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## Yoho is tea party pick

Local group says it's wary of challenger.

By SARAH LOFTUS  
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The North Central Florida Tea Party board of directors has unanimously endorsed incumbent Ted Yoho for U.S. Congress in the Aug. 26 primary. The board's seven members cited various reasons for their choice, but one of their chief reasons, agreed on by many of them, is that they know and trust Yoho.



Yoho



Rush

"I think he shares our values," board member Jo Lytte said. "I think he believes in the Constitution."

The NCFTP ran an ad in The Lake City Reporter in Wednesday's edition that lists the results of its "leadership straw poll" for the primary, and even though it says in the advertisement that the straw poll is not an endorsement, NCFTP president John Lacquey said it is a list of the candidates the local tea party board endorses.

Board secretary Sharon Higgins said the board

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## 'The evolution of Pedro Jermaine'



**TOP:** 'My Weakness,' a 16x20 oil on canvas from The Evolution of Pedro Jermaine. **CENTER:** 'Innocence,' an 18x24 oil/graphite on canvas from The Evolution of Pedro Jermaine. **BOTTOM:** 'The Redeemed,' a 24x36 oil on canvas from Mammography Art Initiative.



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Pedro Jermaine displays some of his artwork in his home studio. The oil on canvas paintings — 'The Surreal' (from left), 'Glamorous Life,' 'Global Diversity,' 'Uncontrollable Thoughts' and 'Reflecting: Finding Self' — all have a personal touch. 'I try to put a message in my work. It's a way I get out my release, anguish. I let everything go.'

## Lake City resident inspires children to follow their passions.

By EMILY BUCHANAN  
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A local resident who has remained hidden from the spotlight for eight years has emerged from the shadows as he paints his way through Lake City.

Pedro Jermaine Perry, 35, an information technology professional, was born in Live Oak and is a well-known artist in the South Florida area, but said he has lived in Lake City for the last eight years merely to paint in the quiet, until recently.

"I figured it was time to get involved with the community," Perry said. "Whether it's donating art or giving kids advice about art, I've always tried to give back to the community."

Perry said he began to branch out to the community in helping students from

'I used to look at my reflection in the mirror when I was younger and tell myself that I was going to make a difference in people's lives.'

Hands of Change paint a mural for Richardson Middle School last Saturday. He said Hands of Change is an organization in Gainesville that works with the youth teaching them the importance of community service.

At the age of 6, Perry said while he watched the "Muppet Babies" television show, he was able to find his hidden talent. "First, I looked all over the house," he said. "I looked under the couch, in the cabinets and in all the closets of my mom's apartment. Fortunately, I found it a few days later while I was in Suwannee Elementary School when I drew a picture of an anteater."

He said as his grandmother supported his talent while he would spend close to 13 hours a day as a child drawing all kinds of

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## Candidate Forum 2014 to air again this weekend



A Florida Gateway cameraman views the monitor as Rusty DePratter (right) and Marc Kazmierski answer questions.

By EMILY BUCHANAN  
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Residents who did not get to watch candidates running for the local race aired live on public television during the Candidate Forum 2014 at Florida Gateway College on August 4 and 5, now have the opportunity from Friday through Monday to watch a replay of the political forum on television.

The forum will air on Comcast Channel 8 on all four nights.

The first political forum held August 4 will air Friday from 8-10

### Replay schedule

#### August 4 forum (U.S Congress, county attorney, school board):

- Friday from 8-10 p.m.;
- Saturday from 6-8 p.m.;
- Sunday from 6-8 p.m.;
- Monday from 8-10 p.m.

#### August 5 forum (county commission, city council):

- Friday from 10 p.m.-midnight;
- Saturday from 8-10 p.m.;
- Sunday from 8-10 p.m.;
- Monday from 10 p.m.-midnight.

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The August 4 forum included U.S. Rep Ted Yoho, R-Gainesville, and challenger Jake Rush, a Gainesville lawyer who also seeks the Republican nomination for congressional District 3. Candidates seeking the school board District 1 and District 3 seats and the county attorney post were also featured on the first day.

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