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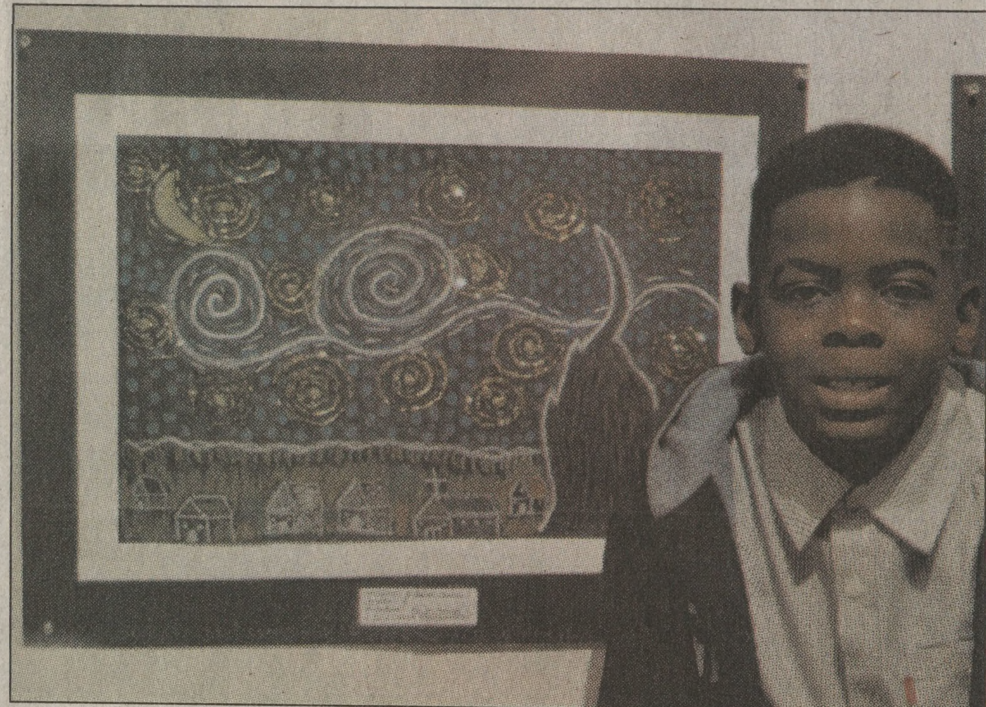
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Lauren Alden Studstill, first grade, Valwood School, points to her entry in the Spring Into Art Invitation Design contest during Youth Art Month.



Jaylen Deloach, fourth grade, Moulton Branch Elementary School, is pictured with his art teacher, Lee Brown, and his artwork that is on display for Youth Art Month.



Ar'Daveon Thomas, fourth grade, J.L. Lomax Elementary School, poses next to his artwork that is on display for Youth Art Month at the Turner Center for the Arts, 527 N. Patterson St.

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Alexandra Holt, senior, Valdosta High School, is the first-place winner of the Regional High School Art Competition during Youth Art Month at the Turner Center for the Arts.

ANNETTE HOWELL TURNER CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Youth Art Month

Meet the winning pictures and people

BY DEAN POLING

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Youth Art Month continues through Friday at the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts, 527 N. Patterson St.

Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; closed Sundays and Mondays. Admission: Free. More information: Call (229) 247-2787.



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The Best of Show winner of the 2015 Regional High School Art Competition during Youth Art Month is 'Girl with Koi Fish' by Sophie Anderson, junior, Thomas County High School.

See 6C, 8C, and 10C for more photos

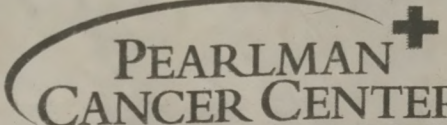


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Honorable mention winners of the Regional High School Art Competition

Pictured (from left to right): Michael Schmidt, Department of Art head, Valdosta State University; Amy Nelson, senior, Valdosta High School; Mary Talley, junior, Valdosta High School; Emily Rozier, junior, Valdosta High School; Amanda Lacefield, freshman, Hamilton County High School; Andrew Rogers, senior, Lowndes High School; and Amber Head, junior, Valdosta High School. Not pictured: Deon Baldwin, senior, Hamilton County High School; Reed Thomas, junior, Highland Christian Academy; Kimberly Vann, senior, Lowndes High School; Kassandra Garcia, senior, Suwannee High School; Mary Beth Johnson, senior, Taylor County High School; and Sophie Anderson, junior, Thomas County Central High School.

The Pearlman Cancer Center at South Georgia Medical Center is announcing effective April 6, 2015, Dr. Jennifer Dallas will be leaving the practice. The administration, staff and affiliated physicians at South Georgia Medical Center are thankful for her service and dedication to both her patients and the community.


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OUR POINT OF VIEW

Many ways to celebrate the weekend

Weekends seem to celebrate the diversity of our community.

Weekend events seem to reveal the interests, concerns and dedication of area residents.

This weekend emphasizes these possibilities.

KB Horse Camp hosts a Ride for Life Rodeo Saturday in Lowndes County to raise awareness of childhood cancer in the region and raise money for Hugs for Hope which is dedicated to helping South Georgia families cope with pediatric cancer.

T-Rex Planet brings the prehistoric Saturday and Sunday to the Lowndes County Civic Center on Highway 84. T-Rex Planet presents dinosaur and fossil exhibits for children and families, including the promise of a giant Mamenchisaurus and two Tyrannosaurus rex, dinosaur rides, etc.

House of Heroes returns this weekend to renovate, repair and clean the houses of South Georgia veterans. Area organizers say they already have enough volunteers for the Saturday efforts, but the public is invited to the ceremony 6:30 p.m. Monday, Lake Park United Methodist Church.

On Saturday, bowlers will gather for the 18th Annual Zaxby's Lee Anthony Crews Memorial No Tap Bowling Tournament & Auction at Jac's Lanes on Connell Road. The tournament honors Crews, a Valdosta police officer killed in the line of duty in 1984, and raises money for regional Valdosta State University students studying criminal justice.

And if the weekend doesn't have enough to keep folks busy, activities continue Monday evening with the gala opening of the annual Spring Into Art exhibit at the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts.

Plenty more happening, too. Pick your favorites, have fun, and enjoy another diverse weekend in Valdosta.

VSO participates in National Food Drive

VALDOSTA — The Valdosta Symphony Orchestra (VSO) is once again participating in the annual Orchestras Feeding America National Food Drive, sponsored by the League of American Orchestras.

“The food drive gives the VSO another opportunity to serve our community,” said Dr. Howard Hsu, VSO music director.

The Valdosta State University campus and surrounding communities are asked to support the VSO’s efforts by donating a non-perishable food item during the food drive, which ends Sunday, March 15. Donations may be dropped off at the Fine Arts Building, located at the intersection of Brookwood Drive and Oak Street, or at the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts, located at 527 N. Patterson St.

Donations will also be accepted during the VSO’s “Flicker: Symphonic Celebration of the Silent Age” concert at 8 p.m. on Friday, March 14, in Whitehead Auditorium.

The food collected will benefit Second Harvest of South Georgia, the second largest food bank in the state. It serves a 12,675-square-mile region made up of 30 counties and is in need of all nonperishable food items, particularly dry soup, rice, canned or powdered milk, macaroni and cheese, cereal, peanut butter, beans, canned fruits and vegetables, tuna, canned meats, stew, soup, pasta, and fruit juices.

Over the past six years,



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Valdosta Symphony Orchestra has joined the annual Orchestras Feeding America National Food Drive.

more than 425 orchestras from across the country have collected and donated nearly 450,000 pounds of food through the Orchestras Feeding America National Food Drive. The project started in 2009.

“The efforts of these orchestras have helped spread the word about how and why orchestras are so necessary to their communities, beyond providing amazing music,” according

to the League of American Orchestras.

Contact Dr. Howard Hsu at hphsu@valdosta.edu to learn more.

Note: The VSO cannot accept items in glass jars or bottles, items that are unlabeled, dented cans, home-made foods, expired products, monetary donations, any open or resealed packages, clothing, diapers, other nonfood items, or perishable foods.



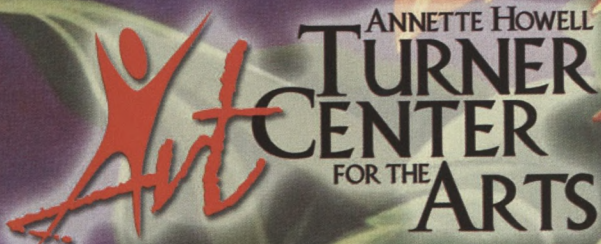
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Spring Into Art Winner

Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts Carolyn Griner, kindergartener at Valwood School, won the 2015 Spring Into Art Invitation Design Contest sponsored by the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts. Carolyn, the daughter of Brian and Pam Griner, is pictured above with her parents and Cheryl Oliver, executive director of the art center. Carolyn's art teacher, Meredith Nuckols, is not pictured. Tickets for the 28th Annual Spring Into Art Gala on April 13, are available. Call 247-2787 or visit turnercenter.org to purchase tickets.

The 28th Annual

Spring
Into
Art
exhibition



April 13 - June 10, 2015

Opening Night Gala: Monday, April 13

Artist Entry Form due March 18

Artist Entry Form and Gala Tickets are available at the Turner Center for the Arts
527 N. Patterson St. Valdosta / www.turnercenter.org / 229-247-ARTS(2787)

Sunflower by Earle McKey

A Tale of Two Wizards

Valdosta hosts traditional and funky versions of 'Oz'

by DEAN POLING

The Yellow Brick Road will stretch through South Georgia.

The question is will you follow the Yellow Brick Road? Or will you ease on down the road?

Why not do both?

tured great special effects moving from the black and white of the family farm to the dazzling colors of Oz, to the tornado that flings Dorothy and Toto into that other world to the hissing melting of the Wicked Witch of the West.

Players shows as well as plenty of newcomers. Gingerbread Players is the Guild's children's theatre program.

The Gingerbread Players of Theatre Guild Valdosta' "The Wizard of Oz" is scheduled to play 7:30 p.m., March 20-22, and March 27-29, The Dosta Playhouse, 122 N. Ashley St. Advanced tickets go on sale March 6. Reservations, more information: Call (229) 24-STAGE; or visit www.theatreguildvaldosta.com

Meanwhile, a week after the Guild show closes downtown, Valdosta State University Theatre returns to Oz via a funkier Yellow Brick Road.

In the 1970s, "The Wiz" presented the familiar tale of Oz with a black cast. As a movie, this cast included Diana Ross as Dorothy, Michael Jackson as the Scarecrow, and Richard Pryor as the Wiz.

Originally, a live Broadway show, with book by William F. Brown and music/lyrics by Charlie Smalls, "The Wiz" won seven 1975 Tony awards including best musical.

Songs include "Believe in Yourself," "Everybody Rejoice (Brand New Day)" and "Ease on Down the Road."

As VSU Theatre & Dance notes, this musical presents "a dazzling, lively mixture of rock, gospel, funk, and soul."

VSU Theatre & Dance's "The Wiz" plays 7:30 p.m., April 3-5; 3 p.m., April 6; 7:30 p.m., April 7-9, Sawyer Theatre, VSU Fine Arts Building, corner of Oak and Brookwood. Reservations, more information: Call (229) 333-5973; or visit www.valdosta.edu/comarts



In March, Gingerbread Players of Valdosta presents the traditional, live stage version of the musical "Wizard of Oz."

In April, Valdosta State University Theatre & Dance presents the musical "The Wiz."

For the Theatre Guild production, "The Wizard of Oz" is a return of one of its most popular shows of the past dozen years.

In the early 2000s, the Guild presented a "Wizard" that combined adult and children performers. It also fea-

As it was then, it is again this time.

Theatre Guild will present a "Wizard" that is essentially a live version of the classic movie based on L. Frank Baum's book.

The show features those great songs by Harold Arlen and E.Y. Harburg: "(Somewhere) Over the Rainbow," etc. The last Guild "Oz" production included a couple of songs that are not in the famed movie.

The Guild cast includes familiar Dosta Playhouse faces from past Main Stage productions and Gingerbread



Arts & Entertainment

MARCH 2015

• Youth Art Month exhibits

Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts, 527 N. Patterson St. Show opens with a free, public reception, March 1. Show runs through early April. Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; closed Sundays and Mondays (with exception of gallery opening reception dates). Admission: Free. More information: Call (229) 247-2787; or visit turnercenter.org

• Artist Karl Zerbe: Civil Right Expressionist Paintings, Brush Drawings and Collages, 1960-1963

Valdosta State University Fine Arts Gallery, VSU Fine Arts Building, corner of Oak and Brookwood. VSU Art hosts this exhibit. Free, public reception: 7-8:30 p.m., Feb. 16. Run dates: Feb. 16 through March 6. Gallery hours: 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays; 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Fridays. More information: Contact Julie Bowland; call 333-5835; or email jabowlan@valdosta.edu



• "The Wizard of Oz"

The Dosta Playhouse, 122 N. Ashley St. Gingerbread Players of Theatre Guild Valdosta presents this musical stage adaptation of the movie adaptation of L. Frank Baum's classic tale of Dorothy and her journey to the magical Oz.

Performance Dates: March 20-22, and 27-29. More information: Call (229) 24-STAGE; or visit www.theatreguildvaldosta.com



• "Hairspray Jr."

Valdosta High School Performing Arts Center, 3101 N. Forrest St. Little Actors Theatre presents this children's version of the well-known musical. Synopsis: "It's 1962, and spunky plus-size teen Tracy Turnblad has one big dream — to dance on the popular Corny Collins Show. When she finally gets her shot, she's transformed from social outcast to sudden star. In balancing her new-found power with her desire for justice, Tracy fights to dethrone the reigning Miss Teen Hairspray, Amber von Tussle, and integrate a TV network in the process. With the help of her outsized mom, Edna, and guest DJ Motormouth Maybelle, the rhythm of Tracy's new beat just might prove unstoppable." Run dates: March 7, 8. More information: Contact director Diane Tovar, (229) 292-4742; or visit www.littleactorstheatrevaldosta.com.

• Student Competition

Valdosta State University Fine Arts Gallery, VSU Fine Arts Building, corner of Oak and Brookwood. VSU Art presents this annual juried show for VSU students. Run dates: March 16-April 10. Free, public reception: 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, March 16. Gallery hours: 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays; 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Fridays. More information: Contact Julie Bowland; call 333-5835; or email jabowlan@valdosta.edu

• "Flicker - Symphonic Celebration of the Silent Age"

Whitehead Auditorium, Valdosta State University Fine Arts Building, corner of Oak and Brookwood. Valdosta Symphony Orchestra presents Mussorgsky's "Night on Bald Mountain," Saint-Saens' "Danse Macabre," Op. 40, Grieg's "Peer Gynt Suite No. 1," Op. 4, Sibelius' "Finlandia," Op. 26, Stravinsky's "Firebird Suite" (1919). Run date: 8 p.m., March 14. More information: Call VSU College of the Arts Outreach, (229) 333-2150; or visit www.valdostasympphony.org

• World Classic Rockers in concert

Wild Adventures, Old Clyattville Road. The park presents "the ultimate classic rock all-star band featuring performances by former members of Journey, Boston, Santana, Steppenwolf and Lynyrd Skynyrd." Run date: March 28. More information: Visit wildadventures.com





“I didn’t care about my ankle,” he said. “I was like, ‘This is my last match. I’m going to give it my all. If I break it, I break it.’”

And he fought through it like a champion.

“I didn’t want to go out there worrying about my ankle and not care about my match.”

Dennis said the greatest motivating factor for him during a match comes from his teammates and coaches.

“We all play a big part in motivating each other,” he said. “We all go out there on the mat with good confidence. We’re not afraid and just wrestle our match.”

All great athletes have something that separates them from the rest. Sometimes it’s all in the genes. Sometimes it’s just better preparation.

But what made Dennis better than the rest?

Dennis believes work ethic mixed with a strong desire is the answer to that question.

“I feel like the work I put in and the motivation from the coaches makes a difference,” he said. “I probably took everything in a different way than the other wrestlers. I probably wanted it more.”



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Wild About Art!

Turner Center For The Arts Hosts Youth Exhibits



Article by
Summer Yates

On Sunday, March 1, Lowndes County kicked off Youth Art Month with an annual art exhibition at Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts on 527 North Patterson St.

Every year around this time, the Turner Center invites all area schools to come together and display student artwork. This year, there were 35 elementary and middle schools (area schools k-8), and a separate gallery of 11 regional high

schools from North Florida and South Georgia. Each elementary and middle school art teacher was to choose 25 student works and each high school teacher chose 11 works—decisions that were not easily made for teachers with an infinite number of talented young artists.

Valdosta State University faculty visited the Center and chose Best in Show, (1st, 2nd, 3rd, and \$400 in cash awards), and honorable mention ribbons of the South Georgia and North Florida High School

Competition.

“The youth art exhibit has been hosted by the Turner Center since it opened 11 years ago, and they receive an estimated 800-1,000 guests each year,” says Curator Bill Shenton, who has been with the art center since 2009.

Hahira Elementary School Art Teacher Stephanie Summers and student teacher Alex Crowder attended the event and beamed with pride at their students’ work, a vibrant group of wild animal portraits and imaginative designs.

“Our AR theme is ‘Wild About Reading,’ so I incorporated that into my class, ‘Wild About Art,’” says Summers.

After learning about Monet, Picasso, Warhol, Matisse, and other artists, Summers and Crowder incorporated the art elements from these visionaries into the jungle-

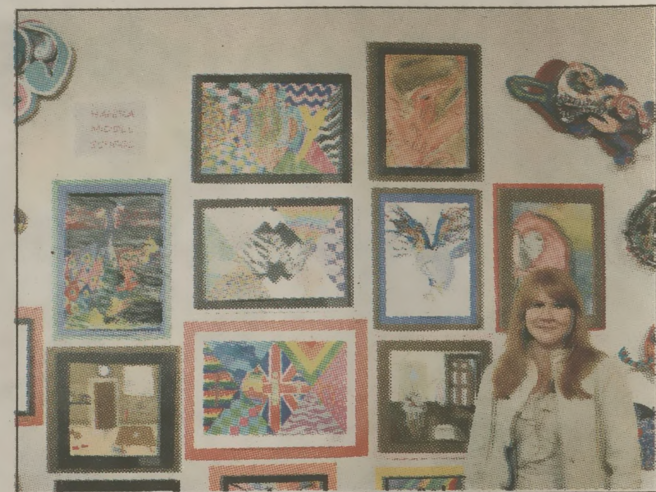
themed student works.

As her 29th year of teaching at HES, Summers is grateful that the arts are alive and well, and that Lowndes County so greatly supports them.

Teachers from many schools attended the event to support their young artists. There was a unique display of paper Mache animal heads, colorful self-portraits, and sculptures in Pine Grove Middle School’s exhibit.

“I like to incorporate things the students are interested in right now,” says PGM Art Educator Kelly Berry, who has been teaching at the school for 4 years.

“We did a ‘selfie’ project, in which the students explored ‘selfie’ vs. self-portrait and created a paper



collage underneath an outline of their faces.”

Hahira Middle School’s art teacher, Rebecca Luke, was very passionate about her students’ exhibit as well.

“It’s a great opportunity to showcase the students’ talents,” says Luke, who has been with HMS for 7 years.

These and many other art teachers view the annual

youth exhibit to be rewarding and a tremendous source of pride for them, as well as their aspiring art students.

The exhibition will be open and free to the public from March 1-27, and for more information, contact the Turner Center for the Arts at 229-247-2787, or visit their website www.turnercenter.org.



The Turner Center also has a Legacy Art Exhibit memorializing 17-year-old James Eunice. The exhibit features his youth art work, as well as tribute art work done by friends and family.

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Youth Art Month

New month, new exhibit opens today

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Arts previously.

Bill Shenton, gallery curator, said the show includes the James Eunice Legacy art exhibit. The show honors the young man who lost his life during a water accident a few years ago at an area lake.

"We will host a special exhibit of artwork pertaining to James Eunice in our Roberta George children's gallery," according to the arts center. "The exhibit will have many works that were created to honor his memory by friends in his school and people in our community. It will also have many works created by James during his upbringing."

Youth Art Month opens with a free, public opening reception, 2-4:30 p.m. today, Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts, 527 N. Patterson St. The exhibit remains open through March 27.





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Getting ready for Youth Art Month

Bill Shenton, curator for the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts, installs artwork in preparation for the upcoming Youth Art Month exhibit, which opens 2-4:30 p.m. Sunday. Youth Art Month combines exhibits. The Regional High School Art Exhibit showcases student work from South Georgia and North Florida high schools. The Elementary/Middle School Art Exhibit showcases artwork from students from kindergarten through eighth grade. Around 45 schools will be represented, in total. VSU faculty will select pieces for cash prizes. Shenton expects between 800-900 people to visit the opening Sunday.



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VCS seeks input on new school superintendent

VALDOSTA — Valdosta City Schools will host two town hall meetings to receive input from the community on the characteristics desired in a new superintendent of schools.

The first session will be Tuesday, March 10, at 7 p.m. in the Valdosta Middle School cafeteria. The

second session will be on Tuesday, March 24, at 7 p.m. in the Pinevale Elementary School gymnasium.

A representative from Georgia School Boards Association (GSBA) will be on hand to facilitate the town hall meetings.

Also, for use during the search process, a survey has been created

for the public and has been posted on the district's website at www.gocats.org. All students, parents, staff and community stakeholders are encouraged to take the survey.

The survey has been drafted, will be managed and the results will be analyzed by the staff of

GSBA and given to the members of the Valdosta Board of Education when working to determine qualities of a superintendent for the district. For more information about the town hall meeting contact the Valdosta City Schools director of public relations, Jennifer Steedley at (229) 671-6065.

Local meth cases

Delivery nets man decade in prison

BY DEAN POLING

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VALDOSTA — An illegal alien arrested in a 2014 drug case after exiting a bus in Lowndes County has been sentenced to nearly a dozen years in federal prison.

Jose Angel Renteria-Cortez, 25, a.k.a. "Sapo" and "Cucho," was sentenced to 140 months imprisonment this week for his October 2014 guilty plea to possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine, according to the U.S. Attorney Middle District of Georgia's office.

Senior U.S. District Judge Hugh Lawson handed down the sentence in the Valdosta

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Deputies arrest two in pair of incidents

BY DEAN POLING

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VALDOSTA — Two men were arrested on methamphetamine charges in unrelated cases Thursday, according to the Lowndes County Sheriff's Office.



Pappas

Chad Brent Pappas, 27, of Valdosta is charged with possession of methamphetamine with the intent to distribute and possession for tools for the commission of a crime stemming from one case, according to sheriff's reports.



Rollins

Chris Rollins, 30, of Valdosta is charged with possession of methamphetamine with the intent to distribute and possession of tools for the commission of a crime in the other incident, according to sheriff's reports.

"Methamphetamine, also called meth, is a

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Sunday, February 15, 2015



ANNETTE HOWELL TURNER CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Hootenanny!

The Hootenanny concert returns today with dinner at 6 p.m., and show at 7:30 p.m., Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts. More information: Visit turner-center.org

Saturday, February 14, 2015

A Round of Applause

Here's another round of applause for people making a difference in our community.

A Valdosta native has been honored as the 2014 Officer of the Year in an out-of-state community. The Searcy, Ark., Police Department awarded Valdosta native Terri Lee with the 2014 Officer of the Year award. Lee, an SPD detective, was recognized for her excellent work in the Criminal Investigations throughout 2014. Detective Lee started her law-enforcement career in February of 2012 with SPD. Lee graduated from Georgia Christian School in 2000. She is the daughter of Jim and Cathy Lee of Valdosta.

Valdosta State University Blazers baseball's Mitchell Cody won his first Gulf South Conference Pitcher of the Week award this week. The Valdosta State junior right-hander dominated the Paine Lions with 10 strikeouts in 6 2-3 innings and allowing just one hit. Retiring 20 hitters, half of those came via strikeout for the 6-foot-5, 220-pounder and Cody struck out at least one hitter in every inning except for the fifth.

Three Valdosta State University biology faculty members and seven students recently attended the 2015 International Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology conference in West Palm Beach, Fla. Dr. Joshua S. Reece, discussed how sea-level rise, climate change, and human infrastructure affect sea turtle nesting patterns. Dr. Theodore Uyeno spoke in a special symposium on the biomechanics of soft-bodied organisms. Dr. Corey Anderson presented a poster on the spatial distribution of Spanish moss.

A second career no-hitter led to Valdosta State University Blazers softball's Caitlyn Calhoun earning the first Gulf South Conference Pitcher of the Week honor this season. Calhoun, VSU's junior ace, was named the league's top pitcher. It happened after Calhoun opened the Flagler tournament with seven no-hit innings of the host Saints. Flagler's lone base runner came on an error in the first and Calhoun dominated the Saints, striking out 10.

The Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts for again hosting musicians Aubrey Atwater and Elwood Donnelly for the fourth Genuine American Hootenanny. Atwater and Donnelly previously played Valdosta in 2009, 2011 and 2013. The Rhode Island couple plays a little bit of everything folk using a bit of everything to do it. Several area folks sponsor the show. They are Wilby Coleman, Barbara & Brantley Jenkins, Judge & Mrs. "Mac" McLane, Cheryl & Jack Oliver, Tallulah & Jay Whitesell, Mala Vallotton, Jenny & Riley Howard, Covington's Catering, Jeani Synyard's tap class, Steel's Jewelry. The show plays Sunday evening.

Tying a Valdosta State University baseball school record, Bryant Hayman led a Blazer hit party this week at Billy Grant Field as VSU finished off a dominant weekend against Paine. Hayman ripped off six hits in the Blazers' 25-3 win against the Lions, which came on 24 VSU hits. For the weekend, Valdosta State outscored Paine 55-3.

WHERE WERE YOU SCENE?

Drawproject

photos by JASON STEWART

The Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts held an opening reception for its annual DrawProject exhibit on Jan. 12.

Every year, both local and national artists are invited to donate original artwork on paper. Each art piece is auctioned and the money raised from the exhibition goes toward a scholarship fund for Valdosta State University art students.





Arts&Entertainment

FEBRUARY 2015

• Drawproject

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• Artist Don Pettigrew: A Retrospective

Joseette's Gallery, Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts, 527 N. Patterson St. Show runs through February. Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; closed Sundays and Mondays (with exception of gallery opening reception dates). Admission: Free. More information: Call (229) 247-2787; or visit turnercenter.org.

• Artist Dominick Gheesling's photographs

Price-Campbell Foundation Gallery, Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts, 527 N. Patterson St. Show runs through February. Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; closed Sundays and Mondays (with exception of gallery opening reception dates). Admission: Free. More information: Call (229) 247-2787; or visit turnercenter.org.

• Valdosta State University art education students

Roberta George Gallery, Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts, 527 N. Patterson St. Show runs through February. Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; closed Sundays and Mondays (with exception of gallery opening reception dates). Admission: Free. More information: Call (229) 247-2787; or visit turnercenter.org.

• Youth Art Month exhibits

Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts, 527 N. Patterson St. Show opens with a free, public reception, March 1. Show runs through early April. Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; closed Sundays and Mondays (with exception of gallery opening reception dates). Admission: Free. More information: Call (229) 247-2787; or visit turnercenter.org.

• "Million Dollar Quartet"

Mathis City Auditorium, 2300 N. Ashley St. Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts Presenter Series hosts this show that centers on those yesteryears when Sun Records and its charismatic producer Sam Phillips discovered, recorded and introduced the world to the songs of Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins and others. Specifically, the show hinges on the occasion when these four artists performed together. Run date: Feb. 3. More information: Call (229) 247-2787; or visit turnercenter.org.

• "John Brown's Body"

The Dosta Playhouse, 122 N. Ashley St. Theatre Guild Valdosta's Golden Stagers presents this Stage Two production. Performance dates: Feb. 6-8. More information: Call (229) 24-STAGE; or visit www.theatreguildvaldosta.com

• Valdosta National 2015

Valdosta State University Fine Arts Gallery, VSU Fine Arts Building, corner of Oak and Brookwood. VSU Art hosts this annual nationwide juried show. Run dates: Jan. 20-Feb. 6. Gallery hours: The gallery is open Mondays through Fridays. Admission: Free. More information: Call (229) 333-5835; or visit www.valdosta.edu/art

• "Pinocchio"

Sawyer Theatre, Valdosta State University Fine Arts Building, corner of Oak and Brookwood. VSU Theatre & Dance hosts this stage adaptation based on the stories of Carlo Collodi. VSU Theatre & Dance's annual touring children's show. VSU synopsis: "Pinocchio, who first appeared in 1883, is a fictional character and the main protagonist of the children's novel, 'The Adventures of Pinocchio,' by the Italian writer Carlo Collodi. Carved by a woodcarver named Geppetto in a small Italian village, Pinocchio was created as a wooden puppet, but dreamed of becoming a real boy. Pinocchio is prone to telling lies and fabricating stories, but he is never able to fool others with his lies." Run dates: in addition to the school tour, two public shows will be performed Feb. 6-7. More information: Call (229) 333-5973; or visit www.valdosta.edu/comarts

• Artist Karl Zerbe: Civil Right Expressionist Paintings, Brush Drawings and Collages, 1960-1963

Valdosta State University Fine Arts Gallery, VSU Fine Arts Building, corner of Oak and Brookwood. VSU Art hosts this exhibit. Free, public reception: 7-8:30 p.m., Feb. 16. Run dates: Feb. 16 through March 6. Gallery hours: The gallery is open Mondays through Fridays. Admission: Free. More information: Call (229) 333-5835; or visit www.valdosta.edu/art

• "Summer and Smoke"

Lab Theatre, Valdosta State University Fine Arts Building, corner of Oak and Brookwood. VSU Theatre presents this play by Tennessee Williams. VSU synopsis: This play "tells the story of Alma, a minister's daughter, who cannot resist her attraction to the rakish and inspiring young doctor, John, who lives next door. Like moths to a flame, their relationship becomes an emotional battle of wills when her spiritual devotion is pitted against his sensuous need for physical desire. Stylistically, 'Summer and Smoke' is Williams' realistic compromise between the poetic expressionism of 'The Glass Menagerie' and the violent theatricality of 'A Streetcar Named Desire.' Although 'Summer and Smoke' is more conventionally realistic than the other two, it is also his most allegorical statement on the conflict between the soul and the body, between innocence and experience, and between eternity and life — themes taking various forms in all of Williams' plays." Run dates: Feb. 19-25. Note: Show contains adult themes. More information: Call (229) 333-5973; or visit www.valdosta.edu/comarts

• "Visions of Love"

Whitehead Auditorium, Valdosta State University Fine Arts Building, corner of Oak and Brookwood. Valdosta Symphony Orchestra presents this concert of Bernstein's "West Side Story Overture," Wagner's "Siegfried Idyll," Saint-Saens' "Baccalaureate" from "Samson and Delilah," Tchaikovsky's "Swan Lake Suite" Op. 20 (selections), Mascagni's "Intermezzo" from Cavalleria rusticana. Run date: Feb. 14. More information: Call VSU College of the Arts Outreach, (229) 333-2150; or visit www.valdostasymphony.org

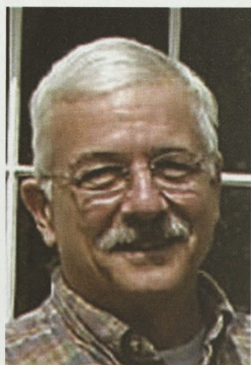
The Details of Don Pettigrew

Exhibit provides a glimpse into artist's work, life

by DEAN POLING

Flipping through the 2015 Colson Calendar, Don Pettigrew's absence is noticeable.

Pettigrew was a staple in the popular local art calendar for years. An employee of Colson Printing, the Valdosta painter's work was a standard for the calendar.



Until this year.

Don Pettigrew's work is not in the 2015 calendar.

In the earliest days of 2014, a year which included one of his paintings in the Colson Calendar, Pettigrew lost his battle with cancer.

He died Jan. 5, 2014. He was 65. A little more than a week prior to what would have been his 66th birthday on Jan. 15.

A year later, days past the first anniversary of his death, the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts opened a retrospective exhibit of Pettigrew's paintings. The exhibit continues through February. It provides a glimpse into the life and work of Don Pettigrew.

His style sought both the character and details of lives.

Whether those details were the water wetting the fur of a dog recovering a downed duck in a lake, or the furl and flap of an American flag in a patriotic breeze, or the angle of sunlight playing across the curled muscles of a pet at rest, Pettigrew found these tics in time, gathered them then expressed them in a collection of details that expressed real life while transcending into an ideal life.

He was no fan of abstract art. Pettigrew often felt abstraction and modern art served as an excuse for artists who cannot draw.

Yet, he innately understood the nature of all art.

Look at his paintings. Even the art crowd that does not care for illustrative work must admit there is a consistency in textures, col-

ors, brush strokes, composition, etc., in Pettigrew's canvases. Before the details, Pettigrew had already worked out all of the bold qualities of his art.

He painted outdoor scenes because he loved the outdoors.

For all of the long hours he spent in a room at his work station, Pettigrew found time to absorb inspiration from being outdoors.

He sailed. He fished. His obituary spoke to his love for being on the water as much as it mentioned his art.

He was a proud father of son Jay, a pilot. Don often joined his son on flights.

He worked with his hands beyond brushes. He was a car mechanic. He was a carpenter. He played guitar.



His mind was always agile, his hands often on the move. Yet, in thought, in observation mode, he could sit still for hours.

Don Pettigrew's retrospective exhibit shares some of the aspects of his life, but not all of them.

The paintings are only a detail of the life of Don Pettigrew.

>GALLERY

Don Pettigrew's retrospective exhibit of paintings is on display in Josette's Gallery, Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts, 527 N. Patterson St. The show runs through February.