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## February 1-7, 2024



### Be Informed.

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### Grab a Helping of Mouthwatering Barbeque with a Side of Music at the 1st Annual Blues and BBQ Festival

**Saturday, February 3, 9 a.m. | Historic Downtown Newberry**  
**25435 W. Newberry Rd., Newberry FL 32669**

Live music from Gilmore and the Blues Authority, followed by Beautiful Bobby Blackmon and B3 Band provide the soundtrack for a day of fun. See awards for a classic car show and BBQ competitions backyard and commercial divisions. Admission is free.  
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### Make Strides for Florida Springs Protection at Springs Run 7.2K and Springs Fest 2024

**Saturday, February 3, 11 a.m. – 11 p.m. | First Magnitude Brewing Company**  
**1220 SE Veitch St., Gainesville, FL 32601**

Join a race for the springs at First Magnitude Brewing Company. The course wraps around Depot Park, down the Gainesville-Hawthorne Trail and back. If you're not feeling the 7.2K, there's a 1-mile fun run that goes around Depot Park, back to the brewery.  
After the run, recover at the brewery with an all-day festival with live music, artists, vendors, craft beer releases and more. Proceeds benefit the Florida Springs Institute located in High Springs.

### Go Upstage at UF Phillips Center with Roots Music from Twisted Pine

**Thursday, February 1, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. | UF Phillips Center**  
**3201 Hull Rd., Gainesville, FL 32611**

Praised by NPR for their "upbeat, poppy vibe; energetic, driving rhythms; and virtuosic solos," Twisted Pine released their sophomore full-length Right Now in 2020 (Signature Sounds Recordings). Exploring a sound they call Americana funk, Twisted Pine takes traditional music in exhilarating directions.

### Spend a Layover in Paris at the Opening Weekend of the Fast-Paced Farce "Boeing, Boeing"

**Friday, February 2 – Sunday, February 25 | High Springs Playhouse**  
**23416 W U.S. Hwy. 27, High Springs, FL 32643**

The 1960s farce is adapted for the English-speaking stage. When Robert checks in on his old friend in Paris, he quickly finds that Bernard has more baggage than he can handle. After Benard juggles 3 fiancées, each an airline hostess, an unexpected scheduling change brings all 3 to Benard's apartment at the same time.



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**North Central Florida Blues Society Presents Kent Burnside**  
**Sunday, February 4 | Heartwood Soundstage**  
**619 S Main St., Gainesville, FL 32601**

Kent Burnside was born in 1971 in Memphis Tennessee, and spent his early years in Holly Springs, Mississippi. He is the oldest Grandson and one of the closest pupils of the legendary R.L. Burnside. Kent got his real start in the music business playing with Jimbo Mathus (Fat Possum Records) and going on tour with Buddy Guy in the early 2000's. That was when he started developing his signature style of blues: dark, hypnotic, inviting and very danceable.

**Celebrate Black History and Culture Throughout Black History Month with Guest Speakers, Performances, Exhibits and More**  
**African Americans and the Arts at Alachua County Library District Headquarters**

Thursday, February 1, 3 p.m. – 4 p.m.

**Perspectives in the Park: Turning Pine into Turpentine: and other Miraculous Histories of Black Farmers in Alachua County with Porshè Chiles at Hogtown Creek Headwaters Nature Park**

Sunday, February 4, 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.

**Museum Nights: Vibrant Africa at the Harn Museum of Art**

Thursday, February 8, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

**Name, Image, and Blackness: Race and College Football with Dr. Leonard N. Moore at A. Quinn Jones Museum and Cultural Center**

Thursday, February 15, 4 p.m.

**City of Hope: Mobilizing Communities with Dr. Gwendolyn Zoharah Simmons, Ph.D. at A. Quinn Jones Museum and Cultural Center**

Thursday, February 15, 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

**Celebrating Black History Pop-Up Market at Anthropologie**

Saturday, February 17, 12 p.m. – 4 p.m.

**Frederick Douglass and Capt. John Brown at Alachua County Library District Headquarters**

Sunday, February 18, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

**Go Birding at the Brewery at Birds and Brews**

**Sunday, February 4, 4:45 p.m. – 6 p.m. | First Magnitude Brewing Company**  
**1220 SE Veitch St., Gainesville, FL 32601**

Meet at the brewery and join a nature walk led by Alachua Audubon Society volunteers. Stroll through the nature trail at Depot Park before returning for a craft brew and discuss your findings. All birding skill levels are welcome. Bring comfortable shoes, a water bottle and a pair of binoculars or borrow a loaner pair.

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