

# Burrito-eating contest draws crowd

*The 130 contestants devoured more than 300 Moe’s burritos to try to win free burritos for life.*

**By Lauren Joos**  
Correspondent

The summer sun reflected off the aluminum wrappings and into the eyes of the contestants. Sweat dripped down their cheeks and the condensation from the water bottles made rings in the tablecloth. The wraps of rice, black beans, cheese and salsa stood no chance. The fastest to eat their three burritos would win free burritos for life. “Contestants: Place your hands in your lap ... Go!” yelled the emcee. The fastest time recorded in the four years that Moe’s has held the free burrito-eating contest in Gainesville was one minute, 30 seconds. At Saturday’s contest in

Westside Park, Douglas Forrester, 35, clocked in at two minutes, seven seconds after devouring his three burritos. His time earned him free burritos for life from any Moe’s in Gainesville. “I brought my kids today, so I wanted to win for sure,” said Forrester, a Moe’s regular. After Forrester’s winning round, his daughter ran up for a hug. “Don’t squeeze too hard,” he warned her. “It will come up.” One hundred thirty contestants, including individuals and teams of five or more, were divided into 10 rounds. Sixteen winners with the fastest times would win free burritos for a year, and the fastest out of those times would win free burritos for life.

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**DOUGLAS FORRESTER**, winner of the burrito-eating contest who won free burritos for life at Moe’s

Matt Frates, 27, only came to the contest because his friends coaxed him into it. He clocked in at two minutes, 14 seconds — a time that won him free burritos for a year. “I wasn’t even trying to win,” Frates said. “After I took the first bite, I realized I might be able to.” More than 300 burritos were consumed in the hour the contest lasted. Stan Given, franchisee for all the local Moe’s restaurants, will say goodbye to many more free burritos in the coming year as the winners claim their prizes.



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Douglas Forrester, 35, shoves the last of a burrito into his mouth during the fourth annual Moe’s Burrito Eating Contest on Saturday at Westside Park. He won, finishing in two minutes and seven seconds, and will get free burritos for life from any Moe’s Southwest Grill in the Gainesville area.

## OBITUARIES

### Death Notices

**BROCK, THOMAS W.**  
Fanning Springs - Thomas William Brock, 69, died May 15, 2010. Arrangements are under the care of **HIERS-BAXLEY FUNERAL SERVICES** - Chief-land.

**JONES, PAUL J.**  
Alachua - Paul Junius Jones, 90, General Elec. Purchasing Manager, Passed away May 13, 2010. Arrangements are under the care of **FOREST MEADOWS FUNERAL HOME, CEMETERIES & CREMATORY.**



### Funeral Notices



**WELDON, EDNA R.**  
Edna Ridgell Weldon, age 82, died Thursday, May 6, 2010 in Gainesville. Mrs. Weldon was born October 23, 1927 in Manning, SC to Dolly Jackson Ridgell and James McLaurin Ridgell. The family moved to Gainesville in 1928. She graduated from Gainesville High School in 1945, and was married to Albert Curtis Weldon, Jr., her beloved husband, for 41 years. She and her husband moved to Jacksonville where he worked for the railroad. Mrs. Weldon returned to Gainesville in 1989. She is predeceased by her parents, husband, brothers Alonzo and Cameron Ridgell and half-sister Elizabeth Ridgell Thompson. Mrs. Weldon was a retired Personnel Officer with the Federal Government and worked at the Naval Air Station at Cecil Field in Jacksonville and at the Naval Air Station in Albany, GA. She was a loyal member of First Baptist Church of Gainesville and spent her retirement years teaching English as a second language at Santa Fe River Baptist Association. She was loved by her students. She is survived by many friends, including her caregivers, Scott and Lynda Whitaker. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First Baptist Church of Gainesville or to the Florida Sheriff’s Youth Ranches, Inc., PO Box 2000, Live Oak, FL 32060. Visitation will be at 2:00 PM with a memorial service following at 3:00 PM Tuesday, May 18, 2010 at First Baptist Church 14105 NW 39th Ave., Gainesville FL. Burial will be at Forest Meadows Central. Milam Funeral Home 311 S. Main Street, Gainesville FL 32601 (352) 376-5361 is in charge of arrangements.



**CORCORAN, SARAH M.**  
Sarah “Sally” Swain Corcoran born June 15, 1941 in Oxford, England died April 25, 2010 in Oviedo, Florida. One of three daughters, Sally lived in England and Egypt as a child during WWII. She moved to the Washington DC area with her family when she was 8 yrs old. She attended Holton-Arms School and Washington School for Secretaries. As an adult, Sally moved to the Chicago area with her husband and son. She also lived in Gainesville, FL, Easley, SC and most recently, moved to Oviedo, FL to be closer to her son and his family. It was in Oviedo where she finally succumbed to cancer, going peacefully from life on earth to eternal life in Heaven. Sally expressed a strong faith in God and a strong devotion to family and friends. After her husband died, she raised her son as a single parent from the time he was 13, cared for her father during the 2 years before his death, and lived with her mother for over 15 years in order to care for her in her declining years. She made care-giving a large part of her life. Though she had only one son, she became a “Mother” and a “Grandmother” to so many. It was during her time in Gainesville, FL that she deepened her relationship with Christ and accepted Him as her Lord and Savior. She was an active member of Creekside Community Church in Gainesville, FL and Community Bible Church in Easley, SC. Sally was gifted with a humble confidence. She was known for providing for others in their need. After devoting her entire life to giving, Sally had to allow herself to receive in her last days. Possibly her greatest challenge was to allow others to help and care for her as she had done for so many. Even as a young child, Sally started using the phrase, “Sally Man- age.” It was a family joke but turned out to be so true of her character. After battling breast cancer in 2008, she was diagnosed in late 2009 with lung cancer. She was surrounded by her beloved son, daughter-in-law, grandchildren and sisters. By the end of her life, she was able to let go and just be. There was nothing left that she needed to do or manage. Sally is survived by her devoted son, Charlie Corcoran and his wife, Bernadette; her two grandchildren, Alexandria (Allie) and Zach; her two sisters, Rosemary Swain and Suzan Chamberlayne; her mother, Sarah “Sally” Swain; as well as many other friends and family who love her and miss her. A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, May 22nd at 11:00am at Creekside Community Church, 2640 NW 39th Avenue, Gainesville, FL. Memorial Donations may be made to the Keira Grace Foundation whose focus is bringing hope, restoration and life to children with cancer in developing countries. <http://www.keiragracefoundation.com/>

**CRAFT, CLOVETT**  
Clovett Craft, 85, of Starke died Saturday May 15, 2010 with her family by her side following an extended illness. Mrs. Craft was born in Wicksburg, AL and moved to Bradford County in 1958. She was a homemaker and a member of the Morgan Road Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her mother and father, Susie and Ewell Jacobs; her husband of 56 years, Carlton Craft; her brother, Hub Jacobs, a baby brother, one grandchild and one great grandchild. She is survived by four daughters-Sue Samons, Linda Osteen and Jimmy, Debbie Wallace and Gary of Starke, FL and Sandra Whiffen of Franklin, NC, three sons-Lonnie Craft and Helen of Alachua, FL, James Craft and Shirley of Starke, FL and Ewell Craft and Janet of Keystone Heights, FL, two brothers-Cliff Jacobs and Helen of Orlando, FL and Johnny Jacobs and Delois of Milton, FL and a sister-Nell Lunsford and Billy of Apalachicola, FL, 13 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Haven Hospice, Gainesville Team A, 4200 NW 90th Blvd, Gainesville, FL 32606. Viewing will be held on Monday evening from 6 to 8 PM at the JONES-GALLAGHER FUNERAL HOME, 620 E. Nona St., Starke. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the DeWitt C. Jones Chapel at the funeral home with James Blanton officiating. Burial will follow at the Crosby Lake Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of JONES-GALLAGHER FUNERAL HOME, Starke 904-964-6200. [www.jonesgallagherfh.com](http://www.jonesgallagherfh.com).



**COLSON, ALENE A.**  
Alene A. Colson, age 79, passed away at her residence in Trenton on Thursday, May 13, 2010. Alene was born on January 19, 1931 in Trenton to James Shelton Asbell & Ila Louise Watson Asbell. She has resided in Trenton for the past 34 years after moving back from Tampa, FL. She was a secretary for the State of Florida in the Workman’s Compensation Division. Alene was a member of Pine Grove Baptist Church. She is preceded in death by her parents, James & Ila Asbell, her husband, Buck Colson & 4 brothers: L.M. Asbell, Enoch N. Asbell, Robert E. Asbell & James Duke Asbell. She is survived by 4 sisters: Rosella Bublitz of Trenton, FL, Jetty Blake of Chief-land, FL, Mary Ann Griner of Chiefland, FL, and Carolyn (Griffin) Morgan of Trenton, FL. She is also survived by numerous nieces & nephews. Funeral Services will be held on Monday, May 17, 2010 at 11:00 A.M. at Pine Grove Baptist Church with Dr. Greg Douglas, Pastor officiating. Interment to follow at Asbell Cemetery. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to, Pine Grove Baptist Church Building Fund, 16655 SW CR339, Trenton, FL 32693. Arrangements under the care of Watson Funeral Home, 426 W. Wade Street, Trenton, FL 32693 (352) 463-8888.



**ROUNTREE, WILLIAM R.**  
William Rogers Rountree, Sr., age 73 of Gainesville, FL, passed away at his home on Friday May 14, 2010. He was born in Gainesville on December 24, 1936. Mr. Rountree served in the United States Air Force, and worked for Shea’s Glass Company for over 30 years as a Project Supervisor. He enjoyed the outdoors, especially finding arrowheads, hunting and fishing, and built most of the furniture in his home. He was preceded in death by his wife Dorothy Rountree and a step-son Scott Shevalier, and is survived by his son Roger Rountree and his wife Becky, a step-son Shawn Shevalier, and his grandson Chase Rountree. There will be a visitation at the funeral home on Tuesday evening from 5-7 PM. Grave-side Services will be held at 10:00 AM on Wednesday May 19, 2010 at Forest Meadows East Cemetery in Gainesville. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society P.O. Box 22718 Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718. Milam Funeral and Cremation Services 311 South Main Street Gainesville, FL 32601 (352) 376-5361.



**POST, ARLENE W.**  
Gainesville, Florida - Mrs. Arlene Warren Post, age 87, died Thursday, May 13, 2010, at E. T. York Hospice Care Center, Gainesville, FL. Arlene was born, raised and lived her entire life in Alachua County, FL. She retired from Bell South and was a member of the Telephone Pioneers and Grace Baptist Church. Arlene was preceded in death by her parents, Charles & Virgie Warren, and grandson, Robert Warren Thrailkill. Survivors include her daughter, Dorian Thrailkill of Gainesville, FL; sister Ophelia Robinson and her husband Lester of Gainesville, FL; grandson John Thrailkill and his wife Linda, and two great grandchildren, Madison and John Thrailkill, of Prattville, AL; nieces and nephews, Sandra Hazen of Neptune Beach, FL., Debra Backlinie and her husband Bill of Morriston, FL., Robby Robinson and his wife Ann, of Gainesville, FL and David Robinson and his wife Mary, of Gainesville, FL. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to either Grace Baptist Church Building Fund, 7100 NW 39th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32606, or Haven Hospice, 4200 NW 90th Blvd., Gainesville, FL 32606. The family will receive friends on Monday, May 17, 2010, from 10:00 - 11:00 AM at Grace Baptist Church, 7100 NW 39th Avenue, Gainesville, FL. The funeral service will begin at 11:00 AM, with Rev. Jim Riley officiating. Burial will follow at Forest Meadows East Cemetery. MILAM FUNERAL AND CREMATION SERVICES, 311 S. Main St., Gainesville, FL (352) 376-5361.

**COOK, SHARON R.**  
Sharon R. Cook, 53, beloved educator at Melrose Elementary, passed away Monday, May 10th. Although Sharon lived in Gainesville since her 1982 graduation from UF, her entire teaching career was devoted to students in Putnam County. Following three years at Beasley Middle School, Sharon came to Melrose in 1985, and quickly became respected, honored and loved by her students, their parents, the faculty, staff, and administration alike. Her compassion and love for children was remarkable. As Sharon’s father was in the foreign service, she was born in Okinawa, lived in India, Vienna, VA and Miami, FL. Sharon is preceded in death by her mother and father Mary Coleman and Harry Richie, Jr., sisters Mary Jeanne, Donna Lee and niece Melissa. Sharon was a tender-hearted person who worked hard and dearly loved her family. She is survived by her daughter Laura Cook, nieces April and Danielle, and cousin Shirley. A Memorial Service will be held at Trinity Episcopal Church in Melrose, Sunday, May 17, at or about 6 pm. Reception to follow. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Sharon Cook Memorial Fund, care of Melrose Elementary School. Arrangements are under the care of Moring Funeral Home, Melrose, FL.



### In Memory

**In Loving Memory of Stephanie Medeiros**  
Jan. 15, 1969 - May 16, 2006  
Stephanie: time will go by but my feelings for you never change. I think about you & our unborn son often. Thus, I thought I would put together a few titles from songs we both listened to in your memory. Sometimes it seems like "It's been a Long Time" since you passed away. The man who caused your death never did pay "The Price" - When the police did "Ring My Bell", and told me you were killed, I knew my life was in "Jeopardy". I also know "Without You" that I must try and "Turn the Page". It won't be easy because in my life there's been "No One Like You", and you will always be "Still The One" for me. I've tried to move on the outside but inside I've been "The Great Pretender" because your loss still "Cuts like a Knife", "When I Need You". I often listen to "Sad Songs", I still "Dream On" that everything can go back and just "Still Be the Same". Often, at night, I hear the " Sounds of Silence" and with "All My Lovin", I hope that we could only "Get Back" to once before. It's "More than a Feeling" for me, but I know that I am "Living on a Prayer". But "I'm a Believer" that there will be a time when I'm "Knockin on Heaven's Door". After "Taking the Stairway to Heaven", I will be in "Anticipation" that I will finally have "Somebody to Love" again. Because "Only You" is the woman I should be with, as "We Belong" together.  
Your Loving Husband Michael

## Aspiring fliers get closer to planes

*National Learn to Fly Day teaches about small aircraft.*

**By Cindy Swirko**  
Staff writer  
Renson Maxwell has flown in many planes. His father was in the military, so the family used to travel a lot. It sparked in Maxwell, 24, a dream to fly a plane. That dream came closer to reality on Saturday, National Learn to Fly Day, at Sky Chiefs Aviation at the Gainesville Regional Airport. “I just went up and I loved every minute of it,” Maxwell said. “I’ve been interested in this a long time. Getting on a jet was nothing for me — looking out the window, laughing on takeoff and enjoying the landings. I want to do this for a profession. I’m looking to start as quickly as possible.” National Learn to Fly Day is an annual event aimed at giving people who are interested in becoming a pilot an opportunity to go up in a small plane and get a feel for what it takes to fly an aircraft. Sky Chiefs Aviation is a flight school owned by Kemi and Ryan Foote. Kemi Foote said Sky Chiefs decided to participate in the event to give people the experience of flying. Another goal was to dispel notions about the difficulty and cost of flying, she said. “A lot of people think it is so inaccessible. Part of today is to show people that it is accessible, that it is achievable and that it doesn’t cost an arm and a leg,” she said. “And it is so rewarding. The benefits outweigh everything.” Also on hand were members of the area chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association with some home-built planes, the Alachua County Sheriff’s Office helicopter and a display of larger aircraft by RD Air Services, a Gainesville aircraft management and charter service. Kemi Foote said this was the first time Sky Chiefs staged the event, and the business will do it again next year. She said more than 50 people came out for the short flights.

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