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May 23-29, 2024



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**Discover an Auditory Experience from Jam Fusion Rockers Perpetual Groove
Thursday, May 23, 8 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. | Heartwood Soundstage
619 S Main St., Gainesville, FL 32601**

Perpetual Groove cultivates unique experiences for each live show. Their sound is a mix of southern rock, funk and jazz improvisation. The indoor listening room at Heartwood Soundstage hosts an intimate performance with these longstanding festival favorites.



**Set Sail with Gainesville Community Playhouse for the Opening Weekend of
"Treasure Island"**

**Friday, May 24 – Sunday, June 9 | Gainesville Community Playhouse
4039 NW 16th Blvd., Gainesville, FL 32605**

Picture a world where pirates rule. Adapted by Ken Ludwig, this epic tale is a swashbuckling adventure that is out of this world, featuring treasure, romance, treachery and mayhem.
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**Cheer for the Next Team to Move on to the Women's College World Series
as Gators Softball Hosts Baylor at the NCAA Softball Championships Super
Regionals**

**Friday, May 24, 12 p.m., Saturday, May 25, 11 a.m., Sunday, May 26 (if necessary)
| Katie Seashole Pressly Stadium
2880 Hull Rd., Gainesville, FL 32608**

After winning last week's Gainesville Regional, Gators Softball hosts Baylor to determine which team moves forward to the Women's College World Series. Single-game admission and all sessions passes are available online.



**Start Your Weekend on the Right Note with Rock from Orbiter, Chimes and
Shehehe at the Free Fridays Concert Series**

**Friday, May 24, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. | Bo Diddley Plaza
Downtown Gainesville**

The Free Fridays Concert Series is the region's largest and longest-running free outdoor concert series featuring performances on Friday nights in downtown Gainesville. Enjoy food and drinks from nearby cafes and restaurants within walking distance. Admission is free.



**Add Relaxing Tunes to Your Weekend with Singer-Songwriter Cam Wheaton
at Playlist at the Pointe**

**Friday, May 24, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. | Celebration Pointe
4949 Celebration Pointe Ave., Gainesville, FL 32608**

Enjoy a diverse set from rising artist Cam Wheaton with music ranging from Merle Haggard to the Foo Fighters. Pull up a chair or spread a blanket and enjoy live music as the sun sets. Grab food, drinks and sweet treats from nearby restaurants. Admission is free.



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Get a Rare Look at the Most Diverse Group of Animals on the Planet at the "Science Up Close: Incredible Insects" Exhibit Opening Day
Saturday, May 25, 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. | Florida Museum of Natural History
3215 Hull Rd., Gainesville, FL 32611

Interact with live bugs from Florida, view a busy ant colony at work and learn all about the insects that live among us. Engage one-on-one with entomologists in the working lab and learn about all they do. Relax in the library nook with games and books or see how you measure up against world-record-holding bugs. Plan your visit online.

Photo courtesy Florida Museum/Jeff Gage



View Adorable Baby Lemurs and Charismatic Baby Red River Hogs at Carson Springs Memorial Day Weekend Tours
Saturday, May 25, Monday, May 27, 10 a.m. | Carson Springs Wildlife
8528 E CR 225, Gainesville, FL 32609

Enjoy outdoor fun with a zoologist led tour. See big cat feedings and view over 100 rare animals. Carson Springs is located on 275 acres of lush Florida woods and farmland providing a home environment to approximately 30 rare and endangered species. TripAdvisor awarded Carson Springs Wildlife the 2023 Traveler's Choice Award recognizing the attraction as one of the top 10% of in things to do worldwide, based on visitor reviews.

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Make Time to Honor and Remember with Area Memorial Day Events

Micanopy Memorial Saturday in Historic Downtown Micanopy
Saturday, May 25, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Color guard and wreath dedication ceremony begins at 11 a.m.

Memorial Day Ceremony at Historic Evergreen Cemetery
Monday, May 27, 10 a.m.

This event features multiple patriotic ceremonies, a Presentation of Colors, an American flag ceremony, musical tributes and inspirational words from area leaders. Admission is free and lunch will be provided.

Memorial Day in Archer
Monday, May 27, 10 a.m. at Laurel Hill Cemetery, and 5 p.m. at Archer Community Center

The morning event includes a Taps ceremony and placement of flags. The evening event features a retreat ceremony and cannon salute, celebration of life, presentation of colors, live music and food and drinks.

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