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Chief of Naval Air Training hosts Community Reception

by CNATRA PAO

Rear Adm. Roy J. Kelley, Chief of Naval Air Training, and his wife, Teri Kelley, hosted a community reception at their home aboard Naval Air Station Corpus Christi April 26.

The reception, which is held annually, provides an opportunity for community leaders to meet in a social environment and to talk in person with Navy leaders from both NAS Kingsville and NAS Corpus Christi.

In remarks to the group in attendance, Kelley thanked the air station and his staff for their support in preparing the reception and thanked the attendees, indicating how important the relationship between the community and the local military bases remains.

Rear Adm. Roy Kelley and his wife, Teri, great Nueces County Sheriff Jim Kaelin at the annual CNATRA Community Reception. *More photos on page 10*

Photos by Richard Stewart, CNATRA PA



Military Appreciation Night at the Buc Days Rodeo



Teams from MATSG-22, US Coast Guard, VT-27 and VT-28 dash in the 'calf scramble' during Military Appreciation Night at the Buc Days Rodeo April 24. The Marines were first to capture a

calf and bring back to the center of the arena. *More photos on page 16*

Photo by Rod Hafemeister

Skipper's Column

by Capt. Dave Edgecomb



Edgecomb

Last week, I had the honor of presenting certificates to our most recent graduates of the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Victim Advocate training.

It was an interesting event; the NASCC Coalition of Sailors Against

Destructive Decisions (CSADD) hosted an ice cream social to recognize the Victim Advocates and the work they do.

Victim Advocates are very special people – they have made a commitment to victims, and to the command and the Navy's SAPR Program.

Becoming a Victim Advocate is more than simply getting a "bullet" for evaluations; Victim Advocates are an elite group of men

and women who have undergone extensive training and who are held to highest standards.

To become a Victim Advocate, you must:

- Route a request to attend SAPR Victim Advocate training through your supervisor;
- Be interviewed by the Commanding Officer, NASCC and the Installation Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC);
- Have a recent background check (NAC) – your supervisor will be asked to confirm this requirement on a DD-2909;
- Have at least one-year left in your tour of duty;
- Attend the CNIC approved 40-hour Victim Advocate training;
- Apply for the Defense Sexual Assault Advocate Certification Program (D-SAACP) after completing the 40-hour training.

And that's the easy part – once certified as a Victim Advocate, your duties will include providing 24/7 support to victims, participating on the 24/7 watchbill, participating in SAPR

SAPR Victim Advocates

events, attending the SAPR Victim Advocate Roundtable meetings held by the SARC to stay up to date on SAPR requirements/training, promoting a "zero-tolerance" of sexual assault in our military and working closely with the installation SARC.

April was Sexual Assault Awareness Month. But assaults can happen year round, not just one month of the year. So Victim Advocates are needed year round.

We are looking for interested men and women who can handle confidential information, support the SAPR Program and be able to provide advocacy to victims of sexual assault and assist the command in complying with the SAPR Program requirements.

If you would like to become a SAPR Victim Advocate, contact the SARC at (361) 961-1670.

The next SAPR Victim Advocate training will be held at NAS Corpus Christi on May 12-16.

Registration is required so please contact the SARC for registration paperwork and training logistics.

Chaplain's Message

by Fr. John Vidal

Holy Week is a time of very hard work in preparing for all the Liturgical events leading up to Easter – and so I arrived at my office Monday morning happy but exhausted.

As I considered this it occurred to me that this is a great thing and it should happen regularly in all our lives.

You see, sometimes I think we get tired because we're bored or disinterested in our jobs. This is an unhappy kind of tired that is hard to get away from.

It is a self-feeding situation that can lead to a miserable life where we are just going day to day through daily motions.

However, when we look for the significance of our work, where it helps others, recognizing the purpose and impact of

our jobs, then our entire attitude changes for the better and we are satisfied and delighted.

For me the joy of the hard work over Holy Week is derived from the knowledge that I have helped enrich people's spiritual life, helping them understand the great gift that we have received in the knowledge and certainty of God's love for each one of us.

For others, perhaps someone working on some bureaucratic job, it might be more difficult to identify.

But every job has an impact on somebody's life and we can help make it a positive or a negative.

As an example, when I came to the NASCC it took a long time to get my security investigation completed, but when it finally

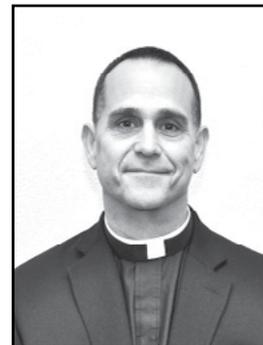
A happy kind of tired...

was, the people who helped me process my CAC card made it not only an efficient process but a pleasant one.

I felt welcomed to the Air Station and it made it easier for me to be cheerful as I fulfilled my particular mission.

I wonder if they realize that they had a positive impact not only on me but also on those people I served this last week.

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Vidal

Editor's Corner

by Rod Hafemeister



Hafemeister

Some people have asked, and some people have simply made up some things.

Including, apparently, someone claiming on a website somewhere that Bob Torres had died.

He hasn't; Bob is alive, and the Skipper and I talked to him last week. And Bob said we could tell you what's going on.

Bob had a stroke in February, and he's

been on medical leave since then.

He's recovering, but progress is slow – and he and his brothers have all agreed he should put in for retirement. So that's what he's doing.

If you want to send him well-wishes or cards, feel free to send them or drop them off at the PAO office and we'll get them to him.

For the immediate future, I'm Acting PAO – and likely to be for the foreseeable future, since we all know how long it takes to fill a position even after it is declared vacant.

Therefore, I'm going to ask for some help – I'm still responsible for the Wingspan while doing all the other PAO functions that come along.

Mostly what I need is what they now call

'Where's Bob?' & Other Things

"content" – stuff to fill the paper.

Have you got an event, a change of command, or other news item? Try to get it to me as early as possible, so I can try to work it.

Or if you want to try your hand at writing, go for it. If you write it, I can edit it into newspaper style – it's what I've been doing for more than 30 years.

Can you take photos? Even better!

Just make sure they are the highest resolution possible (which generally means, don't even think about shooting with a cell phone).

As for everything else... if you sent me something and I've not got back to you, feel free to remind me.

I'm kinda busy lately.

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VT-35 Dining Out - April 25



(above) Cmdr. Eugene Cran looks on as Corpus Christi Mayor Nelda Martinez reads a proclamation declaring April 25 as 'VT-35 Stingray Day' at the squadron's Dining Out onboard the USS Lexington Museum. (left) Cmdr. R. Scott Kramarik, commanding officer, addresses the audience Kramarik will turn over command to Cmdr. Jason Wood on May 23.

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MATSG-22 Family Day



MATSG-22 held a 'Family Day' April 18. Above, Col. David Krebs taunts one of Marines attempting to carry an egg on a flat spoon while wearing 'drunk' goggles that distort vision. Right, the day ended with an Easter Egg Hunt for the kids.

Photos by Rod Hafemeister



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NHCCC Top Sailors for 2nd Quarter Announced

by Bill W. Love, NHCCC PAO

The best of the best among all Sailors at Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi (NHCCC) during the second quarter fiscal year 2014 were announced April 18.

Senior Sailor of the Quarter HM1 Kenneth Bell, Naval Branch Health Clinic Fort Worth Dental; Junior Sailor of the Quarter HM2 Jeric Martin, NHCCC, Staff Education and Training; and Blue Jacket Sailor of the Quarter Hospitalman Seth Walter, NHCCC, Operational Medicine, made the cut from a highly competitive field of other top performers.

“All of the nominees were outstanding, attesting once again, to the strength of our team and Command,” said Capt. Jimmy A. Bradley, commanding officer.

“Our enlisted staff members are a critical component of NHCCC, and the ‘Healthcare to Health’ we deliver.

“Congratulations to each of you. Bravo Zulu!”

The NHCCC SOQ program recognizes superior performance, outstanding achievements, exemplary personal conduct and military bearing as well as demonstrated initiative. There are three groups, BJSOQ for rates E2 and E3; JSOQ for the petty officers of rates E4 and below; and SSOQ for petty officers in rates of E5 and E6.



Bell

For the youngest selectee, a two-year Navy veteran who arrived at NHCCC on Independence Day last year, there weren't any surprises.

“Nothing on the board was overly challenging, I knew what to expect,” Walter said. “The hardest part was finding the right information to study.”

The La Center, Wash., native indicated that he was excited as well as happy after



Martin

learning of the results.

“It was good to see my hard work pay off.”

NHCCC Command Senior Chief Mike Richardson praised the Sailors.

“HM1 Bell and HN Walter have only been onboard for a short period of time and both of them have hit the deck plates running, assuming greater responsibilities at every turn,” he said.



Walter

“HM2 Martin, on the other hand, has been doing the heavy lifting for over 2 years, and he can be justifiably proud that his hard work at the command led to his selection as the JSOQ!”

“All three winners are the epitome of Navy pride and professionalism and we are definitely looking forward to watching them soar higher in their careers.”

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Chiefs' Mess bids 'Fair Winds and Following Seas' to two Senior Chiefs



The Chief's Mess held a Retirement Crawfish Boil for two of their own April 19. Left, NASCC Command Master Chief Rick Mathis presents a ship's wheel shadow

box to MNCS Antonio Rodriguez. Right, Mathis presents one to OSCS Ed Bennet. Photos by Fifi Kieschnick







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Navy Scholarship Program seeks medical student applicants



Naval Flight Surgeon and Dermatologist Dr. (Lt. Cmdr) Josephine Nguyen conducting a medical check-up on the author, Lt. Teng Ooi at the Naval Academy's Brigade Medical Unit. Dr. Nguyen's kindness and excellence brings power to this medical unit. The Navy is looking for dedicated medical doctors who will answer their own call and develop their special gifts.

Story and photo by Lt. Teng K. Ooi, USNA and Capt. Linda J. Beltra, MD, Medical Corps/USN

Naval Flight Surgeon and Dermatologist Dr. (Lt. Cmdr) Josephine Nguyen has a message for medical students: Consider the Navy Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP).

Dr. Nguyen's career is a great example of the opportunities available to physicians serving in the Navy. Graduating second in her class from the US Naval Academy in 1999, Nguyen was awarded a Navy Health Professions Scholarship. She received her Doctor of Medicine from Stanford School of Medicine in 2003.

Following a transitional internship at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, she attended flight surgery training in Pensacola, Florida. After earning her wings, she served as a flight surgeon with Carrier Air Wing 5 in Atsugi, Japan.

In 2007 she was accepted to a dermatology residency at the University of Pennsylvania, and completed her residency in 2010. A board-certified dermatologist, she currently sees patients at the Naval Academy and Children's National Medical Center, Washington, DC. She is also an Assistant Professor of Dermatology at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.

In addition to her clinical duties, Dr. Nguyen is also the Director of Navy Medical Student Accessions for the Bureau of Medicine and oversees the Navy Health Professions Scholarship Program and is

helping to organize the Navy's recruiting efforts for this program across the United States. Her personal goal is to increase female and minority representation in Navy Medicine.

"People choose to be doctors because of their desire to serve and help others," she said.

"I chose to be a physician because of my love for people and my desire to alleviate suffering. Being a Navy physician has allowed me to fulfill my calling, but also it has allowed me to contribute to and affect medicine in a way I never would have imagined.

"If you practice medicine in the civilian sector, you have to deal with insurance issues. Patients get denied care because of lack of insurance and most physicians can only prescribe medications that are covered by the insurance company.

"The Navy has allowed me to practice medicine in the way that I have always dreamed. I never have to deny patients care based on their lack of insurance and I am never pressed for time during the patient visits.

"If I need to see a patient again, the military makes it so easy for me to accommodate them in my schedule."

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This can certainly enhance the satisfaction of soaring through the clouds, but will also positively impact the lives of millions of Americans and others around the world by keeping them safe from tyranny.

When you put down this week's Wingspan I invite you to take a moment to consider your job.

Do you know whose life you are impacting? Is it a positive effect? How can you change your attitude for the better?

I promise you that when you're satisfied that you've made the best positive contribution you could have, then you will be happy to finish the day tired.

After all, "this is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!"

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that could include educational opportunities and incentives, loan repayment assistance, specialty pay, travel and more.

"As the current Director of Medical Student Accessions for the Navy, my goal is to encourage students to apply for the Health Professions Student Program to help pay for medical school," Nguyen said.

"I believe in the scholarship because of the phenomenal leadership and life experiences I have had in the Navy, and I want other students to have the same experiences.

"My experiences in the Navy have made me a better doctor, a better leader, and a better person, while allowing me financial independence during medical school.

"I did not incur any student debt and I was not to be a burden on my parents. I got paid to go to medical school, while serving my country and learning how to be a better leader."

The Navy Health Professions Scholarship Program is an outstanding way to pay for medical school and to ensure immediate employment following graduation.

The program covers 100 percent of tuition during medical school, a sign-on bonus of up to \$20,000 and a monthly stipend of \$2,157.

No previous military experience is required, although applicants must be physically qualified and otherwise eligible to serve in the Navy and be accepted to an accredited medical school.

Acceptance of the scholarship obligates the student to serve on active duty for four years as a licensed physician.

The four years may be served as a general medical officer immediately after completing internship, or may be deferred until completion of specialty training.

For more information on Navy Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP), visit www.navy.com/careers/healthcare/physician.

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Awards and Achievements

NASCC Awards - April 28



Naval Air Station Corpus Christi held an awards ceremony April 28. From left: CS1 Adrian Calma, AC2 Nikolas Ewaldt, AC1 Joshua Freeman and MASN Ambrielle Murray received Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals; Murray also was named Blue Jacket

of the Quarter, 2nd Quarter 2014; MA1 Jorge Lazo, Sailor of the Quarter; Charles Gillum, Civilian of the Quarter; and ET3 Daryl Vincent, Junior Sailor of the Quarter.

Photo by Rod Hafemeister

CSADD Honors SAPR Victim Advocates with Ice Cream Social

Capt. Dave Edgecomb, commanding officer of NASCC, joins newly certified Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Victim Advocates for ice cream April 25, hosted by the NASCC Coalition of Sailors Against Destructive Decisions. CSADD is a peer-to-peer mentorship program used Navy-wide, geared at Sailors 18 to 25 years old, to reinforce a culture of "Shipmates helping Shipmates" avoid making bad choices. For information on CSADD, contact BM2 Mike Pickle at 961-1834.

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SECNAV holds Global All Hands Call

From Defense Media Activity - Navy

FORT MEADE, Md. (NNS) -- The Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) Ray Mabus addressed Sailors and Marines during a live, global all hands call April 29.

Mabus answered questions about the budget, deployment schedules and pay and allowances among other things during the broadcast held at the Defense Media Activity.

Mabus emphasized the Navy's unique presence, citing that the Navy is where it needs to be, when it needs to be there, not just at the right time, but all the time.

"We do this by focusing on four things," said Mabus. "People, Platforms, Power and Partnerships."

During the broadcast, Mabus took questions from those gathered at DMA, from around the fleet via e-mail, from those tuned in to a live chat on the Internet, and pre-recorded video. Popular topics ranged from deployment lengths and budget requirements to female hair regulations and equipment.

One Sailor asked about weapon systems currently being tested, and when the Navy and Marine Corps may see those systems.

Mabus said the Navy and Marine Corps are already seeing these weapon systems out in the fleet.

The Navy is putting a laser weapon on board USS Ponce (LPD 15) to see how it does in a maritime environment.

They are also testing rail guns on high speed vessels and USS Zumwalt has a brand new gun system that is very long range and amazingly accurate.

"We're going to get out the most advanced things we've got as quickly as we can," added Mabus.

Mabus also fielded questions regarding retirement policy in regards to pay. Mabus said that the notion is that whatever policy was in place when a service member enlisted will be the policy they retire under, regardless of changes that occur while they are serving.

When asked about incentives to keep those with special certifications and clearances from exiting the Navy, Mabus talked about Selective Reenlistment Bonuses, but also focused on the service aspect and the good Sailors and Marines do for their country by choosing to stay in the military. He added that although some do move on to pursue a career outside of the military, there are currently record recruiting and retention rates in the Navy.

Unanswered questions in regard to providing the same housing and allowances for single Sailors and Marines as is provided to married Sailors and Marines, and the warrant officer program being opened to additional ratings will be researched and answered later in an article for All Hands Magazine online (www.ah.mil).

The call will be available for viewing at the "Every Day in the Navy" gallery on www.navy.mil.

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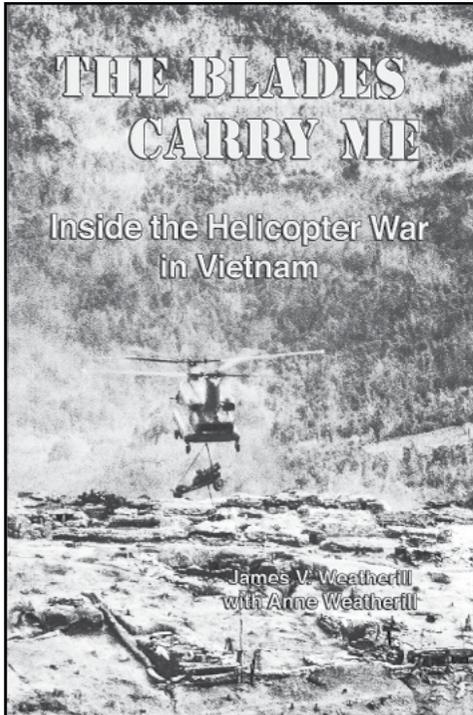
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Weatherill served as an Army helicopter pilot in Vietnam from November 1967 to November 1968. His memoir takes the reader into the CH-47 Chinook helicopter cockpit and the daily life of a 22-year-old pilot, while his young wife is a pregnant college senior and military spouse during an unpopular war.

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Debt collectors are calling! How does the FDCPA help me?

by Lt. Kym Murphy, Legal Assistance Attorney, RLSO SE

If you have debt, you should be aware of your rights and the rules that debt collectors have to follow when trying to collect a debt from you under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA).

The FDCPA was mainly designed to eliminate abusive, deceptive, and unfair collection practices by debt collectors.

Under the FDCPA, a debt collector is someone who regularly collects debts owed to others.

This includes collection agencies, lawyers who collect debts on a regular basis, and companies that buy delinquent debts and then try to collect them.

What Types of Debts are Covered?

The FDCPA specifically covers debt you incurred for personal, family, or household purposes.

This means things like a personal credit card account, an auto loan, a medical bill, and

your mortgage, but it doesn't cover debts you incurred to run a business.

What Are My Protections?

Once you've figured out that your debt qualifies under the FDCPA, and that the person/company trying to collect from you is regulated by the FDCPA, then you know that that person/company has to play by the following rules:

Communications.

A debt collector may not communicate with you or your spouse at any unusual time (before 8 a.m. or after 9 p.m. in your time zone) or at any place that is inconvenient to you. This includes your place of employment.

Furthermore, if the debt collector knows you have hired an attorney, then all contact has to be with your attorney and not you.

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Prohibited Practices.

A debt collector may not harass, oppress, or abuse any person.

This specifically includes using obscene or profane language, threatening violence, repeatedly calling your phone, or not identifying themselves.

Also, a debt collector may not use any false, deceptive, or misleading representations.

This includes claiming to work for the government, claiming to be an attorney, using a fake name, or an inaccurate representation of what you owe.

Last, a debt collector may not use unfair means to collect a debt from you.

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Where Do I Report a Debt Collected for a Violation?

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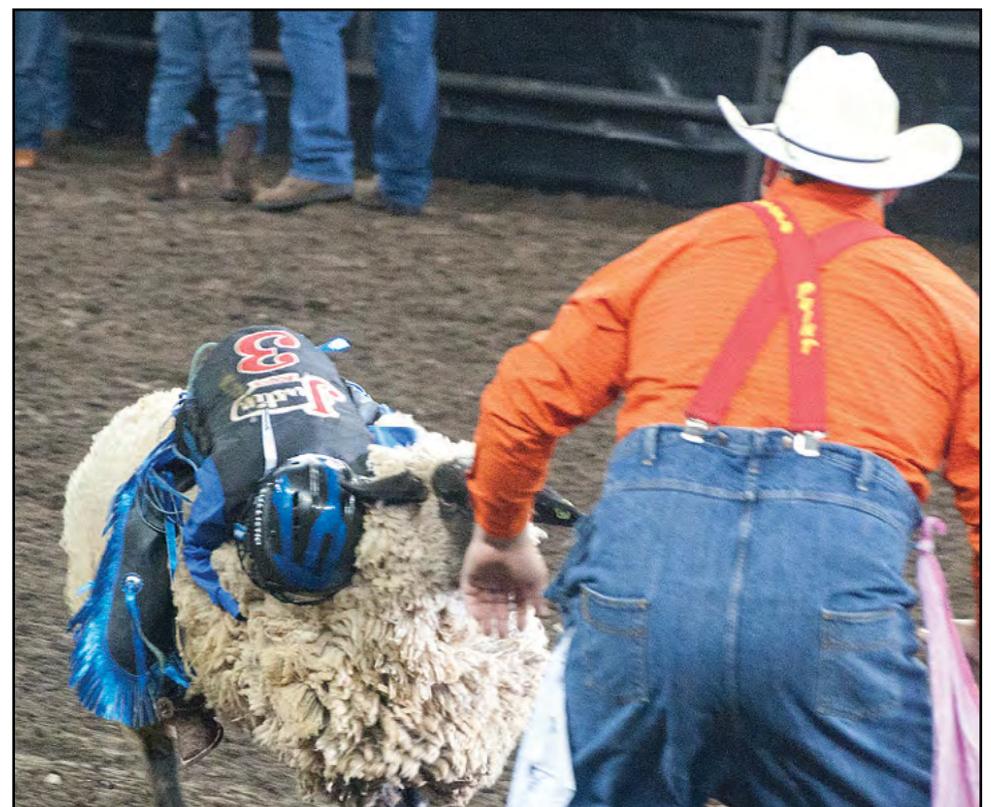
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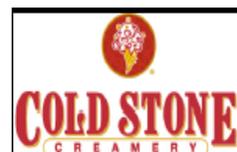
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First Aransas Pathways Kayak Launch Site Open - "Paddle your way to Adventure..." Located at the end of Airport Road - crossing over FM 1781 ending at Copano Bay. Airport Road. Kayak Launch site is the first to be opened by Aransas Pathways. More than 15 other Kayak sites are being developed with easy access to the bay. The sites are spread across the county and each one has multi-purposes and levels of difficulty. Paddlers can enjoy the scenery of our gulf prairies and marshes or Kayak the open bays. Birding and Fishing are very popular Kayak activities in our area. Other Aransas Pathways projects include: Birding; History; and Hiking and Biking Trails. For more information contact the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce at 361-729-6445 (<http://www.rockport-fulton.org/>). For more information about Aransas Pathways call 361-790-0194 (<http://www.aransaspathways.com/>).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Saturday, May 17th 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. "Mid-May Benefit Trade Fair and Bake Sale" with so much good stuff! Shop at over 20 vendors. Jewelry, Arts & Crafts, Vegetables, Cosmetics, Permanent Cosmetics, Children's Books, Delicious Food Items, Nails, Personal Defense, Body Products, Tupperware and so very much more. Join the FUN! Proceeds benefit the UARMY teens who will work on the homes of poor, elderly and disabled individuals this July. See you at the Garden Center, 2740 Mustang Drive, Ingleside, TX 78362 FMI 361-790-6192 or email grandma_hobo@yahoo.com

May 17, 2014 - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. YMCA HEALTHY KIDS DAY at the YMCA of the Coastal Bend, 417 S. Upper Broadway, Corpus Christi. Healthy Kids Day is an annual YMCA event to kick-start summer and build happier, healthier kids. This free event will feature safety information, art activities, dance demonstrations, games, healthy snacks and lots of fun for kids of all ages. FMI www.ymca-cc.org or 361-882-1741.

"FIZZ BOOM READ" IS THE 2014 SUMMER READING PROGRAM THEME - Readers of all ages will explore all things scientific this summer as the Corpus Christi Public Libraries present "Fizz Boom Read" during its summer library program. Activities may include programs involving fun science experiments, arts and crafts, and special guests who will demonstrate even more science experiments or present animals. The 2014 Summer Reading Program is open to young people, preschool through young adult, with programs, prize drawings, story hours, a reading club, and more. Registration for the Reading Club and programs for "Fizz Boom Read" begin on June 9, 2014. For more information, call the library at 361-937-6569 or visit our website, www.cclibraries.com. **All programs are free of charge.**

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