

GATOR GROWL

Lake City native William Norris shows school spirit as UF's homecoming chairman.



COURTESY

University of Florida homecoming general chairman and Lake City native William Norris (holding microphone) announces that popular rap artist Snoop Dogg and Daya will be performing at Gator Growl on October 6 at Flavet Field. As the homecoming general chairman, Norris oversees all homecoming events and operations, including Gator Growl, a traditional UF pep rally with musical entertainment and performances.

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University of Florida student William Norris remembers attending Gator Growl and UF football games throughout childhood. Growing up in Lake City with a Gator family, it only makes sense that homecoming festivities were part of his family traditions.

Now, as a senior finance major at UF, he oversees the entire homecoming week operation. He started helping with

homecoming during his freshman year in college. Each year that he built new skills with the organization, he also took on more responsibility in planning. This year he oversees everything from marketing to sponsorships as the homecoming general chairman.

"The entire organization falls under me," Norris said. It takes about 300 people to plan and organize all the homecoming week events leading up to Gator Growl, a traditional UF pep rally with musical entertainment and performances on Oct. 6.

The UF homecoming game against Louisiana State University is the next day.

Homecoming events include the multicultural talent show Soulfest, UF Homecoming Pageant, a two-mile run around the UF campus called Gator Gallop, a parade of more than 150 floats down University Avenue, a carnival-style festival and BBQ tailgate.

"It's a whole experience," Norris said.

Each year homecoming week has a unifying theme. This year UF students are kicking off the year by

throwing it back to the 90s. "It seems like a lot of students have been trying to go back to the 90s a little bit," Norris said.

The 90s grunge fashion recently became trendy again, so students organizing homecoming decided to follow along too by bringing Snoop Dogg as the headline act for the Gator Growl concert. Daya will also perform.

Choosing themes, performers and activities is not always an easy decision. "I think the most challenging part is all the different moving pieces,"

Norris said. He wants students and alumni to be happy, but he always wants to please the community. Sometimes different groups of people do not always have the same vision of homecoming week, but Norris wants everyone to have a memorable experience each year. "Sometimes it's pretty difficult," Norris said. What keeps him going is the opportunity to make his mark on Gator history. "The biggest reason I like homecoming and Gator Growl is the tradition," Norris said.

Norris' role organizing UF homecoming week helped him learn to supervise events, manage a six-figure sponsorship, improve communication and lead various groups of people, he said. "It's really just taught me real life skills that are going to help me so much in my career," said Norris, son of Guy and Suzanne Norris of Lake City. Making connections and learning along the way has been an invaluable experience for him. "I'm pretty forever grateful," Norris said.

Preparing sweet treats before Hurricane Irma

I'm happy to be back after a wonderful summer. I can't thank Mary Kay Rutan enough for stepping in and giving me a vacation. Her columns brought back a lot of good times we shared when we started out being the Taste Buddies seven years ago. She gave us some great new recipes and introduced several new restaurants. Many thanks, my friend.

We have all just endured the many difficulties brought on by Hurricane Irma. I venture to say that everyone in this Community was touched one way or the other by Irma. Having no water and power is definitely a challenge. I thought I would share some of my discoveries of making a meal without either.

In preparing for Irma, as I posted on Taste Buddies Lake City Facebook, "what does a southern woman do, she bakes". While I still had power I decided to bake the infamous Pound cake from my friend Pat's recipe files. It is the most decadent one I've ever eaten. It takes

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four sticks of butter and a cup of whipping cream. Need I say more? It's the only pound cake that will leave your hand greasy if you put a slice on your palm and eat it that way. I also made my brownies that seem to be a lot of people's favorite. Sandra Foreman calls them Crack Brownies. I figured those two things would make it through Irma without refrigeration and take care of those nervous sugar cravings.

Five of us made our first dinner off of items in the freezer. I had a Red Baron pizza that I discovered was quite good cooked on the gas grill. It was kinda

like having my own wood burning pizza oven. I put it directly on the grill and kept checking it to make sure the bottom didn't burn. When it was lightly brown I slid a pizza pan under it and closed the lid. The toppings and cheese melted and much to my surprise it really turned out great. In fact, I wouldn't mind trying that again but without Irma. Kimberlynne had some Hot Pockets in the freezer so she wrapped them in foil and put them on the other end of the grill to cook. They turned out really good too. They were hot all the way through and even a little crisp. We were pretty proud of ourselves with our experimenting on the grill.

I had bought a carton of whipping cream to make the pound cake and found a carton I already had in the refrigerator. I decided to go ahead and whip the cream and I would throw it in the cooler if we lost power. So, for dessert we had a slice of pound cake with fresh strawberries and whipped cream on



GENIE NORMAN/Special to the Reporter

Genie Norman baked her friend Pat's pound cake recipe before Hurricane Irma.

top. Pretty amazing by candlelight. The next day our main meal was another freezer feast. I had one of those packages of precooked bacon from Sam's so I got the pizza pan out again

and placed the bacon strips on it and placed on the grill. It was done in minutes and turned out crispy and wonderful. Kimberlynne wrapped her frozen Eggo, now defrosted, waffles in foil and

cooked them on the grill too. They were hot and a little limp but the bacon and Everett's cane syrup thank you Joe, fixed them right up. We decided if

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DEAR ABBY

Disappointed mom won't be at daughter's surprise party

DEAR ABBY: Our daughter is celebrating her 50th birthday next month. Her husband, "Ben," is throwing her a surprise party at a restaurant. We know because he has asked us to watch and feed the grandkids, who are in their teens.



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We have been taking care of the grandkids since they were born and have them anywhere from two to seven days a week, sometimes 24 hours a day, when their parents want a vacation without them. Over the years we have chauffeured them to doctor appointments, hair appointments, to and from school, sports functions, etc.

Ben says he wants to make the party for adults only. I have mixed feelings about it. I feel left out because, after all, she is our daughter. Am I wrong? My husband doesn't care one way or another. — LEFT OUT IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR LEFT OUT: Considering that you have stepped up to the plate every time your daughter and son-in-law have needed your help, I think your feelings are valid. You and your husband should have been included in the fun.

DEAR ABBY: During a recent trip across the U.S. to visit family, we

spent the night in a motel. While we enjoyed the complimentary breakfast the next morning, a middle-aged lady bustled around, keeping serving plates full, wiping the tables clean, and greeting everyone with a smile and a cheery, "Good morning!" There was no tip jar in sight. When I handed her a tip, she smiled and thanked me. I'm pretty sure most people who enjoyed the food and clean dining area never thought to tip her.

Please remind your readers that many service workers in our country are paid less than minimum wage (which isn't a living). They depend on the tips they are given. I mentioned it to the receptionist at the front desk when I checked out. She promised that she would propose a tip jar at the next managers' meeting. Please, folks, even without that reminder, take notice of workers like her who make your travel more pleasant, and

reward them accordingly. — TRAVEL TIP

DEAR TRAVEL TIP: Amen!

DEAR ABBY: We are all familiar with the rules of who pays for what in a wedding. Usually the bride's family pays for certain portions of the wedding and reception, while the groom's family pays for the rehearsal dinner, among other things.

But what are the rules for same-sex marriages? My daughter and her girlfriend are getting married, and I'm confused about the financial etiquette. Is everything split evenly? — MODERN DAD IN LOUISIANA

DEAR MODERN DAD: According to Steven Petrow, the LGBT etiquette author, there are few set rules about gay weddings. Your only "requirement" is to provide them with your love and support.

Many couples today, both gay and straight, foot the bill themselves. You might offer a gift to help them pay for the flowers or rehearsal dinner. However, like any responsible couple, your daughter and her intended should plan a wedding that is within their budget.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Revisit old ideas and see if they fit into your current situation. Upgrade your skills or use them in creative ways. Your financial, medical and legal matters may need to be looked at more carefully. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Discuss important matters with a partner or someone who will be influenced by the decisions you need to make. Getting the go-ahead will give you peace of mind. Personal changes and romantic encounters will improve your life. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Check out online employment opportunities or sit back and take time to rethink your plans for the future. Consider what's trending and how you can use your attributes to your advantage. Trust in yourself and don't listen to hearsay. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A creative outlet will have a calming effect on you. Make plans to do something with someone special. Share your thoughts and feelings and make plans that will bring you closer to the ones you love. Romance is highlighted. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Home, family and personal finances will all need to be reconsidered. No matter what you decide to do, don't jeopardize your security. The wrong move could turn into a costly mistake. Exhibit practicality and common sense. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Use friendly persuasion to get what you want and to complete what you promised you would do. Keep your promises and hold yourself accountable. Romance is highlighted. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take hold of

whatever situation you are faced with and do your best to encourage those around you to pitch in and help. Express your thoughts and plans, and collaborate with people who share your concerns and interests. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Invest in yourself. Update your resume or appearance to fit the requirements of a position that interests you. Be creative in the way you present who you are and what you have to offer. Celebrate with someone you love. ★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Information will be the key to getting ahead. Knowing what is going on around you and who has similar objectives will encourage you to surround yourself with the people who have the most to offer. ★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't hold back when it comes to discussing your plans with someone you love. The input you get will help you revise and improve your intentions. Uncertainty will ebb as you develop your idea further. Romance is highlighted. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't quibble over something you cannot change. Work alongside those trying to reach the same goal. Being a team player will help you overcome the challenges that you encounter. Keep your personal information and passwords well-hidden. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Make a promise and keep it. Explaining your intentions to someone you care about and consider an equal will help you bring your plans to fruition. Don't limit what you can do. Speak up and take action. ★★★★★

CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

" F I C F N E F M O G R C X P H N T L ' B P C B T H D .
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Previous Solution: "It's not just songs and glamour. It's sweat, blood, broken toes, and mistakes ... it's life." — Mary J. Blige

TODAY'S CLUE: Wj sjenba O

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SUNDAY CROSSWORD

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SUPER LOOPER

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Naval engagements
 - 8 Setting a world record, e.g.
 - 12 "The Hallucinogenic Toreador" artist
 - 16 Evidence in an arson investigation
 - 19 "No point arguing with me!"
 - 20 Some rounds
 - 21 "The only beauty that never fades," per Audrey Hepburn
 - 23 Fancy French shellfish dish
 - 25 Beer parlor
 - 26 "Then again ...," in a tweet
 - 27 Collection of Hindu aphorisms
 - 28 Palindromic bird
 - 30 It's got you covered
 - 31 Tennis's Novak Djokovic, by birth
 - 32 Rex Tillerson's alma mater, for short
 - 34 Proteins responsible for mad-cow disease
 - 35 Special ____
 - 37 It's got you covered
 - 39 Carved emblem
 - 41 Keys for Keys?
 - 44 German pronoun
 - 46 South American plains
 - 48 Tikkanen who won five Stanley Cups
- DOWN**
- 1 Grain containers
 - 2 Theatricalize
 - 3 National ____ Day (last Friday in April)
 - 4 Football formation
 - 5 007, for one: Abbr.
 - 6 ____ monkey
 - 7 Cocky walk
 - 8 Copyright concern
 - 9 Symbol for a break
 - 10 ____, amas, amat
 - 11 Taquito wrap
 - 12 What may grow with interest
 - 13 Barley wine, e.g.
 - 14 Burton of "Reading Rainbow"
 - 15 "Totally understood"
 - 105 Tiny conductor of heat or electricity
 - 108 Email best not replied to
 - 112 Mulled-wine ingredient
 - 113 Extra periods at TD Garden
 - 114 Mythical beast with goatlike features
 - 115 Jazzy Fitzgerald
 - 116 Premise of the film "Freaky Friday"
 - 118 Some positives and negatives
 - 121 Welcoming diners at midnight, say
 - 122 Singer India ____
 - 123 Adds water to
 - 124 Director Anderson
 - 125 Surveys
 - 126 "Darn it!"
 - 127 A good place to start
 - 16 Blessed
 - 17 Frequent director of De Niro
 - 18 Pigment in red blood cells
 - 22 "Star Wars" droid
 - 24 Letters on N.Y.C. trains
 - 29 Together
 - 33 Swiss folk hero with a crossbow
 - 34 Dig for answers
 - 36 After-dinner drink
 - 38 Speed skater Karin who won eight Olympic medals
 - 40 Scratch
 - 41 Celestial object that emits radio waves
 - 42 Drawn
 - 43 Poisonous snakes
 - 44 Anthropomorphic hedgehog of gamedom
 - 45 "Don't mind ____!"
 - 47 Elbow-benders
 - 50 ____-pah-pah
 - 51 Pair
 - 52 "Excuse me"
 - 53 Kidney-related
 - 56 Dark time, in poesy
 - 59 Wrap-up
 - 61 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13 ..., e.g.: Abbr.
 - 62 Less mendacious
 - 64 Like the Dalai Lama
 - 65 One of the Borgias
 - 66 Evolves
 - 68 The Philippines' ____ Sea
 - 70 Author Rankin
 - 71 1428 ____ (horror film address): Abbr.

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- 72 The N.B.A.'s Curry, informally
- 75 Singer James
- 77 Baja bear
- 80 Vermin
- 81 Straight: Prefix
- 82 Signer of many a permission form
- 84 Congress, with "the"
- 86 ____ wolf
- 87 Not level
- 88 Old outdoor dance sights
- 89 Place to try patatas bravas
- 90 Actress Lena
- 92 "Relax!"
- 95 Trusts and ____ (law school class)
- 98 Authority
- 99 Gertrude who swam the English Channel in 1926
- 101 Brand of note?
- 102 Teen driver's acquisition
- 104 The New Yorker piece
- 106 Western tribe
- 107 "Turn! Turn! Turn!" band, with "the"
- 109 One-named philosopher
- 110 Paul ____, Microsoft co-founder
- 111 En ____ (as a group)
- 112 Boast
- 113 Bullfight chorus
- 117 Homophone for the atomic number of oxygen
- 119 Altar constellation
- 120 St. Pierre, par exemple

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Answer to last Sunday's Crossword

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7 Ways to Help Hurricane Victims

FAMILY FEATURES

Natural disasters come in multiple forms and can quickly devastate many lives in a matter of moments. While they all can cause nightmares for those affected, few are as powerful and destructive as hurricanes.

That's why, when hurricanes make landfall and wreak havoc, help is immediately needed and accepted by the people and communities impacted the most. Here are a few ways you can make a positive impact for those affected by natural disasters, specifically hurricanes:

Start a Fundraiser

One of the most potentially impactful ways to lend a hand after a natural disaster is to start a community fundraiser. This can be as simple as an online account accepting donations for a group of people and sending a large sum to a relief organization, or as thought-out as a large-scale event, like a raffle or dinner, accepting donations for entry.

Donate

Money is typically the resource relief organizations can use the most during natural disasters, and it can also be the easiest way for people to lend aid. There are typically

many trustworthy organizations available to donate to during times of need.

Promote Fundraising Efforts

After you've made a donation yourself, spread the word to others whether it's via word of mouth, social media or other forms of communication. Let friends and family know how they can join the cause.

Volunteer

While it isn't viable for everyone, some people closer to the affected region can directly help those in need with physical help at the place it's most needed. Whether it's passing out supplies, serving food to those displaced or other means of lending a hand, volunteers are a valuable resource following natural disasters.

Provide Shelter

Another option for people looking to help who are closer to the devastation is to offer shelter, especially if they have family members or friends who have been affected. Assisting at places sheltering the displaced is another way to provide help, if offering space in your home is not an option.

Give Blood

Injuries can be unavoidable when hurricanes and other disasters strike. One way to help those hospitalized or otherwise injured is to donate blood, possibly saving lives in the process.

Stay Persistent

In the immediate aftermath of storms and natural disasters, the news cycle is dominated by stories of triumph and despair, and by ways people can help. However, the storm is eventually overshadowed by other, more recent news. One major way people can help after a hurricane is by continuing their support long after the storm has passed, as those affected will need assistance, supplies and donations for much longer than just a couple of weeks after the incident. As time passes, it can be helpful to continue donating money and supplies, committing to helping physically rebuild structures and promoting fundraising efforts.

Find more ways to help those in need at eLivingToday.com.



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there is a next time to just put the waffles directly on the grill and they might crisp up even better.

Quesadillas were great on the grill too. I had fresh tomatoes that I sliced thinly and then placed with cheese on tortillas. Used a skillet with a little butter on the bottom of the tortillas and turned and browned til they were golden and the cheese melted. Kimberlynne doesn't like the sliced tomato on them so she

dabbed hers in salsa. Another hot meal accomplished.

I read another, I think on Facebook, food suggestion for times like Irma. Boil pasta, like bowtie or penne, pour a little olive oil on it, toss then place in a baggie. Later you can use it to make a pasta salad using any fresh vegetables you have. I had cauliflower, carrots, broccoli and red onion. Veggies chopped up and mixed with the pasta with a little Italian dressing make a delicious pasta salad.

The only vegetable I

had bought that I ended up not using was a cabbage. I really don't know what I had in mind when I bought it but I could have sliced it, drizzled it with olive oil, salt and peppered it and cooked it on the grill. I have never done this but I've seen cabbage and cauliflower prepared this way on cooking shows. This is kind of like the roasted vegetables we do in the oven.

So, in case you might want to follow my lead in the dessert category, here's the pound cake and the brownie recipes.

Pat's Pound Cake

4 sticks butter at room temperature
3 cups sugar
6 eggs at room temperature
3 cups all-purpose flour
1 cup whipping cream (8oz)
1-2 tsp vanilla
Mix butter and sugar; add eggs one at a time, then add four, whipping cream and vanilla. Mix thoroughly and pour into a greased tube pan and place in a cold oven. Turn oven to 325 degrees and bake for 1 1/2 hours.

Marshmallow Brownies

Prepare the brownies as described on Duncan Hines brownie mix box in 9x13 sprayed pan. When they test done sprinkle about 2 cups of mini marshmallows on top and leave in the oven about 4 more minutes until marshmallows are puffy and lightly brown. Remove from oven and using a fork spread the marshmallows covering the top of brownies. Pour coca cola icing over brownies.

Coca Cola Icing

1 stick margarine or butter
2 Tbs. Coca
6 Tbs. Coca cola

1 box powdered sugar
1 tsp vanilla
1 cup chopped pecans (optional)

Icing: Heat margarine, cocoa and coca cola to boiling point. Remove from heat, stir in powdered sugar and vanilla. It's easier to use electric mixer and then add nuts (optional) and pour coca cola icing over top and spread to pan edges. Let cool before cutting. Can be stored in refrigerator.

I guess the old saying is true "when life gives us lemons, some of us make lemonade". Guess that was true for your Taste Buddie.