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STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Porter was asked to quit



Porter

As a sitting member of the state Legislature and vice-chair of the House Subcommittee on Economic Development and Tourism, Elizabeth Porter may have seemed like a natural for Columbia County Tourist Development Council director. However, she was told she'd have to resign from the House to get the post.

By **ROBERT BRIDGES**
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State Rep. Elizabeth Porter,

one of four finalists for Tourist Development director, said Friday she was told last summer she would have to aban-

don her bid for re-election to the House of Representatives in order to be offered the county post.

There was concern she couldn't be a "full-time" TDC director while still holding down a seat in the House, she

said. However, her position as a

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'Stand' back in play in George case

Hearing Thursday will determine if she stands trial.

By **TONY BRITT**
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George

INSIDE
See list of other trials on Monday.

The Lavell Nicole George murder trial slated to begin tomorrow has been postponed until December — if it happens at all. An evidentiary hearing set for later this week will determine whether George qualifies for immunity from prosecution under the Stand Your Ground defense.

George is facing second-degree murder charges in the 2012 shooting death of her boyfriend, Maurice Mickler.

In December 2013 George had her attorney, Richard R. Kuritz, seek immunity from prosecution under the Stand Your Ground statute. However, weeks later that defense was withdrawn.

In August another member of the defense team, attorney William Kent, filed a motion to invoke Stand Your Ground, indicating the previous motion listed the wrong statute due to a clerical error.

Assistant state attorney John Durrett is prosecuting the case but Friday he declined comment on the hearing scheduled to begin Thursday.

During the hearing, the judge will listen to witness testimony from both the defense and prosecution.

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CHS FALL FESTIVAL



Columbia's corn maze draws droves

By **TONY BRITT**
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People dressed as goblins and ghosts, and others seeking quality family fun showed up at Columbia High School Friday and Saturday as the school hosted its inaugural fall festival.

The festival, complete with a corn (actually sorghum) maze, allowed event attendees to spend daytime hours with children's events, then as the ghostly hours approached, CHS students put on Halloween costumes to put a little scare into older attendees.

Several CHS clubs also had booths, games and other activities at the event

for fundraising purposes.

CHS student Victoria Reed was volunteering her time with the Columbia High School Criminal Justice club, which hosted a Smash-A-Car fundraiser. She and her friend Taylor Joseph hoped to help sell tickets for the activity.

"I think it's cool they're doing a fall festival," Joseph said.

Patricia Starnes, CHS FFA advisor, said the inaugural fall festival drew about 150 - 250 people Friday night with 212 enjoying the hayrides. She was hoping for at least the same sized crowd Saturday evening.

"It's always been a dream of mine

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

Andrew Dove, a Columbia High School senior, uses a bat to hit the car in the Smash-A-Car fundraiser. **ABOVE:** Columbia High School students Shawn Ziegans (from left) and Russell Hampton show Jeremy Withers and Allie Withers to a safe exit from the school's corn maze.

Paula Vann offered TDC director position

Pay set at \$55,000; has until Monday to give an answer.

By **SARAH LOFTUS**
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Vann

Columbia County is looking to make Paula Vann its new face of

Ben Scott on Friday. She has until Monday to respond, Scott said.

tourism.

Vann was emailed a job offer for Tourist Development Council director from Assistant County Manager

The county offered her a \$55,000 annual salary with 12 vacation days and 12 sick days per year, according to Scott's email. The offer includes individual health insurance, \$15,000 for life and short-term disability benefits and entrance into the Florida Retirement System.

Scott told the Lake City

Reporter on Wednesday that Vann requested a salary in the range of \$60,000-\$65,000 and that the county's budget for the position is \$65,000.

Vann is the second person to be offered the job since February when it became

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Trimming trees on Marion Avenue

Jarred McDonald, with trimmer, cuts tree branches as Lake City Public Works Department employees trim trees along Marion Avenue Saturday. The work began at the intersection of U.S. 90 and will head north to Railroad Street. The work is expected to take two more weekends.

Scripture of the Day

“Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence. I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living! Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!”

— Psalm 27:11-14

Thought for Today

One of the things I learned the hard way was that it doesn't pay to get discouraged. Keeping busy and making optimism a way of life can restore your faith in yourself.

— Lucille Désirée Ball, American film and television actress (1911-1989)

Winning Lottery Numbers

Cash 3: (Saturday) 9-1-1

Play 4: (Saturday) 1-7-3-1

Fantasy 5: (Friday) 8-15-18-21-31

Florida Lotto: (Wednesday) 6-10-15-25-42-52-x4

PowerBall: (Wednesday) 5-7-19-27-28-20-x2

AROUND FLORIDA

Boy loses three fingers in fireworks accident

LAUDERHILL

Authorities say an 8-year-old boy lost three fingers while playing with illegal fireworks.

The Lauderhill boy's family tells WTVJ-TV that they heard an explosion Friday night and ran outside. Britnee Britt says she saw her younger brother running down the street crying.

Britt says her brother was holding his hand, shaking and bleeding.

Lauderhill Fire Rescue Capt. Larry Gonzalez says the fireworks were the same used at sporting events and “highly illegal and unfortunate.” It wasn't immediately clear how the boy got ahold of the fireworks.

The boy was hospitalized. Police are investigating.

The Pinellas County Sheriff's Office says Cody Conley of Centerville, Ohio, died early Saturday after trying to climb from the sixth floor landing of a St. Pete Beach condominium to the roof.

Deputies say Conley had stripped down to his boxer shorts before attempting the climb.

Conley's 17-year-old brother also climbed over the landing's railing to try to stop his brother from falling. Deputies say Conley fell to the pavement below and died at a hospital.

The sheriff's office says Conley's death appears to be accidental. An autopsy is pending.

Conley and his family were visiting Florida for a family wedding.

Lee County deputy cited for fatal crash

CAPE CORAL — Authorities say a Lee County deputy was at fault in a crash that killed a southwest Florida teenager.

The Cape Coral Police Department reported Friday that Deputy Douglas E. Hood was

cited for careless driving following a two-month investigation.

Police say 15-year-old Austin Dukette was riding his bike to school in August when Hood hit the boy with his vehicle. The investigation found the computer in the car was a factor in the crash, in addition to environmental factors and the clothing Dukette was wearing.

The News-Press reports that a white bike, stuffed animals and flowers continue the mark the location of the crash.

Testing for English learners questioned

TALLAHASSEE — Gov. Rick Scott is petitioning U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan for a hearing on Florida's denied request for flexibility on testing students still learning English.

Florida was granted an extension from No Child Left Behind in August, but federal officials declined the state's request regarding English language learner accountability.

The state asked that it be

allowed to withhold Florida schools and teachers from accountability for English language learner achievement on state tests until after two years of instruction.

Education leaders including Miami-Dade Public Schools Superintendent Alberto Carvalho are backing the state's request.

In his letter to Duncan, Scott said he wants an administrative law judge hearing on the matter.

Florida has more than 265,000 students who are learning English as a second or even third language.

Man charged with stealing plumbing

ST. PETERSBURG — Police say they've flushed out a man accused of stealing the handles and pipes of toilets in parks and restaurant restrooms around a Florida city.

St. Petersburg police said Friday that they arrested a 28-year-old homeless man. He is accused of stealing the plumbing from Cracker Barrel, Burger King, Bob Evans and other

restaurants. Police released a photo of a pile of metal toilet parts that they say Brian Rinda stole.

Police say Rinda caused about \$1,000 in damage and traded the brass valve and piping at a county recycling center.

Rinda was charged with eight counts of grand theft and 1 count of petit theft.

Rinda is being held at county jail on \$20,000 bail. It's unclear whether he retained an attorney.

Man sentenced to life in loud music killing

JACKSONVILLE — A Florida man convicted of first-degree murder for fatally shooting a teenager in an argument over loud music outside a Jacksonville convenience store was sentenced Friday to life in prison without parole.

The life sentence imposed by Circuit Judge Russell Healey was mandatory for 47-year-old Michael Dunn after prosecutors decided not to seek the death penalty.

■ Associated Press

Man falls to his death from condo

ST. PETE BEACH — Florida authorities say alcohol may be a factor in the death of an Ohio man who fell while trying to climb to the roof of a beachfront condominium.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Medical examiner: Body that of missing actress

SEATTLE — The King County medical examiner has confirmed that a body found in a ravine in the Seattle suburb of Auburn is that of missing actress Misty Upham, known for her roles in “August: Osage County,” “Frozen River” and “Django Unchained.”

In a statement, the medical examiner's office said Friday that the 32-year-old woman died Oct. 5. That's the day her family told police that the Native American actress was suicidal. Relatives reported her missing the next day. The medical examiner said the cause and manner of death are pending investigation.

Auburn police spokesman Steve Stocker said the body was found Thursday near the White River. Items with Upham's name on them were found nearby. He said there was no evidence of foul play.

A family friend found the body while a group of friends and family were searching in the area.

Bono wears sunglasses due to his glaucoma

LONDON — U2 singer Bono says his ever-present sunglasses aren't a rock-star affectation — he has suffered from glaucoma for 20 years.

The condition — a buildup of pressure that can damage the optic nerve — can make the eyes sensitive to light. Bono told the BBC's “Graham Norton Show” that he had the condition, but “I have good treatments and I am going to be fine.”

He said people would now think of him as “poor old blind Bono.”

He also acknowledged that some people had been annoyed when U2's new album, “Songs of Innocence,” was sent unsolicited to millions of people with iTunes accounts.

In comments released Friday by the BBC, Bono said, “We wanted to do something fresh, but it seems some people don't believe in Father Christmas.”

Maggie Smith honored by Queen Elizabeth II

LONDON — British royalty has met acting aristocracy, as Britain's Queen Elizabeth II bestowed an honor on Maggie Smith during a ceremony at Windsor Castle.

Smith, who plays the imperious Dowager Countess of Grantham on “Downton Abbey,” was made a member of the Order of the Companions of Honor on Friday in recognition of her six decades in television.

The award is limited to 65 living people “of distinction.” Other members include physicist Stephen Hawking, actor Ian McKellen and artist David Hockney.

The 79-year-old actress has won two Academy Awards, for “The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie” and “California Suite.”

She is currently filming “The Lady in the Van,” reprising her stage role as a homeless eccentric who parked for years on the driveway of playwright Alan Bennett.

S. Korea concert planner found dead after 16 die

SEOUL, South Korea — A South Korean man involved in planning an outdoor pop concert where 16 people were killed after falling through a ventilation grate was found dead Saturday in an apparent suicide, officials said, as doctors treated eight others facing life-threatening injuries from the disaster.

The man, 37, an employee of the Gyeonggi Institute of Science and Technology Promotion, was found dead at around 7 a.m. in Seongnam, the city south of Seoul where Friday's accident occurred, said city spokesman Kim Nam-jun.

The site of his death was not far from where 16 people watching a performance by 4Minute, a girls band that is popular across Asia, were killed when the ventilation grate they were standing on collapsed.

■ Associated Press



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Local fans at FSU

Florida State fans pause on their way into the game Saturday to listen to the FSU drumline perform. Members of the Lake City Seminole Club headed to Tallahassee early in the day to support their team at GameDay by holding up ‘Unconquered’ signs in the crowd.

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'Stuff the Charger' begins tomorrow

Inaugural FHP fundraiser hopes to provide holiday meals for Christian Service Center.

By EMILY BUCHANAN
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Instead of stuffing a turkey this Thanksgiving holiday, the Florida Highway Patrol in conjunction with the Department of Motor Safety Vehicles would like to "Stuff the Charger" during its inaugural food drive to provide food to local charities for the holiday.

Sgt. Tracy Hisler-Pace, FHP public affairs officer for Troop B, said although this is a statewide event, the FHP station in Lake City plans to raise enough food beginning Oct. 20 through Nov. 5 to stuff a FHP Dodge Charger full of food for donations that will go to the Christian Service Center of Columbia County, Inc.

"Our goal is to stuff one or more Dodge Chargers that are one of our patrol cars that we use," she said. "It would be fantastic if

we could pull up at the Christian Service Center with several vehicles full of food."

The goal is to help local families that are in need during the holiday, Hisler-Pace said. "FHP is a very family-oriented organization," she said. "Many of the troopers in our local troop have considered Lake City home for many years, and we want to do something for our community."

She is hopeful this community food drive will help put food on some empty tables during the holiday season, she said.

"If there's an open space in the Charger, we want to fill," she said. "I know I'm excited about this because you just want to help your community, that's why most of us came into law enforcement to begin with."

Charlie Suydam, interim director at the Christian Service Center of Columbia County, Inc., said the



EMILY BUCHANAN/Lake City Reporter

The Lake City station of the Florida Highway Patrol hopes to stuff several Dodge Chargers full of food to deliver to the Christian Service Center for the Thanksgiving holiday. The fundraiser begins tomorrow and will run through November 5.

center has seen an estimated 980 families come through within the past year.

With an average of 196 boxes of food given out monthly, Suydam said within the last month that number has risen to 240 due to more people seeking

food to feed their family during the holiday.

"The food drive is great for the center and meeting the needs for the community," he said. "It's definitely seen as a blessing for the community - especially this time of the year."

Jobless rate dips sharply locally

Unemployment lower in county than in state.

By EMILY BUCHANAN
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Local unemployment fell 0.7 percent from August to September, according to figures released Friday by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

The jobless rate here for September was 6.0 percent.

Columbia County's labor force increased by 248 from 30,996 to 31,244 in September and the number of people employed went up by 448 from 28,908 to 29,356.

The September 2013 jobless rate was 6.6 percent. However, the labor force was also larger, and 40 more people were employed then than last month.

Florida's unemployment rate in September was 6.1 percent, which was down 0.2 percent from August's rate of 6.3 percent, and down 0.8 percent from 6.9 percent over a year ago.

The state's September unemployment rate was the lowest since June 2008, when it was 6.0 percent. As of Friday, there were 590,000 jobless out of a labor force of 9,637,000 in Florida. The U.S. unemployment rate was 5.9 percent in September, and Florida's unemployment rate has been less than or equal to the national rate for 14 of the last 17 months.

Another Way, Inc. holds 'Steps to a New Start' 5K



Photos by TONY BRITT/Lake City Reporter

ABOVE: Brandon Scott (from left) holds a check as he stands with Donna Fagan, Another Way executive, and Quana Perry. Scott was the overall winner in the Another Way Second Annual Steps to a New Start 5K run Saturday. Another Way, a local domestic violence shelter, held its 5K fun run to observe October as Domestic Violence Awareness month. 'The purpose of the event is to get information out about domestic violence and let people know what services are available,' Fagan said. Another Way is celebrating its 25th year of providing services to Columbia County residents. The agency has two shelters, a 35-bed shelter in Chiefland and a 35-bed facility in Lake City that is currently in a \$1.7 million expansion project that will add 50 beds. 'In the last three years we've operated well over capacity, so we really do need those extra beds,' Fagan said, noting she is concerned about rising domestic violence statistics. 'We can help victims figure how to get out safely if that's what they choose to do.' **RIGHT:** Students from the Academy of Martial Arts perform a personal safety exhibition during Another Way's Second Annual Steps to a New Start Event Saturday at the Columbia County Fairgrounds.



Early voting will open on Saturday

From staff reports

Early Voting for the November election will run one week.

It will open Saturday and close November 1. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The two Early Voting sites are:

- The Supervisor of Elections office, 971 W Duval Street, Suite 102.
- Fort White Community Center, 17579 SW State Road 47.

On November 4 voters must go to designated polling location.

Mark your calendar for 'Friends of Music'

From staff reports

The 2014-15 Friends of Music Concert Series promises to be an exciting one. On Nov. 11, the FSU Early Music Ensemble will provide a concert of singers and instrumentalists.

A January 24, 2015, concert will feature the Chamber Singers of the University of North Florida from Jacksonville. A February 24, 2015, performance will be presented by The Suchon Woodwind Quintet from Slovakia.

All concerts in the Friends of Music Concert Series will take place at 7:30 pm in Covenant First Presbyterian Church on White Avenue in Live Oak. Concerts are free to the public and a reception follows each concert.

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OUR OPINION

Transparency in the war on Ebola

One of the more unsettling things we've seen as the Ebola story unwinds is the seeming level of confusion and uncertainty among national health officials on so many fronts.

There were at least two "breaches of protocol" in Texas, resulting in at least two infections, but officials don't know what the breaches were or how they occurred.

Meanwhile, public briefings by the Centers for Disease Control contain all manner of confusing, even misleading, information, such as early claims that the isolation ward of any U.S. hospital would be adequate to contain the spread of Ebola.

We like to think things are different here in Columbia County.

We don't have the same resources you'd find in a large metropolis such as Atlanta. But we do have faith in local officials to be smart in the face of a crisis. And we do have confidence they will be candid with us concerning just where we stand in Lake City as this national story unfolds.

We would remind them, as preparations and safeguards are put in place — just in case — that any lack of transparency can diminish that level of confidence.

We would also stress that we are counting on them to maintain that level of trust.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On this date:

In 1765, the Stamp Act Congress, meeting in New York, drew up a declaration of rights and liberties.

In 1781, British troops under Gen. Lord Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown, Va., as the American Revolution neared its end.

In 1864, Confederate Gen. Jubal A. Early attacked Union forces at Cedar Creek, Va.; the Union troops were able to rally and defeat the Confederates.

In 1936, H.R. Ekins of the New York World-Telegram beat out Dorothy Kilgallen of the New York Journal and Leo Kieran of The New York Times in a round-the-world race on commercial flights that lasted 18 1/2 days.

In 1951, President Harry S. Truman signed an act formally ending the state of war with Germany.

In 1960, the United States began a limited embargo against Cuba covering all commodities except medical supplies and certain food products.

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THE NEXT EPIDEMIC

Birthday a reminder of lessons that last a lifetime

My daughter has a birthday coming soon. As birthdays go, it's a pretty big one. At least, it was for me when I was her age a lifetime ago.

We will celebrate the day with joy and thanksgiving and a little party and a lot of cake, as if it were the only birthday in the history of the world.

Lucky for me, I won't have to do much. She's been planning her own birthday parties since she was 3. Basically, all I've ever had to do was light the candles and clean up the mess. Now she has a 3-year-old who plans his own parties, too.

And so it goes, this thing we call "life," a beautiful circle that spins like a carousel from beginning to end, then begins again, round and round.

My daughter grows more beautiful with every passing year. Inside and out. She doesn't seem to notice, but I do.

I wish you could see her.

Like her brothers and all children, really, she took the best from her parents (a lot from her dad, a little from me) and made something better, something entirely her own.

When I think of things I wish I had known at her age, I have to tell you: She already knows them. How does that happen? How do our children get to be so much smarter than we were?

Anyhow. Here are a few things I wish I had known at her age, and am still trying to learn:

1. Not everything is about you. Sometimes it's about others. Let them have their turn.



Sharon Randall
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2. Know that you are whole. You have everything you need. Look around and see who needs you.

3. Say yes to everything that will make life better and no to anything that makes it worse.

4. Clean as you go. Keep short accounts. Pay your debts on time. Don't let the sun go down on your anger or your dishes.

5. You can get grease spots out of most anything with baby powder (sprinkle it on, rub it in, brush it off with a damp cloth, repeat until the spot is gone) but nothing erases an unkind word.

6. If you have to swallow a frog, don't look at it too long before you put it in your mouth; if you have to swallow two frogs, go for the big one first; and if you have to swallow three frogs, you might want to ask yourself what you're doing in the pond.

7. Be your own best friend, not your worst enemy. Love your body. Take care of it. Change it if you must any way you see fit. But remember, it's the only one you'll get, so try to make it last.

8. Surround yourself with beauty. Flowers on the table. Birds at the window. Wind in your hair. Sand

beneath your feet. A dog by your side. A song in your heart. Food that makes you stronger. Words that feed your soul. Music that makes you want to dance. People who lift you up and make you laugh and leave you better.

9. Do the right thing for yourself and for others and the world. The wrong thing may be easier or even more fun, but in the long run, it's hard to live with.

10. Smile at everyone — old people, children and strangers. It might not do much for them, but it will make you feel better.

11. Be thankful. Think about it. It's not hard to do. Start and end each day by consciously noting five things for which you are truly and deeply grateful.

12. Make and keep at least one good, longtime friend who reads you like a book, likes you anyway, and will always have your back and your trust.

13. Be the kind of person that you want to be and give others the freedom to do the same.

14. When you look in the mirror, see someone who isn't perfect, but is surely loved, a sinner saved by grace.

15. Finally, celebrate every birthday — especially your own — as if it were the one and only birthday in the history of the world. Because it is.

Happy birthday, sweet girl. So glad you were born.

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An Ebola crisis of confidence

Even as U.S. health authorities continue to tell Americans not to worry about the Ebola virus, their assurances are being undercut by the increasingly obvious deficiencies in domestic planning. Thomas Frieden, director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, has repeatedly been forced to back away from his calming assertions that U.S. hospitals were ready for the disease and that the nation's quarantines were more effective than those in Africa and would keep any infected people at home.

Frieden has now had to acknowl-

edge that protocol breaches probably led to two Dallas hospital nurses becoming infected with Ebola. And a national nurses union is contending that from the start, the hospital personnel who cared for Liberian traveler Thomas Eric Duncan were outfitted with inadequate protective gear and told to patch up any gaps with tape.

The United States does not remotely have an Ebola crisis, but it is beginning to have a crisis of confidence in the Obama administration's handling of the matter.

President Obama made the right move early on when he offered \$1

billion worth of aid to West Africa. Substantial aid is not only a necessary humanitarian response, but the smartest way to prevent a global health problem.

Now the administration also must toughen up its response at home. That means required training for hospital staffs in recognizing and reacting to the disease, rules that ensure infected patients will be treated only in facilities equipped to handle the complicated protocols and mandatory quarantines of exposed people.

■ Los Angeles Times

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Amendments just raise taxes

To the Editor:

I have not read the constitutional amendment referenced in the Oct. 14, Page 6A article. I want to know why we have to require real estate taxes for 20 years to be tied to water and land conservation. What is the Suwannee River Water

Management District for? What do they do with their money gained from our real estate taxes already acquired?

I find most constitutional amendments could have been accomplished by law, which can be repealed or limited, rather than written in stone by a consti-

tutional amendment. I find that constitutional amendments never turn out to be what you think they mean and they always raise my taxes.

Jo Ann Moss
Lake City

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Breast Cancer Awareness events

Thursday, Oct. 23

Breast Health

Shands Lake Shore will offer a Free Breast Health Seminar to the public on Thursday, Oct. 23. The seminar will be held from noon to 1 p.m. at Holiday Inn, 213 SW Commerce Drive. Register for the seminar at 386-292-8120 or online at ShandsLakeShore.com.

Stand up to Breast Cancer

Join Lake City Medical Center on Thursday, Oct. 23 for a "Stand up to Breast Cancer" luncheon at the Women's Club of Jasper. The luncheon will begin at noon. Call 386-719-9371 to reserve your seat.

Saturday, Oct. 25

Charity Ball

The Imperial Productions will host a charity ball fundraiser at the Columbia County Fairgrounds, 438 SW SR 247, on Oct. 25. Cocktails will be served at 6 p.m. The dinner will begin at 7 p.m. And the fashion show will start at 8 p.m. The charity ball fundraiser is in support of Breast Cancer Awareness and all funds raised will be donated to the Columbia County Tough Enough to Wear Pink crisis relief fund. Tickets for the evening event cost \$100. Businesses can sponsor a bra in the fashion show for \$1,000. Each sponsorship includes 8 dinner tickets/16 drink tickets, a photo with your bra/model and your name in the event program. Call Amy Francis at The Imperial Productions at 352-316-2815.

Sunday, Oct. 26

Church Presentation

Olivet Missionary Baptist Church, 541 NW Davis Ave., will have its 6th annual Cancer Awareness Presentation on Oct. 26 during the 11 a.m. worship service. Lead pastor is Rev. Ronald V. Walters. Guest speaker will be Narragansett Smith.

EVENTS COMING UP

Scrabble Deadline

Will you have the last word? The Lake City Garden Club is hosting a "Who Will Have the Last Word?" Scrabble tournament on Thursday, Nov. 6 at its clubhouse on Lake Isabella, 257 SE Hernando St. The deadline to sign up your team is Friday, Oct. 31. Teams are made up of two people and the entry fee is \$100 per team. Doors to the Club House will open at 5 p.m. on the day of the event. Game play will begin at 6 p.m. All proceeds will go directly to the Club House renovation. The Scrabble tournament is sponsored by the Lake City Reporter.

50 Years

Summers Elementary School will celebrate 50 years of learning on October 28 from 3-5 p.m. Past faculty and staff are invited to attend the celebration at the school, 1388 Sw Mcfarlane Ave. Refreshments will be served.

Fun with Flowers — RSVP due

The Lake City Garden Club is sponsoring a Fun with Flowers workshop on Wednesday, November 12 at the Clubhouse, 257 SE Hernando Ave., from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. All supplies are furnished but please bring your own clippers. This workshop is open to the public. Tickets will be sold to win one of the instructor's designs and for a 50/50 drawing. Reservations and advanced payment is required by November 5. The cost is \$25. To make a reservation call Sharon Blanton at 386-496-0756, email her at sharblan@windstream.net or mail to 9748NW 102 Lane, Lake Butler, FL 32054.

OBITUARIES

Elroy M. Dawson

Elroy M. Dawson, 78, died Friday, October 10, 2014 at Shands Hospital in Gainesville, FL. He was born in Munsfordville, KY. Only son of the late El-don and Emma Dawson. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He served in the Marine Corp and was a business owner for over 40 years.

He is survived by his wife and best friend of 58 years, Jackie Dawson; his two daughters, Rhonda Stitzel and husband Robert; Allison Miller and husband Winfried; all of Mel-

bourne Florida. One son, Steven Dawson of Rockledge, Florida. Five grandchildren, Matthew and Brian Stitzel, Nicholas and Brandy Miller, Hailey Dawson; two great-grandchildren, Kaylin Compayre and Landon Miller all of Melbourne, Florida.

Gravesite rites will be at the Florida Memorial Gardens at a later date.

Perhaps they are not stars but rather openings in heaven where the love our dearly departed pours down through and shines upon us to let us know that they are happy and forever at peace.

Obituaries are paid advertisements. For details, call the Lake City Reporter's classified department at 752-1293.



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

New roof for a local home

Reed Roofing employees Stephen Grigsby (left) and Andy Smith work on a roof of a home on Thursday.

Oct. 19

Auxiliary Breakfast

VFW Post 2206, 343 Forest Lawn Way, will host a VFW Men's Auxiliary Breakfast fundraiser on Oct. 19. Cooked to order breakfast will be served from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. This fundraiser is open to the public. VFW Rider's Group Poker Run following breakfast. For more information please call 386-752-5001.

Wedding Reception

Please join Dale and Tammy Barrett for their 25th wedding anniversary and a reception at Wellborn Church of God, 3330 US Hwy 90, on Sunday, Oct. 19 at 3 p.m. Call Pastor Cobb at 386-623-1348 for more.

Love of Mike

Spend your Sunday afternoon laughing away at "For the Love of Mike," starring three Lake City residents. This romantic comedy centers on four characters who manage to confront various obstacles on the rocky road to romantic bliss with humor. Performances are at 2 p.m., Sundays. Tickets are available online at highspringsplayhouse.com, and at the door.

Oct. 20

Poultry Clinic

There will be a free Poultry Showmanship Clinic at the UF/IFAS Extension Office on Monday, October 20 at 6 p.m. The clinic will be conducted by Kaicie Chasteen

and the 4-H Poultry Club and will include showmanship tips, trivia and dress for each age group in preparation for the 2014 Columbia County Fair and the 2015 Sunshine State Classic Poultry Show. Please call the Extension office at 386-752-5384 to register.

NAACP

The Columbia County Branch of the NAACP will hold the following membership meetings at Richardson Community Center for the purpose of election of officers and at-large members for the 2014-15 year: October 20 at 6 p.m. a meeting listing the names of the persons nominated to fill the positions; and receipt of the Nomination by Petition. A Supervisory Committee Meeting will be elected at this meeting.

SCORE Workshop

There will be a SCORE Entrepreneur's Workshop on Oct. 20 from 6-8 p.m. at Columbia County Public Library, 3078 NW Columbia Ave. The workshop is free but an RSVP is required. Call 386-752-2000 to RSVP. The workshop is for people who are thinking about starting a business or are in business already and need expert advice.

Oct. 21

Art League

The monthly meeting of the Art League of North Florida will be held at the First Presbyterian Church

Fellowship Hall, 697 SW Baya Dr., on Tuesday October 21 at 6:30 p.m. The community is invited to attend. There will be dinner, guest speaker, and short business meeting. The speaker this month will be Christine Thompson. She is an educator, painter, potter.

4-H Open House

University of Florida/IFAS Columbia County 4-H will host a 4-H Open House on Oct. 21 from 5-8 p.m. at the UF/IFAS Extension Office, 971 West Duval St., Ste. 170. Parents and youth ages 5-18 are welcome to come see what 4-H has to offer. 4-H Clubs and leadership, work force prep, robotics and livestock projects at the county, district and state level are just a few of the current 4-H activities. For more information contact UF/IFAS Extension at 758-1168.

Oct. 22

LEC Events

The LifeStyle Enrichment Center, 628 SE Allison Ct., will host BeBop entertainment on Wednesday, Oct. 22 from 10:45-11:30 a.m.

Quilters Guild

The Lady of the Lake Quilters Guild will meet on Wednesday, October 22 at Bethel United Methodist Church, 4369 US 441 South.

Social time is at 9:30 a.m. and the business meeting will start at 10:00. Charm Strips color for October is orange fabric. October will be the last "I Spy" fabric exchange. The program for October is showing the challenge projects. Visitors are always welcome. For information call Ruth Kennedy 386-628-6407 or Marcia Kazmierski 386-752-2461.

Oct. 23

Woodcarving Class

The Gateway Art Gallery is offering a new class on woodcarving at the Gallery, 168 North Marion Ave., on October 23 and 25 from 9 a.m. to noon. The teacher is Charles Kime, professional woodcarver. Call the Gallery at 752-5229 for details and scheduling.

Military Officers

The Suwannee River Valley Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will hold its monthly dinner meeting Thursday, October 23, at the Lake City Elks' Lodge, 259 NE Hernando Street. Happy hour starts at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m., followed by the program. The dinner meeting is open to all active duty and retired military officers. For information and reservations call Steve Casto at 497-2986 or Bill French at 719-9839.

Columbia County Tobacco Free Partnership Meeting

The Columbia County Tobacco Free Partnership and the Columbia County Health Department have come together to form a partnership in order to create a tobacco free community. The partnership focuses on policies that affect our youth. We invite all community members, service workers, and school aged youth to attend the upcoming meeting to discuss tobacco-related issues in our county.

Columbia County Tobacco Free Partnership Meeting
134 SE Colburn Ave., Lake City, FL 32025

Monday, November 3, 2014
Time: 12:00pm



All partnership meetings are open to the public. For more information on how to make a difference in your community through your local Tobacco Free Partnership, please contact:

Lauren Pinchouck
Columbia County Health Department
Lauren.Pinchouck@flhealth.gov



CITY OF LAKE CITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
Lake City Firefighters Local 2288

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Lake City shall hold a public meeting at 1:00 PM on October 21, 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 Lake City Firefighters Local 2288.

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.

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PORTER

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state lawmaker — and as vice-chair of the House Subcommittee on Economic Development and Tourism — would make her all the more qualified to lead the tourism department here at home, in her view. Rather than cut into her work as TDC chief, her time in Tallahassee would open the door to local opportunity.

“I see it as a benefit to both positions because I’d be more informed as a member of the committee and I would be able to use that knowledge and my network to benefit Columbia County,” she said. “It just seems like it’s an anomaly to think that it wouldn’t be beneficial to the area.”

Nonetheless, Porter, a Lake City Republican, agreed in principle to resign her House seat, provided the offer of TDC chief was made in plenty of time to replace her on the November ballot. A county official told her she was the number two choice behind Gary Pearce of Volusia County, a fact reflected in the minutes of the Sept. 17 TDC meeting. If the county did not accede to Pearce’s salary demands — he wanted \$15,000 above the advertised figure of \$65,000, with assurances he would soon be in six-figure territory — she “would hear from them,” she said she was told.

The county didn’t budge on Pearce’s salary, but instead of offering the job to Porter, skipped over her to the next candidate on the list, Paula Vann. Vann was offered the job Friday and has until Monday to make up her mind.

No regrets

Porter says she isn’t angry that she wasn’t offered the job and is happy to retain her seat in the House.

“I think their choice for TDC

director, Paula, will do just a fine job,” she said. “I spoke to her (Thursday) and offered her congratulations on the vote and told her that we would be just happy as can be to assist her with any projects she wanted to work on, on behalf of the county.”

But Porter does reject the premise that she couldn’t do both jobs, and do them well.

Beyond any potential synergy between the two positions, Porter says it’s hardly uncommon for state lawmakers to have full-time jobs in the private sector.

“Unless the legislator is retired, then they all have full-time jobs,” she said. “Whether it’s attorneys or chamber directors or physicians, they have full-time jobs and practices.”

Still, such an arrangement would be in violation of county policy, according to County Manager Dale Williams, who made the final selection for the job.

“There really is no provision to allow her to take a leave of absence during the (legislative) session,” Williams said Friday.

“She definitely felt — and I understand why — that it would’ve been an asset to leave her in that position,” he said. “But at the end of the day, under current policy, she would have been asked to resign (her House seat).”

Williams said he saw “no support” among county commissioners for amending county policy to allow Porter to attend the 60-day legislative session each spring if employed as TDC chief.

Political questions

Williams said there were other concerns with offering the job to Porter as well. He received calls from concerned Porter constituents about who would replace her in the House, he said.

Once qualifying for the Nov. 4 general election ended on June

20, the Republican Executive Committee for each county in District 10 would have had to caucus to find a replacement candidate for Porter had she dropped out of the race. Williams said he and some commissioners got calls from constituents worried the choice for state representative was being taken out of voters’ hands.

Porter said that’s why she emphasized to county officials the need to act quickly in deciding on a successor to former TDC director Harvey Campbell, who announced his retirement in February.

All she asked was “plenty of time to notify the House leadership and the party so that they could find a good, quality replacement for me for the election,” she said.

However, repeated delays in the search made that virtually impossible.

Eventually, the timeline for finding and installing a new Republican candidate became impractical at best. The last day for the RECs to install a replacement candidate would be Wednesday, Oct. 22, she said. After that, a special election would have to be called to fill the seat.

“As the date kept getting closer and closer to the election, I reminded them that I had to know by a particular time what their decision was going to be,” Porter said. “I never did hear any kind of a decision and they kept pushing the date back and so I let it be known that I was not going to take the position if it meant that it would throw this district into a special election. Number one, it’s just the wrong thing to do. It’s wrong for the district, it’s wrong for the constituents. I wouldn’t do it and it could very well cause this district to be without representation throughout the session. So I let it be known

that I was not going to do that around three to four weeks ago ... My comment was that if they were going to offer it to me, that it was too late to offer it with the condition that I not run again for the House seat.”

Williams agreed the search could have gone faster, but said filling the vacant economic development director and assistant county manager posts were top priorities at the time.

Still, “had the county acted more quickly, you wouldn’t have ended up with that problem,” he said.

Porter said it’s for the best anyway.

“There’s a reason that everything happens, and maybe the good Lord has other plans for me,” she said. “I’m not going to let it change what I do. I’m going to continue to represent District 10 to the best of my ability. In fact, we’ve never slowed down.”

Possible conflicts

Williams said there were issues with Porter taking the TDC post even had she quit her seat in the House.

Before applying for TDC director, Porter put in for the economic development director post later filled by Glenn Hunter.

In response to concerns over a possible conflict of interest, Porter sought a legal opinion from Daniel E. Nordby, general counsel to the state House of Representatives.

In a March 28 memo, Nordby wrote that no conflict existed, with one possible exception.

Had she resigned from the House, a statutory provision barring former legislators from lobbying either the legislative or executive branch for two years would have been triggered, Nordby said.

“This prohibition would have been personal to you — it would not affect the ability of other

employees or contract lobbyists of the county to lobby the Legislature or executive branch agencies, not would it prohibit you from working with any lobbyist retained to represent the county’s interests...,” he wrote Porter.

Columbia County conflict attorney Joel Foreman, asked by Williams to review Nordby’s response, said in an April 3 memo that he spoke with former county Economic Development Director Jesse Quillen, who told him a large part of his job was frequent face-to-face meetings with state officials. Foreman wrote that if Porter were hired, the county would have to hire additional staff members to act as intermediaries on her behalf.

Williams wondered Friday if any of the same restrictions Foreman cited in his memo on Porter’s possible role as econ chief applied to her becoming TDC director. At least one county commissioner, speaking off the record, said he believed the same legal reasoning applied to the TDC post as to economic development director.

However, Foreman said Friday he was never asked about Porter’s possible role as TDC director, only as econ chief. Porter applied for the TDC post June 2.

“I was never approached about that,” Foreman said.

Porter said she didn’t see the possible connection between the two jobs.

“I’ve never seen any lobbying from a tourism director from Columbia County or any county,” she said.

Still, Williams called the issue “a huge distraction” that could have hampered Porter’s ability to do her job had she been selected.

“Is it fair to her? Probably not,” Williams said. “Is it reality? Most definitely.”

Staff writer Emily Buchanan contributed to this report.

MAZE

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to have a corn maze for the high school FFA,” she said. “I talked to the right people this year and they helped us out tremendously by providing and planting the sorghum and allowing us to do this.”

Phyllis Hanechak brought two children to the inaugural fall festival.

“I wanted to bring them out because it’s something new the school’s doing and they wanted to come to the corn maze,” she said, noting the children planned to get their faces painted, tour the corn maze and get a hay ride. “It’s good to have the fall festival, it’s something that the kids can do and enjoy.”

Starnes said the fall festival concept grew from her original thoughts of a corn maze, and they have plans to have an expanded version next year. She said at least seven CHS clubs



Photos by TONY BRITT/Lake City Reporter
Marcyayla Austin (left) paints Caitlin Hanechak’s face during CHS fall festival activities.



Devon McDonald (from left) and Crystal McDonald holding Jordan McDonald, are shown to the corn maze entrance by CHS student Kayla Salerno.

participated in this year’s inaugural event. The event will continue next Friday and Saturday.

GEORGE

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However, the burden of proof is on the defense to show the killing of Mickler was a justified use of deadly force.

George has had four attorneys, Lewis Buzzell III, Teresa Sopp, Kuritz and Kent, who have filed motions in the pretrial conferences.

George is charged with second-degree murder, tampering with evidence and acting as an accessory to a felony in connection with Mickler’s death.

On June 30, 2012, George allegedly shot her former boyfriend, Mickler, in her home and cleaned the crime scene, reportedly attempting to place Mickler’s body in what police called a “Christmas tree bag” before calling authorities to report she had shot and killed him.

Mickler, 27 at the time of his death, was a convicted felon and wanted by author-

7 other trials Monday

From staff reports

The Lavell George murder trial has been delayed, but that doesn’t mean those called for jury duty Monday can stay home. Seven other trials are scheduled to take place in the county courthouse this week.

Jury selection is set to begin Monday in the following cases:

- Kenneth Ronald Hendon, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, trespass;
- Rohan Anthony Gray, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, sexual battery by a person in familial or custodial authority, lewd or lascivious molestation of a child;
- Oleksandr Detistov, trafficking of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of 20 grams or less of cannabis;
- Willie E. Watts, aggravated battery on a law enforcement officer/great bodily harm (two counts);
- Ezrah Morrison, trafficking in a controlled substance, obtaining commercial transportation with the intent to commit a felony.

ities on drug charges.

George, who is free on bond awaiting trial, claimed that Mickler was abusive to her.

During a pretrial motion conference Thursday morning, both the pros-

ecution and the defense

requested that the evidentiary hearing on the Stand Your Ground take place Thursday and Friday. The motion was granted by Third Circuit Judge Wesley R. Douglas.

VANN

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available. Gary Pearce, who was offered the job in September, turned it down because he wanted a salary higher than \$65,000.

County staff and TDC board members picked the top four candidates for the job from an applicant pool of roughly 30.

Williams alone has final say in filling the position, but he took the TDC’s and county commission’s opinions into consideration before offering Vann the job. Both the TDC and BOCC voted to recommend her for the position.

Vann, who currently works as a recruitment specialist at Partnership for Strong Families in Gainesville, was picked over two other finalists, Elizabeth Porter of Lake City and Arthur McIntyre of Lehigh Acres.

SRWMD grants available to local high schools

Applications are due October 31; all area schools encouraged to apply.

From staff reports

The Suwannee River Water Management District is currently accepting applications for its High School Grant Program.

Funding of up to \$2,000 is available per high school for implementing water resource projects.

Project categories include Water Conservation, Water Quality Improvement, Efficient Irrigation Management, and Technology to Improve Water Supply. The District’s Governing Board has designated \$20,000 to assist STEM (Science Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), agricultural, and other high school classes to fund the projects.

All high schools within the district’s 15-county boundary are encouraged to apply.

Grant applications are due October 31. For more information, email cro@srwmd.org or visit www.mysuwanneeriver.com/highschoolgrants.

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ALLIGATOR WARRIOR FEST 2014



Photos by TONY BRITT/Lake City Reporter

Daniel Arrington (from left), a flute maker, plays a Native American style flute for Tom Sanders as Will and Doris Corbitt listen during Saturday's Alligator Warrior Fest in O'Leno State Park.

Celebrating those who came before us

By TONY BRITT
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People dressed in period costume and Native American regalia were a common sight at O'Leno State Park this weekend where the annual Alligator Warrior Fest is taking place.

An event to celebrate the days of Lake City when it was known as Alligator, the Alligator Warrior Fest, was moved to O'Leno years ago when a Seminole War skirmish re-enactment was added to the event. Another skirmish re-enactment will take place at 2 p.m. today.

Doug Vasco, Chief of the Rose Creek Band of Muscogee (Creek) descendants of Lake City, has been a participant in the event for several years and noted the event has been held for more than 13 years at different locations in Columbia County.

He said the event was founded by local residents and the late Dolly Barraca and served as a founder's day celebration.

"She said, 'who else would be better founders than the original natives that were here,'" Vasco said. "Alligator was a growing, thriving community. Alligator Warrior Fest is to remind people of our rich heritage



Vic Vasco (from right), Doug Vasco, Kaden Jones, James Grable and Jimmy Brownbear dress in Native American regalia for the Alligator Warrior Fest.



Jerry Strong Heart (clockwise from left), storyteller and stone medicine healer, shows stones to Allyson Dees, Amy Muller and Allyson Muller.

that Columbia County had before they split the county."

He said the festival highlights the fact that the natives were here and the event features settlers, soldier camps and mili-

tia camps and there were more than 200 participants at this year's event, including vendors.

"The festival just shows people what it was like here," he said. "The festival

celebrates that time and we celebrate in a way we recognize there was Indians and militia here who actually fought in San Felasco Hammock."

"This is part of our tradition, so we try to keep it alive," said Vic Vasco, Doug's father, who was an original event organizer. "We were here first. We're actually American natives so we were here before the Europeans ever thought about coming here."

Julia Martnishn and her eight-year-old daughter, Veronica Putnel, stopped at several of the exhibitor tables as they made their way around the park.



Melinda Moses, Lake City council member, presents Doug Vasco, a Muscogee descendant chief, with a proclamation declaring that for the week of Oct. 19 Lake City be called Alligator. Alligator was a Native American settlement that later became Lake City.

"I'm having good time at the festival," she said, noting her husband was smoking meat at the event. "It's my first time here and it's definitely very interesting." Putnel said she was enjoying herself at the event.

"I'm having fun because we're walking around having fun looking at stuff," she said.

Tom Sanders, of Newberry, was also a first time visitor, who said he

was enjoying himself.

"It's a new and interesting experience," he said. Sanders, who is a re-enactor, said he was invited to participate with the militia group at the event.

"I'm really enjoying it," he said. "It's a nice pace from the Civil War (re-enactments). At Civil War events they don't have the handy crafts like they have here and it's a lot more relaxed here. I plan on coming back next year."

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<p>NO. 1 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE X, SECTION 28</p> <p>Water and Land Conservation - Dedicates funds to acquire and restore Florida conservation and recreation lands</p> <p>Funds the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to acquire, restore, improve, and manage conservation lands including wetlands and forests; fish and wildlife habitat; lands protecting water resources and drinking water sources, including the Everglades, and the water quality of rivers, lakes, and streams; beaches and shores; outdoor recreational lands; working farms and ranches; and historic or geologic sites, by dedicating 33 percent of net revenues from the existing excise tax on documents for 20 years.</p> <p>This amendment does not increase or decrease state revenues. The state revenue restricted to the purposes specified in the amendment is estimated to be \$648 million in Fiscal Year 2015-16 and grows to \$1,268 million by the twentieth year. Whether this results in any additional state expenditures depends upon future legislative actions and cannot be determined. Similarly, the impact on local government revenues, if any, cannot be determined. No additional local government costs are expected.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>	<p>NO. 2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE X, SECTION 29</p> <p>Use of Marijuana for Certain Medical Conditions</p> <p>Allows the medical use of marijuana for individuals with debilitating diseases as determined by a licensed Florida physician. Allows caregivers to assist patients' medical use of marijuana. The Department of Health shall register and regulate centers that produce and distribute marijuana for medical purposes and shall issue identification cards to patients and caregivers. Applies only to Florida law. Does not authorize violations of federal law or any non-medical use, possession or production of marijuana.</p> <p>Increased costs from this amendment to state and local governments cannot be determined. There will be additional regulatory and enforcement activities associated with the production and sale of medical marijuana. Fees will offset at least a portion of the regulatory costs. While sales tax may apply to purchases, charges in revenue cannot reasonably be determined since the extent to which medical marijuana will be exempt from taxation is unclear without legislative or state administrative action.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>	<p>NO. 3 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE V, SECTIONS 10, 11</p> <p>Prospective Appointment of Certain Judicial Vacancies</p> <p>Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution requiring the Governor to prospectively fill vacancies in a judicial office to which election for retention applies resulting from the justice's or judge's reaching the mandatory retirement age or failure to qualify for a retention election; and allowing prospective appointments if a justice or judge is not retained at an election. Currently, the Governor may not fill an expected vacancy until the current justice's or judge's term expires.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>
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Constitutional Amendment by Citizens' Initiative Financial Impact Statements
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 Office of Economic and Demographic Research: <http://edr.state.fl.us/Content/constitutional-amendments/index.cfm>

THE WEATHER

19 SUN Mostly sunny HI 79 LO 56	20 MON Partly cloudy HI 81 LO 56	21 TUE Sunny Light wind HI 81 LO 56	22 WED Partly cloudy HI 79 LO 52	23 THU Mostly sunny HI 77 LO 52
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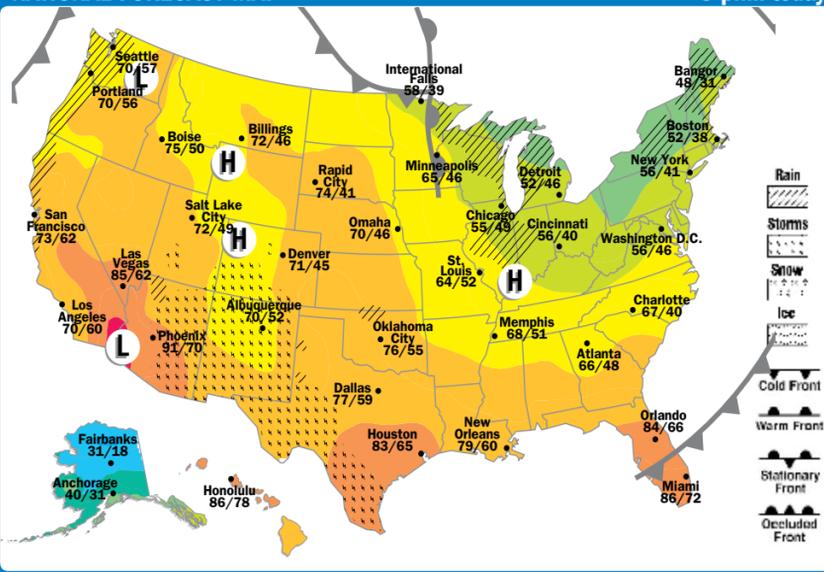
REGIONAL FORECAST MAP for Sunday, Oct. 19

Sunday's highs / Sunday night's low

City	Monday	Tuesday
Cape Canaveral	84/67/pc	83/67/r
Daytona Beach	84/64/pc	83/66/pc
Fort Myers	87/71/pc	85/72/r
Ft. Lauderdale	87/74/pc	85/74/r
Gainesville	82/60/pc	84/63/pc
Jacksonville	81/60/pc	84/61/pc
Key West	84/77/pc	85/75/ts
Lake City	82/60/pc	84/63/pc
Miami	87/75/pc	85/73/r
Naples	87/71/pc	85/71/ts
Ocala	83/62/pc	85/63/pc
Orlando	87/67/pc	85/68/pc
Panama City	80/63/pc	83/61/s
Pensacola	77/58/pc	83/58/s
Tallahassee	82/55/pc	86/61/s
Tampa	85/68/pc	84/68/r
Valdosta	80/55/pc	83/57/pc
W. Palm Beach	84/75/pc	83/74/r

NATIONAL FORECAST MAP

3 p.m. today

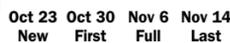


YESTERDAY'S NATIONAL EXTREMES High: 93°, Zapata, TX Low: 19°, Truckee-Tahoe, CA

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TEMPERATURES	SUN
High Saturday	82 Sunrise today 7:35 a.m.
Low Saturday	51 Sunset today 6:55 p.m.
Normal high	81 Sunrise tom. 7:35 a.m.
Normal low	60 Sunset tom. 6:54 p.m.
Record high	93 in 1981
Record low	38 in 1977

PRECIPITATION	MOON
Saturday	0.00"
Month total	0.57"
Year total	44.91"
Normal month-to-date	1.96"
Normal year-to-date	41.95"



UV INDEX

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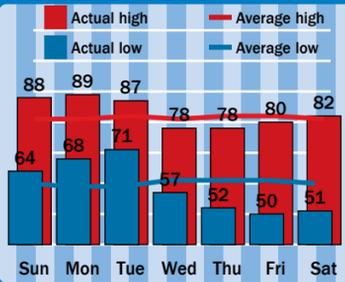
CITY	Saturday	Today	CITY	Saturday	Today	CITY	Saturday	Today
Albany	61/57/.05	48/31/sh	Des Moines	59/41/.00	65/47/pc	Oklahoma City	74/55/.00	76/55/pc
Albuquerque	73/55/.00	70/52/pc	Detroit	50/44/.09	52/44/pc	Omaha	56/38/.00	70/46/pc
Anchorage	42/33/.00	41/33/pc	El Paso	78/62/.10	79/58/ts	Orlando	83/58/.00	84/65/pc
Atlanta	76/59/.00	66/48/s	Fairbanks	36/24/.00	31/18/sn	Philadelphia	72/58/.00	56/41/pc
Baltimore	72/52/.00	57/37/pc	Greensboro	71/51/.00	65/41/s	Phoenix	90/68/.00	91/70/pc
Billings	74/37/.00	72/46/s	Hartford	69/57/.10	52/32/sh	Pittsburgh	61/48.05	49/38/pc
Birmingham	75/56/.00	71/47/s	Honolulu	84/78/.05	86/78/ts	Portland ME	70/55/.00	53/32/r
Bismarck	58/36/.00	69/37/s	Houston	86/63/.00	83/65/pc	Portland OR	69/57.01	70/56/pc
Boise	54/42/.00	75/50/s	Indianapolis	54/47/.07	56/44/pc	Raleigh	75/53/.00	67/38/s
Boston	71/57/.00	52/38/sh	Jackson MS	80/57/.00	74/45/s	Rapid City	57/34/.00	74/41/s
Buffalo	58/48.14	48/39/pc	Jacksonville	84/54/.00	76/59/pc	Reno	70/42.00	75/45/pc
Charleston SC	85/61.00	74/49/s	Kansas City	63/40/.00	68/51/pc	Sacramento	79/55.00	79/57/pc
Charleston WV	64/52/.00	55/36/pc	Las Vegas	82/69/.00	87/63/pc	Salt Lake City	71/46/.00	72/49/pc
Charlotte	76/53/.00	67/40/s	Little Rock	75/56/.00	71/48/pc	San Antonio	89/69.00	86/65/pc
Cheyenne	66/31.00	68/40/pc	Los Angeles	78/61.00	77/61/pc	San Diego	73/66.00	74/67/pc
Chicago	50/45.01	55/49/pc	Memphis	71/55.00	68/51/pc	San Francisco	78/64.00	73/62/cd
Cincinnati	57/50.01	57/42/pc	Miami	86/67.00	86/72/s	Seattle	64/57.59	70/57/pc
Cleveland	54/46.18	51/44/pc	Minneapolis	54/41.00	65/46/pc	Spokane	64/48.01	71/48/pc
Columbia SC	64/43.00	67/50/pc	Mobile	83/57.00	77/50/pc	St. Louis	65/48.00	64/52/pc
Dallas	80/64.00	77/59/pc	New Orleans	84/64.00	79/60/pc	Tampa	81/62.00	84/64/pc
Daytona Beach	83/57.00	82/66/pc	New York	72/60.00	56/40/pc	Tucson	90/60.00	86/61/pc
Denver	70/40.00	71/45/pc	Oakland	75/55.00	70/58/cd	Washington	74/57.00	56/46/pc

INTERNATIONAL

CITY	Saturday	Today	CITY	Saturday	Today	CITY	Saturday	Today
Acapulco	82/77/2.50	80/75/ts	La Paz	62/30.00	62/37/pc	Rio	86/71.00	91/71/pc
Amsterdam	71/55.00	69/57/pc	Lima	69/62.00	69/60/cd	Rome	80/59.00	80/60/pc
Athens	84/69.00	84/64/s	London	66/60.00	66/59/r	San Juan PR	89/79.00	88/78/s
Auckland	64/57.00	64/55/r	Madrid	80/51.00	78/59/s	Santiago	89/69.00	89/69/ts
Beijing	75/44.00	71/53/s	Mexico City	68/59.00	68/57/ts	Seoul	73/48.00	77/55/cd
Berlin	62/48.00	62/51/pc	Montreal	60/51.00	60/41/ts	Singapore	89/80.00	89/78/ts
Buenos Aires	75/68.00	75/60/pc	Moscow	28/24.00	30/17/sn	St. Thomas VI	86/75.02	88/77/pc
Cairo	87/35.00	89/71/pc	Nairobi	78/60.00	82/59/pc	Sydney	69/55.00	78/60/s
Geneva	68/50.00	71/55/s	Nassau	84/71.00	84/73/pc	Tel Aviv	82/68.00	82/69/pc
Havana	84/60.00	84/64/s	New Delhi	87/64.00	89/66/s	Tokyo	68/57.00	71/59/s
Helsinki	37/19.00	37/30/s	Oslo	55/51.00	57/57/r	Toronto	55/48.00	51/33/r
Hong Kong	86/75.00	84/75/s	Panama	87/73.00	86/73/ts	Vienna	64/50.00	66/50/s
Kingston	89/80.00	89/78/ts	Paris	75/55.00	75/57/s	Warsaw	51/44.00	55/39/pc

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

WEATHER BY-THE-DAY



WEATHER HISTORY

A record-breaking snowstorm hit the central portion of the country on this date in 1989. Over 9 inches of snow fell on Indianapolis, and nearly 9 inches fell at South Bend, which was a record for the entire month. Many trees downed power lines, leaving half of Cincinnati, Ohio without electricity. Twenty cities reported record low temperatures.

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Section B

GAMES

Monday

■ Columbia High volleyball vs. Oakleaf High in District 3-6A tournament in Middleburg, 7 p.m.

■ Columbia High girls soccer vs. Orange Park in preseason game at Patton Park in Jacksonville, 7:20 p.m.

Wednesday

■ Columbia High girls soccer vs. Nease in preseason game at Patton Park in Jacksonville, 7:20 p.m.

Thursday

■ Columbia High football at Robert E. Lee High, 7 p.m.

Friday

■ Fort White High football at Suwannee High, 7:30 p.m.

BRIEFS

FOOTBALL

All-Star games on Nov. 15

RCC/AMN will sponsor two youth league all-star football games on Nov. 15 at Memorial Stadium. The game will feature two divisions: (6,7, and 8 year olds max weight 80 lbs) and (9,10, and 11 year olds, max weight 100 lbs). Teams will consist of players from the CYFA and RCC/AMN football programs. Game times are 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Admission is \$5.00 and includes both games. All proceeds from the game will benefit the RCC/AMN youth sports and special events programs.

For additional information contact, Mario Coppock at 754-7095.

GOLF

North Florida Championship

The North Florida Team Championship will take place on Saturday-Sunday at Suwannee Country Club and Quail Heights Country Club.

The tournament will be a two-man best ball with the first round taking place at Suwannee Country Club with the choice of an 8 a.m. or 1 p.m. shotgun stater. The second round takes place at Quail Heights Country Club with an 8:30 a.m. start on Sunday.

Entry fee is \$75 for members and \$95 for others. There will be a 44-team limit flighted with net and gross winners.

For more information, call (386) 752-3339 for Quail Heights Country Club or (386) 362-1147 for Suwannee Country Club.

■ From staff reports

'Noles escape

Stop Irish at goal line for 31-27 win.

By BRANDON FINLEY
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TALLAHASSEE — It was the second time that Florida State and Notre Dame met with both teams ranked in the top 5.

On Nov. 13, 1993, it was billed as the "Game of the Century." In a new century, the two teams did their best to live up to that billing and the Seminoles did just that in a 31-27 win over the Irish. Jameis Winston missed only one pass in the second half to rally Florida State from a 17-10 halftime deficit for the win.

The first half saw the Irish outplay Florida State from the line of scrimmage, and last year's Heisman winner outplayed by Everett Golson.

Golson made big plays with both his arm and legs to help the Irish out to a 17-10 halftime lead while Notre Dame controlled every aspect of the game. Most importantly, the Irish were able to keep Winston and the Florida State offense from finding rhythm as they remained on the sideline for all but 10:39 of the first half.

Golson, on the other hand, completed 15-of-26 passes for 139 yards and two scores in the first half. He also rushed for 35 yards.

But it was his arm connecting with Corey Robinson that made the most impact. Robinson capped a 12-play, 84-yard drive with a touchdown reception from Golson with 2:10 remaining in the first quarter for the game's initial score. It was the longest scoring drive



PAUL BUCHANAN/Special to the Reporter

Florida State University running back Karlos Williams carries the ball against Notre Dame Saturday.

the Seminoles have given up this season.

Florida State matched with a four-play, 65-yard drive where

Winston hit Travis Rudolph for an 11-yard score. It was the 20th consecutive game with a touchdown pass for Winston, every game of

his career.

Golson hit Robinson for a sec-

SEMINOLES continued on 2B



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Florida's Brian Poole (24) and Quincy Wilson (12) take down a Missouri runner.

Gators endure brutal beating by Missouri

By MEGAN REEVES
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GAINESVILLE — It was a struggle in The Swamp Saturday night as the Florida Gators took on the Missouri Tigers for homecoming.

Florida not only walked away with a devastating loss at home, but also suffered consecutive homecoming losses for the first time since 1946-47.

Last homecoming, the Gators took on Vanderbilt and lost 34-17. This year, Florida allowed the Tigers every return in the book, losing 42-13.

"When you turn it over six times, you can't win a football game," Gators Head Coach Will Muschamp said in an post-game press conference. "It wasn't from a lack of

GATORS continued on 2B

Madison County knocks off Indians

Fort White can still make playoffs despite defeat.

By SHAYNE MORGAN
 Special to the Reporter

MADISON — The top two teams in District 2-4A squared off for the top spot and a playoff birth would go to the winner as Fort White (4-2, 1-1) traveled to play the Cowboys of Madison County (6-2, 2-0) at Boot Hill on Friday night.

In the end, it was the Cowboys that came away with a 25-14 win.

Madison County took possession of the ball on the opening kickoff after the Indians deferred their option to the second half. After quarterback Akevious Williams was sacked on the opening play of the drive, Williams reeled off a 23-yard run to the Fort White 45 yard line. Williams then threw a 45-yard pass to Javon Redding and with only one 1:04 elapsed in the first quarter the Cowboys had gone up 6-0 after the point after was blocked.

The Cowboy defense



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Fort White High's Cameron White tries to elude Madison County's defense on Friday.

held the Indians to a three-and-out on Fort White's first offensive series and forced a punt. It did not take long for Williams to hook up with Deandre Burton on a 35-yard pass play for a touchdown. The Indians trailed 12-0 with 8:33 to play in the first quarter after a failed two-point conversion.

Madison County's

offense was kept off the field for the majority of the second quarter as the Indians only allowed one first down (via a personal foul penalty).

The Indians also scored their first touchdown of the night in the second quarter. Fort White tight end

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ESPN — NASCAR, Sprint Cup, Geico 500, at Talladega, Ala.

CANADIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

ESPN2 — Edmonton at Saskatchewan

GOLF

7:30 a.m.
TGC — European PGA Tour, Volvo World Match Play Championship, final match, at Ash, England

11:30 a.m.

TGC — European PGA Tour, Hong Kong Open, final round (same-day tape)

2:30 p.m.

TGC — Champions Tour, Greater Hickory Classic, final round, at Conover, N.C.

5 p.m.

TGC — PGA Tour, Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, final round, at Las Vegas

NFL

1 p.m.

CBS — Regional coverage

FOX — Regional coverage, double-header

4 p.m.

CBS — Regional coverage

4:25 p.m.

FOX — Regional coverage, double-header game

8:20 p.m.

NBC — San Francisco at Denver

SOCCER

8:25 a.m.

NBCSN — Premier League, Liverpool at Queens Park Rangers

10:55 a.m.

NBCSN — Premier League, Swansea City at Stoke City

8 p.m.

ESPN2 — MLS, Seattle at Los Angeles

NFL FOOTBALL

8:15 p.m.

ESPN — Houston at Pittsburgh

SOCCER

2:55 p.m.

NBCSN — Premier League, Manchester United at West Bromwich

7:30 p.m.

FSI — Women's national teams, CONCACAF Championship/qualifier for World Cup, group stage, Haiti vs. United States, at Washington

FOOTBALL

NFL standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	5	2	0	0.714	187	154
Buffalo	3	3	0	0.500	118	126
Miami	2	3	0	0.400	120	124
N.Y. Jets	1	6	0	0.143	121	185

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	4	2	0	0.667	189	136
Houston	3	3	0	0.500	132	120
Tennessee	2	4	0	0.333	104	153
Jacksonville	0	6	0	0.000	81	185

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cincinnati	3	1	1	0.700	134	113
Baltimore	4	2	0	0.667	164	97
Cleveland	3	2	0	0.600	134	115
Pittsburgh	3	3	0	0.500	124	139

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Diego	5	1	0	0.833	164	91
Denver	4	1	0	0.800	147	104
Kansas City	2	3	0	0.400	119	101
Oakland	0	5	0	0.000	79	134

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	5	1	0	0.833	183	132
Dallas	5	1	0	0.833	165	126
N.Y. Giants	3	3	0	0.500	133	138
Washington	1	5	0	0.167	132	166

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Carolina	3	2	1	0.583	141	157
New Orleans	2	3	0	0.400	132	141
Atlanta	2	4	0	0.333	164	170
Tampa Bay	1	5	0	0.167	120	204

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Detroit	4	2	0	0.667	116	82
Green Bay	4	2	0	0.667	161	130
Chicago	3	3	0	0.500	143	144

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	2	4	0	0.333	104	143

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	4	1	0	0.800	116	106
Seattle	3	2	0	0.600	133	113
San Francisco	3	2	0	0.600	110	106
St. Louis	1	3	0	0.250	84	119

Thursday's Game

New England 27, N.Y. Jets 25

Today

Seattle at St. Louis, 1 p.m.

Miami at Chicago, 1 p.m.

Carolina at Green Bay, 1 p.m.

Atlanta at Baltimore, 1 p.m.

Tennessee at Washington, 1 p.m.

Cleveland at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.

Cincinnati at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.

Minnesota at Buffalo, 1 p.m.

New Orleans at Detroit, 1 p.m.

Kansas City at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.

Arizona at Oakland, 4:25 p.m.

N.Y. Giants at Dallas, 4:25 p.m.

San Francisco at Denver, 8:30 p.m.

Open: Philadelphia, Tampa Bay

Monday's Game

Houston at Pittsburgh, 8:30 p.m.

Thursday

San Diego at Denver, 8:25 p.m.

BASEBALL

Playoff schedule

WORLD SERIES (Best-of-7)

All games televised by Fox

Tuesday: San Francisco (Bumgarner 18-11) at Kansas City (Shields 14-8), 8:07 p.m.

Wednesday: San Francisco at Kansas City, 8:07 p.m.

Friday: Kansas City at San Francisco, 8:07 p.m.

Saturday: Kansas City at San Francisco, 8:07 p.m.

x-Sunday: Kansas City at San Francisco, 8:07 p.m.

x-Tuesday, Oct. 28: San Francisco at Kansas City, 8:07 p.m.

x-Wednesday, Oct. 29: San Francisco at Kansas City, 8:07 p.m.

SEMINOLES

Continued From 1B

ond time from nine yards was away for a 14-7 lead just two plays after Winston was intercepted by Joe Schmidt.

The remainder of the first half saw sustained drives from both teams end in field goals to leave the Irish up 17-10 at the half. Florida State's Roberto Aguayo hit a 28-yard field goal to finish off a 10-play, 39-yard drive that ate 3:41 of the clock and Notre Dame answered with a drive extending 14 plays in 4:01 for 67 yards and a 34-yard field goal from Kyle Brindza with 39 seconds remaining in the first half.

In the third quarter, both teams found offensive rhythm as 21 combined points were scored to send the game into the final quarter tied at 24-24. Golson was 7-of-9 in the quarter, while Winston went 10-of-10 for 117 yards and a touchdown pass.

Florida State set the tone of the second half with a game-tying drive to start the third quarter. Winston was the catalyst as he connected on all seven of his passes including a 10-yard touchdown to Rashad Greene.

Golson answered with an 83-yard drive in which he completed all five of his passes and ended the series with an 11-yard connection to Will Fuller for the 24-17 lead.

But it was Winston's quarter to shine, and he showed why he is the reigning Heisman Trophy winner. He marched the Seminoles back 75 yards for the score on a drive that included two passes of more than 29 yards from Winston. Karlos Williams then punched it in the end zone from two-yards out with just over three minutes remaining in the third quarter.

Notre Dame regained the lead on a 46-yard field goal from Kyle Brindza to finish off a 10-play drive that began the fourth quarter. The Irish led 27-24 with 11:40 remaining in the fourth quarter.

Winston continued his sensational half and gave the Seminoles their first lead at 7:39 remaining in



Wide receiver Travis Rudolph carries the ball into the end zone.



Quarterback Jameis Winston eyes his receiver downfield.

the game after Williams punched in the score for a 31-27 lead. Winston was 5-of-6 on the drive, which included a pass falling back across his body to Greene for 15 yards to set up the Seminoles' score. Brindza pinned a 32-yard punt to the Florida State seven-yard line with 5:22 to go in the game, but two cooks from Dalvin Cook went backwards setting up a third-and-12. The Seminoles chose to run it a third-straight time on third down and Cook managed to run it out to the 10-yard line.

Notre Dame's final chance came at the 49-yard line with 2:53 remaining in the contest. With fourth-and-18 from their own 43-yard line, Robinson came up with his biggest

catch of the game picking up 20 yards on a pass from Golson.

Golson rushed to the eight-yard line with a 12-yard scramble to give the Irish a first-and-goal with 45 seconds remaining in the game. Notre Dame faced a fourth-and-goal from the two-yard line with 17 seconds to go and Robinson caught his third touchdown of the game from two yards away, but an offensive pass interference call negated the touchdown.

The Irish were forced to the 18-yard line on their second fourth-down attempt, but this time luck was on the Seminoles side as the pass was intercepted in the back of the end zone by Jacob Pugh.



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Florida head coach Will Muschamp walks off the field after the 42-13 loss to Missouri during their homecoming game on Saturday.

GATORS

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effort, it wasn't from a lack of trying, it was a lack of ball security."

It's hard to say the game's opening play didn't foreshadow the trend of the game. Gators kicker Austin Hardin offered a 61-yard kickoff to the Tigers, which Marcus Murphy returned 96 yards for a touchdown just 11 seconds into the contest, giving the Tigers a 7-0 lead.

After a handful of sacks and fumbles by Jeff Driskel, who started at quarterback for Florida, and echoes of boos coming from fans, Muschamp responded by putting Treon Harris in at quarterback at 7:39 of the first quarter.

Just like Driskel, Harris was met with overwhelming force by Missouri, suffering a fumble that was recovered by Missouri linebacker Michael Scherer and led to yet another Tiger touchdown by Murphy. After another PAT by Andrew Baggett, the Tigers led 14-0.

The Gators gave up another six points in the second quarter by allowing two field goals by Baggett. At the beginning of the third quarter, Murphy had an 82-yard punt return for a touchdown with a two point conversion by Bud Sasser to make it 28-0.

It wasn't until after two more touchdowns and two more extra point kicks by the Tigers that The Swamp finally filled with fireworks and cheers, signaling a Gators touchdown by Tevin Westbrook from a pass by Harris.

The Gators scored again in the fourth quarter to make the final score to 42-13.

In response to Florida giving up 14 points to the Missouri special teams, Muschamp said he knows that this falls on his shoulders and his alone.

Muschamp said the team

will meet Sunday at 3 p.m. to discuss this week's game and how to prepare for the future. We need to restore not just Jeff, but our entire offense, he said.

When told that alumni fans were chanting "Fire Muschamp" after the half, he said he isn't worried about that.

"I'm really worried about this team right now," he said. "I'm not going to get worried about something I have no control over. I'm going to focus on what I do have control over, and that is this team."

JUMBLE

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

ATULF

TINNH

GITHEW

MDAISY

Ans. 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.

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: TRUNK DRESS SHAKEN BECOME
Answer: To paint the swimmers, the artist used — BRUSH STROKES

- ACROSS**
- 1 Upstream spawner
 - 5 Econ. measure
 - 8 Tobacco chew
 - 12 Voice quality
 - 13 "Mad Max" Gibson
 - 14 Thunder god
 - 15 Larger-than-life
 - 16 Flue deposit
 - 18 Dish with saffron
 - 20 Boxy vehicle
 - 21 Crone
 - 22 Diplomacy
 - 25 Container
 - 28 — majeste
 - 29 Freebie
 - 33 Apollo's priestess
 - 35 Blockbuster
 - 36 Summer camp rental
 - 37 Tough questions
- DOWN**
- 1 Short distance
 - 2 Kachina doll maker
 - 3 Indigo plant
 - 4 Coffee order
 - 5 Truck mfr.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

	A	D	Z		F	L	I	C		C	U	E
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- 6 Brain messengers
- 7 Make happy
- 8 Liq. measures
- 9 Oops! (hyph.)
- 10 Modicum
- 11 Remnant
- 17 Switch positions
- 19 Monsieur's daughter
- 23 Born as
- 24 They often clash
- 25 Spring beer
- 26 Persia, now
- 27 Billionth, in combos
- 30 Currier and —
- 31 Harden bricks
- 32 — tube
- 34 "The Georgia Peach"
- 35 Like a damp rock
- 37 Post-opposite
- 39 You bet! in Bonn
- 40 Street
- 43 Wharf denizen
- 44 Race car engine
- 45 Submit
- 46 Fulminate
- 47 Gunslinger's dare
- 50 Persuade
- 51 Bar of soap
- 52 Right on!
- 54 Passports, etc.
- 55 Tokyo, formerly



COURTESY

Columbia High's Krysten Giebig (from left), Brittney Lee and Haley Roberson are expected to lead the Lady Tigers this season.

Lady Tigers prepare for another season

By BRANDON FINLEY
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Columbia High's girls soccer coach Lindsay McCardle enters her second year and believes that the Lady Tigers will contend for a district title after a season of learning.

"I feel hopeful about our team going into this season," McCardle said. "I feel that each player has grown and developed since last year, in turn changing the dynamic of our team as a whole. We have the potential to win games and leave a mark. I am excited and ready for an awesome season."

McCardle said leadership will be one of the reasons this year's team will make those strides.

"I expect my two returning captains, Brittney Lee

and Haley Roberson, will really lead the way on the field," McCardle said. "Joining the captains will be Krysten Giebig. She definitely helped lead the team last year by her actions on and off the field, but this year I have seen her become a much more vocal player on the field, which is exciting to see."

Most of the team returns from last year, but the gains are notable according to McCardle.

"I see a huge difference in the attitudes and work ethic of the girls," McCardle said. "The will and want to win is stronger and more evident in how they are preparing for this season. Over the summer, we had girls playing club ball, going to tournaments and camps at different colleges, conditioning and really putting in

the off-season work to get ready for this year."

But the players aren't the only ones who learned lessons since last season.

"I learned a lot through my experience last season," McCardle said. "After every game, win or lose, you need to reflect on what can be done differently to improve for the next game. You must form relationships with the players in order for them to trust and respect you as their coach. I am excited to implement the things I learned last season."

But will the learning be enough to get over the hump in the district?

"Unfortunately all of the teams are strong contenders in our district," McCardle said. "But Chiles and Gainesville high schools are both strong teams that will be tough matches."

INDIANS: Fall to Madison County

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Christian Helsel caught a 22-yard pass to position the Indians deep in Cowboys' territory.

Then from the Madison nine-yard line, quarterback DJ Jackson again threw a pass in Helsel's direction this time connecting for a touchdown. Brandon Shrum added the PAT and cut the Madison lead to 12-7 with 3:21 to play in the half.

Madison got the ball back late in the second quarter and Redding caught his second touchdown pass, this time from 25-yards out for a 19-7 lead at the half.

Fort White took the opening kickoff but that drive ended in an interception by the Cowboys' Sharrod Jones. Late in the third quarter Eric Bright Jr. gave the Cowboys a 25-7 lead with a three-yard touchdown run.

Bright finished his night carrying 17 times for 89 yards and a touchdown.

The final score of the game came for Fort White when Donald Robinson carried the ball 76 yards to make the final 25-14.

After the game Fort White head coach Demetric Jackson said that mistakes and big plays really hurt his squad.

"We made mistakes and we gave up big plays," Jackson said. "They took advantage of it."

Williams finished his night 8-of-9 passing for 145 yards and three touchdowns passes.

Jackson, for the Indians, finished 10-of-16 for 55 yards, one touchdown and 3 interceptions.

Cameron White carried the ball 18 times for the Indians for 78 yards.

The Indians will travel to Live Oak's Paul Langford Stadium to take on the Suwannee Bulldogs at 7:30 p.m. on Friday. Then

the final district game pits Fort White against Taylor County in the regular season home finale. The winner of the Fort White-Taylor County game will advance as the District 2-4A runner up.

"We still have a lot to play for," Coach Jackson said after the game. "In two weeks, we have the chance to get in the playoffs, we're going to have to work hard and be ready for it."

JUMBLE

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

TARFD

YCAN

YIELLK

HURCOS

Answer here:

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

GETTING HIT IN THE HEAD WITH THE CAN OF SODA HURT A LOT, IN SPITE OF IT BEING A —

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

(Answers tomorrow)
Saturday's Jumbles: FAULT NINTH WEIGHT DISMAY
Answer: When the plane hit turbulence, everything — WENT FLYING

SCOREBOARD

PCERA won with 56

We had 72 players in PCERA Golf Tournament on October 11. The team of won Jason Cobb, Shayne Barber, Chip Parker and Robbie Kerby won First Place with a 56. The team of Ken Watson, Max Nyssen, Chuck Jones and Gary Godwin came in Seventh Place with a 65. The team of Kenny Wrightsel, Jordan Wrightsel, Brian and Bruce Ford came in thirteenth place with a 69. Everyone enjoyed their day of golf and delicious lunch. We would like to thank the PCERA for letting us host their golf tournament.

We had 17 players in the Sunday Blitz on Oct. 12. Steve Thomas won First Place with a +13. Randy Sommers came in second place with a +5. Eddy Brown, Jim Carr and Dell Sanders tied for third place with a +4. Closest to the Pin winners were: Eddy Brown #5, Steve Patterson #7, Eddy Brown #15 and Joe Paul #17. Skins win-

COUNTRY CLUB at LAKE CITY

Carl Ste-Marie

ners were: Steve Thomas #2, #15 and #16, Russ Adams #6, Dell Sanders #12 and Eddy Brown #14. The Sunday Blitz costs \$20 plus cart fee and is open to anyone and you can tee off at anytime.

We had 26 players in the Wednesday Blitz on Oct. 15. Jordan Hale won first place in the A Division with a +11. Bob Randall came in second place with a +6. Steve Patterson came in third place with a +3. Emerson Darst won First Place in the B Division with a +7. Pete Skantzos came in Second Place with a +2. Jerry West and Don Howard tied for third place with a +1. Skin winners were: Jordan #2 and #10, Don Howard #5, Jonathan Allen #11 and Mike Jacobs #16. The Pot Hole was #9, the Pot worth \$92 carries over to Wednesday. The

Wednesday Blitz costs \$13 (plus optional pot) plus cart fee and is open to anyone and you can tee off at anytime.

The Good Old Boys Match 1 - Eli Witt, Rob Brown, Jim Stevens and Bill Rogers - 7, Marc Risk, Emerson Darst, Bobby Simmons and Paul Davis - 6. Match 2 - Jerry West, Joe Persons, Rhea Hart and Dave Cannon - 6, Ed Snow, Don Christensen, Don Howard and Noidrie Moses - 3. Match 3 - Jerry Jobe, Bill Wheeler, Jim Bell and Dan Stephens - 6, Jim McGriff, Alan McGriff, Dennis Hendershott, Stan Woolbert and Mike Spencer - 2.

Good Scores for the Good Old Boys were: Ed Snow 73 (36-37), Eli Witt 75 (37-38), Marc Risk 76 (39-37) and Ron Brown 76 (36-40).

For more information on any events and tournaments at The Country Club, please call the pro shop at 752-2266.

Perfect weather for links

The weather this last week could not have been any better for golf! We have a few tournaments coming up next week.

Country Federal Credit Unions' 1st annual breast cancer awareness tournament will be held Oct. 24 with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m.

Register your team of four or you can be placed with a team for this captains choice event! Fee is \$50.00 per player, participants check in at 7:30am with a putting contest at 8:00 a.m. There will also be a lunch provided after the tournament. Come swing for the cure! Contact Stephanie Jackson 904-982-4219 or Jack Baker 904-307-2899.

Also the North Florida 2 day championship will be held Oct. 25 and 26. Limited to the first 44 teams. First day will be held at Suwanee Country Club with 2 optional tee times. Second round

QUAIL HEIGHTS COUNTRY CLUB

Nicki Newmans

will be at Quail Heights Country Club with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start.

Format is a two-man best ball. Entry Fee will be \$75.00 member and \$95.00 non member, this does include both days, with an optional skins game.

The tournament is flighted with net and gross winners with a cash payout. Spots are filling up fast, you can call us in the pro shop for more info or to sign up a team 386-752-3339.

Friday's dogfight winners were Ronnie Ash with a +7 taking first place, Jack Tuggle in second place with a +5, and Kevin Parks in third with a +2.

Skin winners were Ronnie ash with three skins, Al Cohoon with 2 skins, Randy Heavrin

with 2 skins, Kevin Parks, Tim Tortorice, and Jack Tuggle.

Closest to the pin winners were #3 Jack Tuggle, #5 Ronnie Ash, #15 Randy Heavrin, and #17 Al Cohoon.

Scrambles are now on Sundays with captain picks starting at 2:45 pm.

Monday's top of the Hill with a +3 Joe Herring, following with +2's in a tie for second is Jerry Snowberger and Al Cohoon.

Wednesday Blitz big winner with a +8 and taking the only skin in the game Kelly Lowrey. Taking second place with a +3 Kirk Koon, a three way tie for third place with +2's Chuck Slaymaker, Gerald Smithy, and Ronnie Ash.

Closest to the pin winners #3 Joe Herring, #5 and #11 Keith Hudson, #15 and #17 Dave Zeman.

For any questions or to schedule a tee time call us at 386-752-3339.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Tablet
 - 4 Addition
 - 8 "Golly!"
 - 11 Pub pint
 - 12 Bias
 - 13 Yang complement
 - 14 Onlooker
 - 16 Med. scan
 - 17 Largest bird
 - 18 Facilitated
 - 20 Umbrage
 - 21 Tierra - Fuego
 - 22 Actor Ed
 - 25 Metes out
 - 29 Feverish chill
 - 30 Distant
 - 31 Big parrot
 - 32 Ad -
 - 33 Noah's boat
 - 34 Wind resistance
 - 35 Sceptically
 - 38 Under - (secret)
 - 39 Canape topper
 - 40 Moo goo - pan
- DOWN**
- 1 El - , Texas
 - 2 Hannibal's route
 - 3 Bug repellent
 - 4 Finish second
 - 5 Strip of wood
 - 6 Famous numero
 - 7 Public way

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 8 Fitness centers
- 9 Blarney Stone locale
- 10 Ms. Blyton
- 12 Blends
- 15 Whodunit start
- 19 Boxing great
- 21 Dim
- 22 Tee-hee kin (hyph.)
- 23 Id companions
- 24 Gambler's need
- 25 Not frequent
- 26 Gumbo ingredient
- 27 Lowest high tide
- 28 Wilts
- 30 Visage
- 34 Wander
- 36 Jackie's tycoon
- 37 Like skim milk
- 38 Blows gently
- 40 Sherpa, often
- 41 Axiom
- 42 Refs' kin
- 43 Shuttle org.
- 44 Naturalist John -
- 45 Persia, now
- 46 Orchid-loving Wolfe
- 47 Gardner's purchase
- 50 TV brand

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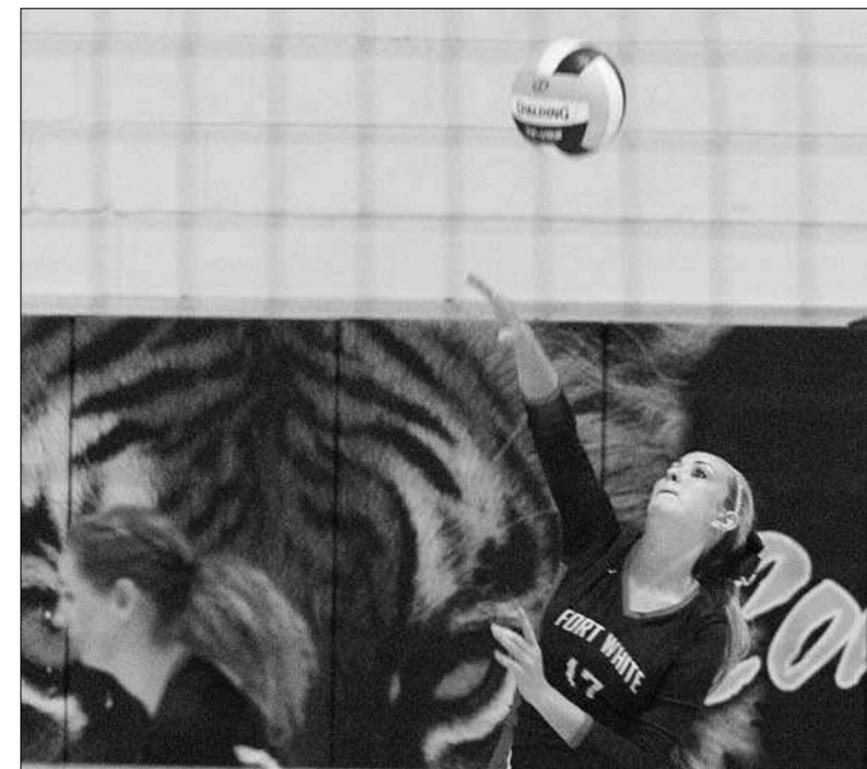
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Clash in the county



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High's Jazmine Myers spikes the ball against Fort White High on Thursday.



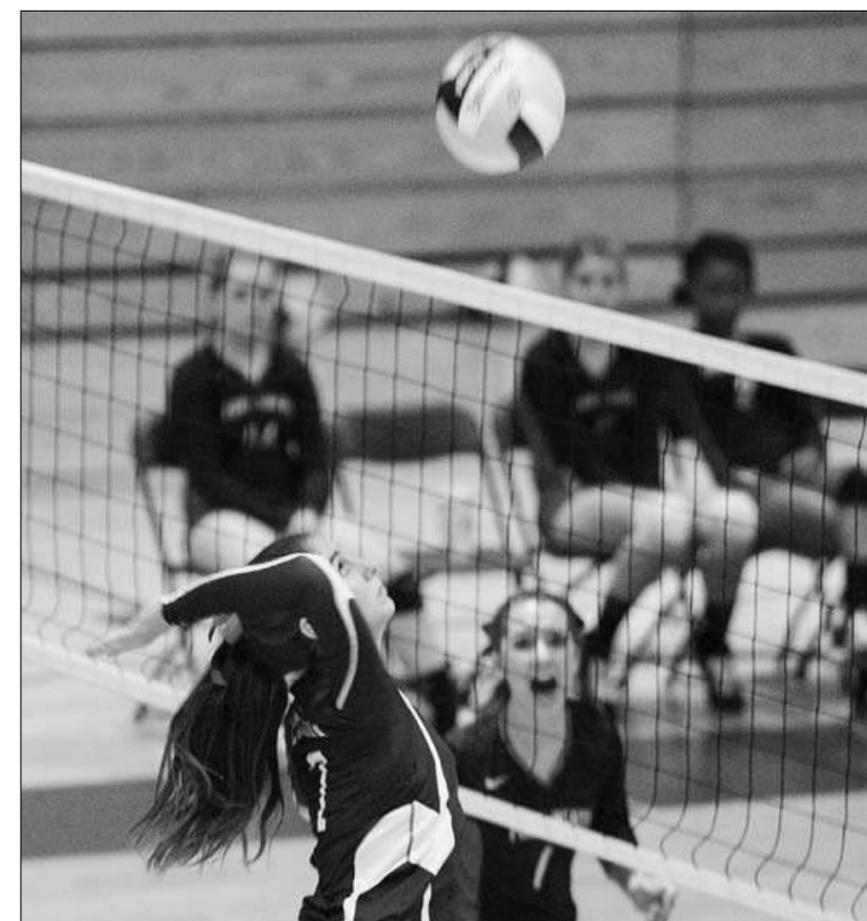
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Fort White High's Bailey Robinson serves the ball against Columbia High Thursday.



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Jazmine Myers hits the ball over the net Thursday.



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High's Madison Plyn looks to spike the ball against Fort White High.



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Fort White High's Rykia Jackson returns a serve against Columbia High Thursday.

Indians fall to Cowboys, 25-14



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter
Jabari Rivers kicks off against Madison County on Friday.



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter
Donald Robinson runs into a defender after escaping a Madison County tackler on Friday.



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter
Fort White High quarterback DJ Jackson escapes a tackle as he drives down the field against Madison County on Friday.

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Section C

A new look for LifeSouth

Interior upgrade nearly complete; open house Tues.

By **TONY BRITT**
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The LifeSouth Community Blood Center, Suwannee Valley Regional Headquarters in Lake City, has been under construction for months as the building gets an interior upgrade.

Lorrie Woods, regional manager, said the work began around July and the final touches are being made now.

"We started out very slow and all of a sudden everything progressed and the next thing you know we had new paint, new carpet, new walls, all in one day," she said. "It felt like an army of men walked in, started tearing down walls, paint and desks and then the next day you walked in it's almost brand new."

As a way of welcoming the community to



LIFESOUTH cont. on 2C Lorrie Woods, LifeSouth Community Blood Centers regional manager, reviews inventory at the local facility.

TONY BRITT/Lake City Reporter

Facebook unfriends federal drug agency

By **ALICIA A. CALDWELL**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Facebook wants assurances from the Drug Enforcement Administration that it's not operating any more fake profile pages as part of ongoing investigations.

Facebook's chief security officer, Joe Sullivan, said in a letter Friday to DEA Administrator Michele Leonhart that law enforcement agencies need to follow the same rules about being truthful on Facebook as civilian users. Those rules include a ban on lying about who you are.

Sullivan's letter was in response to a New York woman's federal lawsuit claiming that a DEA agent created a fake online persona using her name and photographs stored on her cellphone.

In court filings, Sondra Arquiatt said her pictures were retrieved from her cellphone after she was arrested in July 2010 on drug charges and her cellphone seized. Arquiatt said the fake page was being used by DEA agent Timothy Sinnigen to interact with "dangerous individuals he was investigating." Arquiatt is asking for \$250,000 in damages.

"Facebook has long made clear that law enforcement authorities are subject to these policies," Sullivan wrote. "We regard DEA's conduct to be a knowing and serious breach of Facebook's terms and policies."

Facebook also wants the DEA to confirm that it has stopped using any other fake profile pages it may have created.

A DEA spokesman did not immediately respond to a telephone message seeking comment.

Last week the agency announced it would review whether the Facebook guise went too far.

Obama's credit card declined

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Secret Service is charged with watching the president's back, but who's watching his wallet?

When his credit card was declined last month while dining in New York, President Barack Obama wondered if he had become a victim of identity theft.

"It turned out, I guess I don't use it enough," Obama said Friday at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

"They thought there was some fraud going on," he said, chatting while announcing a government plan to tighten security for debit cards that transfer federal benefits like Social Security to millions of Americans.

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Don't Jump at IPOs

Q Are initial public offerings (IPOs) good investments? — M.C., New Orleans

A IPOs can be volatile and frequently don't fare too well in their first year. Also, it's mainly been the rich or well-connected who get shares at their low initial prices. The rest of us end up buying later, often after prices have risen considerably. The Chinese e-commerce giant Alibaba Group, for example, debuted on the market last month. Shares were initially priced at \$68 apiece, but due to high demand, opened at \$92.70, surging 38 percent on the first day. The shares have traded below that since.

Q What are trading curbs? — B.S., Norwich, Connecticut

A Trading curbs temporarily restrict all or some trading during periods of volatility. They have taken various forms over time. After the stock market crash of 1987, for example, which was partly blamed on computer-program trading (institutional investors making high-volume trades via computer), the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) instituted trading curbs on program trading. Those curbs were discontinued in 2007.

"Circuit breakers" were a powerful kind of trading curb, halting trading entirely for an hour, two hours or the rest of the day whenever the Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped, respectively, by 10 percent, 20 percent or 30 percent. New circuit-breaker rules for individual stocks as well as the overall market (now represented by the S&P 500 instead of the Dow) shut down trading for 15-minute intervals based on a drop of 7 percent or 13 percent, and for the rest of the day based on a drop of 30 percent. New "limit up, limit down" (LULD) breakers, meanwhile, will not stop trading entirely, but will restrict it within a defined band when triggered by volatility.

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The One Stock You Should Probably Avoid

Investing in stocks is one of the best ways to build real wealth over time. But there's one stock that's particularly risky for you to buy. It's so risky, in fact, that you should probably avoid buying it altogether. Which stock is this, you ask? It's your employer's.

From a pure investment perspective, it's no riskier for you to own your employer's stock than it is for any other investor to own it. But from a total financial risk perspective, trouble at that particular company can hurt you far more than it would hurt an outside investor. After all, should the company get into trouble, not only would your investment be at risk, but your job could be, too.

In the 12 months ending June 30, 30,113 companies filed for bankruptcy protection in the U.S. Many were small, but even big businesses can run into trouble that forces them into bankruptcy.

Just this past April, Energy Future

Holdings filed for bankruptcy protection. It was taken over in a leveraged buyout that saddled it with over \$40 billion in debt. That, combined with some bad bets on natural gas prices, sent Energy Future Holdings into bankruptcy. It wasn't a small company, either — it had more than 9,000 employees and nearly \$6 billion in 2013 revenue. Think of Enron, too, and the many employees whose retirement accounts there were unexpectedly wiped out.

Of course, many companies offer some sort of equity stake as part of employee compensation, often via matching contributions to 401(k) plans made with company stock. If you find yourself with a significant stake in your employer's stock, it's not automatically a bad thing. But save and invest on your own for your retirement as if your company's stock were to wind up worthless.

If your employer thrives, then your shares can be icing on your retirement cake. Consider your company stock a bonus and maybe an opportunity to retire earlier, but don't make it the cornerstone of your retirement plan, lest you lose both your job and your financial future.

My Dumbest Investment

Both Dumb and Smart

My dumbest investment was not paying attention to my stocks. I let several stocks decline over time because my portfolio was not a priority. I just held on as though they would perform well forever. (The 2008 market crash didn't help, either.) When you lose 75 percent on a stock, you are definitely not paying attention, and you should probably be in cash instead. Fortunately, I kept doing nothing after they fell, and they eventually gained back what they lost and grew more. — B.E., Land O' Lakes, Florida

The Fool Responds: It's definitely risky not to follow the progress of the companies in which you invest, but you made a smart move by not bailing when the market crashed and you saw how much you'd lost. Many people do that, locking in losses and missing out on recoveries. Sometimes, of course, a stock falls for a good reason and for a long time. When you lose faith in a company's future, selling is the right thing to do. If you don't have the time or interest to keep up with your stocks, consider simple index funds instead.

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The Motley Fool Take

Calling T-Mobile ...

T-Mobile (NYSE: TMUS), branding itself "the Un-Carrier," is aggressively improving its network. After more than two years of modernization that included scooping up a lot of low-band spectrum, T-Mobile now has the fastest 4G LTE network in the United States. Low-band spectrum is important because low-band signals can penetrate buildings better, providing better indoor coverage. Such signals also travel farther, which allows carriers to build fewer cell towers, saving on capital expenditures in the process.

In 2013, T-Mobile moved aggressively on pricing to attract subscribers with promotions. The results are paying off, as T-Mobile netted more than 1 million subscribers in each of the past five quarters, gaining market share from its larger, entrenched rivals.

T-Mobile is succeeding because CEO John Legere has positioned the company as an agitator — a brand willing to call foul on its whole industry. With its Un-Carrier campaign, lower prices and more transparency than its competitors, the company is getting stronger. Legere has made it quite clear that T-Mobile isn't letting up on its aggressive strategies any time soon, saying: "We have completely reversed T-Mobile's trajectory and started a revolution that is changing the rules in wireless."

Many have speculated that T-Mobile would be an attractive asset for an acquirer, but it's becoming harder to see how the company would benefit from such a deal when it seems to be doing just fine on its own.

LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

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the renovated facility, LifeSouth has scheduled an "Oktoberfest Open House." The event will take place from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Tuesday. The open house event will feature craft beer, wine, soft drinks and hors d'oeuvres and a celebratory ribbon cutting.

LifeSouth Community Blood Center, 833 SW State Road 47, has been a Columbia County business since January 1980 at different locations. The \$100,000-plus interior renovation was the first facelift for the current building since it was built in 1996.

The Suwannee Valley Regional headquarters in Lake City serves as the main facility for five counties in the Suwannee Valley region and is also the home for two bloodmobiles.

The renovation work consisted of new floors, carpet, furniture and lighting.

Woods said the renovation also included the addition of new flat screen televisions, more donor beds, additional office space and upgrades to the office conference room. Wifi is now available for all donors.

"We have big 50-inch TV in our donor room that we're very proud of," she said. "We replaced our 20-inch television."

Additional renovation was also done in the blood storage area.

"We modernized



TONY BRITT/Lake City Reporter

Christina Ray and David Staffieri donate blood platelets at the LifeSouth Community Blood Center as Lisa Turman, the center's team leader, monitors the equipment. The center was recently renovated and a ribbon cutting and open house event is scheduled for Tuesday.

the way it looks in the back," Woods said. "Stainless steel tables and equipment are there now instead of the wooden desks."

She said the renovation also makes for a more efficient work place.

"We also incorporated all our equipment in the same area so we're not walking across the building to get one product and then back onto the other side. We absolutely love the renovation."

With the renovation the office's main colors have changed from pink and blue to a predominant red with more of a retro atmosphere.

Kim Glover was recently added to the staff as its donor recruiter, the person who informs the public about upcoming LifeSouth events. Glover also sets the calendar with agency events, often up to a year in advance, as well as recruits donors to the center.

"I love this," Glover said. "It feels good to be able to give back to the community and to help people. To me there is no greater cause than saving lives."

The Suwannee Valley Regional Blood Center's goal is to collect around 13,000 - 13,500 pints of blood annually. Agency officials said there is always a need for more blood donors, especially donors for O-negative blood types.

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iPad Air 2, new Macs debut

BY ANICK JESDANUN
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AP Technology Writers

CUPERTINO, Calif. — Apple unveiled a thinner iPad Thursday with a faster processor and a better camera as it tries to drive excitement for tablets amid slowing demand.

The iPad Air 2, at 6.1 millimeters “thin,” also adds many of the features previously available on iPhones. That includes the ability to take burst shots and slow-motion video and the inclusion of a fingerprint ID sensor for use instead of a passcode. It also has an anti-reflective coating, a first for a tablet, which makes it 56 percent less reflective, said Philip Schiller, senior vice president of marketing, on stage at the event at Apple’s headquarters in Cupertino, California.

The iPad Air 2 will start at \$499. Apple also updated its iPad Mini device, with a starting price of \$399. The new devices will begin shipping next week, with advance orders starting Friday.

Meanwhile, Apple made its new Mac operating system, Yosemite, available as a free download starting Thursday. Apple Pay, the company’s new system for using iPhones to make credit and debit card payments at retail stores, will launch on Monday.

CEO Tim Cook opened Thursday’s product-launch event by touting strong reception to the new iPhone 6 and 6 Plus, released last month.

“It’s been an incredible year and tremendously busy already,” he said, adding that the new iPhones have been the fastest-selling in Apple’s history. He reiterated that the iPhones will launch in China in just a few hours and said the launch is aligned with a rollout of 4G cellular networks there.

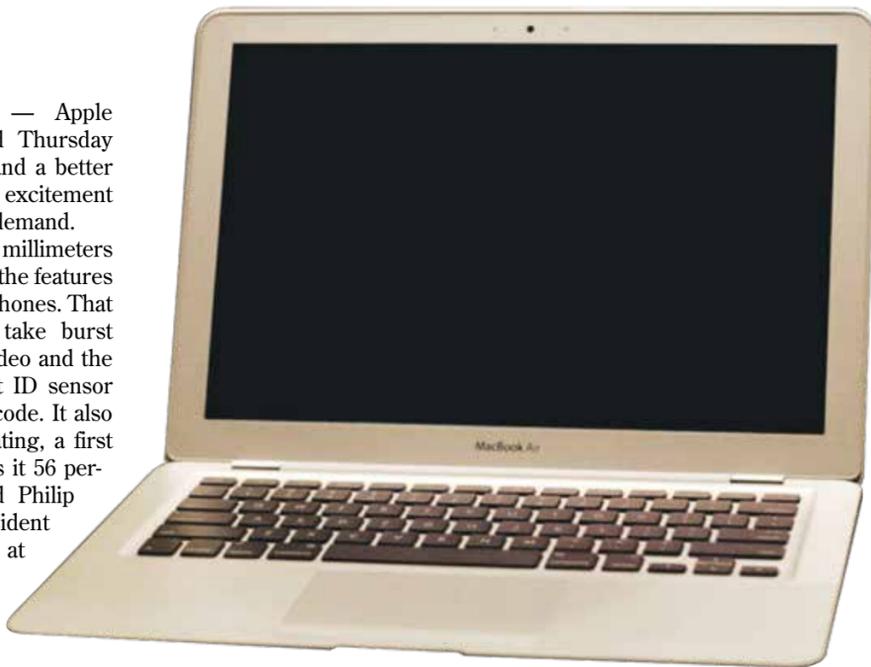
New iPads

It’s been a year since Apple came out with a lighter, thinner full-size model called the iPad Air. Apple refreshed that with a device that is even thinner, by 18 percent at 6.1 millimeters.

The rear camera is boosted to 8 megapixels, matching what’s found in iPhones. Previous iPads had a 5 megapixel camera.

Thursday’s event comes as sales of Apple’s iPads have dropped. Through the first half of this year, Apple had shipped 29.6 million iPads, a 13 percent drop from the same time last year. Apple plans to issue results for the latest quarter on Monday.

Apple has been facing competition from cheaper tablets running Google’s Android operating system. Ahead of Apple’s event, Google announced Wednesday that an 8.9-inch Nexus 9 tablet is coming next month at a starting price of \$399, \$100 less than the 9.7-inch iPad Air. It will run a new version of Android, dubbed Lollipop.



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The new iMacs have sharper displays and come with the capability of Yosemite operating system for a free download.

Apple Pay

Apple has already announced its new payments system, Apple Pay, but the iPhone feature wasn’t made available right away.

In announcing a Monday launch date, Cook also said deals have been made with hundreds of additional credit card issuers since the service was announced last month. Cook also said additional merchants plan to accept Apple Pay by the end of the year.

With Apple Pay, iPhone 6 and 6 Plus owners will be able to make payments at brick-and-mortar stores by holding their phone near a card reader. The new iPhones have a wireless chip to transmit the information needed to complete the transaction. Owners of older models won’t be able to use Apple Pay, even with the software update.

Consumers aren’t likely to abandon plastic credit cards until a majority of retailers, especially smaller merchants, accept contactless payments such as Apple Pay. But Apple Pay may spur transactions over mobile Web browsers and apps this holiday season, since it lets consumers avoid typing in credit card information each time.

The new iPad Air 2 will be able to make browser transactions, but not payments at retail stores.

Apple Watch

Apple says it will release tools next month so that developers can begin making apps for the upcoming Apple Watch wearable device.

Rival smartwatches running Android have suffered from not having many useful apps from the start. Apple is hoping to have a strong app store in place when Apple Watch debuts next year.

Besides competition, there’s been an overall slowdown in tablet demand. This week, research firm Gartner projected worldwide shipments of 229 million tablets this year. Although that’s up 11 percent compared with 2013, it’s far less than the 55 percent growth seen last year and the more than doubling in sales in 2012.

Cook sought to address that by pointing out that the 225 million iPads sold cumulatively since 2010 is more than any other product Apple has sold in the first four years. He also said Apple sold more iPads over the past year than many manufacturers have for personal computers.

Mac updates

The company unveiled new iMacs with a sharper display, following what Apple has already done on its mobile devices and MacBook laptops. The company says the new iMacs have seven times the pixels found on standard high-definition television sets.

Apple also released its new Yosemite operating system for Macs as a free download. The Mac update includes aesthetic changes as well as new functionality, such as the ability to make phone calls with an iPhone nearby and a one-stop search tool for both locally stored documents and online resources.

Apple has been releasing Mac updates more frequently, in part to time them with annual changes to the iOS system for iPhones and iPads. Many of the new Mac features will complement what’s found in iOS 8, including the ability to start tasks such as email on one device and finish on another.

During a demo, Apple executive Craig Federighi made a phone call to Stephen Colbert from his Mac and connected with the comedian. The call was actually being made through a nearby iPhone. He also used Apple’s upcoming Apple Watch as a remote control to control a Mac presentation being projected onto a big-screen set via Apple TV.

Darden returns former director Simon to board

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Darden Restaurants, the parent company of the Olive Garden, said Thursday that former Wal-Mart executive Bill Simon is returning to its board of directors.

Simon was a company director for two years, but did not run for a new term in 2014. On Friday Darden shareholders voted to replace the company’s entire board with a slate of 12 nominees proposed by investment firm Starboard Value LP. Starboard had criticized Darden’s management on a variety of issues ranging from the sale of its Red Lobster chain to the operations at Olive Garden, which has continued to struggle.

Simon’s appointment expands Darden’s board to 13 seats. The company said it will continue to evaluate potential board candidates and could name another board member.

Simon, 55, was president and CEO of Walmart US for four years before he resigned in August. He was also an executive at Brinker International Inc., the parent company of Chili’s restaurants.

Darden Restaurants Inc. also owns smaller chains including LongHorn Steakhouse, The Capital Grille and Yard House. The Orlando, Florida, company promoted Gene Lee to interim CEO on Tuesday. Lee had been the company’s chief operating officer.

FBI director warns against encryption on cell phones



MORGUEFILE

James Comey argues suspects could walk free and justice could be thwarted by a locked phone or an encrypted hard drive.

Protecting data in the name of privacy could stall investigations.

By ERIC TUCKER
and JACK GILLUM
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — FBI Director James Comey warned in stark terms Thursday against the push by technology companies to encrypt smartphone data and operating systems, arguing that murder cases could be stalled, suspects could walk free and justice could be thwarted by a locked phone or an encrypted hard drive. Privacy advocates called the concerns exaggerated and little more than recycled arguments the government has raised against encryption since the early 1990s.

Likening encrypted data to a safe that cannot be cracked or a closet door that won’t open, Comey said the move by tech companies to protect communications in the name of privacy risks impeding a wide range of criminal investigations.

“We have the legal authority to intercept and access communications from information pursuant to court order, but we often lack the technical ability to do so,” Comey said in a Brookings Institution speech.

The speech, which echoes concerns he and

others in law enforcement have previously made, comes soon after announcement by Apple and Google that their new operating systems will be encrypted, or protected by coding. While the companies’ actions are understandable, he said, “the place they are leading us is one we shouldn’t go to without careful thought and debate.”

“Encryption isn’t just a technical feature. It’s a marketing pitch. But it will have very serious consequences for law enforcement and national security agencies at every level,” Comey said.

Comey also said the FBI was committed to a “front-door” approach, including through court orders, to intercepting communications. Privacy advocates have long been concerned that that intercept would create an opening for hackers to exploit.

“Whether you call it a ‘front door’ or a ‘back door,’ weakening the security of a system to enable law enforcement access also opens that door to foreign governments and criminals,” said Christopher Soghoian, principal technologist with the ACLU’s Speech, Privacy and Technology Project.

Business Briefs

SCORE Workshop

There will be a SCORE Entrepreneur’s Workshop on Oct. 20 from 6-8 p.m. at Columbia County Public Library, 3078 NW Columbia Ave. The workshop is free but an RSVP is required. Call 386-752-2000 to RSVP. The workshop is for people who are thinking about starting a business or are in business already and need expert advice.

Attic Orientation

The Lake City Haven Hospice, 1077 US Hwy 90 Suite #120, will have Attic Orientation on Oct. 28 from 1-3 p.m. Volunteers are needed for many tasks including taking donations, sorting and pricing, merchandising, running the cash register and coordinating donation drives. No experience necessary. All volunteers must complete a background check prior to volunteering. Call Carolyn Long 386-752-9191 for more information.

Barbie’s shine fades

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mattel’s got girl problems and her name is Barbie. Sales of the iconic doll continue to slide and a surprising drop in sales of its American Girl toys could become another headache for the toy company as it heads into the crucial holiday season.

Mattel reported Thursday that Barbie sales fell 21 percent for the three months ended Sept. 30, even sharper than the 15 percent drop in the second quarter.

And American Girl’s third-quarter sales declined 7 percent, compared with a 6 percent rise in the second quarter.

Heightening tensions even more, Mattel’s rival Hasbro Inc. recently landed the rights for dolls from the blockbuster Disney movie “Frozen,” a coveted relationship for Mattel. The rights for the “Frozen” dolls will go to Hasbro in the spring of 2016.

Dolls are traditionally a tough market to corner. There’s a lot of competition and the affections of the target audience — little girls — can be fleeting.

It’s not all bad news for Mattel, however. It has recently introduced dolls that have resonated with customers even as Barbie’s star appears to fade. Sales of Disney Princess and Ever After High dolls were given most of the credit for the 1 percent increase in sales of other doll brands in the quarter.

Mattel toys that are geared toward boys



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are also a bright spot. Sales for the Wheels category, which includes the Hot Wheels and Matchbox brands, climbed 4 percent.

Mattel Inc., based in El Segundo, California, reported a profit of 97 cents per share on revenue of \$2.02 billion for the period Thursday. Its adjusted earnings came to 98 cents. That was short of Wall Street expectations. Analysts had expected per-share earnings of \$1.02, and revenue of \$2.18 billion, according to a poll by FactSet.

Shares fell 3 percent to \$29.62 in late morning trading. The stock is off about 38 percent this year.

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Section D

TRAVEL TALES



Sandy Kishton

The life behind the trip taker

When I saw an old friend the other day, she said, "I'm surprised you're in town," then we both laughed. I guess the presumption from my column is that I am always traveling. I wish that were the case since it is my passion.

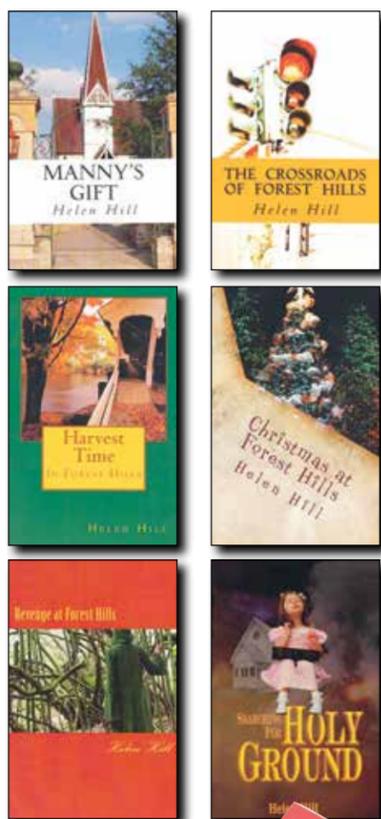
I do, however, work. And work hard. Being a full time Realtor is not only my day job, but sometimes my night job and weekend job and even vacation job. I love what I do, helping people buy their dream home, moving up into perhaps a larger or newer home, or downsizing. When it comes time to sell that home, I like that too.

The flexibility in my schedule allows me to do the traveling that I love to

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Journey through Forest Hills

Local author Helen Hill has written 5 books in her Christian series.



Her first book, 'Searching for Holy Ground,' which is separate from the series, was written about her childhood.



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Local author Helen Hill poses with the six books she's written. Her first one, 'Searching for Holy Ground,' tells her tale of becoming a Christian, while the others focus on a church in the fictitious town of Forest Hills, Va.

Hill says book characters are 'like my family.'

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Helen Hill's life hasn't been easy. She didn't feel loved by her parents growing up, and her two previous marriages led to her

almost losing her children.

But what's gotten her through is her faith in God.

When Hill was a child, growing up in southwestern Pennsylvania, her parents didn't go to church, but they did send their kids, she said.

At the age of 9, after she watched her father chase her brother around the house and feared that he would kill him, her mother told her it was time for

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But now that you've made that decision, what's next? You obviously don't just walk into a classroom and begin taking notes. I mean, you could, but I have no doubt our professors would eventually notice you aren't a student.

We always talk about, "Start Here, Go Anywhere" – it's something of a slogan for us – but what does "Start Here" really mean? If you want to become a student at Florida Gateway College, where do you begin?

That answer would be our Admissions Office, located in Building 015.

Of course, it isn't as easy as walking up to the window and saying, "I'd like to attend Florida Gateway College." Trust us, we're with you – we wish it were that simple! But the State



Troy Roberts
Public Information Coordinator
Florida Gateway College

of Florida requires a number of items that must be presented with an application, and you know laws aren't exactly something we can ignore.

So, what do you need to bring with you? A proof of identification is a good start – preferably a government-issued photo ID such as your driver's license, or something along those lines to prove you are who you say you are – and, of course, the application itself. We also need your official high school transcripts or high school equivalency transcript (GED), and official college transcripts, if applicable. For students who were home-schooled, an FGC home education completion affidavit is required.

Let me stress the word "official" here – these have to be requested from these institutions and provided to FGC in a sealed, unopened envelope and/or may be submitted elec-

tronically by the sending institution.

Seal broken? Do you just have copies of your diploma or transcript? Sorry, neither of those will cut it!

Now, we do have programs that don't require high school completion, but if you're looking for Financial Aid assistance, high school completion and the transcripts are required.

And here are a few other things to remember:

- Be prepared to go ahead and declare a major. Sure, you may not know exactly what you want to attend college for – remember, we just made that decision a few paragraphs ago – but your major can be changed at any time. That's why we have advisors!

- If you've attended FGC in the past, but haven't attended a class in the past year, you do have to enroll again. Or, if you were a dual enrollment student and plan on returning as a full-time college student, you'll have to re-apply. Sorry!

- If you plan on receiving in-state tuition rates, you'll also need to bring proof of Florida residency. You can visit the FGC website for more information on Florida residency requirements.

- A lot of this can be done online at www.fgc.edu, but we know there are a lot of people who would prefer that face-to-face experience!

We know this process can be daunting, especially if you have never attended before. We also know that no two students are the same – there are many non-traditional and distinctive lives out there, so the enrollment process will be different for some students than the others. But that's why we have a helpful, engaging staff to make sure you are enrolled and are soon on the career path of your choice.

And your timing couldn't be more perfect – we are actually accepting applications for admission right now for the Spring semester, so it's not too

late to start your education at Florida Gateway College.

There are some deadlines you should be aware of, though, if you plan on attending classes this January.

- If you're looking to receive Financial Aid of any sort, you'll need to have all of your documents – including official transcripts, tax returns, etc. – submitted by November 7.

- The last day to submit an application for the Spring is December 10. Your official transcripts must be on file by this date.

- Registration begins November 13. You must be actively enrolled at FGC to be able to register for classes.

Simple enough, right? And yes, while you do have a few weeks left

before registration starts and more than a month until the admissions deadline, it's better to get started early and not have to scramble to get all of your paperwork together.

Plus, the sooner you're admitted, the earlier you can register for classes. This means you get the first shot at getting into the classes you want to take this coming semester.

Now you're now ready to make that first step into your continued education! Call the Admissions Office at (386) 754-4396 to get started!

And if you're interested in setting up a guided tour of campus, please call (386) 754-4246.

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her to go to church. She ran the whole way there and fell on her knees when she got there. Hill said she looked up and saw a picture in the church of Jesus embracing a lamb. Right then, she asked God to hold her like that.

"He saved me that day," Hill said. "For the first time, I felt what it meant to be loved."

Her life wasn't easy after that, but God helped her through the hard times, she said.

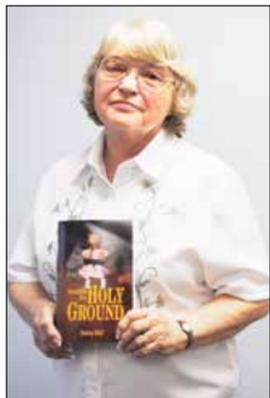
"It's been an uphill battle," Hill said.

About seven years ago, she felt called to share her testimony, so she started writing a book. The book is called, "Searching for Holy Ground" and chronicles her walk with Christ and the miracles she has witnessed.

While writing this book, other members of the church she was then attending said they wanted to find a way to share their testimonies about how God has changed their lives also.

So she decided to include their stories at the end of the book.

In 2011, her next book, "Manny's Gift," was published, which tells the tale of a man who immigrated to



SARAH LOFTUS/Lake City Reporter

Helen Hill holds her first book, "Searching for Holy Ground," which tells her story of becoming a Christian.

the fictional town of Forest Hills, Va. and becomes a Christian.

With so many of the characters from "Manny's Gift" having unfinished journeys, Hill decided to write a series set in Forest Hills. The books are about the members of a church in Forest Hills.

"It's a whole community," she said.

Hill has written four more Forest Hills books since then, "The Crossroads of Forest Hill," "Harvest Time," "Christmas at Forest Hills," and "Revenge at Forest Hills" and expects to write at least a few more books in the series.

Her ideas for the books

come to her in dreams, and she's been dreaming a lot lately, she said.

Hill said her favorite book is her first one, "Searching for Holy Ground," because it's the one that got her into writing.

But she loves all her books and the characters in Forest Hills.

"I love all of them," Hill said. "They're like my family."

The most rewarding part of writing the books has been the response from them, she said. People have told her that by reading about how God helped the characters get through their struggles, they realized they can get through their own problems with God's help.

What she wants people to see is that it doesn't matter how you are when you start walking with Jesus. Your journey and how it ends is what's important, she said.

Hill said she thinks she'll write another series after finishing Forest Hills and is currently working on a children's book.

"Searching for Holy Ground" and her Forest Hills series are available on Amazon and at the Shands Lake Shore Regional Medical Center gift shop, the LifeStyle Enrichment Center and Ms. Wezzies Haircut.

TRAVEL

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do. I just told someone the other day that my husband has golf and I have a suitcase.

And in that suitcase is my lap top, iPad and every charger you can think of, that way I can work from anywhere. It's what I do. I want to be available even when I'm on vacation as crazy as that may sound. I admit that I am a control freak and have difficulty letting go, but I'm getting better at it. I also have a wonderful assistant who is a great help and colleagues at my REMAX office who are always willing to cover for me when needed.

When I'm on a road trip, for example, I get up and answer emails every morning, then throughout the day depending on what activities are scheduled, and at least each night. On my last trip, it seemed

like every time we entered a National Park, the cell service was gone. I had to play catch up later which was frustrating.

Another aspect of my life that makes it easier to travel often is how low maintenance our lives really are. My husband and I have each other and a house to take care of; no kids, no pets, and not even any plants! And he travels a lot for work already. He's always my first choice in a travel partner, but I'm also fortunate to have friends when he's not interested.

When I started this column a couple of years ago, I had about four years worth of entries in the Travel Journal I keep. So some of what you read might be from a recent trip or from a trip I have previously taken. When I pull those old stories out to create my column, it is fun going back and reliving those experiences with you. I have wonderful memories.

So there you go. That's a little bit more about me and the life I've created for myself that affords me the opportunities to travel as much as I do. If I had it my way, I'd go somewhere new every month, even if it's just a weekend getaway. However, Scott and I also have some favorite places that we like to return to more frequently; like New York, Las Vegas and now Nashville. We just went to Nashville earlier this year for our 20th wedding anniversary and we are already going back in November for my husband's birthday.

I still have a pretty extensive bucket list that includes new places and a handful of states that I have yet to visit. So I keep working at a job I love and planning more trips. It's just what I do.

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