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Presenter Series

2014 - 2015

VOCAL PEOPLE

Tuesday, October 28

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Thursday, November 20

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Sunday, August 17, 2014

Million Dollar Quartet

Presenter Series will come
to a rockin' halt

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BY DEAN POLING
THE VALDOSTA DAILY TIMES

VALDOSTA — Sun Records changed the course of music history for the second half of the 20th century and arguably changed the nature of not only American music but the nation itself.

So understanding the story of Sun Records may help us better understand certain facets of the country where we live today while listening to the music produced by this iconic rock & roll label is just good American fun.

The musical "Million Dollar Quartet" centers on those yesteryears when Sun 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.

The nationally touring production of "Million Dollar Quartet" is the third and final show of the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts 2014-15 Presenter Series. It will play Feb. 13, 2015, Mathis City Auditorium.

The Presenter Series show synopsis: "Million Dollar Quartet" is "the Tony Award-winning Broadway musical inspired by the electrifying true story of the famed recording session that brought together rock & roll icons Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins for the first and only time. On Dec. 4, 1956, these four young musicians were gathered together by Sam Phillips, the 'Father of Rock & Roll' at Sun Records in



PHOTO: JEREMY DANIEL

Cody Ray Slaughter strikes a pose as Elvis Presley in 'Million Dollar Quartet.' The musical about the heyday of Sun Records is scheduled to play Valdosta early next year.

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Memphis for what would be one of the greatest jam sessions of all time. 'Million Dollar Quartet' brings that legendary night to life with an irresistible tale of broken promises, secrets, betrayal and celebrations featuring timeless hit songs. This thrilling musical brings you inside the recording studio with four major talents who came together as a red-hot rock & roll band for one unforgettable night. ..."

Nancy Warren, a co-chairman of the arts center's Presenter Series committee, said this production should have the audience rocking and rolling with a strong roster of these superstars' classic hits from the era.

Like last season, the 2014-15 Presenter Series brings three instead of what had been a traditional four shows; however, three performances allow the arts center to host more prominent productions as Warren believes the rollout of this coming season's shows has revealed during the past week.

The arts center offers a discounted rate on Presenter Series season tickets now through Sept. 26, offering all three shows for \$100. After this date, season tickets will be \$129 for all three shows. Individual show tickets will be \$49 each rather than the previously reported \$45.

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PHOTO: JEREMY DANIEL

The cast of 'Million Dollar Quartet,' which is the third Presenter Series scheduled for February.

Presenter Series hosts Jekyll & Hyde

BY DEAN POLING
THE VALDOSTA DAILY TIMES

VALDOSTA — “The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde” is a story almost everyone knows.

Ever since author Robert Louis Stevenson penned this novel for publication in 1886, the Jekyll-Hyde dichotomy has caught the public’s fascination in numerous movies, additional books, cartoons and more. The idea that an outwardly mild-mannered soul keeps a savage locked in his heart has inspired the creation of the Incredible Hulk and “The Nutty Professor” to

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psychological studies to the easy reference of a person whose moods swing drastically as being a real Jekyll and Hyde.

In more recent years, this famed story and its dual character have inspired a musical.

Frank Wildhorn and Leslie Bricusse’s musical, “Jekyll & Hyde,” will be the second professional touring show featured in the 2014-15 Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts Presenter Series. It will play in late November.

The musical follows the essence of Stevenson’s classic horror tale: Brilliant scientist obsessed with discovery awakens an alter ego that considers Victorian London his violent playground.

In the musical, the storyline centers on “an evocative tale of two men — one a doctor, passionate and romantic — the other, a terrifying madman; and two women — one, beautiful and trusting — the other, beautiful and trusting only herself,” according to the Presenter Series show synopsis. “Both in love with the



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The nationally touring, professional production of ‘Jekyll & Hyde’ will be the second visiting performance in the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts Presenter Series 2014-15 season.

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same man and both unaware of his dark secret.” A modern Broadway musical, “Jekyll & Hyde” features a pop-rock soundtrack composed by the Grammy- and Tony-nominated Wildhorn and the Oscar- and Grammy-winning Bricusse.

Nancy Warren, a co-chairman of the arts center’s Presenter Series committee, said the name recognition for “Jekyll & Hyde” should help attract audiences while offering something new to the familiar storyline.

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Girls' Night Out

Members of the Center for the Arts Guild pose with the High Cotton model created by Becky Meadors. The Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts will host a Girls' Night Out, 7 p.m., Aug. 25, sponsored by CAG, once again featuring a fast-paced game called High Cotton. Tickets are available for \$20 by calling the Turner Center, (229) 247-2787, or online at turnercenter.org. Pictured from left to right: Susie Altman, Sarah Soshnik, Jennifer Carter and Jennifer Rutland.

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incredible talents breathing life into the greatest music on Earth.”

Voca People rose to notice then live shows through a series of popular YouTube recordings featuring the group providing full orchestral arrangements with only their voices coupled with their eye-catching stage presence.

Nancy Warren, a co-chairman of the arts center's Presenter Series committee, said this production represents the season's big family show with a performance that should appeal to audiences of all ages. Like last season, the 2014-15 Presenter Series brings three instead of what had been a traditional four shows; however, three performances allows the arts center to host more prominent productions as Warren believes the rollout of this coming season's shows will reveal this week.

Sunday, August 10, 2014



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Otherworldly entertainment

Announcing the Presenter Series' first show

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BY DEAN POLING
THE VALDOSTA DAILY TIMES

VALDOSTA — The Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts Presenter Series kicks off its 2014-15 season with a musical blast from another planet in a nationally touring show making Valdosta one of

its stops.

The Voca People has been described as “the Blue Man Group meets ‘Glee.’” Appearing hairless and in white makeup, the Voca People will arrive at Mathis City Auditorium this October under the concept they are visitors from another world who tap into Earth's music to communicate with us.

The show promises more than “70 a cappella and beat box versions of the songs you and your whole family love, including favorites from Madonna, Queen and even Mozart,” according to the theatrical company's press bio. “No instruments, no sound effects – just eight



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The internationally touring Voca People will be the first visiting performance of the 2014-15 Presenter Series. Additional shows will be announced during the coming week in *The Times*.

WHAT WE THINK

Rolling out the Presenter Series

Come Sunday, the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts will begin announcing the 2014-15 Presenter Series one show at a time through the next week.

The Times will announce the Oct. 28 Presenter Series show in this Sunday's editions, the Nov. 20 show in Wednesday's editions, and the Feb. 3, 2014 show in the following Sunday editions.

The arts center announced the Presenter Series in a similar fashion last year and found it a popular way to increase interest in the productions.

Also, like last year, because these shows are on a somewhat larger scale than visiting, professional tours of past seasons, the Presenter Series offers only three shows this season in contrast to the traditional four performances.

For many years, the arts center has scheduled the Presenter Series shows. These shows have become long-standing traditions with some families having kept the same seats year after year through their season tickets. Others discover a full season they would like to see each year. Some may love to see one or two shows while having no interest in the other productions.

We commend the arts



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Latin Frenzy Field Day

The Turner County 4-H Club visited the Turner Center for a Latin-inspired culinary class as part of its Latin Frenzy Field Day. Center volunteers Pat Cordova, originally from Chile, and Sharon Coleman taught the children how to prepare a Latin meal. The menu included roasted chicken quesadillas, gazpacho salad, banana/yogurt smoothie and Pan del Mono. After a luncheon featuring the dishes prepared in the center's kitchen, the students traveled to Motion Dance Studio for salsa dancing and to Smallcakes in Tifton to decorate cupcakes with Latin flavors.



The Sporting Art

Artwork by
Bucky Bowles



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Art by Bucky Bowles.

The Sporting Art

Arts center opens new exhibits this week

BY DEAN POLING
THE VALDOSTA DAILY TIMES

VALDOSTA — Artist Bucky Bowles captures moments from so many South Georgia lifetimes.

Woods. Dogs. Ducks on the fly. Deer grazing. Orange vests. Shotguns. The brightening of early morning skies and gray of mist-covered forest.

“The Sporting Art of Bucky Bowles” brings some of the best moments of hunting to the Sallie & Harmon Boyette Gallery of the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts. The exhibit opens with a free public reception Monday evening along with three additional new shows at the arts center.

• For additional photos, please see page 8E.

Bill Shenton, the arts center’s gallery director, says he believes area visitors will enjoy this show. The exhibit offers something different for the center but familiar to hundreds of regional hunters.

Numerous artists paint landscapes, but Bowles sets his sights on the outdoors of fall hunting.

Bowles is a painter but he knows his subject matter. “Bucky is a full-time artist who grew up camping, hunting and fishing in Southwest Georgia,” according to a short biography provided by the Turner Center. “As the son of a photographer and avid fisherman, he was exposed to the beauty of nature and the challenges of the sporting life as a young boy. He enjoyed the art of Bob Kuhn, Ogden Pleissner, A.L. Ripley and others that were in the sporting magazines of the time. Bucky’s paintings reflect his continuing love and appreciation for nature and outdoor life and his many hunting and fishing experiences.”

This show is expected to include the painting selected by the National Wild Turkey Federation for its 2014 national banquet art package.



Art by Bucky Bowles.

GALLERY

“The Sporting Art of Bucky Bowles” will be on exhibit in the Sallie & Harmon Boyette Gallery; along with artist Bruce Bobick’s watercolors, Price-Campbell Foundation Gallery; artist Marty Haythorn & Friends’ “The River of Life in the Azalea City,” Josette’s Gallery; South Georgia Regional Library Summer Art Program exhibit, Roberta George Gallery.

Where: Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts, 527 N. Patterson St.

Reception: Free, public reception, 5-7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 4.

Run dates: Aug. 4 through Sept. 17.

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 opening reception days.

Admission: Free.

More information: Call (229) 247-2787.





KRISTIN FINNEY | THE VALDOSTA DAILY TIMES

Working on a public art piece

The Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts, in conjunction with the Public Art Advisory Committee, hosted another open lab for their community art piece. The piece, titled 'River of Life in the Azalea City,' has been under way for two months, with residents from all over the county lending a hand to help. The public art piece will be a multi-medium work that shows the history of Valdosta from the beginning stages of Earth through the present. The piece is expected to be completed by the end of August, but there is no set date for dedication. There are no other public sessions planned, but another may be held before completion. For more information on the community art piece, contact the Turner Center at (229)347-2787. ABOVE: Scout McCambridge works on an awareness ribbon for the public art piece. BELOW: Dave Belcher, Jim McCambridge, Kristen Strengl and Marty Hawthorn place broken tiles and glass on the public art piece.



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BRANDON POWERS | THE VALDOSTA DAILY TIMES

Singing the song of Valdosta

Mini Mims sings "Valdosta Georgia" during the opening of the City of Valdosta People's Choice Photo Contest award ceremony at the Turner Center for the arts earlier this month.

Sunday, July 27, 2014

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The arts strike back

A sneak peek at some area arts organizations' 2014-15 seasons

BY DEAN POLING
THE VALDOSTA DAILY TIMES

VALDOSTA — Beethoven. Tennessee Williams. Non-stop art. Two versions of "The Wizard of Oz." The 2014-15 arts season is coming.

The Times recently polled and trolled a few area arts organizations for a peek into their coming seasons. This list is impressive but is by no means the full spectrum of shows, plays, exhibits and concerts opening in the coming months and into next year. In addition to these shows, there will be more children's productions and high school musicals. The Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts and The Times will announce the Presenter Series of visiting professional shows in August — though we do have the Presenter Series dates below. Peach State Summer Theatre concludes its 2014 season today, but is already looking toward the 2015 shows — these shows will be announced in the coming weeks and months.

Next week, the arts center opens a new series of exhibits and Theatre Guild Valdosta returns to the Dosta Playhouse stage.

So, consider this a cool taste of the arts to come, something to fill your calendars for the rest of this year and even into next year.

ANNETTE HOWELL TURNER CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Where: 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

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FILE PHOTO

In this file photo, Howard Hsu, center, Valdosta Symphony Orchestra conductor, poses with Dance Arts dancers Marissa Pennington, David Brandon, Emily Sands, Kaia Peterson, Caroline Dean, Grace Flemer, Hannah Trowell, Libby McCrary and Kamie Hartley. The VSO will again join Dance Arts' long-running tradition of presenting 'The Nutcracker' this holiday season.

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Sundays and Mondays. Most opening receptions, however, are 5-7 p.m. Mondays on designated dates.

Admission: Free.

More information:

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EXHIBITS

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- New series of exhibits opens Sept. 22, running through October.

- New series of exhibits opens Nov. 3, running through the end of the year.

- New series of exhibits, including the annual Drawproject auction for art scholarships, opens Jan. 12, running through February.

- Youth Art Month exhibits open March 1, running through early April.

- Spring Into Art 2015 opens April 13 and runs through early June. Admission charged for opening.

ANNETTE HOWELL TURNER CENTER FOR THE ARTS PRESENTER SERIES

Where: Shows play at Mathis City Auditorium, 2300 N. Ashley St.

Reservations, more information: Visit www.turnercenter.org; call (229) 247-2787; or visit the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts, 527 N. Patterson St.

NOTE: These shows are professional, touring productions. They are scheduled to be announced in August. There will be three shows this season.

SHOW DATES: Oct. 28, Nov. 20, Feb. 3.



"Sisters Apart But Not at Heart" by Megan Knebel.

People's Choice

Valdosta picks its favorite photos in contest

BY DEAN POLING
THE VALDOSTA DAILY TIMES

VALDOSTA — Photographs have the power to affect lives. They can change perceptions. Photographs can fill a mind with joy or break a heart.

The visual medium remains a stunning way to tell stories or deliver messages.

For the past several weeks, visitors to the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts had the opportunity to vote for the photos they found the most impressive during the City of Valdosta's 2014 People's Choice Photo Contest.

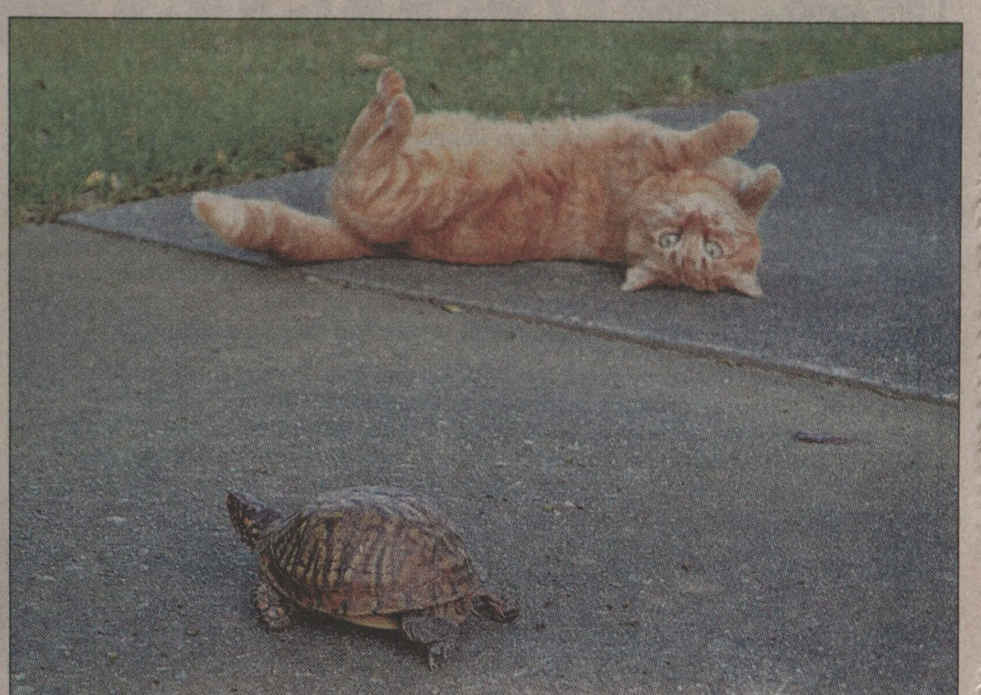
Winners were announced earlier this month during a ceremony at the arts center.

Though it may be too late to vote, it's not too late to see all of the photos entered in this stunning show.



"Yanma" by Michael Montisano.

WINNERS ANNOUNCED ON PAGE 10E





Chamber Right Start Committee

Chamber Right Start Committee members participate in **Moody's Right Start** briefings twice monthly at Moody Air Force Base. The Committee Chairman **Judy Martin Trexler** (Judy Martin Trexler, LCSW, LLC) and her team welcome 800 Airmen and their families each year.

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WHAT WE THINK

The art of plenty to do

In Sunday's paper, readers found an extensive list of shows, exhibits, concerts and more for the upcoming arts seasons in Valdosta-Lowndes County.

The 2014-15 arts season kicks off next week with new exhibits showing at the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts and later next week with Theatre Guild Valdosta's opening of the musical "Into the Woods." And it just keeps rolling non-stop from there.

The list included plays, musicals, revues, art exhibits, concerts, recitals and more.

If you've already looked at this list, it's hard to believe these are just some of the art events coming through the fall and into next summer. Some organizations are still preparing their seasons. Meanwhile, the list doesn't include city and county band pro-

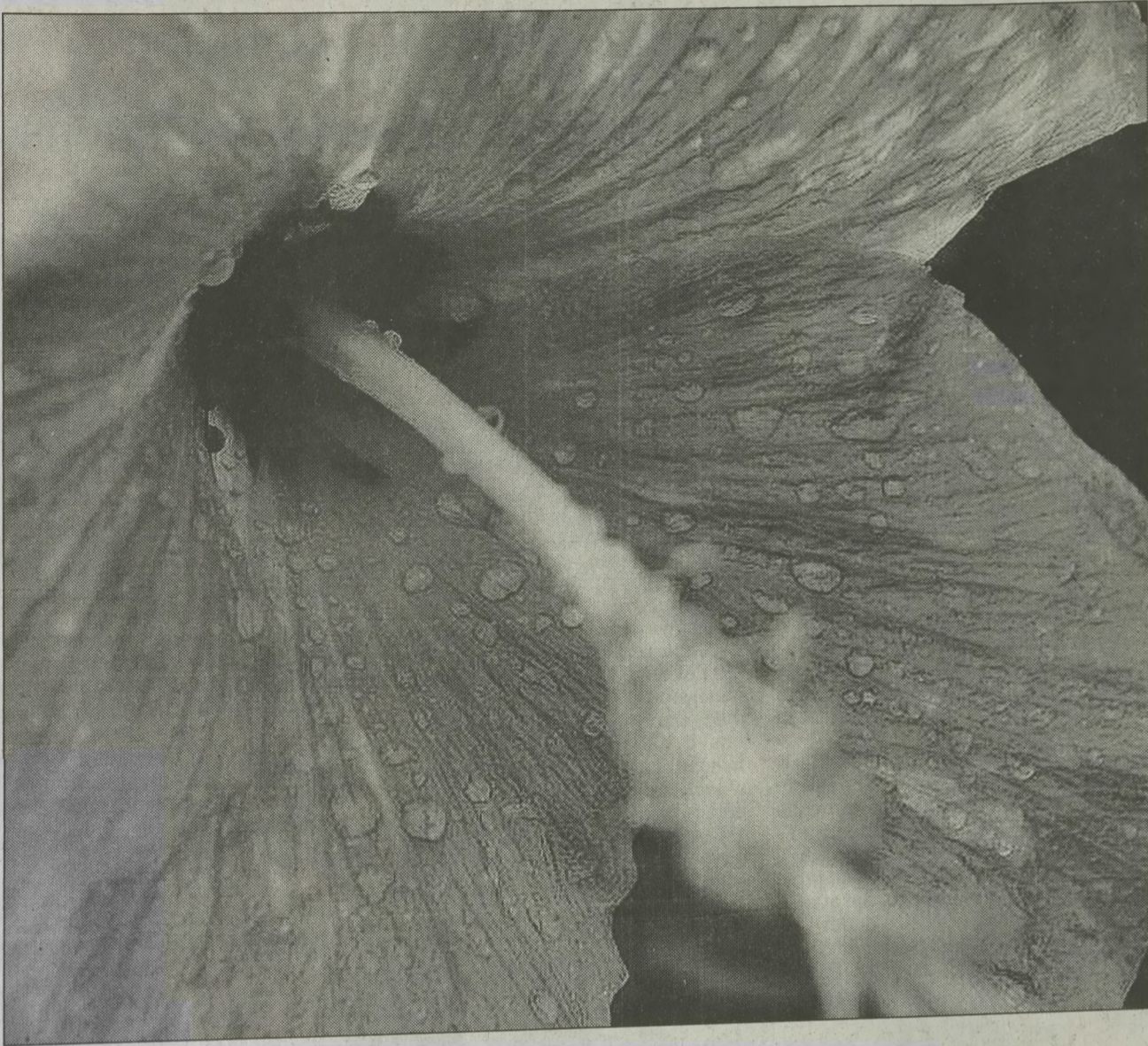
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grams, art exhibits in some other area galleries, and doesn't even begin to mention the numerous local and regional bands that will play in area clubs.

Looking at this list, it's hard to believe some folks still argue there's nothing to do in Valdosta-Lowndes County.

This list proves these nay-sayers wrong. There's more than enough to do. Some of these shows cost money while many others are free and open to the public.

If you haven't looked at the arts list yet, go back and give it a read. You may be surprised to discover more than one show, concert or exhibit you want to see in the weeks and months to come.



"Bellezza Beauty" by Sarah Current.



"Gorgeous Gorget" by Marvin Smith.

2014 Valdosta People's Choice Photo Contest

Best of Show

Megan Knebel
"Sisters Apart But Not at Heart"

Best of Show (Youth 14 and Under)

Michael Montisano
"Yanma"

First Place: People

Juanita Burkes
"Love is Still in Bloom"

Honorable Mention: People

Maite Moirano
"Out There Somewhere"

First Place: Places

Carolyn McMillan
"Never Forget"

Honorable Mention: Places

Noelani Mathews
"Hang on, Daddy"

First Place: Pets

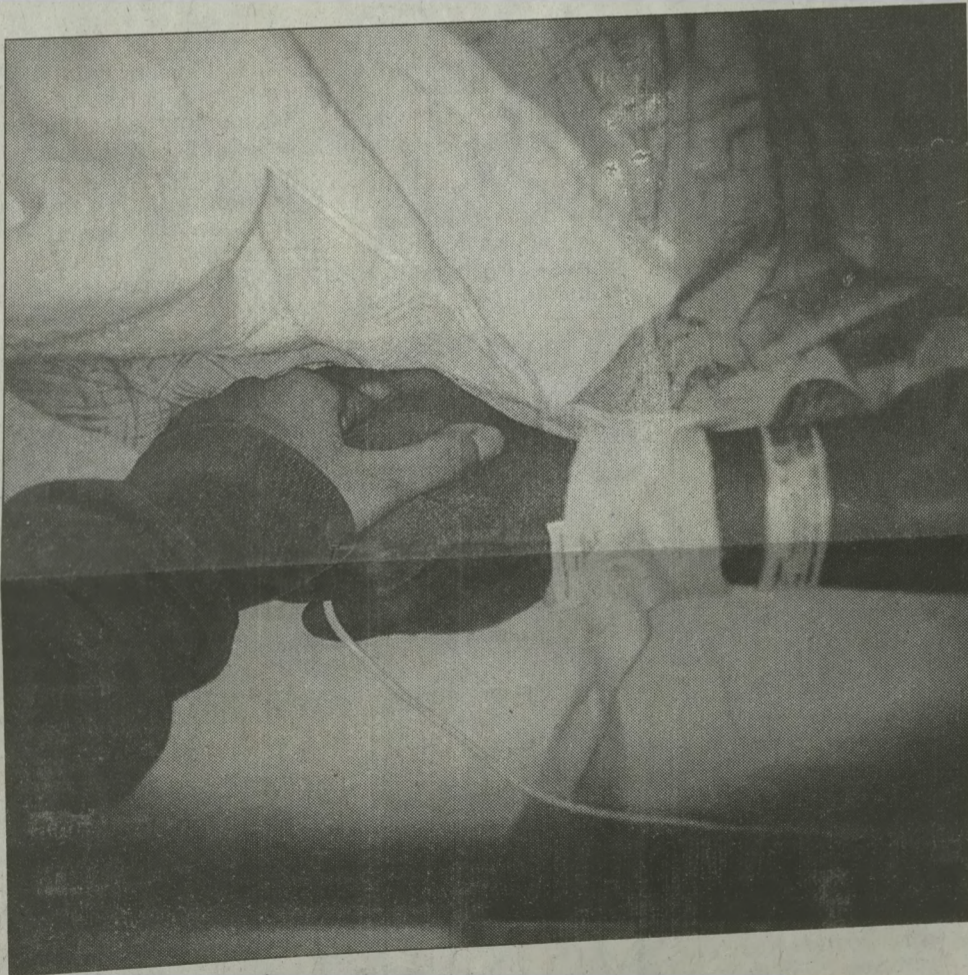
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"Can You Do This?"

Honorable Mention: Pets

Carolyn McMillan
"New Hire"

First Place: Nature
Marvin Smith
"Gorgeous Gorget"

Honorable Mention:



"Hang on, Daddy" by Noelani Mathews.

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Sarah Current
"Bellezza Beauty"

First Place: Sports Action

Becky Martin
"Go Vikings!"

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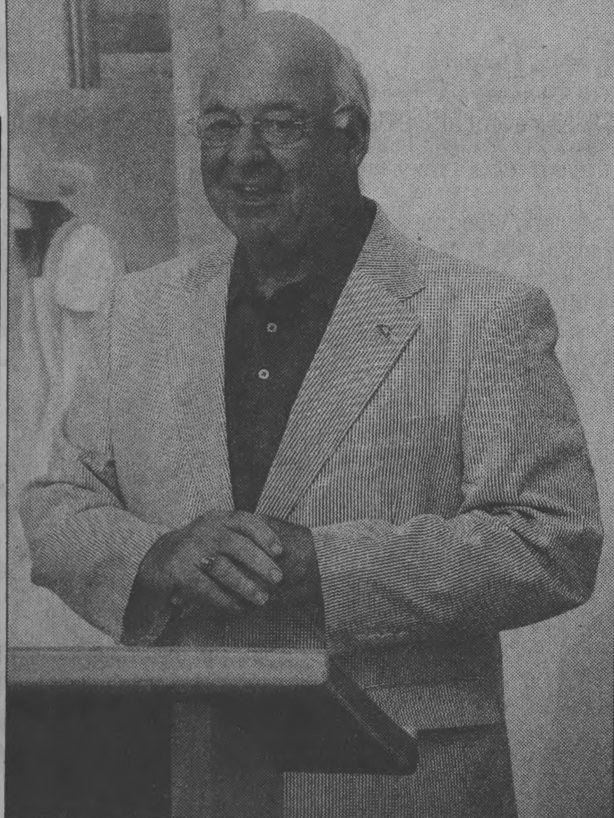
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"Catch It!"



"Never Forget" by Carolyn McMillan.

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Mayor John Gayle gives his thanks and appreciation Friday to the participants in the this year's city photo contest and to the Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts for hosting the event.

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people a chance to express the beauty around them through photography and to give them a great sense of pride in their community," Mathews said. "A lot of times you drive past things and you don't notice them and you don't appropriate them, but when you're forced to meet a category, and take a picture, you capture it."

The city's partnership with the Turner Art Center is significant because, "(It) gives people a chance to not only appreciate our art, but the opportunity to appreciate the center for arts," Mathews said. "People love coming to the Turner Art Center; it's really the best venue to showcase the beautiful photographs for a period of time."

The 2014 City of Valdosta People's Choice Photo Contest Winners and Honorable Mentions were:

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Bellezza Beauty

First Place:

Sports Action

Becky Martin
Go Vikings!

Honorable Mention:

Sports Action

Angela Marafino
Catch It!

First-time entrant wins People's Choice Photo Contest

BY MATTHEW WOODY
THE VALDOSTA DAILY TIMES

VALDOSTA – The Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts hosted the 2014 City of Valdosta People's Choice Photo Contest, the sixth of its kind, Friday evening. For Megan Knebel, best of show winner, this was her first time entering into a photo contest.

"I am kind of in shock. I just entered this, and this is my first time. Of course we play with pictures all of the time on our camera and our phones, but this was a shot in the dark," Knebel said. "We have four

children total. One passed away, and my daughter Jess, she's my third born, and as a family we usually go and visit her every Sunday, and let the kids visit her. I just so happened to catch this one day when we were out there, and she was kind of playing with her sissy, and I just thought it was the most darling picture ever, her just spending that time with her sister. Even though she's not here, they still remember her; they keep her in her thoughts."

"This is our sixth annual contest, and every year it is a great success. We don't measure success on

how many enter, we measure based on people rising up to the challenge of the changing categories because they change every year," said Sementha Mathews, Valdosta's public information officer.

The five categories this year were people, places, pets, nature and sports action.

This contest gives residents the opportunity to capture beautiful objects and moments around the city, ones that may be overlooked during their day-to-day routine.

"It was created to give

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Mayor John Gayle, far left, and Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts Executive Director Cheryl Oliver pose with the winners of the 2014 City of Valdosta People's Choice Photo Contest. Left to right: Best of Show winner Megan Knebel, first place in nature category winner Marvin Smith, first place in pets category winner Susan Davis and honorable mention sports action winner Angela Marafino.

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Performing a classic

Representative Dexter Sharper performs Marvin Gaye's R&B Classic 'How Sweet It Is' during the Turner Center for the Arts' American Soundtrack, Vol II.