

Therapist to give tips on talking

Those who have difficulty speaking and projecting their voices are invited to a presentation by Betsey Cooke, speech language pathologist of Sea Island Rehabilitation, at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Helena House, 1624 Paris Ave., Port Royal.

Cooke will discuss the difficulties seniors and Parkinson's patients face when speaking and the difficulties they encounter perceiving their own voices. She will offer suggestions on how one can readjust one's voice to be better heard.

The presentation is free. Details: 843-982-0233, rewing@alcco.com

Jewelry sale to help Hope Haven

A sale of sterling, artisan-crafted jewelry will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday at The Charles Street Gallery to benefit the Hope Haven of the Lowcountry, a nonprofit child advocacy and rape prevention center.

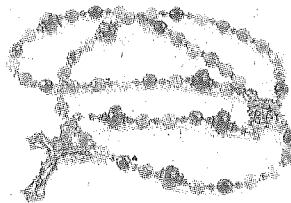
Money raised at the event will go toward a matching grant challenge to cultivate new do-

Beaufort church to bless waters

The Rev. James Bozeman and the members of St. James Orthodox Church will bless the waters surrounding Beaufort on Sunday. He and his parishioners will make their way from the church at 1014 Charles St., to Henry C. Chambers Waterfront Park at 12:30 p.m., walking in a procession into the park, for "The Great Blessing of the Waters." The service is a part of the commemoration of the baptism of Jesus Christ by St. John the Baptist, and is celebrated each year as part of Holy Theophany. Services on Sunday start at 9:30 a.m.

Scripture pertaining to baptism will be read, several prayers will be offered by Bozeman, and a cross will be thrown into the water three times, signifying the sanctification of the waters, which then will be used to bless the people gathered there.

Details: 706-716-3255, stjamesbeaufort@gmail.com



nors. Wine and cheese will be served at the gallery at 914 Charles St. in Beaufort.

Details: 843-521-9054, www.thecharlesstreetgallery.com

Black chamber plans networking event

The Beaufort County Black

Chamber of Commerce will have its First Friday Networking Event from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Holiday Inn Beaufort, 2225 Boundary St. There will be drawings, prizes and refreshments.

The cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for nonmembers.

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Chamber of Commerce also will hold its annual meeting from 9 a.m. to noon Jan. 19 at the Holiday Inn Beaufort. All members are encouraged to attend.

Details: 843-986-1102

New school to talk teaching method

Bridges Preparatory School, a new charter school in Beaufort that will open in the fall, will host a free session on the Paideia method of teaching, which will be used in the school's Science, Technology, Engineering and Math-infused curriculum.

Guest lecturer Steve Ball, who was Paideia Lead Principal for Nashville Public Schools in July 2011, will lead the session at 6 p.m. Jan. 8, at the Boys and Girls Club, 1100 Boundary St., Beaufort.

Paideia is an approach to teaching that is based on the principle that all children can learn and deserve the same quality of schooling. According to the charter school, teachers will each receive three years of training in the Paideia methodology.

More information can be found at www.paideia.org.

Details: info@bridgespreparatoryschool.org

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old, grew up in Yemassee, attends the University of South Carolina Beaufort and is a resident artist at ARTworks.

"I love coming in here to paint," he said of his studio and the atmosphere. "A lot of 19-year-olds like me don't have this opportunity, so every day I'm here, I am working."

Over Christmas break, he continued with an assignment. Professor Allen Campbell had specified a portrait, and Patterson depicted his grandfather in uniform.

"He loved the Marine Corps," Patterson said.

A few months ago, Kenyon College visited St. Helena

Island, on a trade expedition of sorts. Presumably, they're interested in expanding their Gullah archives because they commissioned Patterson with a portrait of the island's Emancipation Oak, and they are attempting to lure him to their own art program. The portrait captures the intricate, brawny tree well.

"It makes me feel very honored, first, and it's good to be a part of a piece of history like the Emancipation tree. It's a symbol of freedom," Patterson said.

He's considering attending Kenyon, or at least visiting, but is also involved with a local entrepreneurial project, in which he's the primary designer of a line of T-shirts that depict Gullah expressions

— "kooaray dey!" — both verbal and facial.

In the meantime, he works on his assignments and personal projects at ARTworks. "I really want the portrait to have impact," he said.

In the background, he's added one scene of his grandfather as a sergeant inspecting the ranks, and another scene of a train at the Yemassee depot, with new recruits disembarking. He's chosen sepia tones, that nostalgic color of the good old days.

"I have a lot of fundamentals in here," Patterson said, speaking technically and modestly. "Really saturated color to dull color, really detailed to suggestive." The portrait is not just a memorial to his grandfather or a present this

Christmas to his grandmother. He wants it also to be a tribute to the Marine Corps and the military in general. One print will go to the Marine Corps Museum, one to the train depot and the Yemassee Redevelopment Corporation, and the rest will be for sale, sometime next year, at ARTworks.

"With every piece, I try to get better than the last," he said. That sounds like the makings of an ambitious, export-filled 2013 to me.

Happy New Year.

Lisa Annelouise Rentz is the transmedia publicity leader for ARTworks. In the new year she will work with children to form storytelling troupes for the BIG Story Fest in April. She can be reached at 843-379-2787.

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