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“All they did was walk and hold the other. Butch stepped up on it. He had only taken one step when he fell off.”

“Tell me you didn’t do it,” Butcher said.

“That’s because there’s no real motivation to stay on,” Butch said.

“Come on. The joy on the last night he stood high above the ground. He must have had motivation to stay on to get hurt.”

“Sure,” Butcher said. “If you fall off, you’ll only fall ten inches. Big deal.”

“So you tried to set it up high off the ground, the dad would kill me,” I said.

“Yeah,” Butcher replied. “Let’s just set it up on the manure pit. That would give Butch motivation to not fall off.”

“Butch agreed that it would be motivation, and I felt it wouldn’t be too dangerous. So Butcher walked his end around the manure pit. Butler and I set the board up, and Butch was just about ready to step on it when Butcher stopped him.

“Wait a minute,” Butcher said. “The guy will try to last night was carrying around on his shoulders. If you feel you can do as well, you can carry something.”

We looked around and couldn’t think of anything, and then Butch spotted the pigeons. They were each about two feet long.

“How about a pigeon?” Butch asked.

“Do you weigh near as much as a girl?” said Butcher.

“How about a pigeon?” Butch replied.

We all agreed that would be a feasible reason. So we caught two pigeons. They were squirming and squawking as Butch tucked one under each arm. He was now ready for the challenge.

With Butcher and me holding the ends of the board tight against the ground above the manure pit, Butch stepped out on his board. He wobbled, but regained his balance and took a step. He wobbled a bit more than the first time, but regained his balance. As he started to walk, the next step, one piggie started to squawk and wiggie harder. This upset the other one, and it did the same. Butch tried to take a step, but with the wiggling pigeons, he was wobbling so much he couldn’t make it.

Realizing he was in trouble, he must have decided he could run to the board. He took a quick step to his right, but his left leg took him to the deepest part of the pit. He was wobbling a little more on each step, and then he missed the board altogether. But he was looking so far forward trying to run that he didn’t drop straight down into the manure that would have come to about his waist. Instead, he fell squatting with one piggie still under him.

The squirming pigeons wiggled free and swam to the edge. Butch came up wobbling, Butcher called out. “Hey Butch, I bet you’re glad we put the board where we put the manure pit so you had a soft landing and weren’t hurt.”

I think I would have rather been hurt.

Putnam County Board of County Commissioners

July 24, 9 a.m. Regular Meeting
Meetings of the Board of County Commissioners are open to the public. The County Commission Chambers, 2031 Citra Ave., Suite 100, Palatka. 386-329-0545. www.putnamcountygov.com

Town Council Meeting, August 14, 6 p.m.
Town Hall, Fourth Ave. Meets 2nd Tues of the month.
Helping Hands of Welaka needs your help!

Dee Clark (standing), brother David Clark; Dee's sister-in-law, Lorie Smith; her father, Sam Smith; and Dee's son, Sam Smith Jr., catching crappie last week in a bay near Fruitland. The family was doing some fishing to raise money to help their local charity. "It's for helping the needs of the community," said Sam. "And it's a family thing."

Dee Clark, the volunteer coordinator for Helping Hands of Welaka, said the charity is always looking for donations of money or goods to help people in need. "We need everything from food to clothing, to school supplies," Dee said. "It's a continuous need." Dee said the charity has been in operation for about 10 years and serves the Welaka community and beyond. "We help anyone who needs help," Dee said. "We don't discriminate on the basis of race, religion, or socioeconomic status." Dee said the charity is run by a board of directors and volunteers, and that they rely on donations from the community to fund their operations.

Dee said that the charity has been especially busy in recent months, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. "We've seen an increase in the number of people who are unable to work or support their families," Dee said. "We're doing our best to help as many people as we can." Dee said that the charity is always looking for volunteers to help with various tasks, such as answering phones, sorting donations, and delivering food. "If you have a few hours to spare, we'd love to have you," Dee said. "We're a small organization, but we're doing our best to make a difference in the lives of those in need." Dee said that the charity is always looking for donations, and that anyone who can help is welcome to contact her at 386-764-2308.

Dee said that the charity is always looking for ways to raise money to help families in need. "We hold fundraisers, and we have a gofundme page," Dee said. "We also accept donations online and by mail." Dee said that the charity is looking for donations of money, food, clothing, school supplies, and other items.

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Years Ago...

75 years ago
July 16, 1943 - Half of Bus Drivers Taken in Armed Service in a Year - Despite the fact that the vocations is considered essential, over half of the bus drivers in the country were taken in the armed forces over the previous year. Our Florida has line advertised for woman drivers and others compa-

50 years ago
July 16, 1967 - 160,000 Gallons of Sewage Flows into Lake - An esti-
mated 100,000 gallons of raw sewage was pumped into Crescent Lake when an air lock developed in a sewage line between the lift stations and the city treatment plant.

25 years ago
July 14, 1993 - Green's Western Auto Opens - Brewer Green, who lived in Crescent City from 1987, had his grand opening for Western Auto in Crescent City. Western Auto is a sub-

10 years ago
July 16, 2006 - New Names for Two Town Parks - The two recently re-
furbished parks referred to as Water Plant Park and North Park got official names. Water Plant Park was named Margary Neal Nisemor Park and North Park became Harry Banks Community Park.

5 years ago
July 17, 2013 - Spill Cleaned Up - 3585 Environmental Services cleaned up a diesel spill by a T.G. Lee truck that overran in Natasasa a month prior and blocked traffic. The cleanup was completed in an afternoon and caused no traffic delays.

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

“Way Back When”... 

Stephen Arnold Service
Hi everyone. I wrote an article on our activities from troop and Pack 957. We are sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and so we dead-

church grounds. They brought in a whole bunch of bags of mulch and put it in the parking lot. Then we decided that we would put it around the flowerbeds all around the church. There are a lot of flowerbeds and shrub beds at the church but we

worked fast! We hauled bags and opened them and poured the mulch and spread it around and shrubs. I used a rake. But I noticed one of the leaders could really haul mulch and work fast. She had gloves on and was spread-

ing the mulch with her hands even faster than I could do it with a rake. I asked her if she wanted a rake but she said, “No thanks. I’ve done this for so many years that I work faster with my hands to spread the mulch and I get it right where I want it.” Of course! They have a landscape business so she re-

ally has done a lot of this kind of work! It was fun working to-

ger her. One of the scout leaders asked me if I felt good to help. Then I was asked, “why?”, I had to think a minute and then I said, “Yes, because I don’t want someone out there doing it all by him-

self.” If we all work together then we get more done and it cut down the total time. I hope you like the project and I replied that it made me feel good to help. Then I was asked, “what did you do?” I said, “Think a minute and ‘why’? I had to think a minute and then I said, “Yes, because I don’t want someone out there doing it all by him-

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Lakewood Pinning Ceremony Honors Veterans

The Fourth of July is a wonderful time to honor our veterans and in this spirit Community Hospice and Palliative Care visited Lakewood Nursing Center in Crescent City on Tuesday, July 3. A group of employees and volunteers from the hospice group gave pins and certificates to veterans residing in the center. Veterans Larry Rowe and Bill Miller from VFW Post 12177 presented the honored veterans with their pins and saluted each one.

Community Hospice and Palliative Care, based out of Jacksonville, began services in Putnam County last October when they received a Certificate of Need for Putnam because the area is underserved. If you would like more information about Community Hospice and Palliative Care you can visit their website at www.communityhospice.com or call 866-253-6681.

SJR State Expands Programs into Engineering

St. Johns River State College has received $1.38 million dollars as part of Governor Scott’s Florida Job Growth Grant program to add advanced manufacturing training to the College’s list of offerings. Designed to train students to be part of the next generation of engineering technicians, the new SJR State programs will include an Associate in Science program as well as college credit certificate programs in mechatronics and robotics as well as non-degree training for production technicians.

According to the Florida Chamber Foundation’s “By The Numbers,” manufacturing continues to be a leader in helping Florida diversify its economy and create new jobs. Florida’s manufacturing has grown 3.4 percent over the last year. And in the last four years, Florida’s manufacturing has continued to grow at a rate more than three times higher than the national average. With this in mind, SJR State President Joe Pickens is grateful for the role that SJR State plays in preparing students for new jobs in the advanced manufacturing sector.

“St. Johns River State College appreciates the funding received from the Governor’s Florida Job Growth Grant program and is honored to be one of the recipients,” said Pickens. “The grant will support the establishment of a new Engineering-Advanced Manufacturing program that was designed in partnership with our regional businesses to support workforce to support the productions and automation needed in today’s advanced manufacturing environments. This initiative demonstrates our strategic commitment to build sustainable, high-skilled/high-wage opportunities for the citizens of Northeast Florida, further realizing the role we play in supporting our local and national economy.”

The Associate in Science in Engineering Technology will prepare students for employment in advanced manufacturing as a process or production technician, industrial, machinery mechanics and operators, quality assurance technicians, program- mable logic control technicians, operators, and industrial engineering technicians.

The core classes of the engineering technology program will support the establishment of a new Engineering-Advanced Manufacturing program that was designed in partnership with our regional businesses to support workforce development, including new jobs, as well as non-degree boot camps in 2019. For more information, contact TechEd@sjrstate.edu.
Eleven Uses for a Common Household Item

Baking Soda?

G.A. Teske

Baking soda, also called sodium bicarbonate, is one of the least expensive and most versatile items you can have in your medicine cabinet.

What Exactly Is Baking Soda? It’s 100 percent se-
dium bicarbonate, which can be used as a natural cleaning agent or in your medicine cabinet.

Baking soda is white, powdery, and smells like salt. When mixed with water it forms a paste which can be used for cleaning and can be used as a toothpaste.

1. Natural Deodorant If you want to avoid over-the-counter deodorants and antiperspirants, try a baking soda deodorant: mix baking soda with water, then apply to clean, dry skin.

2. Fresh Breath Mix one cup of baking soda with water and then rinse with it. Another method is to make a paste of baking soda and water, and then brush your teeth with it.

3. Teeth Whitener Baking soda can also be used as a toothpaste. Add a tablespoon of baking soda to a small glass of water, and then brush with it. This mixture is an inexpensive way to whiten your teeth.

4. Hand Cleanser Add a small amount of baking soda to a sink of water and let the water sit for a few minutes. Then rinse your hands with it.

5. Heartburn, Indigestion Baking soda works by neutralizing stomach acid, helping to reduce heartburn, indigestion, and even ulcer pain. I have personal experience with this: I suffer from a mild form of heartburn, and have been scpoured by the relief it provides.

6. Hand Cleanser Baking soda and water make a wonderful spa-like bath for your hands. Mix baking soda with water and then rub your hands with it.

7. Splinter removal Add a tablespoon of baking soda to a small glass of water, and then brush with it. This mixture is an inexpensive way to remove splinters.

8. Sunburn Remedy Add 1 1/2 cups of baking soda to warm water, and then soak your feet in it. This mixture is an inexpensive way to ease the pain of a sunburn.

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Meet on Friday, July 27 for the Full Moon Joe Pad. The show begins at 7:30 p.m. at the southern end of Dunns Creek Bridge for a lovely paddle around Rot and Foley islands. Be sure to bring a life jacket and a flashlight.

LifeSouth Community Blood Centers is excited to announce their second annual Kids-School Supply Giveaway in Putnam County on Friday, August 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 6003 Crill Avenue in Palatka! The first 500 kids will receive a backpack filled with school supplies. In order to receive a backpack, children must be accompanied by a parent. St. Johns Salon will be handing out free haircuts and Azalea Health will be distributing oral care products. There will be food provided by Pizza Hut, Woody’s BBQ of Palatka, and Niko’s Pizza.

Thinking about using your Putnam property as a vacation rental? The ABCs of Putnam County Tourist Development Tax Collecting and Reporting. Get your questions answered by the Putnam County Tax Collector’s Development Tax Team at this informative session on Wednesday, August 8 from 9-10 a.m. at 3318 Cashiers Dr Palatka.

The Johnstown River Bartram Frolic will be held on September 28-30. The Johnstown River Bartram Frolic is organized by the Bartram Trail in Putnam County. The festival day will be Saturday, September 29. They invite nature-based tourists and youth to the riverfront to learn about and celebrate our National Recreation Trail. Education and recreation are the preeminent activities. For more information visit http://bartramputnamfl.com.

Join the Palatka Social Club every Tuesday for a dance with live music from 6-11 p.m at the Shrine Clubs located on 116 Yelvington Road in East Palatka. For more information call Jerry at 386-682-6696.

Conversations with Mayor Joe Svozil: Would you like to talk to the Mayor or ask a question about issues? Anything you would like to chat about, he will be at Town Hall (Council Room Door) the Saturday after the second Tuesday Council Meetings. This will be a monthly event and you can have a one-on-one with Mayor Svozil. Do not hesitate to bring any of your concerns to him for one-on-one!

The Georgetown Fire Department’s All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti is on the fourth Saturday of every month from 7-11. The cost is $5. Their All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti is on the fourth Saturday of every month from 4-7 p.m. The cost is also $5.

Live in the Larimer is every fourth Friday of the month at the historic Larimer Art Center located at 216 Reid Street in Palatka. Live in the Larimer features music groups and solo artists, followed by an open mike.

There is coffee and light refreshments for guests. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the shows begin at 7 p.m. Tickets are $7 at the door. For more information call 386-428-8988.

Members of the Palatka Art League show case their arts and crafts at a monthly art show and sale at the Historic Talmage House on the third Friday of every month. Refreshments are served. For more info, visit www.palatkaartleague.com.

Gem City Cottage located on 220 St. Johns Avenue in Palatka will be having multiple adult and children’s art classes during the summer. You must pre-register for classes. Call 386-530-2115 to find out about information on classes available and register for a class. Classes run from $20 to $40.
New Decals Support Florida’s Manatees, Sea Turtles

Florida’s waters and beaches are not only popular with people, but are also key habitats for manatees and sea turtles. More of these iconic species live here than in any other state. The decals for manatees and sea turtle decals that are available with a $5 donation. The waterproof decals are designed to look good on a vehicle’s bumper or the side of a boat. Get them when registering or re-registering a vehicle or boat at local tax collector’s offices across the state.

Florida provides critical habitats for manatees and sea turtles,” said Carol Knox, who leads the FWC’s Imperiled Species Management Section. “Public support is making a difference in helping us conserve these imperiled species. Please get these decals to show your support.

Over 6,000 manatees swim in the state’s coastal waters, rivers and freshwater springs, and about 20,000 sea turtles nest each year on Florida’s Atlantic and Gulf coast beaches. The decals help fund manatee and sea turtle conservation efforts. For example, when someone calls the FWC’s Wildlife Alert Hotline at 888-404-FWCC (3922) to report an injured, entangled or sick manatee or sea turtle, FWC staff works with partners to respond and rescue the animal.

The decals also spot light important conservation issues. The ‘I’m making a difference’ manatee decals shows several manatees, including a mother and calf. The back of the decal notes that the manatee is now classified as a threatened species, rather than an endangered species, under the federal Endangered Species Act. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced this change in early 2017, a signal that efforts to conserve the state’s marine mammals are succeeding.

“The Shadkin’s lights for a sea turtle friendly night” sea turtle decal shows an adult female loggerhead on the beach against a background of darkened buildings. The back of the decal reports nearly 90,000 loggerhead nests were counted during the 2017 sea turtle nesting season. It reminds people to manage beachfront lights to protect nesting sea turtles during nesting season, which continues through the end of October, and offers other tips on helping sea turtles.

Learn more about how to help conserve manatees and sea turtles at MyFWC.com/Manatee and MyFWC.com/SeaTurtle, where you can check on ‘Decals’ to order new or past decals. Go to BuyPlate.com for more information.

For more information about your closest Breakspot stop please go to http://www.summerfoodflorida.org, dial 211, or text FOODL to 877-777.
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