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## TDC field down to 4

Candidates are McIntyre, Pearce, Porter and Vann.

By **TONY BRITT**  
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County officials have released a short-list of four candidates for Columbia County Tourist Development Council director following a round of interviews earlier this month.

The four candidates are:

### Arthur E. McIntyre, Lehigh Acres

McIntyre's most recent employer was Sun Harvest Citrus in Fort Myers, where he was a fruit specialist. His job responsibilities included retail and public relations duties. His past work experience included working as general manager of the Highlands County Fair Association and later as assistant manager for the Southwest Florida - Lee County Fair Association and the Highlands County Fair Association.

### Gary Allen Pearce Jr., St. Cloud

Pearce's most recent employer was listed as the Osceola County Department of Tourism where he worked as the deputy executive director before the position was eliminated in January. His job duties included providing direction and oversight of administration, finance/budget and organizational management, public relations, sales and marketing for destination marketing organizations, sports facilities and county parks. He

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## SHINING STAR ACADEMY

# 3rd strike for school?

Charter denied spot on agenda for school board meeting.

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A request from a retired teacher to charter a new school to replace Shining Star Academy

of the Arts this academic year will not be voted on at Tuesday's school board meeting.

Retired Columbia County school teacher Bernice Presley wrote a letter to the district say-

ing that she and other locals want to open a new arts charter school to replace Shining Star, which was effectively shut down by the Florida Board of Education Monday morning after un-

successfully appealing to stay open. Presley wanted the Columbia County School Board to vote on a new charter at its Tuesday meeting, but Supt. Terry Huddleston said the item won't be on the

**CHARTER** continued on 6A

# Campaign hits home stretch



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



Despite the heat Saturday, candidates and their supporters turned out — though in fairly modest numbers — to wave to passersby on US 90 in front of the supervisor of elections office for the last day of early voting. A total of 3,105 Columbia County residents cast ballots during the eight-day early voting period. The primary election is Tuesday.

## Early voting numbers are modest; primary election set for Tuesday.

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Early voting ended Saturday afternoon with 3,105 Columbia county residents, nine percent of registered voters, casting ballots during the early voting period.

On the final day of early voting, 364 people cast ballots in Lake City and 75 cast ballots in Fort White. Early voting began Saturday, Aug. 16 and during the period a total of 2,656 ballots were cast at the Lake City location and 449 cast at the Fort White Office.

"I was a little disappointed with the early voter turnout," said Liz P. Horne, Columbia County Supervisor of Elections. "I would have liked to have seen a little bit more people come in."

According to the Columbia County Supervisor of Elections' office website, Columbia County has 35,233 registered voters.

Horne said when she checked early voter turnout rates across the state and saw voter turnout rates in those areas, she said Columbia County did relatively well with its nine percent early voter turnout rate.

"I compared my county with a county that's got 40,000

**VOTING** continued on 6A



**TONY BRITT**/Lake City Reporter

## In limbo

Avery Sandlin, a Pinemount Elementary School student, participates in a skate limbo contest at the Lake City Skating Palace Saturday. See more pictures on 6A.

# SVTA audit report nears completion

Should be made public by late next month; no word yet on FDLE probe.

From staff reports

A forensic audit of Suwannee Valley Transit Authority is nearing completion and should be released by late next month, a state official said Friday.

Kris Sullivan, Director of Audit at the Florida Department of Transportation's Office of Inspector General, said the audit report is currently being drafted. It will then be sent to SVTA, which will

have 20 days to respond before the document is made public.

"The final report should be released sometime in late September," Sullivan said.

Two top managers at SVTA logged thousands of hours of compensatory time during their tenure, but records cannot be found of the board of directors approving comp time, contrary to the recollection

of the board's chair.

Columbia County Commissioner and SVTA Chair Ron Williams says he is sure the board approved a comp time policy for former Administrator Gwendolyn Pra.

However, neither the Lake City Reporter nor the FDOT Office of Inspector General could find any mention in the board's minutes of comp time approval.

"We don't have anything from the minutes that showed approval [of comp

**SVTA** continued on 6A

## Board seeks to remove Bashaw

From staff reports

The Suwannee Valley Transit Authority board wants to be rid of one of its members but that apparently won't happen.

Columbia County Commissioner and SVTA board chairman Ron Williams has asked that Suwannee County Commissioner Jason Bashaw be removed from the SVTA board due to absenteeism. Bashaw had missed three of six

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## Bookbag giveaway

Hope Jernigan (front row from left), Columbia City Elementary School principal, sits with Amelia DuPree, Colten Mitchell, Braxton Cunningham, Johanna Angelo, Addison Pelham, Tuff Holland, Ethan Shaw, Cason Johnson, Bo Saunders and Dorothy Spradley, school district volunteer/education marketing coordinator, as they show off bookbags that were given to kindergartners to begin the 2014-2015 school year. In the background are the sponsors for this year's kindergartner book bags: Stasia DuPree, Robyn Taylor, Laurie Evans, Mary Summerall, Abbie Chasteen, Laurie Schmidt, Oly Edwards, John Kasak, Rusty Porter, Sid Thompson, Domineak Speights, Roger Parish, Jay Johnson, Teena Peavey, Jordan Wake and Noah Walker. Approximately 950 bags were given to local kindergartners this year. A total of 12 local businesses and organizations sponsored the 2014 kindergartner bookbags. The Columbia County School District has participated in the kindergartner bookbag giveaway for 14 years.

## AROUND FLORIDA

# Thirty-nine farm animals seized

ST. AUGUSTINE

The owners of a northeast Florida farm are facing charges after authorities seized 39 animals from their property.

The St. Johns County Sheriff's Office reports that Tammy Marie Denes and Donald Eugene Dunbar, both 40, were charged Friday with 39 counts of animal cruelty.

Authorities removed 17 cows, 11 goats, nine pigs and two horses from the property. Officials say the animals appeared to be in poor health and were confined without sufficient food, water or space.

Area newspapers report that animals were taken to another farm where they will be cared for in the custody of the sheriff's office.

Denes and Dunbar currently retain ownership of the animals, but they could lose ownership at hearing that will be held within 30 days.

## Giant yellow jacket nest exterminated

WINTER GARDEN — A gigantic nest of yellow jackets has been exterminated from a central Florida home.

Ruthie Smarte's son first noticed the nest behind her Winter Garden home in March. At the time, it seemed small and nonthreatening, so they thought little of it.

But two of Smarte's cats eventually became apparent victims of the insects as the nest kept growing and growing, and the family realized they needed to do something.

"This thing got big real quick," said Fred Smarte, who worried the bugs could get into the house and attack his mother.

Exterminators from Florida Pest Control arrived at the house Friday to find a nest they said was the largest ever found at a home in the

company's 65-year history. It contained between 15,000 and 35,000 yellow jackets and stretched from the crawl space beneath the house outside, where it was fused with an old armchair. It would hold an estimated 35 gallons, the company estimated.

Workers treated the nest with a white powder pesticide, and the insects buzzed frenetically.

"You see the cartoons where someone hits the nest and they come swarming out. That really happens," said one of the exterminators, Westley Bass.

Later, hundreds of inch-long carcasses could be seen littering the ground around the armchair. Just a few live yellow jackets remained.

The Ledger reports Bass and his team will return next week to remove the nest. They plan to keep it as intact as possible so researchers can study it.

## Man charged with identity-theft at VA

TAMPA — A Tampa man has been arrested for his alleged involvement in an identity-theft scheme at a Veterans Affairs hospital.

Willie Streater, 24, was taken into custody by federal marshals on Wednesday on eight charges stemming from allegedly stealing Social Security numbers from at least 34 veterans treated at the James A. Haley VA Medical Center in 2011 and 2012. He had been hired by a firm whose website warns no to "become a victim of identity theft" and was supposed to be shredding documents for the hospital.

Instead, prosecutors claim, he kept the records and sold them to people who filed fraudulent tax returns. All told, authorities said, \$1.1 million was stolen.

Streater is being held on \$35,000 bail. It's not known if he has an attorney. Prosecutors haven't said if others are expected to be charged.

Streater was hired by Secure Waste Disposal Inc. of Orlando — a company under contract with the Department of Veterans Affairs to shred documents at the North Tampa hospital — despite a criminal record. Since 2007, he has accepted plea deals on charges that included the sale and possession of cocaine, grand theft and burglary, court records show, though a judge withheld adjudication in the cases and Streater only received probation.

VA policy requires a criminal background check for employees, though it's not clear if that policy extends to contractors.

## West Nile virus found in chickens

SANFORD — Three chickens in central Florida have tested positive for the potentially fatal West Nile virus.

The Florida Department of Health in Seminole County advised residents Friday to protect themselves against mosquito bites. Some of the recommended measures are covering the skin with clothing or repellent and draining standing water to stop mosquitoes from multiplying.

The chickens are part of the county's sentinel chicken surveillance program, which are placed in strategic locations around the county and are tested weekly for mosquito-borne illness.

No human cases of West Nile were reported in Seminole County this year.

■ Associated Press



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

## Things are heating up

Cores Concrete employee Dexter Douglas braves the heat Thursday as he works on a sidewalk near McFarlane Avenue. "You've got to just keep moving," he said. "But when it's time to take a break, we take a break. When the heat really hits us we'll back off."

## QUICK HITS

### Scripture of the Day

"Blessed is the man whom you discipline, O Lord, and whom you teach out of your law, to give him rest from days of trouble, until a pit is dug for the wicked. For the Lord will not forsake his people; he will not abandon his heritage; for justice will return to the righteous, and all the upright in heart will follow it."  
— Psalm 94:12-15

### Thought for Today

Change does not roll in on the wheels of inevitability, but comes through continuous struggle. And so we must straighten our backs and work for our freedom. A man can't ride you unless your back is bent.

— Martin Luther King, Jr., American pastor, activist and humanitarian (1929-1968)

### Winning Lottery Numbers

**Cash 3:** (Saturday) 7-1-9

**Play 4:** (Saturday) 3-5-7-8

**Fantasy 5:** (Friday) 1-3-8-18-25

**Florida Lotto:** (Wednesday) 9-18-21-39-40-51-x5

**PowerBall:** (Wednesday) 4-8-21-38-40-3-x2

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## IN THE NEWS

### Parole denied again for John Lennon's killer

NEW YORK — John Lennon's killer was denied release from prison in his eighth appearance before a parole board, correction officials said Friday.

The decision on Mark David Chapman by a three-member board came after a hearing Wednesday, the state Department of Corrections said.

Chapman fired five shots on Dec. 8, 1980, outside the Dakota apartment house where Lennon lived on Manhattan's Upper West Side, hitting the ex-Beatle four times in front of his wife, Yoko Ono, and others. He was sentenced in 1981 to 20 years to life in prison after pleading guilty to second-degree murder.

An attorney for Ono said Friday that she had no immediate comment.

The panel wrote to the 59-year-old Chapman that it concluded that if released, "you would not live and remain at liberty without again violating the law." It added: "This victim had displayed kindness to you earlier in the day, and your actions have devastated a family and those who loved the victim."

At his previous hearing in 2012, Chapman described how Lennon had agreed to autograph an album cover for him earlier on the day of the killing.

"He was very kind to me," he said.

After that, "I did try to tell myself to leave. I've got the album, take it home, show my wife, everything will be fine," he said. "But I was so

compelled to commit that murder that nothing would have dragged me away from the building."

At a 2010 hearing, Chapman recalled that he had considered shooting Johnny Carson or Elizabeth Taylor instead, and said again that he chose Lennon because the ex-Beatle was more accessible, that his century-old apartment building by Central Park "wasn't quite as cloistered."

The transcript of his latest hearing wasn't immediately released. Chapman can try again for parole in two years.

### Ice bucket feat may change nonprofit world

NEW YORK — The ice bucket challenge's phenomenal success is making other charitable organizations rethink how they connect with a younger generation of potential donors.

Since the ALS Association began tracking the campaign's progress on July 29, it has raised more than \$53.3 million from 1.1 million new donors in what is one of the most viral philanthropic social media campaigns in history.

Thousands of people, including celebrities like Taylor Swift and Oprah Winfrey, have posted videos of themselves getting buckets of ice water dumped over their heads and challenging others to do the same — or donate money to the ALS Association, which raises money for Lou Gehrig's disease research and assistance.

■ Associated Press



OUR OPINION

## Time to get down to business, ballot-wise

Not everyone who avoids early voting is a procrastinator. Some have good reason for waiting. First there are those who want to see if some “August surprise” will shake things up before Election Day.

That makes a certain amount of sense. A last-minute bombshell after you’ve already cast your ballot could be disheartening. Of course, those last-minute bombshells are often just crafty machinations that mean very little in the end.

Then there are the electoral purists who consider Election Day a secular holiday, and won’t cast a ballot before the appointed Tuesday no matter what.

Nothing wrong with that — unless illness or some other trouble throws a wrench into your plans.

Finally, there are those who just can’t make up their minds.

They labor and fret over their sample ballots and just can’t close the deal for any candidate.

Well, time’s just about up for all three groups.

Early voting is now over, and Tuesday — good old traditional Tuesday — is nearly upon us.

The polls will be open all day long.

Please, get out there and make yourself heard.

We’ll be listening — and so will the rest of the county.

### TODAY IN HISTORY

On this date:

In 1814, during the War of 1812, British forces invaded Washington, D.C., setting fire to the Capitol and the White House, as well as other buildings.

In 1932, Amelia Earhart embarked on a 19-hour flight from Los Angeles to Newark, N.J., making her the first woman to fly solo, nonstop, from coast to coast.

In 1992, Hurricane Andrew smashed into Florida, causing \$30 billion in damage; 43 U.S. deaths were blamed on the storm.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Superintendent’s treatment of Shining Star shameful

To the Editor:

I am embarrassed and ashamed as an alumnus of Columbia High school, citizen of Lake City, and a leader for young people, to sit and cross my legs, sip tea and call Terry Huddleston Superintendent of Schools.

Mr. Huddleston has repeatedly showed us what type of leader he is. He is not the man that the Citizens voted for. “Terry Huddleston is a liar.”

Huddleston supported that Shining Star Academy, a school full of talented students and lovable staff, shut its doors on students due to the school grades. Huddleston was principal at CHS when four D’s were earned — and he was the second highest paid individual in the county. Yet he was not removed as principal.

Not only is Terry Huddleston inconsiderate, he has no respect or compassion for students and teachers that he says he “cares” about. Members of the community should not sit and watch these school students, parents, and staff (who they adore and love) crumble to pieces because of Terry Huddleston’s ego.

Members of the community are willing to go before the Columbia County School Board and present a new school concept — Dr. Alfonso Levy Academy School of the Arts — under a different administration. Readers, can you believe what the Superintendent of schools of Columbia County did? He emailed Mrs. Bernice Presley that he had denied her request to be on the school board’s August 26 agenda. She can speak only under the comment section; the board has no input in the comment section. I call

that lowdown and disrespectful to Dr. Levy’s memory, his students and those members that were planning to speak at the upcoming school board meeting. That is not real leadership.

My late father Lloyd King Sr. Once told me “a man is only as good as his word.” Terry Huddleston did not keep his word, he turned his back on children and he recommended that Shining Star slam the door in the face of students, teachers and staff. Huddleston is the true definition of poor leadership. We did not elect him to turn his back on children we voted Huddleston to improve the life of students and yet, he has neglected to do that.

Shame on you!

**Cordez King**  
Lake City

## Racing death wasn’t Stewart’s fault

To the Editor:

In re: Setting the record straight on the race track tragedy, Friday, Aug. 22 edition.

I am so sorry that Kevin Ward Jr. didn’t make it home that terrible night, but if he were here, Kevin would surely have to own this. All of it!

He took the time to unhook himself from the safety of his car and deliberately walk out onto a race track with cars still coming around. He intended to have an intervention with Tony Stewart of some kind. It went horribly wrong for Kevin.

By the time Tony saw Kevin, it was too late to act, much less react! There is no way that Tony intended to “mow Kevin Ward down,” as a tabloid has written. The car that was in front of Tony had to have blocked him from having a clear view for a precious few seconds.

I am convinced in my viewing of the video and the information so far that Tony tried everything in his power to miss Kevin — and he almost did.

NASCAR needs to stand up and do what’s right in this situation, and clearly state that they are standing by their drivers when they are not at fault.

After Kevin’s car was pushed into the wall, he could have stayed in it and met Tony later to sort his feelings out. Yet anger won’t let you do that sometimes, it seems. Tony knows those feelings himself.

But do not take the fact that Tony has had the same feelings and reacted on the track (in anger and frustration) to convict him for something that he would never have done, i.e., run over another driver on purpose.

Tony is grieving for what happened to Kevin, and wondering if there was anything he could have done to save him is eating his heart alive. It will take him the rest of his

life to try and figure out whether he could have done something different.

No, I’ll answer that. It was already too late. The moment Kevin walked past the car in front of Tony and into Tony’s view. Already too late. It can really be considered a freak accident, if you will. One in a million chance? I don’t know.

Hey, if NASCAR loses fans because of this accident, good riddance. It is all part of racing. Dale Earnhardt had to die before NASCAR decided to make the drivers follow the rules. It’s time for change! And it’s coming!

**Barbra Griffin**  
Lake City

## State speakers missed the mark at GOP debate

To the Editor:

I went to the Republican debate on Tuesday evening, going to get information on the candidates up for election. I was truly disappointed with the information given by the state candidates so much so I got up and left the event. The event was to be held to say what they could do to make Florida a better state to live in, and to vote for them. That did not happen. They are still talking about Florida as if it was in the 1800’s. The examples given were as if no change had taken place.

Florida is a growing state. North Florida is small and rural but there are some educated families and individuals that do live here. Florida does not have a state income tax, which is one of the reasons that a lot of people and companies move here.

I have been around the United

States, and Florida is home. I have been trying to talk my children into moving back into the area. If this is the feeling of most of the residents of Columbia County, they would better off living in South Florida. My children are disabled and retired military. I thought I knew it all, but I didn’t.

Columbia County, along with the rest of Florida, is changing, and fast.

**Blondell Johnson**  
Lake City

## High gas prices here are driving people away

To the Editor:

I moved to Lake City area eight years ago from Jacksonville, making this my new (and last) home. I have family and friends in Jax so I drive there quite often.

What I don’t understand is why neighboring Baker and Duval counties sell gasoline 15 to 20 cents less than our own Columbia county. I was in the gasoline retail business for 35 years, and I know federal and state taxes are the same. However, county (local) tax can vary, but only by a few cents.

I feel the retail gas outlets here in Lake City are making exorbitant profits off local residents, causing family budgets to suffer. One obvious example is Walmart. Baker County Walmart is always 12 to 15 cents less on a gallon of gas than Lake City’s. That doesn’t make sense.

I always buy local if I can, but this has made me schedule my gas purchases on my trips to Jax.

**Judson Webb**  
Lake City

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

■ To submit your Community Calendar item, contact Emily Lawson at 754-0424 or by email at elawson@lakecityreporter.com.

## EVENTS COMING UP

### Club Registration

The Boys and Girls Club of Columbia County is now registering for the fall session which will run now through Oct. 18. Children 6-14 are eligible to attend. Transportation is offered from all elementary and middle schools. The club offers a variety of activities, including a homework room and computers. Cost for the nine-week session is \$160. Call 752-4184 for more information. Or visit the club at 279 NE Jones Way.

### Soil testing

Columbia County Master Gardeners will do free soil pH testing each Wednesday at the Columbia County Extension Office's new location, 971 W. Duval St. (U.S. 90), Suite 170. Drop off soil samples at the office any week day during business hours. Also, please gather any pots you are not using and bring them in on Sept. 3 or 4 for the "Pot Recycle." For more information, call 752-5384.

### Tales Meet Trails

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." Award winning song writer and recording artist Anna Moo will be performing children's songs. 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.

### Healing Arts Festival

The Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State park will host a "Come to the River Healing Arts" festival on Saturday, Sept. 6. Vendors and crafters will fill the Craft Square from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The 5K run/walk will begin at 7 a.m. Call the gift shop at 386-397-1920 for more information.

### CPAAA 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 Flea Market, 438 Florida 247. Proceeds from the fundraiser will help purchase safety equipment for Lake City Police Department's K-9 unit and officers. 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.



FILE

## CHS coach speaks at Rotary Club

CHS head football Coach Brian Allen, seen in this file photo, spoke to the Rotary Club of Lake City about the upcoming football season and the expectations for the team. He also spoke of how he became a coach after being raised by a single mother. He had two choices to move forward with his life: football or the military. He was prepared to do either. Football became a reality for him and he played both college and professional football before becoming a coach. In addition to football strategy, he also spoke of his academic and behavioral expectations for the team members. He is a husband and father of three girls and feels he has 'over 100 sons.'

### Aug. 25

#### American Heritage

The American Heritage Girls, Troop FL8811, is having a parents meeting on Aug. 25 at 6:30 p.m. at Hopeful Baptist Church. If you would like your daughter (age 5-18) to experience new challenges, serve others and make new friends, come see what American Heritage is all about. Trail Life (for boys) will have a parents meeting at the same time and place to make it easy on families with children in both. Find more information on the American Heritage Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/AHGTroopFL8811](http://www.facebook.com/AHGTroopFL8811). The first kids meeting of the year is Sept. 8.

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#### Lake City Aglow

Lake City Aglow Lighthouse will be meeting on August 25, at 7 p.m. at the New Beginnings of Life Church, 184 EW Windswept Glen. The speaker is Lanette Escobar who is a motivational speaker and author. She shares a message of how pains, struggles and hardships can become a passionate message of hope, truth and healing as we find a safe harbor in the storms of life. For more information call 386-935-4018 or 386-497-2033.

### Aug. 27

#### Q&A

Rep. Ted Yoho (R-Gainesville) announces mobile office hours at Lake City City Hall, 205 N Marion Ave., hosted by his local constituent advocates on August 26 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

#### Early Learning

The Early Learning Coalition of Florida's Gateway Inc. will have a Executive Director/Board Matrix workshop Wednesday, Aug. 27 at 9:00 a.m. at 1104 SW Main Blvd. Call Stacey DePratter at 386-752-9770 for more.

### Quilters Guild

The Lady of the Lake Quilters Guild will meet on Wednesday, August 27 at Bethel United Methodist Church, 4369 US 441 South. Social time is at 9:30 a.m. and the Business meeting at 10:00. Charm Strips color for August is purple. The "I Spy" fabric exchange continues. You will need ten 8-inch squares. Place squares suitable for "I Spy" quilt in a plastic bag with your name on the front. Any questions please call Melba at 755-0781. Visitors are always welcome. For information call Ruth Kennedy 386-628-6407 or Marcia Kazmierski 386-752-2461.

### Sept. 2

#### SAR Meeting

The Lake City Chapter of The Sons of the American Revolution will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 2 at 6 p.m. at the Old Times Country Buffet in the Lake City Mall. The September meeting will include a Reunion Presentation for the Sons of the American Revolution, featuring legendary banjo player Skip Johns and his band. The group has appeared on the Grand Ole Opry, and have opened for many country and bluegrass legends, including Johnny Cash. A special feature of the evening entertainment will be Dueling Banjos. For more information call Jim Craig at 386-752-0015, or Ray Millican at 386-963-2264.

### Sept. 6

#### Yard Sale

Lake City Church of God Kids Club will have a yard sale Saturday, Sept. 6 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Family Life Center. The church is located at 173 SE Ermine Ave.

## OBITUARIES

### Timmie Harris Daughtry

Timmie Harris Daughtry of Lake City, Florida passed away peacefully from natural causes on Friday, August 22, 2014 at the age of 95. Timmie was born October 29, 1918 in Mayo, Florida and was preceded in death by her husband, Marvin Daughtry and



7 brothers and sisters. She is survived by Lucille Arlington (sister), Mariell Braden (sister-in-law), CH Roberts (son), Carolyn Roberts (daughter-in-law), LaDonna Boyette (daughter), Glenn Boyette (son-in-law, but more like a son), her grandchildren Tris Roberts of Naples, FL, Mike Roberts of Lake City, FL, Ric Roberts of Ft. Myers, FL, Ron Roberts of Charlotte, NC, Shannon Boyette Ball of Palm Beach Gardens, FL, Adam Boyette of Raleigh, NC, Aaron Boyette of Bradenton, FL and 12 Great Grandchildren.

She also loved her special extended family that includes Huey & Virginia Boyette, Kathy & Ron Clayton, Diane & Bill Hiers, Hal & Vickie Boyette, her many nieces & nephews and the wonderful staff & residents of the Health Center of Lake City.

Born during the Great Depression, the daughter of share croppers in Mayo, FL, she was the 3rd of nine children. Timmie believed that hard work and perseverance was the secret to a long and fulfilling life. After meeting Marvin, the love of her life, she moved to Ft. Myers, Florida in 1953 where she raised two children. In 1971, the family moved to Lake City, Florida where Timmie lived until her death.

Timmie was a member of Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church and Watertown

Baptist Church. She loved her family and enjoyed making sure that all in her presence never went hungry.

Her favorite granddaughter, Shannon Ball, wrote these words to describe her Nanny...

"I last spoke with Nanny on Tuesday. She said 'I love you sugar, and please tell Brad (husband) and Brody (great grandchild) I love them, too.' What I didn't know at the time was that it would be our final goodbye. Yesterday morning Nanny left us to go 'Hang with God' and reunite with my Papa. After 95 years on this earth, her journey is finally over. I feel so very blessed that she was a big part of my life for so long. No doubt, she was a one of a kind grandmother. Her 'Nanny-isms' will

live on through all of us left behind. I miss her so much already and can't begin to express how bad my heart hurts. But she was tired and ready to go home. At some point I will accept this, but right now I'm just sad. My Nanny was awesome. She wore MAC lipstick, Chanel perfume, Sketchers and lavender nail polish... all at age 95. May we all be so lucky to live a life like hers. I love you, Nanny. And in your own words... 'I should say the word!' Good-bye Nanny!"

Visitation services will be held Monday, August 25th from 5:30-7:30pm at the Dees Parrish Funeral Home Chapel located at 458 South Marion Avenue in Lake City. Funeral Services will be held Tuesday, August 26th at 11am at Pleasant Grove

United Methodist Church located on SR47. Interment Services will be held at Siloam United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that a donation be made to the Health Center of Lake City.

Funeral services for Mrs. Daughtry will be conducted at 11:00 AM on Tuesday August 26, 2014 at Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church with Rev. Randy Ogburn and Rev. Dusty Bailey officiating. Interment will follow in Siloam Methodist Cemetery. Visitation with the family will be held in the Chapel of the funeral home from 5-7:30 Monday evening.

Arrangements entrusted to DEES-PARISH FAMILY FUNERAL HOME, 458 S Marion Ave, Lake City, FL 32025 (386) 752-1234

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### Clara Rowe

Mrs. Clara Rowe, 82, of Beech Island, SC died peacefully in her sleep Thursday, August 21, 2014. She enjoyed cooking, sewing, collecting photographs and most of all studying and talking about the Bible.

Mrs. Rowe is survived by her devoted husband, Gordon Rowe; son, Andy (Theresa) Rowe; and grandchild-

dren, Joey and Cassie Rowe.

A Memorial Service will be held 2 PM, Monday, August 25, 2014 at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 4063 Aiken Augusta Highway, Clearwater, SC.

The family requests no flowers. Elliott Sons Funeral Home 2524 Lumpkin Road Augusta, Georgia 30906 706-793-0123

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## TDC POST

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has previous experience as the Osceola County BOCC director of human resources and national director of sales operations with Westgate Resorts.

### Elizabeth Porter, Lake City

Porter's most recent employer was listed as the Florida House of Representatives where she serves as the State Representative for District 10. Her job responsibilities include crafting and approving the state budget and passing legislation for Florida. She has previous employment experience as a client relations specialist and Columbia County commissioner.

### Paula Rene Vann, Lake City

Vann's most recent employer was listed as Partnership for Strong Families in Gainesville, where she works as a recruitment specialist. Her job responsibilities include developing and implementing marketing, special events and recruitment strategies in 13 North Central Florida counties. She has previous employment experience as an account executive at OEC Business Interiors in Gainesville and as an account manager at Perdue in Jacksonville.

A total of 33 people applied for the job, which was advertised for more than 90 days, and 10 applicants were offered interviews.

"We offered interviews to those 10 and a couple of individuals canceled on us and didn't want to interview, so we short-listed out of those candidates down to four candidates," said Ben Scott, Columbia County assistant county manager. "We're going to interview those candidates next week."

The interviews were conducted in early August by a interview panel consisting of Scott; Lisa Roberts, Columbia County Human Resources Director; Paulette Lord, acting TDC director and Nick Patel, TDC board member.

Dale Williams, county manager, and Scott will conduct the second round of interviews with the candidates on the new short list and decide who the job will be offered to. No time frame has been given as to when the hire is expected to take place.

"In speaking with all these candidates, they all have something going on that they would need to give some notice or have some time to come into the position."

The tourist development director position became vacant when Harvey Campbell announced his retirement in February, and the position has been advertised for more than 90 days during two application periods.

County officials have not established a deadline for filling the post.

"It's an important position for the county so we don't just want to just take a warm body and put in that position," Scott said.

Williams will make the final decision on who to hire.

## VOTING

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registered voters and they voted less than five percent," she said.

The primary election takes place Tuesday and local polling sites will be open from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Columbia County has 13 polling locations and 24 precincts.

Residents planning to vote should go to their local polling sites with a picture identification that contains their signature.

Horne said she would like to see at least 30 percent of the county's reg-

istered voters cast ballots during Tuesday's primary.

"That would put us at 39 percent, plus we have the absentee ballots that count," she said.

Early voting numbers do not include absentee ballots.

The Columbia County Supervisor of Elections

office sent out close to 3,500 absentee ballots and has only received slightly more than 1,900 in return.

"I don't look for very many of those (absentee ballots) to come back in on election day or between now and then," Horne said Saturday afternoon. "Usually when we

send those out they come right on back in."

Absentee ballots, for people who choose to vote by mail, are due at 7 p.m. election night.

Two provisional ballots were cast during the early voting period by individuals who did not have a photo ID, Horne said.

## Pinemount PTO hosts back-to-school bash

The event took place Saturday at the Lake City Skating Palace. The event was sponsored by the Pinemount Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization and was totally free to Pinemount students and their families. The event, which has been held for about six years at different locations, serves as a kick-off event to celebrate the beginning of the new school year.



Pinemount Elementary School principal Cherie Hill (center with ball) is photographed with students during the school PTO's annual back to school bash.

Photos by TONY BRITT/Lake City Reporter



Oda Dillan (from left) and Michelle Duncan sign their family members in for the Pinemount Elementary School Back to School Bash. About 100 families had registered within the first hour of the event.



Avery Sandlin, a Pinemount Elementary School student, participates in a skate limbo contest at the Lake City Skating Palace Saturday.



Amanda Delk helps her daughter, Gracie, lace up her skates Saturday.

## 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
Thursday: 315	Thursday: 57	Thursday: 372
Friday: 404	Friday: 64	Friday: 468
Saturday: 364	Saturday: 75	Saturday: 439
<b>Total: 2656</b>	<b>Total: 449</b>	<b>Total: 3105</b>

## BASHAW

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meetings, Williams said in the letter to Suwannee County Commission Chairman Phil Oxendine.

The SVTA board voted unanimously to have Bashaw removed.

Oxendine sent a letter to Williams declining to replace Bashaw. He said he had no one available because the remaining Suwannee County commissioners were tied up with

other committees.

"It wouldn't be fair to pile on to someone else," Oxendine told the Lake City Reporter on Friday.

Oxendine said he has spoken with Bashaw, who told him he would attend all future SVTA board meetings. "As far as I'm concerned, there is no issue," Oxendine said Friday. "He promised he would go to the meetings, and that's what he's done."

Bashaw could not be reached for comment.

## SVTA

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time]," Sullivan told the Lake City Reporter in May. "That question is still out there."

Pra and former Operations Manager Bill Steele together registered at least 6,740 hours of comp time during less than three years of service, according to documents verified by the FDOT.

Pra received \$82,609.92 in addition to her base salary of \$78,748.80 in 2013, according to FDOT.

Steele received \$36,395 in addition to his base salary of \$71,427 during the

same year, FDOT said.

SVTA has since adopted a new policy that allows workers to accumulate no more than 100 hours of come time. In addition, comp time cannot be converted to overtime pay and cashed out, as happened with Pra and Steele.

The FDOT audit began March 12.

A criminal probe is also currently underway by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. FDLE officials on Friday declined to comment on the status of that probe.

Lake City Reporter staff writer Sarah Loftus contributed to this report.

## CHARTER

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agenda. He would not say whether the request for a new charter would be put on the agenda for any future school board meetings.

"In reference to the letter, there's nothing for the board to vote on," he said.

Presley and anyone else can come to the meeting to speak during citizens' comment time, Huddleston said.

Any questions that arise in regard to a new charter will be referred to board attorney Guy Norris, he said.

Presley wrote in her letter that

the new charter school would replace Shining Star, so its students don't have to leave the school. The teachers would also remain in place. However, the administration would change. Shining Star Principal Tony Buzzella said he has been asked to have no part in the proposed new school.

Presley wanted the new charter school to use Shining Star's arts curriculum and Belmont Academy's plan for academics, she said.

Shining Star had to make an appeal for a waiver of termination because it received F grades during the previous two school years, which under

Florida statute is grounds for closure.

State law mandates that the district now issue an order of closure. Huddleston said the school board will vote to approve the 90-day closure at this Tuesday's meeting. Then, the district will notify Shining Star of its decision and will then start

meeting with the school's administrators to determine when the school's last day will be.

Under state rules, a request for a charter must be made by Aug. 1 of the academic year the school is to open. Presley planned to ask the board to waive that deadline, she said in the letter.

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## School open house dates

From staff reports

### Thursday, Aug. 28

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

### Thursday, Sept. 4

Pine Mountain 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.

# Woman stabbed; man is taken into custody

From staff reports

A Lake City man, arrested Friday morning, faces aggravated battery charges after a Thursday night domestic dispute ended with an alleged stabbing.

Douglas Oliver Lind Carnegie, 23, of 255 SW Gremlin Way, was charged with aggravated battery and violation of probation in the incident. He was booked into the Columbia County Detention Facility without bond.

According to Columbia County Sheriff's Office reports, the 911 center received an emergency call from a Southwest Gremlin Way address in reference to a stabbing. The woman caller told officials she was walking down the street and was attacked by an unknown person with a knife.

Deputies J. Latimer and Keith Spradley were responding to the address when dispatch told them a possible victim was in the Walmart parking lot requesting an ambulance. Latimer and Spradley went to Walmart where they encountered Carnegie. Carnegie reportedly did not have much blood on



**Carnegie** possible victim.

Sgt. Pete Spurlock and Spradley responded to the Gremlin Way address to conduct a well-being check. While on their way to the address, dispatch told them that someone from the address called 911 again requesting that law enforcement and EMS cancel, as the caller reported that everything at the home was OK.

Spurlock and Spradley continued to the residence and were met by an unidentified person on the front porch.

While Spurlock and Spradley were at the Gremlin Way address, Latimer contacted them and said Carnegie told him he stabbed someone several times and the injuries could be severe.

Spurlock, still at the Gremlin Way residence, told the residents that he needed to see the stabbing victim. While standing in the living room, a woman

in the residence told Spurlock she had already taken care of the injuries and put Neosporin on all the open wounds.

"You could still see the fatty tissue outside of the stab wounds and the bleeding had not stopped," Spradley wrote in his report on viewing the injuries.

After investigating the incident, Spradley walked back outside with Carnegie and said he didn't feel it was a case of self-defense and noted Carnegie's only injury was his cut finger. He told Carnegie he was being arrested for aggravated battery. Carnegie was then arrested and taken to jail.

The victim's condition was not released.

Later dispatch reportedly informed Spradley that Carnegie is currently on probation in Lake City for aggravated battery on a pregnant person and the original charge occurred in Hillsborough County. During a criminal history search on Carnegie, authorities learned he has a criminal history in Georgia and that he was also charged with aggravated battery while in Georgia.

## Local officials warn public of unlicensed contractors in area

By EMILY BUCHANAN

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Local officials are warning residents about a recent influx of unlicensed contractors working in the area.

The Columbia County Department of Building and Zoning, Department of Safety and Property Management and the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation have stepped up to help consumers become more aware of unlicensed contractors.

"What we've seen in last three to four months is an increased amount of complaints from residents about unlicensed contractors trying to pass as licensed contractors that could be possibly working on your roof right now," said Rudy Crews, director for the Columbia County Department of Safety and Property Management. "What we're trying to do is get this brought under control."

Crews said he checks for three things while trying to catch an unlicensed contractor: If the contractor has a permit, a license and if they carry workers' compensation insurance.

"When we go to a job site, I catch them onsite and then I call other agencies to let them know what's going on," Crews said. "We do what's called a cease and desist at the job site, and that's basically where we tell them to stop and get right with the building department."

The biggest downside to having an unlicensed contractor work on a resident's home is having no recourse to shoddy construction, Crews said.

"Residents are being taken advantage of by contractors," Crews said. "If the unlicensed contractor gets hurt on the job site, for example on the top of your roof, the homeowner is responsible and could possibly get sued."

Unlicensed contractors tend to work during the weekends, ask far less money to do a job and sometimes require a down payment before the contraction begins. "These people are everywhere and it's not right," Crews said. "The best thing to do is to consult the building department, and they'll tell you who is best for the job."

Tajiana Ancora-Brown, director of communications from the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation, said to always verify a license, always get a written estimate and always get a second or third opinion.

"It is extremely critical that consumers be their own advocate," Ancora-Brown said. "Be aware of scams, people soliciting from door-to-door and asking for money."

The DBPR hotline for suspected unlicensed activity is 866-532-1440 or 850-488-6603.

# July was best month for real estate

Number of closed sales up 16.7 percent from this time last year.

By TONY BRITT

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The monthly housing report for Columbia County has buoyed the hopes of local real estate professionals.

The Columbia County monthly market detail report, detailing single family home sales for July, indicated increases in closed sales, new pending sales, new listings, median sale prices, average sale prices and inventory (active listings).

"It's the best month for Columbia County of this year," said Dan Gherna, Lake City Board of Realtors executive vice president. "We creeping up slowly. Cash sales remain high."

Closed sales for Columbia County were

up 16.7 percent in July, compared to July 2013. In July 2013 there were 48 closed sales and in July 2014 there were 56 closed sales.

New pending sales increased 27.7 percent, jumping from 47 in July 2013 to 60 in July 2014.

There was also an increase of 15.7 percent in the number of new listings. New listings went from 70 in July 2013 to 81 for July 2014.

Gherna said he recently attended a conference in Chicago where one of the presenters noted the nation's Gross Domestic Product had grown about four percent, though the general economy isn't feeling the effects yet.

"He said the reason for not feeling it is because

there is a slow housing market recovery and slow commercial market recovery," Gherna said. "He said it's holding back the economic recovery. He was calling for a slight downturn in 2014, but this is going to be our best year since 2006."

Gherna is predicting that local real estate agents will sell more than 500 site-built single family residences in 2014.

"At the halfway point of the year we're at 243 (site-built single family residence) sales and we always tend to trend up in August and October and December have traditionally been decent months," he said. "I think we're going to be over 500 sales for the first time since 2006."

In addition to the volume, the prices associated with single family home sales in the county also

increased compared with July 2013.

According to the report, the median sales price for a single family home is up 15.3 percent, from \$100,000 in July 2013 to \$115,250 in July 2014.

The average sale price of single family homes also showed a slight gain of about 2.4 percent.

The average sale prices in July 2014 was \$126,580, compared to \$123,576 in July 2013. Inventory (active listings) increased from 403 last July to 436 in July 2014 and the average percent of the original list price received for the home purchases was above 90 percent.

"I think it's still a buyer's market and I think it's going to stay that way for a while, but we are trending upward and I'm looking forward to a great rest of the year," Gherna said.

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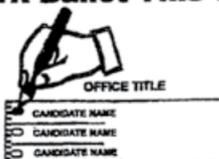
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### REGIONAL FORECAST MAP for Sunday, Aug. 24

Sunday's highs/Sunday night's low

City	Monday	Tuesday
Cape Canaveral	89/79/sh	91/80/ts
Daytona Beach	89/78/sh	90/79/pc
Fort Myers	93/76/ts	91/76/ts
Ft. Lauderdale	92/80/ts	90/79/ts
Gainesville	90/72/ts	88/71/pc
Jacksonville	89/75/ts	87/74/ts
Key West	91/82/ts	91/82/ts
Lake City	90/72/ts	88/71/pc
Miami	90/79/ts	90/79/ts
Naples	93/78/ts	91/78/ts
Ocala	90/72/ts	88/72/pc
Orlando	91/77/ts	91/78/pc
Panama City	90/76/ts	88/76/pc
Pensacola	92/75/ts	90/74/pc
Tallahassee	94/72/pc	92/71/pc
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Normal year-to-date	33.91"

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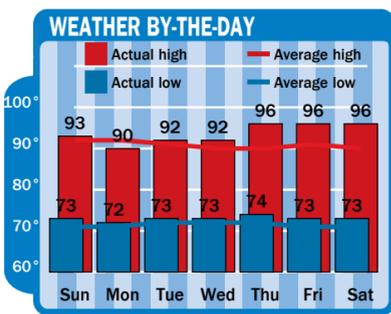
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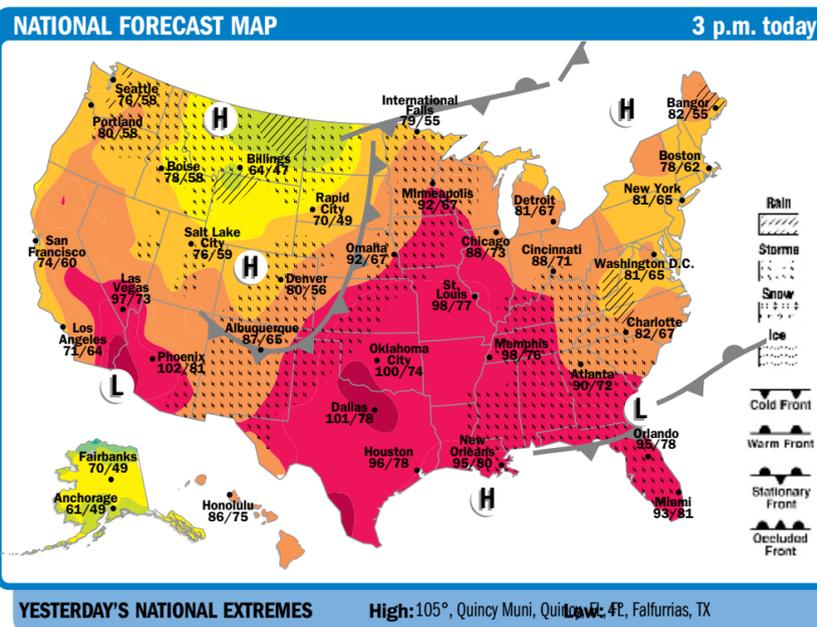
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CITY	Saturday Hi/Lo/Pcp.	Today Hi/Lo/W	CITY	Saturday Hi/Lo/Pcp.	Today Hi/Lo/W	CITY	Saturday Hi/Lo/Pcp.	Today Hi/Lo/W
Albany	73/62/0.0	82/58/fg	Des Moines	86/72/0.0	93/71/pc	Oklahoma City	86/66/0.0	100/74/pc
Albuquerque	73/57/0.0	87/65/pc	Detroit	78/69/0.0	82/67/fg	Omaha	87/71/59	92/67/pc
Anchorage	54/50/0.0	61/49/r	El Paso	84/66/0.0	92/70/pc	Orlando	93/73/0.0	96/77/pc
Atlanta	91/75/0.0	90/72/ts	Fairbanks	55/46/0.0	70/49/pc	Philadelphia	73/66/21	80/61/pc
Baltimore	71/69/1.0	82/62/pc	Greensboro	86/75/0.0	81/62/sh	Phoenix	91/77/0.0	102/81/pc
Billings	61/56/6.6	64/47/ts	Hartford	75/63/0.0	82/59/pc	Pittsburgh	80/69/0.0	83/61/fg
Birmingham	93/73/0.0	95/73/ts	Honolulu	82/75/0.0	86/75/sh	Portland ME	70/55/0.0	76/60/pc
Bismarck	64/60/2.5	63/50/ts	Houston	93/77/0.0	96/78/pc	Portland OR	75/59/0.0	80/58/pc
Boise	61/51/0.0	78/58/pc	Indianapolis	87/70/0.0	88/72/pc	Raleigh	84/75/0.1	83/63/pc
Boston	72/60/0.0	78/62/pc	Jackson MS	95/73/0.0	99/74/pc	Rapid City	72/63/0.4	70/49/pc
Buffalo	78/64/0.0	81/63/pc	Jacksonville	97/75/0.0	94/76/ts	Reno	75/57/0.0	86/58/s
Charleston SC	99/81/0.0	89/70/ts	Kansas City	81/77/0.0	96/74/pc	Sacramento	75/57/0.0	87/59/s
Charleston WV	84/71/0.0	86/66/pc	Las Vegas	90/78/0.0	100/76/s	Salt Lake City	66/55/0.0	76/59/pc
Charlotte	89/73/0.0	82/67/ts	Little Rock	96/75/0.0	97/75/pc	San Antonio	80/78/0.0	99/78/pc
Cheyenne	70/55/0.3	75/50/pc	Los Angeles	82/66/0.0	77/65/fg	San Diego	75/66/0.0	78/69/pc
Chicago	84/73/0.0	88/73/fg	Memphis	96/78/0.0	98/76/pc	San Francisco	69/57/0.0	74/60/fg
Cincinnati	88/69/0.0	88/71/pc	Miami	91/80/1.1	93/81/pc	Seattle	72/57/0.0	76/58/fg
Cleveland	78/70/0.0	84/66/fg	Minneapolis	73/69/0.0	92/67/pc	Spokane	70/55/0.0	76/56/pc
Columbia SC	91/77/0.0	98/73/s	Mobile	95/77/0.0	98/76/pc	St. Louis	96/80/0.0	98/77/pc
Dallas	96/80/0.0	101/78/pc	New Orleans	93/78/0.0	95/80/pc	Tampa	93/77/1.0	95/79/pc
Daytona Beach	96/73/0.1	94/78/pc	New York	73/66/0.0	80/64/pc	Tucson	88/73/0.0	97/76/pc
Denver	62/54/0.0	80/56/pc	Oakland	68/62/0.0	72/61/fg	Washington	75/73/0.4	81/65/pc

### INTERNATIONAL

CITY	Saturday Hi/Lo/Pcp.	Today Hi/Lo/W	CITY	Saturday Hi/Lo/Pcp.	Today Hi/Lo/W	CITY	Saturday Hi/Lo/Pcp.	Today Hi/Lo/W
Acapulco	84/75/1.05	87/77/cd	La Paz	60/28/0.0	62/30/s	Rio	86/64/0.0	84/64/pc
Amsterdam	62/46/0.0	62/51/r	Lima	64/59/0.0	64/57/pc	Rome	82/66/0.0	86/64/s
Athens	95/69/0.0	95/78/s	London	64/46/0.0	66/46/s	San Juan PR	84/77/2.53	87/78/pc
Auckland	59/46/0.0	59/44/s	Madrid	87/59/0.0	87/59/s	Santiago	82/73/0.0	89/73/pc
Beijing	91/71/0.0	89/68/cd	Mexico City	71/57/0.0	73/55/pc	Seoul	82/75/0.0	82/66/pc
Berlin	68/53/0.0	69/51/pc	Montreal	77/60/0.0	78/57/pc	Singapore	89/80/0.0	89/78/pc
Buenos Aires	78/64/0.0	62/48/ts	Moscow	69/42/0.0	69/51/pc	St. Thomas VI	86/75/0.0	89/79/pc
Cairo	98/77/0.0	100/77/s	Nairobi	84/55/0.0	80/57/pc	Sydney	62/50/0.0	62/53/r
Geneva	69/55/0.0	71/51/r	Nassau	89/82/0.0	91/80/pc	Tel Aviv	91/77/0.0	93/77/pc
Havana	89/71/0.0	91/73/pc	New Delhi	102/82/0.0	102/82/pc	Tokyo	86/77/0.0	89/77/cd
Helsinki	64/51/0.0	64/53/r	Oslo	53/32/0.0	59/50/pc	Toronto	69/66/0.0	71/60/pc
Hong Kong	89/82/0.0	89/80/pc	Panama	86/75/0.0	86/73/pc	Vienna	71/55/0.0	73/55/pc
Kingston	91/84/0.0	93/80/pc	Paris	66/55/0.0	66/48/pc	Warsaw	73/51/0.0	71/55/r

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# Classic comeback

## Tigers rally from 26-0 hole to beat West Orange, 35-34

By BRANDON FINLEY

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Columbia High put the classic in kickoff classic with a game for the ages.

The Tigers rallied from a 26-0 deficit to defeat West Orange High, 35-34, in a game that saw the varsity squads go the distance.

In the first half, Columbia was terrible. The Tigers didn't complete a pass and turned the ball over on multiple occasions, while giving up big play after big play to the Warriors.

West Orange went 81 yards on its first offensive play when Dexter Williams raced to the end zone for a 6-0 lead.

Columbia's response wasn't pretty, but Brandon Powell boomed a 56-yard punt to the three.

It didn't matter.

West Orange marched downfield and took only two plays to score. Gunner Bullant aced a 69-yard pass to Eddie McDoom and Mike Scott followed with a 28-yard run for a 12-0 lead.

Columbia followed with another three-and-out, but the defense held on West Orange's third drive.

Unfortunately, the offense was still finding its stride.

After picking up a first down for the first time on their fourth drive, the Tigers turned the ball over on a Jake Thomas fumble that was recovered by Tre Rogers.

West Orange fired back with another one-play drive.

Mike Scott scampered 47 yards up the middle and scored for an 18-0 lead.

The good news is that the Tigers special teams played well in the first half and Ben Kuykendall blocked the extra-point attempt to



BRENT KUYKENDALL/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High's Kamario Bell (34) runs over West Orange High's Ramon Lyons (3) in the Tigers' 35-34 win in the kickoff classic game in Lake City on Friday. More kickoff classic pictures on Page 4B.

keep the score at 18-0.

After a fourth-down attempt failed for the Tigers on their following drive, West Orange knocked on Columbia's door once more.

The defense stuck their claws in the dirt, however, and a fourth-down stop at the goal line kept West Orange from adding to its lead.

Jake Thomas threw an interception on the next drive, as Roman Kerr stepped in front of an out route.

The turnover set up a score as Woody Barrett scrambled nine yards for a touchdown. McDoom faked

the hold on the extra point and rolled in for two points.

A 70-yard kickoff return from Latrell Williams on the following kickoff began the Columbia comeback.

Four Lonnie Underwood runs followed and the senior plowed six yards into the end zone to put the Tigers on the board. Hunter Houston added the extra point to make the score 26-7 with 1:47 remaining in the first half.

Columbia received the ball to start the second half and marched nine plays to score. The Tigers actually scored three times on the drive, but twice penalties negated the touchdown.

The points stayed on the board the third time when Davin Schuck hit Jacquez Cray on an 11-yard pass to make it 26-14 with 7:44 left in the third quarter.

Columbia's defense stiffened up in the second half and forced a three-and-out to begin the third quarter.

Columbia responded with eight plays, 52 yards and a third straight score. Underwood continued to be an endzone hawk with another score. This time, the single season touchdown record holder scored from seven yards to make it 26-21 with 5:12 remaining in the third quarter.

After Malachi Jean recov-

ered a fumble, Columbia had a chance to take the lead on its next drive.

Underwood helped the offense capitalize with a 14-yard run to make it 28-26 with 14 seconds remaining in the third quarter.

When most thought the varsity players would give way to the junior varsity as planned in the kickoff classic, the varsity squads came back on the field for the fourth quarter.

"At the end of the third quarter, I sent an official over to ask if we were going to play our young guys," Columbia head coach Brian Allen said. "I got word that he was going to play his

starters. I think they came over here trying to kick our behinds. They were asking me for film two months before the game in advance. I think they wanted to beat our butts, and had a mindset that they were playing four quarters. So we played our starters."

West Orange reclaimed the lead with their only score of the second half coming with 6:14 remaining in the game when Barrett broke a tackle and ran into the end zone for a 34-28 lead.

The second half was Columbia's, however, and the Tigers never stalled on the following drive.

Columbia moved 10 plays in 69 yards, eating up 4:46 of the clock and capped off the drive with Underwood's fourth touchdown of the night to tie the game 34-34. Houston connected on the extra point to go 5-for-5 on the night and Columbia had a 35-34 lead with 1:28 remaining.

West Orange responded, but the final play of the game saw Roger Cray bat down a pass in the end zone to preserve the win.

"As a varsity, we still made too many mistakes," Allen told the team afterwards. "We have to take this and critically analyze ourselves. We have to learn from the mistakes that we made, because this game doesn't count."

And although it won't be in the record books, it will be remembered.

"I'm proud of our guys for coming back, but I'm not surprised," Allen said. "We did an outstanding job against a football team full of athletes. The one thing you can't measure is heart. There's something in that Lake City water."

# Work to be done

## Indians struggle, lose 8-6 in classic at Dixie County.

By TIM KIRBY

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CROSS CITY — Fort White High football's kickoff classic at Dixie County High showed both teams have a lot of work in front of them to defend their respective district titles.

The Bears came out on top, 8-6, in the three quarters of varsity play.

Neither junior varsity got anything going in the fourth quarter.

"That's the classic, especially when you have a lot of young guys going in skill positions," Indians head coach Demetric Jackson said. "The timing was just

not there. We saw some stuff out there, but we couldn't do it. (Quarterback DJ Jackson) was just throwing the ball hard, our receivers were out of sync and we missed some blocking assignments."

Dixie County ran 27 plays to 20 for Fort White in the first half and led 8-0 at intermission.

The Indians answered on their first possession of the second half. Fort White marched 40 yards in eight plays for a touchdown. Donald Robinson did the scoring from three yards out.

The big play of the drive came on a fourth-and-4 when Jackson hit Christian Hesel for 13 yards. It was the longest pass play of the night for the Indians.

Jackson finished 4 of

17 for 22 yards with an interception on a desperation throw late in the first half. Nick McClain, Justin Asuncion and J.T. Byrne also had catches.

Cameron White rushed for 28 yards on seven carries and Blair Chapman added 10 yards on three carries.

Following Dixie County's touchdown, White returned the kickoff 86 yards for a touchdown, but a holding penalty brought the ball back to the Bears 39.

Tyler Reed returned the other kickoff 11 yards. Shea Showers totaled 31 yards on punt returns, and Robinson had an 11-yard punt return.

Both teams punted six times and had 50 yards in

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**TV sports**

**Today**  
**AUTO RACING**  
**7:30 a.m.**  
 NBCSN — Formula One, Belgian Grand Prix

**4 p.m.**  
 FSI — United SportsCar Championship, Oak Tree Grand Prix  
 NBCSN — IndyCar, Grand Prix of Sonoma

**7 p.m.**  
 NBCSN — Indy Lights (same-day tape)

**CYCLING**  
**2 p.m.**  
 NBCSN — USA Pro Challenge, final stage, Boulder, Colo. to Denver

**4 p.m.**  
 NBC — USA Pro Challenge, final stage, Boulder, Colo. to Denver (same-day tape)

**GOLF**  
**6:30 a.m.**  
 TGC — European PGA Tour, Czech Masters, final round, at Prague

**Noon**  
 TGC — PGA Tour, The Barclays, final round

**2 p.m.**  
 CBS — PGA Tour, The Barclays, final round

**5 p.m.**  
 TGC — Champions Tour, Boeing Classic, final round

**7 p.m.**  
 TGC — Web.com Tour, Portland Open, final round

**1:30 a.m.**  
 TGC — LPGA, Canadian Pacific Women's Open, final round (delayed tape)

**GYMNASTICS**  
**2:30 p.m.**  
 NBC — P&G Championships, men

**HORSE RACING**  
**8 p.m.**  
 NBCSN — Thoroughbreds, Pacific Classic, at Del Mar, Calif.

**LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL**  
**10 a.m.**  
 ESPN — World Series, third place, Seoul-Tokyo loser vs. Las Vegas-Chicago loser

**3 p.m.**

ABC — World Series, championship, Seoul-Tokyo winner vs. Las Vegas-Chicago winner

**MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL**  
**1:30 p.m.**  
 TBS — San Francisco at Washington  
**2:15 p.m.**  
 WGN — Baltimore at Chicago Cubs  
**8 p.m.**  
 ESPN — L.A. Angels at Oakland

**NFL FOOTBALL**  
**4 p.m.**  
 FOX — San Diego at San Francisco  
**8 p.m.**  
 NBC — Cincinnati at Arizona

**PREP FOOTBALL**  
**Noon**  
 ESPN2 — Oakland (Tenn.) at Blackman (Tenn.)

**3 p.m.**  
 ESPN — Dwyer at American Heritage

**SOCCER**  
**10:55 a.m.**  
 NBCSN — Premier League, Manchester United at Sunderland

**5 p.m.**  
 ESPN2 — MLS, Seattle at Portland

**11 p.m.**  
 ESPN2 — National Women's Soccer League, playoffs, semifinal, Washington at Seattle

**SWIMMING**  
**1 p.m.**  
 NBC — Pan Pacific Championships, at Gold Coast, Australia (same-day tape)

**WNBA BASKETBALL**  
**7 p.m.**  
 ESPN2 — Playoffs, conference semifinal, game 2, Atlanta at Chicago

**9 p.m.**  
 ESPN2 — Playoffs, conference semifinal, game 2, Phoenix at Los Angeles

**YOUTH OLYMPICS GAMES**  
**9 p.m.**  
 NBCSN — Athletics; gymnastics (apparatus finals); men's diving, at Nanjing, China (same-day tape)

**Monday**  
**MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL**  
**7 p.m.**  
 ESPN — N.Y. Yankees at Kansas City

**SOCCER**  
**2:55 p.m.**  
 NBCSN — Premier League, Liverpool at Manchester City

**TENNIS**  
**1 p.m.**

ESPN — U.S. Open, first round, at New York

**6 p.m.**  
 ESPN2 — U.S. Open, first round, at New York

**YOUTH OLYMPICS GAMES**  
**7 p.m.**  
 NBCSN — Athletics; women's diving, at Nanjing, China (same-day tape)

## BASEBALL

### AL standings

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	73	53	.579	—
New York	65	61	.516	8
Toronto	65	63	.508	9
Tampa Bay	63	65	.492	11
Boston	56	72	.438	18

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	71	56	.559	—
Detroit	68	58	.540	2½
Cleveland	64	63	.504	7
Chicago	59	69	.461	12½
Minnesota	57	70	.449	14

West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	76	51	.598	—
Oakland	75	52	.591	1
Seattle	69	58	.543	7
Houston	55	74	.426	22
Texas	49	78	.386	27

**Today's Games**  
 Chicago White Sox (Sale 10-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Capuano 1-3), 1:05 p.m.  
 Houston (Oberholtzer 4-8) at Cleveland (Bauer 4-7), 1:05 p.m.  
 Tampa Bay (Archer 8-6) at Toronto (Hutchison 8-11), 1:07 p.m.  
 Seattle (Iwakuma 12-6) at Boston (Webster 3-1), 1:35 p.m.  
 Detroit (Scherzer 14-4) at Minnesota (Gibson 11-9), 2:10 p.m.  
 Baltimore (Mi.Gonzalez 6-6) at Chicago Cubs (Wada 3-1), 2:20 p.m.  
 Kansas City (J.Vargas 10-5) at Texas (Mikolas 1-5), 3:05 p.m.  
 L.A. Angels (Weaver 13-7) at Oakland (Kazmir 14-5), 8:05 p.m.

**Monday's Games**  
 Tampa Bay (Odorizzi 9-10) at Baltimore (Tillman 10-5), 7:05 p.m.  
 Boston (Buchholz 5-8) at Toronto

(Happ 8-8), 7:07 p.m.  
 N.Y. Yankees (Pineda 2-2) at Kansas City (Shields 12-6), 7:10 p.m.  
 Oakland (Samardzija 3-3) at Houston (Feldman 7-9), 8:10 p.m.  
 Miami (Cosart 1-1) at L.A. Angels (Undecided), 10:05 p.m.  
 Texas (N.Martinez 3-9) at Seattle (Elias 9-10), 10:10 p.m.

## NL standings

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	73	54	.575	—
Atlanta	68	61	.527	6
Miami	64	63	.504	9
New York	60	69	.465	14
Philadelphia	57	71	.445	16½

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	71	57	.555	—
St. Louis	69	58	.543	1½
Pittsburgh	66	62	.516	5
Cincinnati	61	68	.473	10½
Chicago	56	72	.438	15

West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	73	57	.562	—
San Francisco	68	59	.535	3½
San Diego	59	68	.465	12½
Arizona	54	75	.419	18½
Colorado	50	77	.394	21½

**Today's Games**  
 Atlanta (Harang 10-7) at Cincinnati (Simon 12-8), 1:10 p.m.  
 San Francisco (Vogelsong 7-9) at Washington (Strasburg 10-10), 1:35 p.m.  
 St. Louis (Masterson 2-1) at Philadelphia (Williams 1-0), 1:35 p.m.  
 Pittsburgh (Worley 5-3) at Milwaukee (Fiers 3-1), 2:10 p.m.  
 Baltimore (Mi.Gonzalez 6-6) at Chicago Cubs (Wada 3-1), 2:20 p.m.  
 Miami (Hand 2-5) at Colorado (Bergman 0-2), 4:10 p.m.  
 N.Y. Mets (B.Colon 11-10) at L.A. Dodgers (Correa 2-0), 4:10 p.m.  
 San Diego (Kennedy 9-11) at Arizona (C.Anderson 7-5), 4:10 p.m.

**Monday's Games**  
 St. Louis (Lackey 1-1) at Pittsburgh (Fliriano 3-10), 7:05 p.m.  
 Washington (Roark 12-7) at Philadelphia (A.Burnett 6-14), 7:05 p.m.  
 Miami (Cosart 1-1) at L.A. Angels (Undecided), 10:05 p.m.

Milwaukee (Lohse 11-7) at San Diego (Stults 6-13), 10:10 p.m.  
 Colorado (Matzek 2-9) at San Francisco (Peavy 2-3), 10:15 p.m.

## Little League

**WORLD SERIES**  
 At South Williamsport, Pa.  
**Thursday**  
 Tokyo 12, Guadalupe 1, 5 innings, Guadalupe eliminated  
 Chicago 6, Philadelphia 5, Philadelphia eliminated

**Saturday**  
**International Championship**  
 South Korea 12, Japan 3, Japan eliminated

**United States Championship**  
 Game 28: Las Vegas vs. Chicago (n)

**Today**  
 At Lamade Stadium  
**Third Place**  
 Japan vs. Loser G28, 10 a.m.  
**World Championship**  
 South Korea vs. Winner G28, 3 p.m.

## FOOTBALL

### NFL preseason

**Thursday**  
 Philadelphia 31, Pittsburgh 21

**Friday**  
 New England 30, Carolina 7  
 N.Y. Giants 35, N.Y. Jets 24  
 Detroit 13, Jacksonville 12  
 Green Bay 31, Oakland 21  
 Seattle 34, Chicago 6

**Today**  
 San Diego at San Francisco, 4 p.m.  
 Cincinnati at Arizona, 8 p.m.

**Thursday, Aug. 28**  
 Atlanta at Jacksonville, 6 p.m.  
 Kansas City at Green Bay, 7 p.m.  
 Detroit at Buffalo, 7 p.m.  
 Indianapolis at Cincinnati, 7 p.m.  
 N.Y. Jets at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.  
 St. Louis at Miami, 7 p.m.  
 New England at N.Y. Giants, 7:30 p.m.  
 Carolina at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.  
 Washington at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.  
 San Francisco at Houston, 8 p.m.  
 Baltimore at New Orleans, 8 p.m.  
 Denver at Dallas, 8 p.m.

Minnesota at Tennessee, 8 p.m.  
 Chicago at Cleveland, 8 p.m.  
 Arizona at San Diego, 10 p.m.  
 Seattle at Oakland, 10 p.m.

## AUTO RACING

**Race week**

**VERIZON INDYCAR GRAND PRIX OF SONOMA**  
 Site: Sonoma, California.  
 Schedule: Today, 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: Today, 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.

**OTHER RACES**  
 TUDOR UNITED SPORTSCAR CHAMPIONSHIP: Oak Tree Grand Prix, Today (Fox Sports 1, 4-7 p.m.), Virginia International Raceway, Danville, Va.  
 ARCA RACING SERIES: Herr's Live Life With Flavor 200, Today (CBS Sports Network, 3-5 p.m.), Madison International Speedway, Oregon, Wis.

## BASKETBALL

**WNBA playoffs**

**CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS**  
**(Best-of-3)**  
**Thursday**  
 Indiana 78, Washington 73  
 Minnesota 88, San Antonio 84

**Friday**  
 Chicago 80, Atlanta 77  
 Phoenix 75, Los Angeles 72

**Today**  
 Atlanta at Chicago, 7 p.m.  
 Phoenix at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.

**Monday**  
 Washington at Indiana, 7 p.m. (if necessary)  
 San Antonio at Minnesota, 8 or 9 p.m. (if necessary)

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## JUMBLE

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

ZOGIM

LORTL

UNITYM

FLOSIS

Answer here:

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: OUNCE DERBY VENDOR OUTLAW  
 Answer: Peter Pan couldn't fight Captain Hook because his punches would — NEVER LAND

## THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Excuse me, Mr. Tolstoy. May I ask how you researched this?  
 Well, I'll start at the beginning. It's quite interesting.

IF YOU ASKED TOLSTOY WHY "WAR AND PEACE" HAD 1,225 PAGES, HE'D SAY IT WAS A ----

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answers Monday  
 Saturday's Jumbles: GIZMO TROLL MUTINY FOSSIL  
 Answer: If you asked Tolstoy why "War and Peace" had 1,225 pages, he'd say it was a — LONG STORY

## JUMBLE

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

CANRH

ROFEY

PEHANP

COSLIA

A:

(Answers tomorrow)

Answers tomorrow

## THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

You don't have any trumpets? No. We don't sell those here.

THE TRUMPETER COULDN'T FIND A REPLACEMENT TRUMPET IN PARIS BECAUSE THEY ONLY SOLD ----

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answers tomorrow

- ACROSS**
- Camp shelter
  - Cookie seller's grp.
  - Killer whale
  - Humdrum
  - Resistance unit
  - Get better
  - Royal address
  - Tough guys
  - International agreements
  - Urban people-movers
  - Andy Capp's wife
  - School
  - Numskull
  - Technical sch.
  - Charitable donations
  - Boil or chlorinate
  - Fish basket
  - Fountain in Rome
  - Straw hat
  - Gorge

- DOWN**
- Recipe amt.
  - Essay byline
  - DEA operative
  - Frat letter
  - Whole bunch
  - Destroys documents
  - Talisman
  - Rostrum
  - Watch pocket
  - Put one's foot down
  - Jackie's tycoon
  - Limo passenger
  - Egypt neighbor
  - Blushing (hyph.)
  - Steer or ram
  - Festive
  - Vane dir.
  - Urgent appeal
  - Warning, maybe
  - Hwys.
  - Crystal gazer

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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- ACROSS**
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  - Pollution org.
  - "Maria —"
  - Son of Val
  - Saves (2 wds.)
  - Angry
  - Bears witness
  - Talkative
  - You bet!
  - Laugh
  - Limerick writer — Nash
  - Toga wearer of yore
  - Whacked weeds
  - Prone to
  - Wilbebeest
  - CEO degree
  - Noon, to Caesar
  - DIY buys
  - Steakhouse order

- DOWN**
- Oater background
  - Predicament
  - Way with words
  - Blind parts
  - Benches
  - Literary miscellany
  - Flash Gordon's weapon (2 wds.)
  - Door frame part

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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- Mongolian desert
- Cherished
- Go round and round
- End-of-the-week cry
- Aware of
- Trick
- Poles' connector
- Stays fresh
- Tell a whopper
- Most unusual
- Floor models
- Popular lily
- Deuces
- Klutzy's cry (hyph.)
- "Yep" canceler
- Lasting impression
- Poi party
- Mythical archer
- Fake
- Teachers' org.



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Justin Moraine with a monster black grouper.

## Fighting goliath for some carbos

**I** admit it, I'm terrible in the water beyond depths that an average swimming pool reaches. If it's under 10 feet, then I'm your Michael Phelps (well, at least we're the same height).

My ears pop, my head hurts, my mask leaks, I'm basically a train wreck when I put on snorkel gear and hit a little depth.

My actual spearfishing career consisted of one shot — literally.

I was in the Bahamas, and stoned (spearfish talk for kill shot) a 15-pound bar jack with a Hawaiian sling. In a blur an eight-foot lemon shark streaked in from nowhere to make an easy meal out of the jack, and luckily not me.

I immediately swam myself to shore, and have never shot it since. It was not a fun feeling, and since that day I'll still snorkel and lobster, but I'm not slinging any steel in the Bahamas. You'll find me in the boat.

With that being said, I have an incredible respect for those that spearfish for fun, recreationally or commercially.

Spearfishermen are like the guys and girls in school that just didn't seem to care what anyone thought, but everyone respected them, and they were able to do things no one else could. They're hardcore, they're loyal to their sport, and they're totally fearless.

As I mentioned earlier my "diving" cap is about 8.7 feet. Now multiply that by 10, and change the feet to miles, and you have the background for the story of Justin Moraine.

A lot can go wrong 87 miles from shore in the Gulf of Mexico. Even more can go wrong 87 miles from shore when you are diving to depths of 190 feet.

As Justin Moraine competed in the St. Pete Open spearfishing

### OUTDOORS 360



**Rob Chapman**  
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tournament, he had quite the scare while looking for big black grouper, commonly referred to as carbo. After coming up from his first dive, his teammates probably wondered why his 3-mm wetsuit was shredded and his arm bleeding.

"I told my crew what happened," Moraine said. "They didn't believe me until they saw my wetsuit."

What happened would prevent most people from ever going back in the water.

"I shot a carbo grouper and he booked it inside a ledge, bending my shaft up. As I was reloading, a 350-pound goliath grouper moved into the cave part of the ledge and blocked the fish I shot. It was all dusted up so I ascended 15 feet or so above the goliath to let the dust settle.

"The goliath slowly backed out and turned his head up and looked at me. I looked at him, and in the blink of an eye I was getting attacked.

He rolled me and then got my left arm all the way up to my shoulder and down to my left hip inside his mouth. I dropped my gun and used my right hand to push his head and eyes as hard as I could to get my arm out. I finally got it out and realized what had just happened."

Diving that deep, Moraine only had about 8 minutes of bottom time. The resulting struggle sent him to the surface, where his teammates saw what had occurred.

That didn't stop him from returning into the water. Only 30 minutes later, Moraine was headed back down to finish what he started.

"I boated the carbo grouper, which ended up being around 90 pounds in the boat and 82.35 when it was gutted and weighed in at the tournament," he said.

The monster carbo took first place in the grouper division and the overall champion, beating teammate Dan Sherraden's 79.5-pound carbo shot at the same spot.

If you're wondering, Moraine wasn't wearing a GoPro to record the underwater action.

"That's one more thing to worry about when in a tournament," he said.

Winning the St. Pete Open is quite an accomplishment. There were 323 registered shooters with 297 weighing in fish. It is considered the largest spearfishing tournament in the world.

The largest amberjack was shot by David Dauzat and weighed 84.85 pounds.

The largest hogfish weighed in at 19.7 pounds, shot by David Garrett.

The largest lobster went to Brian Franzen at 9.1 pounds, and the largest sheepshead was 9.55 pounds shot by Ritchie Zacker.

The final award was the largest chicken, and it went to me at 216 pounds.

■ 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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Ron Ryals (right) and Ray Hill took second place in the Fishers of Men Tournament at the St. Johns River.



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Dalton Williams with a big bass.



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Zach Granoff and a Keys dolphin taken on fly.



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**LEFT:** Brooke Dasher caught this big bluegill on the Suwannee River, fishing with her Poppi, Wayne.

**RIGHT:** Check out this haul of solid red snapper. Mike Moses (from left), Carl Allison, Steve Allison, Dal McDuffie and Lee McDuffie brought home the meat on this trip to Ponte Vedra during the limited season this year.



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## GAMES

### Tuesday

■ Fort White High volleyball vs. Hamilton County High, 6 p.m. (JV-5)

### Thursday

■ Columbia High volleyball vs. Lafayette High, 6 p.m. (JV-5)

■ Fort White High volleyball vs. Interlachen High, 6:30 p.m. (JV-5:30)

■ Fort White High JV football at Dixie County High, 7 p.m.

■ Columbia High football at Gainesville High, 7:30 p.m.

### Friday

■ Fort White High football vs. Hamilton County High, 7:30 p.m.

## BRIEFS

### ADULT SOFTBALL

#### Fall registration ends Thursday

Columbia County Adult Softball fall registration is open through Thursday. Four leagues (four-team minimum) are offered: women on Monday; church on Tuesday; men on Wednesday; co-ed on Thursday. Team cost is \$250. A coaches meeting is 7 p.m. Thursday in the meeting room at the Southside Sports Complex.

For details, go to [www.ballcharts.com/CCAdultsoftball](http://www.ballcharts.com/CCAdultsoftball).

### YOUTH FOOTBALL

#### Christ Central flag football

Christ Central Sports has flag football registration for children ages 5-10 through Friday at the church on Dyal Avenue. Fee is \$45.

For details, call Ronny Busscher at 365-2128.

### SEMI-PRO FOOTBALL

#### Team seeking players, coaches

The North Florida Spartans semi-pro football team is looking for players and coaches to join the team.

For details, call Luis Santiago at 466-2711.

### GIRLS SOFTBALL

#### Registration open for fall league

Girls Softball Association of Columbia County has open registration for its fall leagues through the end of August at Brian's Sports on U.S. Highway 90 west. Fee is \$55 for a single player, \$75 for two siblings and \$95 for three or more siblings. Proof of age is required. Divisions range from 17U to 6U T-ball.

For details, go to [information@girlssoftballassociation.org](mailto:information@girlssoftballassociation.org).

### YOUTH BASEBALL

#### Lake City fall registration

Lake City/Columbia County Youth Baseball has fall league registration (ages 4-15) online at [lcccyb.com](http://lcccyb.com) through Sept. 7. Cost is \$75 per child plus online fee.

For details, call Jessica Langley at 867-1897.

### 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 schools.

For details, call 752-4184.

■ From staff reports



Columbia High running back Lonnie Underwood (24) dives for extra yards in the Tigers' 35-34 win over West Orange High in the kickoff classic game in Lake City on Friday.

BRENT KUYKENDALL/Lake City Reporter



Columbia High's Latrell Williams (8) breaks a tackle during a return.

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Columbia High defenders Zedrick Woods (2) and Ben Kuykendall close in on West Orange High's Dexter Williams during the kickoff classic game.

BRENT KUYKENDALL/Lake City Reporter



Columbia High quarterback Davin Schuck looks for a receiver during the kickoff classic game.

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## INDIANS: Defense good

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penalties. Fort White had four first downs and Dixie County had five.

Dixie County's touch-down came midway through the second quarter after the teams traded punts on the first seven possessions.

Bears quarterback Aaron Thomas threw a floater on third-and-5 and Kevin Harden outmaneuvered two defenders to make the catch. The play went for 29 yards and a first down at the Fort White 15. Julian Robinson scored on an eight-yard run and the PAT run was good.

Despite that pass play, the Indians held Dixie County to 88 yards (41 rushing,

47 passing on 3 of 6). The Bears fumbled three times, but got them all back.

"I liked the way the defense played," Jackson said. "They threw a duck up there and got it. When you have a chance to get off the field, you have to get off the field."

Fort White gets to open the regular season at home. Hamilton County High visits Arrowhead Stadium on Friday for a 7:30 p.m. kickoff.

Jackson told the team there is work to do this week.

"They are all correctable mistakes," Jackson said. "I think we'll be OK."



Fort White High players warm up before Friday's kickoff classic game at Dixie County High.

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Section C

## A new chapter for PotashCorp

Project begun to relocate its Lo-Mag plant.

From staff reports

PotashCorp-White Springs has begun a capital project to move its Lo-Mag plant from its current location at the Suwannee River Chemical Plant to the Swift Creek Chemical Plant, company officials said.

During the past year White Springs implemented workforce and operational changes to ensure the future sustainability of White Springs and meet the demands of a global market, they said. This entailed closure of the Suwannee River Chemical Plant in the third quarter of 2014.

"The movement of Lo-Mag from Suwannee River Chemical to Swift Creek Chemical is in line with a sound business strategy that focuses on our five core elements of Production Excellence-Safety, Environmental Stewardship, High Quality Products, Lowest Cost, and Continuous Improvement," said Jeff Kitto, Chemical Operations Manager at PotashCorp White Springs. "Lo-Mag is a proven high quality product with high



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**LO-MAG** continued on 2C PotashCorp-White Springs has begun moving its Lo-Mag operation to the Swift Creek Chemical Plant, company officials said.

## More schools are mixing beer, football at stadiums

By ERIC OLSON  
AP College Football Writer

Walk through the tailgate area at a college football stadium, and beer drinking is as common a sight as fans adorned in jerseys of their favorite players.

A growing number of schools are bringing the party inside, opening taps in concourses that traditionally have been alcohol-free zones.

North Texas, SMU and Troy University will begin beer sales to the general public this season. They're among 21 on-campus football stadiums where any fan of legal age can grab a brew. That's more than twice as many as five years ago.

Most schools continue to keep alcohol restricted to premium seating areas, if they allow it at all. But offering alcohol is increasingly attractive for some campuses, especially for cash-strapped athletic departments outside the Power 5 conferences. Those schools, especially, are looking for ways to keep fans coming to their stadiums instead of sitting in front of their HD TVs at home or at sports bars.

They're also encouraged by the schools that were among the first to sell alcohol and didn't report an increase in bad behavior from students and other fans.

"Every institution is looking at how they can increase revenue streams, and alcohol is one of those," said Jeff Schemmel, presi-

dent of the consulting firm College Sports Solutions LLC. "Everything is on the table."

There are 11 municipal stadiums where FBS teams are tenants and alcohol is available to the general public. The municipality usually keeps most, if not all, of the alcohol proceeds. The NCAA does not sell alcohol to the general public at its championship events. Schools and conferences are allowed to make their own policies.

According to an Associated Press survey of the 21 beer-selling schools that own and operate their stadiums, about half their concessions revenue is derived from alcohol. All but four of those schools are in conferences outside the Power 5 that don't earn significant television money.

Troy athletic director John Hartwell estimated beer would bring his Alabama school about \$200,000 in commissions this season. According to its contract with concessionaire Sodexo, Troy will receive 43 percent of gross beer sales at its 30,000-seat stadium, or better than \$2 for every \$5 beer.

"That's more impactful to a bottom line for a Troy than it is for a Texas or West Virginia or institutions similar to that," said Hartwell, whose program runs on a \$20 million budget. Alcohol proceeds will be used to pay debt on a \$25 million expansion of Troy's football facilities.

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## Down-Payment Strategy

How should I invest money that I'm saving for a down payment on a home, so that it grows the fastest? — S.F., Madison, Indiana

It depends on your time frame. If your home purchase is many years away, you might invest most or all of your money in stocks — perhaps in a simple broad-market index fund (such as an S&P 500 or “total market” one) that will deliver roughly the market's average return. Alternatively, you might invest in carefully chosen individual stocks.

If you plan to buy that home within a few years, though, the stock market should be off-limits. That's because while the market tends to rise over the long run, it's unpredictable over the short term. Park money you'll need within five years (or even 10, if you want to be conservative) in stocks, and you'll risk ending up living in a van down by the river. Short-term money should be kept in a safer place, such as CDs or money market funds, to protect your principal. Learn more at [fool.com/savings](http://fool.com/savings) and [bankrate.com](http://bankrate.com).

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What are these “diluted” shares I've seen in earnings reports? — J.C., Walnut Creek, California

A company's bottom-line profit, or “net income,” is divided by its total share count to arrive at its earnings per share (EPS). The EPS is often reported in two ways — “basic” and “diluted.” Basic EPS uses the number of shares that currently exist, while diluted EPS is more conservative, including shares that could exist, for example, if people with stock options exercised them. Other securities that could be converted into common stock are also accounted for. It's best to focus on diluted, not basic, shares.

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The best way to help your teens avoid making common financial blunders in adulthood (living beyond their means, racking up credit card debt, etc.) is to start them on the road to savvy money management early. Here are some things you might do:

- Encourage your teens to get a job. While supplying welcome disposable income, jobs also teach kids about the value of time and hard work. A purchase that looked perfectly reasonable when parents were paying for it can seem less necessary when they realize they have to work five hours to earn it.
- Teach your kids budgeting skills. If they get allowances or earn money, help them prioritize their spending and decide how to spend their cash, weighing expenses such as fast-food snacks with friends against saving for a fancy phone. Have your teens contribute toward major expenses such as their car insurance.

• Get your teens bargain-hunting by looking up items in Google's Shopping nook or another cost-comparison site, such as [Nextag.com](http://Nextag.com) or [Pricegrabber.com](http://Pricegrabber.com). Teach your children to think critically about the advertisements aimed at them.

• Open IRAs for your teens when they have earned income (which is required for contributions), and encourage them to contribute a portion of future earnings. Learn much more about IRAs at [fool.com/retirement/index.aspx](http://fool.com/retirement/index.aspx).

• Avoid getting them a credit card at least until they've demonstrated a high level of responsibility. Using plastic can distance them from the reality of money and its limits, while handling actual bills keeps things real.

• Model good money management yourself. If you're mired in credit card debt, your teen will notice. Let them see you being a smart shopper and paying bills on time.

Your kids can learn more in our book “The Motley Fool Investment Guide for Teens” by David and Tom Gardner with Selena Maranjian (Touchstone, \$16). Peter Lynch's “Learn to Earn” (Simon & Schuster, \$16) is also valuable.

## My Dumbest Investment

## Waiting Periods

My dumbest investment moves have led me to prefer making my buy and sell orders while the markets are closed. That way, I have time to cancel the orders if I have second thoughts. I learned this after experiencing several instances of “WTF did I just buy?” — R.L., Norwood, Ohio



**The Fool Responds:** It's smart to put significant thought into investment decisions instead of acting on impulse. Your system is a good one, but you might want to make sure you're placing “limit” orders with it. A limit order lets you specify a maximum price at which you're willing to buy or a minimum price for a sale, giving you more control over the trade.

If you place a “market” order instead, it will execute at the best available price when the market opens for business. That's often fine, but sometimes a stock's price will change dramatically overnight, due to some news or rumor. Then you'll end up having bought a stock at a surprisingly high price, or having sold for much less than you expected. So when the market is closed, limit orders are smart.



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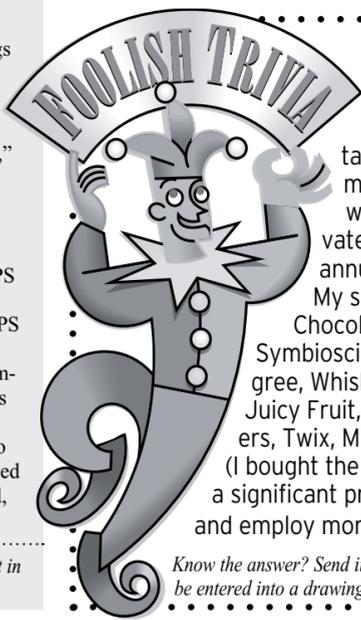
### LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

I was founded in 1946 as a maker of telecommunications and measuring equipment. Today, based in Tokyo, I'm an electronics and entertainment giant, offering a wide range of products such as LCD televisions, cameras, Blu-ray Disc players, portable audio devices, image-sensing semiconductors, batteries, data-recording systems, game systems, broadcast equipment and medical equipment. In 1979 I launched a portable stereo cassette player that was a huge hit (unlike my Betamax VCR). I bought CBS Records in 1988 and Columbia Pictures Entertainment in 1989. I employ about 155,000 people and rake in more than \$75 billion annually. Who am I? (Answer: Sony)



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## Name That Company

My founder and namesake, born in 1882, had polio and was taught to dip chocolate by his mother. Now based in Virginia, I was recently the fifth-largest privately held company in America, with annual revenue topping \$33 billion. My six business divisions are Petcare, Chocolate, Wrigley, Food, Drinks and Symbioscience, and my brands include Pedigree, Whiskas, Wrigley, Altoids, Life Savers, Juicy Fruit, Starburst, Skittles, M&Ms, Snickers, Twix, Milky Way, Flavia and Uncle Ben's. (I bought the Wrigley company in 2008.) I have a significant presence in more than 74 nations and employ more than 75,000 people. Who am I?

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# Go-to career for New England's young: Farming

By JENNIFER McDERMOTT  
Associated Press

CRANSTON, R.I. — Farming is hip in New England.

Across the region, young people are choosing crops over cubicles, new farms are popping up and the local food movement is spreading.

Farmers and industry experts agree New England is bucking a trend toward larger, but fewer, farms because many of its residents want to buy their food locally and its entrepreneurs want to produce it. The region's small size makes it easy for farmers and consumers to connect at farm markets and stands.

Many of these new farmers are young people increasingly interested in the origins of their food and farming, who are eager to take over for the nation's aging farmers.

“The more I scratched the surface on what was going on with the food system, the more I felt a compulsion to act,” said 32-year-old Bill Braun, who runs the Ivory Silo farm in Massachusetts. He is not using his graduate degree in philosophy because, he said, he felt an urgent need to grow his own food and reconnect with nature.

He was among a group of farmers and future farmers, mostly in their 20s and 30s,

who recently talked about seed collecting as they meandered through rows of vegetables at Scratch Farm's “Young Farmer Night” in Cranston.

There is something empowering, Braun said, about making a statement by farming a small plot of land. He worries about the environmental impacts and other problems stemming from industrial agriculture.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's recent census found 95,000 fewer farms nationally in 2012 than in 2007. But New England saw a 5 percent increase to nearly 35,000 farms, many less than 50 acres.

The number of beginning farmers also climbed in New England. The small but densely populated region is the “perfect place” for farmers to respond to the growing interest in local foods, said Ginger Harris, a USDA statistician.

Squash, eggplant and other vegetables are popular; fruits often cannot be harvested the first few seasons, and the upfront costs for livestock can be high. And many farmers avoid synthetic pesticides and fertilizers.

Scratch Farm, which is chemical-free, has eggplants selling for about \$3 per pound, higher than the local Whole Foods Market at \$1.99 per pound and the supermarket at \$1.49 per pound this week.

Despite what can be higher prices, Jesse

Rye, of Farm Fresh Rhode Island, said the idea of supporting local food resonates with New Englanders. Farm Fresh is a nonprofit that helps local food producers bring their goods to market through farmers markets and other programs.

“We already know a great deal about farmers simply through our proximity,” Rye said. “These are our neighbors.”

Each week, John and Lauren Galoski drive about 40 minutes from their home in Warwick to Wright's Dairy Farm in North Smithfield to buy milk. They said they like supporting local businesses and feel the milk is healthier for their young son. The farm does not treat cows with synthetic hormones to increase milk production and has been recognized within the industry for producing high-quality milk.

At the century-old dairy farm, customers lately ask more questions about the milk and the cows. Teenagers want to work there. Fourth-generation farmer Ellen Puccetti said that when she was young, she was teased for living on a farm.

“It's very, very exciting after all this time to see that kind of movement, to see that kind of excitement, especially from young people,” she said.

David Lizotte, 22, took a job there as a farm hand over a year ago to get experience for the Peace Corps. Lizotte said he

still may join but loves how challenging and fun his work is.

The National Young Farmers Coalition wants to ensure farming's revival is not fleeting. The New York-based coalition is lobbying for policy changes to help beginning farmers get capital and find affordable land.

With a farm population ready to retire, executive director Lindsey Shute said, it's critical that farms transition to a new generation.

States in the Northeast saw a 43 percent increase on average in the number of undergraduate students studying agriculture from 2004 to 2012. The only region that topped it was the West. Connecticut had the largest percentage increase nationwide— nearly 200 percent, to more than 2,100 students.

Cameron Faustman, an associate dean at the University of Connecticut's agriculture college, said students see job opportunities. Less than 2 percent of the students come from working farms.

At the Young Farmer Night, Emily Cotter, 22, an agriculture student and farm hand in Rhode Island, said she, like many of her peers, has found farming to be an intellectual, physically demanding, fulfilling job.

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# US housing recovery back on track

## Pace of new home construction starts to surge, too.

By **CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER**  
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — A fourth straight monthly increase in sales of existing homes provided the latest evidence Thursday that the U.S. housing market is rebounding from a weak start to the year.

Housing has been a drag on an otherwise strengthening economy, in part because a harsh winter delayed many sales. But Americans are stepping up purchases as more homes have been put up for sale. And low mortgage rates and moderating price gains have made homes more affordable.

"The momentum is in the right direction," said Andrew Labelle, an economist at TD Bank who noted that the past four months have marked the fastest four-month sales gain since 2011. "Sustained jobs gains, as well as the fall in mortgage rates since the beginning of the year, appear to have unleashed at least some pent-up demand."

Sales of existing homes rose 2.4 percent in July to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.15 million, the National Association of Realtors said Thursday. That was the highest annual rate since September of last year.

The increase follows other encouraging signs that the housing market is improving. The pace of home construction starts surged 15.7 percent in July to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.1 million homes, the government said this week. Applications for building permits, a gauge of future activity, also strengthened last month.

And a survey of homebuilders released Monday showed that they were more confident about future sales.

The encouraging readings contrast with reports earlier this year, when weak sales and limited building led economists to characterize housing as a faltering piece of the economic recovery. Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen and Vice Chairman Stanley Fischer had pointed to housing as an economic weak spot.

Economists noted that housing still hasn't fully recovered from its slowdown earlier this year. The annual sales pace

remains 4.3 percent below last July's rate. And construction has merely returned to its pace in October; it has yet to exceed it.

Yet economists say they're encouraged by signs that the latest sales gains are sustainable.

Stephanie Karol, an economist at IHS Global Insight, said a "virtuous cycle" is emerging: More homeowners are listing their properties for sale. A greater supply of homes then encourages more potential buyers to take the plunge. And that, in turn, helps sustain modest price gains, which lead more people to sell.

"This is exactly the sort of pattern we want to see," Karol said.

The number of homes for sale rose 3.5 percent in July from June to 2.37 million, the most in nearly two years.

Affordability is improving. The median price slipped a bit in July from June to \$222,900, the Realtors said. Though that was still 4.9 percent more than a year ago, year-over-year price

gains have slowed.

And the average rate for a 30-year mortgage fell to 4.1 percent this week, the lowest level this year, according to mortgage giant Freddie Mac. At the start of the year, the average rate was 4.53 percent.

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— Stephanie Karol, economist at IHS Global Insight

A study released Thursday by data provider Zillow found that home buyers paid just 15.3 percent of their incomes on the mortgage for a typical home at the end of the April-June quarter. That's much lower than the 22.1 percent share during the housing bubble that ended in 2006.

The Realtors report also showed that healthy sales make up a rising share of purchases. Fewer home sales stem from foreclosures or involve homes for which the seller owed more on their mortgage than the home was worth.

Those "distressed" sales made up just 9 percent of sales in July — the lowest proportion since the Realtors began tracking the figure in October 2008. Distressed sales, which tend to

drag down neighborhood prices, had made up 36 percent of sales in 2009.

Many distressed sales were made to investors, including private equity firms. They bought large numbers of homes and drove up overall sales in 2011 and 2012.

Ron Peltier, CEO of HomeServices America, a real estate brokerage affiliated with Berkshire Hathaway, noted that those sales weren't sustainable.

"We were seeing sales in clumps," he said. "Now we're seeing sales the good old-fashioned way: One at a time."

First-time homebuyers made up 29 percent of sales in July, up slightly from June and the second straight gain. Still, that's well below the typical figure of 40 percent. First-time buyers are critical to a housing recovery, in part because they enable homeowners seeking to buy larger homes to sell.

First-time buyers are likely benefiting from strong job gains. Hiring since February has reached its healthiest pace since 2006. But first-timers also face higher credit standards and down-payment requirements, making it harder for many to qualify for mortgages.

## Florida one of 24 states where UPS was breached by malware

### Virus found at 51 stores.

By **DAVID KOENIG**  
AP Business Writer

Some customers of The UPS Store may have had their credit and debit card information exposed by a computer virus found on systems at 51 stores in 24 states.

A spokeswoman for UPS says the information includes names, card numbers and postal and email addresses from about 100,000 transactions between Jan. 20 and Aug. 11.

United Parcel Service Inc. said Wednesday that it was among U.S. retailers

who got a Department of Homeland Security bulletin about the malware on July 31. The malware is not identified by current anti-virus software.

The company is not aware of any fraud related to the attack, spokeswoman Chelsea Lee said.

Atlanta-based UPS said it hired a security firm that found the virus in systems at about 1 percent of the company's 4,470 franchised locations. At many stores, the intrusion did not begin until March or April.

Lee said that the problem was fixed by Aug. 11 and the company took additional steps to protect systems at other stores. She said the affected stores were not linked electronically, and UPS is still inves-

tigating how they were compromised.

UPS said it is providing identity protection and credit monitoring help to affected customers.

The affected stores were in Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Louisiana, Maryland, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and Washington.

From the company's description, the breach appeared far smaller than one that hit Target Corp. during the holiday-shopping season, when hackers stole credit and debit card information involving mil-

lions of customers. Fallout from the incident is still hurting profits. Target, which said Wednesday that second-quarter profit fell 62 percent, has spent \$235 million related to the breach, partly offset by \$90 million in insurance payments.

The UPS breach won't have a material financial impact on the company, Lee said.

Last week, Supervalu said that hackers might have stolen names, account numbers, expiration dates and other information from card holders who shopped at up to 200 of its grocery and liquor stores. Restaurant operator P.F. Chang's, Goodwill thrift stores and other retailers have been hit by data breaches.

## State prison chief launches reforms

### Crisis-intervention training among listed items to improve.

The News Service of Florida

Florida Department of Corrections Secretary Michael Crews is proposing a handful of prison reforms in the aftermath of reports about a mentally ill inmate who died after being placed in a scalding-hot shower.

"Stories report we have fallen short in specific instances with regard to facility leadership, safety, security, training and services for mentally ill inmates. We're fixing the problems that have been identified and as we identify new issues, we will fix those too. Our department should be held to the highest standards, and I have zero tolerance for anything less," said Crews, who announced the changes Wednesday morning at Everglades Correctional Institution.

For mentally ill inmates, the department will expand crisis-intervention training for prison guards, create two re-entry centers and explore a pilot case-management system. Crews is also handing over 82 open investigations into prison deaths — all the result of non-natural causes — to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

The secretary also pledged to put "releasable information" regarding inmate deaths, including cases that are still under investigation, online within the next 30 days. The department also will clarify its disciplinary procedures for guards who break the law.

Crews and the agency have been under fire since a series of stories this summer by The Miami Herald revealed details about the 2012 death of inmate Darren Rainey.

"As we reviewed case files and penalties for improper acts, it became clear to me that we have not been applying a uniform standard by which to hold ourselves accountable. The lack of consistent consequences for the same crime had the potential for undermining the culture of professionalism that is necessary for running institutions with integrity," Crews said.

## New pet-friendly dating sites match up people and pooches

By **SUE MANNING**  
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — On these dating sites, a passion for pets will help you find more than just puppy love.

Sites like PetsDating.com and YouMustLoveDogsDating.com have found a new niche as singles flock to computers and smartphones to find relationships, connecting dog owners to potential mates who enjoy long walks in the dog park and slobbery canine kisses as much as they do. Many of the sites encourage users to bring their dogs on first dates to break the ice or size up canine chemistry.

Many dating sites cater to religious, cultural and political preferences, but won't focus as heavily on interests like pets, music or travel, said Karen North, a professor of social media at the University of Southern California's Annenberg School of Journalism.

"If you find somebody with the same lifestyle passion, you don't have to start out at square one," North said.

When Joanie Pelzer signed up with a dog-friendly online dating service a few years ago, she was honest about her Chihuahua — he likes people more than other dogs, craves attention, steals food and can't stand to ride in the backseat of a car.

Even a man who loved animals as much as she did couldn't keep up with her dog's quirks. On their first date, her Chihuahua, Hubbell, stole the man's breakfast as they drove from New York City to Long Island. They only had one more date.

"I still wonder if Hubbell didn't have something to do with that," said Pelzer, 47, an actress who runs her own social media company and met the man on PetsDating.com.

Despite that setback, having a common interest such as pets can help the search for love.

"Having a theme that is ... about one's passion makes it feel like you are looking for a needle in a smaller and far more relevant and appealing haystack," said Michal Ann Strahilevitz, a professor of marketing at Golden Gate University in San Francisco.

The founder of one of the dog-focused dating services, YouMustLoveDogsDating.com, agreed.

"Dogs on first dates are amazing icebreakers," said Kris Rotonda, who started up the site last year that now has 2 million members. "You find out right off the bat how everyone in a relationship will fit in."

But other veterans of the dating-service industry say focusing on a canine connection only adds an extra hurdle to finding love.

"When you consider how challenging it already is to find someone who offers what you are seeking in a romantic partner, and who seeks what you are offering, and where there is also mutual chemistry, and the timing is right ... you have to wonder who in their right mind would want to make it even more challenging by insisting on canine chemistry," said Trish McDermott, who spent 10 years as the dating expert and spokeswoman for Match.com.

McDermott points out that new love is hard enough to foster, without any added issues.

"To squeeze doggie behavior under the first date microscope and to analyze every little wag, nip or bark as further commentary on compatibility is just another way to uncover the fatal flaw of an otherwise potential romance," added McDermott, who now works for OneGoodLove.com, a gay, lesbian and bisexual matchmaking service.

McDermott's concerns won't change Pelzer's plans to return to PetsDating.com. She remembers unpleasant run-ins with dates from sites that don't cater to animal lovers — once a man nudged her pooch off the couch.

"That was the last time we were together," Pelzer said. "You don't do that to my dog."

## Bank of American settlement to funnel \$1B to Floridians

The News Service of Florida

A massive settlement announced Thursday between Bank of America and the U.S. Department of Justice will provide about \$1 billion in assistance to thousands of Floridians, state Attorney General Pam Bondi said.

The settlement, which totals \$16.65 billion, stems from claims about mortgage-related practices by Bank of America and current or former subsidiaries, such as Countrywide Financial Corp. and Merrill Lynch, that played a part in the country's financial crisis.

Of that overall total, about \$7 billion will be used to provide assistance to consumers.

That assistance will include such things as principal reductions on loans and providing new loans to credit-worthy borrowers, according to the Department of Justice.

Bondi's office released a letter from Bank of America that said about \$1 billion of the \$7 billion would flow to Florida, which has grappled with large numbers of foreclosures and other problems in the housing market since the financial crisis. Bondi said the package would help nearly 17,000 Floridians.

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Section D

TRAVEL TALES



Sandy Kishton

## Cisco: A winery and a brewery

Not all wineries are created equal. That was definitely the case when we visited Cisco Brewers. I know what you are thinking, if it's a brewery, how can it be a winery. Well, that's because it's both. In fact, it's also a distillery. I don't think you can get any better than that. Let me explain... the property consists of Cisco Brewers, Triple 8 Distillery and the Nantucket Winery. So, while visiting Nantucket not too long ago, I found out that Cisco Brewers offered a free shuttle from the downtown Visitor's center. It was about a 10 minute ride. We were picked up in what looked like a modified van with the company logos

TRAVEL continued on 4D

# A secret garden exposed

Garden Club member Sandra Plummer shares her tools of the trade.

By SARAH LOFTUS  
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About 20 years ago, when Sandra Plummer retired from her job as a school nurse, she knew exactly what she wanted to do with her free time — garden.

Her children were off in college, and she just wanted a secret garden. Like the name implies, a secret garden is one that's set away from public view to make it private.

"I love flowers. I've always loved flowers. My yard was nice, but I had no flowers," Plummer said. "And I just wanted a secret garden. I mean, you know, I had seen a movie about a secret garden, and I thought, 'Oh, that's nice. I'd like to have a little secret garden.' And so I just started learning."

She began going on secret garden tours in Gainesville, looking in magazines for ideas and turned to the Lake City Garden Club, where she was already a member, for tips.

Fast forward 15 years, and Plummer has become an accomplished gardener. She still has the secret garden she started then. It's safely nestled in her backyard and surrounded by a roughly 20-foot hedge and is filled with ferns, lilies, pink roses, trees and more. She even grows green peppers and tomatoes in her yard.

Her secret garden and the rest of her yard was featured in



Photos by SARAH LOFTUS/Lake City Reporter

Avid gardener Sandra Plummer points to the butterflies on her flowers that stand on the line between her yard and her neighbor's yard. She said the best piece of advice she's ever gotten about gardening is to not be too attached to a plant and where you have it in your yard, so that you're not willing to move it when it's not doing well.



Plummer, a member of Lake City's Garden Club, poses with lilies that are part of her secret garden in her backyard. Gardening and teaching others about gardening are two of Plummer's biggest passions.

Southern Living Magazine in 2002. She's also an accomplished

member of the Lake City Garden Club.

She's been the organization's program chairwoman since 1988, hosting and organizing monthly programs for its members.

"I just loving learning something new and then sharing it," Plummer said.

One of her favorite programs she's given is on pounding flowers, which pretty much anyone can do.

"You take flowers, and you pound them with a hammer, and the colors of your flowers come off on the paper," Plummer said. "I saw it on TV years ago, maybe 15 years ago, and I said, 'I gotta

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DEAR ABBY

Knuckle-cracking habit brings calm and craziness to family

DEAR ABBY: My future son-in-law recently moved in with us for financial reasons. He's 27 and a nice guy, but he's a habitual knuckle-cracker. He cracks every finger of each hand twice (back and forth) every half-hour or so. He also cracks his neck and wrists, but less frequently. As an added bonus, my daughter is also beginning to crack HER knuckles now.



Abigail Van Buren www.dearabby.com

ask that when the impulse strikes, they walk out of earshot. Because they are living under your roof, they should respect your request.

DEAR ABBY: I married my husband more than a year ago, and I want a child more than anything in the world. We have been trying since our wedding, but every month I get depressed when I find out I'm not pregnant.

Everyone says I shouldn't think about it, and I try not to. But I am becoming more and more depressed with each month that passes. Do you have any advice for dealing with these feelings? Or something I can occupy my time with rather than obsessing? (It sure isn't helping the situation!) — ANXIOUS IN FLORIDA

DEAR ANXIOUS: What everyone is telling you is far less important than what your OB/GYN has to say about your situation. Because you have been married for a year

without being able to conceive, both you and your husband should be talking to doctors. You may have a correctable condition that prevents you from becoming pregnant, or he may have a low sperm count. Distraction isn't what you need right now; what you need are answers.

DEAR ABBY: I have a small home-based business making baking extracts that I sell at our local farmers' market. Occasionally, a patron will look over my stock and ask me how I make them. I am unsure how to answer the question in a way that won't have a negative impact on future sales.

Baking extracts are not difficult to make, but the process is time-consuming and the ingredients are expensive. I don't want to give away the details of my production process, yet I don't know how to say so without seeming rude. Any ideas? — PERPLEXED

DEAR PERPLEXED: Smile at the questioner and reply, "That would be giving away trade secrets — but I can share one of them: I make them all with love."

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

HOROSCOPES

your costs. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Consider the possibilities and prepare to make whatever changes you can to ensure you get ahead. Responsibilities must be taken care of and put to rest before infringing on your time and thwarting your success. Do what's best for you. ★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take a close look at your personal papers, financial, medical and contractual documents and anything else that may need an update to ensure your future security. Someone will withhold information if you don't blatantly ask for it. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Listen carefully. There will be a hidden agenda initiated by someone you thought you could trust. Reconnect with someone from your past who has something substantial to contribute to a plan you want to pursue. Romance is in a high cycle. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Sitting idle will not take care of your responsibilities or help you divert negative issues that have developed. Protect your possessions and your position. Honesty is the best policy. Don't be afraid to take a different approach to an old problem. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Someone will spread rumors about you. Be precise when explaining your position or what you plan to do next. Avoid anyone putting demands on your time. Focus on personal change that will help you expand your interests. ★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Keep your assets and personal information a secret until you feel it necessary to share. Your intuition will not lead you astray concerning legal, medical or contractual matters. Don't make an impulsive move because someone else does. ★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will learn a lot if you listen to the people who hold information relating to a partnership or project you want to pursue. Romance is on the rise and will open up new opportunities that will help stabilize your life. ★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Look over your financial situation and you will find a unique way to expand your assets. A change regarding your work can be expected. Accept and ease into whatever you've been asked to do. Perfection and detail will help you get ahead. ★★★

THE LAST WORD Eugenia Word

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Work should take top priority. Going above and beyond the call of duty will protect your position and lead to advancement. Fitness and self-improvement projects will bring good results. Love is on the rise but must be handled with care. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take advantage of an opportunity to visit friends or relatives. Discussing relationship dynamics isn't always pleasant, but it will help you weed through the problems that need to be fixed in order to bring about healthy change. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Say little, but do as much as you can. Making promises you don't plan to keep will make matters worse. Make a good impression by showing affection. Don't mix business with pleasure if you want to avoid disaster. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Take on a project or travel to a destination that offers something unique. Indulging in an interest that encourages partnerships and social networking will lead to a long-lasting connection with someone special. Home improvements will help you cut

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.
"DA G ZGT EGT SBXLJ RBEEJRR VP OMF ZGTP LNJGU ANDJTXR OJ OGR, UOJT D OGYV VJJT YJNP RBEEJRRABW." — SMOTTP NGZMTJ
Previous Solution: "Take the platypus — that is not a finished product. It is clearly still in beta." — Stephen Colbert
TODAY'S CLUE: Mables W

SUNDAY CROSSWORD

SITTIN' SOLVE

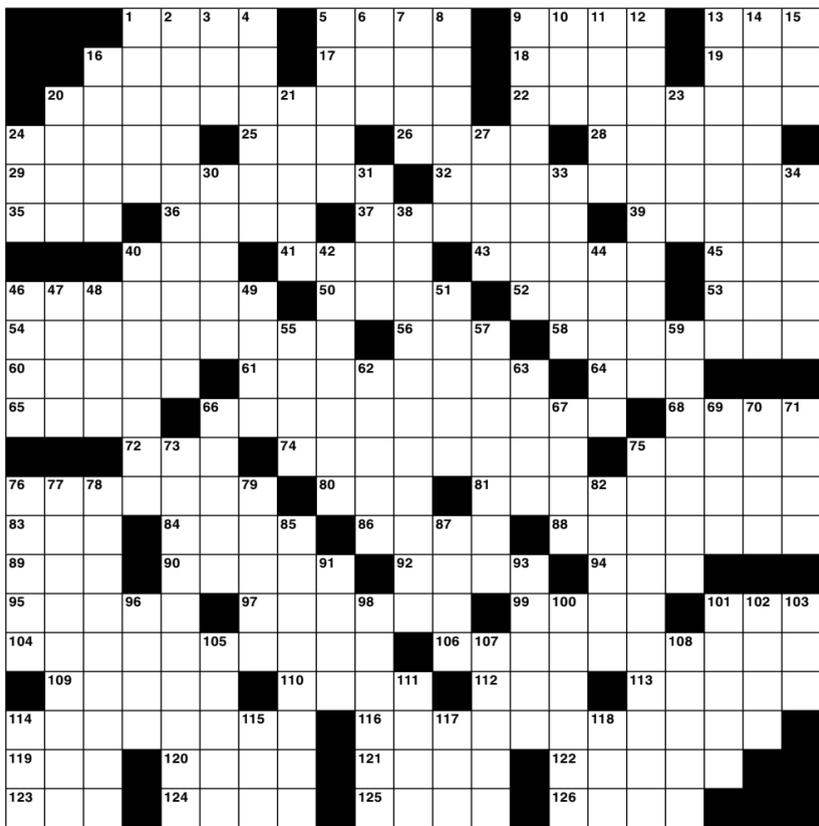
BY CALEB MADISON / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

- ACROSS
1 Word after say or now
5 Initiator of a probe, maybe
9 Mop
13 Something five-star hotels provide, informally
16 Detective Vance
17 Mythological deity with two ravens
18 Celebrity chef Matsuhisa
19 Part of a titter
20 Spellin' things incorrectly?
22 Departing words
24 Leonardo da Vinci, religiously
25 Platform for many apps
26 Nosh on the trail
28 R&B singer with the 2004 #1 hit "Goodies"
29 Stealin' a hard drug?
32 Pushin' some bread back and forth?
35 Domain of Jupiter
36 Beak
37 Enwrap
39 Parkinson's treatment
40 Global finance org.
41 \_\_\_ de boeuf
43 Fierce (Beyoncé alter ego)

- 45 Its official song is "Home on the Range": Abbr.
46 Like some relations
50 Lie around
52 Where she blows?
53 Suffix with glycer-
54 Paper pusher?
56 Was a bellwether
58 Strike first
60 Disciplines
61 50 Cent piece
64 Fair-hiring inits.
65 H.S. dropouts' documents
66 Not allowin' anyone to cook burgers and franks?
68 Google alternative
72 Mortal queen of Thebes who was transfigured into a goddess
74 Hardens
75 Brother, in slang
76 Like very few newspapers these days
80 To be, in Tijuana
81 "Are you done?"
83 Place for lambs to frolic
84 Wavy do
86 Comedic Mort
88 Bibliography listings
89 Union formation?
90 Hospital status, informally
92 Each episode of "Law & Order," say
94 Roguish
95 Tablet marking options
97 Deeply impressed
99 \_\_\_ Cooper

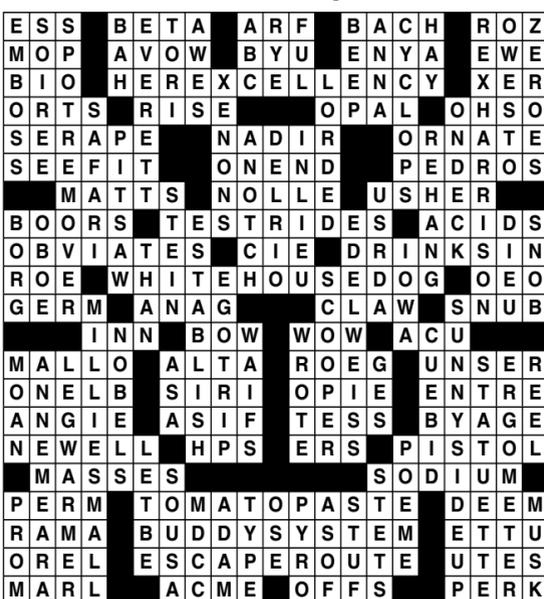
- 10 1 1/4 of zero?
104 Recheckin' with a stopwatch?
106 Demonstratin' how to shoot an apple off someone's head?
109 French nobleman
110 California's Santa \_\_\_ Mountains
112 Album with the 1978 hit "Deacon Blues"
113 Hot spring?
114 Accoutrement popularized by a "Seinfeld" episode
116 Usin' less stickum?
119 Tap choice
120 Put in a bibliography
121 \_\_\_ socks
122 Madcap
123 "Gangnam Style" stylist
124 Shipbuilder's starting point
125 Oracle
126 Certain recess
DOWN
1 Egg beater
2 Givin' a female casino patron another card?
3 Iraq's Imam \_\_\_ Air Base
4 Old-timey medicines
5 Scandinavian language, to its speakers
6 Hubbub
7 Make a note of?
8 Sweater material
9 Medium for many selfies

- 10 "I'm speechless"
11 You can count on them
12 Makin' some big purchases?
13 2002 Dennis Quaid film about a struggling minor-league pitcher
14 Places for briefs?
15 Big cheese
16 Steep
20 Unconvincing
21 Cyrano de Bergerac, famously
23 Certain charge
24 Party entertainers, for short
27 Breaks down
30 Dieter's label
31 This, in Tijuana
33 Singer with the 2009 hit "Tik Tok"
34 Track listings?
38 Hopin' favor is bestowed?
40 Moralists' comment
42 Vets
44 Panetta's successor as defense secretary
46 Hitch
47 Juin honoree
48 Deeply impressed
49 Logan of "60 Minutes"
51 Jumping-off point?
55 Dealbreaker?
57 Wrecks
59 Engineering topic
62 Popular six-second clips since 2013
63 Much of the Guggenheim's collection



- 66 Big goof
67 W.W. II transports: Abbr.
69 Old "There's no Step 3!" sloganeer
70 River through two world capitals
71 Hardens
73 Bitin' a friend of Robin Hood?
75 Carryin' a load of grain?
76 Title film locale in Springwood, Ohio
77 Stats for basketball players
78 "Get rich quick" promise
79 Clark \_\_\_\_, "The Avengers" actor
82 Egypt's Mubarak
85 Coral-reef lurker
87 \_\_\_ Zimmer, Oscar-winning composer for "The Lion King"
91 Pest
93 What you might use to put on a happy face?
96 Not step so lively
98 Some sweaters
100 "Lemme!"
101 Like barbecue sauce
102 Nobelist Wiesel
103 Loop loopers
105 Eagle's perch
107 Hardly a yes man
108 Sample
111 Microsoft portable media player
114 Plan (out)
115 Sault \_\_\_ Marie
117 Shorts top?
118 Little chow, say

Answers to last Sunday's Crossword.



Grid of numbers for the crossword puzzle, with some cells containing numbers like 1, 7, 4, 5, 3, 2, 4, 8, 6, 5, 6, 3, 9, 4, 9, 1, 8, 6, 5, 4, 3, 8, 9, 1, 2, 7, 1, 4, 5, 2.

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# What we don't – but should – know about invasive plants

It's old news that Florida has major invasive plant problems. Or is it? According to the responses of more than 500 residents to a recent on-line survey, the vast majority of Floridians feel uneducated or uninformed about invasive species. The survey also indicated that people are interested in learning about and addressing the invasive plant issues.

This study is one of a series of surveys on public opinion research by the PIE Center, the UF/IFAS Center for Public Issues Education. Although there were 500 respondents, the survey was scientifically designed to represent the entire state according to 2010 census information. The results of this survey and others can be viewed on-line at <http://www.piecenter.com/>.

Invasive plants are non-native plants that out-compete with other plants and simply take over. They just grow too well and don't have natural controls that keep plant populations in check. They spread over large areas and disturb the balance of life, often threatening the existence of native vegetation.

Maybe you have heard of Florida's battle with Brazilian pepper and Australian pine. And, perhaps, you are aware of the Old World climbing fern and the malaleuca tree infestations in the Everglades. Cogongrass has become a big problem in our neck of the woods, taking over roadways and creeping into farmland and pastures. Needless to say, it costs taxpayers millions of dollars each year to fight the aggressive spread of many non-native plants.

How can homeowners become active in the "battle of the invasives"? One way is to become educated, take a look around your property, and then get rid of any invasive plants. Some plants commonly found in the landscape include



NICHELLE DEMOREST/Special to the Reporter

The tallotree (or popcorn tree) has small green fruits right now, but they will ripen and spit open to reveal a cluster of white seeds – hence the name 'popcorn tree.'

## GARDEN TALK



### Nichelle Demorest

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Japanese honeysuckle, Chinese privet, heavenly bamboo, mimosa trees, and Mexican petunia. For more information, go to [http://nfrec.ifas.ufl.edu/invasive\\_plants\\_2011.shtm/](http://nfrec.ifas.ufl.edu/invasive_plants_2011.shtm/).

I took a short walk around my residential block yesterday, scouting for invasive plants that don't belong in our landscapes. The plants are definitely out there, growing and producing seeds to be unknowingly transferred to natural areas. Finding these plants in the neighborhood is not surprising when we consider that 62 percent of the survey participants said they had no knowledge to slight knowledge about the topic of invasive species.

Would you like to learn more about North Florida invasive plants and how to identify them? Mark your calendar for our UF/



The heavenly bamboo isn't really a bamboo, and it certainly isn't heavenly. It has been widely used because of the ornamental characteristics of the plant. There are cultivars of the plant that are sterile and won't spread like the straight species. Consumers just need to be careful to buy the sterile plants that won't reproduce.

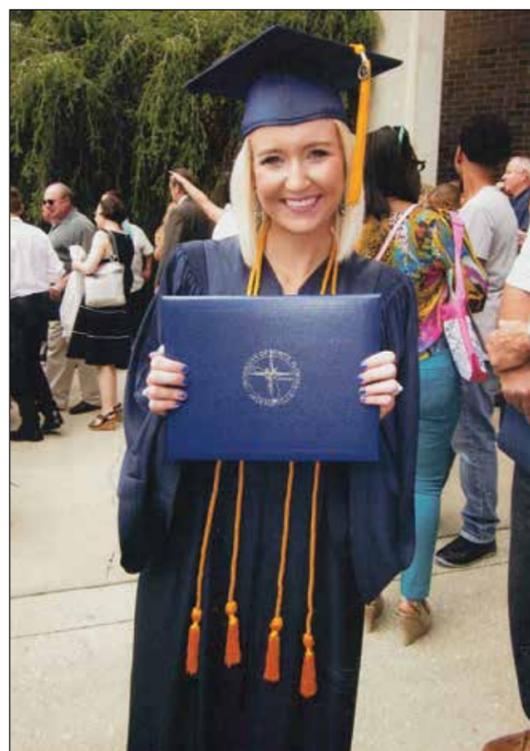
IFAS Extension 'N. Florida Invasive Plant Workshop' on Tuesday, September 30, from 4:00–5:30.

Florida Master Gardeners are available to answer your plant questions on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at the Extension

Office. Stop in the office or call 752-5384.

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

## CONGRATULATIONS



COURTESY

### Witt graduates from UNF

Katherine Witt Caslin recently graduated from the University of North Florida with a degree in Nursing. Her family wants to say 'congratulations, we are proud of you!' From Trevor, Mom, Dad, and Caroline.

## Folk in the Springs coming in September

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.

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.

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 acoustic 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.

## PLUMMER

Continued From 1D

learn how to do that' and just practiced."

What you get when you pound flowers is beautiful handmade cards with flowers on them, she said. The best flowers to use when flower pounding are violas, pansies, many different kinds of ferns and roses, but with roses, you have to separate the petals from the flower before you can pound them so you don't end up with a mashed flower.

One of her other favorite programs was one she gave on



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Lake City Garden Club member Sandra Plummer smells some of the small roses she has in her front yard, which was featured in a 2002 edition of Southern Living Magazine. She said the roses smelled wonderful.

terrariums.

"The key is to use very small plants," Plummer said.

And you have to make sure your terrariums have air-tight

lids, so they're self-sustaining.

Now, after 20 years as the program chairwoman, Plummer has stepped down from the program, so she has more time to

travel and to visit her children and grandchildren. Her son is in the military and was stationed in Guam but just moved back to the U.S. this summer and is now living in Washington D.C. with his wife and 16-year-old twin daughters.

And Plummer wants to have time to go visit them and her daughter who lives in Alabama. She often couldn't travel before because of her commitment to the garden club.

"If the girls are in a dance recital, I wanna be able to go see it," she said.

But just because Plummer is stepping down as the chair-

woman doesn't mean she's leaving the garden club or even that she won't do programs anymore. She told the women who are filling her position that in a year or two, after she's gotten to travel, she might be ready to go back to hosting programs.

Even though Plummer might not be as involved in the garden club anymore, gardening is a passion of hers that never sleeps and won't fade just because she's out of town.

"I think the word is 'consumed.' I'm passionate enough to be so consumed I just think gardening all the time."

## TRAVEL

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wrapped all over the outside. I also learned that they have an option to bike ride here and tours are offered that include the bike rental. That sounds like a good idea getting there, but after sampling all there is to taste, the ride back may have been more difficult; thus the shuttle.

When we arrived, it was very laid back and simple. Definitely no fuss here and we liked that. Each establishment was in a separate building laid out in a triangle, if you will, centered around a group of picnic tables. Sue and I started in the brewery with a tasting of 6 beers. I think we each had 3 favorites and got another full pour of our top choice. The rest of our group didn't want to taste

that many and just got one beer and went outside to sit. We joined them later out on the picnic tables while we finished up our beer before moving on.

Next was for me to explore the Triple 8 Distillery so I could pick up a bottle of vodka for Scott. Of course I had to taste what I was buying, but stopped at just one sample. I'm not a big fan, especially of all of the flavored vodkas that were available. While here, one of us found a drink called the Pineapple Express. It was dangerous. It had vanilla flavored vodka with ginger ale and pineapple juice. You could smell the vanilla but sure didn't know you were drinking vodka.

She carried it into the Nantucket Winery while the rest of us did a wine tasting to finish up our visit. They had quite a

selection of wines, a small gift shop area and a tasting bar. Of course we took pictures, visited, drank, bought wine and then loaded back up on the shuttle to head back into town.

What made this location so great, was not only the variety of libations available... something for everyone; but also the free shuttle service. It means a lot for us to drink responsibly and not having to load up into a car and someone to have to drive is a really big deal. Not only can everyone enjoy the afternoon equally but also safely. I was impressed and would recommend the location to anyone visiting Nantucket if partaking in a little local flavor is your thing.

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