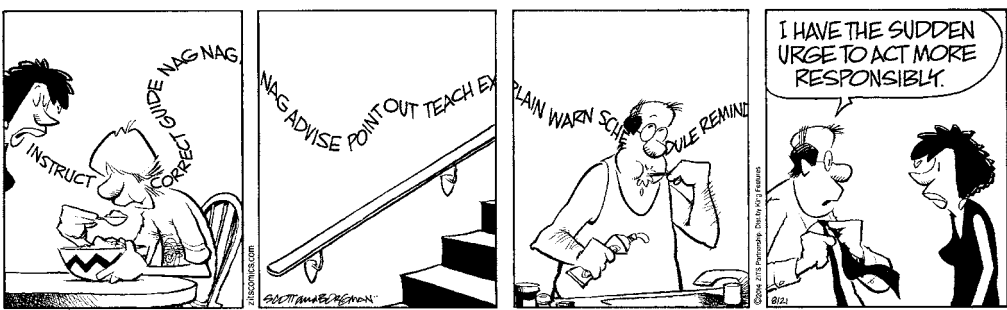
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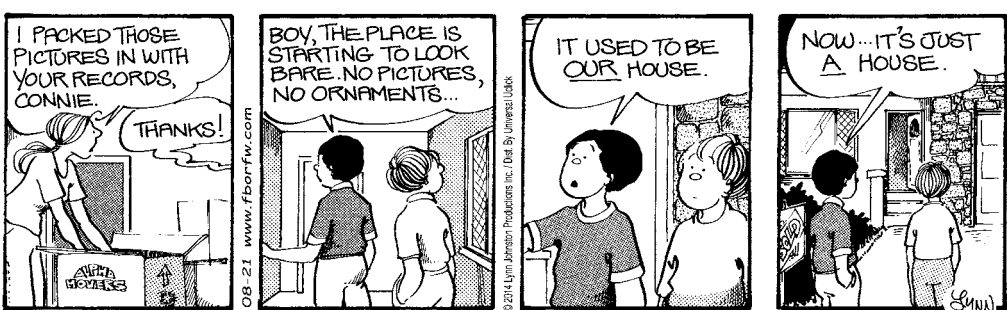
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FOR BETTER OR WORSE



DEAR ABBY

Cousin's tag-along kids push the limit of bride's guest list



Abigail Van Buren www.dearabby.com

DEAR ABBY: I am being married later this year, and I'm planning my guest list. My cousin "Emily" has five young children who I'm making an exception to invite. She lives across the country, so she's starting to book her plane reservations.

Emily just announced that she's being remarried and her fiancé has three children he shares joint custody of. Am I obligated to invite three children I have never met? This is causing a lot of grief between me and my fiancé because Emily assumes that they are all welcome. Please advise. — D.C. IN NYC

DEAR D.C.: Call Cousin Emily. Explain that your guest list is limited and that her five children — to whom you are related — are the exceptions. No other children have been invited to the wedding, and you would prefer to get to know her fiancé's children under less stressful circumstances.

Emily's wrong to assume she can include anyone whose name wasn't on her wedding invitation. The children can stay with their mother or grandparents during the time their father will be away.

DEAR ABBY: My hus-

band prefers leftovers to sandwiches for his work lunch. He generally takes them in reusable plastic bowls that claim to be dishwasher and microwave safe.

After a short time, these bowls become terribly stained. Not only are they unsightly, but sometimes they harbor odors. Even though they have been thoroughly washed, they seem unclean. We have noticed this happens more often with tomato-based food like spaghetti or barbecue.

I have tried soaking the bowls overnight in dishwashing detergent and even using a small amount of bleach, but the stains remain. Is there a way to remove the stains and odors, or must I continue to buy new bowls and throw the stained ones out? — BOWLED OVER IN ALABAMA

DEAR BOWLED OVER: According to "Haley's Hints," by Graham

and Rosemary Haley (New American Library), if you soak the bowls and lids in cold water for five minutes or more before putting the leftovers into them, you can prevent the staining from happening. And the odors can be removed by placing crumpled newspaper inside them and putting the tops on before storing them. (This is also an effective way to deodorize shoes.)

DEAR ABBY: My daughter just got remarried to a man who has a 10-year-old son. I don't know the boy at all. What is the appropriate name he should call me? My daughter already has two boys from her first marriage and they, of course, call me Grandma. I don't feel comfortable having her new stepson call me Grandma. Any suggestions? — NAMELESS IN NEW YORK

DEAR NAMELESS: Is your heart really so closed that you would tell that boy he isn't welcome in it? I urge you to be more accepting of this child, or you may get a name that isn't fit for a family newspaper — and not only will the boy be using it, but also his father.

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

HOROSCOPES

THE LAST WORD Eugenia Last

Protect your health and your finances. Too much of anything will work against maintaining your standard of living. Love is highlighted. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take in whatever information is offered. Let your intuition guide you where partnerships are concerned. Listen carefully and speak from the heart. A decision you make regarding where you live will affect your financial future. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Refuse to let anyone stifle your plans. You can contribute a lot to a group that will appreciate what you have to offer. An interesting offer can lead to positive personal and professional changes. Romance will improve your life. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take things one step at a time. Too much too fast will lead to loss. Keep life simple and live within your means. Problems at work must be kept to a minimum. Overreacting will result in an unexpected turn of events. Use your intuition. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Follow your heart and your instincts, not what someone tells you. You are likely to be misinterpreted or given false information if you aren't precise and do your own research. Focus on contracts, health and financial matters. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't let the unexpected throw you off your game. Concentrate on what needs to be done and move forward professionally. It's how you handle matters that will catapult you into a better position. Don't let personal matters hold you back. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Talk openly, but don't let anyone convince you to take on more. You have to trust in your judgment and move forward at your own pace. A change in the way you handle others will set the stage for better days to come. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Engage in events that bring you in touch with youngsters or people you feel affectionate towards. You can build a stronger relationship and ensure that you have the support and backup you need when you move forward with personal plans. ★★

CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

Kenny Rogers, 76; Loretta Devine, 65; Kim Cattrall, 58; Serj Tankian, 47; Brody Jenner, 31; Usain Bolt, 28; Kacey Musgraves, 26; Hayden Panettiere, 25.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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

"DXN WMXC CZRH 'LXBRMOP' AHRMKA IXL? EH AHRMKA IXL 'LPFDEMU XM BRUMEIEOPMH RMK MPOPAARD OXBRYHETFP PMLUD.'" — URLD TNAPD

Previous Solution: "Let any pretty girl announce a divorce in Hollywood and the wolves come running." — Hedy Lamarr

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CLASSIC PEANUTS



Gators look to rebound from 4-8

By MARK LONG,
Associated Press

GAINESVILLE — Little, if anything, went right for Florida last year.

Mounting injuries, including a devastating one to quarterback Jeff Driskel in the third game of the season, were the main culprit in the program's first losing season since 1979. Coaching conflicts, locker room issues and a woe-is-me mentality made a difficult situation downright dire.

Coach Will Muschamp fired two assistants a day after the 4-8 debacle ended, overhauled one of the league's worst offenses in the offseason and vowed to return the Gators to the top of the Southeastern Conference's Eastern Division.

It's a lofty goal, but far from impossible for Florida.

"We've got a good roster and our guys are motivated," Muschamp said.

Equally important, the Gators are healthy.

Driskel, running back Matt Jones, receiver Andre Debose and offensive tackle Chaz Green have returned after missing most or all of last season with injuries. And Florida has a number of budding stars with another year of experience, including cornerback Vernon Hargreaves III, defensive end Dante Fowler Jr., linebacker Jarrad Davis and receiver Demarcus Robinson.

They're eager to move past 2013, but not quite ready to forget the feeling of failure.

"You want to put it behind you, but you've got to learn from your past mistakes or you'll repeat them," linebacker Michael Taylor said. "When you're a kid, you're not going to put your hand on a hot oven repeatedly. You're going to learn to not touch a hot stove. We're not



Florida's Valdez Showers is pushed out of bounds by Toledo's Chris Dukes just short of the endzone.

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getting anywhere close to that oven now."

Well, Muschamp can't really say the same thing.

The fourth-year head coach is squarely on the hot seat. He is 22-16 in three seasons and unlikely to be around in 2015 if the on-field product doesn't look considerably better.

Muschamp is counting on new offensive coordinator Kurt Roper to turn around a unit that ranked 105th in the nation in 2011, 103rd in

2012 and 113th last year.

"You can continue to do the same things and get the same results or you need to make a change," Muschamp said.

So the revamped Gators are going with an up-tempo, spread offense designed to better fit Driskel's strengths. If it works, Florida could get back to its winning ways in a hurry.

Here are five things to know about the Gators heading into the season:

Wide receiver watch

Florida is hoping for more production from its receiving corps. The Gators haven't had a 1,000-yard receiver since 2002. But with seniors Andre Debose and Quinton Dunbar back and sophomores Ahmad Fulwood, Demarcus Robinson and Chris Thompson seemingly ready to contribute, the group could be at its best during Muschamp's tenure. One problem might

be coaching. Joker Phillips resigned in June, and former graduate assistant Chris Leak was promoted to coach the position.

Dominant defense

While the Gators have had their issues on offense, the defense has been solid, if not stout, under Muschamp. Although Muschamp acknowledged that his current unit doesn't have as much talent as it

did in 2012, he believes they are good in the right spots. They have pass rushers Dante Fowler Jr. and Jon Bullard, penetrating tackles Leon Orr and Darius Cummings, plenty of depth at linebacker, shutdown cornerback Vernon Hargreaves III and versatile safety Keanu Neal.

Kicking woes

The team was close to awful in the kicking game in 2013, missing 10 of 22 field goals — many of them in close games. Florida switched between place-kickers Austin Harden, Brad Phillips and Frankie Velez, but never settled on a go-to guy. The competition remains open, with Harden and Velez in the mix, and Muschamp is confident things will be better this season.

Transferring talents

Florida's tight end situation would be a precarious one without former Virginia starter Jake McGee. The fifth-year senior transferred in May and should pay dividends for the Gators this fall. The 6-foot-6, 255-pound McGee led the Cavaliers with 43 receptions for 395 yards last season. He will provide new offensive coordinator Kurt Roper with a versatile threat in the passing game and a seasoned veteran in the locker room.

Tough slate

Having lost to Georgia Southern late last year, there are no gimmicks for the Gators. Still, the 2014 schedule has few easy stretches. Florida plays at Alabama (Sept. 20), at Tennessee (Oct. 4), against LSU (Oct. 11), against Georgia (Nov. 1), against South Carolina (Nov. 15) and at defending national champion Florida State (Nov. 29).

FSU looks to maintain historic offense

By KAREEM COPELAND
Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Jimbo Fisher isn't looking for the record-setting numbers his Florida State offense put up en route to winning the final BCS national championship.

The coach doesn't believe the Seminoles need that.

"I don't talk yards or anything like that or points," Fisher said. "It's about the efficiency of our offense and how it fits our defense. I think we can be very efficient. We just have to continue to execute whether we throw it, we run it or we keep the versatility of what passes and things we throw."

"We'll feature the talents of the players we have."

The Seminoles offense lost two receivers, two running backs and a center to the NFL, including first-round receiver Kelvin Benjamin, fourth round running back Devonta Freeman and fourth round center Bryan Stork.

Expectations remain high, however, for a group that returns Heisman-winning quarterback Jameis Winston, one of the most prolific receivers in FSU history (Rashad Greene) and an offensive line with four senior starters. Also returning is running back Karlos Williams, who averaged eight yards per carry in 2013.

The Seminoles set an FBS record with 723 points scored in 2013 and their 7,267 offensive yards were an Atlantic Coast Conference record. And Fisher doesn't run a hurry-up-every-play offense that has trended throughout college football.



Florida State must replace Kelvin Benjamin this year in order to maintain a historic offense.

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"The next step is just keeping that thing going, keep putting things up, keep executing day in and day out," Williams said.

Florida State may lean on the run game more early in the season with a veteran offensive line and Williams running the ball while the

receiver position gets sorted out. But there's still the reigning Heisman winner under center and All-ACC tight end Nick O'Leary will have a larger role.

"We may feature different plays, different players in different ways," Fisher said. "Or may ask them to

do the same things if they do them as well as we did last year. We just have to figure out what they do well and feature those and keep a great balance with physicality of running it and still being able to throw it."

The Seminoles lost 1,600

rushing yards and 56 percent of the ground game from the title team to the NFL. Enter Karlos Williams. The preseason all-ACC selection ran for 748 yards and 11 touchdowns after switching from safety last season. The senior needs to prove he can carry the load

from the opening whistle with only youngsters joining him in the backfield.

FSU boasted the top pass defense in the nation in 2014 and had a school record 26 interceptions. The secondary remains the deepest position on the team. P.J. Williams and Jalen Ramsey are stars. Ronald Darby is one of the top cover cornerbacks in the country and Nate Andrews led the team with four interceptions in 2013. Safety Tyler Hunter is back from a neck injury.

Receiver Rashad Greene returns ranked in the top seven in FSU history in receptions, receiving yards and receiving touchdowns. There is no significant experience at the position outside of Greene. Jameis Winston needs someone to emerge from sophomores Bobo Wilson and Kermit Whitfield, seniors Jarred Haggins and Christian Green and five-star freshmen Travis Rudolph and Ermon Lane.

Defensive lineman Mario Edwards, Jr. is ready to join the ranks of the truly dominant Florida State lineman. The former No. 1 recruit in the nation reshaped his body and diet, increased his speed, is squatting 600 pounds and benching 450 pounds. The goal is double-digits sacks and consistent domination.

The Seminoles return five seniors, including four starters to the offensive line. The group has a combined 112 starts between left tackle Cam Erving, right tackle Bobby Hart, center Austin Barron, left guard Josue Matias and right guard Tre Jackson. This unit should set the tone for an offense that lost several starting skill players.