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**August 3-9, 2023**



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**Alrighty, Then! Kick-off Your Weekend with '90s Alt-Rock Covers from Pet Detectives at the Free Fridays Concert Series**  
Friday, August 4, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. | Bo Diddley Plaza  
Downtown Gainesville

With Hawaiian shirts and blaring guitars, the Pet Detectives deliver alt-rock covers of 1990s hits. The region's largest and longest running free outdoor concert series features live music in downtown Gainesville through August 25. Enjoy food and drinks from nearby cafes and restaurants within walking distance. Admission is free.



**Let Kids Leave Their Mark at the First Fridays Chalk Party**  
Friday, August 4, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. | Shoppes at Thornebrook  
2441 NW 43rd St., Gainesville, FL

Join the Shoppes at Thornebrook for a family-friendly evening decorating the sidewalks chalk art. Bring creativity and imagination as chalk is provided and admission is free. Artwork remains on display for the Kids Activity Faire on Saturday.



**Celebrate the 127th Birthday of Pulitzer Prize-Winning Author Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings**  
Saturday, August 5, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. | Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Historic State Park  
8700 S CR 325, Cross Creek, FL 32640

Enjoy live fiddle music, cake with the legendary mango ice cream from her classic cookbook and a special walk-through tour of Mrs. Rawlings' historic Cross Creek farmhouse starting at noon.



**See the Fastest Growing Sport in Action at the 6th Annual Gainesville Indoor Pickleball Showcase**  
Friday, August 4 – Sunday, August 6 | Alachua County Sports and Events Center  
4870 Celebration Pointe Ave., Gainesville, FL 32608

Curious about the sport everyone is talking about? Wondering what terms like "Volley Llama," "The Kitchen" or "Pickledome" mean? See top players in action at the Indoor Pickleball Showcase. The Gainesville Sports Commission hosts 3 days of competition across multiple age brackets with singles and doubles divisions at the brand-new Alachua County Sports and Events Center.



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**See a Love Story Examined on Stage at the Opening Weekend of "Lungs"**  
**Thursday, August 3 – Sunday, August 13 | Star Center Theatre**  
**11 NE 23rd Ave., Gainesville, FL 32609**

Actors' Warehouse presents Duncan Macmillan's off-kilter love story set in a world of uncertainty. *Lungs* is a smart and funny drama that follows a couple through the surprising lifecycle of their relationship. It won the 2013 Best New Play award at the Off West End Awards.



**See Summer Blooms on a Guided Tour at Kanapaha Botanical Gardens**  
**Saturday, August 5, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. | Kanapaha Botanical Gardens**  
**4700 SW Archer Rd., Gainesville, FL 32608**

See colorful displays across 24 major collections including the largest herb garden in the Southeast, the largest public display of bamboo in Florida, Children's Garden and more. Don't miss the giant Victoria water lilies in the peak of their growing season. Plan your visit online.



**Pair a Nature Tour with a Craft Beverage at Birds and Brews**  
**Sunday, August 6, 5:45 p.m. – 7 p.m. | First Magnitude Brewing Company**  
**1220 SE Veitch St., Gainesville, FL 32601**

Go birding at the brewery as volunteers from Alachua Audubon Society lead a nature walk from First Magnitude Brewing Company to Depot Park. The one-hour walk returns at about 7 p.m. leaving plenty of time for a night cap. Wear comfortable shoes, stay hydrated with a water bottle and bring binoculars or borrow a loaner pair. All birding skill levels are welcome.

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