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## Movies in the Park

The City of Crescent City will hold "Movies in the Park" featuring "Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2" in Eva Lion Park on Saturday, August 9 at dusk, rain or shine. In case of rain the event will be moved to City Hall's Commission Meeting room. Bring your blankets and low back chairs. There will be hot-dogs, popcorn and drinks available.

## Full Moon Paddle

Full Moon Paddle and Movie on Melrose Bay. A moon light paddle complete with a movie and pass-around picnic. Boat Launch at end of Trout Street in Melrose. Friday, August 8, from 7 to 10 p.m. The movie will be shown at the end of a dock and can be viewed from kayaks. Meet at the boat launch at the end of Trout Street at 7 p.m. to start. Bring pass around food to share and your beverage of choice. This paddle is for experienced paddlers only. Putnam Blueways and Trails sponsor's daytime trips that are more appropriate for new paddlers. Boat light, whistle, and PFD are mandatory. For more information email putnambluewaysandtrails@gmail.com or visit www.putnambluewaysandtrails.org.

## Spark a Reaction

The Putnam County Library System is having a Spark A Reaction: Graphic Novel workshop in all its locations. Each location will create one chapter. When completed all chapters will be collected and published. Each participant will receive a copy of the novel. They will meet on August 8 and 9 at 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. at the Crescent City Library. Registration is not required and is free to teens and tweens.

## Smokey Bear's 70th Birthday

The Welaka State Forest Office is celebrating Smokey Bear's 70th birthday. Come Saturday, August 9, from 12 until 2 p.m. Stop by the forest office to have your photo taken with Smokey Bear as well as games, activities, and cupcakes for kids of all ages. This is a free event.

## School Packet Giveaway

There will be a school packet giveaway at St. Vincent de Paul Society, St. John Conference, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Friday, August 8 on 111 N. Francis Street in Interlachen. Children must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. For more details call 386-684-2797.

## Panama Canal's 100th Birthday

The Florida Museum of Natural History is celebrating the Panama Canal's 100th birthday this August with a new gallery exhibition and family-friendly event. Opening Aug. 9, "Panama: Tropical Ecosystem" focuses on the region's biodiversity and the cultural importance of nature in a country of rain forests, volcanic beaches and mountains. On display through May 31, 2015, the exhibit features photographs, stereographs, plant illustrations, books and artifacts highlighting the rich variety of flora and fauna in the land between North and South America.

## A Soldier is Remembered



Photos by Mike Jones



Saturday, August 2, members of the Putnam and Volusia VFW, along with friends and family of Charles M. Robinson, a Vietnam Veteran of the U.S. Army who passed in 2005, attended an event to honor Robinson, by placing a headstone at his previously unmarked grave in Pierson. Robinson's son, Charles Robinson, Jr. (bottom left) was presented with the American Flag as well as three spent shells, from a four man, three shot volley, to honor his fathers memory. The event was sponsored by the Putnam County Courier Journal. The Arlington style headstone was donated by Affordable Headstones of Jacksonville and flowers by the Crescent City Flower shop.

## Be aware of children and heat stroke

Paul Flateau  
Putnam County  
Fire & EMS

If you have not heard about the many children being left alone in hot vehicles lately, you have not been listening. According to www.ggweather.com/heat/, 18 children have died in non-crash related vehicle incidents so far this year. Many of these children die due to heat stroke because of the rapid increase of temperature inside the vehicle. Heatstroke sets in when the body isn't able to cool it-

self quickly enough. A child's body heats up three to five times faster than an adult's, making them more susceptible to heatstroke. When a child's internal temperature reaches 104 degrees, major organs begin to shut down, and when that temperature reaches 107 degrees, the child can die. On an 80 degree day, the temperature inside of a car can rise 20 degrees in as little as 10 minutes and keeps getting hotter with each passing minute. And cracking the win-

dow doesn't help! Source Safekids.org, Putnam County Emergency Services and Safe Kids are asking everyone to help protect kids by remembering to ACT.

A: Avoid heat-stroke-related injury and death by never leaving your child alone in a car, not even for a minute. And make sure to keep your car locked when you're not in it so kids can get in by themselves.

C: Create reminders by putting something in the back of your car next to

your child such as a briefcase, a purse or a cell phone that is needed at your final destination. This is especially important if you're not following your normal routine.

T: Take action. If you see a child alone in a car, call 911. Emergency personnel want you to call. We are trained to respond to these situations. One call could save a life.

For additional resources please visit these valuable websites: safekids.org, www.kidsandcars.org/heatstroke.html.

## Hope Stems from Therapy in Panama

Mike Jones  
Staff Writer

William "B.J." Laurie, past Editor/Publisher of the Putnam County Courier Journal and former Crescent City Commissioner, is in his third week of stem cell therapy in Panama City, Panama. Two years and four-months after a vehicle accident that rendered him a quadriplegic.

The therapy consist of one injection of nine million stem cells in his spinal canal per week and two IV injections of 18 million stem cells into his blood stream per week. The stem cell therapy is done in conjunction with physical therapy five days a week.

Laurie states that he feels more like himself since begin-

ning the treatments in late July. Though Laurie has not noticed any improvement in movement or muscle control in his hands or feet yet, he has reported an increase in strength, improvement in blood pressure, and an increase in stamina. Although he has had an increase in muscle spasms, which according to the Stem Cell Institute, it is a good thing.

He will remain at the Institute in Panama until late August and will then begin more physical therapy back in Florida, which is designed to help the stem cell therapy "reconnect" nerve endings and replace the damaged spinal cord cells. Laurie, his family and friends hope that this hard work will one day help



Photo by Ryan Trammell

William "B.J." Laurie (middle) and his mother Laura Turner (left) at the Stem Cell Institute in Panama City, Panama.

him regain more hand control so that he may become more independent and/or may

be even walk again someday.

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# OPINION

## That's How I See It The New Village Idiot

**A. Nonymous**

If the odds makers in Vegas had a bet for the biggest idiot in Washington, it would be between Nancy Pelosi and Joe Biden. There's no doubt in my mind that Pelosi would take the win.

Oh yes, Nancy has out done herself this time. I thought the biggest idiot phrase in history was, "We have to pass it to see what's in it," but that was before her latest brain dead statement. This past week on CNN, she must have been off her medication when she made the comment, "And we have to confer with Qataris, who have told me over and over again that Hamas is a humanitarian origination." HUH?

Wait; let me get this straight, Pelosi has been talking to the Qataris? Oh yes, she said they have told her, "OVER and OVER AGAIN," which means she has had more than one conversation with this terrorist funding group.

Hey Nancy, in case you don't remember, when you were the Speaker of the House, this Palestinian branch of the extremist Muslim Brotherhood has been on the State Departments list of foreign terrorist organizations since 1997.

The fact is Nancy, you have drank too much of your masters Kool-Aid. The Qataris has a long history of providing shelter, firepower and cash to Hamas, Al Jazeera and their satellite networks, and their biggest funder is your boss, President Obama.

Oh yes Nancy, you were right there this past week when your boss stood before a group of Muslims and said, "Thank you for building America." Have you all gone delusional in Washington? This country was not built by a group of people who want to behead anyone for not believing in their god. Our people, hardworking Americans, farmers, the Chinese, the blacks, and the Irish, not terrorist, built it.

The problem with Washington is there is no way to vote for just one village idiot, because there are so many, so let me move on to President Obama and John Kerry who are trying to destroy Israel.

I am so sick of our leaders trying to make deals with terrorist. Now the Obama Administration is seeking the Qataris help in trying to negotiate a ceasefire between Hamas and Israel. Are you kidding me? Hamas will never stop trying to destroy Israel. Hamas has made it clear that they will not stop until every person in Israel is dead!

Obama needs to quit striking deals with terrorist groups, instead he needs to stand with Israel and wipe Hamas off the map, because after they are done with Israel, bet your bottom dollar they will come for the U.S.A, just like they have promised, and they will do it with the weapons and cash that Obama and this administration have given them in conjunction with the Qataris.

Don't just take my word for this, watch theses idiots on TV live every night, and you will see what I'm talking about. In the end we only have ourselves to blame for letting the village idiots run our country into the ground. Call your government officials and demand that they do the job you are paying them for.

Everyone has an opinion and this is mine. You might not agree with it, but, "That's How I See It."

## Judicial Misconduct by DeLaroche

Dear Editor:

It is dismaying to see that a disgraced former Volusia County judge, Steven N. DeLaroche, is a candidate for circuit judge in the August 26 primary.

DeLaroche resigned as county judge February 8, 2007. Florida's Judicial Qualifications Commission, the agency responsible for disciplining or removing errant judges, had charged him with six initial violations alleging corrupt acts while on the bench in charges filed in July 2006.

Following a personal appearance at an evidentiary hearing before an Investigative Panel of the Judicial Qualifications Commission on July 13, 2006, to answer these initial six counts, DeLaroche was charged with three additional counts, citing three instances of knowingly presenting false and/or misleading testimony and a false and/or misleading affidavit at the hearing. In its order of October 12, 2006, the panel found, by a greater than two-thirds supermajority, that probable cause existed on all of the charges, including the findings of presenting the false/misleading testimony and affidavit.

DeLaroche was looking at formal proceedings to be removed from office. Rather than face the commission again, he resigned his office. The case was ultimately dismissed, as the commission's sanction, i.e. removal from office, had been achieved. At that point, there was no necessity to proceed to the formal hearing. It is clear that the case was dismissed in March 2007 only because DeLaroche resigned from office. The dismissal states, "The basis for the dismissal is Judge DeLaroche's resignation and Governor Crist's acceptance of his resignation."

Six years later, DeLaroche had the audacity to run for Clerk of the Circuit Court against incumbent Diane Matousek and another candidate. He came in third in the three-party race after Ms. Matousek publicized his sordid record.

Now, DeLaroche has "loaned" his judicial campaign in excess of \$130,000 and apparently seeks to buy his way back to judicial office by financially overwhelming his opponents. During the present campaign, DeLaroche has been claiming that he was charged with having "simply mishandled one traffic ticket." This is nonsense.

The "one mishandled ticket" is described in the charging instrument detailing multiple separate instances of judicial corruption. Then, after presenting false testimony about the matter, DeLaroche was charged with three additional counts of what was essentially perjury. The final Amended Notice of Formal Charges, which lays all of this out in detail, is at: [www.floridasupremecourt.org/pub\\_info/summaries/briefs/06/06-1376/Filed\\_10-12-2006\\_AmendedFormalCharges.pdf](http://www.floridasupremecourt.org/pub_info/summaries/briefs/06/06-1376/Filed_10-12-2006_AmendedFormalCharges.pdf)

The general counsel for the Judicial Qualifications Commission pointed out to the press when DeLaroche qualified that prior misconduct, while a lawyer or a judge in another capacity, can be the basis for renewed charges. There is every reason to believe that this would happen should DeLaroche be elected; he may well be subjected to early removal. We should not take that chance. His ethics, as currently displayed, are suspect when he blatantly mischaracterizes the depth and extent of the serious charges that led to his forced resignation. As a former chief circuit judge in the Seventh Judicial Circuit, which includes Putnam County, I have a keen interest in preserving and protecting the excellent judiciary we now enjoy. There are impeccable candidates in each of the several judicial races at stake in this election season. DeLaroche is not among them.

Sincerely,  
**John J. Upchurch**  
Daytona Beach

## From Me to You

**Juliette Laurie**  
Editor/Publisher

According to all of the commercials on TV and the ads in the papers, the time has come once again; August is the month that brings summer to a close and heralds a brand new school year.

### National Children's Eye Health and Safety Month

August is also National Children's Eye Health and Safety Month. With school starting it's a perfect opportunity to get the kids eyes checked during their yearly school physicals. One in four children worldwide has vision impairment, and of those ages three to five, one in 20 have a problem that could result in permanent vision loss if left untreated. For more information please go to [www.preventblindness.org](http://www.preventblindness.org)

### National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM)

Every year in August the National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM) provides an opportunity to highlight the value of immunization across the lifespan. This year the Center for Disease Control has broken the campaign down into a 4-week themed event.

- **A Healthy Start (Aug. 3-9)** - Vaccines are the safe, proven way to protect children from 14 serious diseases before they turn 2 years old. Every dose of vaccine is important to protect against infectious diseases like the flu, measles and whooping cough (pertussis) that can be life threatening for newborns and young babies. You can provide the best protection by following the recommended immunization schedule - giving your baby every vaccine she needs, when she needs it - and by making sure those who will be around your baby are vaccinated, too.
- **Back to School (Aug. 10-16)** - When children are not vaccinated, they are at increased risk for disease and can spread disease to others in their classroom and community and people with weakened immune systems. Schools are highly susceptible to outbreaks of infectious diseases because students can easily transmit illnesses to one another as a result of poor hand washing, uncovered coughs and dense populations.
- **Off to the Future (Aug. 17-23)** - Getting ready for college or your future career means making sure you are up to date on all doses of the recommended vaccines. Because some diseases can spread quickly in settings like college dorms and classrooms, many colleges and universities have vaccination requirements for school entry.
- **Not Just for Kids (Aug. 24-30)** - All adults should get vaccines to protect their health including Flu and pneumonia vaccines as well as those for shingles, hepatitis and HPV - Immunization is especially important for adults 60 years of age and older, and for those who have a chronic condition.

## Government Watch

### City of Crescent City

City Commission Meeting, August 14, 7 p.m.

CRA Board Meeting, August 14, 7 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Meeting, August 14, 6 p.m.

City Hall, 3 North Summit Street. Meets 2nd Thurs of the month. 386-698-2525 - [www.CrescentCity-FL.com](http://www.CrescentCity-FL.com)

### Town Council of Welaka

Town Council Meeting, August 12, 6:30 p.m.

Code Enforcement Meeting, Tuesday, August 12, 5 p.m.

Zoning Board Meeting, Tuesday, August 12, 5:30 p.m.

Town Hall, Fourth Ave. Meets 2nd Tues of the month. 386-467-9800. [www.Welaka-FL.gov](http://www.Welaka-FL.gov)

### Town Council of Pomona Park

Town Council Meeting, August 12, 6 p.m.

Beautification Committee Meeting, August 12, 5:30 p.m.

Town Hall Council Chambers, 1775 US Hwy 17 S.

TownClerk@PomonaPark.com Meets 2nd Tues of the month. 386-649-4902 - [www.PomonaPark.com](http://www.PomonaPark.com)

### Putnam County Board of County Commissioners

August 12, 9 a.m. Regular Meeting

Meets second and fourth Tuesday in the Commission chambers, 2509 Crill Ave, Suite 100, Palatka. 386-329-0205

### Putnam County School Board

August 19, 3:30 p.m. Regular Meeting

Meets the first and third Tuesday in the school board meeting room, Campbell Administration Building, 200 S. Seventh St., Palatka. 386-329-0545.

## Letters to the Editor

### The Sounds of Nature, Frogs

Dear Editor:

Have you noticed how loud the frogs are this summer? And how numerous! It's a sign of plenty of rain and a healthy environment. In my yard there are the small green tree frogs, spotted leopard frogs, and brown toads. One tree frog gets on our screen porch, and when you are sitting quietly reading, will suddenly yell so loudly you jump out of your skin! Then others outside will start up, randomly croaking at first, then as if there were a conductor, they get synchronized and sing and sing, then suddenly stop. Just like that. Who or what makes that happen? I saw on Nature on PBS that the louder the song, the more attractive the male frog is to female frogs, kind of like some human teenagers! Thereby ensuring a future of louder and louder frogs. Natural selection, you know. You gotta love frogs.

We've had guests from Outside who say the frogs keep them awake at night. Well, la di dah.

Patricia Maden  
Crescent City

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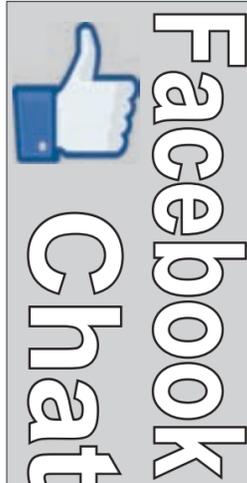
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We asked our Facebook friends:  
*Do you think marijuana will be legalized in Florida?*



"Unfortunately yes. But I will be voting against it come November."

Steven Pugh  
Pomona Park



"For medicinal purposes I believe it will be legalized. Legalization for recreational use will be the biggest fight."

Winston Miller  
Crescent City



"Why vote against it if you think it should be? It's for medical use anyway not like they are lighting it up in the streets (not yet anyway). Why vote no when it could save a child's life that has numerous amounts of seizures a week or to the cancer patient that needs it cause they are dying?"

Kristi Darren Judd  
Pomona Park



"Yes because so much good can come from one plant. For example people who suffer from cancer will not be drained from Chemo, Plus I'm pretty sure crimes rate will decrease."

Sammy Bogan  
Crescent City



"Yes I do. I have medical issues that this would help with."

Dina Sullivan  
Pomona Park

# COMMUNITY

## Golf Tournament, Fitness Center News and Movie in the Park



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### Long Time Friends

Irene Hundley and I took a drive to Jacksonville recently to have lunch with long time friends Zella Rouse and Pat Johnson. It was fun. We have been neighbors and friends for 30 years or more. Pat gave us a tour of the old and new Jacksonville. Irene and Niman had lived all over Jacksonville in their younger days. Pat drove by my Nick's home where he grew up. We had lunch at Tom and Betty's Restaurant. It was very good.

We visited and took flowers and flags to Evergreen and Riverside Cemeteries were Niman and Wayne are buried. It was a nostalgic and enjoyable day. Thanks Pat and Zella. We don't see the Rouse's very much since they sold their lake place. Zella looks great and Millard is spending some time at Cypress Gardens at Clear Bridge.

### Fitness Center News

Personal trainer Troy

has changed his hours to Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 11 a.m. Make your appointments with him.

Join yoga instructor Christina on Mondays and Fridays at 11:30 a.m. for a wonderful time of meditation and exercises. Landscaping around the Putnam Family Fitness Center buildings has started. Please let the front desk know if you would like to adopt an area to landscape. Thanks to Catherin F. and Cindy H. for planting the holly bushes donated by Weldon's Nursery. If you can help in any way call 386-649-8784.

### Golf Tournament

Putnam Family Fitness Center is holding its First Annual Golf Tournament/Best Ball Scramble on Sept. 20. It will be held at Palatka Golf Course on 1715 Mosley Avenue. It is \$50 per player; play as part of a team or you can be matched up with other single/double players. Cost includes 18 holes, cart, prizes, and lunch. Lunch will be held after the tournament at the clubhouse. Please join them for this fun charity event and help PFFC raise funds that will be used to continue its mission to enhance the quality of life in the community through health promoting programs and physical activities run



Starting on the left: Pat Johnson, Zella Rouse, Irene Hundley, and Beth Carter.

mostly by volunteers. Registration will be from 8 to 8:45 a.m.

Tee off time is 9 a.m. There will be cash prizes for first and second place teams and closest to the pin (Men and Ladies separately). There will also be mulligan sales, a putting contest, and a 50/50 raffle. If you can play in this tournament send your check to PFFC located at 213 Perry St. Pomona Park, 32181. Come to the center or call Karen Landin at 386-467-8731. She will send you an application.

### Library Activities

The local libraries are busy with summer programs like Work on a Progressive Graphic Novel, hosted by Aoell Coulette and Alan Kreglo. Participants will write and draw a chapter of the graphic novel, which will then be passed on to the next location where the next chapter will be created. This idea was used by ESO(Epsos Sigma Organi-

zation) the Crescent City Women's Reading Group in writing a book titled, "For All the Wrong Reasons." Chick Flick fun book. The Crescent City Library will be meeting Friday and Saturday, August 8 and 9 at 9:30 a.m. to work on their chapter. Call 386-698-2600 for more information.

### Graduation

Greg and Marge Seashore took a trip to Pennsylvania to attend their oldest granddaughter, Samantha's, high school graduation. There was a party afterwards with family and friends. They next visited Marge's brother in Newcastle, Maryland and then spent time with Greg's family in Maryland. Great trip, but they are glad to be home.

### Visitors from New York

Heather Moore and Anthony Frisino from New York were visitors in our area recently. They visited with their uncle Ed Cridge, cousin Ruth



Heather Moore and Anthony Frisino from Argyle, New York on a Florida vacation.



Christian Burns, Happy First Birthday, with mom Trisha.

Taylor, and us. Heather's grandparents, Bill and Lorna Cridge, are dear friends of ours. Her mom, Elaine Moore, has also been a recent visitor to Florida.

### Neighborhood Watch

There will be no Neighborhood Watch meetings in August for Pomona Park. Everyone is advised to attend "National Nite Out" on Tuesday, August 5 at Morgan Park.

### Movie in the Park

Come watch Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2 at dusk on August 9 in Eva Lyon Park.

Bring your blankets and low back chairs and join your neighbors for a fun filled evening of movies, drinks and popcorn. In case of rain the movie will be shown in the City of Crescent City, City Hall's Commission Room.

### Correction

In the July 9 edition there was a misprint in the Great American Brass Band Festival in which we incorrectly stated that Jim Foerster played the harp. He plays the principle horn. Sorry about that Jim!

## Agnes Barnes Honored by the Juneteenth Committee

### Special to the Courier Journal

On June 14, one of our own Crescent City residents was nominated as a recipient of

the A. Phillip Randolph Phenomenal Women of Putnam County Community Service Award. The ceremony was sponsored by the Juneteenth Committee

of Crescent City. The person honored was Mrs. Agnes Barnes.

Agnes is a great asset to our community. She is married to James Barnes, has six children and 11 grandchildren.

Agnes is a never say no person. She helps everyone in the community whenever possible. Agnes worked

for the Putnam County School Board for over 25 years, before retiring in 2005. Upon retiring she still finds time to work a few days a week at the elementary school. She loves children.

Agnes is a member of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Palatka where Rev. James Mc-

Griff is pastor. At her church she holds several positions. She is president of the Lay Department, secretary of Mass Choir, sings in the Mass Choir, secretary of the Trustee Department, trustee, Sunday School teacher, Kitchen Committee, and helps with the youth department.

Do you think that's all? Well, not so. In the community she still stays busy as a bee. Agnes is a member of the Crescent City Women's Club, volunteers at the Catholic Thrift Shop, visits nursing homes and elderly in the community, and she is the owner and director of her own business, Barnes Tender Loving Care Services for the Elderly.

On Saturday, August 9, Agnes will be honored with another award sponsored by her church. The event is a yearly fundraiser called "The Hall of Fame Banquet," where people of Putnam County are honored.

She was asked recently where did she find all the energy to do the things she does and she replied that the Lord gives her the strength she needs, especially if she can help others in need. Her favorite motto is, "If I can help somebody as I'm passing by, then my living will not be in vain." Again, congratulations for your dedicated and devoted services.

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# OUR TOWN

## Years Ago...

### 75 years ago

**August 11, 1939 - Low electrical costs** - Residential electric service costs less in Crescent City than it does in the majority of Florida cities the latest Federal Power Commission reports show. Although the 1930 census gave Crescent City only 955 population, just seven of the 65 Florida communities between 1,000 and 2,500 population have lower rates for users of 250 kwh monthly.

### 50 years ago

**August 6, 1964 - Florida at the World's Fair** - Fabulous Florida with its many attractions set in a tropical wonderland offers fun and excitement for the entire family at the World's Fair in New York City. Continuous entertainment is the keynote of the exhibit. The show stopper is the thrilling live porpoise show, first ever seen at the World's Fair and the most popular attraction at the present fair.

### 25 years ago

**August 2, 1989 - Lake Como man finishes 3,900-mile trip** - Lake Como's Neal Stults was willing to tackle 3,900 miles of hard road, but the last 39 yards looked like too much. Stults, arriving home last Friday afternoon after a 62-day, Washington state-to-Florida solo bicycle trip, passed up the powder sand lane that fronts his house to pedal a little farther up Lake Como Drive so he could cross a neighbor's grass and slip through his back yard.

### 10 years ago

**August 4, 2004 - Clark named All-State** - If you haven't heard of Dexter Clark, a star player on the Crescent City Jr.-Sr. High School basketball team, you will. He is six feet six inches tall and a whiz on the court. Dexter has high hopes of becoming a professional basketball player. If his stats are any indication, he's a shoe-in.

### 5 years ago

**August 5, 2009 - Palatka Yacht Club completes 10th annual boating trip to St. Marys, GA** - 12 members and six guests of the Palatka Yacht Club attended a 3-day boating trip to St. Marys, GA. According to past Commodore David Girardin and organizer of this year's event, "As a club, we have been boating to the St. Marys area for over 10 years. During that time, we have only been able to circumnavigate Cumberland Island about four times. Regardless, we always have a good time exploring the area."

*Compiled from the Crescent City News, Crescent City Journal, Crescent City Courier Journal, Putnam County Courier Journal and other local news sources.*

## Way Back When...

**From the pages of the Crescent City Journal of August 6, 1959, comes the following plea for help from the public. Yes, folks, right here in "River City." We can only say that we are grateful that such an undertaking is not necessary today!**

### EMERGENCY POLIO DRIVE

#### Date of Campaign set for last two weeks this month

At a meeting of the Putnam County Chapter of The National Foundation held recently, the local chapter decided that an emergency drive for polio funds would have to be con-

ducted in the county this summer to raise money to complete paying for patient aid rendered to polio patients for last year and prior years, and to provide money for any new cases the county might have this year.

George Hamilton, local businessman and civic leader, accepted the appointment as Emergency Drive Chairman. He asked that all those who will volunteer their time and efforts to help him conduct a successful campaign contact him as soon as possible so that plans can be finalized for the drive.

#### Debt for Patient Care

The Chapter is seriously in debt for patient care rendered local polio victims from last year. At this time the amount is in excess of \$4,000 and there are no funds with which to assist new cases that may occur in the county this fall.

The onset of polio cases started in this county last September and if there should be a similar number this year the local Chapter, without an Emergency Drive, would have no funds with which to aid the victims.

Headquarters of the National Foundation has provided \$8,800 to the local Chapter

within the past two years to meet the need in this county but their Chapter Aid Fund is completely exhausted at this time and they will not have additional funds to help out the local Chapter for several months.

#### Co-operation Requested

The local situation could become very critical very fast and the fullest cooperation of the people is urgently requested to help combat this menace to the county.

Dates for the Emergency Drive have been set for the last two weeks in August, and all of the money raised will be kept in the County Chapter.

## Artist of the Month for August

### Special to the Courier Journal

In her artist statement, Laverne Williams talks of the 'Magic Moment' - moments that catch your breath, make you smile, or touch your heart. "Laverne is a master at catching that moment on canvas," says Evelyn Snyder, Gallery Chairman for the Arts Council of Greater Palatka, "After enjoying Laverne's work at regional shows, I just had to invite her to do a show here for us."

Beginning with an opening reception on Friday, August 1, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., area folks can take home a moment that speaks to them from these wonderful paintings. The display will be in the Art Council's home, the Larimer Arts Center, at 216 Reid Street in Palatka. Regular hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The show will be on display through the month until Saturday, August 23.

For many years, Williams sold her art in shows with her husband, Robert Wil-



Laverne Williams



Robert Williams

liams, a full time watercolorist who died in 2004. "That is where the 'Memories' come in," says Snyder, "This show will include a memorial tribute to Robert, showcasing a selection of his original watercolors that are for sale."

Robert F. Williams captured the many moods of Florida in his subtle renderings of birds, native architecture, lighthouses, Key West style homes, boats, and lush tropical landscapes found throughout Florida and its surrounding islands.



Mom and the Kids

His images are featured in many commercial settings throughout Florida, including model homes in master-planned communities, Sarasota Memorial Hospital, H.C.A. Blake Hospital in Bradenton, furniture stores, interior design studios, and Palm Beach County Aids Clinic. Many private collectors also treasure his paintings.

He attended Indiana State University majoring in Fine Art, and was an Indiana Covered Bridge artist in scenic Parke County. He was a resident of Tampa and then Naples from 1986 until his death of heart disease in 2004.

Laverne subjects are primarily birds, wildlife, Florida landscapes, children on the beach, lighthouses, and covered bridges. The mediums for her paintings are acrylic, watercolor, and colored pencils, often with the addition of mixed media for emphasis. She uses her own extensive collections of

photographs as reference for her paintings. Custom paintings and portraits are available to clients' specifications.

In addition to painting full time Laverne is involved in several other artistic ventures. She has participated in the Federal Duck Stamp workshop and contest, placing in 1999. While in Indiana, she lived and painted in Parke County, which is known as "The Covered Bridge Capital of the World." She is a member of the Covered Bridge Art Association, owns property there, and participates in the annual show from October 13 to 21. She has been the owner of Art and Rugs by Design since 2005, where she designs custom art, custom rugs, and carpets for designers, stores, and for manufacturers.

She graduated from Lipscomb University with a Bachelor of Arts, in Art with a minor in Interior Design. She took graduate classes at Middle Tennessee State University, and received a Master of Science degree in Art from Indiana State University.

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## Growing Like a Weed



**Donna Cooney**  
*Reverend at United Church of Christ*

Jesus presented another parable to the crowds: "The kingdom of heaven is like the mustard seed which a farmer sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all.... (Matthew 13:31-32. The Inclusive Bible)

you, but I didn't always feel affirmed as a child. With 2 older sisters to help mom out (by bossing me around), and a younger sister who always managed to steal the show, life in the middle was hard!

Every once in a while, someone in my family would stop what they were doing, look at me to say: "Donna, you are growing like a weed!" Oh, those words made me feel so good! It was good to be noticed; good to be growing; good to be included in the conversation. (Which proves the importance of Kid President's Advice: "Be Somebody Who Makes Other People Feel Like Somebody." For more wisdom, check Kid

President out online.)

In hindsight, as a Still Insecure Adult in the garden, I'm questioning whether 'growing like a weed' was a compliment or not! I mean really: who likes weeds? Does anyone intentionally cultivate weeds? It is my observation that weeds have a way of just showing up and invading our carefully cultivated space.

It doesn't matter how much time, money or energy we spend tending to a flower bed, the yard or a field: if we walk away for a moment, we return to find weeds. Am I right? Can I get an amen? Weeds magically, mysteriously and eternally appear in the middle of our metic-

ulously prepared soil. They get our attention, re-arrange our intentions, and add un-invited variety to the plans we have made. This, according to Jesus, is what God is like.

Go ahead! Be as busy as you want! Control, cultivate, plan, plant and grow! Inevitably and suddenly, God will be there, getting your attention, changing your work flow, inviting you to see old things in new ways. The kingdom of heaven is sown as generously as the weeds in the garden of your life. The seeds of the kingdom are teeny-tiny, unavoidable, prolific and profound.

May you grow in God's love like a weed!

### PALATKA

#### Robert A. Thomas, Sr.

Robert Andrew "Bob" Thomas, Sr., 69 of Palatka passed away Wednesday, July 30, 2014 at the Haven Hospice Roberts Care Center in Palatka following an extended illness. He was born in Egg Harbor City, New Jersey and had been a resident of Palatka for the past 33 years coming from Galloway Township, New Jersey.

He retired from the Hawthorne Georgia Pacific in 2007 after 23 years of service. He enjoyed listening to country music and loved going fishing, camping and taking cruises. He was a Methodist.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Nancy Thomas; his parents, Anthony and Marie Thomas; and a brother, Charlie Thomas.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Robert Thomas, Jr., and his wife Hope Thomas of Palatka; a daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and David Stanley of Keystone Heights; two brothers, Anthony Albert Thomas, Jr., of York, Pennsylvania and John Thomas of Galloway, New Jersey; two sisters, Helen Thomas Castrege of Quarryville, Pennsylvania, and Barbara Thomas McDermott of Dayton, Ohio; a brother-in-law and his wife, Richard and Doreen Walsh; five grandchildren, Joshua Williams, Justin Williams, Amanda Moore, Mikieal Thomas and Michelle Taylor; eight great-grandchildren and a nephew, Allen Walsh.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, August 2, 2014 at the Masters Funeral Home in Palatka with Rev. Don Hanna officiating. Burial followed in Palatka Memorial Gardens. The family received friends one hour prior to the service. To celebrate his life, a Video Tribute was shown.

Flowers are gratefully accepted or memorial gifts may be sent to Haven Hospice Roberts Care Center, 6400 St. Johns Avenue, Palatka, Florida 32177.

Messages of sympathy may be expressed in his online guestbook at [www.themastersfuneralhomes.com](http://www.themastersfuneralhomes.com).

Masters Funeral Home of Palatka was in charge of the arrangements.

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### CRESCENT CITY

#### William A. Simmons

William A. "Bill" Simmons, 73, of Crescent City, passed away peacefully Thursday, July 28,

2014, at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville following complications from open-heart surgery. Bill was born in Syracuse, New York on September 5, 1940 to Frank B. Simmons and Gwendolyn M. Simmons.

He graduated from Columbia High School, East Greenbush, New York; Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree and received his MBA from the University of Utah. After college, Bill enlisted as an officer in the United States Air Force and served for six years in Selma, Alabama and England, completing his service and retiring from the Air Force Reserves. The City of Jacksonville Public Utilities Department handling labor relations and union contract negotiations employed him, retiring in 1996 to Crescent City.

His parents preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife of 35 years, M. Sue Simmons, Crescent City; son, Mark M. Simmons, East Greenbush, New York; sister, Ann S. Hooper, Newark, New York; niece, Nancy H. Hendricks (Bill); nephews, Michael and John Hooper; great-niece, Maddison Hendicks; great-nephews, Harrison Hendricks and Matt Hooper; and, special friends, Marilyn Wilson, Newark, New York, and Bill and Belinda Chattin, Crescent City.

Bill was truly a fun-loving guy and through the years, experienced many activities including offshore fishing, scuba diving, motorcycles and traveling with Sue. All who knew him and experienced his love and friendship will miss him. At Bill's request, no service will be held. A celebration of his life will be announced at a later date. Donations may be made in Bill's memory to South Putnam Christian Service Center, P.O. Box 744, Crescent City, FL 32112 to feed and help the less fortunate in our community or to the American Heart Association.

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### PALATKA

#### Curtis Riggins

Curtis Riggins, 70, of Palatka, passed away Saturday, July 26, 2014 at Putnam Community Medical

Center following an extended illness. A native of Trenton, he resided in Palatka since 1999 moving here from Lake Butler. Curtis owned and operated Riggins Repair Service in Lake Butler. He was a member of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness in Palatka. In his leisure, Curtis loved to fish. He is survived by his wife of 15 years, Christine Riggins of Palatka; two daughters, Leslie Darcel Smith and husband Theron and Deborah Jean Johnson; a brother, Joe Riggins and wife Fannie; a sister, Nancy Webster, all of Lake Butler and four grandchildren. Memorial services were held at 3 p.m. Saturday, August 2, 2014 at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 201 Mission Rd, Palatka, with Elder Dennis Edwards officiating. Memories and condolences may be expressed to the family at Curtis's Book of Memories page at [www.johnsonoverturf-funerals.com](http://www.johnsonoverturf-funerals.com).

Arrangements were under the direction of Johnson-Overturf Funeral Home in Palatka.

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### INTERLACHEN

#### Lark Napier, Jr.

Lark Napier, Jr., 83, of Interlachen, passed away Saturday, July 19, 2014 at Haven Hospice Roberts Care Center following a brief illness. Mr. Napier was a native of Logan County, West Virginia and had been a resident of Interlachen for the past 27 years coming from Westerville, Ohio. He had retired from AT&T in 1987 as an engineer following 28 years of service. He was a member of the Oak Ridge Baptist Church in Interlachen and was a 32nd Degree member of the Melrose Masonic Lodge #89 F & AM Scottish Rite. He enjoyed Bible study, reading, wood working, figuring out how things worked and was a good handyman.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Phyllis Napier;

parents, Lark and Opal Robertson Napier and a brother, William "Bill" Napier.

Surviving are a son, Lark Napier, III and wife, Jolene of Rockledge; a daughter, Rhonda Lynn Stuntebeck and husband, Gregory of Westerville, Ohio; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Ronnie and Gloria Napier of Bush Prairie, Washington and Albert and Jane Napier of Newark, Ohio; two sisters and brothers-in-laws, Elenor and Carroll Floyd of Proctorville, Ohio and Elizabeth and Ferrell Irby of Lavalette, West Virginia; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Local funeral services were held 7 p.m. Monday, July 21, 2014 at Masters Funeral Home of Palatka with Pastor Calvin Freeman officiating. The family received friends half an hour prior to the service.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 24, 2014 at the Morris Funeral Home, 1345 Rte. 152, Wayne, West Virginia 25570 with burial following in the Community Memorial Gardens also in Wayne.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Haven Hospice Roberts Care Center for their special care.

In lieu of flowers memorial gifts may be made to Haven Hospice Roberts Care Center, 6400 St. Johns Ave., Palatka, FL 32177.

Messages of sympathy may be expressed on his guestbook at [www.themastersfuneralhomes.com](http://www.themastersfuneralhomes.com).

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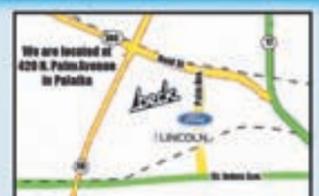


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COURIER JOURNAL

Section B

## The Soldier and the Dragonfly



**Travis Roberts**  
Staff Writer  
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Photo special to the Courier Journal

Have you ever been to a funeral and noticed dragonflies? As a young boy I remember going to the funeral of an elderly woman that my mother knew, her name was Mrs. White. While at the funeral I noticed a ton of dragonflies all over the place, but before I get into that let me give you the details of the day.

This past weekend we laid Charles M Robinson, a Vietnam Veteran to rest. Robinson died in 2005 but never had a headstone until a group of veterans contacted me, and we were able to get a headstone donated by Affordable Headstones in Jacksonville. So please allow me to take you to this past Saturday, August 2.

I met Mike from the Putnam County Courier Journal at the Putnam Family Fitness Center at 8:15 a.m., who agreed to let us use their chairs for the dedication ceremony for Soldier Robinson.

We arrived at the Eva Lyon Park in Crescent City around 9 a.m., and with the help of the Veterans, we began to set up the chairs and PA system. Just before the

ceremony started I heard a little girl say, "Look at all the dragonflies." This was the great-granddaughter of soldier Robinson.

As a young child I remember saying the same thing at a funeral when I was about her age, and this is the story my mother told me.

Once, in a little pond, in the muddy water under the lily pads, there lived a little water beetle in a community of water beetles. They lived a simple and comfortable life in the pond with few disturbances and interruptions. Once in a while, sadness would come to the community when one of their fellow beetles would climb up the stem of a lily pad and would never be seen again. They knew when this happened; their friend was dead, gone forever.

Then, one day, one little water beetle felt an irresistible urge to climb up that stem. However, he was determined that he would not leave forev-

er. He would come back and tell his friends what he had found at the top. When he reached the top and climbed out of the water onto the surface of the lily pad, he was so tired, and the sun felt so warm, that he decided he must take a nap. As he slept, his body changed and when he woke up, he had turned into a beautiful blue-tailed dragonfly with broad wings and a slender body designed for flying.

So, fly he did! And, as he soared he saw the beauty of a whole new world and a far superior way of life to what he had ever known existed. Then he remembered his beetle friends and how they were thinking, by now, he was dead. He wanted to go back to tell them, and explain to them that he was now more alive than he had ever been before. His life had been fulfilled rather than ended. But, his new body would not go down into the water. He could not get back to tell his friends

the good news. Then he understood that their time would come, when they too would know what he now knew. So, he raised his wings and flew off into his joyous new life!

As time went on more and more dragonflies would appear and their job was to carry the souls of people to heaven, but first they would let them see all the beauty they had never seen before, and to give them one last look at the ones they loved before leaving this world.

Just before I went up to speak, I noticed Charles Jr. sitting in his chair, and I overheard his granddaughter as she climbed into his lap say, "Daddy, is this for your Daddy?" Well needless to say, the speech I had stayed up writing the night before went out the window as a swarm of dragonflies flew around this little girl.

As I walked up to the podium to deliver my speech, I noticed that a dragonfly had landed on this little girl who was sitting on Charles Jr.'s lap. Suddenly I was taken back to a time in my childhood where the magic of dragonflies carrying the souls of loved ones existed, and I couldn't help but wonder if Soldier Robinson was riding on the back of that dragonfly, looking at his family and his great-granddaughter one last time.

See Dragonfly on page B3

## 'What's the Score'

**Dudley Sargent**  
Sports Commentary

I've been told that I write too much about sporting things that interest me and not necessarily those of the readers and I think that is probably true. Problem is, that there is no easy way for me to change that without messing with my thought process, so bear with me as I comment on a subject that interests me and hopefully at least a handful of readers. Before I get into the subject of "who will be the team to beat in the World Series (baseball of course)," I want to put out there that Rose Marie and I volunteered to have a foreign exchange student live with us during the coming school year. He is Joni Kaekonen from Finland. He is 17 years old and will be repeating his junior year at CCJSHS because our school system does not award diplomas to foreign exchange students. I may be wrong about the "repeating", but I do know he has completed his junior year in his native country. Also, he plays American football, something that blew my mind. I thought football over there was soccer, but in Finland, at least, they do play our style of football. He plans to go out for the Raider team and who knows, he might be just what they need or would like to have, a big (sounds as though he is tall) running back.

Getting back to the MLB playoffs and who I figure might I win the whole "kibosh". There are 30 major league ball clubs, 15 in each league since the Houston Astros joined the American League, which balanced out the leagues (I won't get into details of that switch). Right now (first week in August), 13 of 30 clubs have a decent chance of reaching the playoffs. Now that doesn't mean that the Yankees could not get hot and move up, but right now the Red Sox and Yankees (and especially the Sox) are long shots. The defending champs are dead last in the American League (A.L.) East, 10 and a half games out. So in that division, Baltimore leads Toronto by three games, while Detroit in the Central and Oakland in the West are ahead. In the National League, it is Atlanta and Washington in the East, Central has Milwaukee up by two over Pittsburgh and L.A. a couple over San Francisco in the West. The wild card teams in the A.L. the way I look at it, will be Toronto and the L.A. Angels in a playoff to determine who be the fourth team in the AL playoffs. The L.A. Angels will be that fourth team, but Oakland A's will end up playing Detroit for the A.L. championship when its all said and done. Detroit should win that series (but not necessarily) and will head for the World Series. In the NL, the wild card teams will be St Louis and San Francisco behind the East champ, Washington. The Central winner will be Milwaukee and in the West, the winner will be the L.A. Dodgers. The L.A. Dodgers could beat the Cardinals for the NL Championship with Clayton Kershaw, the best pitcher in baseball leading the way, but the Cards have the edge in playoff experience and should win that title. So, what do we have a World Series pitting the Oakland A's or Detroit Tigers, vs either the Dodgers or the Card, you pick'em. I'll give you my final pick next time (another team which could jump in there would be the Baltimore Orioles, so the Orioles and L.A. Angels are probably the "dark horses").

I need to mention before closing down that Celeste Brandon, daughter of Kenny, the singing mail man about town and known as the Mayor of Drayton Island, placed third in the entire south in long distance swimming last month. Great scott, that young lady can smooth out those waters.

## Turmeric the Golden Goddess



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Photo special to the Courier Journal

This week, getting back to our series on Herbs & Spices, we'll talk about turmeric, which is a root in the ginger family. Most of us probably never really think about why the mustard that you put on your hot dog is yellow and yes, of course, mustard seed is slightly yellow in color, but the real magic is in the turmeric! It is one of the components of the Indian seasoning curry powder as well, but there is a whole world of uses for the spice besides these two.

**Curcumin**  
Even Marco Polo recorded in his diary, in 1280 AD, that turmeric had all the properties of "true saffron" including color and smell but yet was not saffron. It has been used as a substitute for over 700 years. One of the main healthful ingredients is Curcumin, which is what gives turmeric its yellow color. That is also where all the health benefits are, and boy are there a lot of them!!  
Curcumin supports important blood and liver functions, healthy joints and overall well-being, which in turn promotes radiant skin.

It helps:  
• Cleanse your skin and maintain its elasticity  
• Provide nourishment to your skin  
• Balance the effects of skin flora  
• Helps prevent wrinkles  
Overall it helps the body fight against stress and the free radicals

caused by stress. Its' antioxidant powers are very strong, as a matter of fact 5 to 8 times stronger than vitamin E and stronger than vitamin C. Strong enough to scavenge the hydroxyl radical, which is considered by many to be the most reactive of all oxidants.

Here are some of the general health benefits of curcumin-

- Promoting your immune system
- Helping you maintain your healthy digestive system
- Supporting your healthy bones, joints, and overall skeletal system
- Helping you maintain cholesterol levels that are already within the normal range
- A Potent, yet Safe Anti-Inflammatory, as effective as anti-inflammatory drugs without the side effects.
- Cancer prevention-studies have linked the frequent use of turmeric to lower rates of breast, prostate, lung and colon cancer
- Reduced Prostate Cancer- In combination with cruciferous vegetables like cauliflower.
- Evidence that eating foods spiced with turmeric could reduce the risk of developing childhood leukemia
- Cardiovascular Protection- Curcumin may be able to prevent the oxidation of cholesterol in the body
- Protection against Alzheimer's Disease- studies show that in elder-

ly Indian populations, among whose diet turmeric is a common spice, levels of neurological diseases such as Alzheimer's are very low

### Ayurveda

India is the home of Ayurvedic medicine and spices and herbs are the heart of their practice. Ayurveda in the original Sanskrit means life-knowledge, and is a 5,000-year-old system of natural healing that has its origins in the Vedic culture of India. It offers a body of wisdom designed to help people stay vital while realizing their full potential. Ayurveda recognizes turmeric as one of the most healthful and beneficial of all the spices. In Sanskrit it is called "Kanchani" ("Golden Goddess") and is a necessary item in any natural medicine cabinet.

In Ayurveda Turmeric is believed to balance all three doshas (vata, pitta, and kapha), meaning it is good for everyone. There are many ancient Ayurvedic formulas utilizing turmeric from teas to topical preparations, salves and ointments and it was even smoked to relieve chest congestion and mucous. I am including a very easy recipe for a brewed drink that uses Turmeric with a couple of other ingredients that works well to soothe cold symptoms.

### Golden Wellness Drink

- Steep together
- 1/2 fresh lemon cut in two and squeezed
- 1 tsp. fresh grated gin-

ger  
• 1/2 tsp. Turmeric (anti-inflammatory)  
• 1 pint fresh (filtered or bottled) water -boiled  
Once the mixture has cooled enough to drink, remove the lemon, add Raw honey to sweeten to taste (remember do not give honey to a child under one year of age) Stir often while drinking!!  
(To make only one cup, half recipe)

Because of the many health benefits that turmeric has, it is one of the things that I recommend you buy in its organic form, because so many of the herbs and spices that we purchase in the grocery store today are processed, and unfortunately full of fillers and pesticides. Once you find out how beneficial this spice is, you will understand the importance of using it in its cleanest form.

### Uses

It would seem that Turmeric is truly becoming the world's newest true super food! It is very easy to incorporate it into your diet as often as possible. You can add it into your morning smoothie or add it to your scrambled eggs for breakfast. You can cook with it often, using it to season meat dishes and stews, and adding it to veggie dips! People ask me all the time why my dips taste so good!!  
It can be a very tasty addition to many dishes including curries, pickles, vegetable dishes, egg dishes, barbeque, salads, and dressings! I am including a recipe for a veggie dip for you all to try at home.

### Fresh Ranch Veggie Dip

- 1 cup Greek yogurt (I use full fat for the best flavor, but you can use whatever you like)
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese, grated fine



In League Scramble play at the Live Oak Golf Club Wednesday, July 30, ten players, six men and four women, were divided into three teams. All three teams scored a low score of 34.

Closest to the pin with the 2nd shot on Hole #13 with 54.5 inches was Steve Hink. Nest closest to Hole #13 with 59.5 inches was Bob Stites.

In League Scramble play at Live Oak Golf Club Friday, August 1, 20 players, 12 men and

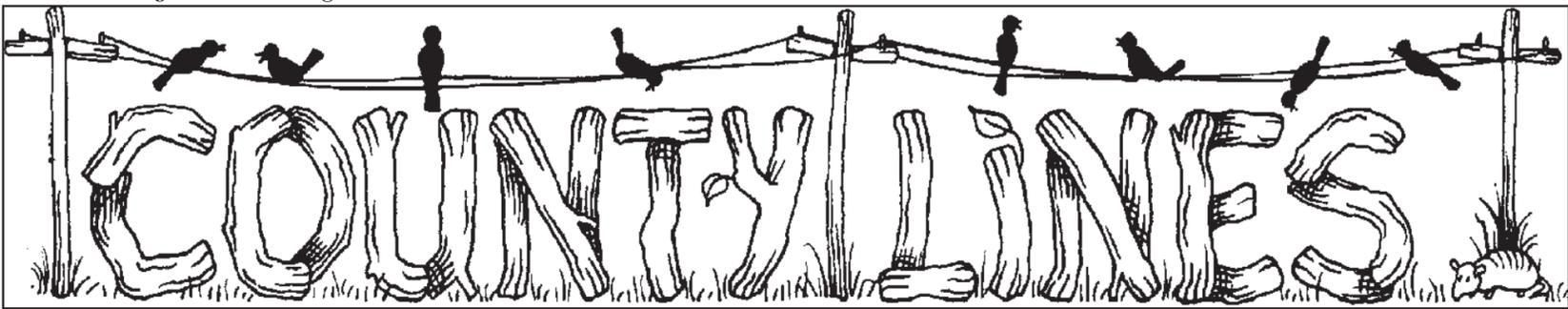
eight women, were divided into six teams.

The winning team, with three players, posted a low score of 30. Members of the winning team were Larry McKenzie, Randy Peterson, and Judy Reddick. The following teams scored a 32, 34, 34, 35 and 41.

Closest to the pin with the 2nd shot on Hole #2 with 3 inches was Susan Bizzard. Second closest with 12 inches was Bob Stites.

- 1 large clove garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 2 tsp. chopped fresh parsley
- 1 teaspoon hot sauce (Optional)
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon sugar (this is optional or you can sub stevia or monk fruit sweetener here)
- 1/2 teaspoon salt or to taste
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper or to taste
- 1 teaspoon Turmeric or more to taste (I like a

lot)  
• Mix all ingredients in a blender or food processor and chill before serving to allow flavors to mingle. Serve with fresh veggies of your choice for dipping. (You can double or triple recipe easily)  
So give it a try! I hope you have all enjoyed the information that I have brought to you this week. I hope you are all expanding your food horizons with these new flavors. Until next time, Stay Healthy!



Te gustaría tomar un tiempo para ti? Relajarte y des estresarte un poco? Conocer a mos Latinas en la comunidad y aprender algo nuevo? Te invitamos a unirse a nosotras cada tercer jueves de cada mes a las **6 p.m. en Educación** para el emigrante localizado en 2010 Huntington Rd. en Crescent City. Para más información por favor de comunicarse con Karina al 386-546-7675.

**The Phoenix Republican Club** has canceled their Tuesday, August 12 meeting in order that their candidates and members will be able to attend the Crescent City Woman's Club Political Forum on that same evening. This is a bi partisan event and is both informative and enjoyable. Please mark your calendars.

**The Welaka State Forest Office is celebrating Smokey Bear's 70th birthday.** Come Saturday, August 9, from noon until 2 p.m. Stop by the forest office to have your photo taken with Smokey Bear as well as games, activities, and cupcakes for kids of all ages. This is a free event.

**Full Moon Paddle and Movie on Melrose Bay.** A moon light paddle complete with a movie and pass-around picnic. Boat Launch at end of Trout Street in Melrose. **Friday, August 8,** from 7 to 10 p.m. The movie will be shown at the end of a dock and can be viewed from kayaks. Meet at the boat launch at the end of Trout Street at 7 p.m. to start. Bring pass around food to share and your beverage of choice. This paddle is for experienced paddlers only. Putnam Blueways and Trails sponsor's daytime trips that are more appropriate for new paddlers. Boat light, whistle, and PFD are mandatory. For more information email putnambbluewaysandtrails@gmail.com or visit www.putnambbluewaysandtrails.org.

There will be a fireworks show at the **Gem City Shrimp Blast Labor Day Weekend Friday, August 29-30** (with arts and crafts vendors, a Shrimp Cook-Off, kid's activities, bicycle and kayaking events, and plenty of shrimp and seafood). Downtown Palatka, Inc. is still looking for vendors, sponsors, and entertainment! Call 386-312-6266 for more info!

**The River City Players** will be giving Cinderella Waltz performances **Wednesday, August 13-17.** Champagne Opening Night sponsored by Michael Gagnon and Robbi Correa. Call 904-377-5044 to reserve tickets or for more info.

It is that time again to begin planning for the **3rd Annual Small Business Resource Fair** in Putnam County. The date this year will be **Tuesday, August 26** and St. Johns River State College has agreed to team up with the SBDC again! It will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. For those that have participated in the past, you understand the value that your expertise brings to the community. For those of you new to this event, you will come to recognize the same! Small Business Development Center is looking forward to your participate this year. This event is FREE, so there is no reason for you not to participate! Contact Cheryl Lynch 386-328-3293, or email: clynch@sbdu.unf.edu to RSVP.

The Log Cabin Winery and Vineyard will hold its **Seventh Annual Old Florida Harvest Festival** on **Saturday, August 30,** beginning at 9 a.m. There will be grape stomping, crowning of the 2014 Grape Goddess, live entertainment and music, food, wine and beer. Bring a lawn chair: admission is free and pet friendly. The Winery is located at 376 County Road 309 in Satsuma. For more information call 386-467-0000 or visit www.logcabinfarmwinery.com.

The Archives Department of the Putnam County Headquarters Library and the Family History Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Church will host 4-week **Basic Genealogy classes** at each of the Putnam County Branch Libraries in the upcoming months. The classes are being taught by Deanda Lyne, Director of the Family History Center. She will cover what is needed to know to get started, where to go to find it, and how to record what has been found. Melrose Branch Library will host the Basic Genealogy classes beginning **Friday, September 5,** 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The remaining classes are scheduled for the same time on **Fridays, September 12, 19 and 26.** Please contact the Melrose Branch Library at 352-475-1237 to register for your space as seating is limited. The schedule for the remaining libraries is **Tuesday, September 9, 16, 23 and 30** for Interlachen Branch Library. Crescent City Branch Library will host the program on **Fridays, October 3, 10, 17, and 24.** Intermediate and Advanced programs are being considered for the near future.

Sera normal? Sera aceptable, que mi pareja: Hiera mis sentimientos? Diciéndome que no sirvo para nada? Me llame nombres como estúpida, o perra? Se muestre celoso si paso tiempo con amistades, compañeros de trabajo, o familiares? Se burle de mi, o de cómo me visto o peino? Me acuse de estar engañándole? Me eche la culpa de sus problemas o de su mal temperamento? Me forcé a tener sexo? Me amenace con matarme, matar a mis hijos/animales o suicidarse si lo dejo? NO es normal, ni aceptable que su pareja haga cualquiera de las cosas mencionadas arriba. **Usted NO merece ser maltratada! Para más información, llame al número gratuito 1-800-500-1119, a línea de acceso 24/7 386-325-3141, o a su local más cercano 386-546-7675.**

Is it normal? Is it acceptable, for my partner to: Hurt my feelings? Tell me I am worthless? Call me names like stupid or bitch? Be jealous of me spending time with my friends, coworkers or family members? Make fun of me on how I dress or do my hair? Accuse me of cheating? Blame me for his problems or bad temper? Force me to have sex? Threaten to kill me, kill my kids/animals or commit suicide if I leave him? It is NOT normal, nor acceptable for your partner to do any of the above. **You do NOT deserve to be mistreated! For more information, call the toll-free number 1-800-500-1119, the 24/7 hotline 386-325-3141, or your local office at 386-546-7675.**

The Putnam Family Fitness Center is hosting the **First Annual Charity Golf Tournament** at the Palatka Golf Course, 1715 Moseley Avenue, on **Saturday, September 20.** Registration is from 8 to 8:45 a.m. and tee off is at 9 a.m. There will be an unhandicapped best ball scramble, cash prizes for first and second place teams, prizes for third, fifth and tenth place teams, cash prizes for closest to the pin, door prizes, raffles, putting contest, ball drop contest and more. Teams may enter, or singles may be paired up with other single/double players. The cost to play is \$50 per player, which includes 18 holes, cart, prizes, and lunch. Funds raised from the tournament go towards the Putnam Family Fitness Center. For more information, contact Karen Landin at 386-467-8731 or mephaul@aol.com.

**St. Johns River State College** is accepting applications for the fall semester. All new students are required to attend orientation before registering for classes. Students are encouraged to avoid the late-summer rush and contact their campus's counseling office promptly to reserve their seat. Registration time tickets will be assigned during July orientation, allowing most students to register for classes during orientation. Fall classes begin on **Monday, August 18.** New degree programs beginning this fall include the Computer Related Crime Investigation A.S. degree and the Nursing: LPN Bridge to ASN degree programs. New information technology certificate programs include Geographic Information Systems, Help Desk Support Technician, Digital Forensics and Network Security. Anticipated to begin in 2015 is a one-year college credit certificate paramedic program. For more information regarding registration, contact your local SJR State campus: Palatka Campus 386-312-4035, Orange Park Campus 904-276-6855, or St. Augustine Campus 904-808-7402. Fall course listings are available for viewing online at SJRstate.edu.

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Ravine Gardens State Park and the Friends of Ravine Gardens State Park will host a **3K/6K Costume Run** on **Saturday, October 25,** at 8 a.m. with an award ceremony to follow. The run/walk will be held on the historic scenic drive, a tree-canopied loop following the rim of 120-foot ravines, dipping to the bottom and climbing back up for a truly challenging event. Prizes will be awarded to the top three costumes as well as the top male and female overall finishers, and the top male/female finishers in each age group. Entry fees are \$15 for those under 18, and \$20 for adults. Race day registration fees are \$25 per runner. Registrants will receive a t-shirt and goody bag. Register online at www.RaceSmith.com or register in the park office Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Race day registration will begin at 7 a.m. in the Civic Center lobby. For more information, please contact the park at 386-329-3721 or email RavineGardensStatePark@gmail.com.

**ARTober Fest** for 2014 has been canceled due to constructions on the river front. Keep Putnam Beautiful plans to have the 2-day event in 2015 around the same time.

**St. Johns River State College** is accepting applications for the Corrections Officer program. Day classes will begin **September 11** on the St. Augustine campus. Applicants should apply early due to special admission requirements.

There will be dinner, music, auction, tours, entertainment and a skeet shooting contest at **Roberts Ranch RoundUp** on **Saturday, October 25** at 5:30 p.m. at Roberts Ranch on 625 State Road 100, Palatka. All proceeds from this event will benefit Haven Hospice's unreimbursed patient care, grief support and community education programs throughout the Putnam County area. If you would like to sponsor this event call 386-326-4526.

**Elder Options** will be having a public meeting on **Wednesday, August 27** at 10 a.m. at the Elder Options Conference Room A, 100 SW 75th Street, Suite 301 in Gainesville. The grant Review Committee will review and discuss applications submitted by qualified organizations to provide services under the Older Americans act for next year. Persons with disabilities should contact Elder Options at 352-378-6649 at least 48 hours prior to

### CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

**COMMUNITY THRIFT SHOP**  
Tues. & Thurs. 9 am - 1 pm  
Corner Lemon and Main, behind  
Howe Methodist Church - Crescent City

**HUMANE SOCIETY OF NORTH-EAST FLORIDA**  
Tues. - Fri. 1 - 4 p.m.  
Sat. 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Closed Sun. & Mon.  
112 Norma St. - Hollister  
Humane Society Thrift Store  
Mon. - Fri. 10 am - 5 pm  
Sat. 9 am - 5 pm  
Closed Sunday  
819 S. Moody Road Palatka

**MT. CARMEL COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER INC.**  
Mon. 10 am - 2 pm  
400 East Oak St, Palatka  
386-937-2447 / 916-9556

**PALATKA CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER**  
Mon. - Fri. 9 am - 1:30 pm  
820 Reed St. - Palatka  
386-328-0984

**SECOND TIME AROUND SHOP**  
Tues. 12-4  
Thurs. 8-12  
Community United  
Methodist Church  
126 Highlands Ave  
Lake Como

**SOUTH PUTNAM CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER**  
Tues. & Thurs. 10 am - 2:30 pm  
219 N. Summit St.  
Crescent City 386-698-1944

**THRIFT STORE**  
Mon. & Thurs. 10 am - 4 pm  
Sat. 11 am - 3 pm  
4th Mon. - Bag Day  
St. Vincent DePaul  
515 Central Avenue  
Downtown Crescent City

**PUTNAM COUNTY HOME COMMUNITY EDUCATORS (HCE)**  
2nd Wed.  
Agriculture Building  
111 Yelvington Rd., E. Palatka  
Call Mary Ellen Clifton  
386-649-8856

**SOUTH PUTNAM MEDICAL MISSION**  
Free Medical Care for  
Uninsured- 2nd & 4th Friday  
Food Pantry 1st and 3rd Monday of  
the month. 1-4 p.m.  
114 Amos Rd-Crescent City  
386-269-9786

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**  
Mon. 7 pm  
Church of the Holy Comforter  
223 N. Summit St. Crescent City  
24 Hr. Hot-line  
1-904-399-8535

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS A NEW LIFE GROUP**  
Tues. 7 p.m.  
Howe Memorial Methodist Church  
252 S. Summit St. Crescent City  
24 Hr. Hot-line  
1-904-399-8535

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS LIBERTY GROUP**  
Wed. 7 pm  
First Presbyterian Church  
301 Cypress Ave.  
24 Hr. Hot-line  
1-904-399-8535

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS CELEBRATION GROUP**  
Thur. noon  
Howe Memorial Methodist Church  
252 S. Summit St. Crescent City  
24 Hr. Hot-line  
1-904-399-8535

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**  
Fri. 6 pm  
Lake Como Community Center,  
Highland Ave. Lake Como  
24 Hr. Hot-line  
1-904-399-8535

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS CELEBRATION GROUP**  
Sat. 4 pm  
Howe Memorial Methodist Church  
252 S. Summit St., Crescent City  
24 Hr. Hot-line 1-904-399-8535

**ADDICTION COUNSELING**  
Narconon would like to remind families that the use of addicting drugs is on the rise, take steps to protect your family from drug use. If you know anyone who is struggling with drug addiction get them the help they need. Call for a free brochure on the signs of addiction for all drugs. Narconon also offers free screenings and referrals. 800-431-1754 or DrugAbuseSolution.com. Narconon can help you take steps to overcome addiction in your family. Call today for free screenings or referrals 1-800-431-1754.

**ASSISTANCE FOR FLORIDA SERVICES**  
Tues. 10 am  
Trinity Episcopal Church  
204 State Rd 26 - Melrose  
24 Hr. Hot-line 352-475-2177

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY**  
at: 7:15 pm  
Dunns Creek Baptist Church  
386-328-8650

**CRESCENT CITY TOPS**  
Tues. 9 am  
St. John the Baptist  
Catholic Church  
386-698-2055 or  
386-698-3080

**LEE CONLEE HOUSE**  
Victim Advocate in Crescent City  
Mon. - Thurs. 8 am - 4:30 pm  
386-983-4346  
24 hr hotline 386-325-3141 or  
800-500-1119

**QUIVANO PROBIOTICS WORKSHOP**  
3rd Mon. 5:30 pm  
Monahan Chiropractic  
Medical Clinic  
905 St. Johns Ave. Palatka

**SENIOR FRIENDS CENTER**  
Mon. 11 am Yoga  
Tues. 9:15 am Line Dance  
Tues. 2 - 4 pm Bingo  
Wed. 1 pm Game Day  
Fri. 10 - 11 am Exercise  
Fri. 1 - 3 pm Bingo  
Butler Bldg Conf. Room  
Putnam Community  
Medical Center  
611 Zeagler Dr - Palatka  
386-328-3986

**STROKE SURVIVORS OF PALATKA**  
Mon. & Fri. Mornings  
Free Exercise Classes  
Ruby 386-649-0569

**T'AI CHI CLASS**  
Tues. 6 pm  
Georgetown Community Center  
386-467-7204

**THE EDGAR JOHNSON SENIOR CENTER**  
Tues. 10 am Seniors vs Crime  
Wed. 1:30 pm Cane Fu Lessons  
Wed. 12:30 Paint Class \$7 mo.  
Call 386-329-0469

**TOPS FLORIDA #435 Welaka**  
Tues. 9 am  
First Baptist Church of Welaka  
C. R. 309 -386-467-8935

**VIOLENCE INTERVENTION & PREVENTION PROGRAM**  
Putnam County Health Department  
386-326-3200  
Domestic Violence and Sexual  
Assault Hotline  
386-325-3141 or 800-326-0919  
TDD Users 800-955-8771

**A LADIES AROUND THE LAKE MEETING**  
1st & 3rd Tues. 10 am  
Crafts & Covered Dish Lunch  
George's Lake Community Center  
114 Saratoga St, Florahome  
**AMERICAN LEGION POST 45**  
Sat. All you can eat breakfast  
8 am - 11 am  
Cost is \$6, Palatka

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 293**  
Sun. 5:30 pm Bingo  
1st Mon. 6:30 pm Dinner Meeting  
3rd Mon. 6:30 pm  
Bring dish or \$2  
Wed. 11 am - 12:30 pm Lunch  
Wed. 12:30 pm Bingo  
4th Sat. 6:30 pm Aux. Scholarship  
Dinner  
Interlachen 386-684-2188

**AZALEA CITY CRUISERS**  
Every 4th Sat. 5 p.m.  
Woody's BBQ  
State Rd 19 Palatka

**BASS CAPITAL VFW POST 10177**  
3rd Thursday, 6 pm  
Crescent City Woman's Club  
604 N. Summit Street Crescent City

**BOY SCOUTS TROOP #42 CUB SCOUTS PACK 42 VENTURE CREW SCOUTING 42**  
Mon. 6 pm  
(only when school is in session)  
Howe Memorial Methodist Church  
252 S. Summit St. Crescent City  
386-937-8626

**CREATE! ARTISTS' GUILD OF NORTH FLORIDA**  
4th Sat. 10:30 am  
Larimer Art Center  
216 Reid St. - Palatka

**CRESCENT CITY MOOSE LODGE**  
1st Sat. Breakfast 8-11 a.m.  
1st & 3rd Mon. Chicken Dinner  
2nd & 4th Mon. 4:30 pm  
Spaghetti Dinner  
Tues. 4:30 pm Tacos & Taco Salad  
Wing Wednesday 6-9 p.m.  
Thurs. 10:30 am Bingo  
Sat. Night Finger Foods 6-9 p.m.  
Public Invited  
Fri. 5 pm Dinner, 7 Music  
US 17 South Crescent City  
386-649-0745

**FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES INTERLACHEN**  
Weekdays 4 pm Social Room  
Happy Hr.  
Tues. 5 pm Hamburgers  
Tues. 7 pm Bingo  
State Rd 20 - Interlachen  
386-684-3252

**FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES 4355**  
Sat. 8 pm Band  
Sun. 4 pm Karaoke  
Mon. 7:30 pm Darts  
Tues. & Wed. 1 pm Pinochle  
Tues. & Thurs. 6:30 pm Bingo  
Wed. 5 pm Tacos  
Fri. 8 pm Karaoke  
110 Shrine Club Rd, Lake Como

**FRUITLAND PENINSULA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
3rd Tues. 7 pm  
Culver Rm., Crescent City Library  
386-698-1870

**GIRL SCOUTS**  
For girls 5-11  
1st & 3rd Saturday  
10 am - 12 pm  
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church  
Call Luz 386-559-4119

**HISTORIC CENTRAL ACADEMY**  
3rd Mon. 5:30 pm  
Preservation & Community  
Development Inc.  
Supporters Meeting Palatka

**INTERLACHEN LIONS CLUB**  
1st & 3rd Tues. 7pm  
202 Prospect Ave Interlachen  
386-684-2188

**PALATKA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**  
3rd Thurs. 7 pm  
Palatka Library  
601 College Rd - Palatka

**PALATKA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB**  
Wed. 10 am Bring lunch  
521 South 13th St- Palatka  
386-328-0263

**CRESCENT CITY DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB**  
Wed. 9:30 am  
604 N. Summit St.-Crescent City  
Lessons Available  
386-698-4496

**PALATKA KIWANIS CLUB**  
Thurs. 11:45 am Lunch  
Sleep Inn & Suites  
SR19 & Hwy 100 Palatka

**PALATKA NEW VISION LIONS CLUB**  
2nd & 4th Tues. Noon  
Beef O'Bradys on the River Palatka

**POMONA PARK NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**  
2nd Thurs. (exc. Aug. & Dec.)  
200 East Main St.  
Shirley Griffin - 386-649-8640

**PALATKA LIONS**  
1st & 3rd Mon. 7pm  
318 Osceola St, Palatka  
386-325-5295

**PUTNAM COUNTY SHRINE CLUB**  
Wed. 6 pm Darts/Hotdogs  
& Hamburgers  
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the meeting in order to request any special assistance.

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# Hometown hero serving on USS Somerset

*Special To The Courier Journal*

Fireman William Kelly, a native of Interlachen, and 2011 graduate of Interlachen High School, is serving in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Somerset (LPD 25), one of the world's most modern, networked, survivable, and transformational warships. USS Somerset is named in commemoration of the September 11, 2001 attacks. The name honors the passengers and crew of United Airlines Flight 93 whose actions prevented terrorist hijackers from reaching their intended target, forcing the airplane to crash near Shanks Ville, Somerset County, PA. Approximately 22 tons of steel from a crane that stood near Flight 93's crash site was used to construct Somerset's bow stem, embodying the strength and

determination of the people of the United States: to recover, to rally, to take the fight to the enemy. The San Diego-based USS Somerset is a San Antonio-class amphibious transport dock, protecting and defending America on the world's oceans.

Tens of thousands of young American men and women are deployed around the world doing just that, and they are there around the clock, far from our shores, defending America at all times. Amphibious transport dock ships are warships that embark, transport, and land elements of a landing force for a variety of expeditionary warfare missions. These ships support amphibious assault, special operations or expeditionary warfare missions and can serve as secondary aviation platforms for amphibious ready



photo by Senior Chief Gary Ward  
**Fireman William Kelly of Interlachen aboard the USS Somerset.**

groups. Approximately 28 officers, 333 enlisted men and women and 3 Marines make up the ship's company, which keeps all parts of the ship running smoothly. This includes everything from washing dishes and preparing meals to handling weaponry and maintaining the engines. "A ship is but a steel vessel, it is the crew that brings a ship to life.

USS Somerset is truly a fine warship and this crew that mans her is second to none. The Sailors and Marines of Somerset have been working diligently to prepare this war ship. Through our service in the United States Navy, we will strive to honor those who have sacrificed so much to preserve the freedoms we cherish today," said Capt. Thomas L. Dearborn, the ship's com-

# Small guys Big Catch



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## Dragonfly from page B1

I headed out to Pierson, to Soldier Robinson's grave, before everyone

else in order to set up my camera equipment. I arrived at the cemetery to find that the people from Affordable Headstones were just finishing setting the headstone.

It was really weird, because when I arrived there wasn't one dragonfly to be found, but just after Charles Jr. Arrived with the rest of his family there were dragonflies all over the place.

After everyone had left, I put my camera equipment up and decided to walk over to the grave to say goodbye to the man I had never known, but who had been a big part of my life over the last few months.

As I stood there at the foot of Soldier Robinson's grave I said, "Well Soldier Robinson, you really had a lot of people who cared about you. I hope that now you can rest in peace. Maybe one of those dragonflies will carry you on to meet with your loved ones and all the soldiers who have passed before you. Thank you so much for fighting for our freedom." I was about to turn and walk away, when one little dragonfly landed on Soldier Robinson's Headstone.

Maybe the story of the dragonfly is really true, and maybe one day I will be able to come back and let you know, but until then, it's nice to think that this could be true.

Thank you for reading this article, and to Soldier Robinson, "You will be missed but never forgotten."

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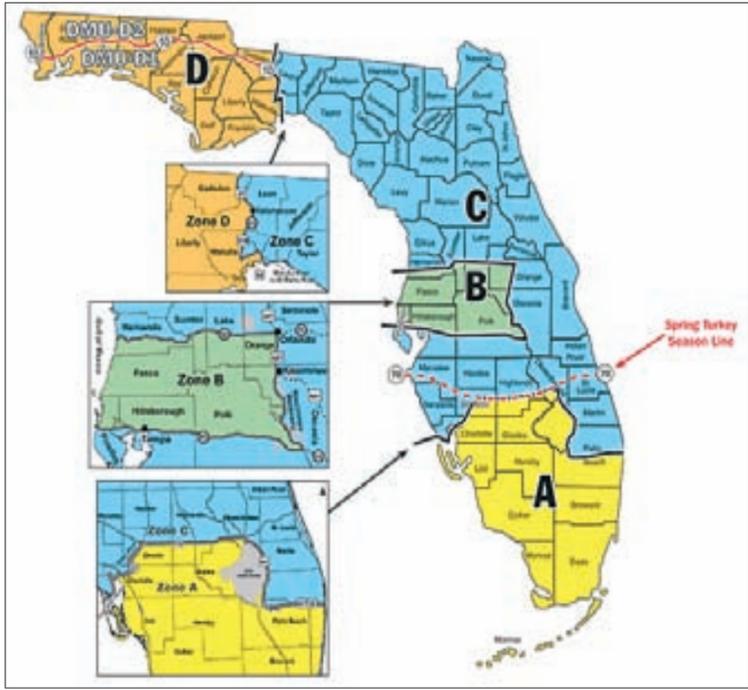
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# Expect Changes in Hunting Zones this Season



**"Outta' the Woods"**  
Tony Young

If you hunt in Zone D, there are several major changes this year to fall hunting regulations that you need to know about. And, if your hunting spot was in the northern portion of Zone A, you might be hunting in Zone C now. If you hunt in southern Manatee County, Sarasota County, southwest DeSoto County, west Charlotte County, southeast Okeechobee County, south St. Lucie County, Martin County or north Palm Beach County, you now have later fall hunting season dates than what you're used to, because the boundary line between the two zones has been adjusted.

The boundary line used to be State Road 70, but hunters had noted, and recent biological surveys have confirmed, that deer living in the above-mentioned areas have a breeding period that occurs later than that of most of the deer in Zone A. These deer actually have a breeding period more in line with deer living in Zone C.

It is because of this that a number of local hunters asked the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) to move the boundary line between hunting zones A and C, so that all or parts of these counties would instead be included in Zone C, which has the later hunting season dates that better align with when the rut occurs in these areas.

The new boundary line between hunting zones A and C begins at the Gulf of Mexico and runs northeast through Charlotte Harbor and up the Peace River until it intersects with S.R. 70. The line then follows S.R. 70, running east until it meets U.S. 441 north of Lake Okeechobee. It then follows U.S. 441 south, where it proceeds around the eastern shore of Lake Okeechobee. The line then turns off U.S. 441 and onto S.R. 80 and runs just a few miles before turning east and following County Road 880, running just a few miles before joining back up with U.S. 98/441/S.R. 80/Southern Boulevard until it reaches the Atlantic Ocean.

This new line separating hunting zones A and C affects only the fall hunting seasons. Spring turkey season dates remain unaffected

and will continue as they have been. In other words, spring turkey season south of S.R. 70 will continue to open the first Saturday in March, while north of S.R. 70 in the rest of the state, the season will continue to open the third Saturday of March. The daily bag limit for turkeys during the spring and fall hunting seasons has been increased to two on private lands. However, you may still take only one turkey per day on wildlife management areas, and in Holmes County, the daily and season limits remain one turkey during the spring, with no fall season. In the rest of the state, the fall and spring season bag limits have not changed and are still two.

If you hunt in the Panhandle in Zone D, that zone has now been divided into two deer management units (DMUs), each with its own unique set of antler regulations and antlerless deer harvest days.

This new change is part of a larger, statewide project aimed at managing deer on a more local level and providing hunters, landowners and other stakeholders a greater say in deer management.

The FWC conducted a public outreach and input process in northwest Florida during the first quarter of 2013. During that period, the Commission received input and comments from hunters, farmers and the general public regarding how they would like to see deer managed in the newly proposed DMUs. A technical assistance group made up of deer enthusiasts was then formed, and this team developed goals and objectives for the two DMUs.

As a result of this outreach process and ideas provided by the group, the FWC passed rules for both public and private lands in both of the newly created DMUs in Zone D, with Interstate 10 being the dividing line between the two DMUs. North of I-10 is DMU-D2, and south of I-10 is DMU-D1.

The new regulations require that bucks harvested north of I-10 in DMU-D2 must have antlers with at least 3 points (each point having to be at least 1 inch long) on one side OR have an antler with a main beam length of at least 10 inches.

South of I-10 in DMU-D1, the minimum antler requirement is now two points (each point having

to be at least 1 inch long) on one side. The antler regulations in each DMU are intended to protect most 1.5-year-old bucks from being shot, while allowing the harvest of most 2.5-year-old and older bucks. Since antler development is different within the units, different antler regulations were needed to accomplish this goal.

However, youth (15 years old and younger) are exempt from these new antler requirements in both DMUs, and they may continue to harvest bucks that have an antler that is at least 5 inches long. This was important to hunters who indicated they wanted to encourage youth to hunt. These new antler regulations and youth exemption apply to both private lands and wildlife management areas within Zone D.

There are also changes to the antlerless deer season ("doe days") on private lands within Zone D.

In DMU-D2 (north of I-10), antlerless deer season is now eight days distributed across four weekends. These weekends are the Saturday-Sunday after Thanksgiving, the first weekend of muzzleloading gun season, the third weekend of general gun season and the weekend after Christmas.

In DMU-D1 (south of I-10), the antlerless season is now four days consisting of two popular holiday weekends – the weekend after Thanksgiving and the one after Christmas.

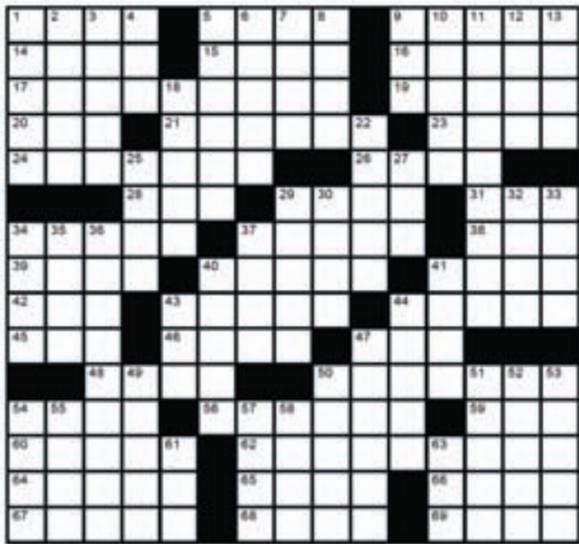
The purpose of modifying the antlerless deer season is to spread out the hunting opportunity, so that more hunters could participate without reducing deer populations. There are differences in the current deer density between the two DMUs, and that is why there are fewer days to take antlerless deer south of I-10. These changes will be monitored to measure any impacts they may have on the deer harvest and hunter satisfaction within each DMU.

The FWC's Deer Management Program has been working with the public in zones A, B and C to get preferences for DMUs within these hunting zones. Be on the lookout for proposals as a result, and you may keep up with any proposed changes at MyFWC.com/Deer.

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

"Z-Z-Zoom!"

- Across**
- Farm building
  - "Lama Ding Dong"
  - Stims
  - Black and white cookie
  - Australian birds
  - Coral island
  - Aquaman swimmer named for an animal on land
  - Took without asking
  - ... in a million (rare)
  - Throw trash on the ground
  - ... out a living
  - Cracker type
  - Actress Bancroft or Heche
  - Donkey's sound
  - Nose, eyes, etc.
  - Self-importance
  - Twelve
  - ... mission
  - Baby doggie
  - Nurse god
  - Rusted and ...
  - "The Way We ..."
  - Howard or Paul
  - Watch bread
  - TV show they've already shown before
  - Dog's bark
  - Beers
  - Brooks or Gibson
  - Land measurement
  - Shop class neomakers
  - ... Lisa (famous painting)
  - Hard sound
  - Last month: older
  - Country whose capital is New Delhi
  - Remot of Hollywood
  - Strict
  - Having the power



- Down**
- Foals
  - Stadium
  - Fight back
  - Neither here ... there
  - Make more elegant
  - Not much
  - Has to
  - Tennis great Arthur
  - The, in German
  - When some local news shows begin
  - Wicker with animals
  - Fashion magazine
  - Wintertime transportation
  - Creature from outer space
  - West quickly
  - At that point
  - Badminton barrier
  - Bills with Lincoln on them
  - "Jeopardy!" host Trebek
  - Wise one
  - Sign on a store
  - "... the Explorer"
  - Unpleasant scent
  - Wine store choice
  - Removes
  - Agitates
  - Use a blowtorch
  - Road gro
  - Extend your magazine subscription
  - Trees used in symposium
  - Egypt's capital
  - Actress Field or astronaut Ride
  - ... Allan Poe
  - Christopher of "Superman"
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  - Former Russian ruler
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- 1 can ready made pizza dough (13.8 oz)
- 6 1/2 oz garlic and herb soft spreadable cheese
- 1/2 c walnuts, toasted and chopped
- 2 c grilled chicken breast, chopped
- 1/2 c dried apricots, chopped
- 2-3 tbsp balsamic glaze
- Balsamic Glaze
- 1 c balsamic vinegar

**Directions**

- Preheat oven to 425 degrees.
- Press out pizza dough into a 12x8 inch rectangle.
- Using a 3 1/2 inch round cookie or biscuit cutter, cut out 8 circles from dough.
- Grease cookie sheet with cooking spray and place circles 1 inch apart.
- Bake for 4 minutes.
- Let pizza crust circles slightly cool. Then, spread the garlic and herb cheese on top of each circle.
- Sprinkle with toasted walnuts, pressing them into the cheese.
- Top each with 1/4 cup of grilled chicken breast.
- Sprinkle each with chopped apricots.
- Drizzle each sammie with balsamic glaze.

**Balsamic Glaze**

- In a small saucepan bring the vinegar to a boil over medium-high heat.
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Submitted by: Amanda Smith, Washington, IL (Pop. 15,134)

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CASE NO: 14-195-CA

WILLIS CLEMENTS & LAURA CLEMENTS, Plaintiff,

-VS-

SKY DEVELOPMENT GROUP, LLC, JULIA DARDYK & ROALD SVARCHEVSKY, or the unknown heirs, of defendants, if deceased, and the unknown assigns, successors, creditors, trustees, or any other person claiming by, through, or under the named defendants, Defendants.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR PUTNAM COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO: 14-194-CA

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-VS-

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CASE NO: 2011-382-CA DIVISION 53

JAMES COLLINS and BETTY COLLINS, Plaintiff,

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EMMA JEAN COLLINS and SHAWN FINNEGAN, Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 46**

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Notice is given that pursuant to a summary final judgment dates May 28, 2014, in the above styled cause, of the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit in and for Putnam County, Florida, in which James Collins and Betty Collins, are the plaintiffs and Emma Jean Collins, and Shawn Finnegan, are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the south front door of the Putnam County Courthouse in Palatka, Putnam County, Florida at 11:00 a.m., on the 2nd day of September, 2014, the following described property set forth in the order or final judgment:

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## Arrest Log

**Welaka** - Sunday, August 3, at approximately 5:40 p.m. Chef Piwowarski of the Welaka Police Department was dispatched to a disturbance call with a fight in progress at the Welaka Public Boat Ramp on Elm St. The original contact between these parties was at the Mud Springs on the river south of Welaka. Two of the individuals involved received laceration to the head from a tire iron, Clayton Eugene Jones struck Michael Kirkland and then Christopher Stephens struck Clayton Eugene Jones. Both Jones and Stephens were placed under arrest and charged with Battery and aggravated assault use of a deadly weapon. PCSO showed up on scene. Stephens was transported to Putnam County Jail by PCSO. Jones was transported to Putnam Medical Center to be medically cleared and then transported and booked into Putnam County Jail.

**Pomona Park** - Sunday, August 3, at approximately 4:45 p.m., Putnam County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to the area of 391 Huntington Shortcut Road in Pomona Park, in reference to a disturbance. On arrival deputies observed a white male, later identified as 24 year old Gregory David Fitzsimmons, arguing with a female victim and aggressively "poking" her in the chest. When he became aware of the presence of law enforcement, Fitzsimmons ran from the location disobeying repeated verbal commands for him to stop. Fitzsimmons was apprehended and detained by Sergeant Josh Lee after a short foot chase. The female victim indicated Fitzsimmons was a relative who was dropped off at the residence in a highly intoxicated state. The victim advised she and Fitzsimmons argued, he became enraged and began screaming, yelling, beating on the house and poking her in the chest.

Fitzsimmons was placed under arrest and transported to the Putnam County Jail where he was booked on the charges of battery and of resisting an officer without violence. As the battery is domestic related, he is currently being held without the benefit of a bond.

**Palatka** - Friday, August 1, Putnam County Sheriff's deputies arrested 26 year old Devon Shermaine Brown for violation of probation after he allegedly exposed himself to multiple female victims over a period of several days. Brown has previous arrests in Putnam County for similar incidents in 2007, 2010 and 2011. Sheriff Hardy is concerned there may be additional victims or witnesses that have yet to come forward. He is requesting that **anyone with additional information concerning this case, to please contact the Putnam County Sheriff's Office at 386-329-0801.**

**Bostwick** - Tuesday July 31 detectives with the Putnam County Sheriff's Office Property Crimes Unit interviewed 33 year old Kristin Leigh Smith in connection with the theft of multiple items from a residence located at 247 Tarpon Boulevard in Bostwick. The thefts were reported to the Sheriff's Office by the property owner on Wednesday, July 23. Smith was listed as a possible suspect in the initial report as she is known to the property owner and had access to the home during the time frame the thefts occurred. The items stolen included a flat screen television, hand tools and a Nikon camera. A review of local pawn shop records revealed that Smith pawned items matching the description of the stolen property.

**Palatka** - Wednesday, July 30, at approximately 5:30 p.m. Putnam County deputies responded to 156 Lettie Lane in Palatka in reference to what was initially dispatched as a trespass in progress call. Upon arrival contact was made with a 50 year old white female who indicated a neighbor, 57 year old Kenneth Russell Westberry, had forced his way into her home. The victim said the highly intoxicated Westberry had come onto the porch of her residence earlier in the day and she had told him to leave or she would call law enforcement. Westberry left but returned a short time later and began to argue with a second female on the porch. When the victim opened the door so her friend could enter to get away from Westberry he forced his way inside. According to witnesses, Westberry grabbed a vertical blind rod off the wall and swung it at the victim knocking a plate of food from her hand. The victim then scuffled with Westberry, took the rod away from him and struck him in the head causing him to flee the residence. Westberry was located hiding in the woods a short distance away by Deputy Emmett Merritt and his K-9 partner Tango.

**Interlachen** - Tuesday, July 29 deputies arrested 26 year old Ganelle Tory Denning and 33 year old Shaun Anthony Donahue on outstanding warrants related to the burglary of a residence located at 124 Osborne Street in Interlachen. A Samsung computer tablet was taken during the burglary which occurred on Thursday, June 19. A person later contacted Sheriff's Office detectives and indicated they believed they may have purchased a stolen tablet. The ensuing investigation linked Denning and Donahue to the theft and warrants were issued for their arrest.

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