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August 15-21, 2024



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Celebrate 10 Years with One of the Anchors of South Main at First Magnitude Brewing Company's "The Decade Tour"

**Saturday, August 17, 1 p.m. | First Magnitude Brewing Company
1220 SE Veitch St., Gainesville 32601**

Since opening its doors in 2014 with 4 employees and 5 beers, First Magnitude has grown into an award-winning brewery with over 100 unique beers a year. "First Mag" is also a beloved community hub, hosting community events, live music and annual festivals with a family-friendly atmosphere. For its tenth anniversary, "The Decade Tour" features special beer releases and live music across three stages. VIP tickets include early admission, a three-course beer-paired brunch menu, exclusive bottle release and more.



Sample a Buffet of Live Stories with Upbeat, Energetic Tales at "The Big Tasty"

**Thursday, August 15, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. | The Woolly
30 N Main St., Gainesville, FL 32601**

Guts & Glory GNV curates a lineup of stories for this end-of-summer show. Sit back for a wild a ride with everything from tall stories to true tales, all served with a big portion of laughs.



Experience Musical Mastery with Kyran Daniel at Heartwood Soundstage

**Thursday, August 15, 7 p.m. | Heartwood Soundstage
619 S Main St., Gainesville, FL 32601**

For fans of Tommy Emmanuel's dazzling fingerstyle guitar techniques, this is the show for you. Songwriter, composer and guitarist Kyran Daniel began his career performing next to his mentor, Tommy Emmanuel. He is currently on an international tour in support of his debut solo album, Like the Night Itself, recorded at and inspired by locations around the world.



**Catch the Final Weekend of "The Lightning Thief – The Percy Jackson Musical" and Don't Let the Epic Search for Zeus' Lightning Bolt Get Away Now through Sunday, August 18 | Acrosstown Repertory Theatre
3501 SW 2nd Ave., Suite O, Gainesville, FL 32607**

This dynamic adaptation of Rick Riordan's bestselling book, Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief, features a mythical adventure with a thrilling original rock score. After discovering he's a demigod, teenager Percy Jackson and his friends seek out Zeus' missing lightning bolt in an effort to prevent a war among the gods.



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Catch the Action at the Ultimate Pickleball Showdown – the Gainesville Indoor Pickleball Showcase

Friday, August 16, 11 a.m., Saturday, August 17 – Sunday, August 18, 8 a.m. | Alachua County Sports and Events Center

4870 Celebration Pointe Ave., Gainesville, FL 32608

The 7th annual event includes a new beginner-friendly division and youth divisions. Daily competition begins with a round-robin format followed by a single-elimination playoff. Singles competitions begin on Friday, followed by doubles on Saturday and mixed doubles on Sunday. Spectator admission is free.



Find Your Weekend Groove with R&B from D.R. Band and Soul Fire at the Free Fridays Concert Series

**Friday, August 16, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. | Bo Diddley Plaza
Downtown Gainesville**

The City of Gainesville's Free Fridays Concert Series at Bo Diddley Plaza is a fun way to enjoy a Friday night downtown. D.R. Band and Soul Fire, a seven-piece funk and smooth jazz ensemble, creates the perfect playlist for music under a summer evening sky. Enjoy food and drinks from nearby cafes and restaurants within walking distance. Admission is free.



Get Ready to Ride at the BMX Summer Race Series – an Evening of Thrills and Skills for All Ages

**Saturday, August 17, 6:30 p.m. | High Springs BMX
NW 2nd St., High Springs, FL 32643**

Tackle fun, technical racing at High Springs BMX. Racers of all skill levels are welcome. Registration and practice start at 6:30 p.m. followed by racing at 7:30 p.m.



Make One Last Splash in the Wave Pool and Float Down the Lazy River at the Final Community Day of the Year at Kulaqua River Ranch

**Sunday, August 18, 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. | Kulaqua River Ranch
23400 NW 212th Ave., High Springs, FL 32643**

Beat the summer heat with a refreshing day at Kulaqua River Ranch. Grab a tube and float in the 15,000-square foot wave pool and relax along the winding 600-foot lazy river.



Last Call! Buy One Get One (BOGO) Admission at Kanapaha Botanical Gardens and Santa Fe College Teaching Zoo. Experience Two Worlds with One Ticket. Now through Sunday, August 18

Purchase full-price admission for one venue, receive a free admission voucher for the other venue. Get your BOGO and plan your visit at Kanapaha.org and sfcollege.edu/zoo.

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