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July 20-26, 2023



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Celebrate Life with Glitter, Glam and a Whole Lot of Sole at the Opening Weekend of Kinky Boots

**Friday, July 21 - Sunday, August 13 | Gainesville Community Playhouse
4039 NW 16 Blvd., Gainesville, FL 32605**

The inspiring story follows Charlie, who inherited his father's nearly bankrupt shoe factory and Lola, a fabulous entertainer in need of some sturdy stilettos. Together they find they have more in common than they realized... and discover that when you change your mind, you can change your whole world! The Tony Award-winning show is inspired by a true story and features a Grammy-winning musical score by Cyndi Lauper. Sponsored in part by Visit Gainesville, Alachua County



**Learn What it Takes to Keep the Zoo Going at Zookeeper Day
Saturday, July 22, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. | Santa Fe College Teaching Zoo
3000 NW 83 St. Building Z, Gainesville, FL 32606**

Zookeepers are chefs, care takers, builders, scientists, researchers, conservationists, engineers, architects and more. Participate in activities to see if you have what it takes to be a zookeeper, meet animal ambassadors, enjoy keeper talks, training demonstrations, and meet with representatives from other zoos and conservation organizations.

Gainesville is home to the only teaching zoo on a college campus accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums in the nation, training future zookeepers in the highest standards of animal care.



Go Behind-the-Scenes with a Rock and Roll Hall of Famer at the new Exhibit "Tom Petty: Among the Wildflowers"

**Saturday, July 22, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. | Cade Museum for Creativity and Invention
811 S Main St., Gainesville, FL 32601**

Tom Petty: Among the Wildflowers explores the joys, pains, and creative awakenings that Gainesville native Tom Petty experienced while pouring his soul into his magnum opus, Wildflowers, released in November 1994. The exhibit includes artifacts previously on display at the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, Ohio. Explore three unique aspects of the Wildflowers creative process: songwriting, recording, and reception and delivery. The exhibit runs through December 31.



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Kick Back with Classic Rock from Crooked Counsel at the Free Fridays Concert Series

**Friday, July 21, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. | Bo Diddley Plaza
Downtown Gainesville**

The region's largest and longest-running free outdoor concert series features performances each Friday night through August 25. Enjoy food and drinks from nearby cafes and restaurants within walking distance. Admission is free.



**(SOLD OUT) Storytelling Heats Up with Guts and Glory GNV at Words That Sting
Saturday, July 22, 7 p.m. | The Wooly
20 N Main St., Gainesville, FL 32601**

Guts and Glory GNV curates and evening with storytellers for this summer show. Hear riveting, funny and dramatic stories about being burned, things going up in flames or just being stung by life.



**Cheers to 4 Years! Join the High Springs Brewing Company Anniversary Celebration
Saturday, July 22, 12 p.m. - 11:55 p.m. | High Springs Brewing Company
18562 NW 237th St., High Springs, FL 32643**

In celebration of 4 years of crafting flavorful brews, High Springs Brewing Company hosts a day of fun with a tie-dye tent, food trucks and live music. Grab a bite from 29:11 BBQ in the afternoon followed by Monsta Lobsta in the evening, paired with live music from Trevor Ellis and Shawn Manley. Learn more about the brewery and browse merch online at highspringsbrewing.com



**Meet Photographers of Hippodrome Theatre Plays
Friday, July 21, 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. | Former Media Image Studio
(next-door to the Hippodrome)
21 SE 2nd Place, Gainesville, FL**

Author Richard Gartee is joined by Randy Batista, Michael Eaddy, John Moran, and Gary Wolfson, four distinguished photographers who captured the moments on the Hippodrome stage over the course of fifty years and 440 theatrical productions. Richard Gartee discusses the decision process in selecting 428 photos that illustrate The Hippodrome Theatre First Fifty Years, and the effort required to track down and restore many of the older photos.

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