

# Lake City Reporter

**SUNDAY EDITION**



**One brave 6-year-old**

Kaitlyn Martin honored by county Fire Rescue for leading mom from smoky house

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## 1B Gators' true season opener



**First win**

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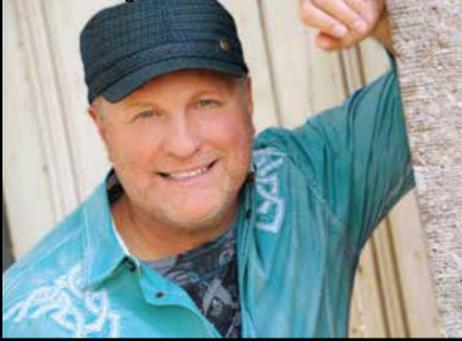
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**FGC ENTERTAINMENT**

## A season of show-stoppers

From staff reports

BJ Thomas. Collin Raye. Pam Tillis. John Michael Montgomery. The Bellamy Brothers.

Some of country music's most legendary performers will make their way to Lake City this season as part of Florida Gateway College's 2014-15 entertainment series, beginning this October.

The six-show series will also feature magician Adam Trent, pop-opera group Vivace, and a tribute to the Beach Boys.

"The start of the academic year signals the beginning of a new FGC Entertainment series," Dr. Charles Hall, FGC President. "Each year seems to be better than the year before and this year's programs are no exception. We look forward to this year of performances and invite our students, faculty, staff, and communities to join us at the FGC Entertainment series."

Season tickets for the series will go on sale to past subscribers on Monday, and season tickets to the general public will go on sale Sept. 15. Individual tickets will go on sale a week later on Sept. 22.

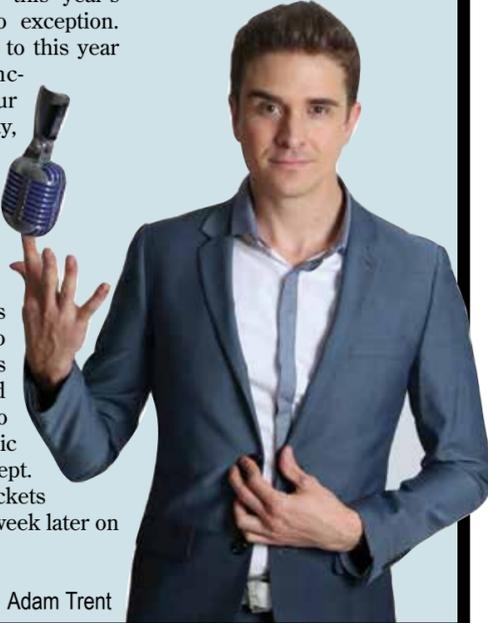
**Country music legends**

Unlike previous seasons, FGC Entertainment's larger shows will not take place until the spring. The Howard Conference Center, which typically hosts the bigger performances and seats up to 1,800 patrons, is in the process of having its bleacher seating replaced. That project should be completed later this fall, allowing for the larger shows to return in the spring.

"This upcoming season will mark another great year of entertainment at Florida Gateway College," said Troy Roberts, public information coordinator. "Though we only have six shows this year due

**ENTERTAINMENT continued on 6A**

Adam Trent



## Homes flood, streets close after big rain



SARAH LOFTUS/Lake City Reporter

Pepi Tan, an employee of Columbia County Public Works, places a pump on the side of Southwest Wester Drive to pump up standing water Saturday morning after Columbia County received four to seven inches of rain.

**In some parts of county, up to 7 inches fell in 12 hours; more may be on the way.**

By SARAH LOFTUS  
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Seven or more inches of rain in about 12 hours flooded some homes and closed local roads, county officials said, and there may be more to come.

Emergency Management Director Shayne Morgan said 4-7 inches of rain fell on the county Friday evening through Saturday morning, but some areas may have had more.

On Saturday morning Morgan was advising local residents to stay put if possible.

"If they can avoid going out, I would encourage them not to," he said.

A flash flood warning was issued around 6 a.m. Saturday but as showers eased was replaced by the less serious flash flood watch, which was in effect until midnight.

Birdy Place and Bishop Road from SR 47 to King Street were closed Saturday due to flooding, Morgan said.

County Engineer Chad Williams said he also received reports of flooding in WesterWood subdivision.

Williams said calls started coming in about 5 a.m. Saturday as the water began to rise.

However, he said, "To my knowledge, we've had to evacuate no one."

Still, the rain sent emergency crews scrambling to keep floodwaters contained.

County workers pumped water from the roadside at SW Wester Drive, Williams said.

As showers slowed to a drizzle Saturday, officials said they hoped to have seen the worst of it — at least for now.

However, the forecast calls for more rain through at least Monday, with a 60 percent chance of showers today and tomorrow.

## Lost son touched countless lives

Couple hopes to raise awareness of childhood cancer.

By SARAH LOFTUS  
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Jennifer Cox was holding her three-year-old son in her arms, repeating "Not my baby" as he passed away on April 8, 2012 from neuroblastoma cancer.

But within minutes after he passed, she remembered that

it was Easter Sunday and suddenly felt at peace.

She knew that it was not a coincidence.

Gabriel Mykal Angelus Cox was a child who touched the lives of everyone he met. More than 10 people have told Jennifer and her husband Travis Cox that Gabe led them to faith.

Jennifer and Travis aren't even sure what exactly it was about Gabe that did that, but people were definitely drawn to him.

"He was gravitational, is the only word I can think of," Travis said. "He could walk in the room, and I don't care what anybody was doing, all attention came to him."

Almost every nurse that treated him during his nearly two-year battle against cancer came to his funeral, Jennifer said.

The Gator athletes, including Tim Tebow, who came to visit him in the hospital left with tears in their eyes, Travis said.

Debbie Dees, the owner of Dees-Parrish Family Funeral

**GABRIEL continued on 6A**



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Jennifer and Travis Cox stand in front of Dees-Parrish Family Funeral Home.



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**LOCAL**  
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challenge makes  
rounds at FGC, 7A.

# Chief suspended over ticket quotas resigns

**WALDO** One of the two Waldo police chiefs suspended over the past month due to allegations of illegal ticket quotas has resigned.

The north Florida town this week agreed to allow the Alachua County Sheriff's Office to provide security.

Waldo Police Chief Michael Szabo was suspended Aug. 12 after a state investigation into the alleged quotas. Szabo resigned Friday evening.

Szabo's interim replacement was suspended after a group of officers complained at a city council meeting about the illegal ticket quotas.

City Manager Kim Worley says the agreement with the sheriff's office gives her time to find a permanent replacement who does not currently work for the police department.

State authorities also are investigating the ticket quota and other alleged misconduct by Szabo.

## 1 dead after deputy-involved shooting

**ST. AUGUSTINE** — Two St. Johns County Sheriff's Office deputies are on administrative leave after the fatal shooting of a suspect at a St. Augustine home.

Sheriff's Office spokesman Kevin Kelshaw says the deputies were responding to a domestic disturbance early Saturday. Kelshaw says shots had been fired at the home, and a female resident told deputies that Aaron Ray had possibly barricaded himself inside.

Kelshaw tells area newspapers that while establishing a perimeter, deputies encountered Ray, who refused to drop his weapon.

The deputies fired at Ray, who died at the scene. Neither deputy was injured. They were placed on administrative leave, which is standard practice after an officer-involved shooting.

The shooting remains under investigation.

## Panhandle man gets 3 life terms for 2013 slaying

**PANAMA CITY** — A man has been sentenced to three consecutive life terms in prison after pleading guilty to torturing an elderly Florida Panhandle man to death.

David Ian Challender pleaded guilty Friday to charges of first-degree murder, armed burglary and armed robbery in the April 2013 death of 90-year-old Wallace Scott of Lynn Haven.

Authorities said Challender and his cousin Kevin Gene Jeffries killed Scott while trying to get his ATM card pin.

Jeffries was convicted in July of first-degree murder, armed burglary and armed robbery. The News Herald reports that the Bay County jury also recommended the death penalty. A judge will decide

Jeffries' sentence later this year.

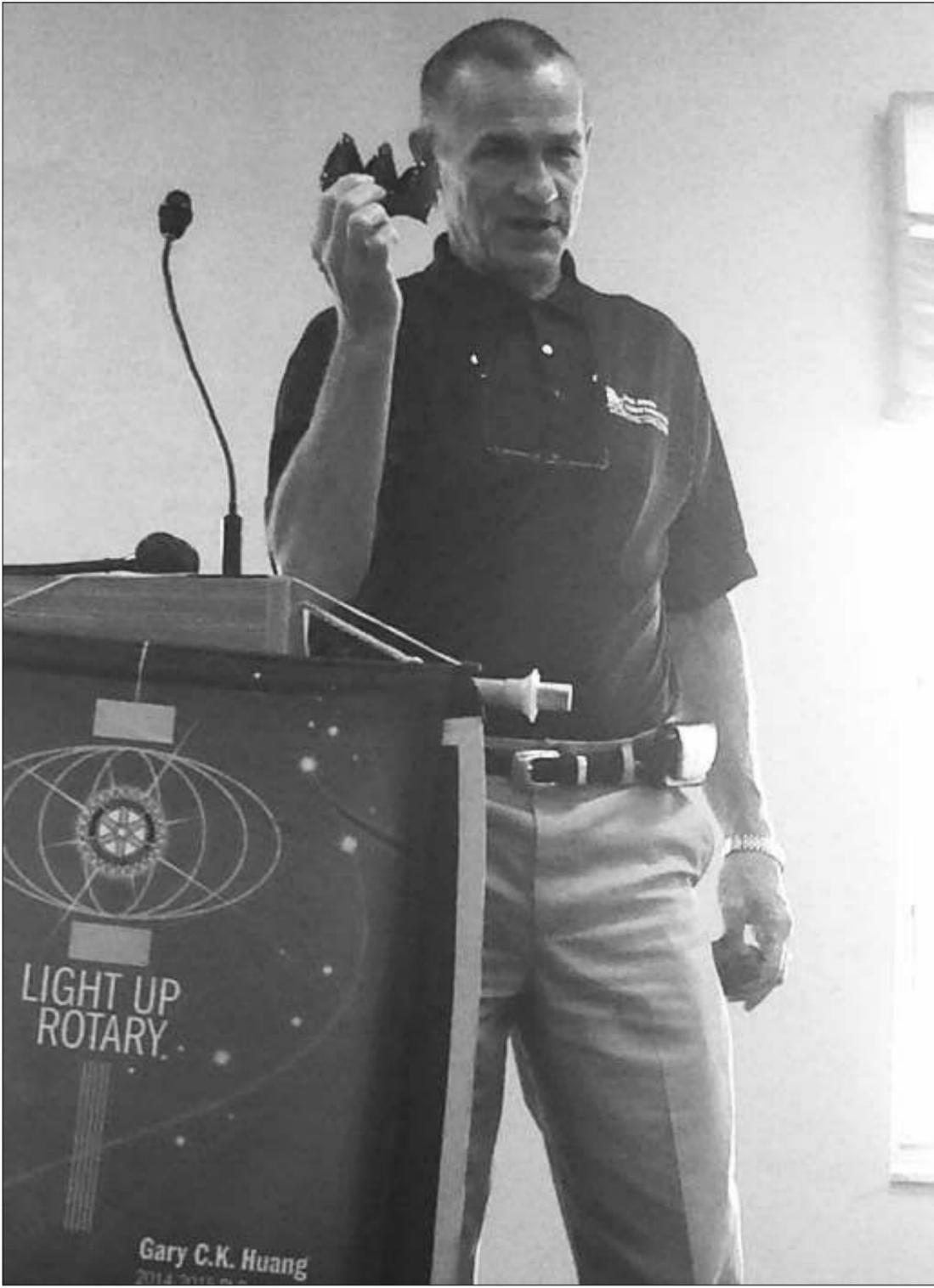
Challender and another Bay County inmate briefly escaped from jail in July, but he was caught the same day.

## DUI charges dropped in 2013 crash that killed 5

**WEST PALM BEACH** — Prosecutors have dropped DUI manslaughter charges against a Florida driver in a 2013 crash that killed five people, including three teenagers.

Jabari Kemp still faces five counts of vehicular manslaughter in the crash just off an Interstate 95 exit ramp in Riviera Beach. Prosecutors dropped the other charges Friday after defense attorneys and state experts questioned the validity of samples of Kemp's blood taken hours after the crash.

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COURTESY

## A collection of arrowheads

The Rotary Club of Lake City had member Don Reed, of Don Reed Construction Company, speaks Thursday about his collection of arrowheads and spearheads. This has been an interest of his from childhood. Most of the arrowheads date from about 5,000 years ago but some of the spearheads may be as much as 15,000-20,000 years old. Reed discussed the possible uses of the different types of arrowheads and spearheads. The artifacts show the intelligence of the people to adapt to their environment. Columbia County has a rich history from early inhabitants.

## QUICK HITS

### Scripture of the Day

"Jesus answered him, 'If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.'"  
— **John 14:23**

### Thought for Today

Think of how stupid the average person is, and realize half of them are stupider than that.  
— **George Carlin**, American comedian who won five Grammy Awards for his albums (1937-2008)

### Winning Lottery Numbers

**Cash 3:** (Saturday) 9-6-5

**Play 4:** (Saturday) 9-7-8-0

**Fantasy 5:** (Friday) 9-11-15-25-32

**Florida Lotto:** (Wednesday) 6-15-16-20-29-32-x5

**PowerBall:** (Wednesday) 2-16-43-45-51-35-x3

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## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

# Bill Murray receives special day at Toronto Film Festival

**TORONTO** The Toronto Film Festival turned its second day into a very welcome new holiday, "Bill Murray Day," an honor the comedian received, naturally, with bemusement.

"I get to park wherever I want," said Murray, appearing for a Q&A following a screening of "Ghostbusters."

Friday was officially dubbed "Bill Murray Day" by the festival, which screened a marathon of Murray classics ("Stripes" and "Groundhog Day," along with "Ghostbusters") ahead of the premiere of Murray's latest, the upcoming next-door neighbor comedy "St. Vincent."

Fans turned out outfitted in costumes of beloved Murray characters, from his ocean explorer Steve Zissou to his Army cadet from "Stripes." They were all topped by a

baby dressed as the Stay Puft Marshmallow Man from "Ghostbusters." Said Murray: "That is one good-looking baby."

Many had wondered about the extent of Murray's participation in his own day. But he, clad in red pants and a blue plaid shirt, appeared with Ivan Reitman (who directed him in "Ghostbusters" and "Stripes") and writer-producer Mitch Glazer (screenwriter of "Scrooged") following "Ghostbusters."

## Lady Gaga sings jazz songs at Fashion Week

**NEW YORK** — If Lady Gaga's performing onstage, you better listen. And if you don't, she'll stop singing.

When a loud crowd still chatted at the Plaza Hotel where Gaga was performing

jazz tunes Friday night, she stopped in the middle of her second song because of the noise.

"Will you shut up? We're playing some jazz," she told the crowd of a few hundred in New York City. "Goddamn rich people."

Gaga sang at the New York Fashion Week party by Harper's Bazaar, where attendees included Donatella Versace, Liberty Ross, Brooke Shields and R&B singers Maxwell and Miguel.

The 28-year-old pop star sang songs from her collaborative jazz album with Tony Bennett called "Cheek to Cheek," to be released Sept. 23. She shut up the crowd at moments when she hit impressive high notes.

Gaga sported short blond hair and a black leather dress she said her sister created for her.

## Past and present Pippins star in musical tour

**NEW YORK** — Fans of the musical "Pippin" will get a special treat starting this weekend in Denver: They'll get to see two Pippins for the price of one.

Matthew James Thomas, who originated the role in the Tony Award-winning revival on Broadway last year, will team up with John Rubinstein, who was the first Broadway Pippin in 1972 and now plays Pippin's father.

"There's a whole new dimension here. It's like being in some crazy dream," Thomas said by phone. Rubinstein agreed in a separate call: "To me, the idea of the old Pippin and the new Pippin — I love that."

■ Associated Press

# 'Punt for a Pickup' postponed; to resume at next home game

From staff reports

The Lake City Reporter's Punt for a Pickup contest was postponed Friday night due to inclement weather.

The contest will resume at the Columbia High Tigers' next home football game, Sept. 26, when one lucky fan will get a chance to win a new 2014 Ford F-150.

Incessant rain was the culprit Friday.

"Field conditions were just too wet, even around the grass edges of the field, to maneuver the truck and safely conduct the punt attempt. It was in everyone's best interest to postpone the first kick," said Lake City Reporter Publisher Todd Wilson. "We'll be back at the next four home games and you'll see the blue Ford truck around town in the meantime at our sponsor locations. Come out and support the Tigers



and you could win this new F-150 in our Punt for a Pickup contest."

For the second year in a row, one fan at each home game will have the chance to punt a football 35 yards into the bed of the pickup. If the ball goes into the back of the truck, in the air, and stays there, the lucky fan will win the truck.

Rountree Moore Ford once again is a partner in the Reporter's promotion. A portion of the proceeds from the contest will be donated to the CHS STRIPES total person

academic program founded by CHS Principal Todd Widgren.

Participants must be 18 years old to kick and other eligibility requirements apply.

Stephen Jones, General Sales Manager at Rountree Moore Ford, selected a Ford F-150 STX sport package two-wheel drive truck for the contest. The truck has many options, outstanding features and upgraded wheels. The full-size four-door truck is

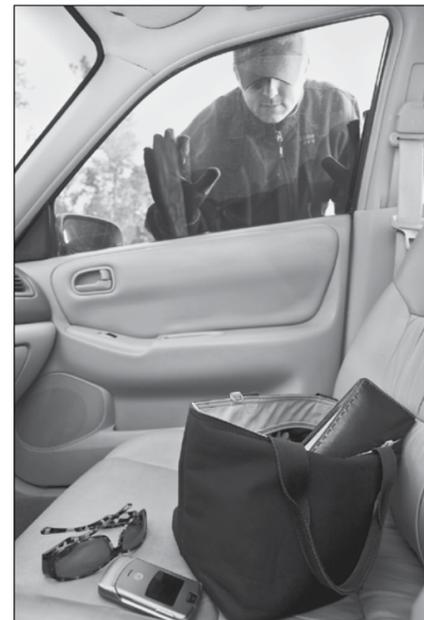
blue with gray interior.

The truck will be visible parked in front of business sponsors of the contest around Lake City during the two-month football season contest period. Football fans can check out the truck on game nights parked at the north end of Tiger Stadium.

Remaining CHS home football games are scheduled for Sept. 26, Oct. 10, Oct. 31, and Nov. 7.

The Punt for a Pickup contest is brought to you by the Lake City Reporter and co-sponsored by Rountree Moore Ford, Florida Gateway College, S&S Food Stores, Shands Lake Shore Regional Medical Center, Foreman & McInnis Attorneys, Peoples State Bank, North Florida Pharmacy, Mobile Mania, Dees-Parrish Family Funeral Home, and The Wheeler Agency.

## LOCK YOUR CAR



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## CCSO investigates 44 burglaries in 30 days

From staff reports

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office has investigated 44 vehicle burglaries throughout the county in the last 30 days, CCSO said.

The story was the same in each case, according to a CCSO news release: the valuables were stolen from an unlocked car.

"Most vehicle burglaries are crimes of opportunity," CCSO spokesman Murray Smith said in the release. "The thief looks for easy access and doesn't want to make much noise or draw attention."

Smith offered some simple tips to protect yourself:

- Remove visible items from your vehicle — If you leave items visible in your car, you are a target. Even with a locked vehicle you may lose a window and your valuables.
- Lock Up — The single best defense is to lock your vehicle.
- Report suspicious activity — If you see someone looking in cars or walking around, in and out of yards, late at night report it to law enforcement so it can be checked out.

"Remember, you can prevent auto burglaries by removing your valuables from your vehicle and locking them in a safe place," Smith said. "Help us protect your property."

The CCSO non-emergency number is 386-719-2005 and Crime Stoppers of Columbia County is 386-754-7099.

## Brady-Giddens: Teacher turned prosecutor

By SARAH LOFTUS

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For Dana Brady-Giddens, it's the people she helps that makes the work she does in the courtroom, the classroom and the school board office all worthwhile.

The Columbia County school board member recently left her teaching position at Florida Gateway College for a job as Third Circuit State Attorney Jeff Siegmeister's chief assistant state attorney. But when she looks back on everything she's done in her career as an attorney, teacher and most recently a school board member, knowing she has helped people is what matters most.

Wanting to help others is why she ran for school board two years ago, and public service is really the foundation of every job she's had.

Brady-Giddens started her career as a probation officer after graduating from Florida State University with a degree in criminal justice. But while working in the courtroom, she realized law was something she wanted to pursue.

"I watched court, and I thought, 'I like this. I can do this,'" she said.

So Brady-Giddens enrolled in law school at the University of Florida and then began her career as an attorney working as a Third Circuit assistant state attorney.

"Criminal justice is interesting. There's also something different," she said. "Every day is something different, a different story. The crimes are all the same, but the stories are different, and it's interesting."

After eight years as an assistant state attorney, Brady-Giddens decided to give teaching a try and started teaching sixth-grade social studies at Fort White High School. At the time, the high school was supposed to be



SARAH LOFTUS/Lake City Reporter

Dana Brady-Giddens left her teaching job at FGC to work as chief assistant state attorney.

getting a criminal justice system, which she was going to be part of, but once she found out that wasn't happening, she left to take a job as a criminal defense attorney at Siegmeister's private practice.

After several years there, she worked at the Department of Transportation as an eminent domain attorney for a year until she took her most recent job as a criminal justice teacher at FGC. She also taught a prosecution clinic at the University of Florida Levin College of Law with Professor Bob Dekle during the spring semester.

Brady-Giddens said her goal was to give her students a love and respect for the law.

"I want them to have a respect for the law because I really don't think people understand the criminal justice system thoroughly sometimes, and I think not understanding it leads to a lack of respect for what we do," she said. "And I think if you understand it, you have a better respect for it, and so that's what I wanted to instill in my students."

Brady-Giddens wasn't looking to leave FGC either. But when Siegmeister called and offered her the position of chief assistant state attorney, she struggled — she loved her job and students at FGC, but chief assistant was a job she had wanted since she gradu-

ated from law school.

"I wasn't really looking for a job, but it's just the opportunity came, and you take those chances when they come up," she said.

Especially when it's a chance to be the chief assistant state attorney.

"As a young assistant state attorney, this is the job you strive for, and so being here is amazing," Brady-Giddens said. "It's the job of a lifetime."

She and Siegmeister and are now working together for the third time in their careers. "I think we make a really good team, and I have a lot of respect for Mr. Siegmeister," she said.

Her new role as chief assistant includes a lot of adminis-

trative duties and dealing with personnel issues, she said.

But the toughest part of the job is also what the hardest part of being a school board member is — always making fair decisions, no matter how unpopular they are, she said.

She said following the law when she makes decisions isn't the hard part — the challenging part is getting the public to understand why she makes the decisions she does.

"It's difficult when people don't understand that you are required ethically to do that," Brady-Giddens said.

But the challenges of being the chief assistant state attorney and a school board member don't deter her one bit.

They're fairly all consuming for now, but if she ever felt like she had the time, she would consider working as an adjunct professor at FGC, she said.

"I would have an interest in maybe teaching something because I just like to do it," Brady-Giddens said.

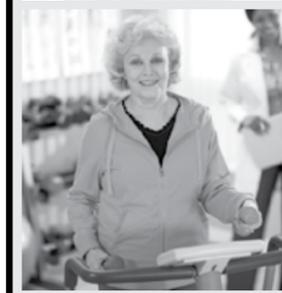
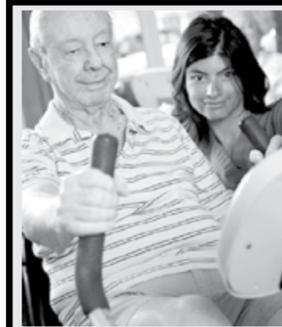
But for now, she hopes to be chief assistant state attorney for as long as possible and plans on running for reelection on the school board in 2016, she said.

"I shouldn't say what the future holds, but right now, that's my plan," she said.



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OUR OPINION

## Making good use of tax dollars

**W**e have on more than one occasion chided county officials for imprudent or unwise use of what is arguably our most precious local resource — citizens' tax dollars.

But beefing up fire coverage county-wide wasn't one of them.

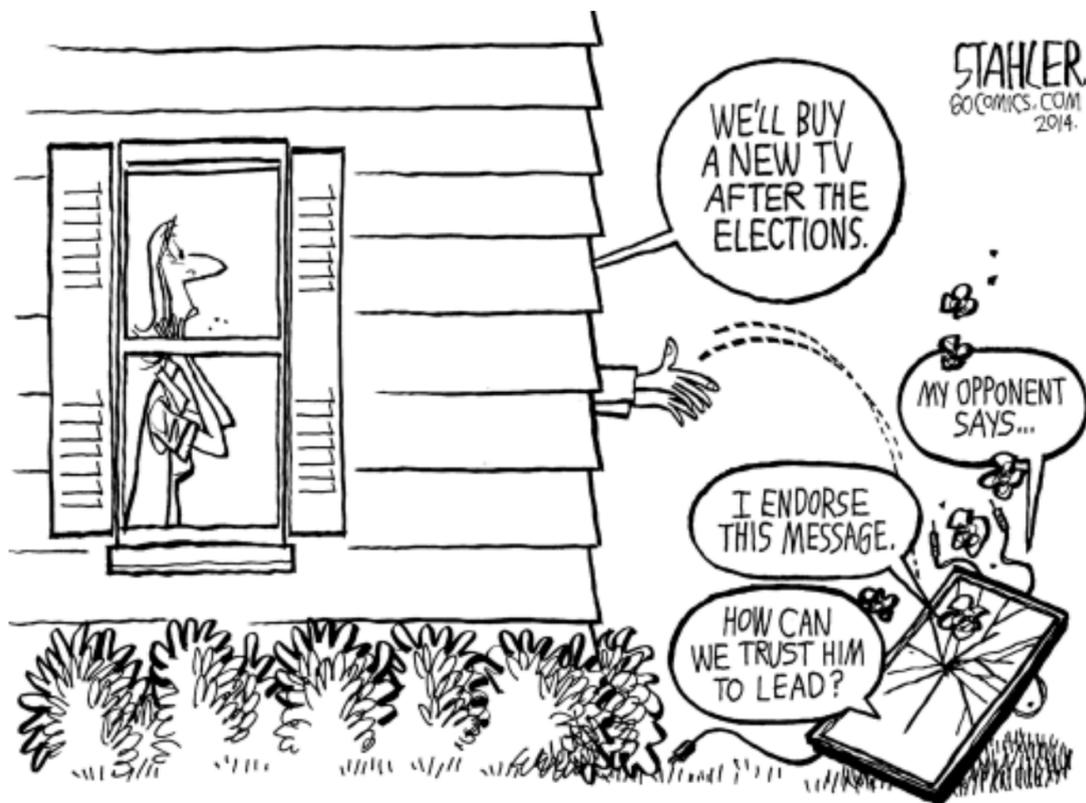
As a result of adding more fire stations and other improvements, the county's insurance industry rating improved considerably, we learned Thursday. That's of interest to anyone with fire insurance, as you ought to see real relief as a result. According to CCFD Chief David Boozer, one local woman's premiums dropped about \$4,600 a year.

Welcome news indeed.

We don't want government running our lives, but we do want it keeping us safe.

And doing so in as frugal a manner as possible, while they're at it.

Let's stay focused on that theme, commissioners.



## TODAY IN HISTORY

On this date:

In 1825, the Marquis de Lafayette, the French hero of the American Revolution, bade farewell to President John Quincy Adams at the White House.

In 1892, James J. Corbett knocked out John L. Sullivan to win the world heavyweight boxing crown in New Orleans.

In 1940, Nazi Germany began its eight-month blitz of Britain during World War II with the first air attack on London.

In 1943, a fire at the Gulf Hotel, a rooming house in Houston, claimed 55 lives.

In 1963, the National Professional Football Hall of Fame was dedicated in Canton, Ohio.

In 1964, the controversial "Daisy" commercial, an ad for President Lyndon B. Johnson's election campaign featuring a girl plucking flower petals followed by a nuclear explosion, aired on NBC-TV.

In 1968, feminists protested outside the Miss America pageant in Atlantic City, N.J.

In 1977, the Panama Canal treaties, calling for the U.S. to eventually turn over control of the waterway to Panama, were signed in Washington by President Jimmy Carter and Panamanian leader Omar Torrijos.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Tea party isn't the only foe of Common Core

To the Editor:

Thank you for continuing to cover the very important issue of our children's education and Common Core via your article in the Sept. 4 edition. Please continue to do so.

While the article opened with mention of the letter sent by the North Central Florida Tea Party to the School Boards of Columbia and Suwannee Counties, the scope expanded to a general discussion of Common Core. I was disappointed that you did not point out that opposition is not limited to the tea party but rather a broad bipartisan coalition of those in opposition to Common Core. Parents are opposed. Ask the Catholic Parents against Common Core ([www.facebook.com/CatholicSchoolParentsAgainstCommonCore](http://www.facebook.com/CatholicSchoolParentsAgainstCommonCore)) among others. Teachers are opposed. Ask the Badass Teacher

Association ([www.badassteacher.org/](http://www.badassteacher.org/)), not a conservative organization, why they support Zyper Teachout, Democratic candidate for governor of New York. Could it be that she opposes Common Core?

A majority of committewomen and men of the Florida GOP have voted to reject Common Core. Many county Republican Executive Committees including Suwannee County, have passed resolutions against Common Core. In a letter dated Feb. 24, the Republican Party of Florida Legislative Affairs Committee forwarded a resolution against Common Core to the party.

The venerable Eagle Forum (<http://www.eagleforum.org/>) is opposed to Common Core. Your readers deserve to know this.

I'd like to follow up on an excellent point made by Sharon Higgins. Why do we elect school board

members if not to lead? You quoted a chorus of members saying school funding is tied to testing and to Common Core.

During recent candidate forums, candidates for school board said "I'm against Common Core but we have to do it for the funding." I beg to differ. If a significant number of school boards have the courage to say "No, we are not going to administer the tests or implement Common Core," the state will provide the funding and students will move to the next grade and graduate from High School.

We have an election coming up on Nov. 4. School board candidates need to assure the voters they are willing to take a stand and lead.

**Lane Watkins**  
**Lake City**

# Pinemount teacher isn't 'being persecuted for doing her job'

To the Editor:

The following is in response to the letter by Mary Beaty.

There have been many students who have graduated as "A" students and as valedictorian of a class across the United States, an accomplishment worthy of recognition. Even so, I would venture to guess the majority of them would not credit their accomplishment to being cracked on the knuckles with a wooden ruler, being lashed with a razor strap, and then being sent to bed without finishing their supper. Instead, they would credit hard work and dedication.

As I paused to read your comments, I feel relatively certain there is no way you could know the entire story regarding the abusive treatment of our children. Likewise, there is no way you can know how much structure, guidance and discipline each of these children have in their homes.

I cannot speak for each child, but I can tell you that in our home the children are reared in a strict environment where man-

ners are taught and insisted upon. It is a home where both parents are very involved and where we insist on the children doing their very best. We spend a significant amount of time around the dinner table every evening eating our meals as a family unit, checking grades and discussing what is going on in the children's lives. Because of the way we raise our children, we constantly receive compliments on how well-behaved our children are.

On occasion our children will stray from the rules. They know that if corporal punishment is warranted, we will deliver. Please remember the age of the children in this classroom — they were kindergartners.

Like many parents, we teach our children not to bully, laugh at or humiliate others by calling them names, and to always keep their hands to themselves. More importantly, we teach our children to be honest and that they can tell us anything. Mrs. Rachal's abusive and irresponsible behavior has taught them to do the contrary.

It is not acceptable for any teacher (or other) adult to bully, humiliate, pinch or pull the hair of any child. But more importantly, it is not acceptable to teach a child to be dishonest by bribery. Mrs. Rachal's allegedly bribing the children to "not tell" is a very clear indicator that even she knew what she was doing was simply wrong.

My parents were raised in your generation and in strict homes, Mrs. Beaty. They, like many people from your era, are also appalled by Mrs. Rachal's behavior.

Yes, we do live in a changed world. Fortunately, some of the changes have been for the better. As adults, it is our responsibility to discipline and guide the children in a positive manner while doing it in the spirit of love and concern for the future.

For these reasons, I respectfully disagree with your position that "this poor teacher is just being persecuted for doing her job."

**Sarah Sands**  
**Lake City**

# Sheriff's office deserves thanks

To the Editor:

I wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you to our hard working and dedicated team of sheriff's deputies.

On Sunday evening, my two daughters' vehicles were parked in

my front yard and their purses were stolen out of them. The sheriff's office was very quick to respond with several deputies, a detective and a police dog.

My understanding is that there has been a rash of burglaries throughout Columbia County,

which has kept our law enforcement officers extremely busy. So, please keep a close eye on your neighborhood and lets give the deputies some well deserved help.

**Theresa Frazee**  
**Lake City**

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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



SARAH LOFTUS/Lake City Reporter

## Breakfast with Chief Gilmore

Lake City Chief of Police Argatha Gilmore discusses with community members how LCPD is using social media to inform the community about traffic alerts, its drive sober campaign, and more. Roughly 40 people attended breakfast with the Chief which was held Saturday at Moose Lodge #264.

## Sept. 7

### Breakfast Fundraiser

VFW Post 2206, 343 Forest Lawn Way, will have a breakfast fundraiser for the Post on Sunday, Sept. 7 from 9-11 a.m. Karaoke with Mark begins at 2 p.m.

### Grief Share

Grief Share, a nondenominational group featuring biblical teaching on grief and recovery topics, will begin meeting Sunday afternoons starting Sept. 7 from 4-5:30 p.m. Meetings will be held at First United Methodist Church, 973 S. Marion Ave. There will be a special session on November 16, "Surviving the Holidays." This is open to the community and no charge. Call Rev. Jeff Tate at 752-4488.

## Sept. 8

### LCMS Open House

Lake City Middle School will host an Open House on Sept. 8 at 6 p.m. Volunteer Orientation will be held in the Media Center at 5:30 p.m. The Dance Team will be selling dinners from 4:30-7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Cost for dinner is \$7.

### Cancer Support

The Women's Cancer Support Group of Lake City will meet at Baya Pharmacy East, 780 SE Baya Dr., from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Monday, September 8. The speaker this month is kidney specialist Dr. Brooke Mobley. Guests are welcome. Call 386-752-4198 for more.

## Sept. 9

### Sparkleberry Meetings

The Sparkleberry

Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society will resume monthly meetings starting Tuesday, Sept. 9. The meeting will be held at the Hatch Park Community Center, 403 SE Craven St., Branford, at 6:30 p.m. The program, on Native Bees, will be presented by Cory Stanley-Stahr of the University of Florida. Call Betsy Martin at 386-719-0467 for more.

### SRWMD Meeting

The Suwannee River Water Management District's governing board will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 9 at 3 p.m. at District Headquarters, 9225 CR 49, Live Oak. The District will hold its first public hearing on the fiscal year 2015 budget at 5:05 p.m. A copy of the agenda may be obtained by visiting the website: [www.mysuwanneeriver.com](http://www.mysuwanneeriver.com).

## Sept. 10

### Blue Grey Army

The Blue Grey Army Inc. will meet September 10 at 5:30 p.m. to start planning the 2015 Olustee Battle Festival. The meeting will be held at the Columbia County School District Central Building Room 153, 409 SW St. Johns St. This is the first of several meetings; all committee members are urged to attend. Call Faye at 755-1097 with questions.

### Mind of a Child

The Presley EXCEL and Scholars Program 'Mind of a Child' radio recording for students in grades 5-8 will be Wednesday,

Sept. 10 at 4 p.m. The recording will take place at 443 North Marion St. Students interested in participating should contact Bernice Presley at 386-752-4074.

### Lake City Newcomers

The Lake City Newcomers will have their September luncheon meeting at Guangdong restaurant at the Lake City Mall on Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 11 a.m. Chief of Police Argatha Gilmore will be the guest speaker. Call Joan Wilson at 755-9897 for more.

### Movie Matinee

Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast's Monthly Movie Matinee will be offered to the public on Wednesday, September 10 at 2 p.m. at the Wings Education Center, 857 SW Main Blvd. This month's movie is The Rookie starring Dennis Quaid and Rachel Griffiths. The movie is presented at no cost. Discussion time will follow the movie. The Monthly Matinee provides support for individuals dealing with grief and loss in a supportive environment. For information or to register, contact Vicki Myers at 755-7714 Ext. 2411 or 866-642-0962.

## Sept. 11

### 9/11 Ceremony

The City of Lake City is hosting the 9/11 Commemorative Ceremony on Thursday, Sept. 11 at 10 a.m., marking the 13th anniversary of the attacks. A special program

is planned to honor local first responders, firefighters and law enforcement officers as we commemorate our fallen heroes. The ceremony will take place at First Baptist Church, 182 NE Justice St. Call Sue Tuell at 386-758-5484 for more.

### Early Learning

The Early Learning Coalition of Florida's Gateway Inc. will have a Program Quality Committee meeting Thursday, Sept. 11 at 3:00 p.m. at 1104 SW Main Blvd. Call Stacey DePratter at 386-752-9770 for more.

### Garden Club

The Lake City Garden Club will hold its September meeting on Thursday, Sept. 11 at the Clubhouse, 257 SE Hernando St. Social time begins at 9:30 a.m.; the meeting will begin at 10. The program this month is Landscape Design presented by Sabine Marcks.

## Sept. 13

### Youth Peace Summit

The Presley EXCEL and Scholars Program, along with the Columbia County Youth Awareness Group, invite all youth to participate in a 'Youth Peace Summit' on Saturday, Sept. 13 at 11 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, 248 NE Martin Luther King St. The theme is: Today's Youth, Tomorrow's Leaders.

### Barbecue Pork Dinner

VFW Post 2206, 343 Forest Lawn Way, will serve

## 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.

### Upward Soccer

Sign up now for Upward Soccer at Hopeful Baptist Church. Cost is \$60 prior to Sept. 8 Call Mark Cunningham at 752-4135 for more information.

### Mind of a Child

During the month of September, the Presley EXCEL and Scholars Program will sponsor a program entitled "The Mind of a Child" for students in grades K - 12. On Wednesdays throughout the month, participants will showcase their speaking abilities and academic excellence by answering randomly selected questions. The recorded program will be aired on Saturdays at 2 p.m. on 107.9 FM, the Angel Radio Network.

### Flu Mist

The Columbia County School District will be participating in the Healthy Schools Initiative "Teach Flu a Lesson" on September 15. Applications will be distributed for students to take home to parents this week. Parents can sign their child up for free flu immunization. For more information, contact Kim Allison, CCSD Health Coordinator, at 386-755-8050 x116.

### Diva Day

Altrusa Club will host their 5th annual Diva Day at the Columbia County Fairgrounds Banquet Hall on Saturday, Sept. 13 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be vendors on site with jewelry, handbags, candles, soap, make-up cakes, chocolates, health screenings and more. An affordable lunch will be available at the cafe. Admission is \$5 and the ticket enters you in a drawing for a bracelet, courtesy of Ward's Jewelry & Gifts or a three day / two night cabin & golf cart rental courtesy of the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park. Tickets are available at the Lake City Advertiser, the Lake City Reporter, and at the door. Call Jan Smithey at 386-961-3217 for more.

### Scavenger Hunt

The Friends of the Library present a Family Scavenger Hunt at the Main Library, 308 NW Columbia Ave., on Saturday, September 27 at 11 a.m. Come have a fun, interactive time of detective work as you sift through clues while working together as a family to solve a library-themed scavenger hunt. Prizes and healthy snacks are included. Pre-registration is required. Register by calling 758-2111 or sign up in person at the Main Library. A family team must include one at least one adult.

barbecue pork dinners from 5-7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13 at \$5 per plate. Karaoke with Mark will begin at 7 p.m.

## Sept. 14

### Community Feed

Seventh Day Adventist Church, 148 SW Seminole Terrace, is offering a Community Feed the second Sunday of each month. Food will be served free of charge to all in need. Call JoAnn at 935-1076 with questions or for more information.

## OBITUARIES

### Evelyn Pauline McFatter

Evelyn Pauline McFatter, 84, of Ft. White, Fl., passed away on Saturday, September 6, 2014 at her residence following an extended illness.

Born on June 23, 1930 in Barbour County, AL, to the late Melvin H. Bracewell and Ethel Dunnivant Bracewell. She retired from Metal Products Plant in 1996. She enjoyed quilting, sewing, working in her yard, and was faithful to her church, and attended Victory Assembly of God in Ellisville, FL. Her family was very important to her, and she was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was loved and will be missed greatly by her family.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband Thurman McFatter and son Wayne Mc-

Fatter.

Mrs. McFatter is survived by her children; Marilyn (Bobby) Parrish, Roy (Wendy) McFatter, Judy (Allen) Emrich, grandchildren; Destiney Parrish Carr (James), Dusty Parrish (Shannon), Travis McFatter (Mandy) and Levi McFatter, four great grandchildren, two sisters, and two brother, and numerous nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral services for Mrs. McFatter will be conducted at 10:00am on Monday, September 8, 2014 at Gateway-Forest Lawn Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Roger Siter officiating. Interment will follow in Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens. Visitation with the family and friends will be held one hour (9:00am-10:00am) prior to the service at the funeral home. Arrangements are under the direc-

tion of GATEWAY-FOREST LAWN FUNERAL HOME, 3596 S US Hwy 441, Lake City, FL, 32025, (386) 752-1954. Please leave words of love and comfort for the family at [www.gatewayforestlawn.com](http://www.gatewayforestlawn.com)

### Carolyn Wood Padgett

Mrs. Carolyn "Carol" Wood Padgett, 51, passed away Sunday, August 31, 2014 at Lake City Medical Center after a brief illness.

Mrs. Padgett was born in Folkston, Georgia, the daughter of the late LeRoy and Bobbie Wood. She is survived by her husband of 27 years, Hubert Padgett, daughter Dana Rike, son Allen Rike, sister Teresa Wood Sandefer, and four brothers, Tony, Franky, Victor and James Wood. Carol was an avid devotee of

flea markets, a lover of cats and dogs, stuffed animals, and Coca Cola memorabilia. Her friends will miss her offbeat sense of humor, her collection of eye-catching tee shirts, and scrumptious banana puddings.

No memorial service is planned at this time.

### Susan Diane Smith

Susan Diane Smith, 56, resident of Lake City Cluster Home, died September 4, 2014 at Haven Hospice after an extended illness.

She was born January 19, 1958 in Columbia, Sc., to the late Charles E. and Mayme Lyons Smith.

She is survived by her two brothers; Charles Edward "Ed" and Kim Smith of Old Town, Fl., William Allan and Beth Smith

of Live Oak, Fl., and her loving and dedicated care givers of the Lake City Cluster Home and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral services for Mrs. Smith will be conducted at 3:00pm on Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at Gateway-Forest Lawn Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow in Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens. Arrangements are under the direction of GATEWAY-FOREST LAWN FUNERAL HOME, 3596 S US Hwy 441, Lake City, FL, 32025, (386) 752-1954. Please leave words of love and comfort for the family at [www.gatewayforestlawn.com](http://www.gatewayforestlawn.com)

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COURTESY

Classical and pop quartet Vivace will perform at the Levy Performing arts Center on Thursday, February 5, 2015 as part of the 2014-15 FGC Entertainment season.

## ENTERTAINMENT

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to some ongoing renovations at the college, we believe this is going to be one of our strongest lineups yet."

One of the major shows this season, Raindrops, Roses & Rhymes, features three country music legends sharing the stage together in an unforgettable acoustic performance: BJ Thomas, Pam Tillis, and Collin Raye. The show will take on March 6, 2015, in the Howard Conference Center.

"The buzz from last year's Roots and Boots concert was unanimously positive feedback, so our target No. 1 this year was to find a similar show," said Rob Chapman, coordinator of marketing, web, and graphics production. "We feel like with Raindrops, Roses & Rhymes, we've hit this one out of the park."

The other major show in the conference center this year will feature John Michael Montgomery. Owner of 18 top ten singles and five No. 1s, including "I Can Love You Like That" and "Be My Baby Tonight," Montgomery will perform at FGC on January 17.

"If you listened to country music in the 1990s, then you definitely know John Michael Montgomery," Roberts said.

### Other shows include:

Thursday, October 16 – Adam Trent – Levy Performing Arts Center – Named one of the Top 10 Most Influential Youths by US News & World Report magazine, Trent is one of the hot up-and-coming magicians on the college circuit. Combining his illusions with a dash of music and comedy, he's been described "as Justin Timberlake meets David Copperfield" by GP4T magazine.

Friday, November 7 – Bellamy Brothers – Levy Performing Arts Center – A country music duo consisting of David Milton Bellamy and Homer Howard Bellamy, the Bellamy Brothers have been a constant on the country music scene since the 1970s. They have charted 20 No. 1 singles, including their crossover hit, "Let Your Love Flow."

Thursday, February 5, 2015 – Vivace – Levy Performing Arts Center – A quartet that combines the talents of classical and pop singers, Vivace puts a fresh take on the classical and modern music of today. Utilizing both piano and violin, Vivace

puts a new spin on the classical crossover/popera genre.

Friday, April 17, 2015 – The Shindigs Surf Party Tribute – Levy Performing Arts Center – Just in time for summer, the Shindigs will transport you back to the '60s and '70s with a tribute to "America's Band," the Beach Boys! It's the perfect time to sing along to all of the songs you know and love, like "Surfin' USA," "I Get Around," and "Help Me, Rhonda."

"We had to really focus on what has sold well and what the community has responded to when we made the decision to go to a smaller series," Chapman said. "The country/western genre has been our biggest success from the past several years, from Easton Corbin to Tracy Lawrence to Roots & Boots. The magician is a crowd pleaser every year, and our tribute acts have been phenomenal. I'm excited to see the community's response to the classical 'popera' Vivace this year, as we've been targeting them for nearly four years."

Season ticket prices are \$75 for FGC staff, faculty, and students, and \$125 for the general public. Season tickets also include VIP seating for the conference center shows.

Tickets can be purchased by calling (386) 754-4340 or by visiting [www.fgcenterentertainment.com](http://www.fgcenterentertainment.com). If a subscriber from the 2013-2014 season wants the same seats as the previous year, they need to make contact before September 15.

## GABRIEL

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Home who arranged Gabe's funeral, said out of all the funerals she's done, Gabe is one of the people who has touched her heart the most.

"Twenty-six years in this business, I have to admit he probably affected me the most as far as children," she said through tears.

Jennifer said that while she won't ever be able to fully understand the effect Gabe had on people, she thinks that maybe his pure soul is what drew people to him.

"Nothing held him back. You could tell that he was a pure soul. He was a godly soul, and I think that's what attracted people to him. It was like a magnet," she said. "Gabriel knew God. I mean he understood. We talked to him about Jesus all the time, so I'm sure there was something in him that just touched people."

You knew he had a beautiful soul because you could see it in his smile, Jennifer said.

"Every child has a beautiful smile. And I'm biased obviously, but this child when he smiled at you, you didn't just see the smile, you felt it," Jennifer said. "It went through your eyes into your soul. It was the most beautiful thing in the world."

"I miss that smile," she said as her voice cracked from tears.

Gabe was diagnosed with stage four neuroblastoma on July 27, 2010 and started chemotherapy immediately. He had a bone marrow transplant that took very well. And then in late 2011, the moment they had been praying for happened —



SARAH LOFTUS/Lake City Reporter

Joseph and Triniti Cox hold their five-week-old baby brother, Liam Cox, in front of Dees Parrish-Family Funeral Home where their brother Gabriel was buried in March 2012 after losing his battle with neuroblastoma at the age of 3. The family now tries to spread awareness about childhood cancer because it's something most people don't think about, though knowing about it can save lives, they say. September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and is marked by the color gold, which is why there's a gold ribbon on the funeral home's door. Debbie Dees, the owner of the funeral home, put the ribbon on the building in the hopes that it raises awareness of childhood cancer.

Gabe went into remission.

But no more than two months later, the cancer was back with a vengeance and had spread all over his body. He had tumors in his ankles, wrists, elbows and groin that were crushing his bones.

By March 2012, Jennifer knew that Gabe's time on earth was coming to an end, and about two weeks later, he passed in her arms.

"It's an honor to know that he's touched so many lives," Jennifer said. "And I

know he's in heaven."

But of course, she, her husband and their other children wish he was still here.

"He would be starting school (this year), which is hard," Jennifer said.

But they don't dwell on his death. Instead, they try to promote awareness of childhood cancer.

With September being Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, they want to make sure people know about pediatric cancer because knowing about it could save a life.

"There's this thing that I read once that said 'Why should you be aware of cancer? Your child doesn't have cancer.' Well, at one point in my life, my child didn't have cancer either," Jennifer said. "Not to scare anybody because it's not something you want to worry about. It's not something you want to think every time my child gets sick, 'Does my child have cancer?' That's not what this is about."

It's about knowing the signs of cancer and looking for them, she said. If she had taken Gabe to the doctor earlier, maybe he would still be here, she said.

Neuroblastoma, which took Gabe's life, is actually the most common kind of pediatric cancers.

"Just be aware. It can happen. It does happen everyday. People just don't see it," she said.

**'Every child has a beautiful smile. And I'm biased obviously, but this child when he smiled at you, you didn't just see the smile, you felt it!'**

— Jennifer Cox, mother of the late Gabriel Mykal Angelus Cox

## School Open House Dates

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.

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# ALS challenge makes its rounds at FGC

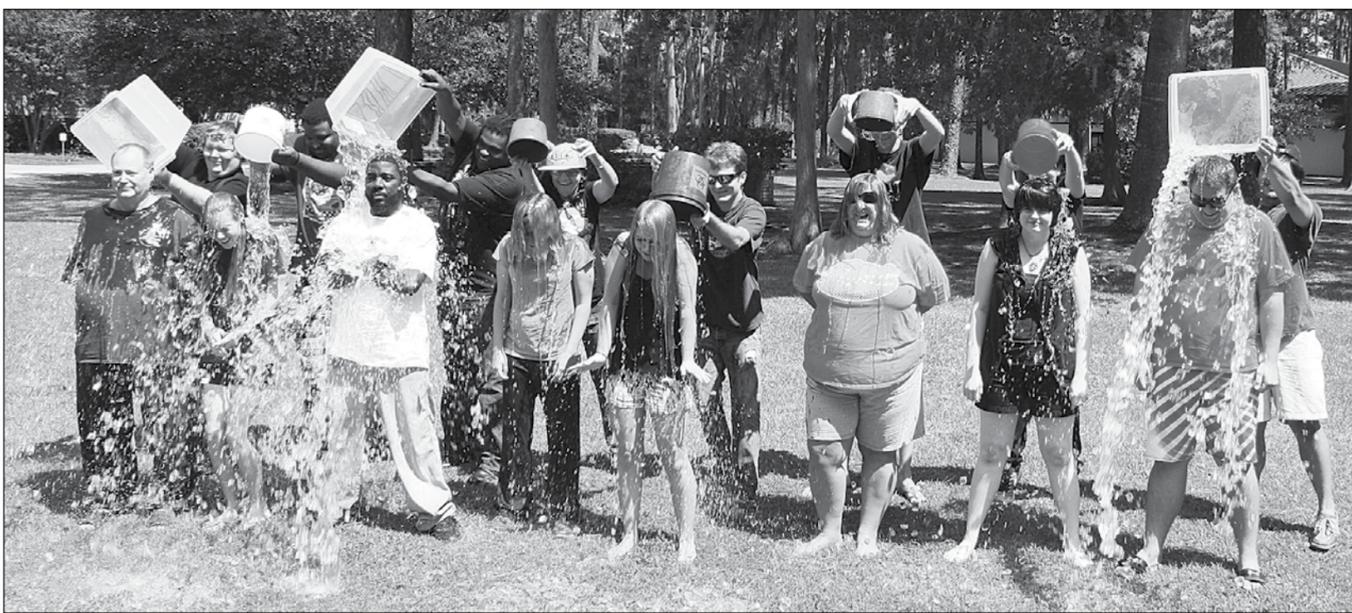
Members of SGA nominated Board of Trustees to take on the ice-bucket feat.

By EMILY BUCHANAN  
ebuchanan@lakecityreporter.com

Six members of Florida Gateway College Student Government Association and the Student Activities Coordinator were soaked with ice-cold water during the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge on Thursday after they nominated the Florida Gateway College Board of Trustees to the challenge.

Katelyn Greer, secretary of SGA, and Billy Greer, student senate chairmen of SGA, said this was the second time they had participated in the ice bucket challenge and were excited to nominate the board of trustees.

"It's been a chain reaction of staff and students participating on campus," Billy Greer said. "We've had about five to six groups out here doing the challenge, and these aren't small groups," he said. "There's a good handful of



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Ice-cold water is poured on members of the Student Government Association and the Student Activities Coordinator at Florida Gateway College. The seven who participated in the challenge Thursday nominated the Florida Gateway College Board of Trustees to accept the Ice-Bucket Challenge next. The challenge has been making waves across the world as a fundraiser for the ALS Foundation.

people in these groups."

Billy Greer said he believes the challenge has spread a great amount of awareness since it started. Not only has he participated in the challenge twice, he

said he also plans to make donations to help the cause.

Since the time the ice bucket challenge went viral in July, the ALS Association said they have received over \$100 million

in donations from around the world to support patients with the disease known as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease.

"The challenge is a good way

for students to challenge the faculty and administration to get everyone involved," Katelyn Greer said. "People aren't aware that this is a terrible disease with not much help out there."

## Growing talent in Special Olympics

Fort White High School coach and teacher pushes Special Olympic athletes to reach their full potential.

By AVALYN HUNTER  
Special to the Reporter

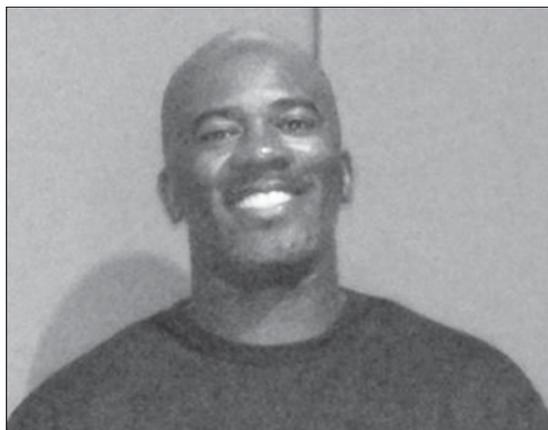
FORT WHITE — Shea Showers wears several hats at Fort White High School. The head girls basketball coach, he's also an assistant football coach and physical education teacher. And he plays one other very special role as the coach for Special Olympics at Fort White — a role that he wasn't expecting when he signed on at FWHS, but one that is turning out to be perhaps the most rewarding of all.

Special Olympics provides athletic opportunities for a unique group of children: those with intellectual disabilities. Some have intellectual limitations; some have moderate to severe problems with social interaction or communication. Some have both intellectual and physical challenges. For all of them, Special Olympics opens up a new world, one in which they have the chance to be recognized for their abilities rather than stigmatized for their disabilities.

That fits in perfectly with Showers' philosophy, one developed through 10 years of teaching and coaching experience. "These kids are like any others," he said. "They get frustrated sometimes and they have their moments. What I do is teach them skills, show them correct techniques and praise their improvement. They've all got talent somewhere. What I do is help them find opportunities to display those talents."

Showers' Special Olympians get the opportunity to strut their stuff in three different sports. They begin with bowling in the fall, moving on to basketball in the winter and track and field in the spring. Students who excel in their sport can qualify for regional and state competition.

Showers took over FWHS' Special Olympians after Mike Hunter's departure in 2012, though it wasn't exactly his idea. "It was just something that got handed to me," he said. Since then, Special Olympics has grown on him.



AVALYN HUNTER/Special to the Reporter

Special Olympics Coach Shea Showers stands in the gym at Fort White High School where he also teaches PE and coaches girls basketball.

"These kids try so hard," he said, beaming. "It means a lot to them when they get something right and they're praised for it. Just being able to help these kids and help them enjoy sports, that means a lot to me."

Showers gives a lot of credit for the success of Fort White's Special Olympics program to fellow coach and PE instructor Rick Julius and to the paraprofessionals who work with the students. Another source of help is the school's student leadership program, which provided volunteers to work with last year's track and field meeting.

Students who share PE classes with the Special Olympians also play a role. "When I need to teach Special Olympics students new skills or the rules of a game, I pair them with regular students who help by demonstrating what they're supposed to do,"

Showers said. "They usually do a great job. It gets to where they treat the 'special' kids just the same as anyone else."

Funding is the biggest issue for Special Olympics, as it is for many other school-related programs. "Our biggest expense is paying for transportation to and from events," said Showers. "Fortunately, we've been blessed with generosity from donors in the community and in the school. Somehow, it always works out."

At the moment, Showers has about 25 Special Olympians from grades 6 through 12 involved in bowling. They have a meet scheduled at Lake City Bowl for September 12 at 10 a.m., and if Showers could have one wish granted, it would be for a big turnout.

"Having people come out and cheer for them means the world to these kids," he said. "We'd like to get them all the support we can."

### CITY OF LAKE CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING Lake City Law Enforcement Bargaining Unit

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Lake City shall hold a public meeting at 9:30 AM on September 9, 2014 in the City Council Chambers located on the second floor of City Hall at 205 North Marion Avenue, Lake City, Florida.

The purpose of this public meeting is to enter into contract negotiations, at the request of the Fraternal Order of Police, Florida State Lodge, for the Lake City Law Enforcement Bargaining Unit, Public Employees Relations Commission Certification No. 1834.

All interested persons are invited to attend.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: If you require special aid or services as addressed in the American Disabilities Act, please contact the City Manager's Office at (386) 719-5768.

AUDREY E SIKES, MMC  
City Clerk

## Help restore our parks on National Public Lands Day

From staff reports

Come be a part of a restoration project at Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park and get a free lunch.

National Public Lands day is Saturday, September 27. The restoration project will take place from 9 a.m. to noon.

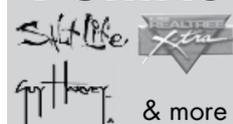
Park Rangers at Stephen Foster, 11016 Lillian Saunders Drive, White Springs, are looking to restore a once storybook-like area of the park. There are cultivated and wild azaleas in the gardens and the rangers hope to see native plants added as well. There are currently marble benches that were once used for having lunch, reading a good book or practicing a fiddle or banjo and the staff hopes to see this area used again in that way.

Also part of the restoration project will be clearing a spring-fed stream of overgrown vegetation and pulling some invasive plants. This will be an ongoing project that will benefit current and future generations of park-goers. Come and be a part of it long term or just for a day.

If you would like to participate or have any questions please contact Park Specialist Stephanie McClain at 386-397-2733.

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### REGIONAL FORECAST MAP for Sunday, Sep. 7

Sunday's highs/Sunday night's low

City	Monday	Tuesday
Cape Canaveral	90/75/ts	89/76/ts
Daytona Beach	91/75/ts	89/74/ts
Fort Myers	91/75/ts	90/75/ts
Ft. Lauderdale	90/82/ts	90/82/ts
Gainesville	89/71/ts	88/72/ts
Jacksonville	90/72/ts	88/73/ts
Key West	90/83/ts	90/83/ts
Lake City	89/71/ts	88/72/ts
Miami	89/80/ts	90/80/ts
Naples	91/76/ts	93/76/ts
Ocala	88/72/ts	87/73/ts
Orlando	92/77/ts	92/77/ts
Panama City	87/77/ts	86/76/ts
Pensacola	89/74/ts	88/75/ts
Tallahassee	90/72/ts	90/71/ts
Tampa	90/75/ts	90/76/ts
Valdosta	89/71/ts	90/71/ts
W. Palm Beach	89/79/ts	90/79/ts

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TEMPERATURES	SUN
High Saturday	79
Low Saturday	73
Normal high	89
Normal low	71
Record high	96 in 1951
Record low	60 in 1891

PRECIPITATION	
Saturday	0.00"
Month total	0.54"
Year total	37.24"
Normal month-to-date	1.04"
Normal year-to-date	36.61"

Sept 8 Full    Sept 15 Last    Sept 24 New    Oct 1 First

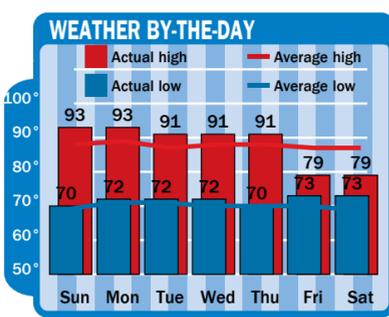
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### WEATHER HISTORY

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**NATIONAL FORECAST:** Scattered showers and thunderstorms will be likely over much of the Southeast. There will also be a chance of thunderstorms for the south-central States. Moisture from Hurricane Norbert will result in wet weather over the Southwest.

### NATIONAL FORECAST MAP

3 p.m. today

**YESTERDAY'S NATIONAL EXTREMES** High: 99°, Needles, CA Low: 24°, Stanley, ID

CITY	Saturday	Today	CITY	Saturday	Today	CITY	Saturday	Today
Albany	86/73/0.00	75/50/pc	Des Moines	72/51/0.00	76/56/s	Oklahoma City	69/62/1.88	82/66/pc
Albuquerque	75/63/0.00	79/62/pc	Detroit	73/64/0.04	76/56/pc	Omaha	71/50/0.00	76/57/pc
Anchorage	55/51/0.00	58/38/pc	El Paso	78/69/0.00	80/67/ts	Orlando	84/73/1.11	92/75/ts
Atlanta	90/73/0.00	87/70/ts	Fairbanks	48/34/0.00	55/34/pc	Philadelphia	93/75/0.00	81/62/pc
Baltimore	91/73/0.00	80/63/od	Greensboro	87/69/0.00	81/64/ts	Phoenix	96/86/0.00	94/80/ts
Billings	63/45/0.00	84/52/pc	Hartford	91/75/0.00	78/53/pc	Pittsburgh	79/69/0.00	75/53/pc
Birmingham	90/72/0.00	88/69/ts	Honolulu	82/75/0.00	88/76/sh	Portland ME	86/68/0.00	73/50/pc
Bismarck	79/48/0.00	82/55/pc	Houston	91/77/0.00	92/75/ts	Portland OR	84/57/0.00	87/54/s
Boise	66/55/0.00	89/58/s	Indianapolis	70/64/0.00	77/56/pc	Raleigh	87/71/0.00	83/67/ts
Boston	91/75/0.00	76/57/pc	Jackson MS	90/69/0.00	89/69/ts	Rapid City	74/42/0.00	83/56/pc
Buffalo	71/64/7.6	71/50/pc	Jacksonville	84/73/5.8	89/73/ts	Reno	82/51/0.00	90/58/s
Charleston SC	84/75/8.5	89/74/ts	Kansas City	61/55/0.00	74/58/s	Sacramento	78/59/0.00	92/58/s
Charleston WV	84/69/0.00	79/59/pc	Las Vegas	93/78/0.00	97/77/ts	Salt Lake City	82/62/1.10	90/63/pc
Charlotte	88/71/0.00	85/66/ts	Little Rock	90/73/0.00	83/63/pc	San Antonio	79/76/0.00	94/76/ts
Cheyenne	66/43/0.00	77/52/ts	Los Angeles	84/64/0.00	90/70/sh	San Diego	80/71/0.00	85/73/ts
Chicago	73/60/0.00	77/60/s	Memphis	90/75/0.00	85/65/pc	San Francisco	68/59/0.00	74/58/fg
Cincinnati	77/69/0.00	78/57/s	Miami	86/82/0.4	89/79/ts	Seattle	78/60/0.00	84/57/s
Cleveland	69/64/9.2	74/55/pc	Minneapolis	73/52/0.00	77/57/s	Spokane	72/51/0.00	85/54/s
Columbia SC	70/59/0.00	76/54/s	Mobile	89/69/0.00	91/73/ts	St. Louis	69/62/0.02	78/57/s
Dallas	93/78/0.00	90/74/ts	New Orleans	89/73/0.00	90/77/ts	Tampa	88/76/0.00	89/76/ts
Daytona Beach	87/72/0.00	90/75/ts	New York	86/75/0.00	79/63/pc	Tucson	89/73/0.00	89/72/ts
Denver	54/50/0.00	83/56/pc	Oakland	66/60/0.00	73/59/fg	Washington	93/77/0.00	80/62/od

### INTERNATIONAL

CITY	Saturday	Today	CITY	Saturday	Today	CITY	Saturday	Today
Acapulco	87/77/0.00	87/77/pc	La Paz	55/35/0.00	57/33/ts	Rio	82/62/0.00	84/64/s
Amsterdam	68/62/0.00	69/57/r	Lima	62/59/0.00	66/59/od	Rome	82/62/0.00	84/62/s
Athens	82/68/0.00	87/73/r	London	69/60/0.00	71/53/r	San Juan PR	89/80/0.01	85/77/ts
Auckland	62/53/0.00	62/51/ts	Madrid	87/60/0.00	91/62/pc	Santiago	87/71/0.00	86/71/ts
Beijing	84/68/0.00	84/62/s	Mexico City	71/57/0.00	73/55/pc	Seoul	82/75/0.00	84/69/s
Berlin	80/59/0.00	78/60/s	Montreal	75/66/0.00	75/53/r	Singapore	89/78/0.00	87/78/ts
Buenos Aires	66/44/0.00	68/55/s	Moscow	68/44/0.00	69/46/s	St. Thomas VI	87/78/0.00	86/76/r
Cairo	91/77/0.00	89/75/s	Nairobi	68/57/0.00	75/55/ts	Sydney	62/53/0.00	62/53/r
Geneva	78/53/0.00	78/59/ts	Nassau	89/80/0.00	89/78/ts	Tel Aviv	87/75/0.00	87/73/pc
Havana	89/75/0.00	89/73/ts	New Delhi	89/77/0.00	89/77/ts	Tokyo	84/77/0.00	84/69/s
Helsinki	66/42/0.00	66/46/fg	Oslo	57/32/0.00	69/53/od	Toronto	69/62/0.00	75/53/r
Hong Kong	93/82/0.00	93/82/ts	Panama	91/78/0.00	89/77/ts	Vienna	71/60/0.00	71/57/pc
Kingston	89/82/0.00	89/80/ts	Paris	77/62/0.00	73/53/r	Warsaw	73/50/0.00	71/51/pc

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Section B



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter  
 Fort White High running back Donald Robinson dives for extra yards against Newberry High.

## Indians punch Panthers, 21-0

Fort White High runs for more than 200 yards.

By **TIM KIRBY**  
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**NEWBERRY** — Fort White High's football team played a complete game, and a complete game, in a 21-0 win at Newberry High on Friday.

The Indians ground out 57 running plays, led by Cameron White's 164 yards on 31 carries and two touchdowns, and wore down the Panthers. Donald Robinson added 86 yards rushing on 15 carries.

When it looked like

Newberry (0-2) was on the ropes late in the first half, Fort White went to a hurry-up offense and marched 53 yards in 11 plays, all on the ground.

Quarterback Demetric Jackson scored from four yards out and Brandon Shrum kicked the first of his three extra points. The Indians led 7-0 at intermission.

Fort White ran 14 of the first 17 plays of the second half and White scored his first touchdown on a one-yard run with 4:52 left in the third quarter. The score was set up by a 25-yard pass from Jackson to Shannon Showers.

The Indians used another

no-huddle drive to go 69 yards in nine plays for White's second touchdown at 4:14 of the fourth quarter.

Head coach Demetric Jackson said the fast-paced offense had a dual purpose. The Indians played only three quarters in the kick-off class and last week's game against Hamilton County High was shortened to eight-minute quarters.

"We saw it (Newberry firing) in the first half," Jackson said. "We decided to pick up the pace a little bit and run at them. We also wanted to find out if we could play a whole game."

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## Muddy defeat



BRENT KUYKENDALL/Lake City Reporter  
 Columbia High's Roger Cray returns an interception in a 10-7 loss against Lincoln High on Friday.

## Tigers tamed by Trojans

By **BRANDON FINLEY**  
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In a night that Columbia High's defense finally came alive, the offense fell completely apart.

The Tigers took their first loss in a 10-7 defeat at the hands of the Trojans of Lincoln High.

It was a game that didn't feature an offensive touchdown.

In a game where Columbia's defense only gave up 136 yards and forced five turnovers, the Tigers would seem like certain winners.

Columbia's offense stayed in neutral throughout the defeat, however, and the Tigers managed only 87 yards while trying to force feed Lonnie Underwood.

Statistically it was one of Underwood's worst outings for the Tigers as he faced continual rain and a Trojans defense that swarmed throughout the game.

Underwood managed only 32 yards on 23 carries, but the passing games wasn't much better.

Jake Thomas was only able to complete four passes

on the night and one went for negative yards.

He finished 4-of-20 for 31 yards.

Lincoln took a 3-0 advantage with 4:48 remaining in the first quarter and never looked back.

Jerrin Gilmore blocked a Brant Nelson punt to set up the Trojans in Tiger territory at the 27-yard line.

While the Tigers defense was able to force a fourth and goal, it was unable to keep the Trojans off the board. Khalil Clark connected from 23 yards for

**CHS** continued on 2B

## Streak over

Florida opens season with 65-0 victory.

By **BRANDON FINLEY**  
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After waiting nearly a year, Florida picked up a victory.

There were no thunderstorms, unless you count the lightning in a bottle that the Gators' offense caught.

Florida accounted for 655 yards in the biggest win in Will Muschamp's career with the Gators.

When the final whistle sounded, Florida accounted for 65 points in a 65-0 thumping of Eastern Michigan.

Jeff Driskel returned to quarterback after missing much of last season and looked in midseason form with 248 yards through the air on 31-of-45 passing.

Three Gators ran for scores in the first half with Matt Jones starting

the trend. Kelvin Taylor and Brandon Powell also rushed for scores.

There was no shortage of big plays and plenty of Gators had an opportunity to celebrate.

In his first two passes with the Gators, Treon Harris continued the scoring party after Driskel exited the game at the end of the third quarter.

Harris connected on passes of 70 and 78, both resulting in touchdowns.

It was also Kurt Roper's debut as offensive coordinator. It didn't disappoint.

Florida spread the field throughout the day and attempted 45 passes to show more air in the offense. The Gators completed 33 passes in the contest, which is something Florida hasn't done since 2009.

The Gators were not only efficient on offense, but were also able to control the clock throughout the game. Florida held the ball for nearly 36 minutes

and ran 86 plays in the game.

While the game was all about offense, Florida defense also performed in typical Muschamp fashion.

Eastern Michigan was still under 100 yards of offense deep into the fourth quarter and only reached 125 yards for the game. A good portion of those yards came after Muschamp put in the backups due to the blowout.

Florida also forced five turnovers including Duke Dawson's 36-yard interception return for a touchdown.

"We stress it all the time," Muschamp said. "I think that we do have some ball-hawk guys. You also have to have guys that understand when the tackle is secure, you can take a shot at the ball. I think we have some guys that are able to do that."

The road gets tougher for Florida from here out as the SEC schedule begins with Kentucky coming in to Gainesville at 7:30 p.m.



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 Florida's Matt Jones scores a touchdown against Eastern Michigan on Saturday.

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## GAMES

### Monday

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

### Tuesday

■ Columbia High girls golf vs. Gainesville High at Ironwood Golf Course, 4 p.m.

■ Columbia High boys golf vs. Eastside High at The Country Club at Lake City, 4 p.m.

■ Columbia High volleyball at Baker County High, 6 p.m. (JV-5)

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

### Thursday

■ Columbia High boys golf vs. Suwannee High, Lafayette High at Suwannee Country Club, 2 p.m.

■ Columbia High swimming vs. Suwannee High, St. Augustine High, 4:30 p.m.

■ Fort White High volleyball at Suwannee High, 6 p.m. (JV-5)

■ Columbia High volleyball at Eastside High, 7 p.m. (JV-5:30)

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

### Friday

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

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

## BRIEFS

### YOUTH BASEBALL

#### Lake City online registration ends

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

For details, call Jessica Langley at 867-1897.

### RUNNING

#### All for Hoops races Saturday

The All for Hoops 5K and Duathlon is 7:30 a.m. Saturday at Ivey Park in Branford. Cost is \$20 for the 5k and \$30 for the duathlon with proceeds to benefit basketball programs in the Branford area. Register online at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com).

For details, call Michelle Richards at 208-2447.

### OUTDOORS

#### Hunter safety courses offered

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is offering free hunter safety courses in Columbia County. Classes are 6-9 p.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. to noon Sunday, and 6-9 p.m. Sept. 25 and 8 a.m. to noon Sept. 27.

Firearms, ammunition and materials are provided. Students should bring pencil and paper. An adult must accompany children younger than 16 at all times. The location of the class will be given to those who register in advance. Anyone born after June 1, 1975 must pass an approved hunter safety course, and have a license, to hunt unsupervised.

For details, call the FWC regional office at 758-0525 or visit [www.MyFWC.com](http://www.MyFWC.com).

### 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.

■ From staff reports

## GOLF REPORTS

# The Rountree this week

### COUNTRY CLUB at LAKE CITY

Carl Ste-Marie

Bryce Hawthorne, Pete Skantzos and Rick Cahill doubled up in the Aug. 28 Thursday Night Scramble.

The team not only won the top honors at 6-under par, but won the pot hole (No. 10), which was worth \$900.

The Thursday Night Scramble is open to anyone at a cost is \$23 for members and \$30 for non-members (plus optional pot).

There were 14 players in the Aug. 30 Saturday Blitz.

Steve Thomas won first place with a +9. Bruce Gibson came in second with a +8. David Rhodes came in third with a +7.

Skins winners were: Thomas (Nos. 1, 15 and 18), Gibson (Nos. 2 and 5), Joe Paul (No. 8) and Keith Shaw (No. 13).

The Saturday Blitz costs \$15 plus cart fee. Players must tee off by 9 a.m.

There were 18 players in the Aug. 31 Sunday Blitz.

David Rhodes won first place with a +10. Steve Peters came in second with a +6. Mike Jacobs came in third with a +5. Chad Hunter and Dave Mehl tied for fourth at +4.

Closest to the pin winners were: Rhodes (No. 5), Jacobs (No. 7), Hunter (No. 15) and Bob Randall (No. 17).

Skins winners were: Tom Wade (No. 4), Bruce Gibson (Nos. 9 and 18), Hunter (No. 13), Randy Sommers (No. 14) and Rhodes (No. 17).

The Sunday Blitz costs \$20 plus cart fee.

There were 12 players in the Labor Day low gross/net on Monday.

Dennis Crawford won low gross with a 71. Bob Randall won low net with a 68. Steve Thomas came in

second with a 69.

Skins winners were: Crawford (Nos. 2 and 7), Thomas (Nos. 8 and 15), Steve Patterson (No. 11), Buddy Slay (No. 12) and Jim Carr (No. 16).

Carol Felton and Nicole Ste-Marie won first place with a 62 in the Ladies Day blind draw best ball on Tuesday. Peggy Radcliffe and Amanda Grimmert came in second with a 67.

Ste-Marie had a chip-in on No. 5.

There were 24 players in the Wednesday Blitz.

Mike Gough won first place in the A Division with a +6. Cory DePratter came in second with a +2. Chris Lewis came in third with a +1.

Bob Randall won first place in the B division with a +8. Rocky Ryals came in second with a +6. Bud Johnson came in third with a +5.

Skins winners were: Randall (Nos. 1 and 13), Shelton Keen (No. 2), Ryals (No. 6), Ron Bennett (No. 16) and Mike McCranie (No. 17).

The pot hole (No. 12) carried over.

The Wednesday Blitz costs \$13 (plus optional pot) plus cart fee.

Good Old Boys results:

■ Match 1 — Rhea Hart, Rob Brown, Bobby Simmons and Dan Stephens def. Shelton Keen, Bill Wheeler, Stan Woolbert and Emerson Darst, 7-4;

■ Match 2 — Marc Risk, Carl Wilson, Jim Bell and Jim McGriff def. Jerry Jobe, Don Christensen, Jim Stevens and Bob

Sonntag, 6-4;

■ Match 3 — Ed Snow, Dave Cannon, Bob Wheary and Joe Persons def. Eli Wit, Dennis Hendershott, Steve Peters and Bill Rogers, 8-3.

Good scores: Christensen 73 (37-36), Darst 75 (37-38), Snow 77 (37-40), Wheary 77 (40-37), Witt 77 (37-40) and Jobe 78 (38-40).

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### The Rountree

The Country Club at Lake City and the Rountree-Moore Automotive Group is proud to present The Rountree, which has become one of the best golf tournaments in the North Central Florida area.

The tournament is scheduled for Sept. 13-14. Teams are flighted based on their total team handicap. Teams play an 18-hole round on Saturday and an 18-hole round on Sunday.

Entry fee is \$140 per person which includes golf on Saturday and Sunday, dinner and dance for two on Saturday night, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, a \$70 gift pack and the opportunity to win door prizes and club bucks.

Anyone interested in being a sponsor, call Carl Ste-Marie at 752-2266 or 623-2833.

### Schedule of events:

■ Friday, registration from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.;

■ Saturday, breakfast 7-8:15 a.m.; first round 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (shotgun start); sponsor shootout 1:30-3:30 p.m.; dinner 7-8:30 p.m.; dance 8:30 p.m.;

■ Sunday, breakfast 7-8:15 a.m.; final round 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (shotgun start).

## PREP ROUNDUP

# CHS volleyball beats Suwannee

From staff reports

Columbia High's volleyball team made coach Heather Benson's return to Suwannee High on Thursday a successful one.

The Lady Tigers swept in three hard-fought games 26-24, 25-19, 28-26.

Hanna Baker had 14 service points with three aces, 17 assists and one dig. Madison Plyn had nine service points with one ace, three blocks and two kills.

Jara Courson had 12 service points with two aces and seven kills. Morgan Hartopp had six assists and four service points.

Benson led Suwannee to the playoffs the last two years.

Columbia's junior varsity won 25-23, 25-22.

Megan Zahnle had eight assists, five kills and three aces. Kailyn Ronsonet had five kills, one ace and one assist. Alaina Perry had six aces and one assist.

Columbia (2-0) plays Lafayette High at 6 p.m. Monday in Mayo.

### Columbia golf

Columbia's boys golf team won a tri-match at Keystone Heights Golf & Country Club on Thursday.

The Tigers shot 157 to 185 for the host Indians and 201 for Ridgeview High.

Dillon Van Vleck and

Jacob Soucinek were co-medalists with 38. Luke Soucinek shot 39 and Garrett Finnell shot 42.

Columbia (4-1) hosts Eastside High at 4 p.m. Tuesday at The Country Club at Lake City.

### Fort White volleyball

Fort White High's volleyball team lost to Dixie County High 25-20, 26-24, 21-25, 25-14 in a varsity-only student body game on Wednesday.

Fort White also dropped its home match on Thursday against Chiefland High.

The Lady Indians (1-4, 0-2) play Bradford High at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in Starke.

### Fort White JV football

Fort White's junior varsity football team fell to 0-2 with a 48-22 home loss to Newberry High on Thursday.

The Indians play at Bradford at 7 p.m. on Sept. 11.

### Branford golf

Branford High's golf team beat Bell High 182-237 at Quail Heights Country Club on Thursday.

Tyler Allen was medalist with a 40.

Brandon Richardson led Bell with a 47.

The Buccaneers (2-1) previously beat Lafayette and lost to Suwannee.

## BOWLING

Lake City Bowl league results:

### HIT AND MISS

Team standings: 1. Silver Ladies (8-0); 2. Legal Ladies (7-1); 3. Spare Us (6-2, 582 average); 4. Strike 3 (6-2, 581 average).

High team handicap game: 1. Strike 3 816; 2. Ten in the Pit 756; 3. High Five 721.

High team handicap series: 1. Spare Us 2,379; 2. Legal Ladies 2,259; 3. Silver Ladies 2,174.

### GOLDEN ROLLERS

Team standings: 1. Knock em Down; 2. Strikers; 3. Jo's Crew.

High team scratch game: 1. Jo's Crew 706; 2. Quirky Quad 666; 3. Also Ran

657.

High team scratch series: 1. Knock em Down 1,997; 2. Gamblers 1,912; 3. Wild Things 1,810.

High team handicap game: 1. Also Ran 896; 2. Quirky Quad 844; 3. Gamblers 832.

High team handicap series: 1. Jo's Crew 2,619; 2. Strikers 2,514; 3. Knock em Down 2,444.

High scratch game: 1. Dave Duncan 224; 2. George Mulligan 203; 3. Wayne Johns 202.

High scratch series: 1. Vy Ritter 496; 2. Shirley Highsmith 495; 3. Diane Madsen 492. 1. Lee Evert 663; 2. Bill Dolly 558; 3. George Rye 531.

(results from Aug. 21)

# MGA meeting on Monday

The greens process on the back nine is going smooth.

We have about another week or two for the growth to be where it needs to be for the right cut. Once this is done, they will be rolling better, and the health of the greens will only progress from here.

The front greens have come in beautifully. The growth of the front greens is exactly where it needs to be and they are rolling just right.

Friday Dogfight winners were Tony Kent and Kevin Parks, who tied for first place with +2. Following in third, breaking even in points, was Bob Jaeger.

Kent won four skins and Kevin Parks scored one.

Winner for closest to the pin on No. 3 front and back was Jaeger. Closest to the pin winner on No. 5 front and back was Kent.

That was the last Ponds-to-Ponds game since Creeks has been opened.

Monday's Top of the Hill winner was Joe Herring with a +4. Taking second

### QUAIL HEIGHTS COUNTRY CLUB

Nicki Newmans

with a +2 was Al Cohoon and in third with a +1 was Jack Tuggle.

Wednesday Blitz winner with a +6 was Jack Tuggle. Tying for second place with a +1 were Randy Heavrin and Al Cohoon.

Skin winners were Ronnie Ash, Mike Kahlich, Kevin Parks, Cohoon, Heavrin and Tuggle with two.

Closest to the pin winners were Parks on No. 3, Rick Cahill on No. 5, Ash on No. 11, Chet Carter on No. 15 and Cohoon on No. 17.

The Wednesday Scramble winning team with a whopping 8-under par was Al Green, Ricky Crawford Jr., Chris Hewitt and John Kelly.

Taking second place with 6-under par were team members Corey DePratter, Tony Johnson and Mike Anderson.

The MGA meeting is 6:30 p.m. Monday in the

lounge. Everyone is welcome to attend. We will go over new projects, improvement on the course and upcoming events.

To set up a tee time or for any questions call the pro shop at 752-3339.

### ACROSS

- 1 Ragamuffin
- 5 Keep off the air
- 8 Fury
- 12 Ill-mannered
- 13 4 — — kind
- 14 Deadlocked
- 15 Bellow
- 16 In a suave manner
- 18 Turns loose (2 wds.)
- 20 Vice —
- 21 Oom —
- 22 Cranberry milieu
- 23 Hit a high ball
- 26 Shady nooks
- 29 Accrue interest
- 30 Large vases
- 31 Root vegetable
- 33 Gun owner's org.
- 34 Catch
- 35 Produced, as eggs

### DOWN

- 1 Kind of grin
- 2 Novelist
- 3 Jean —
- 4 Out of work
- 4 Highlighter (2 wds.)
- 5 Limb
- 36 Darth Vader's real name
- 38 Peddles
- 39 VII doubled
- 40 Record, as mileage
- 41 Crystal-clear
- 44 Like the ocean
- 47 Against
- 49 Some queens
- 51 "Waterboy" Sandler
- 52 Litigate
- 53 Sprightly tune
- 54 Rolling stone's lack
- 55 Ball club VIP
- 56 End of a threat

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

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## JUMBLE

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

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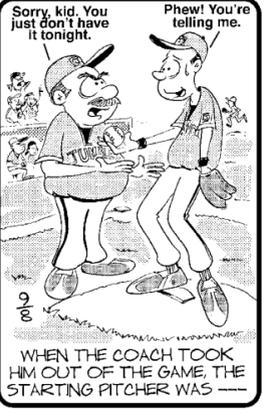
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Print answer here: ○○○○○○○○○○○

### THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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

Print answer here: ○○○○○○○○○○○ (Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: QUEST GULCH INDUCT LAZILY  
Answer: After a long day, the telemarketer was ready to — CALL IT QUILTS

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# Marlin: The top of the mountain

I wrote about my tournament fishing experience in "The Diary of a Bearded Fisherman" earlier this summer, and referenced the terrible weather.

At this year's 2014 Sam Crosthwait Memorial Fishing Tournament, an additional division was to be introduced. This division, known as Extreme Offshore Division, was to be the first leg of the Florida West Coast Triple Crown Billfish Series — and it was postponed because of the weather.

I've told stories of some big fish in recent months, from 100-pound grouper to 300-pound tarpon, but none of these fish compare to the marlin. They are the top of the mountain in fishing — period.

Inshore, offshore, freshwater, saltwater, fly-fishing, it doesn't matter, marlin are the gold standard of our sport. I've never caught one, but I've stood beside my dad when a 400-pound blue marlin darted into our trolling spread 70 miles off the coast of Jacksonville.

We were fishing with big tackle, and this fish hit with so much power and speed that he was dumping (fishing term for simply pulling off line at a ridiculous speed) the reel in seconds. The whole experience lasted 60 seconds, but it seemed like an eternity.

He came within five feet off the back of the boat, crashed the lure, and had so much speed that our line was straight back, and he was 200 yards in the total opposite direction! It defied physics, and that distinct sound of the reel screaming led to the boat name for this year's winner.

Scott Rickert of team Reel Screamer is known for his ability to fish the blue water in the Gulf of Mexico. He has probably caught more Gulf of Mexico billfish than the best on the entire west coast of Florida.

Despite all the awards and tournament wins, team Reel Screamer pulled

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off a special feat during the Extreme Billfish Division Crosthwait Tournament.

For the first time in Rickert's illustrious fishing career, he was part of the billfish super slam consisting of a blue marlin, a white marlin, a sailfish and a swordfish.

"The weather was flat calm," Rickert said. "You could water-ski on it. We were about 160 miles offshore, nearly due west of Naples. No one was around us, and it was a place I had never been."

In a time when most anglers are all about the "numbers" or set spots familiar to them, Rickert trusted new fishing partner Capt. Glenn Cameron.

As Rickert explained it, "Glenn did all the research — tides, water temperature, rips, everything. He looked at the map and said, 'There is where we're going.'"

Capt. Cameron also is no stranger to success. He is known best for winning the Captain of the Year award for In The Bite Magazine for his tournament success and ability to blue-water fish.

This was his first blue-water trip in the Gulf of Mexico, and Rickert took the rod while Cameron took the wheel.

"It's fishing. The difference from the east coast to the west coast is the distance you have to go to get to fish," said the Stuart resident and captain of the Floridian Cameron. "I look at everything very scientifically. Fish act ways for a reason. What I do is different than most. We fish a lot of light tackle and land about 75-80 percent of the

billfish we hook."

In fact, the team's 175-pound blue marlin was landed on 25-pound test in 30 minutes. Reel Screamer landed two of the four white marlin they hooked, as well as three of the eight sailfish hooked.

They were so focused on billfish for the tournament they avoided yellowfin tuna, which were seen in the blue water. With \$50,000 going to the winner of three-leg billfish event, it's easy to see why they focused their time and effort away from tuna.

"We went around them, trying on the edges of schools of yellowfin tuna for billfish," Cameron said. "Yellowfin can fight for up to two hours or longer, and that is a lot of time in tournaments."

While billfish were catch and release, one of those big yellowfin did hit the docks. Team Ripper wowed spectators with a 129.44-pound yellowfin to take first place in the tuna division. They also brought home first place in the wahoo division with a 42.38-pound fish.

Team Hooker took first place in the mahi mahi division with a 41.08-pound mahi mahi.

With a 116.88-pound swordfish, team Haulin Grass won the swordfish division.

For more information or if you're interested in fishing this new series next year, visit [fishtriplecrown.com](http://fishtriplecrown.com).

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## outdoors360



LEFT: Tracy Mathews and Jodi Cason with a Horseshoe Beach weekend catch.

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PHOTO COURTESY ROB CHAPMAN  
Matt Thompson caught this 8-pound, 14-ounce largemouth bass at Lake DeSoto using a Chartreuse Mann's Super Frog.



PHOTO COURTESY ROB CHAPMAN  
Jared Dasher with a river catfish, guided by his Poppi Wayne.



PHOTO COURTESY ROB CHAPMAN  
Scott Rickert and Jim Vaughan with their prizes.



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Team Ripper weighs in a 129.44-pound yellowfin tuna at the Triple Crown Billfish Series on Aug. 30.



PHOTO COURTESY ROB CHAPMAN

Maci Westberry uses her catch-and-release method on all lures during her first saltwater fishing trip at Keaton Beach.

# Tough task for Tigers



Columbia High's Lonnie Underwood is taken down by Lincoln High's Enrique Bush in the Trojans' 10-7 win against the Tigers on Friday.

BRENT KUYKENDALL/Lake City Reporter



Columbia High head football coach Brian Allen looks on from the sideline during the Lincoln High game.

BRENT KUYKENDALL/Lake City Reporter



Columbia High's Jake Thomas attempts a pass against Lincoln High.

BRENT KUYKENDALL/Lake City Reporter



Columbia High's defense swarms on the Lincoln High offense in a 10-7 loss on Friday.

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Columbia High's Lonnie Underwood looks for a hole against Lincoln High.

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Columbia High runs through a banner at the beginning of the game against Lincoln High at Tiger Stadium on Friday.

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# Indians shutout Newberry



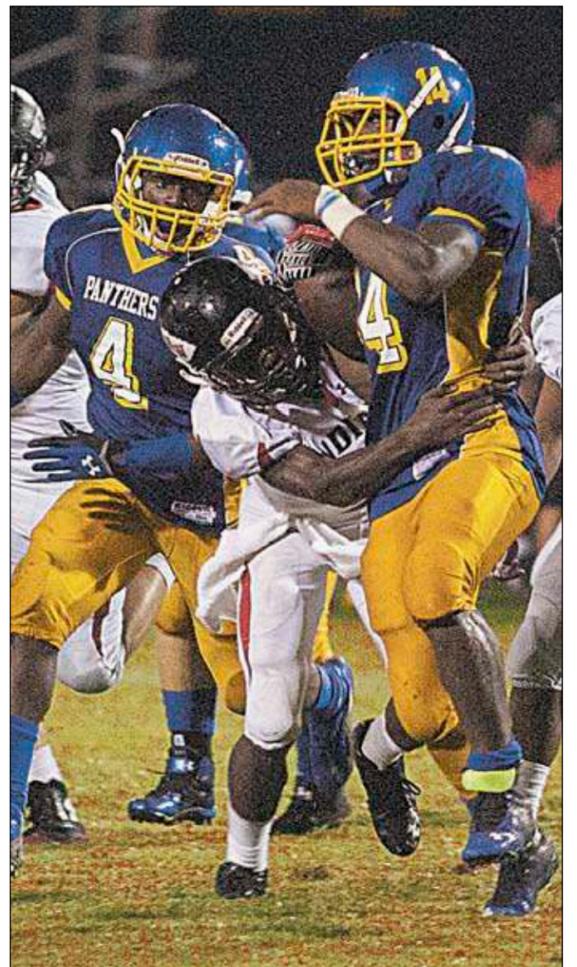
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Fort White High's Cameron White follows the blocking of Justin Asuncion (28) and Dre Brown (55) as he runs for some of his 164 yards at Newberry High on Friday.



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Fort White High linebacker Blair Chapman takes down Newberry High receiver Caleb Johnson during the game on Friday.



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Fort White High's Donald Robinson brings down Newberry High's Calvester Mingle III.



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Decked out in rain suits, members of the Fort White High marching band perform during halftime.

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Section C

## Rec complex enters Phase 4

Construction now entering home stretch.

By TONY BRITT

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The fourth and final phase of construction designed to make the Southside Sports Complex one of the premier youth sports venues in the Southeast is expected to begin soon.

After adding concessions stands, restrooms and safety netting in Phase 1 of the project, field upgrades and infrastructure improvements were highlights of the later phases of work.

In 2011 the facility hosted more than 30 tournaments including baseball, soccer and softball with an average of 30 teams per event. Thus far this year, the complex, 19 tournaments have been played with 1,127 teams. For the remainder of the year there are 10 tournaments scheduled and three have already been scheduled for 2015.

Work associated with the fourth phase of project includes: Completing lighting installation at the girls softball complex, installing fencing around the soccer complex, seal coat the existing parking lots (3), construct a pole barn for equipment, complete the rebuild of remaining fields (6-8 fields) and repair the coaches building.

The initial budget for all phases of the improvement project was listed at \$2,924,457. The Columbia County Tourist Development Council is slated to pay \$1.7 million



Clint Pittman (top), Columbia County Landscapes and Parks Department director, and employees Greg Campbell (right) and Bob Canciglia dig a four-foot trench for a 250-foot long electrical line at a baseball field at the Southside Softball Complex in this file photo.

PHASE 4 continued on 2C

## National job growth slumps to 142K, lowest in 8 months

CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — A surprising drop in hiring and in the number of people seeking work in August sent a reminder that the U.S. economic recovery is still prone to temporary slowdowns.

Employers added just 142,000 jobs last month, well below the 212,000 average of the previous 12 months. The unemployment rate fell to 6.1 percent from 6.2 percent. But that was because more people without jobs stopped looking for one and were no longer counted as unemployed.

Analysts took Friday's Labor Department report in stride. They noted that other gauges of the economy — from manufacturing and construction to auto sales — remain solid. Layoffs have dwindled, too. Analysts also noted that month-to-month volatility in hiring is common even in a healthy economy.

But the dip in hiring also suggests that, though the Great Recession officially ended more than five years ago, the economy has yet to shed some of its lingering weaknesses. Held back by sluggish pay growth, for example, consumers continue to spend cautiously.

Most economists foresee an economy that's poised to make further strides, punctuated at times by modest setbacks.

The figures "will inevitably spark speculation that the US recovery is somehow coming off the rails again," said Paul Ashworth, an economist at Capital Economics. "However, we're not too concerned by what is probably just an isolated blip."

The report showed the smallest job gains in eight months. The weaker-than-expected numbers make it unlikely that the Federal Reserve will speed up its timetable for raising interest rates. Most

analysts expect the first rate hike around mid-2015.

The Dow Jones industrial average initially fell, but stocks returned to positive territory by Friday afternoon. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note dropped to 2.43 percent from 2.45 percent late Thursday. That suggests that some investors sought the safety of bonds and foresee no Fed rate increase anytime soon.

At least two temporary factors weighed on hiring in August, government officials said. A strike at Market Basket, a grocery chain in the Northeast, contributed to an unusually large drop of 17,000 jobs at food and beverage stores. That strike has since been resolved, which could lead to a rebound in hiring this month.

Officials also noted that the number of auto-manufacturing jobs fell 4,600 in August after a surge of nearly 13,000 in July. Auto jobs can be volatile during summer because carmakers often temporarily close factories in July to retool them for new models. That didn't happen this year, which boosted July's auto job numbers and held down August's usual rebound.

Yet auto sales were strong in August, and last month's job losses in that sector are unlikely to be repeated, analysts said.

The overall jobs slowdown "certainly hasn't been confirmed by any of the other indicators that we've seen," said Liz Ann Sonders, chief investment strategist at Charles Schwab. "It did smack of an outlier."

August's job figures tend to be unusually volatile and are typically revised later as government statisticians adjust for unusual seasonal factors such as the reopening of school and the Labor Day holiday, said Patrick O'Keefe, director of economic research at the accounting and consulting firm CohnReznick.

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## Stocks to Blow You Away

Q I'm optimistic about the growth of wind power. Which companies that are involved in it might I invest in? — *B.M., Honolulu, Hawaii*

A Wind power has been growing, partly due to the cost of wind turbines and the price of wind-powered electricity falling. The U.S. wind energy industry employs about 50,000 people, and the U.S. Department of Energy would like to see wind generate 20 percent of the nation's electricity demand by 2030 — or at least get close.

General Electric (NYSE: GE) is far from a pure play in wind, but it's the largest wind turbine supplier in the United States and is expanding internationally, too, such as in India. The U.S. leader in wind energy, though, is NextEra Energy (NYSE: NEE), with more than 10 gigawatts of wind capacity across 19 states. Dominion Resources (NYSE: D), meanwhile, is buying many big offshore wind leases from the U.S. government.

(The Motley Fool has recommended shares of Dominion Resources and owns shares of General Electric.)

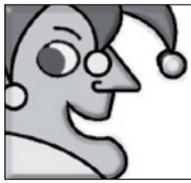
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Q Old Navy doesn't seem to be a publicly traded stock — so I can't invest in it, right? — *P.T., Syracuse, New York*

A Not exactly. A little research (such as Googling or just calling the company) will reveal that Old Navy, along with Banana Republic, Athleta, INTERMIX and Piperlime, belong to Gap, which is publicly traded.

Many companies are divisions of other companies. Pottery Barn is part of Williams-Sonoma, as is West Elm and Rejuvenation. TJX Companies owns T.J. Maxx, Marshalls, HomeGoods and Sierra Trading Post. Yum! Brands owns Taco Bell, Pizza Hut and KFC. Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway owns Dairy Queen, See's Candies, GEICO, Benjamin Moore, Fruit of the Loom and The Pampered Chef, among many other companies.

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## Be Careful When an Analyst Says "Buy!"

When you run across a stock that's rated "buy" by Wall Street analysts, don't rush to snap up shares. There's far less value in analyst ratings than you might expect.

For one thing, their growth estimates for companies are overly optimistic. Patrick Cusatis and J. Randall Woolridge of Pennsylvania State University studied 20 years' worth of published earnings estimates made by Wall Street industry analysts, and found that they consistently overestimated the future earnings growth rates of the companies they cover. By a lot — around 40 percent more. So take analysts' forecasts with a grain of salt at best.

Don't give too much importance to a buy rating, either, as buy ratings typically make up about half of all ratings, and various studies have found that sell ratings make up between 1 percent and 7 percent of the total.

Why are analysts saying "buy" so often? Well, according to professor Ohad Kadan of Washington

University: "Analysts tend to herd. There's no big penalty if you're wrong, because everyone else is wrong. You've got cover. You're not going to lose your job. If you take a different opinion, either you get a big prize if you're right, or you lose your job. An analyst needs to be really courageous to say something different from most other analysts."

Analysts are frequently wrong, too. The folks at NerdWallet found that over the course of 2012, only 51 percent of analyst ratings for the 30 stocks in the Dow Jones Industrial Average were correct. (Hold ratings were far less likely to be correct than buy ratings.) It all makes some sense when you realize that many analysts work for investment banks that would rather not tick off companies that might be customers one day.

If you really want to follow some financial pundits, check out The Motley Fool's CAPS stock-rating platform, tracking calls made by Wall Streeters as well as many thousands of individual investors. At [caps.fool.com/Stats.aspx](http://caps.fool.com/Stats.aspx), you can see lists of the most accurate Wall Streeters, and see which stocks our highest-rated players are recommending, too.P

## My Dumbest Investment

## Not Too Late

We all know that hindsight is 20/20, but I had plenty of information and still did not take advantage of investing in Home Depot or Wal-Mart when I first learned about them. I was just too timid and indecisive, as I didn't know enough about investing. The stocks have split numerous times since then, and I missed out on those. — *J.P., Ellendale, North Dakota*

**The Fool Responds:** It's not necessarily best to invest in promising companies as soon as you hear about them. Instead, spend time researching them, their rivals and their industry, gaining confidence in your decision.

Consider that investors in Wal-Mart have averaged annual gains of 11 percent over the past five years and also the past 20 years. Better still, Home Depot stock has grown faster in the past few years than in many previous ones. Neither seems like a screaming bargain right now, but their businesses are likely to keep growing, and you might buy either stock on a pullback. Remember, too, that stock splits are close to meaningless, not changing the value of a holding. (The Motley Fool has recommended Home Depot.)



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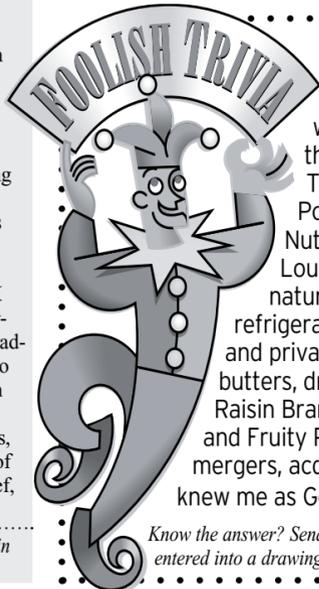
## LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

I trace my roots back to the 1899 founding of the submarine-building Electric Boat Co. My current name is the result of a 1952 combination of the Electric Boat Co., the Consolidated Vultee ("Convair") aircraft company and several other companies. Today I'm an aerospace and defense giant, raking in more than \$30 billion annually. My offerings include combat vehicles, weapons systems, shipbuilding services and technology solutions. I bought Gulfstream in 1999, and business jets are now a big part of my business, making me less dependent on military contracts. Based in Virginia, I employ about 90,000 people. Who am I? (Answer: General Dynamics)



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## Name That Company

I trace my history back to 1892, when my founders invented a machine that made Shredded Wheat cereal. Three years later they debuted the Postum cereal drink, followed by Grape-Nuts cereal in 1897. Today, based in St. Louis, I specialize in name-brand cereals; natural and organic cereals and snacks; refrigerated egg, potato and cheese foods; and private-label foods such as pastas, peanut butters, dried fruits and more. I launched my Raisin Bran cereal in 1942, Alpha-Bits in 1958 and Fruity Pebbles in 1971. My history features mergers, acquisitions and spin-offs. You once knew me as General Foods. Who am I?

Know the answer? Send it to us with Foolish Trivia on the top and you'll be entered into a drawing for a nifty prize!

# Tesla closer to becoming car for masses

By JUSTIN PRITCHARD

Associated Press

RENO, Nev. — To bring electric cars to the masses, Tesla Motors will transform an expanse of desert where pioneers passed on their way to the California Gold Rush and wild mustangs still roam the hillside.

This time, the rush will be in Nevada, which Tesla chose over four other states as the site for a \$5 billion factory that the carmaker projects will crank out enough high-tech car batteries to power 500,000 vehicles annually by decade's end.

A state synonymous with gambling hit the jobs jackpot — Tesla has said the factory will employ about 6,500 people. That's a welcome jolt for a tourism-based

economy particularly hard hit during the Great Recession.

Nevada's elected leaders still must deliver on the economic incentives they've promised, but if they do as expected, Tesla will open its massive factory at an industrial park outside Reno, according to a person familiar with Tesla's plans. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because no official announcement had been made. An announcement was scheduled for Thursday afternoon at Nevada's Capitol.

The biggest lingering question: How much has Nevada offered Tesla to locate here?

Based on CEO Elon Musk's public statements, the incentives likely total at

least \$500 million. Gov. Brian Sandoval would have to call a special session of the Legislature to approve tax breaks, grants or other incentives of that magnitude.

Sandoval's office wouldn't comment on the package his office negotiated, or anything else about the factory.

On Thursday morning, at least a half-dozen road graders, bulldozers and dump trucks were working at the Nevada industrial park behind locked gates. More than a dozen mustangs grazed nearby as sprinkler trucks worked to keep down dust.

Tesla's choice of Nevada over California, Texas, Arizona and New Mexico takes it

a big step closer to mass producing an electric car that costs around \$35,000 and can go 200 miles on a single charge. That range is critical because it lets people take most daily trips without recharging, a major barrier to the widespread adoption of electric vehicles.

The "gigafactory," as Tesla calls the project, would bring down the cost of batteries by producing them on a huge scale. Its approximately 10 million square feet, equivalent to about 174 football fields, would be running by 2017. That is when Tesla hopes to introduce its Model 3, which will be about half the price of Tesla's only current offering, a luxury sedan.

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and the county will pay \$1.1 million. Thus far, \$1.3 million has been spent on the improvements.

"We've seen some cost savings to bring that down," said Ben Scott, assistant county manager. "With the cost savings were going to come in well under that."

Some of the projects will go through the bid process, while other construction for site will be completed by vendors already under contract. The county's landscapes and parks department will also complete some of the projects.

"The landscapes and parks department will get the fields prepped, get the old grass off, and gets the fields ready for sodding," Scott said, noting having some of the work done by the landscapes and parks department is one of the cost savings measures.

County officials authorized the fourth phase of construction work during a recent meeting and they are also considering additional improvements such as: Paving parking lot between girls softball and soccer, landscaping, security system and contingencies.

# An uncertain future for jeans

By ANNE D'INNOCENZIO

AP Retail Writer

NEW YORK — Americans' obsession with jeans is beginning to wear thin.

Jeans long have been a go-to staple in closets across the country. After all, not many pieces of clothing are so comfortable they can be worn daily, yet versatile enough to be dressed up or down.

But sales of the iconic blues fell 6 percent during the past year after decades of almost steady growth. Why? People more often are sporting yoga pants and leggings instead of traditional denim.

The shift is partly due to a lack of new designs since brightly colored skinny jeans were a hit a couple years back. It's also a reflection of changing views about what's appropriate attire for work, school and other places that used to call for more formal attire.

"Yoga pants have replaced jeans in my wardrobe," said Anita Ramaswamy, a Scottsdale, Arizona high-school senior who is buying more leggings and yoga pants than jeans. "You can make it as sexy as skinny jeans,

and it's more comfortable."

To be sure, the jeans business isn't dead: Customer Growth Partners, a retail consultancy, estimates denim accounts for 20 percent of annual sales at the nation's department stores.

But sales of jeans in the U.S. fell 6 percent to \$16 billion during the year that ended in June, according to market research firm NPD Group, while sales of yoga pants and other "active wear" climbed 7 percent to \$33.6 billion.

And Levi Strauss, which invented the first pair of blue jeans 141 years ago, is among jean makers that acknowledge their business has been hurt by what the fashion industry dubs the "athleisure" trend. That's led them to create new versions of classic denim that are more "stretchy" and mimic the comfort of sweatpants.

## BIRTH OF THE BLUES

It's one of the few times jeans haven't been at the forefront of what's "trending." Businessman Levi Strauss and tailor Jacob Davis invented jeans in 1873 after getting a patent to create

cotton denim workpants with copper rivets in certain areas like the pocket corner to make them stronger. By the 1920s, Levi's original 501 jeans had become top-selling men's workpants, according to Levi's corporate website.

Over the next couple of decades, the pants went mainstream. In 1934, Levi's took advantage of the rise in Western movies and launched its first jeans aimed at affluent women who wanted to wear them on dude ranches. Then teens boosted popularity of the pants, first among the greasy-hair-and-leather-jacket set in the 1950s and then, the hippies in the 1960s.

But teens' biggest contribution to jeans' rise was the name itself: Until the 1950s, the pants were called overalls or waist overalls, but in the following decade, teens started referring to them as jeans. During that time, jeans took on a bad-boy image — popularized by actors like James Dean and Marlon Brando in such roles — which led many schools to ban kids from wearing them to class.

In 1960, Levi's began using the 'jeans' name in ads and

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There's much to like about MetLife, such as its push into fast-growing emerging and developing markets and its cost-cutting plans to boost profitability. Operating earnings in its European, Middle Eastern and African business (excluding Western Europe) grew 16.1 percent on average over the last two full financial years.

The company is also aiming to reduce operating earnings volatility and improve free cash flow by shifting its business focus "from market-sensitive, capital-intensive products toward protection-oriented, capital-efficient products," according to its most recent 10-K report. Growing its global employee benefits business is a priority. If interest rates rise in coming years, as they're expected to, that will serve as another growth catalyst.

MetLife's valuation is also appealing. Its price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio was recently 17, well above its five-year average of 11, but its forward-looking P/E, based on next year's expected earnings, is 9. It's a financial giant with a diversified international platform, economies of scale and a well-known brand — and a solid dividend, too.

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# Property insurance becomes election issue — for 2nd time

By **BRENDAN FARRINGTON**  
AP Political Writer

TALLAHASSEE — Democrat Charlie Crist said Thursday he successfully reduced rising property insurance rates as governor and will do so again if elected, vowing to repeal a law enacted under Republican Gov. Rick Scott that he said provides weaker coverage at a higher price.

It's a familiar theme for Crist, who campaigned in 2006 on a pledge to lower insurance rates that were skyrocketing after eight hurricanes battered Florida in two years. One of his first acts as governor was to call a special session to deal with rising rates. Lawmakers expanded the amount of state-sponsored reinsurance, which brought down costs for private carriers, and froze rates by the state-created Citizen's Property Insurance Corp., which took on more policies as national companies backed away from Florida.

"Rates fell a full 10 percent over the course of my term. We saved

Florida families thousands of dollars. Rick Scott, unfortunately, had different priorities," Crist said. "He took office and signed legislation the insurance companies wanted."

Minutes after Crist's announcement, the Office of Insurance Regulation announced that it approved the removal of 428,000 policies from Citizens to private companies. In all, nearly 900,000 policies have been approved for removal as the state tries to reduce the number of Citizens policies. Customers can choose to remain with Citizens.

Under Crist, who was then a Republican government, industry experts warned that Citizens was overexposed and the state was gambling that no hurricane would hit Florida. If a major hurricane had hit, Citizens, with more than a million policies, may not have been able to cover all claims and assessments would have been added to all Florida policies to cover the shortfall.

And some of the rate increases under Scott can be put on Crist's shoulders. Crist signed a bill late

in his term that ended a three-year rate freeze and allowed Citizens to increase premiums by up to 10 percent a year over several years in an effort to make it actuarially sound.

Scott signed a bill his first year in office designed to attract more insurance companies to Florida. Consumer advocates and legislative critics said it would raise rates by up to 15 percent while taking away benefits from customers. Crist vetoed a similar bill the year before.

Scott's campaign criticized Crist's insurance policies for putting more of a burden on state government.

"Florida taxpayers were left on the hook for billions and homeowners were left with fewer options to protect their property," said Scott spokesman Matt Moon in an email to reporters. "Under Governor Scott, Florida has done the exact opposite, reforming and shrinking Citizens Insurance while giving consumers more choice and competition to protect their home."

# Microsoft making mid-range phones for budget conscious

By **FRANK JORDANS**  
Associated Press

BERLIN — Microsoft will seek to draw more people to its Internet-based services with two new mid-range smartphones.

The devices unveiled Thursday are under the Lumia brand Microsoft bought from Nokia. They run the latest version of Windows Phone 8 and feature Cortana, a Siri-like voice assistant available to help with directions, calendar appointments and messages. Many of those interactions will steer users to Microsoft services such as Bing search and OneDrive storage.

Chris Weber, Microsoft's vice president for mobile devices sales, said consumers should feel comfortable about storing their personal pictures on OneDrive, despite recent hacks exposing celebrities' private pictures stored on services such as Apple Inc.'s iCloud.

"I think we have to amplify the message around security regarding these cloud services," Weber told reporters.

To this end, Microsoft is also giving users more control over the kind of information — friends, diaries, home address — that the Cortana voice assistant will have access to, he said.

Microsoft bought Nokia's phone business in April as it seeks to boost

Microsoft's Windows Phone system, which has had little traction compared with Apple's iPhones and Google's Android system. Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella has made mobile phones and Internet-based services priorities for the company as its traditional businesses — Windows and Office software installed on desktops — slow down or decline.

Microsoft's new Lumia 730 and 830 phones won't have all the technical advances found in Microsoft's pricier flagship, the Lumia 930 phone, which is known as the Lumia Icon in the United States. The 730's rear camera takes 6.7 megapixel shots, while the 830 is 10 megapixels. By contrast, the 930 phone is at 20 megapixels, one of the highest in a smartphone.

The 830 has a 5-inch screen and will cost about 330 euros (\$435) before tax, compared with 440 euros for the Samsung Galaxy S5 and 515 euros for the iPhone 5.

The 4.7-inch 730 will cost 199 euros. It will have 3G connectivity and slots for two SIM cards, an important feature in emerging markets where wireless plans vary widely such that users switch services often to get the best deals. A 4G version will be known as the 735 and will cost 219 euros.

Microsoft, which bought Skype three years ago, is also throwing in three months of free interna-

tional voice calls with every new purchase.

The new phones will start shipping in September, though not necessarily right away in all markets. Typically, Lumia phones make it to the U.S. under different model numbers.

Among other new releases unveiled at the show:

— Chinese firm Huawei is focusing on battery life with its Ascend Mate7 smartphone, which has a 6-inch screen and a massive 4100 mAh battery.

Shao Yang, head of Huawei's marketing department, said even heavy users would get two days' work out of a full battery charge.

The Mate7 sports a fingerprint sensor on the back that can be used to unlock the phone. But while Samsung and Apple have already done this in their latest flagship phones, Huawei lets users associate each of up to five fingers with a different function. This can be used to show something to a friend but hide private photos, for example.

—Taiwanese phone manufacturer HTC unveiled a mid-tier Desire phone.

The Desire 820 has an 8-megapixel front-facing camera for the increasingly important selfie function; and a 5.5-inch screen to show off the videos recorded with the 13-megapixel back camera.

# HealthCare.gov reported hacked

By **RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Hackers successfully breached HealthCare.gov, but no consumer information was taken from the health insurance website that serves more than 5 million Americans, the Obama administration disclosed Thursday.

Instead, the hackers installed malicious software that could have been used to launch an attack on other websites from the federal insurance portal.

Health and Human Services spokesman Aaron Albright said the website component that was breached had been used for testing

and did not contain consumer information, such as names, birth dates, Social Security numbers and income details.

The initial intrusion took place July 8, but it was not detected until Monday of last week during a manual scan of system logs. HHS said the component that was breached did not have a firewall, or intrusion detection software, installed on it. Technicians manually scanning logs discovered the breach Aug. 25 and took action.

The Homeland Security Department, which helps safeguard federal systems, said the scope of the attack was limited to one server. There is no evidence an attack was

subsequently launched from the tainted machine.

Federal computer systems are the targets of hundreds of cyberattacks every day, but this is believed to be the first successful one involving HealthCare.gov.

The health care site had numerous technical problems when it was launched last fall and was initially unworkable for most consumers. Among the issues that concerned the government's own technical experts was that security testing could not be completed because the system was undergoing so many last-minute changes. HealthCare.gov eventually passed security certification.

# Motorola emphasizes design in smartwatch

By **ANICK JESDANUN**  
AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK — Motorola rolled out a circular smartwatch Friday, counting on a more traditional design to win over consumers who have so far shunned other computerized wrist devices.

Smartwatches so far have had rectangular faces, a shape that has turned off many consumers, said Steve Sinclair, Motorola's vice president of product management. Motorola's Moto 360 is round and has an all-metal frame, making it look more like a regular watch.

"People don't want to wear a shrunken-down smartphone on their wrist," Sinclair said.

Reshaping the smartwatch still

might not be enough to sway consumers' attitudes. Apart from design, smartwatches have had limited appeal because of their small displays and a requirement to have a companion smartphone nearby. Technology companies have yet to make a compelling case for why everyday consumers need them.

Nonetheless, mobile device makers are still pinning their hopes on smartwatches spurring more sales to consumers who already have smartphones and tablet computers and aren't looking to upgrade right away. Samsung and Sony already have smartwatches out, and new models are coming this fall. Apple is also believed to be working on one that could be announced Tuesday.

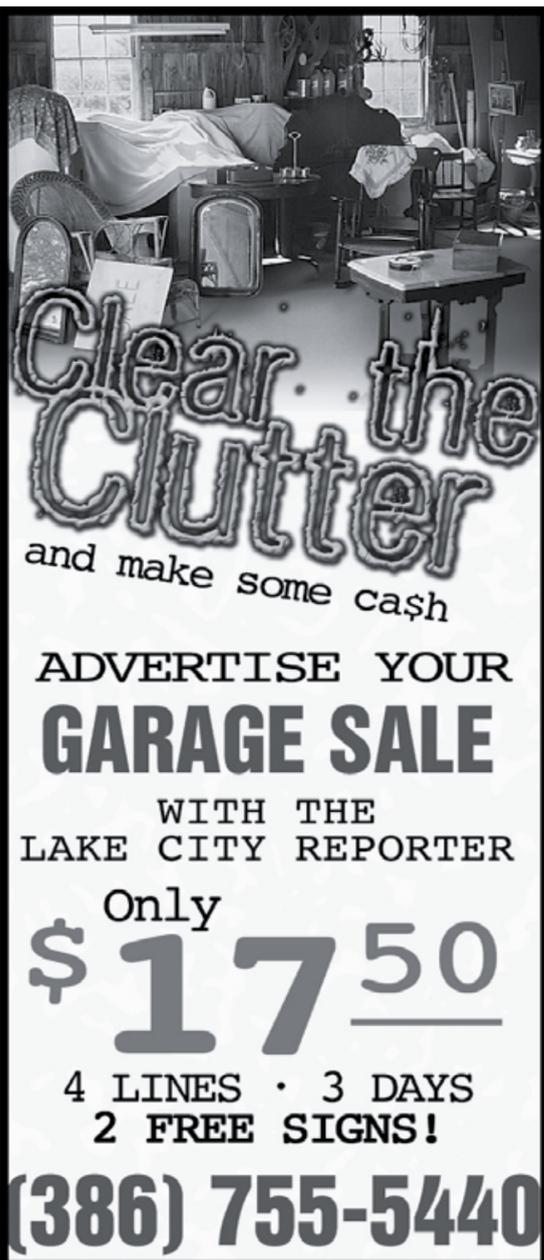
Friday's debut of the Moto 360

comes a week after LG Electronics Inc. announced its own circular smartwatch, the G Watch R. LG's watch won't be available for at least a month, though, and its price wasn't immediately announced.

Both watches use Google's Android Wear operating system. The system uses voice controls for basic functions, such as reading messages, checking the weather and getting reminders on calendar appointments.

The Moto 360 costs \$250 and starts shipping Friday. That comes with a leather band. A metal-band version will come out this fall for \$300.

After smartphones, smartwatches and smart glasses, as in the computerized Google Glass, what's next? Smart rings, perhaps.



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Section D

TRAVEL TALES



Sandy Kishton

## Our trip to Jasper National Park

Our first stop in Jasper National Park at the top of the Canadian Rockies was the town of Jasper. First up was a ride on the Jasper Sky Tram up Whistlers Mountain. The Sky Tram is celebrating their 50th anniversary this summer. There weren't any lines or waiting period so we were able to get right on. The lower station sits at approximately 4,278 ft. The ride up took us to about 7,470 feet and takes about 7 minutes.

Once we reached the top, we saw that there was a boardwalk around the tram station with viewing points. My first picture was back down looking over the town of Jasper. It's shaped like a boomerang. The views were spectacular from every angle.

So from here we had the option to hike the summit. The online advertisement suggests you "step away from the Upper Station and broaden your view of Whistlers Mountain's Alpine Tundra." When I read about this online, I didn't really know what to expect. But when I got there and saw it, my perceptions were way off. From below it looked like a long way; they said it was 1.4 km or .87 miles. However, what you can't see from below when you decide to take on the challenge is the extreme incline of 656 feet. That's approximately 650 feet in less than a mile. Needless to say, once we started, I wasn't stopping except for the numerous breaks to catch my breath. Not only am I not in as good of shape I once was, but I had the altitude working against me. I kept thinking, "but I walk the golf course regularly and there are hills out there"; definitely not the same at practically below sea level. Not only that, we weren't "walking," we were climbing.

I'm stubborn that way about not quitting something because it's hard. I told Sue once we reached the top that it was almost like my eyes being bigger than my stomach when ordering off the menu, but I don't ever want to let something beat me. After grabbing multiple photos from the top, we began our descent. Sue said this was more difficult than going up, but I disagree. I think it is because she's gun shy after she took a little tumble in Yellowstone two years ago, while working her way down a small dirt trail to a waterfall.

We took more pictures of the trail on our way down. Both from the angle looking up and looking down, so we could see and prove what we had just accomplished. Happy to

TRAVEL continued on 4D

# One brave 6-year-old



COURTESY

Members of Columbia County Fire Rescue Department present Kaitlyn Martin, 6, a framed certificate and Moe's Southwest Grill bucks for her efforts to get her mom out of the house Monday night when smoke detectors went off. From left: Lt. Scott McCauley, Capt. Arness Thomas, Kaitlyn, firefighter Kyle Foley, firefighter Theodore Ferguson.

## Kaitlyn Martin honored by county Fire Rescue

By SARAH LOFTUS  
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When six-year-old Kaitlyn Martin heard smoke detectors going off in her house late Monday night, she didn't even have to think twice about what to do.

Fire safety the first-grader learned at school taught her to always leave a building and help others out of the building when smoke detectors are going off.

So on Monday around

11 p.m. when the smoke detectors went off at her house, she jumped out of bed and went to wake up her mother, Sue Strickland.

Kaitlyn said she just remembered what she did during fire drills at school and knew that they needed to get out of the house.

"She was pulling me down the hallway and out of the door," Strickland said. "We didn't know what was going on."

Once Columbia County Fire Rescue arrived, it

determined that there wasn't actually a fire at the home, just smoke coming from the air conditioning system that had a broken fan.

Kaitlyn said her mom was the one who was scared, not her.

"Well, maybe I was scared a little," she said. "But my mommy was scared a lot."

CCFR was so impressed by Kaitlyn's bravery that it came to Eastside Elementary School, where she

attends, on Thursday morning and presented her with a framed certificate and Moe's Southwest Grill bucks.

Eastside Principal Trey Hosford, Kaitlyn's teacher Ashley Kennington and her classmates watched as CCFR bestowed her awards on her.

"My class was excited that they gave me an award, and then everybody wanted an award," she said. "All the kids said it was cool. It was cool that they brought their firetruck."



Troy Roberts  
Public Information Coordinator  
Florida Gateway College

## Picking the right college for you

Picking the right college isn't easy.

Since it will have an effect on the rest of your life, there seems to be the overwhelming consensus that you should spend at least a few minutes finding out exactly where you're getting your education from. Sure, you may like watching the Florida Gators play every Saturday, but, aside from the fact you follow their sports teams, what can you tell me about the university?

Yes, it has very prestigious programs and is almost always mentioned when talking about the upper echelon of education in America, but that doesn't mean it's the right fit for you.

Think of colleges like running shoes – some are flashy and attractive but not necessarily comfortable once you put them on. That's why shoe stores exist – they offer that "try before you buy" model.

So, consider Florida Gateway College's upcoming College Night as a shoe store for colleges. It's a place where you can get

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## Birth Announcement

Philip and Bille Jo Poppell, of Lake City, are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Jasper William Poppell, on April 30. Jasper was born at North Florida Women's Center in Gainesville. He weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches.

Proud siblings are Kylie, 11; Kaylie, 8; and Armando, 4. Proud grandparents are Larry and Linda Ball (Live Oak), William and Marguerite Poppell (Thomasville, Ga.) Great-grandparents are the late Teddy and Beulah Bias, the late Ruby Craddock, Ruth and Clayton Poppell (Live Oak) and Peter and Marguerite Worten (Hollywood).

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DEAR ABBY

Moving child's grave sparks buried anger after 20 years



Abigail Van Buren www.dearabby.com

DEAR ABBY: Twenty-three years ago my husband and I lost our firstborn son. As my husband was active duty military, we could have buried him anywhere in the United States. At the time, we were in a place where my sister swore to me she would always live, and she would always be there to take care of him. I knew with my husband's career we had many more moves ahead of us, and it helped to ease the loss knowing that he would be taken care of.

Well, that lasted all of three years. My husband and I are now at a point where we have settled down and we know where we should have buried our precious angel, instead of trusting my sister.

We want to have him exhumed, cremated and placed in a veteran's cemetery, but my question is this: Do I have the right to ask my sister to pay part of the costs as she "broke" her promise to help care for my son? — HEARTBROKEN

DEAR H.B.: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your son. While it's clear that there are many hurt feelings about what

happened after his original interment, I think it's time to forgive your sister.

It's a fact of life that sometimes unforeseen circumstances prevent people with the best of intentions from keeping promises they make. Forgive her if you can, but don't ask her for money. She may owe you an apology, but she does not owe you any money.

DEAR ABBY: I'm very close to my family. We visit each other's homes often. But for the past year or so, something has begun to bother me. It's cell-phone chargers. Whether people come for a week or just for dinner, out come the chargers! The kids all start plugging in their cellphones and tablets, and the adults follow suit with their cell-phones and laptops.

I started asking around and it's not just happening to me. A lot

of my friends have the same gripe. Lamps, toasters, pencil sharpeners — you name it — their cords are left dangling long after the guests have departed. After the last weekend, I installed a power strip in the TV room and will direct the traffic there in the future.

Would you please let people know how rude this is? Also mention that the host is not responsible for an electronic item plugged in on a kitchen counter, or anywhere for that matter. — UNPLUGGED IN SALEM, N.Y.

DEAR UNPLUGGED: While the power strip you installed is the practical solution, the problem is that the people you have described are thoughtless. Polite guests leave their host's home in the same condition it was in when the guests arrived. In this instance, it means being considerate enough to plug in any appliances that the guests unplugged, so the host doesn't have to wonder why the darned thing isn't working after everyone has departed.

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

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Expand your interests and friendships and you will discover options you didn't realize you had. An emotional situation may be based on false information. Don't jump to conclusions or make assumptions that can lead to alienation. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Be careful not to go over budget or to take on more than you can handle. Stick to simple pleasures and avoid indulgences that can be costly. Focus on love, self-improvement and stabilizing your position. Seek knowledge and hone your skills. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't believe everything you hear and tread carefully when discussing personal preferences. Treating the people you are emotionally connected to will help you avoid complaints, jealousy and revenge. Protect your reputation by offering honesty, regardless of the consequences. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Use your intuition to guide you through any trouble you encounter at home or with a partner. Your straightforward approach to life and the way you handle personal affairs will

provide you with the strength to counter anyone trying to dismantle your plans. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Look for opportunities to learn, travel or interact with stimulating people. Don't let anyone pressure you to take on responsibilities that don't belong to you. Look for alternative ways to live if it will encourage happiness and peace of mind. ★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't take anything for granted. Ask questions and get answers before you make a decision that can affect a partnership. Find ways to increase your assets using cautious calculations. Having a plan and strategy in place will help prevent mistakes. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take the liberty to do things that please you. It's fine to be a peacekeeper, but once in a while you have to give in to your needs. Make plans to have some fun with someone who makes you feel special. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Do what you can to help someone facing confused or uncertain times. Your loyalty and desire to make a difference will put you in the spotlight, bringing about some awesome opportunities to explore new possibilities for

professional advancement. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Make plans and have fun, but don't let the reactions and authenticity of someone's response toward you mislead you. Ulterior motives are likely to be behind a gesture of friendliness someone offers you. Be careful who you share personal information with. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): If you cannot make up your mind, retreat. Take however much time you require to avoid making a mistake. Money will come to you from an unusual source. Don't share information regarding your gains. Bide your time. ★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You'll have an intuitive view when it comes to personal finances, health or legal matters. Follow your gut feelings and make whatever changes are necessary to get what you want. Opportunity is heading your way, so don't hesitate to take it. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): There are all sorts of things you can do to protect your interests and to help your assets grow in value. Your intuition is strong, but your emotions will cause uncertainty. A realistic assessment will lead to victory. ★★★

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.
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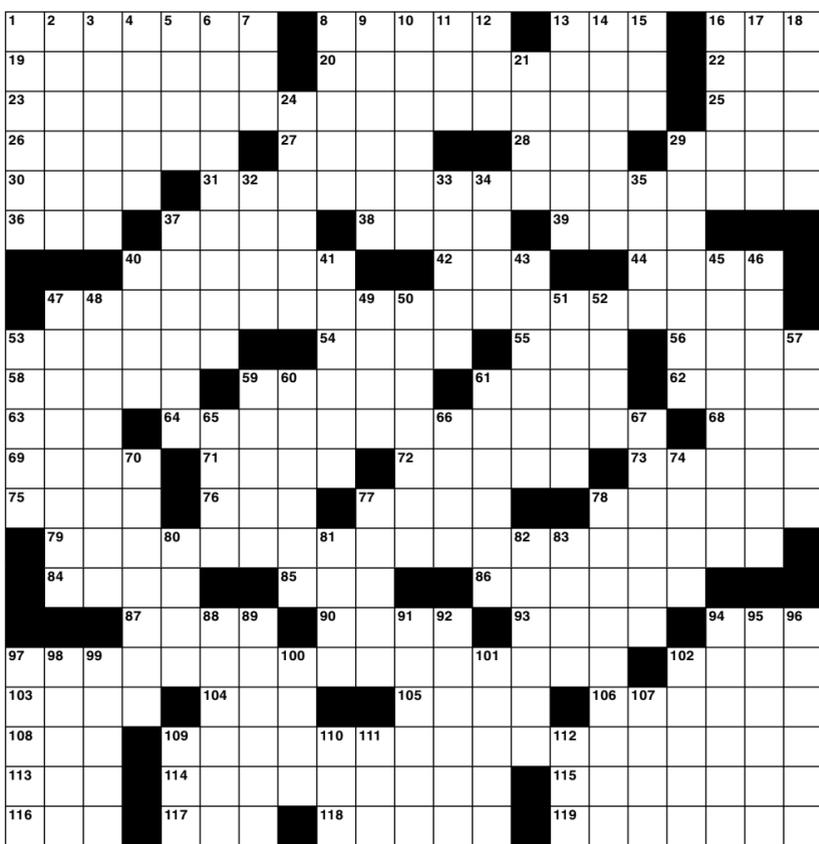
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16 Identify on Facebook
19 Ties up
20 French filmmaker who led the Cinéma Pur movement
22 When Earth Day is celebrated: Abbr.
23 Jewish bread/Played, as a violin/Throw (1950)
25 Tan-line producer, maybe
26 Ring material
27 cloud (source of comets)
28 Org. in "The Sopranos"
29 Spend time in idle reverie
30 One quarter of a quartet
31 Toyota rival/Measure of power/Insult (1954)
36 Parisian possessive
37 Sound units
38 Strip club fixture
39 Anagram — and synonym — of 71-Across
40 Peace in the Middle East
42 Forbes competitor
44 Ca, Ce, Co or Cu
47 Reside/Savage/Puzzle (out)/Wash (2013)
53 Greatly desired objects
54 Any of the "South Park" characters
55 Strike concern
56 Kiss's partner
58 Bananas
59 Number by a door?
61 Islamic spirit
62 Inner: Prefix
63 Dating-service datum
64 Hooligan/Strange/Silo contents (1972)
68 Only non-U.S. M.L.B. team: Abbr.
69 Some cameras, for short
71 See 39-Across
72 Like a milquetoast
73 Complete reversal
75 Comedian Kevin
76 Seed
77 Obama follower?
78 Sad news
79 Wildlife protector/Difficult/Hotel door feature (1980)
84 Have the lead
85 "Chances \_\_\_\_\_"
86 Load bearer?
87 Memo opener
90 California-roll ingredient
93 "That's what she \_\_\_\_\_"
94 Road block?
97 "In what way?"/Like overcooked steak/Possessive/European capital on a gulf (1985)
102 Get whipped
103 British author who wrote "The Old Devils"
104 "\_\_\_\_\_ man!"
105 Oklahoma tribe
106 Brave group, informally?
108 Kind of garden
109 What you get when you say 23-, 31-, 47-, 64-, 79- or 97-Across out loud
113 Meringue ingredient
114 P.O.W.'s, e.g.
115 Rush-hour subway rider, facetiously
116 Islas Filipinas
117 "Inglorious Basterds" org.
118 nous
119 Holes in shoes
DOWN
1 Shopping malls on Black Friday, e.g.
2 Scarf down
3 Some wide receiver routes
4 Round of shots
5 Campus attended by Elle in "Legally Blonde"
6 Beach homes?
7 Kind of blond
8 Ponder, with "on"
9 Prepare to put back in the fridge, say
10 Pair of socks?
11 Unite
12 Duke, e.g.: Abbr.
13 Start of a children's rhyme
14 Make more intense, as colors
15 Rap mogul, briefly
16 Prohibited
17 Where a golf fairway transitions into a green
18 President after Johnson
21 One half of a 10-Down
24 Growing art form?
29 Fred Flintstone's boss
32 Minnesota's St. \_\_\_\_\_ College
33 Strange
34 Heavenly bodies?
35 Mood
37 Plebiscite, e.g.
40 Número of Mexican states that border the U.S.
41 Subway systems
43 Figures on some Valentine's Day cards
45 Ultimate
46 "Careless Hands" crooner
47 Narcs enforce them
48 Marsh rodent
49 Cross
50 It was satirized in "Dr. Strangelove"
51 Kind of blond
52 Last word of an annual holiday song
53 Grind
57 "S.N.L." producer Michaels
59 Bring up to speed
60 First name in mysteries
61 Rachel's firstborn, in the Bible
65 Build up
66 Alecto, Megaera or Tisiphone
67 Made haste
70 Some shipping routes
74 One of the superheroes in 2012's "The Avengers"
77 Former Oldsmobile model
78 Road starting at the Porta Capena
80 Film villain with prosthetic hands
81 Cheeky
82 Less puzzling
83 Kindle purchase, in brief
88 "Daniel in the Lions' Den" artist
89 Discharges
91 Long-legged shorebird
92 Surpass
94 "Happy Days" girl
95 Green light
96 96 for Big Ben, heightwise
97 Eye shade
98 Symbol for ohms
99 Common bar food
100 Kind of mail
101 Get up
102 Three-time French Open champ
107 Euros replaced them
109 Work for Plutarch, informally
110 Not post-
111 Hog's Head, in the Harry Potter books
112 Tip of the tongue?



Answers to last Sunday's Crossword.

ASARULE BICARB BELAY
BONUSSES ROAD EOS EXILE
BLOT ACTION RIFLE DELTA
YENS HEMS LEIDETECTOR
BEEBS SOW SAW
SLIVERMINE STLCROW
CONWAY BRAOFCHOCOLATE
AVAST TEAMPLAY DANTE
LEW TAR SUITS POSTOP
DIARYMAID SETTLERS
NYUMILES SLEEK ICU
SMALLCAR ERAOFCORN
LICHEN NOLAN SEAUSE
ASADA EYEPIECE SOPUP
SATINLESS STEEL STELLA
SKEE ADS CLODCEREAL
ASK GEE MEIR
CALMCHOWDER APSE HMOS
AXIOM CROONERS INQUEST
DEFOE HARRIET SCUTTLE
SLEDS PAGES TESHOP

Grid of numbers for the crossword puzzle, showing the placement of letters from the answers.

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# So, you want to grow pecans?

Pecan trees can be grown without extensive care, but consistently high pecan yields are not likely. In the fall, I receive many questions from homeowners about their low-yielding pecan trees. People wonder why the actual nuts didn't form, were not filled out, or were decayed or had black spots. Many people are perplexed by the reasoning behind alternate bearing years, a good crop one year and a poor crop the following year.

North Florida is the southernmost boundary of this native tree. Pecan trees resemble a large forest tree species rather than an orchard crop tree such as peaches or apples. It often grows up to 70 feet tall, with a leaf canopy and root spread of 40 feet or more. Because ample room is needed for this large tree to grow and produce, homeowners should consider space needs before planting pecans.

You may have heard of the term "sustainable crop." This refers to relative inputs and outputs of crop production, as well as the positive or negative impacts that production has on the environment. Before you decide to actively pursue a great pecan crop on your backyard tree, consider your inputs vs. outputs. Pesticides, labor, equipment, fertilizer and water are all on the "inputs" side of the equation. The "outputs" are what we get out of it: yield, quality, net profit, or our own

## GARDEN TALK



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value placed on the crop. Purchasing extra pecans from a local grower may be a more reasonable choice during those lean yielding years.

Water and fertilizer requirements for high yields may be more than you think. Although mature pecan trees can survive drought without supplemental water, they will often defoliate early. A mature bearing tree can require more than 200 gallons of water per day in order to produce high yields. Fertilizer is also very important in maintaining a healthy and productive tree. After a tree is established, balanced fertilizer should be applied in February and in June at the rate of 2 to 4 pounds per inch of trunk diameter. Refer to <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/HS229> for recommendations.

Above all, diseases and insects seem to be the limiting factors of a good nut crop. During the 7 months that it takes to develop a nut, there are many opportunities for pests to do their damage. Most insect pests show up at somewhat predictable



METROCREATIVE IMAGES

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times which make them a little easier to combat. The pecan-nut casebearer is an important early-season pest, and the first generation does the most damage. Larvae overwinter around the tree and begin eating in the spring. When the adult moths emerge, the females lay eggs on new nutlets. The eggs hatch, and the hungry larvae destroy the nuts.

Early feeding stink bugs are responsible for the injury called "black pit," which describes the decayed nut interior. Some stink bugs arrive to feed on pecans after their crop and weed food sources

die in the fall. The damage caused by these bugs includes dark-spotted and bitter tasting nuts.

Although the list of offending insects and diseases is long, there is some hope in producing backyard pecans. The best pecan cultivars for homeowners in north Florida are the following: Cape Fear, Elliott, Curtis, Stuart, Sumner and Moreland. These trees are more sustainable because of their resistance to scab and other leaf diseases.

As to the question on alternate bearing, there are many factors involved. By the end of a high

yield year, stored energy is depleted, making the plant more vulnerable to stresses in the spring. Premature defoliation in late summer forces the tree to use energy to grow new leaves instead of developing nuts. Even though there are many factors, just keeping healthy leaves on the tree until the first frost will help provide a good crop of nuts.

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## Diva Day: A don't-miss event

*From staff reports*

The Altrusa Club's 5th Annual Diva Day will be held at the Columbia County Fairgrounds Banquet Hall on Saturday, September 13 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Altrusa, along with The Health Center of Lake City, Campus USA Credit Union, Gegee's Studio, Suwannee Music Park, The Spa on Marion, Ward's Jewelry & Gifts and Imperial Productions invite you to come out and stroll through the vendor booths and enjoy the day.

Bring your mother, your BFF, your sister or your daughter. Make it a great day together while you shop and get pampered. Enjoy vendors with items such as jewelry, handbags, candles, soaps, make-up, cakes, chocolates, health screenings and more. An affordable lunch is available in our café.

The \$5 admission ticket enters you in a drawing for a Bracelet courtesy of Ward's Jewelry & Gifts or a 3 Day/2 Night Cabin & Golf Cart rental courtesy of Suwannee Music Park and many more door prizes.

Tickets are available at Lake City Reporter and at the door.

For more information, please call Jan Smithey, 386-961-3217.

## COLLEGE

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all of the information you need about a college without ever having to visit.

Maybe analogies aren't my strongest suit, but I think you get the point.

The 28th Annual College Night will take place from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, September 16, at the Florida Gateway College Howard Conference Center. This is part of the 2014-2015 Florida Tour, in partnership with the Florida Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers, which plans the annual fall and spring college fairs throughout the state.

More than a dozen programs from Florida Gateway College will be represented and staff will be there to answer any questions you may have about admissions procedures, financial aid, or various program offerings available.

Additionally, nearly 40 universities will be represented. Numerous Florida universities, including Saint Leo University, University of Florida, University of Central Florida, University of Miami, Baptist College of Florida, and Tuskegee University, will be on hand to provide information to students curious about their schools.

University representatives from Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana, Ohio, North Carolina, and Rhode Island will also be in attendance.

This is the perfect opportunity to begin thinking about and making those decisions that will affect your future. Whether you're thinking about where to go after high school or are looking for that change of career to match your current lifestyle, there's a school and a program out there for you.

And this is one of those rare opportunities where you can speak one-on-one with representatives from numerous colleges at the same venue, all at the same time. You're able to learn about the college and have your questions answered, without ever having to step foot on campus.

Well, except ours. There's no need to RSVP - you just show up with your questions in hand.

A complete list of schools attending can be found online at [www.fgc.edu](http://www.fgc.edu).

Of course, if you're interested in setting up a guided tour of the FGC campus, you can do that as well by calling (386) 754-4246.

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## TRAVEL

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have completed the challenge, we stopped inside for an adult beverage before tackling the line to catch the tram going back down.

What a great opportunity to start our trip into the Canadian Rockies. The outdoor activity provided us with crisp, clean mountain air, blue skies, and the sun shin-

ing while we experienced Whistlers Mountain in a way that you wouldn't have expected. We are typically looking up from the road at the often snow capped peaks, but today we were able to look down from the peak at the valley below filled with the town of Jasper and the many rivers flowing through it.

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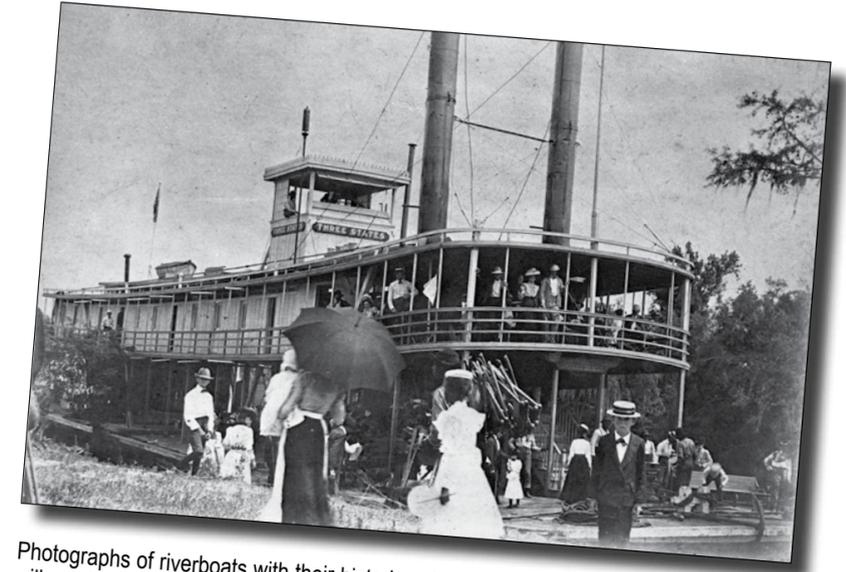
## 'Railroads & Riverboats' coming soon

*From staff reports*

The Levy County Historical Society invites the young, young at heart, and all history enthusiasts to join them for an excursion into the Golden Age of Transportation through an exhibit entitled "Railroads & Riverboats."

The exhibit will be open Friday, September 26; Saturday, September 27; and Sunday, September 28, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Cedar Key Community Center, "F" & 6 Streets will come alive with model railroads and images of majestic riverboats.

Back by popular demand will be the members of the Ocala Model Railroaders' Restoration Society, who will present a history of railroading and the many facets of model railroading through their operating model railroad exhibits. In addition, photographs of riverboats with their histories, their captains, and



Photographs of riverboats with their histories, their captains, and memorabilia will emblazon the walls of the Cedar Key Community Center at the 'Railroads & Riverboats' exhibit Sept. 26-28.

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memorabilia will emblazon the walls of the Community Center and costumed historians will transport visitors back in time.

Admission to the exhibit is free and open to the gen-

eral public. Why not plan an excursion with your family and friends and join us for this unique and interesting exhibit. For more information contact Society members Toni

Collins at (352) 490-5636 or Lindon Lindsey at (352) 493-4066 or log onto the Society's website [www.levycountyhistorical-society.com](http://www.levycountyhistorical-society.com).

## Meet your new friend

*From staff reports*

Lake City Humane Society will hold a "Big Tent Adoption" event on Sept. 10-13 next to the Publix Shopping Center on NW Commons Loop.

Hours are: Wednesday, Sept. 10 from 3-6 p.m.; Thursday, Sept. 11 from 3-6 p.m.; Friday, Sept. 12 from 3-6 p.m.; and Saturday, Sept. 13 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Dogs and cats both big and small will be available for adoption. All animals have been spayed or neutered, are current on their vaccinations, and are all microchipped.

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