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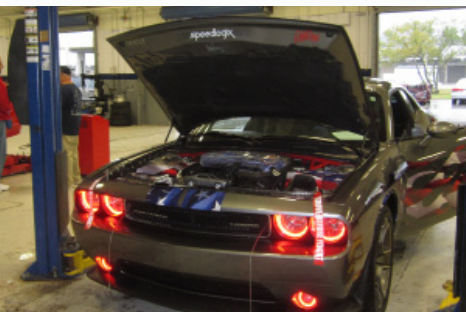
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## Peterson Students Earn Their Wings

By Katarina Sinor

Forty- four eagles earned their wings in the first-ever celebration on Tuesday, February 11th. The Earn Your Wings program was created to recognize students who are college/post-secondary ready and have obtained an industry certification.

Of those who earned both PSR and industry certification, 42 were seniors and two juniors were among the first to be recognized. A dessert reception, prepared and served by culinary students, followed the ceremony.

The students below are those who were recognized for their achievements: Sebastian Aristizabal, Leonda Attaway, Christine Baezaponte, Dakota Bailey, Aliyah Bland, Brooklin Bludsworth, Jorean Bradley, Russell Bryan, Tereesha Butler, Michael Cade, Kevin Chason, Wesley Crosby, Keion Davis.

Also, Breanna Devoe, Tyra Downs, Michael Ellison, Jasmine Faison, Bretania Forbes, Devin Gardner, Hailey Graham, Joey Grismore, Cedric Groomes, Cameron Larson, Michael Lynch, Robyn Maslog, Kaleokalani Mateo-Morales, Lavan McMickens, Andrew Medina, Kymber Myers, Jordan Newsome, Lucas Pagan, Calvin Patter, Ethan Phillips, Jenna Pike, Chelsea Pipkin, Joshua G. Santamaria, Devonny Scott, Brittany Scarbrough, Ashley Shaw, Katarina Sinor, Lillian Smyth, Jada Solomon, Jose Vicenty, Jeremy White, and Anthony Williams.

## Peterson “A” School for the Third Year

By Tyra Downs

Frank H. Peterson has received the status of being an “A” school for the third time in a row. Only eight high schools in the district have earned the “A” status for last year. It is a huge achievement to earn this status and it shows the perseverance of our students, teachers, and facility.

To earn an A grade there are many factors that go into it, you have to have good scores, a high graduation rate and post-secondary rate. When asked about how she felt about earning an A for the third consecutive year, Mrs. Barnes answered, “It’s all about student pride, if they are proud

See “‘A’ school” on page 7



Students await the lighting of the candles. (L-R) - Lucas Pagan, Trey Patterson, Chelsea Pipkin, Josh Santamaria, Devonny Scott, Brittany Scarborough and Ashley Shaw.



Left -Right - Devin Gardner, Tereesha Butler, Russell Bryan, Jorean Bradley, Brooklin Bludsworth, Aliyah Bland, and Dakota Bailey.

## Peterson Showcase Proves Successful

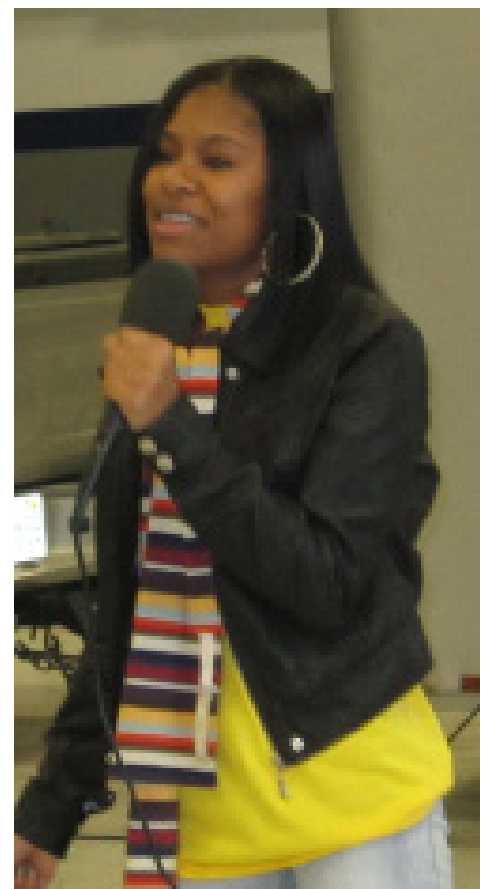
By Katarina Sinor

On Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, Peterson held its first showcase with over 2,000 people attending for tours, the Gateway Car Show, and other activities within the academies. Because of the rain the car show was held in the Automotive Bays.

This proved to be a successful plan on a rainy day. Jatarra Presley opened with the National Anthem, while Peterson’s first-ever color guard presenting the American Flag.

Peterson also held its second media day on campus in Mr. Tullington’s classroom, which was established as an event to help students become aware of their opportunities in the field of media. It was a great success and many say they enjoyed it and had a good time.

Tyra Downs, a senior, states that it was very good. Mrs. Cowart and Mr. Techentien participated in the poetry slam as judges and Mrs. Cowart says, “All the candidates were talented, they performed well and it was very hard to choose a winner.”



Jatarra Pressley signs “National Anthem” at Showcase.

Each of the academies had an activity put together to showcase their focus for potential students.

Agriscience had their animals out and hosted a petting zoo, aviation

See “Showcase” on page 7



Senior Update

By Angelina Alejo

Attention Seniors!

Your long awaited class trip to Grad Bash at Universal Studios is scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup>. In order to attend Grad Bash, you must not have more than six absences in each class, although students who are post-secondary ready (PSR) are allowed three extra absences. Seniors must also be PSR or have attempted to become PSR by taking the ACT, SAT, or PERT at least three times.

The senior class trip is scheduled for Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, at Walt Disney

Scholarships

Students take advantage of free money for college. Check out these scholarship opportunities:

• Run the World Scholarship

<http://www.zinch.com/scholarships>

**Deadline:** June 11, 2014

**Amount Awarded:** \$500

• Teens Drive Smart Video Contest

<http://www.teensdrivesmart.com/Video-contest/>

**Deadline:** June 20, 2014

**Amount Awarded:** \$25,000

2014 School Calendar

March

- 12 – Early Release
- 13 – Health & Cultural Fair
- 14 – Field & Fitness Day
- 17-21 – Spring Break
- 26 – Early Release
- 29 – Prom

April

- 1 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Ends
- 3 – NHS Blood Drive  
Peterson’s Got Talent Show
- 4 – Teacher Planning
- 9 – Early Release
- 12 – ACT
- 16 – Early Release
- 17 – Peterson Fun Night @  
(Adventure Landing)
- 18 – Good Friday (No School)

May

- 22 – Senior Breakfast/Ice Skating
- 23 – Senior Bowling @ Latitude
- 26- Memorial Day (No school)
- 27 – Senior Trip
- 29 – Senior Luau
- 30 – Senior Awards Dinner @ Dave & Buster’s

June

- 6- Last Day of School
- 6- Graduation @ UNF (4 p.m.)

World in Orlando. This trip will include two parks. (More information to come at a later date)

Remember, graduation for the class of 2014 will be Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m., and held at University of North Florida. All school debts must be cleared before picking up graduation attire. Cap and gown distribution will be Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup>.

Graduation tickets are free and required for every person, regardless of age or whether or not they occupy a seat. Every senior will receive ten graduation tickets, and post-secondary ready seniors will receive three additional tickets. Any additional ticket requests must be made in advance with Mrs. Boos and approved by Mrs. Barnes.

Spender or saver?

By Breonia Evans

Every day there is a new trend that just entered the market. The advertisements these companies make mainly target teenagers because they know that they are more vulnerable to buy the item, but are we really spenders? My quest was to survey students around Frank H. Peterson to get an insight on this poll.

I surveyed thirty students and eighteen of them were savers and twelve of them were spenders. Most of them said a little bit of both depending on what they want. Here are some of the comments that students said about this poll. Zach Montemayor commented “It’s easier to spend than to save” and Somalia Shuman also commented “I save until I get enough money to spend.”

In this poll more teens were actually savers than spenders. The majority of them said they save for the goods they want to buy. As for the spenders as they say, the money burns a hole in their pockets therefore, they spend it.

According to foxonstocks.com, in April 2013 Piper Jaffray conducted a research on the spending habits of 5,000 teens in 37 states and the age range was 16. Of those, 34% of teens spent their money on fashion, 91% of teens said that they would purchase a smartphone for their next device. Apparel, electronics, footwear, and accessories are the thing teens mostly spend their money on. In 2012 only 40% of teens in America were saving their money. The projected amount of money that teens will spend is \$200 billion- \$300 billion in the U.S alone.

Peterson Fun Night

By Hannah Widgeon

Journalism is hosting another Adventure Landing fundraiser. The tickets are only \$15; this includes unlimited laser tag, miniature gold, go-kart and 100 tokens for three hours of fun.

Mark your calendar for Thursday April 17 from 6-9 p.m. at 4825 Blanding Blvd. Tickets will be on sale soon if you would like to purchase a ticket please see Mrs.Yazdiya class room in room F-110.

Peterson’s First Ever Color Guard Opens Car Show



Color guard members present the American flag for the singing of “The National Anthem”

Frank H. Peterson’s Color Guard was born during the sophomore assembly at the start of the school year. As Principal Barnes was receiving questions pertaining to activities and clubs, a student asked “Can we have a color guard?” Ms. Barnes responded, “Yes, see Mr. Banks after the assembly.”

She may’ve said so because Mr. Banks served four years in the U.S. Army, and could assist with getting a Color Guard started at Frank H. Peterson. One goal is to have our own Color Guard to open our events, rather than borrowing other school’s Color Guard’s opening.

After inventory was taken, it was noticed that Frank H. Peterson had quite a few things they needed to create the Color Guard, such as uniforms. A few items we needed were donated by military recruiters assigned to FHP. Other items had to be acquired through fund raising.

Students, including the color guard, opened the car show Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> while Jatarra Presley sang the National Anthem. “This was the Color

Guard’s first performance in full uniform. The color guard members were excited about finally performing in uniform for the car show as well as the Earn Your Wings ceremony.”

The color guard consists of five members: Marvin Monterolo, Alicia Willis, Louis Barreos, Trista Razonb and Joanna Buinguyen.

Attention Class of 2014

The next edition of *The Talon* will be the last and will be the senior edition. We will be showcasing our amazing eaglets for the second year in a row. In otherwords, we will dedicate an entire page to your baby pictures!

If you would like to featured please give Mrs.Yazidia in room f 110 your baby picture or email them to her at [yazdian@duvalcountyschools.org](mailto:yazdian@duvalcountyschools.org)

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# The Jolly Eagle

## Peterson Gives Back

by Tavian Teage

Have you said to yourself, “How can I make a difference in my community?” If you have, think about collecting tabs from soda cans to donate to the Ronald McDonald House. The Ronald McDonald House is an organization that raises money for children’s hospitals.

Collecting tabs can be a fun and easy project. You can drop off tabs to the House any day between 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. If you can’t take your tabs to the Ronald McDonald House, you can give them to Mrs. Turpin in room F203 or Mrs. Yazdiya in room F110, who will send all the tabs to the house at the end of the year. So, next time you open a soda, go ahead, take off the tab and help someone.

Here at Frank H. Peterson both students and teachers have always had a heart to give back to the communities who have given to us. For example: Communities in Schools (CIS) has always worked on community service projects such as; the Mister Rogers sweater drive, Can-U-Care food drive, the Red Kettle Campaign, and other activities of the sort. The Do Unto Others club is also getting involved through recycling. Also, they compiled an activity packet for the pre-school kids in Early Childhood Educa-

tion (ECE).

In addition, Aviation had a clothing drive for the victims of the typhoon in Philippines. Not to mention, CIS is collecting and reading books to the students at Gregory Drive Elementary and Jacksonville Heights Elementary.

Also, the National Honors Society (NHS) also organizes all the blood drives here at Frank H. Peterson. Students here help save lives simply by giving a pint of blood. So, if you want to give back to the community there is a variety a ways to do so.

### Faculty Flashback Answers from p. 4

Left to right:  
Row One: Mrs. Buchanan, Mr. Nye, Mr. Runger, Mrs. Lynn,  
Row Two: Mrs. Boddie, Mrs. Ward, Mr. Parramore, Mrs. Stitz,  
Row Three: Mrs. Crews, Ms. Fehr, Mrs. Santos, Mrs. Boos  
Row Four: Ms. Dougherty, Mrs. Lumbrazo, Ms. Cowart, Mr. Henderlite

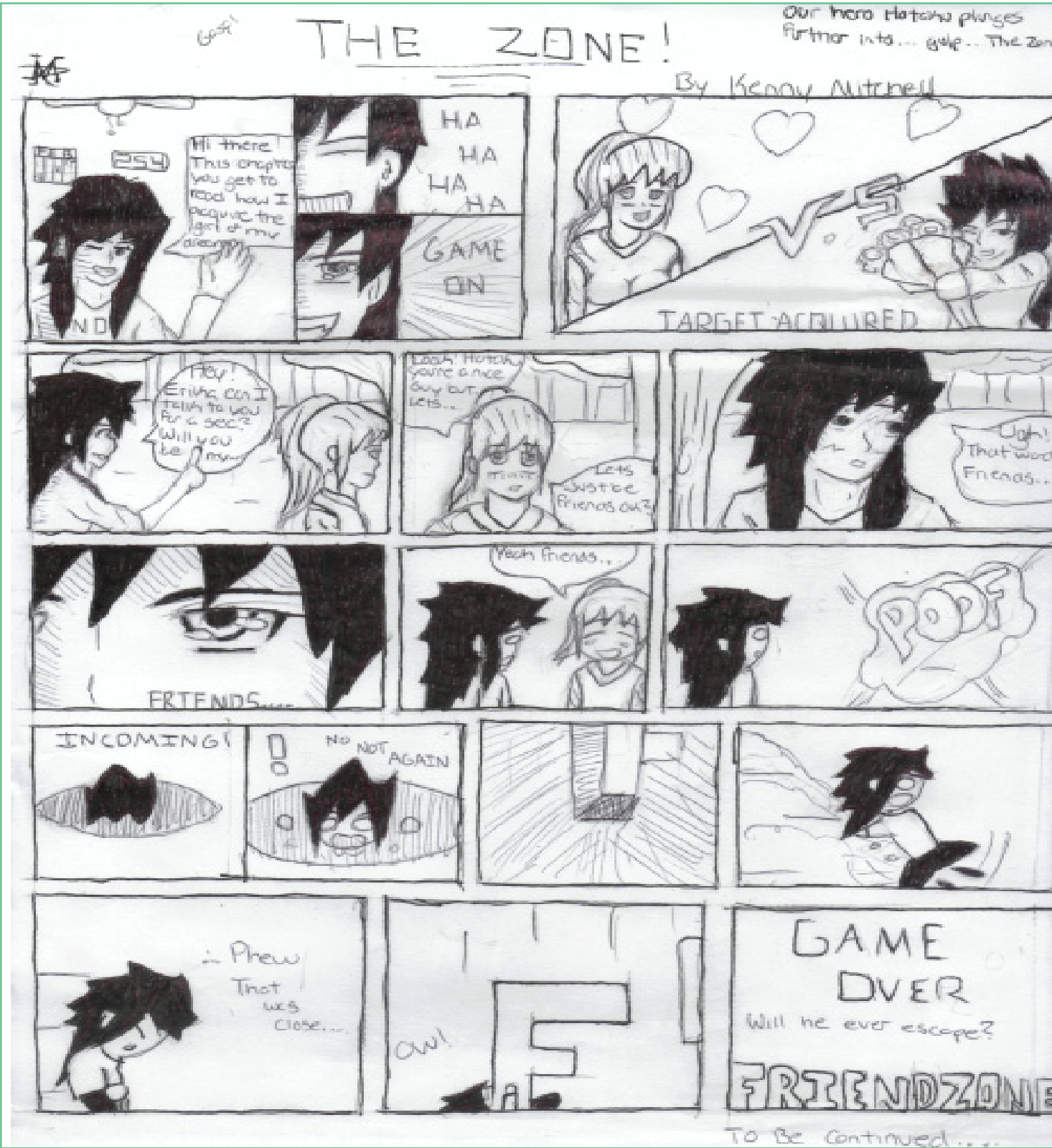


Senior Michael Clark at AMA

## Michael Clark’s Experience at AMA

by Jasmyne Namfang

Michael Clark, a senior at Peterson attended the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) flight school last June. There, he got the chance to learn to fly with the top names in R/C competition. When Michael was flying, he said, “I was able to express myself and enjoy what I do.” Michael knew he wanted to become a pilot, ever since his father put him in his plane, he flew everywhere. I asked if he would he recommend going to the AMA. He said, “Definitely, if you have little experience or no experience, you will when you leave.” Also, “how did you feel when the AMA wanted you to fly with them?” He answered “I felt honored to be asked to go fly them.” Besides learning to fly, how was the experience at AMA? “Besides eating Applebee’s and Papa Johns, amazing. I even got to meet kids from all over.”



### Showcase from page 1

demonstrated with the RC models, automotive hosted the Gateway Conference car show, early childhood education had arts and crafts, communications hosted the second annual media day, while cosmetology was providing haircuts, pedicures, and manicures, and of course, culinary had the restaurant open for breakfast and lunch.

### “A” school from page 1

of their school, they will perform better. You can see that their whole attitudes toward school changes when they attend a school they are proud of.”

Seniors who have been here since their freshman year have seen the transition of attending a lower graded school to the A school we are today. Jenna Pike said, “That it’s awesome that we were able to go from a D school to an A school and have been able to maintain it over the last few years.”

### Silly Jokes

Why wouldn't the shrimp share his treasure?

Because he was a little shellfish!

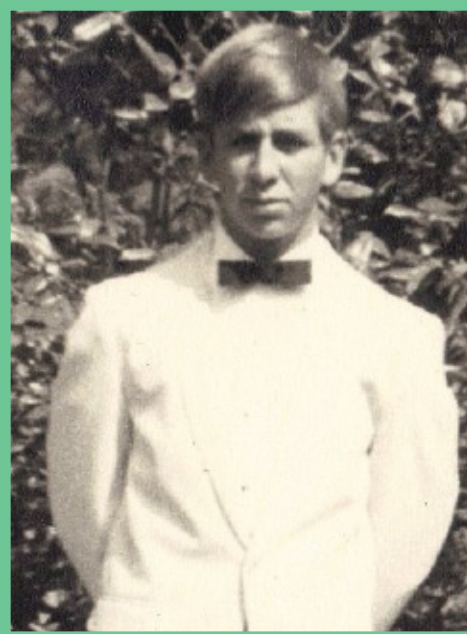
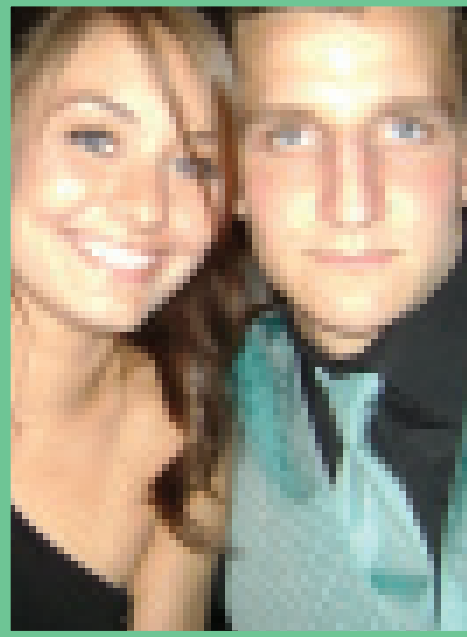
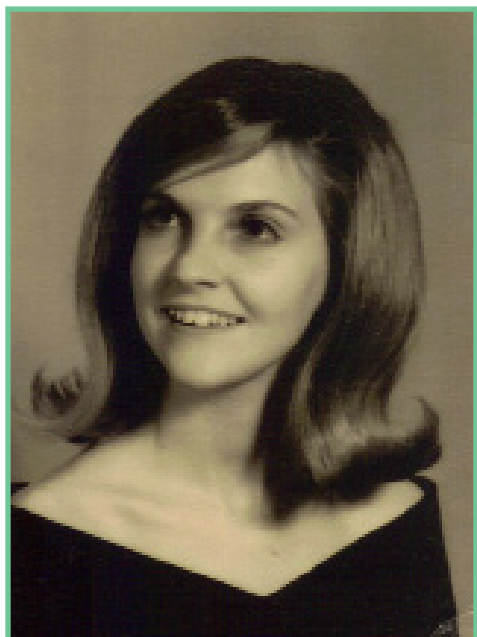
Why can't you write with a broken pencil?

Because it's pointless!



# Eagle Eye

***Faculty Flashback: can you identify these teachers or administrators?***



***Answers are on page 2.***



# Nest Notes

## First Ever Earn Your Wings Ceremony



## Peterson Showcase & Gateway Conference Car Show





# Sports Spotlight

## Lacrosse Season Gears Up at Frank H. Peterson

After much practice and hard work the guys that will be playing in this year's Lacrosse season have been selected. Those that have made it on the teams names are listed below:

Jonathan Allmon, Juan Aguiar-Lopez, Hunter Anderson, Jarrod Archambo, Noah Avalos, Calvin Bentley, Andre Billups, Miguel Boado, Jacob Clark, Michael Clark, Cameron Coleman, Zack Corsi, Preston Dowell, Dakota Evans, Devin Feaster, Alex Figeroa, Cameron Glisson, Alex Godwin, Steven Goines, Bryan Gros, Keyshon Hodge, Devin Hyman, Quinton Johnston, Ian Johnson, Victor Lainez, Anthony Main, Thomas Miller, Oleg Moses, Jordan Newsome, Jason Ortega, Bradley Patterson, Karlvin Smith, Tannor Smoot, Devin Threats, and Deremeus Townsend.

### Guys Lacrosse Schedule

March 15<sup>th</sup> – 9:30: Peterson A vs. Big Blue

11:00: Peterson B vs. Sharks @ Peterson Academies

March 29<sup>th</sup> – 9:30: Peterson A vs. Shark

1:00: Peterson B vs. Fleming I @ Peterson Academies

April 5<sup>th</sup> – 9:30: Peterson A vs. Fleming I

11:00: Peterson B vs. Darnell Cookman @ Peterson Academies

April 12<sup>th</sup>- **PLAYOFFS**



Photo by Jeromy Pizarro

## Free Running ... A Different Kind of Sport

By Kenny Mitchell

“Free running has no single definition since it is many things at once. It’s a hobby, a lifestyle, exercise, or even meditation. Free running is an art where your environment is the canvas and your body is the paintbrush,” Senior Sven Niedballa said. Junior Kris May agreed, “Free running is an expression through motion. It’s an art and a sport as well as a philosophy.” Both Sven and Kris practice free running as a way of life.

There are hundreds of YouTube videos depicting people of all ages jumping from platforms, scaling walls, and even hopping rooftops, which would be called parkour. Although they are similar, the difference between parkour and free running is that free running can be done with a little more flair. Tricks such as flipping, spinning and break dancing can be done while leaping from anything and everything. The beauty of it is anyone can do it since it does not require you to be a professional and it also does not require previous training.

It is a physical and mental process so the

only tough part about it is getting over the mental obstacles to believe you can do it. No matter size, strength, or endurance, you can free run however you like. They both love the challenge of learning new moves and finding new spots for new obstacles in new ways. It can be practiced downtown, at home, in the woods, everywhere you can think of. Both plan to free run professionally as well. Sven replies, “ My goal is to one day make it to take 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup>, place in the biggest event in the free running community, the “Red Bull Art of Motion.”

Free running originates from the art of movement known as “Parkour.” Where exactly it began remains a mystery to many although it has some French roots. In the 1980’s a group of young men ran the streets of France with their movement they would call l’Art du Deplacement . They practiced their training and eventually formed a group called the ‘Yamakasi’, a lingala word meaning strong spirit. They alerted French authorities and bewildered by the local public.



Players pictured are: (left-right) Darius Singletary, Kendall Plummer, Kennan Plummer, Justin Cross, Chris Pringle, Eric Hill, Dale Charltray, Rashawn Mason, Devonny Scott, Shael Israel, and David Clark. Not pictured Vashawn Johnson and Preston Jones.

## Silver Eagles Take Holiday Tournament

The Silver Eagles played a holiday tournament hosted by Northside Christian Academy in Stark, FL. Teams from all over Florida as well as Georgia participated in the tournament. The Silver Eagles went 1-1 in their round robin play, earning them the #4 seed in the bracket play. In their first game of win-and-advance, Peterson took down Southside, a school from Southern Georgia. Every member of the team contributed. Sophomore Kendall Plummer led the team with 16 points off the bench.

In the semi-finals, Peterson had a rematch against Berean (sp?) Christian Academy, a team that beat them by 15 in the round robin play. The Silver Eagles jumped in front with strong defensive effort and had a double digit lead for most of the first half. BCA made a run in the second half, eventually tying the game. Peterson continued to fight, and eventually was able to pull off a 73-70 victory due to some clutch free throws and shooting by David Clark. Sophomore Rashawn Mason also was a huge contributor on offense and defense.

In the Championship game, Peterson matched up with Real Life, a school from Orlando. Real Life began the game hot and took a lead at the end of the first quarter. However, Peterson stuck with the game plan and eventually wore down Real Life. By the end of the game, Peterson had a comfortable lead and secured their place as tournament champions.



Senior Sven Niedballa and junior Kris May participate in free running.

(left to right) Kris May and Sven Niedballa

Photos by Kenny Mitchell



# The Screaming Eagle

## Silver Eagle Seniors Earn Boy Scouts Top Position

*Cameron Spruill and Hunter Widgeon Are Eagle Scouts*

*By Scarlett Camara*

An Eagle Scout is a Boy Scout who has earned multiple merit badges. To earn this rank, a Boy Scout must fulfill requirements in the areas of leadership, service, etc. Hunter describes is as



Hunter Widgeon

someone who is a leader and willing to help others. He says that reaching this rank is special because, “Less than four percent of Boy Scouts make Eagle and it helped me [become] more outgoing.

”He also says that it takes time and determination. You have to go through Scout, Tenderfoot, First Class, Second Class, Star Life, and then Eagle Scout. He became an Eagle Scout by merit badges, service hours, and simply ranking up. He became interested in Boy Scouts from a recruiter at his elementary school for Fun Scouts and Bay Scouts which he joined in 2007. Hunter says that in Boy Scouts, you do things like learn how to be a good leader, how to make knots, how to cook, and you get to go camping.

On the other hand, Cameron describes an Eagle Scout as being the highest rank of BSA (Boy Scouts of America), being major honor, showing that you have amazing leadership skills. He became an Eagle Scout by hard work, dedication, and a lot of ranking up. He was awarded this rank in early November of 2012. When asked why he joined Boy Scouts, he responded, “Before Boy

## Reader’s Review

### *Legend* by David Gemmel



David Gemmel’s book *Legend* is a story about Druss, a legend of a man, who, with a war axe conquered continents with the Drenai.

This book is about how as his legend grows, as does he, and whilst he’s on the way to death, a barbarian horde is pushing on his homelands. The question is if he can live up to his legend and defeat them. I heartily recommend this book.

## Spring

*by David Milligan*

The leaves of the tree wake up at winters end

Bees wake up from their sleep to help their flower friends

The sweaters and jackets hibernate around this time

And shorts and t-shirts come back out

When the cold has died down and the heat comes back alive

And we are glad to go outside and continue our lives

Life is in movement when it was once stagnant

But only this season can work when flowers bloom again

Scouts, I was a Cub Scout. I did not receive the highest rank in Cub Scout so I set a goal to become an Eagle Scout.” Cameron says that in Boy Scouts, you

go on camping trips and you are honored at formal events. He was promoted to Eagle Scout at Great Grant Church in front of the council.



## Thank You

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