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It was a special day for local vets with the Jacksonville Suns

By Karl Kennell



Baseball players say, "Thank you!"

On Friday, May 30, eight residents and their caregivers from Clyde E. Lassen State Veterans' Nursing Home in St. Augustine were treated to

an afternoon baseball game at the Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville. The Jacksonville Suns took on the Montgomery Biscuits and the Suns won

the game. This special Memorial Day baseball excursion was arranged and hosted by Knights of Columbus Switzerland Council 12664. The game was dedicated to the veterans and each veteran was given a Suns baseball signed by the group of players who welcomed visiting vets to the Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville.

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The Clyde E. Lassen State Veterans' Nursing Home in St. Augustine was opened to residents in 2010. The 120-bed facility offers skilled nursing care and can accommodate 60 residents with dementia/Alzheimer's disease. It is located at 4650 State Road 16 in St. Augustine and all the residents are veterans.

Registration is now open for FCMS' Passages

By Contributing Writer Denise Lewis

Registration is officially open for the popular middle school summer program Passages for rising FCMS sixth grade girls. It is sponsored by Girl Scouts of Gateway Council and is a must for every incoming FCMS sixth grade girl to attend.

Transitioning from the familiar confines of elementary school to middle school is often stressful for adolescents. The comfortable surroundings, routines and staff members are gone, replaced by new and unfamiliar hallways, schedules and activities. But thanks to Passages, rising sixth grade girls at FCMS can look forward to their first day of middle school with anticipation and confidence instead of apprehension.

Passages is a two-day workshop which orientates incoming sixth grade girls to middle school. Through this program, the girls become familiar with every aspect of their new school and schedule, which in turn lessens their anxiety and increases confidence in

their new routine.

Girls who have participated in the program have come away with high praise for it.

Last year's participant Gracie R. said, "I would recommend Passages because it was fun and we got to travel around the school. I don't even know how I could deal with such a big transition without it. It covered every single question I could possibly think of, like combination locks, dress code, classes, boys and the changing out for P.E."

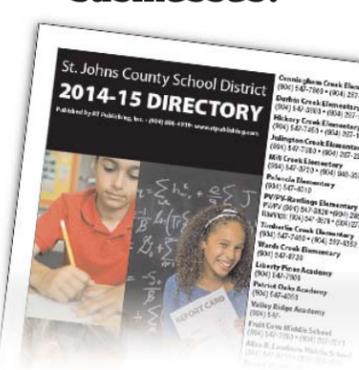
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Nease Band finishes year on a high note!

By Contributing Writer Sarah Hansen, Nease Student

Even after the last notes of the closer music resonated off the walls of the Tropicana Dome last November during their state championship performance on the marching band field, the Nease High School band students continued in their musical and marching endeavors during the winter and spring season. The band program, which consists of an exemplary concert band, an Open class percussion ensemble and a World class winterguard team, was busy throughout what is often called the "indoor" season when it is compared to the fall marching season. From concert band music assessments to world championships in Dayton, Ohio, the Nease Band's winter programs repre-

sented both the school and the county on a variety of stages, with fruitful results.

During the winter months, Nease High School's concert band held a major concert, sent students to perform at Solo and Ensemble and showcased their talent at the Florida Bandmaster Association's Music Performance Assessments (MPA). For their MPA ratings, the Nease

Band received an excellent.

"When it comes to rehearsal, it doesn't matter who you are; we have a goal to get to and you are a vital factor in the success of the band," explained Nico Cort, a sophomore member of Nease's concert band when asked about the band's dedication.

Cort, like many other students in the concert band, believes that much of the band's success this past indoor season can be accredited to the goal-setting and family-like aura of the program. To mark the end of a great season, a large group of band students traveled to New Orleans on a mid-May field trip.

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Nease Indoor Percussion performs.

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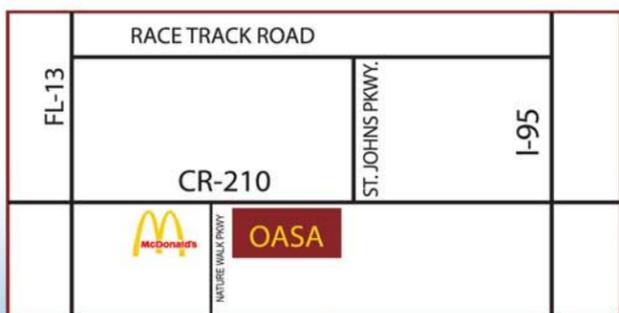
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Community Happenings

The Rotary Club of St. Johns meets at the St. Johns Golf and Country Club clubhouse on Friday mornings from 7:30 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. Members come from most communities along County Road 210 and Race Track Road. For additional information, please contact Tony Lego at tlego@ercsaves.com or visit www.rotarystjohns.org.

Tickets and tables are available for the **St. Gerard Campus "Remember When '50s Sock Hop"** being held from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. at Bishop Baker Hall on June 28, 2014. Get out

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St. Augustine Maritime Heritage Foundation, a non-profit organization, was founded to educate and promote St. Augustine's rich maritime history. Join us and our partners, The Fountain of Youth Archaeological Park and St. Augustine Lighthouse Museum on Sunday, June 29 for the second annual Family Fun Day from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the beautiful and historic Fountain of Youth Archaeological Park! This event is free to St. Johns County residents! Activities include model boat building and races, ship wreck artifacts, youth sailboat rigging, many demonstrations, fun exhibits, hands-on activities, knot tying and tug 'o war contests, storytelling, book signing, prizes, cannon firing, boat safety, food and more! Visit us online at www.staugmaritimeheritage.org. For more information, please contact Wendy Thomson 687-4625 or wendyt55@aol.com.

Get excited! **Mom to Mom** is coming starting September 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Creekside Christian Church. Join us for a time where moms, in all seasons of life, can eat together, obtain support as a mom, hear from mom-related speakers, build their faith, develop friendships and learn about motherhood and marriage. This group is for women with small children, as well as moms with grown children and all moms in between. We are based around the Titus 2 principle of women teaching and encouraging other women in their relationships with their husbands and children. We will meet on Thursdays from September 2014 to May 2015. Registration is required and childcare will be available. Please contact Tara Lale at tara.lale@yahoo.com for questions or to register. Creekside Christian Church is located at 92 Life Spring Way, right off Race Track Road. We hope to see you in the fall!

your saddle shoes, poodle skirts and black leather jackets. Greasers and Pink Ladies are welcome! Blasts from the past will be provided by DJ Tony of Ava/Cameron Audio and Video Productions. There will be awards for Best Dressed, Best Dancers and an Oldies Karaoke Contest. We will have hula hoops, great food, drinks, door prizes and lots of fun! We thank our sponsors Ave/Cameron Audio and Video Productions, Burkhardt Beer, Publix Supermarkets and a host of supporters that are giving so much to make this a success. Tickets are only \$25 each and table sponsorships are available. All proceeds will help the students of St. Gerard Campus, a 501(c)(3) charity and your ticket purchase is tax deductible to the extent the law allows. Please call 829-5516 to reserve your tickets or table.

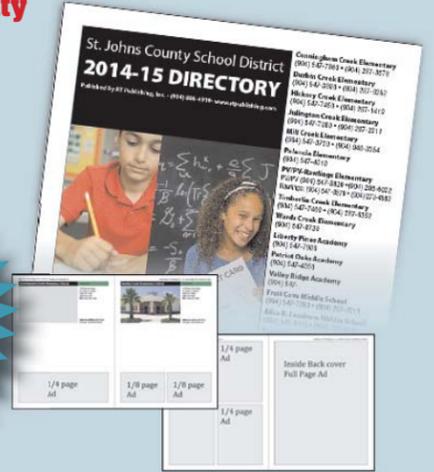
Adults and teens age 14 and older are invited to attend the **Project Lap Blanket crochet group** at the Bartram Trail Branch Library, which will meet on Tuesday evenings in June beginning at 6:00 p.m. The group will crochet or knit blankets for cancer patients at area hospitals. All skill levels are welcome. Can't come to any of the meetings? Pick up the crochet pattern at the Reference Desk in the library and crochet the blanket in your spare time. Drop off completed blankets and any yarn you'd like to donate during regular library hours. For additional information, please call the Reference Desk at 827-6960.

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Creekside High School will host their annual summer **Volleyball Camp** for fourth through eighth grade girls from July 7 through July 10 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon each day. The cost of the camp is \$85. For additional information, please see the brochure on the Creekside High School website, blogs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/athletics/summercamps or contact head coach Megan Bowers at bowersm@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

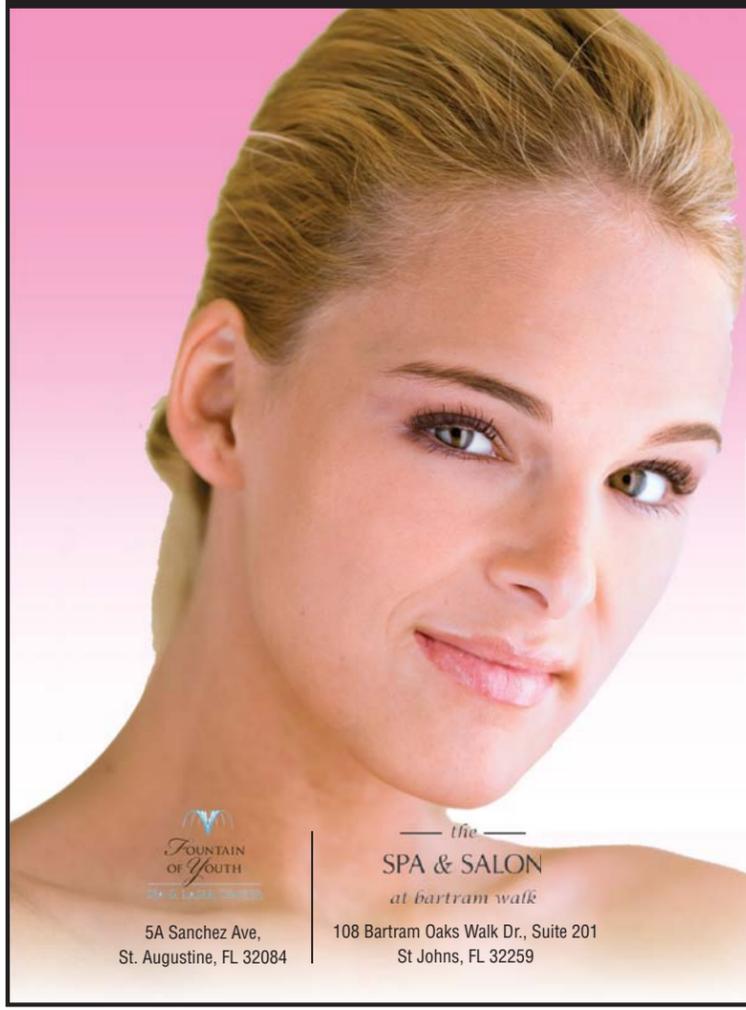
Applications are being accepted for the 2014 **St. Johns County Master Gardener class**. The Master Gardener program recruits volunteers for horticultural activities of the Extension Service. In exchange for 50 hours of intensive horticultural education provided by the University of Florida, the volunteer commits to donating 75 hours of volunteer time to Extension Service projects. Examples of volunteer projects are arboretum care, demonstration vegetable garden, phone desk, plant clinics and educational outreach, to name a few. If you are interested in the program, please call 209-0430 for an application form. The deadline for applications is July 9, 2014.

The **MOMS Club** is a wonderful way to meet other Stay-at-home and part-time working mothers and is a fun way for your children to socialize with other children. Mothers with children of all ages are welcome. Members for this chapter must live in the 32092 or 32095 zip codes, including all neigh-

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From the Commissioner's Desk

By Contributing Writer Cyndi Stevenson,
County Commissioner, District 1

Getting to know Twelve Mile Swamp

Between World Golf Village and Palencia, stretching north almost to County Road 210 and south almost to County Road 208 lays Twelve Mile Swamp. When you travel along the canopied narrow road, you are driving through a slender section of this large tract which spread out as it spans north and south. Look closely next time you travel this area and you may notice power lines high above the trees. In consideration for the swamp and perhaps the tree canopy, the concrete poles that support these lines were put in place using helicopters! I would have loved to have seen that.

In 1992, over 30,000 acres of the swamp were targeted for acquisition by the State of Florida. This area was identified because it included significant wetland swamp, important natural habitat and the opportunities for compatible recreation. On a long term basis, sustainable timber operations might also help support the care and maintenance of TMSCA (Twelve Mile Swamp Conservation Area). The land is owned jointly by the St. Johns River Water Management District and the Trustees for the Internal Improvement Trust Fund on behalf of the people of Florida. Almost 22,000 acres of the targeted land has been acquired. Only 3 percent of TMSCA is currently accessible for use until 2025 because it was subject to long term leases when acquired.

The land is described as a

large wetland basin surrounded by pine plantation that is still being used for timber production. The state plans to restore some of the area that has been farmed to its natural condition when the leases expire. Twelve Mile Swamp includes areas that are maintained by controlled burns. This reduces the risk of fire. Fire is part of the natural system in Florida and we have a number of fire dependent species including pitcher plants, wire grass and long leaf pine.

This land supports nine threatened or rare species including Florida Black Bear, Swallow-tailed Kite, Pond sparrow, Snowy Egret, Bald Eagle, Little Blue Heron, Tricolored Heron, White Ibis and Great Egret. This land shelters human history as well. There are 12 archeological or historic sites or structures on this state-owned property.

I look forward to this land being more open and accessible to the public so they can appreciate this asset. In the meantime, Twelve Mile Swamp is working as timberland, providing habitat and contributing to clean healthy waters of our creeks and the St. Johns River. People sometimes feel that every acre of St. Johns County will be developed. Thanks to wetland protections and large tracts of land like Twelve Mile Swamp, St. Johns County will be green and have significant open space for generations to come.

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Many thanks to all who made Relay for Life of Bartram Trail a success!

By Contributing Writer Kim Aslan

Relay for Life of Bartram Trail event has come and gone, but our battle against cancer still continues. As of the time of this writing, our wonderful relay has raised approximately \$113,000 but our goal is \$165,000. Please help us reach our goal by going to bartram-relay.com and make a donation between now and July 31, 2014.

Our relay success is a direct result of amazing team work consisting of our sponsors, local businesses who donated food, drinks, items and gift cards, our amazing teams, participants, our survivors, guest speakers at Relay, American Cancer Society employees and support from friends and family. A tremendous thank you goes out to our following sponsors: Citi, 121 Financial Credit Union, Allstate John Crowell Agency, Cancer Specialists of North Florida, Center for Health and Sports Medicine (Dr. Ross Osborn), Atlantic Self Storage, Tim Murphy State Farm, The UPS Store, Tim's Floor Covering, Weaver and Stratton Pediatric Dentistry, Stephen T. Carpenter, DDS, Club Car, and West Coast Hair Design.

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If you would like to join our wonderful Relay for Life of Bartram Trail event either as a team or committee member, please contact Becky Kimball, team development chair at 254-7325. We must never give up this battle until we hear the words "a cure has been found!"

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Michelle Troha, senior vice president of marketing for First Florida Credit Union, said the credit union regularly invests in the communities it serves through such education initiatives.

"The sooner children learn

the basics about money - especially saving - the better," Troha said. "Money Savvy Kids® Day is designed to help youth set age-appropriate financial goals, understand the value of saving and discover the joys of giving to good causes."

In addition to educational game stations, the event will also include face painting, refreshments and giveaways. First Florida Credit Union staff will be available to assist any parents who want to continue their children's financial learning by opening a Sand Dollar Savings Club account. For more detailed information, visit www.firstflorida.org.

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School District Journal

By Contributing Writer Beverly Slough,
Chariman, St. Johns County School Board

Another successful school year is in the books. It has been a joy to celebrate with all our seniors at eight graduations and with our younger students at their awards ceremonies. Our students continue to achieve at the highest levels academically while expanding their experiences in the arts, athletics, service organization and myriad other activities. It has been a joy to serve the education community for these 12 years. I look forward to continued success in the coming years.

Our school district was recently named a Ford Next Generation Learning Community because of the fine work done in our career academies. Only 17 communities in the United States hold this distinction. Along with the designation comes the responsibility to share our success in developing career academies that engage our students and prepare them for college and career in their chosen fields. The academies range from Construction and Design to Medical Careers to International Business and Marketing to Aerospace Engineering to Teaching and many more. As students enter high school, enrollment in an academy enables them to build relationships with students and teachers within a smaller learning community, better ensuring their success both academically and socially. Students have the opportunity to participate in internships, many of which are paid, allowing them on-the-job experience while still in high school. The academies also afford students the ability to earn college credit through dual enrollment. Some of them graduate high school with enough credits to be awarded an Associate's degree. Obviously, this gives them a leg up as they enter college, but it also helps parents because the credits were earned without the cost of tuition. Another hallmark of the academies is the opportunity for students to earn certification in various career strands. Many of them graduate with certification in Microsoft Office Suite and other areas that open doors for them in obtaining their first jobs. I am very proud of the 16 academies we already have and look forward to the addition of a Hospitality and Tourism Academy opening at Nease High School in the fall.

The two new K-8 schools are nearing completion and are set to be turned over to the district in July. I had the opportunity to tour Patriot Oaks Academy recently and was so impressed with the beautiful learning environment that awaits our students in the fall. The school is designed similarly to Liberty Pines Academy, but the footprint has been shrunk, eliminating wasted space and capitalizing on capturing all available square footage for student learning. The beautiful color schemes, with accent walls, is very esthetically pleasing and the view of the preserve areas is breathtaking. Our students will be greeted with a very functional but beautiful learning environment

when school begins in August. Principal Emily Harrison has assembled a talented faculty who will guide the learning of the K-7 grade students. As you may remember, we are opening without eighth graders the first year to afford them the opportunity to complete their middle school years in the school they have been attending. Much more information in regard to bus schedules, open houses and student schedules will be forthcoming as summer progresses.

Fruit Cove Middle School will welcome a new principal this fall. Lynn O'Conner, currently assistant principal at Ponte Vedra High School, will assume leadership there as Steve McCormick, current principal, moves to Ponte Vedra High to lead that school. O'Connor is no stranger to our area. She worked as Curriculum Coordinator at Fruit Cove and also served as the district's Gifted Coordinator for several years. She has experience as both teacher and assistant principal at Landrum Middle School, as well as her work at PVHS. We welcome her and wish her every success as the new principal of Fruit Cove Middle.

Thank you to each of you for your part in another successful school year. Students, parents, teachers, administrators, business partners and community members all work together to help our children reach their highest potential. I am very grateful for your commitment to public education. If I may serve you in any way, please contact me at Beverly.Slough@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

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borhoods along the 210 corridor. We meet once a month to plan our activities for the month ahead. These business meetings are held at Faith Community Church on County Road 210 and children are welcome at all of our meetings and activities. We have activities scheduled for almost every weekday of the month and moms may attend as few or as many activities as they like. Please contact us at sanmoms@gmail.com or visit www.sanmomsclub.weebly.com for more information.

Bring your lawn and gardening questions to the **St. Johns County Master Gardeners' plant clinic** on Thursday, June 19 and Saturday, June 21, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. We will be at the Bartram Trail Branch Library, located at 60 Davis Pond Boulevard at the entrance to Julington Creek Plantation. We will also accept small soil samples for free pH testing.

The **United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 14-7** meets the first Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the St. Augustine Yacht Club near

the St. Augustine Lighthouse. The flotilla is always looking for new members, particularly those who own aircraft, boats and have radio equipment and skills. If you are interested, please contact Vic Aquino at 460-0243.

Where can you take part in a drum circle, make a puppet, create a collage, paint and bead, try out instruments and make your own, learn new dance steps, write a poem, experience the art of storytelling and more? On June 21 from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., Friends of the St. Augustine Amphitheatre (FOSAA) will sponsor "**A Gathering of Friends, Children's Arts Festival**" at the Amphitheatre. This free event features over 40 interactive arts experiences for children and families led by well-known professionals in the arts community. A select group of vendors will be on hand featuring products and information of interest to families. Event sponsors include Bozard Ford, State Farm Insurance, Dion Marketing Company and Dagher Printing. The event is funded in part by a grant from the Tourist Development Council. All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

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The **Ancient City Chapter of the Florida Writers Association** will meet at the Main Library in St. Augustine on Saturday, June 21 at 10:15 a.m. The speaker will be Elizabeth Sinclair, a prolific local author. Her important talk aims to make stories stronger, more focused and with clear motivation. Sinclair is the author of more than 20 books, sold in 10 foreign countries and translated into seven foreign languages. This program is presented by the Ancient City Chapter in conjunction with the Friends of the Main Library. All book sales benefit the FOL. The library is located at 1960 US Highway 1 in St. Augustine.

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As a Republican running for the St. Johns County Commission District 2 seat, against Ron Sanchez, I have a very specific vision for our Parks & Recreation (Rec) budget. Having co-founded the St. Johns County Middle School Sports Program, I have dealt with field space issues that other athletic groups have come to me with as well.

First, we need to look at the Parks & Rec's books, as there are areas under Parks & Rec that are losing money, such as:

- **The golf course** that we purchased (with upgrades) for \$8.7 million - a new fleet of golf carts was purchased this year for \$250,000, AND the golf course loses approximately \$200,000 annually.
- **The equestrian center** is another area that is under Parks & Rec that we have upgraded for \$1.4 million and loses approximately \$26,000 annually. If residents want to keep the golf course and equestrian center, then we should sell or lease them to a private company.
- **The St. Augustine Amphitheater** is a great community asset and should be kept, but it should be run by a private management company. The county has reported approximately \$2 million in losses on the amphitheater since 2008.

Also, private management companies were proposing 50 shows a year vs. the county's only 38 shows. So, even though the direct and indirect economic impact of the Amphitheater is estimated at \$17 million, a private management company would have impacted economic growth at over \$21 million. That means if we would have had a private management company running it - we would have kept the amphitheater AND an additional \$6 million.

Second, **field space** for athletes is an issue. Solutions include: allowing student athletes access to the elementary and middle school fields, adding field lighting, and developing the 35 acres of donated land in World Golf Village (WGV) into park facilities. Creating the 35 acres in WGV for field space would also provide relief to other associations, as well, since they are absorbing the extra students from the WGV area.

Where private sponsors don't cover, funding can be obtained from **shifting the savings** in other areas, like privatizing the golf course and use of the Tree Bank Fund. The Tree Bank Fund is primarily used for tree beautification in median areas and green spaces. In past years, some of these funds have been transferred to other areas and used for things such as parks. The Tree

Bank Fund is \$2.5 million this year alone and would be another solution to getting the 35 acres cleared.

Third, for those who don't know, **students are paying a user fee** for the fields. A fee of \$10 per student, per sport, is paid to the Parks & Rec. We are told there is not enough money. Yet, over the years, funds from Parks and Rec have sometimes been transferred for other uses.

Parents want to highlight the **economic impact** of these sports fields. A recent study showed that a lacrosse tournament held at Fleming Island (which St. Johns County athletes participated in) netted Clay County over \$1 million in direct and indirect economic impact over a two-day period.

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The Sheriff Reports

By Contributing Writer David B. Shoar,
St. Johns County Sheriff

Boating safety

It's great to be sheriff of a county that has so many wonderful assets. Among the top recreational opportunities is both saltwater and freshwater boating. There are very few places in Florida where boats can be launched on the Intra-coastal Waterway with access to the ocean and then just a couple of dozen miles to the west you can launch into the St. Johns River for some of the finest boating in the nation. St. Johns County is truly a Mecca for boaters.

Our marine unit partners with the Florida Wildlife Commission as well as the United States Coast Guard to enforce boating regulations and to promote safe boating. Unfortunately, on occasion, our dive team and aviation unit are also called upon to look for victims of boating accidents or to hunt for missing watercraft or people. So this month I would like to suggest some rules for safe boating.

First and foremost, be weather-wise. Check the forecasts for possible storm activity and if you are bound for the ocean determine if the surf conditions may have waves that could put your size boat at risk of capsizing. No matter where you may be boating if you notice darkening clouds, changing winds and sudden drops in temperature, play it safe and head for shore.

Develop a float plan. Inform a family member, friend or the staff at your marina where you are going and how long you intend to be gone. You should also give them the name of the captain and all passengers, boat type and registration and the types of communication and signal equipment you have on board.

Use common sense. Be alert at all times and operate at a safe speed for the conditions you encounter. Be sure to follow the navigational buoys and markers that have been placed for your

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safety. Steer clear of larger vessels that may not be able to stop and turn in time to avoid collisions. Make sure there is another person on board who is familiar with all aspects of the boat's operation, handling and safety equipment who could get back to shore in case the primary skipper is injured or incapacitated in any way.

It is required by the United States Coast Guard that personal flotation devices (PFD) or as they are most commonly known, lifejackets, of the proper size be on board for everyone on your boat. In Florida, children under five must wear a right-sized PFD whenever the boat is moving. All boats larger than 16 feet must also have a float that can be thrown should someone fall overboard. Did

you know that a majority of victims who drown after a boat is in an accident or capsizes were recovered not wearing a lifejacket?

In Florida anyone born on or after January 1, 1988 who operates a vessel powered by 10 horsepower or more must pass an approved boater safety course and have in his/her possession a photographic boating safety education identification card issued by the State Wildlife Commission.

Lastly, a word of caution about alcohol use while boating. Boat operators under the influence of alcohol double the odds for being involved in an accident. Most alcohol-related boating accidents do not result from collisions but from falls on deck or overboard.

In Florida boat operators found to have a blood alcohol content .08 or higher will be charged with a BUI. For boat operators under the age of 21 that BAC level for charges drops to .02.

I truly enjoy boating in the waters of our beautiful county and I hope you do as well. Thank you for reading my monthly columns and I always welcome and appreciate your comments and suggestions. You can also find much more information on a variety of topics from your Sheriff's Office website at www.sjso.org. Be sure to also follow us on Facebook and Twitter. My email address is dshore@sjso.org. I look forward to hearing from you and have a safe and fun summer.

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Julington Creek Plantation CDD April 2014 official vote record of the Board of Supervisors

By J. Bruce Richardson

The Julington Creek Plantation Community Development District holds monthly public meetings of its Board of Supervisors. The following is a recap of the recorded votes of the April 8, 2014 meeting as published in the official minutes of the meeting. The meeting was held at the Julington Creek Plantation Club. In attendance and voting were Supervisors Nina Kannatt-Gapinski (Chairperson), Cathy Klein (Vice Chairperson), Sam Lansdale, Natalie Page, and Pat Jacob.

Here is a brief record of the discussion and subsequent votes recorded on major items regarding the community development district.

- A lengthy discussion took place regarding criteria and goals for measuring the performance of the CDD's general manager, as well as any incentives the general manager may receive. The board voted unanimously in favor of contacting the company proposed for handling this matter to redo the performance evaluation tool. This was a vote to further the process, not make a final decision on the process.
- The board voted unanimously to direct CDD staff

to develop an internal public records production policy so any formal requests for public records requested and to be provided in an electronic format may be done in an approved, uniform manner.

- The board again unanimously to approve the Fruit Cove Middle School Auditorium meeting date shifted from August 19, 2014 to August 26, 2014 to accommodate the availability of the space provided by the school. The purpose of the meeting at the school instead of the typical meeting space at the Julington Creek Plantation Club is that designated meeting is when the annual budget is discussed prior to the certification of the property owner roll by St. Johns County by September 15.

Other items and areas of interest were discussed, but no formal votes were taken on those items.

[Editor's Note: The CreekLine will be recapping the official minutes of the monthly meetings of the Julington Creek Plantation CDD board of supervisors in each issue. Due to the amount of time it takes for the minutes to be posted to the

website, each monthly article will cover the meeting of two months prior. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month. To read the minutes in their entirety, please visit www.jcpcdd.org.]

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Your Vote Counts!

By Contributing Writer Vicky Oakes,
St. Johns County Supervisor of Elections

Qualifying for Federal and Judicial Offices occurred during the week of April 28 through May 2. St. Johns County is in the 6th Congressional District, currently represented by Congressman Ron DeSantis. Two candidates filed to run for the seat this year; Congressman DeSantis (R) and challenger David Cox (D) of Daytona Beach. Since there are only two candidates and they are of different parties, their race will appear on the General Election ballot on November 4.

There will be no Florida Supreme Court Justices appearing on the ballot in November since none of the Justices were scheduled for election this year.

There are five District Courts of Appeal (DCA) in Florida. St. Johns County is in the 5th District. DCA judges must meet the same eligibility requirements for appointment to office and they are subject to the same procedures and conditions for discipline and removal from office as Justices of the Supreme Court. Like Supreme Court Justices, district court judges also serve terms of six

years and will be eligible for successive terms under a merit retention vote of the electors in their districts. Seven of the judges were scheduled for election this year and each qualified for their offices. They are: Judge Wendy Berger, Judge Kerry Evander, Judge Charles Lawson, Judge Richard Orfinger, Judge William Palmer, Judge Thomas Sawaya and Judge F. Rand Wallis. Since the judges are elected by merit retention vote, the question appearing on the ballot will read: Shall Judge (their name) of the 5th District Court of Appeal be retained in office? A Yes or No choice will follow. You will see the DCA Judges on the General Election ballot in November.

The Constitution provides that a circuit court shall be established to serve each judicial circuit established by the Legislature, of which there are 20. St. Johns County is in the 7th Judicial Circuit along with Flagler, Putnam and Volusia Counties. Within each circuit, there may be any number of judges, depending upon the population and caseload of the particular

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area. Circuit court judges are elected by the voters of the circuits in nonpartisan, contested elections against other persons who choose to qualify as candidates for the position. Circuit court judges serve for six-year terms. Thirteen judges were scheduled for election this year. Of the 13 seats scheduled for election, only four of the seats have races which are contested and will appear on the August 26 Primary Election ballot. The contested seats are 6, 18, 20 and 23.

The candidates are too numerous to list in this article, but you can find information on the candidates who have

filed to run for these seats on the Division of Elections website www.election.dos.state.fl.us. Look under Candidates and Races. If you select the 2014 General Election and under County, choose St. Johns, you will be able to view the races and candidates which qualify to run for office with the state and will appear on our ballots locally. For more information on the Florida Court System and our judges, visit www.flcourts.org.

During the last week of session, the state Legislature placed a constitutional amendment on the November ballot giving voters a chance to

decide if Florida's governor should have new powers to make prospective appointments to the state Supreme Court. The amendment will be the third one placed on the ballot and must be approved by at least 60 percent of voters on Election Day to become law. Visit our website www.votesjc.com and look under "What's New" for a link to the state's website where all three constitutional amendments appearing on the General Election ballot are listed.

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Website offers hurricane tips, flood information

The St. Johns River Water Management District's website provides easy access to flooding information and other resources that can help before, during and after severe storms. Hurricane season officially began on June 1. The web pages (floridawater.com/storm) include links to flood statements and warnings, river stage and flooding data and local government emergency contacts. Also included are links to the National Weather Service, Florida Division of Emergency Management and the United States Geological Survey's interactive map of current conditions in the state.

Florida's many waterways and extensive coastline make the state especially vulnerable to floods. When hurricanes and other storms bring high volumes of rain in short periods of time, flooding can result. Partnerships between the public and government entities are necessary to minimize flooding impacts, protect personal property and assist flood victims during and after storms.

The District works closely with local governments year-round to develop improved flood management plans and to help communities establish and implement strategies to deal

with floods once they occur. Local governments are the primary entities responsible for emergency responses during storms, such as implementing state-of-emergency declarations, evacuations and rescue efforts during flood-related disasters.

In the event of a tropical storm or hurricane, the District assists local governments by issuing emergency orders that allow for the pumping of water to alleviate flooding when public health and safety are at risk. The District also issues emergency orders to authorize repair, replacement or restoration of public and private property.

To prepare for hurricane season, which officially runs through November 30, property owners can protect themselves and their property by:

- Keeping debris out of storm drains and ditches
- Reporting clogged ditches to local governments
- Cleaning out gutters and extending downspouts at least four feet from structures
- Building up the ground around the home to promote drainage away from the foundation
- Obtaining flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program

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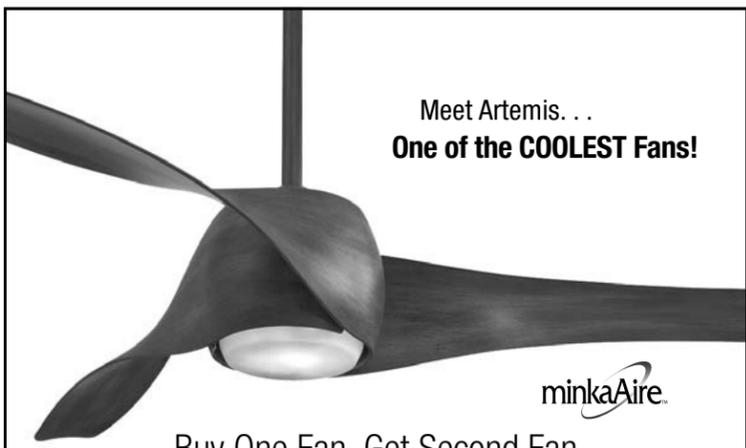
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E Pluribus Unum: Civics for One and All

By James A. Lee, jal@rtpublishing.com

In 2000, Americans and people around the world became engrossed in the day-to-day see-saw battle happening in Florida. The uniqueness of that election and its potential for so many possible results were fascinating for even the most unenthusiastic viewer of politics. Not since 2000 has Florida had an election as unique as this year's gubernatorial race.

Our unpopular Governor, Rick Scott (R), is challenged by former governor, Charlie Crist (D) who has changed party affiliation twice since his 2010 United States Senate defeat. Crist gave up a probable second term as governor to campaign for what most thought would be a relatively easy campaign for the United States Senate, but then didn't even win the Republican nomination. So, he ran as an Independent, lost to Marco Rubio, but finished ahead of the Democrat, Kendrick Meeks. In 2010 Crist became a Democrat so as to run for governor.

- Crist had gone from:
1. A serious contender for John McCain's 2008 running mate, to,
 2. The man without a party, to,
 3. Supporting President Obama at the 2012 Democratic Convention, to,
 4. A Democratic gubernatorial candidate distrusted by liberals, moderates and conservatives.

The crazy thing, as of the time of writing, Crist is leading in most polls; but, how?

I put that question to Dr. Aubrey Jewett, professor of political science at the University of Central Florida and he kindly

provided his analysis of the election. Here is my summary of what he shared.

Governor Scott has alienated some moderate Republicans by cutting education spending and slashing environmental protection. Tea Party Republicans are displeased with him because he has presided over the largest budget in state history, his lenient position on illegal immigration and his flip-flopped position supporting expansion of Medicaid under Obamacare.

Liberal Democrats are certainly not excited about supporting Crist, either. His label changes are particularly worrisome. They remember his very conservative campaign against Rubio—a fact Scott is taking full advantage of now in his campaign.

Dr. Jewett's assessment: 90 percent of Republicans will still support Scott; most Democrats will support Crist (as the lesser of two evils); and party turnout and swing voters will decide the election. Jewett offered several issues as critical in determining how the electoral winds might blow. Will moderates credit Scott with the improved economy or do they think it not yet improved enough? Will Democrats stay home without Obama at the top of the ticket? Can Crist's sizeable war chest withstand Scott's even larger bankroll? And, how much will the unpopularity of Obamacare impact the election?

As of the last week of April, Dr. Jewett predicts a toss-up race decided by a few points at most and, despite Crist's early polling leads, "Scott will squeak

by simply because there is a Republican label by his name."

Therefore, my assessment: our next governor may well be the candidate who has the most voters hold their collective nose and vote for him, anyway.

My gratitude to Dr. Jewett for his valued opinion.

Hospital receives Comprehensive Stroke Center designation

Baptist Medical Center Jacksonville has been designated as a Comprehensive Stroke Center by the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration. The designation signifies that Baptist Jacksonville meets care standards and guidelines to treat the most complex stroke cases and provides a full spectrum of treatment. The hospital uses state-of-the art imaging equipment; 24/7 availability of dedicated personnel trained in vascular neurology, neurosurgery and endovascular procedures as well as having designated neuroscience ICU facilities.

Baptist Jacksonville's comprehensive designation is Florida's highest level of stroke certification available and comes after the March opening of the new Stroke and Cerebrovascular Center and the addition of two internationally renowned neurovascular surgeons Ricardo Hanel, MD, PhD and Eric Sauvageau, MD.

"We are pleased to receive this comprehensive stroke certification. I think it's a nice regulatory stamping on the excellent service that we provide

at Baptist," Dr. Hanel said.

Baptist's Stroke and Cerebrovascular Center is the most comprehensive stroke center in Jacksonville and the region providing adults and children access to stroke and other cerebrovascular care under one roof, Dr. Hanel said. It works with area hospitals as part of a multi-site system of care providing improved access to patients, who in the past may have been transported outside the area during a life-threatening emergency for such conditions as strokes or brain aneurysms.

Nicole Thomas, vice president of Operations and Specialty Services for Baptist Health, said achieving the designation required a team of clinical experts in neurological care, including neurologists and neurosurgeons and having available advanced diagnostic tools and surgical and endovascular treatments to deliver the highest quality stroke care.

"Baptist Medical Center Jacksonville is expanding access to the most advanced therapy for treatment of stroke and brain aneurysm patients," Thomas said. "Patients can enter any Baptist Hospital emergency department for evaluation and be confident that if interventional treatment is needed, the patient will be transported to the Jacksonville campus in a matter of minutes. Our two neurovascular surgeons are avail-

able 24 hours a day to evaluate whether a patient will benefit from a procedure to remove a blockage or stop a hemorrhage causing the stroke. Now patients should never have to leave Jacksonville for the latest stroke treatments."

Baptist's Stroke and Cerebrovascular Center includes state-of-the art technology, such as fully dedicated advanced Neurosurgical Operating Rooms with intraoperative MRI and CT capabilities. A new neurointerventional suite is available with an imaging system that provides enhanced visibility for the physician and reduced radiation exposure. Along with 48 private suites for medical and surgical neurological care, the center has a dedicated 12-bed Neurointensive Care Unit, soon to be expanded to 24, for critical care patients with neurological and neurosurgical conditions. Baptist Health's six emergency departments also have telemedicine capabilities, which involves the use of videoconference technology for real time patient evaluation by specialty physicians. This tool speeds the time to care and supports the multidisciplinary approach to care planning. Baptist Jacksonville since 2007 has been a Primary Stroke Center along with Baptist Medical Center South. Baptist Medical Center Beaches received the Primary Stroke Center status this month.

Candidate forum scheduled

St. Johns Federated Republican Women (SJFRW) is pleased to announce a Candidate Forum for candidates for District 4, Board of County Commissioners. The event will be held on June 23 at Davidson Realty in World Golf Village, beginning with a social time at 6:30 p.m. The forum will begin at 7:00 p.m. All interested voters are welcome to attend, meet the candidates and hear their perspectives on why they should serve on the county commission.

At the May 19 meeting, SJFRW members were treated to a recap of the 2014 Legislative Session by Rep. Doc Renuart and Rep. Travis Hutson. Their informative remarks helped the

group understand the changes to Florida law that will be forthcoming. Each gave his perspective on the 2014-15 budget. Our club appreciates the representatives for their willingness to share and their responsiveness to their constituents.

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By Contributing Writer Denise Bash May, Realtor, Magnolia Properties

St. Johns County home resale inventories increased 5 percent since April 2014. The median listing price in St. Johns County went up from April to May. Current area inventory is over 710 properties listed in Multiple Listing Service, (MLS). Approximately 950 homes sold in the past 90-days. The average home price was \$275,000. This is a decrease from an average of \$287,000 for the same 90-day period last year.

The decrease is due mainly to the short sell market. There were 96 foreclosures sold March – May 2013 and 78 foreclosures sold March – May 2014. The decrease in foreclosed properties should continue throughout the year.

We've been seeing relatively flat homes prices, which

appear to be supported by market fundamentals. Prices remain steady and we don't expect any consequential movement in home prices for the foreseeable future.

The good news is that with a decrease in short sells and foreclosures and the stabilizing of housing prices we should continue to see prices even out and start to rise.

As expected this time of year home sales are picking up and with mortgage rates remaining at record lows, affordable home prices are occurring in our area.

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Family Movie Night is on the first Saturday of the month at dusk. Closed Caption is available upon request.

Parent Date Night is Saturday, June 14, from 6:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. \$20 first child and \$15 for siblings. It's a party especially to make dads a Father's Day gift and all kinds of other fun! Call to reserve your spot as space is limited!

Toddler and Preschool Story Time. Join the Children's Librarian at the amenity center the first and third Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. for newborns to three year olds and 10:30 a.m. for three to five year olds. For more information visit their website at sjcpls.org.

The Adult Book Club meets the third Thursday of each month from 2:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. This is a free program sponsored by the St. Johns County Public Library.

Student Band rehearsal is held Sunday nights from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. All Heritage Landing resident band students are welcome. The Student Band is led by resident Mr. Iaropli. Call 940-1119 for more information.

The Heritage Landing Business Networking Group meets

on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Heritage Landing business owners or representatives, come introduce your business to fellow residents. The meeting is free. A \$5 fee gets your business card published in this month's newsletter.

The Heritage Landing CDD Board of Supervisors meeting will be Thursday, June 12 at 10:00 a.m. For more information about the CDD please visit heritagelandingcdd.org.

Swim lessons for children ages two and up will be held June 17 through 27. Swim lessons last for two weeks and consist of eight half-hour sessions. Classes are limited. Sign up early!

Tennis clinics and instruction are hosted by First Coast Tennis Foundation. Lessons are every Monday. Krista Bastien is our new tennis pro. She provides quick start and developmental clinics as well as adult clinics. For more information, please contact Krista at 377-0016 or email her at kristabastien79@gmail.com.

Cell Phones for Soldiers. Please remember to donate your old cell phones to Cell Phones for Soldiers. Bring your donations to the amenity center office during regular business hours.

Heritage Landing Homeowners Association meetings scheduled for June are: Master HOA meets June 23 at 6:30 p.m.; Architectural Review Committee meets June 16 and 30 at 6:00 p.m.; Enforcement Committee meets June 9 at 6:30 p.m. Please call 436-6270 for more information.



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The outing, designed for golf enthusiasts, features a 9:00 a.m. tee-off with a four-player scramble best ball format. The 18-hole event includes breakfast provided by Leroy's Hole in the Wall, lunch provided by Ned's Southside Grill, special golf contests, 50/50 raffle, prizes and gifts, with the chance to win a White Hawk Ultra Lite from Ocean Grove RV. The cost to play is \$60 per person and \$240 per team. Golf and a charitable deduction—what a great deal! This is the most fun and best-value tournament in North East Florida. Lots of sponsorship opportunities are available that include signage. This tournament is a great way to promote your business while supporting a great cause.

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interaction in St. Johns County through shared contacts and advocacy. They are an organization of producers that roll up their sleeves and work to better the community.

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Goodbye and good luck: Dr. Goricki headed to Crookshank

Dr. Paul Goricki, principal of Hickory Creek Elementary (HCE), has been selected by Superintendent Joseph Joyner to be the principal of John A. Crookshank Elementary School. His nomination will be presented to the St. Johns County School Board at their June 11 meeting. Goricki will replace Jay Willets, who was selected as the new principal of Pacetti Bay Middle School.

"After reviewing the skills and attributes identified by the Crookshank staff, community and students, it was very clear to me that they were describing Paul Goricki," said Joyner. "Dr. Goricki is one of the finest principals I have ever worked with and exemplifies all of the leadership traits necessary to be successful at Crookshank. He has an uncompromising love for children and will be an excellent principal."

Goricki has more than 30 years of experience in education. He began his career as a first-grade teacher in Kalamazoo, Michigan and went on to teach second and sixth grades before his first principalship, also in Kalamazoo. He also served as a

principal in Salisbury, Maryland; Easton, Maryland; Charlestown, New Hampshire; and Newark, Delaware. While in New Hampshire, Goricki was the principal of four schools in the Alstead Attendance Area, simultaneously. In 1997, he joined the St. Johns County School District as the principal of Julington Creek Elementary and most recently he opened HCE as principal where he has been since 2005.

"I am excited to meet Crookshank's children and families," said Goricki. "My goal is to expand the good progress that is occurring. I believe that we are called first to love the children and then to teach them. In elementary school we introduce students to the world of possibility with genuine caring relationships, strong teaching and interactive child-centered learning."

"A successful education opens the doors of opportunity in our country and I will continue to do everything possible to help children reach their full potential and achieve their life goals," he added. "Great schools are the result of great teachers

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and I look forward to working with the Crookshank faculty and staff."

Goricki holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education and a master's degree in educational leadership both from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Michigan. He also holds a doctorate degree in educational leadership from Nova University in Fort Lauderdale.

News from the Cunningham Creek Plantation Owners Association

By Contributing Writer Linda Stuart

The Cunningham Creek Plantation Property Owners Association board of directors met in May.

The board would like to have a community event. There is a chairman for the event. She is looking for people to serve on the committee. If you are interested in helping, please email Keri at KeriLC@att.net or call her at 860-883-9625.

The board decided to work on the Architectural Guidelines (AGLs) in small segments at the monthly meetings and then

when all changes have been made, the new guidelines will be distributed. The Architectural Guidelines requirements for sheds and fences were discussed.

If you ever have to call fire department for an emergency, it will help if your house numbers are clearly on display, either on the house over the garage or to the side of the front door or you may use your mailbox or the mailbox post.

We have a website at ccp-poa.com and a Facebook group. You can find the AGLs under

Documents, as well as the management company's telephone number (Carmen Mazzeo, 268-0035, ext. 126) Since Mazzeo is frequently out of the office on inspections, he may not call you back the same day you call. If your problem is a police matter—parking, etc.—call the St. Johns Sheriff's Office

Next month the board of directors meeting is planned for June 23 at the Celebration Lutheran Church on Roberts Road. Check for the signs that are posted days before the meeting.



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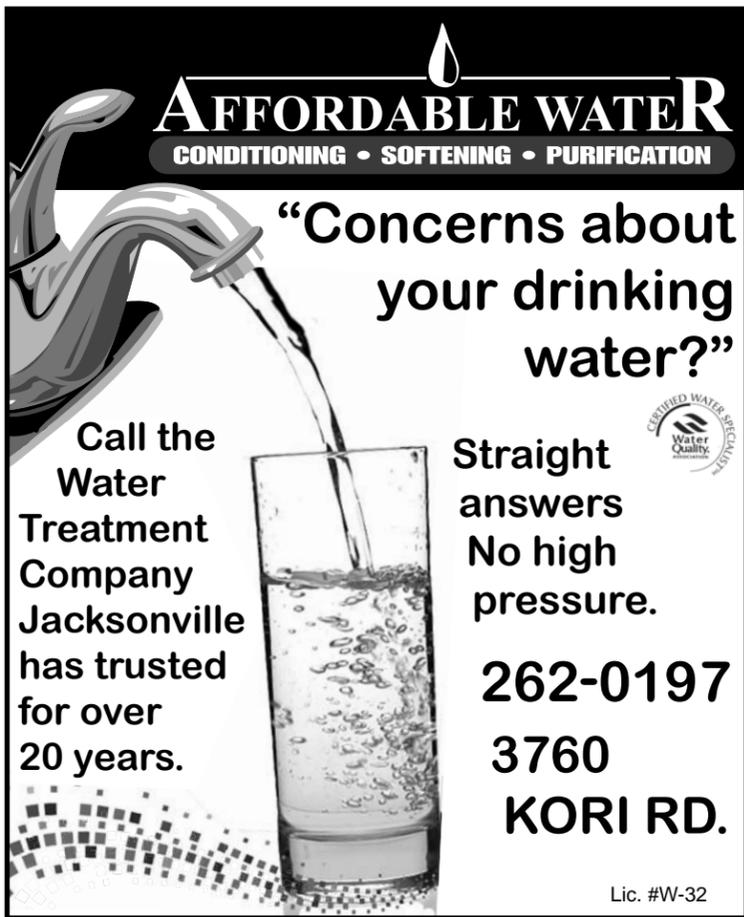
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Fashion Update
Swimsuit shopping.... the 2014 way!

By Donna Keathley, dkeathley designs

First of all let me say that the swimsuit “wearee” is her own worst critic. The good news is that the swimwear manufactures are finally listening to the consumer! Tankinis, top and bottom separates, boy cut legs and underwire support are proof of this. Other little things the makers are doing, like using hold-everything-in stretch fabric and metal supported bra tops, go a long way in helping sell their suits to Real Women. We all can now go out there and look for new swimwear without so much anxiety.

To avoid fitting room nightmares and to have no exposure to the public while trying on suits...the new way to suit shop is in the privacy of your own home. Buy that swimwear of the internet my Fashionable Florida Friends (FFFs)!

Remember, when your suit arrives do not tear up the box—you need to do some trying on, fitting and the “move around test.” This is where you pretend to be picking up shells, reaching up to fix the sun umbrella or do some arm paddling in place. The one question here is...does everything stay in place without worry? If so then the suit is a go!

Suggested suit websites:
Beachbliss.com
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Lane Bryant.com
Everythingbutwater.com
Spanx.com

By now, we FFFs know our good points and bad. Being honest with yourself is necessary if you are going to look well in a suit. I am going to go over some of my swimsuit research and suit buying tips to help you get started on the path of purchasing your perfect suit.

Pleating on a V-neck top camouflages a tummy.
A keyhole top makes the most of little cleavage.
Boning on a bandeau top adds support.
Details like buckles or straps draw attention north.
Empire waist suits flatter curvy figures.
A crisscross back distracts

from the derriere. High-cut legs add inches to the gams.

A solid shade suit streamlines. Big printed blooms are slimming-as the eye moves. Tankinis do well on a long torso.

Beading in the bandeau area leads eyes north. A halter-neck suit adds length to a short torso.

Darks downplay your least favorite areas; brights highlight what’s right. Diversion in the middle covers a tummy.

To define the “attention north” subject – a suit with top-enhancement goes a long way in your overall look. Halters, beading, cute cut-work around the neck, shiny closures, etc., draw your eye “north.” When working with that north subject in mind, think about your eyewear and some dynamite earrings giving more mileage to the “trick.”

Now that you are armed with all of this information,

Is your BBQ grill ready for summer?

Okay! You’ve spent hundreds, no, thousands on that beauty. A gleaming stainless BBQ grill in the backyard or dream outdoor kitchen you always wanted. It’s been a few seasons. It’s not so gleaming anymore.

The sweet thing you said “I do” to won’t even think of eating something cooked on it because.... well you know. The “Honey, when it’s hot...all that stuff will be burned off” just doesn’t work anymore. The bug guy says your special problem is because of all the leftovers still hiding in the bottom. Out of sight! Right? And then there’s the possibility the next flare up will burn up the porch or more. Yikes! Watcha gonna do?

Clean, clean and clean again. You’ll spend hours

scrubbing—but will you remember to clean the hood or remove the knobs? Or the igniters and thermometer? How about the rotisserie racks, pull out trays, drip pans? Yuck! Are you steam cleaning the grill racks, heat plates or flavorizer bars? All places where dirt and grease find their way. Did you even know your grill had so many parts?

Hours are precious. If you would rather spend your time elsewhere, you can try a new service available to the Mandarin area—Backyard Grill Cleaner, LLC, authorized technician of The BBQ Cleaner™ system. They will come to your home, remove key components of your grill and deep clean them in their specially equipped trailer. The entire grill is de-greased and cleaned

with environmentally friendly products. This unique cleaning process includes removal of harmful carcinogens that can be transferred to food. Their thorough cleaning and inspection process prevents future corrosion, helping extend the life of the grill and protects a valuable investment.

So, here’s the question. Are you going to do it or call Backyard Grill Cleaner?

“As an authorized technician for The BBQ Cleaner, I’m really looking forward to getting out there and demonstrating what a difference a clean barbeque makes to customers,” said Jim Markert, owner of Backyard Grill Cleaner.

Be sure to see their ad in this issue of *The CreekLine!*

Willets to take over for Sparkman at PBMS

Jay Willets, principal at John A. Crookshank Elementary School (CES), has been selected by Superintendent Dr. Joseph Joyner to be the principal of Pacetti Bay Middle School (PBMS). His nomination will be presented to the St. Johns County School Board at their June 10 meeting. He will replace Principal Sue Sparkman, who has announced her retirement following this school year. Sparkman will stay on as a principal until June 30.

you too can get out of the safe haven of the one black swimsuit wardrobe. Remember, some of the sexiest suits might show a lot of skin, but they are usually solid and sturdy at the top and bottom.

Now that you have all of this to go by, treat yourself to a new suit this year! You may be surprised at what you buy! Happy shopping!

“Sue Sparkman has been a dedicated educator in St. Johns County for many years,” said Superintendent Dr. Joseph Joyner. “Her service and devotion to our children will never be forgotten.”

Willets has more than 20 years of experience in the St. Johns County School District and started his career as a teacher at Switzerland Point Middle School (SPMS) and St. Augustine High School. He then served as an assistant principal and principal of the district’s Alternative Schools before serving as principal of St. Johns Technical High School. He joined CES in 2007 and has been the principal there for the last seven years.

“Jay Willets is the perfect choice to carry on the great work at Pacetti Bay,” said Joyner. “He is an exceptional educational leader with a clear understanding of high-quality instruction. I have a great deal

of confidence and respect for Jay and I know he will be an outstanding principal for Pacetti Bay.”

He was named St. Johns County’s Principal of the Year in 2007. Active in the community, Willets is on the board of the THE PLAYERS Championship Boys and Girls Club and serves on the Department of Education Advisory Committee at Flagler College. He holds bachelor’s degrees in elementary and special education from Flagler College and a master’s degree in educational leadership from the University of North Florida.

“I am truly excited to become an active member of the Pacetti Bay Wildcat family,” said Willets. “Having had the opportunity to work with Ms. Sparkman at SPMS, I feel fortunate to continue her legacy of academic and cultural excellence with the students, staff and community of PBMS.”

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Pacetti Bay welcomes new PTSO board

By Contributing Writer Alexis McDaniel

The Pacetti Bay Middle School Parent, Teacher, Student Organization is installing a new board this July.

The board will be:
 President: Adrienne Helt
 Vice President of Non-Fundraising: Angela Sands
 Vice President of Fundraising: Tracie Wilson
 Treasurer: Christine Skaggs
 Recording Secretary: Sabrina Hennessey
 Corresponding Secretary: Amy O'Farrell
 Parliamentarian: Beverly Downs
 Supporting positions will be:

Volunteer Coordinator: Lorrie Contreras
 Spirit Wear: Julie Reston and Angela Davis
 Wizards Event: Shelby Heine-mann
 5-Star Book: Ricke Ricciardelli
 The board will transition on July 1. An end of the year lunch will be held in June to say goodbye to the exiting members and to welcome the new members of the PTSO. Current president Debbie Adams is leaving her position after three years.
 The new board was discussed during the regular

monthly meeting in May. Other topics included the Staff Appreciation Week events. The PTSO events May 5 through 9 were coordinated by Nancy Killian, with decorations by Tracie Wilson. On Monday, the PTSO hosted a breakfast with donuts and coffee, plus fresh fruit. They rolled a breakfast cart through the halls to make sure all the staff members had refills. Lunch was catered on Wednesday by MoJo's and with a red carpet theme. On Friday, the PTSO set up a candy bar for the staff. Principal Sue Sparkman said the event was greatly appreciated.

Reading Scratch

By Contributing Writer Lynn Johnson, Retired PBMS Media Specialist

Summer is here and it is so evident up here in Eagle Rock at the farm. Our garden is growing by leaps and bounds every day. Our salad has four different greens fresh picked each day. By the time you read this I will be picking my peas and green peppers. Two of our six new chickens (they arrived the day before I moved up here for good) are laying eggs! Once the other four start laying we will have plenty of eggs again; I can't wait. Going in to town is a rarity for me but I had some shopping to do and remembered my Barnes and Noble gift cards so of course I

couldn't stay away. Even though I am committed to adult literature now I could not resist the lure of the children's section. Now I have a long list of young adult books to read that caught my eye. As you all know I love historical fiction and I am so excited to see that John Boyne, the author of *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* has a new book out. *Stay Where You Are and Then Leave* is set during World War I with a young protagonist as the main character. It is hard to believe but Hurricane Katrina is historical fiction and

Upside Down in the Middle of Nowhere will take you there to the aftermath through the eyes of Armani, the 10-year old protagonist. Don't miss this very moving story. I had no idea that *Countdown* by Deborah Wiles is the first of a trilogy. I am delighted to find out that *Revolution* is book 2. This story is set in Greenwood, Mississippi in 1964 with Sunny and Raymond linked with Jo Ellen from *Countdown* to document what is known as Freedom Summer. I am definitely buying this one to read if my public library doesn't have it. *Paperboy* by Vince

MCE Mustang News

By Contributing Writer Sarah Borgmeyer

Teacher Appreciation Week is always a favorite for our Mill Creek families. Each year we look forward to the opportunity to show our teachers and staff just how much we appreciate them and all that they do for our kids and our school. This year they were treated to a Moe's luncheon and a breakfast during the week. In addition to the meals, they were also given a jar of local honey as well as a cookbook which contained recipes submitted from our very own students! It is something they can surely treasure for many years.

On the last day of teacher appreciation week, we honored them with a fun and exciting pep rally. The kids showed just how much they love and appreciate their teachers and also the staff members by cheering them on during this event. Thank you to all of you who guide the path for our children each and every day.

Our second annual Mother/Son Cornhole tournament was a huge success! The weather was perfect, the attendance was over the top and the food and fun couldn't have been better. Moe's catered the dinner and dessert was provided by Hawaiian Shave Ice Cool Treats. Booger wars and Hamster rolls were provided by Games 2 U. The kids and the moms had a

great time at this event! Congratulations to Team Higdon for winning first place, Team Browning for winning second place and Team Blackman for winning third place. A special thank you to Davidson Cares, Craig Dewhurst/State Farm, Braces by Dr. Liz, Animal Medical Clinic, Bricks for Kidz, Adventure Landing, Old Towne Toys, Katerina Quinn Beauti Control and Cub Scouts Pack 329.

Starting the week of June 16, Mill Creek will be housed at Nease High School. We will have a four-day work week with Fridays off throughout the summer. During the week of July 14 through 17, the entire district will be shut down. We will return to Mill Creek on July 28 and will resume a five-day work week starting August 4. Registrations for kindergarten and new students will continue throughout the summer. Please visit the school and district websites for additional information: www-mce.stjohns.k12.fl.us

Have a fun and safe summer and we look forward to seeing all of our Mustang friends in August!

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Vawter is more than a historical novel. It is also the story of rising above what life has dealt you. *Paperboy* is told through the voice of an 11-year old boy set in Memphis in 1959. Powerful read, don't miss it. Stuart Gibbs is well known for his boy friendly action packed books. I mentioned *belly up* when it came out and Teddy has returned in the latest book, *poached*. Caught on camera at the koala exhibit Teddy is considered guilty for the disappearance of the koala. Will he be able to prove his innocence? Check this one out and watch

for *Space Case* coming out in September. If you haven't read *The Misfits* by James Howe it is time to pick it up and read all four. The last one in the series is *Also Known as Elvis*. Don't miss out on a great read of life in middle school! You will laugh out loud. This last one, *Kate Walden Directs: Night of the Zombie Chickens* by Julie Mata had me chuckling just from the title. Honestly, chickens are a constant source of entertainment and mine keep me laughing every day. We have two of our original group still and of the two Ariety is the most neurotic. When we added the six new ones she became head bully, actually going in the coop over an hour ahead of time to get up on the top roost. This morning she couldn't figure out how to get down and spent over 30 minutes pacing up and down trying to figure it out. She was just above my reach so I couldn't help her. See what I mean. Back to the book... middle school angst and movie directing make for a good realistic fiction read!



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Despite gloomy day 9th annual HCE 500 great fun and success

By Karl Kennell

The skies were gray and gloomy on May 2, but worries about track conditions were not going to put a damper upon the excited drivers as they prepared their racecars for the ninth annual edition of the HCE 500. While they prepared, spectators began to line the track, each filled with excitement and anticipation for the upcoming event. A few of them even remembered back a year or two when they had raced their own entry around the track of the HCE 500.

This year's HCE 500 was sponsored by Suzy Williams, a stock car fan herself and Elyse Howes' kindergarten class and Tricia Davis' fourth grade class. The classes are reading buddies. In old historic stock car tradition, the students designed and made their own race cars—of course theirs were out of cardboard boxes. The student drivers have apparently been training daily by running. The goal of the HCE 500 is to work on teamwork and helping each other.



Racers at the starting line

actually the base lines on the infield of the school's baseball field. The spectators began to get restless while waiting for the action to begin, breaking into cheers and the wave. It appeared that every student from Hickory Creek Elementary had come to watch. The entire school was involved. Then it all began with Julia Goricki, one of the former kindergarten "drivers," who sang the Star Spangled

Banner. The dance show was performed by the Hickory Creek "Hawkettes and Hawk," composed entirely of teachers with the "Hawk" being the lone man, Brad Sheng. The show kicked off in a light drizzle to the song "Happy."

"Over the past nine years, the Hickory Creek's 500 race has become special part of our school culture. Our Flintstones-stylized race emphasizes creativity, camaraderie among students and the fun that happens when competition and cooperation meet," said Dr. Paul Goricki, principal of Hickory Creek Elementary School.

Congratulations to Hayden Dear for winning the ninth annual Hickory Creek Kindergarten 500, with Taylor O'Brien-Kassa winning second place and Hayden Juarequi finishing in third place. For winning the Hickory Creek Fourth Grade 500, congratulations go to Anouk Victor, with Drew Kash winning second place and Zach Graff finishing in third place.

Special congratulations go out to all the racers and especially to the spectators, since without them and their exuberant enthusiasm the sunshine might never have shown on that gloomy day!



Coming around the curve!

The time for the showdown on the track was about to begin. Racing history came to the forefront again as they were about to race upon a dirt—or better said—a clay track. The track was

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FCMS jazz ensemble performs at Walt Disney World Resort



The Fruit Cove Middle School "Flyers" Jazz Ensemble became stars of their own Disney show on April 27, 2014 when they entertained guests at Waterside Stage in Downtown Disney at the Walt Disney World Resort. They took part in the Disney Performing Arts Program.

The student performers, under the direction of Don Isabelle and Vicki Barfoot, put on a musically delightful show for the guests visiting the unique entertainment area. Their performance included "Come Fly with Me," arranged by Rick Stitzel. By being part of a special show production, the students got an inside look at what it is like to be a professional in the entertainment industry.

This is the band's eighth visit to the resort with the Disney Performing Arts Program, having first performed in 2006 at Magic Kingdom Park.

Vocal, instrumental and dance ensembles from around the world apply to perform each year as a part of Disney Performing Arts at both the Dis-

neyland Resort in California and the Walt Disney World Resort in Florida. Once selected, they are given the opportunity to perform at the resort for an international audience of theme park guests. Millions of performers have graced the stages of the Disney Parks in the more than 25-year history of the program.

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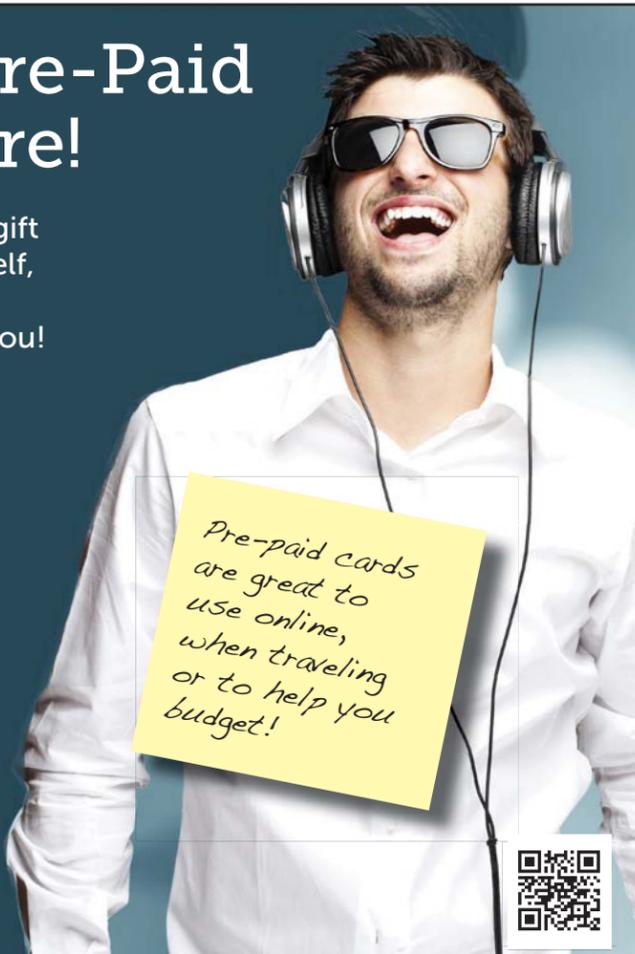
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JCE fifth graders win stock market simulation

JCE students were given \$100,000 to invest in the stock market over the course of three months and the teams that showed the most profit won. The teams of two won first, second and third place in the region: First place: Skylar Catherwood and Gabby Robichaud; Second place: Jaden Nosse and Scott Moneypenny and Third place: Kayla Detrano and Abigail Yazdiya.

Helping Hands update

By Contributing Writer Jackie Valyou



Linda Stewart, Rosemary Martinez and Jeanette Scanlan with birdhouses

Helping Hands of St. Johns County will meet on Friday, June 27 at 11:00 a.m. at Faith Community Church on County Road 210 next to Cimarrone. This month's project will be a Towel Train to benefit Home Again St. Johns. With the newly installed showers for the homeless, there is a need for towels, washcloths, toiletries and detergent. Anyone wishing to donate gently used or new towels may contact jacqphil@aol.com or bring them to the meeting.

Members in May filled over 100 summer pails for children in need or ill in local hospitals. The summer tin pails were filled with activities, stuffed animals, crayons, books and toys to keep the kids busy. They were donated to Wolfson Children's Hospital, Proton Beam Therapy Center, children in guardian ad litem program, through social workers and Community Hospice Peds.

The Community Garden has produced a modest first crop



Sue Pinkerton tends to the Community Garden

of vegetables that are being donated to the Celebration Food Bank on Roberts Road. Hopefully, the garden will continue to supply fresh vegetables to the families who visit the food bank. Plans are underway to enlarge the garden and provide permanent fencing through a Boy Scout project. The Community Garden is housed at Faith Community Church and tended to by Helping Hands members. Helping Hands would appreciate any plants, fruit trees or berry bushes that can be added to the garden to make this a true community endeavor.

Helping Hands has been preparing for a huge craft sale on September 6 to benefit Canine Companions for Independence. Lee Hoyt spoke to the group in May about the service dog program, which provides a service dog to hearing impaired or special needs children. Everyone is very enthusiastic about helping to adopt a dog for a child. Helping Hands members will be able to follow their puppy from the breeder to the actual placement with a child. Since January, members have been meeting every week to produce beautiful handmade items for the sale. There will be something for everyone from baby to Grandma and even barbeque aprons for Dad. All proceeds from the sale will be donated to Canine Companions who will be on hand that day with their faithful, trained canine friends. Faith Community Church has once again offered the Church Community Center for the craft fair and it will be held there from

10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 6. Watch for our posters around town! Our talented members have been busy sewing, creating, crocheting, knitting and spending most of their time on Pinterest searching for and producing the most unique merchandise.

Helping Hands is a volunteer organization that meets the last Friday of each month at Faith Community Church Community Center at 11:00 a.m. Members come when they can and do what they can with what is donated. The group relies solely on donations of goods and services and has been "helping" the community since 2007. The group is fortunate to have such generous people donating items that are then passed on to those in need or used in projects to help others. Donations are always appreciated and 210 Storage has been providing a unit for last few years for the donations that come in and need to be stored until a need arises. There are no dues, officers or stress. Anyone is welcome to join. For additional information, please contact jacqphil@aol.com.



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Did you know there is a food pantry in the World Golf Village area?

By Contributing Writer Mary Ellen Davidson, OLG Food Pantry Committee

In October 2013, Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church opened a food pantry serving the local World Golf Village and Palencia areas. Since then, the pantry has been growing and thus far in 2014 has distributed over 5,500 pounds of food reaching an average of 90 people per month. The goal of the pantry is to provide an emergency, supplemental food source for individuals who reside in zip codes 32092 and 32095 who are facing food challenges. To do this, bags of food are distributed which have been pre-packed with a nutritious, balanced array of food.

In May, the pantry was particularly proud to provide fresh produce from the community garden tended by parishioners. Red potatoes, green beans and summer squash were all available direct from the garden. Frozen meat has also been

distributed for several months adding even more value to the food distribution.

The primary source of food to support this pantry is the very generous parishioner donations that routinely replenish the food levels. A growing number of

organizations including the Village Church on Pacetti Road have committed to support the pantry with recurring donations. Additionally, we are partnering with several local neighborhoods, schools and organizations to conduct food drives.

In order to continue to expand our pantry effort, community support is welcome in the form of food donations, food drives or monetary support. If you are a member of an organization or neighborhood that would like to explore the possibility of

directly supporting the food pantry, please call the church office at 824-8688 or email the pantry at OLGCfoodpantry@gmail.com.

Food distribution is made based on size of family and residence in zip codes 32092 and 32095 regardless of religious affiliation. The pantry is currently open two sessions per month – the third Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and the Tuesday before that Saturday from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Upcoming dates are Tuesdays, June 17 and July 15 and Saturdays, June 21 and July 19. Be sure to bring a picture ID and proof of residency in 32092 or 32095 such as a utility bill, lease or driver's license.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church is located at 5950 State Road 16, one mile west of International Golf Parkway.



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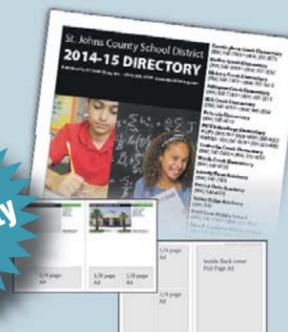
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Congratulations to LPA scholarship award recipient: Madison French

By Contributing Writer Diana Sarama



Madison French began attending LPA during the 2008-2009 school year as seventh graders when LPA opened as a K-7 school. LPA transitioned to a K-8 school the following school year. French also had to be a member of the graduating class of 2014 to receive the scholarship. French is a 2014 graduate of Bartram Trail High School.

French was one of nine former LPA students to apply for the scholarship. There were seven applicants from Bartram Trail High School and two applicants from Nease High School. In addition to French completing the application and having her high school guidance counselor submit the necessary verification form, she had to write a 500 word essay detailing her favorite memories of LPA and how it made her who she is today. She wrote about the advantage of attending a K-8 school because it allowed her the opportunity to attend school with her three

younger siblings, who were all in elementary school the first year LPA opened. French also mentioned the opportunity LPA provided her to be able to mentor the younger grades. That experience made her realize her love for working with younger children.

Along with completing the essay, an additional application requirement was that French have a definite plan to further her education at a recognized post-secondary, degree or certificate-granting school for the 2014-2015 school year. Her plans include attending Georgia Tech and studying engineering.

LPA wishes Madison French and all former students from that first LPA 2008-2009 school year much success in all of their future endeavors! Congratulations!

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Liberty Pines Academy (LPA) would like to congratulate Madison French for being awarded the first Liberty Pines Academy Scholarship on Tuesday, May 20. In order to be eligible for the scholarship, French had to be a member of the first eighth grade class from LPA. That first eighth grade class

Annual "Beat Mrs. Jones" typing challenge winners



Julington Creek's annual Papa John's Typing Contest was held on Monday, May 19 and the results are in! Twenty-four students qualified for the typing finals by typing 35 words per minute (wpm) or higher with at least 80 percent accuracy. The top six finalists won a Papa John's pizza and an "I beat Mrs. Jones" t-shirt! Jonathan Fitzgerald and Liam King beat Jones for the second year in a row and Evan Johnson is the second third grader to ever make

it to the finals and beat Jones. Thank you to Papa John's and TCBY on Race Track Road for their support with the contest.

The top finalists were: Jonathan Fitzgerald: 75 wpm/98 percent accuracy; Liam King: 64 wpm/91 percent accuracy; Evan Johnson: 58 wpm/98 percent accuracy; Lina Nejjar: 57 wpm/100 percent accuracy; Katherine Mueller: 55 wpm/94 percent accuracy; and Lauren Caccamise: 53 wpm/94 percent accuracy.

DCE student honored for Spanish accomplishments



Javier Marina, Fiore Marina and Johanna Santinho, Durbin Creek LEE instructor

Fiore Marina, a fifth-grade student at Durbin Creek Elementary School, has been named the Florida Foreign Language Association (FFLA) Elementary Scholar of the Year for the state. She was nominated by Language Exploration Enrichment (LEE) Spanish instructor Johanna Santinho and administrator for curriculum Maria Janet Robles and endorsed by LEE founder and administrator of operations Donna Guzzo. Criteria for the award include accomplishments in language study, academic record, teacher recommendations and an essay. This award is presented annually by the FFLA and Fiore will receive a certificate and a medal in recognition

of her achievements. Marina has been studying Spanish since third grade with the LEE program and enjoys mentoring younger students. Marina says learning a world language helps her understand culture, music and sports. She is the daughter of Linda Gillespie and Carlos Marina of St. Johns.

Language Exploration Enrichment was founded in 2003. Its mission is to encourage all elementary students to explore world languages and cultures. The program is designed as an after-school fundraiser. Participating schools are Durbin, Julington, Cunningham, Hickory and Timberlin Creeks, as well as Liberty Pines Academy and Ocean Palms, Palencia, Ketterlinus and R.B.Hunt Elementary Schools. LEE net proceeds are donated to LEE participating schools to promote cultural awareness. LEE has donated over \$65,000 in the past 10 years to participating schools.

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Thinking about selling your home? Get it looking its best

By Contributing Writer Pam Sather, Pam Sather Studio

The other day I was online, clicking through photos of houses on the market. I saw lots of disorganized rooms, tiny foyers, sad bedrooms and clutter-filled kitchens. If you're considering selling your home, you want it looking its best. Here are some simple, room-by-room tips to freshen up and improve the appearance of your home.



Entry: First impressions are lasting impressions. Pay attention to your front door. Clean existing light fixtures so they sparkle. Make sure house numbers can be read clearly. Buy a new doormat. A big pot with brightly colored flowers will add impact. Once inside, a huge mirror on entry wall will visually create a larger foyer. A lamp on an entry table will create an inviting ambiance.

room chairs.
Bathroom: Buyers want to look at the bathroom, not a distracting shower curtain. A fresh, white shower curtain and towels are visually clean. Remove the rug so the floor can be seen.

Great room: Create a conversation area around a fireplace or a pretty window out to the pool. Buyers are trying to visualize their own family members in this space. For this reason, I prefer to take down family photographs. Buy a few solid throw pillows to give color "pop" to your not-so-new sofa.

Master bedroom: Center the bed on wall opposite of door, if the windows allow for it. Avoid angling large furniture. Clear nightstands of all clutter. A proportional lamp on either side of the bed is inviting.

Kitchen: Clear counters. Put away small appliances. Look inside cabinets, get rid of plastic cups, toss outdated items from pantry and face labels forward. Consider a fresh coat of paint for your kitchen. Hire a professional to help you select an updated paint color. Get an estimate from a painter if you don't want to attempt to paint it yourself.

Laundry: On open shelves, get rid of messy detergents and loud labels. A large glass container with a lid can hold powdered detergent and a scoop.

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Nease IB students volunteer to cleanup coastline

By Contributing Writer Karen Blackwell

Freshmen and sophomore International Baccalaureate students from Allen D. Nease High School recently spread out across all 39 miles of St. Johns County beaches for their seventh annual beach cleanup effort. This initiative is part of an ocean conservancy project in conjunction with Guana State Park and was designed to improve the condition of our shoreline. The 155 students who joined in the beach cleanup this year earned community service hours for their participation in the event.



Zoe Brown, Kate Callahan, Ellie Wilson, Allison Upchurch cleaned up Mile 31.

Students were divided into 30 teams and assigned one or two mile segments of the coastline. Equipped with gloves and trash bags they fanned out over the St. Johns county beaches collecting litter and debris that riddled the shoreline. Each team tallied the trash they found on cards provided by the Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve. The beach cleanup findings are

ultimately used to document the scope of the problem of waste as it relates to how humans impact coastal and marine ecosystems and the environment.

al support was provided by Kim Hollis, IB coordinator and Debra Tewey, IB biology teacher.

The effort would not have been possible without the support of community partners such as Advanced Disposal, St. Johns County Solid Waste Management, Guana State Park, Anastasia State Park and the St. Johns County Sheriff's office. Addition-

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2014 Rotary Interact Scholarship Recipient is Sydney Hale

By Contributing Writer Carol A. Higley



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This year's Rotary Interact Senior Scholarship is awarded to Sydney Hale, who has grown into a responsible, caring, committed and outgoing leader. She

served as Interact president supporting countless service projects this year while she doubled up on coursework to graduate early. Hale represented the Rotary Club of Bartram Trail as our 2013 Rotary Youth Leadership Award attendee and spent four days at Flagler College last summer learning how to "Be the Good in the World." In the fall Hale was selected as a Rotary Youth Exchange Student and will be spending her upcoming year representing Rotary in Peru as she supports the RYE mission to work towards peace and understanding in the world.



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Over 600 Backpacks given to homeless students

By Contributing Writer Meg Balke, JCP CARES



active, in fun and engaging ways, is important for every child, even during the summer. We are so happy the community is rallying around the youth and their families in this program!" stated Kathy Bravo, president and founder of JCP CARES.

The annual "Summer Fun" Backpack program has gained great community support over the years including local banks and businesses such as Harbor Community Bank, VyStar, *The CreekLine*, county libraries as well as area Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs. Additional donations came from Publix Supermarkets who donated sunscreen and toiletry items for every backpack and Primrose Schools who held a book drive for the initiative and brought the Pre-K class to help stuff bags. Donation collection boxes were also placed in several St. Johns County Schools allowing the students to help their fellow students. To generate awareness and additional funds, a fundraiser for the project was held at Panera Bread in May.

Over 600 "Summer Fun" Backpacks, brimming with activities and benefiting homeless youth from the St. Johns County School District ASSIST (Aid and Support for Students in Sudden Transition), were delivered to local schools. Over \$15,000 in donations were included in the project for these youth of St. Johns County.

The backpacks were filled from a list provided by the school district indicating the grade and gender of the youth, allowing the bags to be somewhat personalized. The Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind homeless students also received backpacks.

The backpacks were filled with at least one age-appropriate book, puzzles, Frisbees, sunscreen and other fun summer items. Local nonprofit JCP CARES assembled the backpacks and on May 20, the St. Johns County School District picked up the backpacks and delivered them to the county's schools.

"Keeping young minds

To learn more about the ASSIST program, please visit www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/depts/student/homeless.

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St. Johns Chamber of Commerce holds ribbon cutting for math learning center

Mathnasium Fruit Cove, with the help of the St. Johns Chamber of Commerce, hosted a grand opening May 29 at their new center in Bartram Walk East. A ribbon was cut inside the new center at 4:30 p.m. and then the crowd of parents, math coaches and honored guests enjoyed pizza and conversation while kids ate pizza and played games.

"This was a terrific turnout,"

said Alan Crouch, co-owner and Mathnasium Fruit Cove instructor. "Although we've only been open four months, we have so many students who are doing so well - we really like watching them learn and have so much fun at the same time!"

In the last four months this math learning center has been open, there has been enormous success boosting students' math skills and their understanding of mathematical concepts, according to Crouch, a 20-year United States Marine veteran. "We've already demonstrated to many area residents how Mathnasium forges a positive attitude toward math among students of all ages.

"Math can be intimidating to both students and parents, especially with the implementation of Common Core [State]

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"On this day, I especially appreciate the support from the St. Johns Chamber of Commerce," said Crouch, "as well as our terrific parents...but most especially, we love our 'mathletes'!"

Be sure to see their ad in this issue of *The CreekLine*!



Alan Crouch with Mathnasium Fruit Cove instructors and three students who really love math: Math coaches Amber Mickler and Tracy Tien, mathletes Amanda Reverol and Nina Frias, as well as Nina's brother. Photo by Katie N. Crouch.

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By Contributing Writer Kim Benson, Audiologist, LifeSounds Hearing Aids

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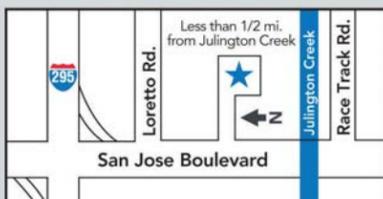
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JCE's ArtsAlive! Show and Ice Cream Social another big success

By Contributing Writer Linda McAnarney, Art Educator

May 20 at Julington Creek Elementary was certainly an amazing evening! Our PTO, teachers and staff helped make JCE's ArtsAlive! and our ice cream social the most successful yet. Countless volunteers helped to make this possible by organizing and displaying student art work throughout the school. I would like to specifically thank Mrs. Kessler, Mrs. Moss, Mrs. Pierce, Mrs. Studt and many others for their unending talents and assistance. In addition to art work being placed throughout the school, many of the tables in the cafeteria were colorfully decorated with our students' creations. Perhaps the happiest dilemma were the long lines of families waiting for ice cream, our fantastic book fair and the butterfly fundraiser!

There were several special features at this year's art show. Thank you to our guest artist, Irina Trotter, for her incredible talents in creating a huge chalk art butterfly for all to enjoy and leaving chalk for all of JCE's students to experience as well. Thank you to Laura Glover and the Balloon and Event Construction Company for creating the amazing Mylar balloon decorations that made the cafeteria seem even more colorful and festive. Thanks to Sarah and her company KidzArt for providing a fun art craft for students to make, as well as introducing their summer program to our students. Thank you also to our business partners: Rachel Mlynarczyk with Paracord, Stacey Kohl with Origami Owl Designs, Wendy Pratchois with Juice Plus/Tower Gardens, Jennifer Perry Salgado with Tastefully Simple, Brian Kelly with Building Minds Legos, Dr. Setzer Cochran and Soares Peds Dentist, who had display tables in the hallways and finally, thank you Michael Story and our administration for all of your assistance as well.

Thanks to our generous PTO for the free ice cream enjoyed by all, to the many volunteers (parents, teachers, and staff), who helped scoop and serve the ice cream. Mrs. Piscatella, Andi Piscatella, Kathy Loren, Marie Woodard, Susan Baker, Suzanne Graham, Katie Root and Will Ferris were also generous with their time helping with



The Scaldo family enjoyed the art show.

this event. I would also like to recognize the additional support of the art program by the Parent Teacher Organization. The financial assistance they provided throughout the year enabled me to attend this year's Florida Art Education Association Conference and helped with the purchase of numerous art supplies. If you have a chance, you are welcome to come and

see some of the art enrichment books outlining the life and works of contemporary artists.

Finally, thanks to all of the students for their incredible talent as artists, and to their parents for their support in attending this year's event. This was our best attended art show ever at JCE. The hallways and cafeteria were full of art enthusiasts everywhere.

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Congratulations to the SPMS Raiders varsity team!



The Swiss Point Raiders baseball team won the St. Johns County Middle School Baseball Championship in May. It's the Raiders second championship in the last three years. The Raiders faced Gamble Rogers in the semi-final and trailed 5-1 at one point. Jack Merrifield held the Stingrays to just one run after the third inning. The semi-final game was won in the bottom of the seventh inning when Chase Wilson's SAC Fly scored Jake Fisher to win the game 6-5 for the Raiders.

The Championship Game was then set for what was to become a pitchers' duel between Liberty Pines' Andrew Williamson and the Raiders' Jake Fisher. The two duelled for seven innings in a 0-0 game. In the bottom of the eighth inning with two outs, Raider Connor Carter singled. He then stole second and third on the next three pitches. With a count of 3-1 batter Cade Sapala hit an infield single that he beat out scoring Carter from third. The Raiders won 1-0.

Congrats to JV Raiders!



The Swiss Point Raiders JV baseball team won the St. Johns County Middle School Baseball Championship in May. It's the Raiders first JV Championship. The Raiders defeated Pacetti Bay 8-2 in the semi-final behind five strong innings from pitcher Vincent Carguillo and solid defense from shortstop Blake Delamilleure and third baseman Jordan Webster. In the championship game, the Raiders fell behind early but rallied to beat Sebastian 7-1. Ryan Thorsen threw four innings without giving up an earned run and Zach Thorsen closed the game with two shutout innings. Bryce Sapala had two hits, including a two-run single in the fourth inning that put the game out of reach. Congratulations to the Raiders on an undefeated season!

Passages

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Passages yet, there is still time. The two sessions are: August 4 and 5, 2014 and August 6 and 7, 2014. The cost is \$40. For registration forms, please contact program facilitator Kerry Hale via email at 5hale@comcast.net.

To inquire about a similar, one-day program for incoming boys, call Fruit Cove Middle School regarding "Journey" at 287-2211 or 547-7880. You can also check the FCMS website at www.fcs.stjohns.k12.fl.us for more information regarding Passages or Journey.

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Chamber board selects new president

On Wednesday, April 23, the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce board of directors voted to remove the interim tag from Isabelle Rodriguez's title and has officially elevated her to the presidency of the Chamber.

"Rodriguez was the best choice," Victor Raymos, chairman of the board of directors, said. "After a long and detailed search process, during which we witnessed the skill and vision with which she led the organization, she was the clear and obvious choice."

Rodriguez ascends to the position after serving nearly four months as the interim president. Former Chamber president, Kirk Wendland, who ended his tenure in December to return to the private sector, originally recommended Rodriguez to serve as the interim president as the committee conducted a nationwide search for his replacement. According to Lou Noir-Jones, a selection committee member and board vice chair, they received nearly 200

applications and a large number of applicants had direct chamber or senior executive experience in the private and public sector.

Isabelle Rodriguez-Jaume first joined the Chamber of Commerce in 1999 and has served in many capacities including senior manager, business expansion and recruitment; vice president of membership services and her most recent role as vice president of operations. Since 2008, Rodriguez has overseen the marketing and communications efforts of the organization, 80 percent of the organizations budget and, in 2013, played an integral role during the merger with the former Ponte Vedra Beach Chamber.

"I'm proud to have been selected to lead this organization, its membership and staff," Rodriguez said. "I've spent 14-years of my professional life here and there has never been a better time to be Chamber president. We are and have been headed in the right direction and we are

continuing to build momentum."

"We have been on the right path and now intend to take the chamber to greater heights. We will keep building the Chamber's capabilities to provide services to our membership and the business community. Our focus will remain on promoting our members, providing professional educational opportunities, advocating on behalf of St. Johns County business and to assist and recruit companies as they seek to expand in or move to our community," Rodriguez said.

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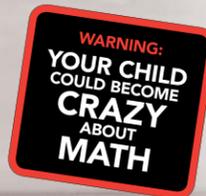


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Patriot Oaks Academy ready to meet school family

By Contributing Writer Jennifer Sicilian

Patriot Oaks Academy, home of the Chargers, won't officially open its doors to students until August; however, the PTO hosted student mixers the first weekend in May. These mixers were an opportunity for future students and parents to meet one another, as well as students and parents to meet the teachers and administration. The PTO also hosted a Scholastic book fair. The profits from the book fair will go directly to help stock the shelves of the school's new library.

Since the school campus is still under construction, the mixers were held on Creekside

High School's campus. The Creekside administration happily opened the school doors. Patriot Oaks' PTO board has already stated many times how welcomed they feel coming into this community as a new school. The support has been simply amazing!

Middle school students of Patriot Oaks Academy participated in the student mixer on Saturday evening. This mixer brought the future sixth and seventh grade students of the Durbin Crossing neighborhood together for a night of fun with the opportunity to enlarge their circle of friends. Students



Clifford with the future first grade teachers of Patriot Oaks Academy.

DCE hosts Accelerated Reading trip around world

By Contributing Writer Jennifer Katz, PTO Corresponding Secretary

Durbin Creek Elementary celebrated our "Bookin' It Around the World" Accelerated Reading trip on Friday, May 16, 2014. Durbie, our school mascot, has traveled the world thanks to our wonderful students. Our school goal was 45,000 AR points this year, but the students actually earned a total of 51,446 points!

At the assembly, the students who earned the most AR points were announced. Congratulations to the following students who earned the most points in their grade level:

Braden Hubbard, kindergarten; Caleb Price, first grade; Brewer Sicilian, second grade;

Samantha Hechler, third grade; Autumn Yi, fourth grade; and Sophia Nguyen, fifth grade. As a reward, these students were able to take part in a trivia game with questions about traveling the world. Then the student body was entertained by St. Augustine's own comedy magician Mark Alan. What a fun way to celebrate all of their reading accomplishments!

The PTO would like to thank Robyn Lilac and Melinda Chesser, who chaired this year-long event and made the day possible. They along with their committee were able to reward and encourage our students year round for their reading efforts.



Mark Alan, comedy magician, performing with the help of students



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danced under the evening sky to the tunes from OnStar Production.

"It was our goal with this mixer to form a sense of community coupled with school spirit by bringing students, parents and staff together," stated Marcy Pollicino, Patriot Oaks Middle School events chair.

Kindergarten through fifth grade students participated on Sunday where a great time was continued by all.

"I am really impressed with the administration and loved being able to meet them in this relaxed atmosphere," said Charger mom, Susan Rodriguez.

Also on hand throughout the mixer days were vendors Fundrunners, Tropical Smoothie, Mathnasium, Club Scientific,

Titus Sports, Bricks4Kids, Kool Scoops and KidzArt.

It's exciting to watch the construction of Patriot Oaks Academy coming along—but that's the outside of the school. When you see the faces that will be inside the building on the first day of school, there is an excitement you can't contain! These mixers allowed people to begin to put names with faces, develop relationships and build a collection of books for our school library.

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History made at Battle of the Books competition

By Contributing Writer Elaine Roberson, Media Specialist, Timberlin Creek Elementary



DCE team

tion and also the first time any elementary, middle or high school team has gotten a perfect score.

After an intense sudden death round, the contest ended with both schools matching all 60 quotations to the correct Sunshine State book of which there were 15. Congratulations to the Timberlin Creek and Durbin Creek teams on their first place wins and perfect scores.

Timberlin Creek team members are Kendall Burdsall, Sievalee Wijayawardhana, Captain Justin Evans, Pranavi Davuluri, Simone Shah, Jonathan Shu and Katelyn Moody. Coaches are Elaine Roberson, TCES Library Media Specialist and Sheryl Hopkins, TCES Library Assistant.

History was made at the Battle of the Books competition for elementary schools in northern St. Johns County last month. First place was awarded to both Timberlin Creek Elementary and Durbin Creek Elementary! This is the first time there has ever been a first place tie in a Battle of the Books competi-

ist and Sheryl Hopkins, TCES Library Assistant.

Durbin Creek team members are Maddie Bryan, Vanessa Esposito, Rosie Puzzini, Matt Puzzini, Samantha Hechler, Maggie Titus, Tej Patel. Coaches are Andrea Larese, DCES third grade teacher and Matt Ostrowsky, DCES Library Media Specialist.



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Mothers For TBI Hope program sadly still needed

By Contributing Writer Tracy Porter, Founder, Mothers For TBI Hope

It's hard to believe that more than 12,000 Totes of Comfort and Hope have been donated through 28 Florida trauma centers since the inception of the Mothers For TBI Hope program in 2005. When I started this compassionate program it was initially called Mothers Against Brain Injury, but we were much more about providing hope than being against an injury.

The original thinking was that it was going to be just for the families of those who had just been transported in life threatening condition to a trauma center with Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). Today, nine

years later, it's an integral and much needed part of Florida's renowned trauma system and is growing into other state trauma systems as more learn of it. Neurosurgeons, nurses, social workers, and case managers all benefit from the program now as well. Their patient families are being cared for with the contents of these totes so they now can spend more of their time on patient care.

On the other hand, it's been 10 years since my son Justin suffered his TBI which started this whole process. Now 26 years old, recovered and a

Mothers for TBI Hope cont. on pg. 26

Another year of JCE Bunny Buddies!

By Contributing Writer Paula Cervone, Second Grade Teacher, Julington Creek Elementary

This was the 11th year that Julington Creek Elementary second graders each made "bunny buddies" to give to children entering Nemours Children's Clinic. This year they donated 180 bunnies made from dishcloths and ribbons. The bunnies are washable, cuddly and each have a poem and note written by the child who created the bunny. They have also enclosed a set of directions so, if washed, the bunny can easily be recreated for the child.

In addition, this year they collected new and gently used books for the children at Nemours. We were hoping for

one to go with each bunny, but ended up with over 575 books.

The people at Nemours love the bunnies and books and are thrilled every year to have something to give the children as they enter a very stressful situation. Parents are disbelieving that they are getting "something for nothing" and the children do not want to let them go.

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BTHS Happenings

New chapters

By Kelly Boyer, BTHS Student

As the year ends, students and graduates look to the days ahead.

Yesterday, it seemed like everything was just beginning. Freshman entering the halls for the first time. And then, everything sped by. Homecoming. *Macbeth*. Quicker than you can snap your fingers the first semester vanished. Then competitions and AP tests and prom and before anyone could slow down, the caps of the class of 2014 flew through UNF's stadium. Now, as the new graduates begin a new chapter of their lives, they choose to leave a legacy for the class of 2015 and the classes behind them. For all the rising seniors to the rising freshman, here are a few words of wisdom from the graduates.

"Stay focused and get plugged into a club. I was able to plug into Sisterhood and I grew as a person." – Roselyn Zaiter.

"Enjoy everything now because it goes by fast and it won't last as long as you think." – Valerie Granger.

"Don't screw up your life – you only have one. Make it count." – Nicolas Maldonado.

"Don't do drugs. Seriously. Make sure to avoid tardies and keep your grades high. Senior year grades are just as important as any other." – David Tellez.

"If you do decide to skip, try not to get caught. Keep up with your homework and apply for both scholarships and college early. The last month of senior year is great if you put effort into the year as a whole." – Rebecca Ramsay.

"Smile through the hard times, don't give in and don't brush your teeth with a brick." – Molly Palmer.

"Stay golden." – Curtis Steed.

"Do the very best you can and live life to the fullest." – Courtney Kreuger.

"Be smart but enjoy it while it lasts." – Thatcher

"Try your hardest. Look ahead and not behind." – Robert Peterson.

"Get good grades and stay in school. Stick to it, work hard and get involved." – Class of 2014 president, Jeremy Bauer.

"Make it count, but enjoy it. Make sure you do what you need to in order to graduate and push yourself, but do some fun stuff too so that when you look back on this chapter in your life you can say you don't have any regrets." – Kelly Boyer.

From all the graduates, all the faculty and all the students here, have a great Bartram Trail summer and we look forward to seeing the underclassmen again in August.



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CHS Happenings

A Midsummer Knight's Dream

By Sarah Schreck, CHS Student

These days, students and teachers alike are sporting Creekside spirit in an unintended way: wearing a bright-red sunburn! But as everyone sings along to Alice Cooper's "School's Out for Summer," each Knight is embarking on their own quest to bring back stirring stories to share on campus in the fall.

If they could do anything, students Sammy Ford and Carol Anne Connolly would spend their summer getting a more international education.

Ford shares, "I would go to Europe because I've never been there and let's be real! Who

doesn't want to go to Europe? I'd love to go traveling with a caravan of friends!"

They might want to jump into the suitcases of some of their peers and teachers! Teacher and Navy veteran Justin Vogel will be going to Hawaii for 10 days, visiting Pearl Harbor with his wife, also a Navy veteran. Caitlin Treece, who spent the past many years at Creekside, is journeying back home to Scotland.

"My brother and grandparents are coming over to watch me graduate and then we're going to go down to Key West and the Everglades." Caitlin shows the importance of exploring your own backyard while you can, as her family will be doing "a lot of visiting America before [they] go."

Many Knights staying in town have some serious business to take care of—while still playing harder than they work. Berkeley Brown works at Jacksonville Country Day Camp, 11 hours a day for eight weeks.

Despite the deficit of free time, Brown attests, "I wouldn't change it for anything in the world! It keeps me busy and that's what I love about it."

Seniors have a special goodbye for the school and its students as they make the great transition. Many will miss the social aspect of high school and the environment of interaction; Sarah O'Connor will miss the structure of the school day, while Sebastian Inks looks forward to having less nightly pressure to have things finished the next day.

"The worst part of school was the constant work, the thought of homework looming over me. I know I'll still have

Nease Happenings

Students sent off for summer with a bang

By Samuel Wright, Nease Student

The 2013-2014 school year has officially come to a close in high schools around St. Johns County. Nease High School made a big effort to give the seniors a strong farewell and to rally about spirit before the end of the year. Most students were left with a fresh dose of school spirit and the seniors departed with a bittersweet taste on their tongues.

"I've made more lasting friendships I think. I never had many close friendships at all with people at Nease until this year, which is probably the thing I'm going to miss the most," said A.J. Hlavac when asked about how senior year was different than the others.

Senior year typically tends to be the most enjoyable and most rewarding in high school, where new friendships form and old ones are often strengthened further, making it difficult to say goodbye.

"I'm really excited; it will be sad to leave but I've just been waiting so long for a new adventure," Hlavac, who is going to it, but it won't be the same," he says.

Teachers are ready for a lightened workload as well, despite having workshops at the tail end of vacation. Though she is excited to work with younger students-in-the-making, while running the BeaTPAC performing arts summer camp with her family, Leia Fixel is excited to have time "not being in the moment, having time to think about the future. [She's] looking forward to be revitalized and reenergized for the upcoming year." Vogel, like many extensively involved teachers, will be attending additional meetings as one of the two School Advisory Council chairs (after presenting his photos of Honolulu, perhaps).

Creekside might be on summer break, but the memories made during the 2013-2014 school year live on. As the next year looms on the horizon, the future is bright! However, the summer sun might be brighter. Either way, be sure to wear your sunscreen!

start college at the University of South Florida this summer.

To send off the seniors as well as the rest of the students, Nease High School rolled out one last exciting "FanZone" for the spring football game. The Nease FanZone was created at the beginning of the school year for students to enjoy prior to each football game. Most FanZones saw the students play games, eat food, dance and march into the stadium with the band. For the spring football game, the students marched into the stadium with the band and after the game, which the Nease Panthers won, they had a color war which made for a fun night that brought about a final strong serving of school spirit.

"I loved seeing everyone showing their spirit, which was something the school didn't have much of in the past three years. The whole Panther Pride thing that emerged this year was definitely what made being at Nease for the last time something really fun and exciting," Hlavac recollected. "I was definitely honored to be there to capture the spirit."

Katie McDermott, a sophomore at Nease, also shared her thoughts about the football game and about the seniors' last hoorah.

"Being part of the band, the spring game is a fun experience to see how the crowd reacts to our new songs. It's so fun and so rewarding to be a source of energy to pump up the team and pump up the crowd," McDermott said. "I love it. It takes the fun of football games to whole new level. It's just more opportunities to create some great memories and have an awesome time."

"Some of the seniors were probably glad to get out of here and some probably felt pretty sad; anything that is your last is pretty depressing," McDermott remarked about the seniors who left Nease this year. "In the end, I think we ended the year with a bang. A big bang."

The senior class of 2014 surely left a legacy behind at Nease and students will return in August hoping to build on that legacy and build upon the school spirit that was felt in the past year.



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Movie Review

Godzilla

Directed by: Gareth Edwards. Starring: Aaron Taylor-Johnson, Elizabeth Olsen, Ken Watanabe, and Bryan Cranston. Review by T.G. Stanton

Great Movie, May See It Again (5 out of 5)

This month's movie review belongs to the film *Godzilla*, an action-adventure, science-fiction film for adults and teens

From the Bikini Atoll to Japan, then Hawaii and the Mainland, monsters can travel fast. Nuclear testing has ravaged areas for years and now has given birth to the M.U.T.O, massive unidentified terrestrial organisms, creatures that live on radiation. Joe Brody, enacted by Bryan Cranston, manages a Japanese nuclear reactor. Yet before he can determine the cause of a series of supposed earthquakes, he notices a pattern in their readings, a pattern that no quakes exhibit. Something is there that sets off an explosion and causes the death of his wife and the mother of his son, Ford. Ford Brody, played by Aaron Taylor-Johnson, grows up to be a military man specializing in the handling of bombs who has a difficult relationship with his father. He leaves his wife Ellen, portrayed by Elizabeth

Olsen and his son, to see to the release of his father, still living in Japan and still searching for answers, in quarantined areas many years later.

They find their answers and more when Dr. Ichiro Serizawa, depicted by Ken Watanabe, needs their help in finding these creatures. He has been following a sea creature for years and has extensive knowledge of the behavior of this prehistoric giant, but this new danger is unknown. Godzilla comes to the aid of the humans he has hidden from for eons of time, when the beasts travel across vast seas in search of radiation. All of the theories and ideas of the militaries to protect the world fall flat with the destruction caused by these beasts and only one hero can defeat them.

Gareth Edwards has directed this film wonderfully, with great historical references and subtle reveals of the creatures, in addition to tying in the heart and importance of family and

our military. Through computer graphics, Godzilla, our hero, has character and substance that outshines the original, whereas, the M.U.T.O. are malevolently vicious. Technology makes the battles and action riveting. Our human hero, Aaron Taylor-Johnson, is believable and enjoyable as the man who is forever in the wrong place at the right time. While he just wants to get home, he is often just in time to make Godzilla's job a little easier. Ken Watanabe was sincere and passionate in his performance as the advocate for Godzilla and all that he is capable of. The rest of the cast and computer enhancements make this one of the best all-around films this year. Those who remember the original will enjoy the content and those who never had the opportunity will be entranced with the action and heart. The new beasts were menacing; here's hoping the next film incorporates past troubles, i.e., like Mothra.

Swimmers honored at awards banquet

By Contributing Writer Lorraine Herreros

The Julington Creek Loggerhead Aquatics swim team recently held its annual banquet at Durbin Creek Elementary School. Swimmers who received the MVP award were Mia Gonzalez, Raymond Prosinski, Anna Moore, Nicky Tayag, Summer Stanfield, Michael Morton, Eleanor Pollitt, Carter Strickland, Dani Gordon and John Brennock. Most Improved awards went to Lauren Cromer, Brayden Smith, Grace Rathjen, Ty LaRue, Taylor Thomson, Jack Van Deusen, Lexi Smith, John Ryan, Jane Wadhams and Andrew Gapinski.

Swimmers who achieved a lightning-fast USA Swimming "AAAA" time were Summer Stanfield, Tatiana Brown, Eleanor Pollitt, Jane Wadhams, Julianna Pettinger, Dani Gordon, Nicky Tayag, Michael Morton, Carter Strickland, Ethan Chestang and John Brennock. Those who swam an "AAA" time were Anna Moore, Meghan Shaffer, Anna Gapinski, Megan Arnold, Lauren Trummel, Had-



Loggerhead "AAAA" time award winners

ley Browder, Jennifer Brennock, Abbey Ellis, Isaiah Thompson, Ben Aufdenberg, Ben Koros, Tanner Rogalski and Parker Von Stein.

Loggerheads with an "AA" time were Emma Chestang, Grace Rathjen, Lizzie Ryan,

Brooke Arnold, Dana Art, Elizabeth Pauly, Katia Brown, Lexi Smith, Aubrey Miller, Ciara O'Donohoe, Emilee Ivan, Amelia Tayag, Yvette Zerry, Taylor Thomson, Gaby Hert, Caitlyn

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in America. Do they even focus on the character that is still made in America? Too often our young citizens are cast in a



dark and negative shadow and good citizenship is seldom recognized.

The essences of character "still made in America" are Eagle Scout Steven Krupka and Eagle Scout Matt Moore,

who are the 2014 recipients of the "Good Citizenship Award" presented on May 6 by the Oldest City Detachment #383, Marine Corps League, St. Augustine.

Krupka and Moore, both of Boy Scout Troop 288 in Ponte Vedra Beach, have achieved the ultimate summit of scouting with the distinct title of "Eagle Scout." The Oldest City Detachment #383 is proud to recognize such devotion and motivation which is in the spirit of the Marine Corps motto "Semper Fidelis (always faithful)."

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Faith News

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Trinity Episcopal Parish, located at 215 St. George Street in Historic Downtown St. Augustine, will host their Vacation Bible School the week of June 16 through 20, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. This year the "Spy Academy" will be training young people to be agents of the true God. Advance registration is required and no unregistered "trainees" will be accepted at the door. All kids age four through nine are welcome. Forms are available in the church office or online

at www.trinityparishyouth.org/VBSRegistrationForm.pdf. For additional information or questions, please contact the church office at (904) 824-2876.

Join us for Shalom Jacksonville's **Jewish Java** on Wednesday, June 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Village Bread Café in Mandarin. Each month brings regulars, newcomers and many people who are interested in making new friendships. It doesn't mat-

ter how long you've lived in Jacksonville, you have an open invitation to join us anytime. Buy your fresh breakfast, a bagel or Danish; coffee and tea are complimentary. Mark your calendars now for the first Wednesday of every month. For more information about Java and other newcomer programs, please contact Isabel Balotin at 448-5000 x206 or shalomjax@jewishjacksonville.org. Shalom Jacksonville is a program of the Jewish Federation of Jacksonville.

Summer fun at Geneva Presbyterian Church

By Contributing Writer Teri Batchelor

Looking for something to keep your kids busy this summer? Geneva Presbyterian Church has some great opportunities for kids of all ages to have fun, as well as deepen their relationship with God.

All children ages four through fifth grade are invited to attend our Vacation Bible School which will be held the week of July 14 through 18 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Our theme this year is "Wilderness Escape" where we will learn about Moses and that God guides us and provides for our needs. The cost of VBS is \$25 per child, which includes a t-shirt. We also need teenage volunteers to

help with our VBS. For more information, please contact the church office at 287-4865.

For middle and high school kids, we have lots of fun activities planned. Our new youth director, Lorrie Watkins, has planned some great adventures throughout the summer, including Beach Mission and Fun (going to the beach and helping to pick up debris), going to Adventure Landing, participating in a mission project at Montgomery Presbyterian Center and heading to Rebounderz for some laser tag fun. All youth are invited to attend any of these activities, but please contact the church office at 287-4865 to let us

know if you are planning to participate.

On Wednesday nights during the month of June, Geneva will be hosting potluck fellowship dinners. A meat selection will be provided – just bring a yummy dish to share! Dinner starts at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come and enjoy some great food and fellowship! Bible study will follow the dinner.

During the summer, we will offer Sunday School for all ages at 9:00 a.m., Fellowship Time from 10:00 a.m. until 10:25 a.m. and Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. Come and see why Geneva is a great place to worship God!



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Shalom Jax presents Summer Shaloha

By Contributing Writer Isabel Balotin, Shalom Jacksonville Coordinator

When you combine Shalom and Aloha, you get...Shaloha, which happens to be the official Jewish/Hawaiian greeting. That's what we now call our annual summer social. All newcomers are invited to enjoy an array of island fruits and tropical punches at the Julatington Creek home of hosts, Erica and Jamie Jolles, on Sunday evening, June 22 from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

Plan to dress casual or wear Hawaiian shirts and long dresses and get in the mood for a delightful evening of schmoozing, good food and friendship, Jewish/Hawaiian style.

For most of us, the summer months are a time to relax, catch up on our reading, spend time outdoors and just take a

break from some of our day-to-day activities; however, for the Jewish Federation's Shalom Jacksonville this is the "season for newcomers." While many families move to this area all year long, we find most arrive prior to or during the summer months. Shaloha will be a great opportunity for newcomers to meet each other and connect with neighbors and other locals.

To acquaint new people with our area, we have planned a couple of casual gatherings for newcomers. Anyone new to the Jewish community will readily make connections with their neighbors and find out the latest happenings around Jacksonville, the beaches and St. Augustine. Please RSVP to Isabel Balotin, 448-5000 x 206 or shalomjax@jewishjacksonville.org. Directions to the hosts' home will be provided with RSVP confirmation email. Shalom Jacksonville is the official Jewish welcome wagon of Northeast Florida and is a program of the Jewish Federation of Jacksonville.

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Johnson, David Gapinski, Jonathan Kim, Raymond Proinski, Nick Vansteenberghe, Jack Van Deusen, Ethan Howell, Ty LaRue, Adrian Oake, John Ryan, Owen Wheeler, Phillip Stevens, Zach Burke, Lukas Burchianti, and Matt Morin. USA Swimming "A" time swimmers were Avery Sargeant, Amelia Kondal, Anouk Victor, Emma Howell, Christine Johnson, Cameron Ellis, Natalie Hert, Emma Geiger, Madison Braum, Didi Victor, Emmanuelle Victor, Robbie Rait, Phoebe Oake, Jonathan Herberos, Anna Perkins, McKenzie Fox, Rhiannon O'Donohoe, Molly Gaver, Grey Ingram, Brittney Campbell, Alyssa Hardin, Kevin Riemensperger, Jurnee DuTremble and Cameron Von Stein. Congratulations to all!

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Jehovah's Witnesses invite all to attend convention

Jehovah's Witnesses are inviting all of their neighbors to attend their annual conventions to be held at the Veterans Memorial Arena. The theme of this year's program is "Keep Seeking First God's Kingdom!"

Frank W. Woodcock Jr., a convention spokesman, states, "People of many faiths pray for God's Kingdom. This convention will explain what that Kingdom is and how it can be a positive influence in our lives. A highlight of the program will be the keynote address on Friday morning, which will discuss how that Kingdom is benefiting people today."

He adds, "A core belief of Jehovah's Witnesses, based on Biblical and historical evidence, is that Jesus Christ began to rule as the King of God's Kingdom in 1914. The convention program

marks this year as the centennial of that event."

Beginning in June and continuing through mid-July, Jehovah's Witnesses will extend personal invitations to everyone from Savannah, Georgia south to Palm Coast and west to Gainesville to attend the convention with them. Locally, all of the area's 80 congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses will be supporting the activity of distributing printed invitations to the convention. The first of two three-day events to be held in Jacksonville will begin July 4 at 9:20 a.m. There is no admission fee. Conventions of Jehovah's Witnesses are supported entirely by voluntary donations.

An estimated 24,000 will come to Veterans Memorial Arena for two weekends (July 4 through 6 and July 18 through 20) for the Bible-based programs. In addition, delegates will gather on July 3 to thoroughly clean and make minor repairs to the facility in preparation for what is viewed as a most sacred event. Last year this "work day" was supported by over 1,000 volunteers, with a similar number expected this year. Jehovah's Witnesses in the United States plan to host 193 conventions in 71 cities. Worldwide, there are over 7,900,000 Witnesses in more than 113,000 congregations.

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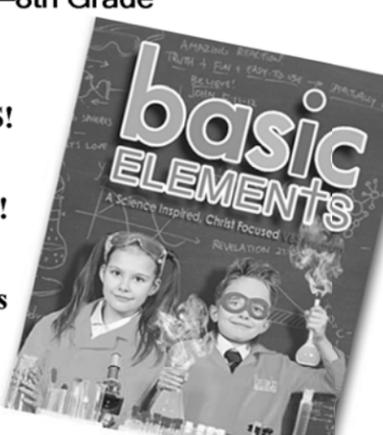
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Nease Band

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Nease's winter percussion ensemble traveled around Florida and a few other states in the southern region to compete in various competitions during their season. Originally an A-class group, the Nease percussion was promoted to the Open class mid-season. At the Florida Federation of Colorguard Circuits (FFCC) championships, the percussion ensemble took home a gold medal in the Scholastic Open category, a major feat for these newcomers to the class. For many of the percussionists, this was their first season with the ensemble; many began as wind instrument players or were new to their percussion instruments.

"If they [the staff] told us to do something, we did it, no questions asked... Around four of the 30 people we had actually had percussion experience prior to the season, so everything that was said from those teaching us was taken in and held to heart," explained Brian Smith, a percussion member. The Nease percussion later hit the road in the beginning of April to compete in the WGI Percussion World Championships in Dayton, Ohio, the group's first national-level championships in the Open class.

In their second year in

World class, the Nease Winterguard competed around Florida, in venues ranging from as close as Fleming Island High School, to several WGI regional competitions at the University of Central Florida. At the FFCC championships in Daytona, the winterguard program received first place in Scholastic World class—Nease's second gold medal that weekend, including percussion's win at the competition.

"It's a lot of hard work," commented Ally Prince, a sophomore member of the Nease Winterguard, when describing the team's overall dedication to the sport. "It almost doesn't feel worth it sometimes; missing vacations, having no social life, even losing friends. But the experience adds up to so much more and really helps to build your character. I don't know where I'd be without it."

The Nease winterguard also traveled up to Dayton, Ohio, to compete in the WGI Winterguard World Championships, where they ranked eighth place nationally after their finals performance.

As the sun sets on a successful season for Nease band's indoor programs, the band is already fast at work preparing for the upcoming marching season.

June News from Ward's Creek Elementary

By Contributing Writer Ricke Ricciardell



Fifth grade teacher Emily Boardway is happy to win the beach basket!

passes. Thank you to all who attended and we hope to see you again next year!

Fifth grade graduation was held on May 28 and the PTO-sponsored Day of Fun was June 4. We said goodbye to students we watched grow from kindergarten to young men and young ladies. We'll miss you

but feel confident your WCE teachers have prepared you well for middle school.

The last day of school was June 5. We hope all our families have a safe and enjoyable summer. We look forward to seeing you on August 18! Go Warriors!

The WCE PTO spring festival was a big success this year. There was entertainment, displays, fun and games for the children and our annual basket raffle for all. This year we 43 baskets, some with Universal Studio, SeaWorld and Disney

Important information from JEA in the event of a natural disaster

By Contributing Writer Gerri Boyce, APR, JEA

Should a hurricane or natural disaster strike our community, would you be ready? Here is some information that can help you be sure the answer to that question is "yes." Along with some tips about what to do before, during and after the storm, you'll find an overview of how JEA will respond and restore the services we provide to you.

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"KidsGetAPlan.com is an engaging and educational tool designed to help Florida's youngest residents learn about disaster preparedness," said FDEM Director Bryan W. Koon. "I encourage parents to visit this website with their kids and to help children better understand - in a non-threatening way - how to prepare for potential disasters."

KidsGetAPlan.com is an interactive website that presents basic weather safety and emergency preparedness con-

cepts through age-appropriate activities and stories. Recently updated, the site allows kids and their parents to read the Kids Get A Plan series of disaster safety related books and play games that teach them how to build a disaster supply kit, practice proper lightning safety and understand other essential safety facts. Each Kids Get A Plan book is written to grade-level standards and explains complex topics such as disaster evacuations and emergency sheltering in a safe, nonthreatening way.

With a variety of games, coloring pages, screen savers and weather-related data, children from kindergarten to high school can learn about disaster preparedness.

The Atlantic Hurricane Season runs from June 1 through November 30. For the latest information on the 2014 Hurricane Season and to Get A Plan!, visit www.FloridaDisaster.org.

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Coach named High School Video Coordinator of the Year

The Collegiate Sports Video Association named Geoff Stephens, video coordinator for Nease High School, the 2013-2014 High School Video Coordinator of the Year. Stephens was selected by a majority vote of his peers in the CSVA to this honor. He is now a finalist for the prestigious Bob Matey National Video Coordinator of the Year award, which is presented annually to the Video Coordinator who displays innovation, determination, perseverance and technical skill as portrayed by the late Bob Matey, legendary video coordinator from Texas A&M.

Stephens has been the video coordinator for Nease High School since 2001 and he has developed one of the best Sports Media High School curriculums in the nation at Nease. It is a fully advanced television program that focuses on the creation of highlight videos for each high school sport.

In the 2013-14 school year alone, over 1100 hours of raw

video were shot to produce 26 highlight videos ranging from 10 minutes to one hour in length and featuring junior varsity and varsity teams. Video shot by the Sports Media Program at Nease has been released and used by multiple national networks to include CBS Sports, NBC Sports, ESPN, E! Entertainment, NFL Network and Sun Sports. In addition to his video coordinator responsibilities, Stephens continues to serve as Nease's kicking coach, a position he has held since the 2000 football campaign.

Stephens graduated with a Bachelor's in Education (1997) and a Master's in Education (1998) from

Mississippi State University. While a kicker for the Mississippi State University football team from 1993 to 1996, Stephens became a two-time member of the Academic SEC Honor Roll. He is married to Beth Hopper Stephens and the couple have one nine year-old daughter, Allison.

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Nease Sports Roundup

By Elena Castello, Nease Student

As the year draws to a close, we say goodbye to many seniors at Nease. So many sports have had incredible seasons, some of which include track and field, volleyball, swimming, and boys' soccer.

Nease had the privilege of having 21 athletes sign a commitment letter to play sports in college, from soccer to lacrosse, football, track, cross country and golf. These seniors and their families were honored with a Signing Day and all of the athletes are very excited to start their new lives at the college of their choice and with the sport that they love. Not only are these athletes incredibly talented on the field or court, they all show incredible character. Thanks to the initiative of Pursuing Victory with Honor and Character Culture, the expectations for the student athletes have been raised this year. Sportsmanship was emphasized and exemplary behavior was expected both on and off the field.

Nease's new endeavors, the FanZone Experience (pre-game tailgates) and The

Jungle (student section at the stadium), have been a success this year. With a DJ and activities like Color Wars, the students have been able to enjoy music, food and each other's company while awaiting the football games. Marching in behind the band was also a terrific experience and the spirit of Nease has grown this past year.

May 22 was the last FanZone for the year and we also had Color Wars at the game; however, this one was after the game and allowed the football players to experience it, at least once. Each FanZone featured a designed t-shirt with a logo and this final one had the slogan "Ain't No Party Like a Panther Party!" Contrasting to the t-shirt designs of previous games, this one was a tank top. It was white, which left all the students who participated in the Color Wars splattered in rainbow powder.

When summer begins, many athletes will continue to train to perform at their peak during the 2015-2016 seasons.

Come out and support Nease Panthers!

Panther Prowl 5K Run/Walk to benefit the Nease football program

The Nease Touchdown Club encourages you to put on your craziest glowing gear and neon colors and come prepared to have fun at the first annual Panther Prowl 5K Glow Run/Walk to be held on July 12 at the Palencia Club House. After the race, stay for the family friendly party at the finish line including music and mini massages.

The 5K race starts at 7:30 p.m. The kids' free fun run will start at 7:00 p.m. Check in is from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Register online or look for more information at www.tdcglowrun.org.

Race packet and t-shirt pickup will be held on July 11 from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Palencia Starbucks and on race day starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Palencia clubhouse. You must provide photo ID in order to pick up your packet.

Entry fees for children under 14 are \$15. For individuals 15 and older entry fees are: \$25 through June 20, \$30 from June 21 until July 11 and \$35 on race day. All runners must also pay \$1 registration fee. A race t-shirt is included and guaranteed for those registering by June 20. Fees are non-refundable.

A fun alternative to running the race on your own is the Centipede Team Race. This is an optional division where at least five runners are connected and run as a unit. Make it fun with wacky costumes! Each centipede member must register individually. Rules are available on the

website www.tdcglowrun.org. There will be prizes for best costume, longest centipede and fastest time.

Individual awards will be presented to the top male and female finishers overall. Prizes will be given to the top male and female finishers in each of the following age categories: 10

and under, 12 to 14, 15 to 18, 19 to 24, 25 to 29, 30 to 34, 35 to 39, 40 to 49, 50 to 59, 60 to 69 and 70 and over.

Thank you to our sponsor, 1st Place Sports, who will be providing the race timing. We look forward to seeing you there and appreciate your support of Nease football!



CHS Sports Roundup

By Kassie Solms, CHS Student

During this 2013-2014 school year, Creekside athletes have found themselves with multiple district and state wins. This year our swim, baseball, softball, tennis, track and field, cross country and wrestling teams all soared above and beyond in district and state championships. The boys' baseball team competed in the final for May 21 and did some pretty amazing things! We may not have come out on top, but we did set the tracks to beat next year. A huge "Congratulations!" goes out to all of the sports teams and their accomplishments this year.

One of our own knights, Nick Ditota, a varsity football player, has been chosen as one of the top five local athletes in the First Coast News Athlete of the Year award. Thank you to

all the people who helped him out by voting for him.

During the two months of summer, our athletes will be training all the way through the heat and humidity to become even better athletes for next year. Cross country training will be going on throughout the summer, Monday through Friday at select locations. Soccer will also be meeting throughout the summer to condition and play two times a week. Please check the Creekside High School website for more information regarding where practices are and on what days. Summer training is crucial to sports season and performance of every sports team.

Keep up the hard work, Knights, so we can bring even more success for the 2015 school year!

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BTHS Sports Roundup: A sad farewell

By Megan Grant, BTHS Student

As we say goodbye to the 2013-2014 Bartram Trail school year, we must also say a sad farewell to the athletic director, Barry Craig. After a long career of developing and assisting in

the formation of various school programs, Craig is stepping down for retirement.

As a Flagler College graduate who majored in physical education, Craig then attended the University of North Florida to attain his master's degree in education and leadership. His career started at Julington Creek Elementary, where he spent four years teaching PE and coaching the majority of the sports for the school. Soon afterwards, Craig assisted in the opening of Nease High School, where he received his first athletic director position and was the head basketball and boys' golf coach. Eleven years later, he moved to Ponte Vedra Elementary, starting as the assistant principal for four years and then stepping up as principal for another three.

Craig's last long stretch in the education system took off when he was hired a year prior to the opening of Bartram Trail High School. He participated in the overseeing of its construction, process of hiring teachers and the purchasing of school equipment.

When asked about his time with the Bears, Craig exclaimed, "I've been here the longest, so it was a pretty special experience. The quality of the kids, staff, community support and great

principals made it a unique place."

After a total of 14 years at Bartram since its establishment in 2000, Craig talks about the relationships he has developed that he will miss with the coaches over the years.

Although sad about leaving, he explained, "Kids deserve people in leadership roles to be very enthusiastic and if you lose your enthusiasm, you should hand the baton to someone else."

Craig decided that it is his time to continue his journey with the memories he has created, knowing that "there aren't a lot of Bartram Trails out there."

The Bears are disappointed to see him go, as he will be missed, but they wish him well with his future. Much thanks goes out to Barry Craig for his time and commitment to Bartram Trail and the athletic programs he has so strongly supported.



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Captain David's Fishing Report

By Captain David Lifka

It has finally happened, the remnants of a colder and wetter than normal winter and spring are behind us. We now get to look forward to what hopefully will be a long summer of fantastic fishing and shrimping.

For this to happen we must remember that fishing our areas of the St. Johns relies greatly on the amount of rainfall we receive. Rainfall is the single greatest indicator of what kind of fishing to expect. When, where and how much rain can often predict our fishing for days, weeks or even sometime months. This is because rainfall totals are directly responsible for the salinity levels of the river from downtown Jacksonville to as far away as Palatka. There almost always has to be some salt present in the river for us to be able to fish for many of the species fish that inhabit our nearby bodies of saltwater.

"When" the rain comes refers to the timing of the rainfall during the calendar year. A lot of rain over the winter can slow the transition to spring fishing by keeping salinities low, just as a dry winter can speed things up with higher salinities. Spring and summertime rains are normal and expected and often help keep fish and shrimp from pushing too far south from our fishing zones. At the same time an early tropical deluge could be catastrophic to fishing and shrimping to our area pushing back most activity north and out of our local spots.

"Where" the rain falls also has a strong influence on the

salinity levels we will experience. Because the St. Johns twist and winds its way northward for nearly 300 miles, rainfall amounts 150 miles away can have a greater effect on us than much of our local rain could. While experiencing dryer than normal conditions locally, heavy rains falling miles south of here will flow north to us, changing our salinity levels days later.

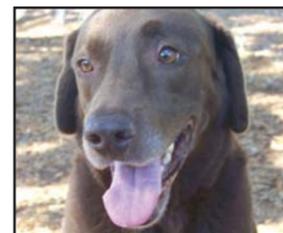
"How much" rain is the final determining factor to predict upcoming and current fishing. "How much" combined with "when and where" is what can be used as to what to expect for local fishing based on too little or too much rain. These three factors can often predict when and what kinds of fish are going to show, the length of time these fish will spend in our waters and what to expect for a shrimping season. Like everything else in nature, a balancing act is required each year for the proper amount of rain upstream, downstream and seasonally for us to selfishly hope that it all comes together providing us with an excellent year of fishing and shrimping.

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Local student volleyball player selected for national training team

Milla Ciprian, a student at Fruit Cove Middle School, tried-out and was selected to the 2014 Girls' Select National Training Team from USA Volleyball. Only 55 girls from across the country are chosen every year to be a part of this high performance program at her age level. Ciprian will be training and competing Tulsa, Oklahoma from July 17 to July 27 at the

United States High Performance Championships. There will be teams from the Dominican Republic, Canada, Chile, China, Mexico, Peru, Puerto Rico and New Zealand. The USA Volleyball High Performance Girls' Select A1 National Training Team Program is designed to train and expose athletes with the highest potential for international competition. The training received is modeled after the techniques, systems and daily practices of the United States Women's National Team coached by Karch Kiraly. The GSA1 program is the premier domestic program for select age athletes

and an essential training piece of the national athlete pipeline, according to officials from USAV. In addition to the training and competition within the program, athletes will receive a number of volleyball-specific classroom sessions. High performance coaching staff will provide a comprehensive player evaluation to USA Volleyball for tracking in the pipeline as future potential to all of the national teams.

Ciprian, who is 14 years of age, also plays for the team that represents Jacksonville nationally at the 15 year old level with the Jacksonville Juniors Volleyball Association. She and her team won a bid during the Big South National Qualifier that entitled her Jacksonville volleyball team to participate in the United States Girls' indoor Volleyball Championships. The event will be held in June at the Minneapolis Convention Center in Minnesota.

Ciprian will attend and play volleyball for Creekside High School this fall and proudly will continue representing Jacksonville nationally.



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United States Coast Guard Auxiliary update Vessel numbering explained

By Contributing Writer Bob Schultz, Flotilla 14-7 Public Affairs Officer

The most commonly-observed boating violation is probably the easiest and least expensive to correct: vessel numbering. If the registration numbers displayed on your boat do not conform to federal and state boating requirements, you may as well be carrying on your boat a large sign saying “stop

me!” You are presenting maritime law enforcement officers an open invitation to do just that—and once you’ve been stopped, things could go from bad to worse.

Whereas recommended fines for boating safety equipment violations range from \$50 to \$250 for a first offense, they could go as high as \$1100 per offense and could even result in jail time depending, of course, on the seriousness of the offense. But before going any further, let’s take a look at what those numbers are supposed to look like. They have to be:

- Block letters/numbers, at least 3 inches in height
- Of a color contrasting with the background (For example: Yellow on a white hull just doesn’t make it!)
- Located on both sides of the forward part of the vessel

In Florida, boat registration numbers will bear the prefix “FL” followed by a maximum of four numbers, in turn followed by a two-letter suffix. A space equal to the size of a single letter should separate the numbers

from the prefix and the suffix: FL 1234 AB
Dashes may be substituted for the space between the numbers and the prefix and the suffix: FL-1234-AB

Additionally, Florida requires that your vessel bear a dated registration validation sticker located in close proximity to your vessel’s registration display, either forward or aft of same, on the port side of the vessel. The space between the number display and the sticker should be at least the size of a standard letter.

This information is furnished as a courtesy from Flotilla 070-14-07 of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. Why not make a point of visiting one of our Boating Safety/Public Information exhibits the next time you see one at various local locations to find out about all of the safety equipment you are required to have aboard and maybe pick up a few extra tips? It’s all free and you’re under no obligation.

Check out the Flotilla 14-7 website at www.MySafeBoating.com.

JCP CARES helps Flagler College Enactus impact community with entrepreneurial spirit

By Karl Kennell



they were guests at the club’s planning meeting and explained the whole project.

JCP CARES Vice President Meg Balke said, “We were incredibly impressed by these enterprising young adults and will follow their work

The Flagler College Enactus team this year placed in the top eight out of over 500 teams in the Enactus National Competition after being number one in the nation in 2013. Enactus is a worldwide entrepreneurial and academic organization connecting students and faculty with industry leaders and businesses, tasked with finding needs in the community and addressing those needs with projects that are environmental, economic, social and sustainable. The focus of the organization is to positively impact the community through service leadership projects. Flagler College Enactus chapter was started in 1998. Its first community project was creating Flagler’s Legacy, a tour business of the historic campus.

In February, JCP CARES donated \$2,557 to Flagler College Enactus in support of their aquaponics program. The donation was to cover the cost of specific equipment they needed to expand the project. In May,

and future projects with great interest! JCP CARES was only a small piece of the big puzzle Shelby and her colleagues have put together.”

This year the Flagler College Enactus group worked on over 13 projects throughout the school year. Many of them focused on the area of need of the St. Johns Juvenile Residential Facility, which is located only 10 minutes from Flagler College. They created projects for the young men ranging from culinary and cabling certification to fitness and horse training. One project ties all of these components together—the one-on-one mentoring program, where residents of St. Johns Juvenile Residential Facility work independently with member students of Enactus to help them set personal goals and create a plan for when they are released from the facility.

However, the big announcement from Flagler College Enactus is the setting of a

new “big goal.” The goal is to create an aquaponics system and for it to become a living classroom for the community. Aquaponics is a sustainable farming method that utilizes the waste from fish to fertilize plants. Water from the fish tanks, rich with fish waste, is pumped and irrigated into growing beds where the fish waste bacteria are converted by the plants into useable nutrients. The water filtered by the plants returns to the fish tanks ready to be reused in the cycle of the system.

“Our goal is to have students of all ages come and explore our aquaponics system and learn from what we have been able to create,” according to Shelby Ptacek, co-president, Flagler College Enactus.

Another project that is not at the Enactus facility, but still a large part of the Enactus team, is their “Soapy Tales” project. Soapy Tales is an all organic eco-friendly soap company Enactus started with the boys at St. Augustine Youth Services, a foster care home. In one year Soapy Tales has made over \$10,000 in revenue and everyone learned a whole lot about soap making as well. The Enactus team works with the boys at least twice a week on personal goals and ideas as well as the business side.

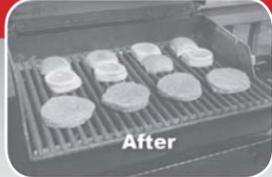
Flagler College Enactus is quite an impressive group of young adults making a direct impact on the community through their entrepreneurial spirit. You can learn more by visiting www.enactus.flagler.edu

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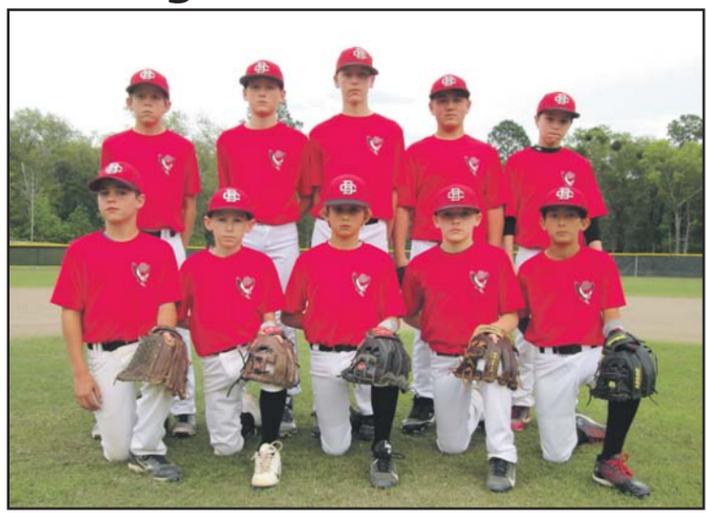
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The CBC Riverhawks 12u Red baseball team took control in Kissimmee at the Florida State Championship Tournament, May 17 and 18, 2014. Pool play on Saturday started off slow with a loss in their first game but they rallied back to win the second. Sunday proved to be a very long day for the Riverhawks, with three wins necessary just to make it to the championship game. Coach Derek lead his players to four straight wins in dominating fashion, mercy-ruling three of the four opposing teams. A day that started early and ended under the lights brought with it a victory for the CBC Riverhawks as winners of the Florida State Championship USSSA Baseball Tournament! Congratulations to Mark Castle, Adam Schmitt, Justin Simmons, Dakota Peeler, Denver Wood, Ross Brothers, Calvin Gunsaulus, Ethan Sohaney, Avery Tate and Antonio Colon.



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Good Deed Brigade

Surf report and beach safety, courtesy of Daniel Williams

By Contributing Writer David Wolf



Right here in St. Johns County, we have some awesome beaches. We also have some wonderful people who help make our community just that much better. Daniel Williams grew up in St. Johns County, where he spent his summers and other parts of the year at the beach.

Currently, Williams, age 21, is a business student at the University of North Florida. He also works part time at his father's sporting goods store - Williams Athletics. One spring evening, Williams went online and saw that it was truly an "epic" day for surfing. He missed out on the opportunity to ride some great waves; however, the day was not a total loss because it was the day that he came up with the idea to create a surf app for Florida beaches. Williams thought his surf friends would benefit from a smart phone app that provided surf and beach conditions and alerts.

Williams rolled up his sleeves and did some research. Through this hard work and the investment of his own time and money, Williams created the app called Dans Surf Report. Like the beaches in North Florida, the app is free. The app not only has information for all of the beaches in Florida but it also has information for beaches throughout the world. It is a useful app for surfers, beach goers and families.

As noted by Williams, "Up-to-date information is key

to having not just a good day at the beach but a great day at the beach. Every beach visitor should know the current surf and weather conditions. Rough waters would not be a good place for an inexperienced swimmer. Also, there are some days that the surfers should keep out of the water as well." As further noted by Williams, "There is no worse feeling for a surfer than checking the surf report at night to find out that you missed good waves all that day."

Dans Surf Report app provides its users with water temperatures, wave heights, tides, outside forecast and more. It is a very useful app that will help

all beach goers better enjoy the day and optimally use their free time when making beach plans. You can find Dans Surf Report on iTunes by searching for the following: Dans Surf Report. In the near future, expect a website for Dans Surf Report as well as availability for Android devices.

We are certainly fortunate to have great weather and beaches right here in North Florida. We also are fortunate to have energetic and innovative people like Daniel Williams to promote our beaches, surfing activities and safety.

The Good Deed Brigade salutes Daniel Williams for his passion and his efforts to share his knowledge and enthusiasm

with others. Follow the example set by Daniel Williams and go out in your community to do your share of good deeds. Remember, wherever you see the Good Deed Brigade, it's all good.

If you have a story to share about your good deeds or the good deeds of others, please email us at GoodDeedBrigade@gmail.com or visit the official website of the Good Deed Brigade at www.GoodDeedBrigade.com.



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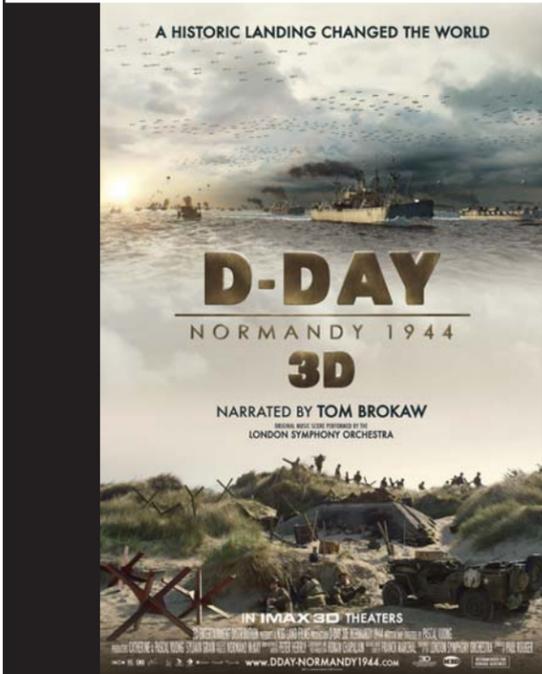
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St. Johns couple to bike 192 miles to fight cancer

This August, St. Johns county residents Frank Carrico and Michelle Knowles will take to the road and bike on a two-day journey for 192 miles to raise money and awareness for cancer in the Pan Massachusetts Challenge (PMC), a nonprofit dedicated to eradicating cancer. It will be their first time riding together for this event and to make it extra special they will be riding as newlyweds; the ride takes place the weekend after they get back from their honeymoon! Carrico and Knowles will ride in memory of a very close family friend, Maddie Savoie, who was just 10 years old when she passed away in October 2008 after a two year battle with bone cancer. While this is Knowles' sixth year riding, this will be Carrico's first.

The Pan-Massachusetts Challenge is an annual bike-a-thon that today raises more money for charity than any other single athletic fundraising event in the country. Last year the PMC raised \$40 million with a 100 percent pass-through rate (a formal way of saying "every single penny") going to the Dana Farber Cancer Insti-

tute (DFCI) and the Jimmy Fund in Boston, Massachusetts that funds research to help cancer patients all over the country. After seeing the care and compassion Maddie received from both of these institutions, the soon-to-be newlyweds have committed to making the PMC their avenue to fighting cancer.

To ride in the PMC both Knowles and Carrico must personally raise the mandatory minimum of \$4,300 each. Because of this significant amount of money, it is rare for couples to do this ride together—but they have committed to doing so as their first journey as a married couple. The PMC is a way for them both to honor Maddie who met her battle with high hopes, unshakeable faith and a buoyant spirit of determination. Cancer does not rest and they won't either until cancer is a thing of the past.

To donate towards their ride you may donate online at (Michelle) pmc.org/mk0178 or (Frank) pmc.org/FC0043

To learn more about the PMC please visit: www.pmc.org. To learn more about Maddie's story please go to: www.more-aboutmaddie.com



Frank Carrico and Michelle Knowles

Gardening: R U Florida-Friendly?

By Contributing Writer Master Gardener Lesley Arrandale with Duval County Extension, University of Florida/IFAS

Florida-Friendly is a term to with many potential meanings. To me it says "don't litter," "turn off the faucet when brushing teeth," "recycle (or re-use) that glass/plastic/metal container" "reduce chemical use" and so on, which can get a bit overwhelming.

In the context of gardening though, it can be a bit more relaxed: don't deadhead that plant, the flower is setting seed which the finches will enjoy; don't water the grass just yet, it can survive till tomorrow because rain is on its way; don't bag those leaves, leave them in place as mulch.

Ideally, though, we can be more proactive and the Extension Service has devised a set of guidelines to help us. Briefly: right plant, right place; water efficiently; fertilize appropriately; mulch; attract wildlife (one of my favorites); manage yard pests responsibly; recycle yard waste; reduce storm water runoff; and protect the waterfront.

That's quite a list, but don't be deterred. If you garden, you already may be doing some of these things and it will only take a bit of knowledge to tweak your activities and begin to have a really positive impact on our Florida environment, rather than unintentionally - of

course! - doing harm.

The University of Florida's website is an excellent resource. Start here: http://fyn.ifas.ufl.edu/homeowners/nine_principles.htm. Each section's heading is a link to more detailed information in *The Florida Yards and Neighborhoods (FYN) Handbook* on how you may achieve these goals.

The Florida-Friendly Landscaping Guide to Plant Selection and Landscape Design http://ffl.ifas.ufl.edu/pdf/FYN_Plant_Selection_Guide_v090110.pdf is the obvious follow-up reading. It could certainly help you work out how to design your yard, but if you need professional help it can also prepare you to talk with designers and landscapers about your vision and expectations.

Insects are becoming more prevalent as summer sets in, but remember, most species are beneficial and will actually help in your fight against the pests. This is one aspect of being Florida-Friendly that troubles some people—how to tell which is which. Refer to section 6—Manage Yard Pests Responsibly—in the *FYN Handbook* for a look at the good, the bad and the ugly insects you might encounter in your yard. Honestly, wholesale slaughter

is never a good idea; the pests stand a chance of coming back with a vengeance, eventually building up resistance to that chemical which used to work oh-so-well.

Finally, those topical tips are available again from the Extension Service. Check out the May/June edition of *A New Leaf*, <http://duval.ifas.ufl.edu/documents/nleafMayJune.14Email.pdf>.

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Wishing these talented students all the best!

The CreekLine's senior school writers graduate

By Martie Thompson

With St. Johns County high schools' graduation ceremonies now past us, we at *The CreekLine* find that it is time to say farewell to four truly talented senior writers who have penned articles for us over the past few years. It has been a pleasure working with Kelly Boyer, Elena Castello, Megan Grant and Sarah Schreck, student journalists who have displayed professionalism and a grasp of editorial knowledge well beyond their years.

We hope that they have learned and expanded their writing talents as a result of their association with *The CreekLine* and wish them all the best in their future endeavors!

Kelly Boyer BTHS Happenings



Kelly Boyer graduated from Bartram Trail High School. She has been involved in many activities in school including High-Q, chorus, BASIC (Brothers and Sisters in Christ), Sisterhood and The Oracle, Bartram's literary magazine. Next year, she will attend Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville, Tennessee. She plans to major in Information Technology. Boyer has penned the BTHS Happenings column for two years.

Elena Castello Nease Sports Roundup



Elena Castello graduated from the International Baccalaureate (IB) program at Nease with a 4.2 GPA. She was involved in many clubs around school, including the National Honor Society and serving as president of the National Hispanic Honor Society, secretary of Interact Club, vice president of Link Crew, a founding member of Athletic Council and president of ACTION. Castello has over 750 documented service hours, which include singing and playing guitar and volunteering at a free health clinic. She has four varsity letters in tennis and was captain her senior year. She will attend the University of Florida in the fall to study on the pre-med track and aspires to be a

doctor. One of her dreams is to work in a third world country. Castello has penned the Nease Sports Roundup column for three years.

Megan Grant BTHS Sports Roundup



Megan Grant graduated from Bartram Trail High School, consistently receiving As and Bs while taking honors and AP courses. For her senior year, she took four AP and two dual enrollment classes and accomplished straight As throughout the school year. She received my third varsity letter for Lacrosse and was awarded US Lacrosse All-Academic 2014. Grant shares that her time in high school was influential and she is grateful for the experiences, but is beyond excited to head off to college and start a new journey! In the fall, she will attend the University of Florida, with a planned major in communications. She enjoys interacting with people and learning about their stories and cultures. Grant hopes to one day have a job that will allow her to travel the world and explore new horizons.

Sarah Schreck CHS Happenings



Sarah Schreck graduated from Creekside High School. She participated in a number of organizations, including the Power of Creekside marching band and concert band, in which she most recently performed as first chair clarinet and the Creekside Theatre Department and International Thespian Society Troupe 7346. She performed as Millie Dillmount in the 2014 spring theatre department production. Schreck was a member of seven honor societies and four additional clubs and was Creekside's Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership ambassador in 2012. She placed numerous times at the state level for vocal and piano performance with the Florida Federation of Music Clubs and worked as a student member of PACT Drug and Alcohol Pre-

vention Coalition. Schreck will be attending the University of Central Florida in the fall, a member of the Burnett Honors College and the LEAD Scholars program. She says that though her major is currently undecided, she can see writing in her future!

Best wishes from all of us at *The CreekLine*!

Editor's Note: As we say goodbye to this year's senior writers, we now have student writer positions available for underclassmen. Please contact us at editor@thecreekline.com if you are interested in becoming our student happenings (BTHS or CHS) or sportswriter (BTHS or Nease) for next year!

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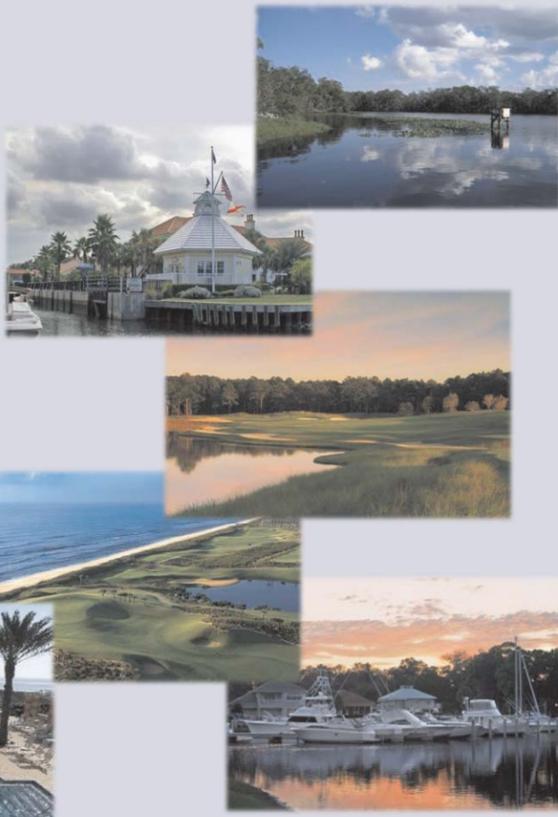
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