Senior Service Employment Program

The Senior Community Service Employment Program Lunch & Learn will be held at the Melrose Library on Thursday, December 29. Congress authorizes the Senior Community Service Employment Program, formerly run by Experience Works, allowing you to learn and earn for 20 hours a week. If you are interested in building your skills and you want a serious change in your life, attend this meeting! Stop by the library or call 386-736-2903 for more information. Must not be employed and must meet certain income guidelines. This is a United States Department of Labor sponsored program.

Sharing the Christmas Spirit

One Book One Putnam

One Book One Putnam officially kicks off on Thursday, January 9 at the Palatka Municipal Golf Course Clubhouse at 5:30 p.m. Copies of the book, Rocket Boys by Homer Hickam, Jr., are available for checkout at all locations of the Putnam County Library System. There are book discussions, movie screenings, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) workshops, contests, and special guest appearances planned. More info to come.

100,000 Light Show

Every night from now until Monday, January 1 from 6 to 9 p.m. enjoy the dazzling 100,000 Christmas Light Show. There will be no show when it’s raining. Take Hwy 17 N. from Palatka, turn right on West River Rd, drive about eight miles then turn left on W. Harbor Rd. and turn right on Tilletts Ln.

Lane and Road Closures

The following is a list of road and lane closures that may impact traffic through Friday, December 29.

State Road 19 – Nicole Drive

Nighttime southbound and northbound lane closures Monday through Thursday from 8 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. for work related to the State Road 19 resurfacing and shoulder improvement project. E.L.K. 17 – Suan Mote to Suitazma: Daytime southbound and northbound lane closures with flaggers, as needed. Monday through Friday from 8 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. from State Road 100 to Horse Landing Road for work related to the final stages of the U.S. 17 widening project.

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The Incomplete Yearbook
Daris Howard

Trying to fix the fan in the chemistry lab, Brent ended up wiring it backward and blowing the acidic gas back into the room, causing an immediate evacuation of the entire building. The yearbook class was forced to exit at the same time as the rest of the school.

The problem was one group that was affected by it almost as much as we were. Unknown to most of us, the door in the chemistry lab that always remained locked was an emergency exit from the darkroom that the yearbook class used. The techs understood the dangers and flowed heavily into that room, as well.

That's when the fumes from our experiments drove us from the building, the yearbook class was also forced to exit at the same time. Our teacher, Mr. Hatsker, pulled up a char on his way out, and soon the whole building was evacuated.

Getting out of class, even for a brief time, was cause for celebration. At least, it was until we saw Mrs. Kay. The next-yearbook advisor, marching doggedly in our direction, coughing and choking as she came toward us, her whole class right behind her. Mr. Hatsker by his shirt, and, even though she was shorter than he was, she freshly picked him of the ground. "What in blazes name do you think you are doing in that foul chemistry lab of yours?"

We were just doing an experiment," Mr. Hatsker replied through his own coughing.

"Experiment! What kind of experiment were you doing that would ever gassing everyone in the whole school?"

"Hey, it's not our fault," Mr. Hatsker replied. "The fan in the lab ran backward and blew the gas, there. It wasn't our fault for us either."

Kay wasn't feeling any mercy and still didn't let him go. She stood up on her tiptoes to bring herself nose to nose with him. "And how come you couldn't figure out that before you started the experiment and tried to kill everyone?"

Mr. Hatsker's own determination seemed to return, and he jerked her hands from his shirt. "Don't go pushing around on me. Didn't you get a whole lot of new equipment for your darkroom this year, while no one in the chemistry lab didn't get any funding at all? Maybe, if we had gotten some of the new things I ask for instead of you taking all of them, we wouldn't have had this problem this year by the whole chemistry class was standing behind Mr. Hatsker, and the whole yearbook class was standing behind Mrs. Kay. And we looked like two armies facing off at battle.

"You don't know what real troubles are," Mrs. Kay replied. "We had spent half of the year taking pictures for the yearbook, and we were in the dark room developing them when your play school chemistry experiment drove us out. Do you know what happens when those negatives are exposed to light before they are ready?"

Eyes on Mr. Hatsker could reply, "Brent did get a better picture than the one you guys usually take?"

I think Brent said it trying to be funny or to diffuse the situation, but, suddenly, Mrs. Kay and her whole class of yearbook advisors, us, like a had we wish or something, Grim's grin suddenly disappeared, and I think he realized, for the first time, that they outnumbered us three to one.

"You can just retake the pictures," Mr. Hatsker said, sounding somewhat apologetic. "That is easier said than done," Mrs. Kay returned. "Many of the yearbook teams and chiefs have finished even before you guys."

We eventually returned to the classroom and were happy to be away from the confrontation. The book-started the arduous task of retaking all of the pictures, and everyone did their best to cooperate. They worked hard, and the only thing we recalled. There was one picture they never could.

The chemistry club picture was conspicuously absent from the yearbook that year.

From Me to You
Juliette Laurie

National Science Fiction Day

National Science Fiction Day is celebrated annually on January 2 by millions of science-fiction fans across the globe. The date of January 2 was chosen for National Science Fiction Day as it corresponds with the birth date of famed science fiction writer Isaac Asimov.

American author and Boston University professor of biochemistry, Isaac Asimov, was born Isaac Yudovich Ozimov on January 2, 1920. He was best known for his works of science fiction and his popular science books. Isaac Asimov's, whose works are followed by many, died on April 6, 1992.

Considered a master of hard science fiction, Asimov, along with Robert A. Heinlein and Arthur C. Clarke, was considered one of the 'Big Three' science-fiction writers during his lifetime. The Foundation Series is regarded as Asimov's most outstanding piece. His other major series are the Galactic Empire Series and the Robot Series.

Some of the successful television shows that are recognized by science fiction fans include Star Trek, The Next Generation, the X-Files, Battlestar Galactica, Doctor Who and The Twilight Zone.

The National Science Fiction Day is recognized by the Hallmark Channel and the Science Fiction Channel.

Facts about Science Fiction:

- The word 'spaceship' dates back to 1880.
- The phrase 'science-fiction' is first found in print in 1851.
- The word 'robot' was invented by the Czech playwright in 1920.
- Jules Verne's 1863 book Paris in the Twentieth Century, set in 2190, is considered by many people to be the first science fiction novel.
- The phrase 'parallel universe' was first used in H. G. Wells' 1923 novel Men Like Gods.

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First Baptist Church of Pomona Park’s Garden of Prayer.

Top left: the little church in Pomona Park. Bottom left: Katie and Hulet Thornton. Right: her daughter Monica Sidner.

The ladies of the Crescent City Women’s club at their Christmas feast.

The Alvers with their children at their house in Douglasville, Georgia.

TheAlvers From left to right, Nancy, Phil, Kathy, and Carol at Rosemary’s Thanksgiving.
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Years Ago...

75 years ago

January 1, 1943 – Feeling Labor Shortages - The publishing business, like all others, was feeling the efforts of the labor shortage. Free women occupied editorial chairs of five Volusia county newspapers.

50 years ago

December 27, 1967 – Plans 101st Birthday - The oldest living resident in Crescent City celebrated her 101st birthday with family. Louisa Cowburn, who fought off a heart attack, cataracts and a broken leg during some years, celebrated her birthday with family.

25 years ago


10 years ago


5 years ago

January 2, 2013 – Fitness Center Has a New Home - The Putnam Family Health and Fitness Center, new Putnam Health and Fitness Center, was dedicated a new building in Pomona Park.

Our Town

Way Back When...

The following article appeared in the December, 1993 issue of the Courier Journal and tells of a retirement tribute for local music legend. (The article was written by the late Bette Van Trump, staff writer for the paper.)

Tim Robinson honored at retirement banquet.

After devoting 33 years of his life to music and children, Timothy Franklin Robinson, Jr. was honored at a retirement banquet, Saturday, November 20, at Crescent City Junior/Senior High School. More than 200 educators, dignitaries, friends, and former students thanked Robinson for the tremendous impact he had on their musical appreciation and education.

During the program, many said that Robinson gave himself so that youngsters learn to play and share his love of music. Robinson was graduated from Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach, Florida. His teaching career began in Marion County, and then he served as music director at Crescent City Junior/Senior High School in 1943 years. He also is currently principal and taught for 10 years at Miller Irving.

Mr. Robinson was the band director and taught for 10 years at Miller Irving.

When we decided to see the lights, we also do charity from door to door and feeling the need and ministering to all people and to their overseas and our military. The station is completely independent, through the year that matters and afar. They’re just more than a radio station, they give back to our community through many different events. From hosting cleanups to making this community clean and beautiful to back to school drives.

Mr. Robinson was the band director and taught for 10 years at Miller Irving.

Trove 957 Goes Christmas Caroling

Hi everyone! We had a great week this week and a lot of it had to do with Christmas caroling!

On Tuesday night, one of our girls and coming Cub Scouts was in a special Christmas program and the elementary students sang many songs for Christmas around the world. They did a great job.

It was actually fun to watch them. We learned about traditions in Germany and Mexico and the USA and several other counties. Did you know that gingerbread houses became as a tradition in Germany? The younger kids did a great job. You could see how excited they were. Lots of families and parents came too. I’m glad we supported them and families. I think the African song with the drum song was my favorite.

Last week I told you about decorating a family’s house with Christmas tree lights and how happy they were to see the lights. This week we decided to go caroling and see how everyone appreciated.

We went to several houses and they all seemed really glad to have us there. We sang songs like Jingle Bells. We Wish You a Merry Christmas and Silent Night. We had over a dozen scouts and leaders singing. There were so many of us that we had to take three vehicles to fit everyone in. I like those kinds of nights. We took turns getting rides in our scout leader’s Jeep because we can’t all fit in at the same time. If you see a bright green Jeep, you know it’s Mr. Robinson’s!

Anyway, after we finished caroling, we went back to the church and drank hot chocolate, ate donuts and then we went outside to play with the lighted floaties. It was a great night!

Our Trove 957 and Pack 957 meet at 6 p.m. at the LDS church on Wednesday nights. If you want some fun in your life, please join us at the LDS church.

Hope for your Community

Greetings fellow readers and here’s the news on a wonderful Christmas’ Exclusive.

In recent months I have been on the hunt for a new and about hope. You, hope, in our community:

Anthony Chapman Walker

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Burial service will be at 11 a.m. Monday, December 27, at Johnson-Overstreet Funeral Home in Palatka. In lieu of flowers, mementos may be given to a church of the family’s choice. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson-Overstreet Funeral Home in Palatka.

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Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast Recognizes Exceptional Employees

Janet Kowchuck, William Garrett, Peggy Slusarski and Julie Porter were honored as Employees of the Quarter by the Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast. Dedicated to patient care, they are a true inspiration to us all.

To help restore the state’s declining bobwhite quail populations, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is asking private landowners to report their bobwhite quail sightings. People are being recognized as they report the sighting of bobwhite quail on their land.

Every time someone reports a sighting to the FWC’s Landowner Assistance Program, they contribute to the ongoing restoration of bobwhite quail populations in Florida. The program will help us to restore bobwhite populations in the FWC’s new webpage. External Website helps to involve the public in protecting their land.

The FWC also relies on citizen science to report sightings of bobwhite quail. The FWC’s website where you can report sightings of bobwhite quail.

Recognized as Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast Employees of the Quarter for 2017 are (from left) Janet Kowchuck (first quarter), William Garrett (second quarter), Peggy Slusarski (third quarter) and Julie Porter (fourth quarter).

Home Team, “is known for going the extra mile daily. You can see her sincerely loves her job by the way she cares for her patients,” stated one colleague. Others recommended her for demonstrating good judgment and decision making, maintaining good relationships with patients and staff, and always being flexible to ensure patient needs. “She always welcomed their ideas and suggestions with open arms,” one colleague pointed out that Garrett’s actions are beyond professional and that he is friendly and considerate with all.

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Section B

Year in the Desert

BY G. A. LEKE

As the curtain fell on 2017, the main story was... well, the main story was the war in the desert. In fact, more than 600 thousand troops had been stationed in the desert for nearly ten years, to protect the safety of the world. The war was a real war, and the troops had to face many dangers. The desert was like a battlefield, and the troops had to use their courage and determination to win.

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Every night from now until Monday, January 1 I enjoy the Boswick 100,000 Christmas Light Show. There will be no show when it’s raining. Take Hwy 17 N. from Palatka, turn right on West River Rd., drive about eight miles then turn left on W. Harbor Rd., and turn right on Till-let-son Ave.
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

December 27, 2017

SUDOKU

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Address

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10. The first pilot's surname
11. 16,000-gallon batch aeration/disposal systems (OSTDS)
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13. A 1400 unit
14. H. P. Lovecraft
15. traded
16. Achieved
17. Tb, Fb, Td
18. Bismuth
19. 1997's first hit for the Weezer
20. Mail sharply indented
21. On the ocean
22. 836-0484
23. Doctor's client
24. Cap ornaments
25. Physical damage
26. Wild-air home
27. A 1967 hit for Carole King
28. Royal stuff
29. Printed newspaper
30. Moon Nature
31. Nigeria
32. Use the supplier again
33. Crossword lover
34. U.S. number
35. Leaning
36. Angry
37. Blessing
38. Part beginnings

Down
1. Small noses
2. Dork partner
3. Strong suit
4. Ears
5. Mortal artist Chuck
6. To sing
7. Original writer
8. Potable for drinking
9. Cash
10. Speed champion
11. Mice
12. Metal tones
13. Move quickly
14. Coffee
15. Beautiful fish
16. Curry sauce
17. Ergonomic
18. Pewter items
19. Must
20. Irregular verb
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26. A 1967 hit for the Beatles
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PARCEL NUMBER 01-12-26-2730

Certificate Number 1874

Dated this 15th day of November,
10th day of January, 2018, at 10:00 A.M.

Said certificate shall be redeemed according to law at the time and place above stated. The description of the property shall be as follows:

All of said property being in the County of Putnam, State of Florida.

The certificate number and year of issuance of the certificate are as follows:

Certificate Number 1874

Ear of Issuance 2010

Sixth Street, Palatka, Florida, on the Meeting Room, located at 107 North Sixth Street, Palatka, Florida.

Dated this 15th day of November, 2017

By:  /s/ Donna Wheeler
Deputy Clerk

(Seal)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the holder of the following certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance of the certificate are as follows:

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REAL ESTATE FOR RENT

APTS-1 55+ Rent - $570/month, 2 Br - $638/month & 3 Br - $765/month. All 3 BR includes Heat, water, trash, cable, basic, Unfurnished. Rental assistance available for those who qualify, Call Luciana 386-698-2513. 770-605-0055. (Sub-B) 343 Riverbend Dr. in Crescent City. Equal Housing Opportunity.

APTS-2 55+ Rent - $490/month & 2 BR - $570/month. All 2 BR includes Heat, water, trash, basic, Unfurnished. Rental assistance available for those who qualify, Call Luciana 386-698-2513. 770-605-0055. (Sub-B) 343 Riverbend Dr. in Crescent City. Equal Housing Opportunity.

<Real Estate for Rent Information>

NEW HOPE VILLAS APARTMENTS - FARM WORKER - $500/month. Rent Accord for those who qualify, accepted Section 8 accepted. Central Heating and Cooling, Cable included, Unfurnished. Call 386-698-4300 Equal Housing Opportunity.

Welcome Home to Sugar Mill Woods

Lakeview Grove

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Classifieds

Just a small ad, but a small part-time job, Call 386-326-0404.

WANTED: Sifted seasonings. For small part-time job, Call 386-326-0404.

Classifieds

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Classifieds
IF WE DON’T HAVE A CHAIR FOR YOU...
YOU DON’T WANT TO SIT!

ROCKER ROCKERS
starting at $199.95

RECLINERS
starting at $299.95

LEATHER RECLINERS
starting at $499.95

LIFT RECLINERS
starting at $699.95

BIG MAN’S RECLINERS
starting at $599.95

OVER 600 Rocker Recliners, Wall Huggers, Wingback Chairs, Club Chairs, Swivel Rockers, Power Recliners, Lift Chairs & More

60,000 SQ. FT. OF DEALS!

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McKinnon Home Furnishings
237 Hwy 17 N, Palatka (One block under roof) • (386) 328-8880
Monday-Saturday 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Furniture Outlet
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