In Brief

Week of Feb. 11

Health Fair coming to Library Partnership

Library Partnership will host its 4th annual Health Fair to empower the community with the knowledge and tools they need to make healthier lifestyle choices.

It will take place from noon-4 p.m. Tuesday at Library Partnership at 1130 NE 16th Ave. It is free and open to the community.

Featured will be free health screenings, including vision and dental, blood pressure checks and cholesterol testing as well as information from representatives from health care organizations and programs related to health, fitness and wellness.

Participating organizations will include the University of Florida Health Shands Rehabilitation Hospital, UF HealthStreet, the Epilepsy Foundation of Gainesville, the city of Gainesville Bicycle/Pedestrian Program, Early Steps, Alachua County Social Services and others. The UF Mobile Outreach Clinic also will be on site.

Additionally, Library Partnership provides ongoing programs and services that address the different aspects of health and wellness, including Zumba classes, the Cooking Matters healthy cooking class, the Health Insurance Marketplace Navigators and more.

For more information, call 352-359-8169 or visit www.aclib.us/events.

Democratic Party sponsoring essay contest

The Alachua County Democratic Party is inviting all middle school students in Alachua County to share their thoughts on how they can make a difference by participating in the 2nd annual Black History Month Essay Contest.

The topic is "What Black Lives Matter Means to Me," and the intent is to inspire deep thought and explore ways to get involved to make a difference.

The essays, which are due by Feb. 19, can be emailed to AlachuaCountyEssayContest@gmail.com or sent via mail to the Alachua County

Democratic Party, P.O. Box 5216, Gainesville, FL 32627. Submissions must include the student's name, school name and mailing address, including ZIP code.

Students will compete for cash prizes that will include $200 for first place, $150 for second place, and $75 for third place.

For more information, call 352-317-8291 or 954-303-6033.