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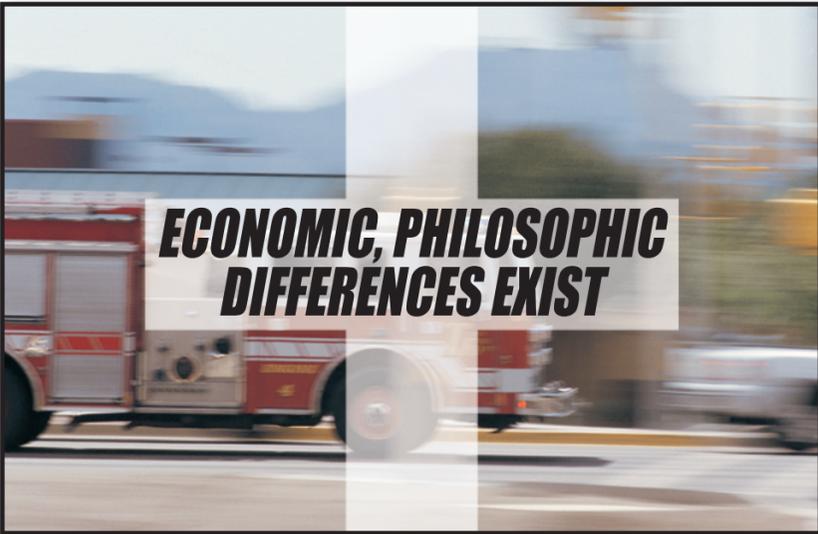
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DEBATE OVER NEW FIRE, EMS STATION CONTINUES



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The discussion over what kind of a facility to construct for the county's firefighters and emergency medical services (EMS) personnel — let alone where to construct it — continues unabated, with commissioners relatively divided over how to proceed.

Thus, after more than an hour of debate on Thursday, July 7, the commission instructed the committee charged with exploring the feasi-

bility of the project to return to with a list of possible sites for the station and the pros and cons of each site, as well as a recommendation for a specific site and a timeline for accomplishing the project.

It was the best the board could do after several other motions failed to get the necessary second.

The lengthy discussion ensued after a report by Assistant County Coordinator John McHugh on the status of the committee's findings thus far. McHugh pre-

sented commissioners with copies of the original plan for the station and a modified version.

He said several themes informed the modified version, which had resulted from the committee's research and its visits to several fire stations in the area. Those themes, McHugh said, revolved around the need to create sufficient storage space, keep the private and public functions separate, and have a meeting room that served multiple purposes.

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City Sets Public Hearing For Extra Property Tax Exemption

Reduction Is For Low-Income Seniors

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The Monticello City Council on Tuesday evening, July 5, scheduled an Aug. 2 public hearing for a proposed ordinance that would give low-income senior homeowners in the city an additional homestead exemption, provided the latter meet certain qualifications.

Known as the Low-Income Senior Exemption, the measure would translate into additional relief on property taxes for eligible city homeowners, over and above the typical exemptions for homestead, blindness and widowhood. The exemption would apply to a property's assessed value after all other applicable exemptions have been subtracted.

City Clerk Emily Anderson distributed copies of the proposed ordinance to the council members on July 5 and asked that they review the document in preparation for the hearing. She

offered that the ordinance was modeled after the county's ordinance, which set its exemption at \$15,000. But city officials could set the exemption as low as \$5,000 or as high as \$50,000, she said.

As Property Appraiser Angela Gray earlier told the council, 229 of Florida's more than 400 cities already offer their citizens the additional senior exemption, including Apalachicola, Blountstown, Carrabelle, Madison and Wewahitchka in this region.

Per Gray's calculations, the tax savings to senior citizens who qualify for the exemption could range from \$30.50 to \$152.50 annually or even higher, depending on whether the exemption was \$5,000, \$25,000 or higher. As for the tax revenue losses to the city, Gray said these could range from \$2,745 to \$13,724 annually, or higher, again depending on the amount of the exemption and the number of individuals who qualified.

She said the eligibility re-

quirements for the additional exemption included having a current homestead exemption, being 65 years or older, and having a total household adjusted gross income that did not exceed an amount that was established annually, based on the Consumer Price Index. In 2010, for example, the total household adjusted gross income was set at \$26,203.

Gray said the exemption could be implemented in phases, starting at \$5,000 the first year and increasing another \$5,000 or more in succeeding years. It was also her estimation, based on the preliminary research, that not more than 100 individuals in the city would be eligible for the exemption, if that many. She further clarified that the exemption applied to taxable values above \$75,000.

If approved, the ordinance would take effect next year, as does Jefferson County's similar ordinance, which county officials adopted in April.



Inserts in today's edition!

MONTICELLO TARGETS THREE MORE PROPERTIES FOR CONDEMNATION

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In a continuing test of its public nuisance ordinance, the city has targeted three more properties for condemnation, if the respective owners don't take steps to remedy the cited problems.

The Monticello City Council on Tuesday evening, July 5, declared as public nuisances three respective properties on North Cherry Street, North Waukeenah Street, and Scott Drive.

City Manager Steve Wingate, who inspected each of the sites with Building Inspector Wallace Bullock, said the two concurred that the properties were uninhabitable and constituted public nuisances. He said both the structures on the North Cherry and Waukeenah streets were burned, and the one on Scott Drive was fire damaged and overgrown with weeds and vegetation. He said the

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CONDEMNED PROPERTY

PER CITY'S PUBLIC NUISANCE ORDINANCE

COUNTY APPROVES ANNUAL PLAN FOR RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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Jefferson County commissioners recently took care of a small housekeeping detail that's not so minor to the 100 or so low-income families that receive federal assistance with their rent payments.

On Thursday, July 7, commissioners adopted the annual Jefferson County Housing Authority's PHA (public housing agency) plan, a necessary component in the process for the county to continue receiving Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) monies for the local voucher program.

The Jefferson County Housing Authority is the entity that ad-

ministers the local Housing Choice Voucher Program, which helps very low-to-low income families throughout the county



obtain rental subsidy from HUD, in accordance with federal laws and regulations.

As County Coordinator Roy Schleicher explained it to the commission, the PHA

plan provides a comprehensive guide to policies, programs, operations and strategies that help local public housing agencies meet their housing needs and goals.

Schleicher mentioned that the plan had two components: a long-term document required every five years, and a short-term component required annually. It was through the annual plan that local PHAs received funding, he said.

"Any local, regional or state agency that receives funds to operate federal public housing or Section 8 tenant-based assistance (housing choice voucher) programs must submit a PHA plan," Schleicher said.

He said the plan essentially walked the local PHA through the strategic planning process and reflected such organizational planning processes as assessing the local community's housing needs; identifying the financial

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VIEWPOINTS & OPINIONS

Letters To The Editor

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ARE TYPED WORD FOR WORD, COMMA FOR COMMA, AS SENT TO THIS NEWSPAPER.

TO THE VOTERS OF DISTRICT 3

The Lord will bless thee and keep thee. Numbers 6:24.

I would like to extend testimonial praise to Ms. Shirley Washington for previous years and many years to come for her advantageous ability for students who conquered the requirements throughout high school.

I am elated, blessed and gleeful to be chosen to be a recipient of a \$500.00 academic scholarship. I will be attending North Florida Community College in the fall, majoring in Multimedia and Digital Design. With this scholarship, I will be able to pay for books, classes and other needs con-

cerning college.

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Sincerely,

Shikari A. Hamm

JCMHS 2011 Honor Graduate

Thought of The Week

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Newspapers, Magazines, etc.

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Residents can bring these items directly to the Recycling Center located at 1591 Waukeenah Street or they may drop them off at any one of the collection sites in the County.

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Please take notice to all of the signage posted in the collection site for the proper disposal of above items.

The City of Monticello Offers Curbside pick-up for city residents for recyclable items on each Wednesday Morning. For further information on other items for disposal in the City, please call Steve Wingate at 342-0154.

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LOCAL & REGIONAL CRIME

FHP RELEASES RESULTS OF JULY 4 HOLIDAY ENFORCEMENT CAMPAIGN

Col. David Brierton, director of the Florida Highway Patrol, today announced the preliminary results from the Patrol's Independence Day holiday enforcement effort. During the four-day heightened enforcement period, FHP increased the number of troopers patrolling Florida's roadways. Auxiliary troopers augmented FHP's force.

Troopers issued nearly 8,600 traffic citations and made 90 arrests for Driving Under the Influence of alcohol or drugs. They cited more than 3,200 drivers for speeding and nearly

1,100 for failure to buckle up. Troopers also investigated more than 900 crashes during the holiday period, including 12 crashes that resulted in 13 fatalities. Additionally, troopers assigned to commercial vehicle enforcement conducted 232 safety inspections on trucks.

"Our troopers worked hard to help our residents and visitors have a safe and enjoyable holiday weekend," said Brierton. "Motorists who operate their vehicles in an unsafe fashion are a danger that puts innocent lives at risk. The men and women of the

Florida Highway Patrol did their part to identify the unsafe drivers and take the steps necessary to decrease that risk."

The members of the Florida Highway Patrol would like to remind everyone that it is the law to move over when approaching any authorized emergency vehicle or wrecker displaying rotating or flashing lights stopped on the side of a roadway. Also, remember that *FHP (*347) dialed from your cell phone contacts FHP should you need to report an aggressive driver or require roadside

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JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIME BEAT

ALL INFORMATION IS PRINTED AS TAKEN FROM THE JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. ALL SUSPECTS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY IN A COURT OF LAW

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Staff Writer

William Huggins, 19, of Jefferson County, was arrested June 24 and charged with battery, domestic. Bond was set at \$1,500 and he bonded out of jail the same day.

Mark Harrilal, 39, of Kenner, LA, was arrested June 24 and charged with operating a motor vehicle without a license. Bond was set at \$250 and he bonded out of jail the same day.

Alexander Richard Burton, 26, of Melbourne, FL, was arrested June 26 and charged with driving while license suspended, second offense. Bond was set at \$500 and he was turned over to Brevard County on an outstanding warrant for his arrest July 15.

Dennis S. Carraway, 37, of Milton, FL, was arrested June 28 and charged with driving while license suspended as a habitual offender. Bond was set at \$1,000 and he bonded out of jail the same day.

A juvenile was arrested June 29 and charged with not having a driver's license. The juvenile was turned over to the Department of Juvenile Justice the same day.

Antonio Miguel Keaton, 25, of Tampa, FL, was arrested June 29 and charged with possession of marijuana less than 20 grams and possession of paraphernalia. A total bond of \$1,000 was set and he bonded out of jail the same day.

Andrew Lamar Burnham, 41, of Lake City, FL, was arrested June 30 and charged with petit theft; trespass on property and criminal mischief. A total bond of \$7,500 was set and he bonded out of jail July 5.

George David Jowers, 42, of Lake City, FL, was arrested June 30 and charged with petit theft; trespass on property and criminal mischief. His bond was withheld due to a violation of probation

charge out of Columbia County.

Isauro Perez-Bravo, 35, of Quitman, GA, was arrested July 1 and charged with possession of a firearm on Suwannee River Water Management District land. Bond was set at \$250 and he bonded out of jail the same day.

Santiago Perez-Jimenez, 37, of Quitman, GA, was arrested July 1 and charged with operating an ATV on Suwannee River Water Management District land. Bond was set at \$250 and he bonded out of jail the same day.

John M. Shiferdek, 61, of Lawtey, FL, was arrested July 1 and charged with driving while license suspended as an habitual offender and driving with expired license more than four months. A total bond of \$1,000 was set and he bonded out of jail the same day.

James Myers, 49, of Flagler Beach, FL, was arrested July 5 and charged with failure to appear on the charge of possession of a controlled substance and failure to appear on the charge of possession of prescription drugs. A total bond of \$500 was set and he remained at the County Jail July 18.

Bernell Moore, 63, of Tallahassee, FL, was arrested July 5 and charged with failure to appear on the charge of battery and failure to appear on the charge of trespass after warning. He was released from jail July 12 and given time served.

Katisha Latoya Williams, 23, of Tallahassee, FL, was arrested July 5 and charged with violation of probation on the charge of failure to redeliver leased property, on an outstanding Leon County warrant. She was turned over to Leon County authorities the following day to face charges there.

Dyvon Contrell Gardner, 27, of Monticello, was arrested July 5 and charged with battery, domestic

and resisting arrest without violence. A total bond of \$1,000 was set and he remained at the County Jail July 18.

Justin Mabry, 25, of Jefferson County, was arrested July 6 and charged with violation of probation on the charge of grand theft, on an outstanding Seminole County warrant. He was turned over to Seminole County authorities the same day to face charges there.

Jason Doyle Brumbley, 30, of Jefferson County, was arrested July 7 and charged with battery, domestic. Bond was set at \$1,000 and he bonded out of jail the same day.

Ira Ray West, 25, of Monticello, was arrested July 7 and charged with aggravated battery; battery; assault; and criminal mischief. A total bond of \$3,500 was set and he bonded out of jail the same day.

Christipher Whitley, 21, of Jacksonville, FL, was arrested July 7 and charged with driving while license suspended or revoked and larceny motor vehicle. A total bond of \$5,500 was set and he bonded out of jail July 11.

Brandon Stephenson, 25, of Jefferson County, was arrested July 8 and charged with credit card forgery by possession; possession of a controlled substance; pos-

session of cannabis less than 20 grams; and possession of paraphernalia. A total bond of \$6,000 was set and he remained at the County Jail July 18.

Matthew Bowman, 32, of Jefferson County, was arrested July 8 and charged with credit card forgery by possession and possession of a controlled substance. A total bond of \$5,000 was set and he remained at the County Jail July 18.

Rebecca Jean Lopez, 46, of Tallahassee, FL, was arrested July 8 and charged with disorderly intoxication. Bond was set at \$500 and she bonded out of jail the following day.

Henry Banks, 58, of Tallahassee, FL, was arrested July 9 and charged with violations of restriction. Bond was set at \$500 and he bonded out of jail the same day.

Christopher Ronald Patton, 35, of Jefferson County, was arrested July 8 on an outstanding Ohio warrant charging him with writ of attachment for nonpayment of child support. He was turned over to Ohio authorities the following day to face charges there.

Tavaras Carlos Mitchell, 34, of Monticello, was arrested July 11 and charged with two counts of battery, domestic. A total bond of \$5,000 was set

and he bonded out of jail the same day.

Frankie Simmons, 46, of Jefferson County, was arrested July 12 and charged with two counts of petit theft and two counts of trespassing on property. A total bond of \$2,000 was set and he bonded out of jail July 14.

Kristopher Bellamy, 23, of Plant City, FL, was arrested July 12 and charged with failure to appear on the charge of possession of marijuana less than 20 grams; failure to appear on the charge of possession of a controlled substance; and failure to appear on the charge of driving while license expired more than four months. Bond was withheld and he remained at the

County Jail July 18.

Gregory Scott Hill, 49, of Monticello, was arrested July 15 and charged with fleeing and attempting to elude. Bond was set at \$10,000 and he bonded out of jail the following day.

Archie E. McFadden, 41, of Tampa, FL, was arrested July 17 and charged with failure to appear on the charge of driving while license suspended. Bond was withheld and he remained in the County Jail July 18.

Jody Lee Holland, 40, of Jefferson County, was arrested July 17 and charged with battery, domestic. Bond was set at \$5,000 and he remained at the County Jail July 18.

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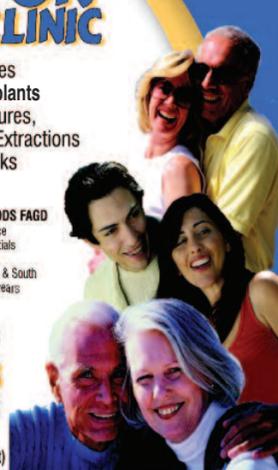
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poses.

He said the modified version of the building had seven bays instead of the original 12, was 1,000 feet smaller, and reflected a more conventional floor plan.

As for possible sites, McHugh said the committee had identified two: the existing 1.68-acre fire station site on U.S. 19 next to the Road Department; and the 2.5-acre site across the street on Martin Road, formerly a Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) maintenance yard.

He said the committee had gone as far as it could go in its efforts. Now it remained for the commission to give the go-ahead for an architect or engineer to draw formal plans that the committee could use to seek a grant.

Commissioner Betsy Barfield wanted to know if any thought had been given to a partnership with the city? She realized that the issue of city residents benefiting from the county's fire protection and not paying the fire assessment was a touchy one, she said. But it was an issue that the board would have to address sooner or later, she said.

"It's been swept under the rug, but we can't continue to do that," Barfield said.

As for the Martin Street property, she said it was prone to flood and she didn't think it was a good location for a new fire station.

Commissioner John Nelson disagreed that the Martin Street site was flood prone, a point affirmed by Preble-Rish engineer Alan Wise.

"We would build the structure on the higher ground to the front of the property and put in a retention pond to mitigate any flooding," Wise said.

Commissioner Hines Boyd expressed a more basic opposition to the project, acknowledging that his and Fire Rescue Chief Mark Matthews' disagreement stemmed from a philosophical difference of what constituted a need and what a want.

"I think we have what we need right now except for a glaring difference," Boyd said. "What we really need to fix is the housing problem."

Which problem, Boyd said, could be fixed without the costly construction of a new fire station, which has likened to the Taj Mahal, meaning that the committee's proposed building represented an exceedingly luxurious and expensive proposition.

Boyd attributed the desire to construct a new fire station to the discovery of an \$804,000 fire reserve trust fund that had accumulated over time and that he said would be better used to purchase equipment or get the department out of a budget shortfall.

"The problem is that money is burning a hole in our pockets," Boyd said. "But we don't have to spend \$804,000 to solve the problem. I don't think we need to move across the street either. This plan calls for eight offices and eight toilets and eight showers. It's extravagant folks! ...It's not only fiscal irresponsibility, it's fiscal insanity."

Boyd offered that the housing problem could be resolved by putting in a commercial-style building of 2,500 sq. feet at the present site. He moved to limit use of the reserve trust fund to only half the amount, a motion that failed to get a second.

Commissioner John Nelson, whose background and expertise is firefighting, said he brought a passion equal to Boyd's to the issue, only on the other side of the equation. The Fire Rescue people provided a vital service to the community and he was also a believer in listening to the staff, he said.

"You bring a passion to the issue and I also bring a

passion and a vision," Nelson said to Boyd. "I've listened to the chief and his staff and what I'm hearing is that we have to have a vision. This station is a legacy that we need to leave to the citizens. This is an extreme passion that I have. Let's view the whole picture and make a wise decision."

Commission Chairman Stephen Fulford pointed out that, by law, the commission could spend only half the reserve trust fund on the station anyway. That's because the station would house both fire and EMS personnel, and according to the terms of the ordinance that set up the fire assessment that generated the monies in the trust fund, the money could only be expended for fire protection purposes.

"So where does the rest of the money come from?" Boyd asked.

McHugh said the possibility of a grant shouldn't be discounted.

"We believe we can get a \$750,000 grant," McHugh said. "We're not asking for funds now...What we're presenting now is a space/needs assessment."

As for the eight offices, eight bathrooms and such, the building wasn't to be a single source facility, he said. Rather, it would be housing four operations: fire, EMS, billings and fire inspections, McHugh said. Also, the facility would be coed occupied and operate 24 hours, seven days a week, he said.

"We're building now for the future," McHugh said.

Clerk of Court Kirk Reams reminded the board that a large subdivision was in the works in the immediate vicinity of the existing fire station. Which development would make the county-owned property exceedingly valuable one day, Reams said. He offered that it would be counterproductive to construct an expensive facility there, when the county would do better to sell the property and realize a profit when its value rose. This, of course, went contrary to Boyd's argument.

Barfield, meanwhile, returned to the city component.

"I think we would be remiss if we didn't talk to the city," Barfield said. "It's going to have to happen sooner or later. We need to talk of a partnership and an interlocal agreement and the assessment, cause the city is the one we mostly serve."

Two separate motions by Barfield to involve the city in the discussion failed to get a second, however. Boyd returned to what he called his passion, which was "not to squander the trust fund". He believed that the housing problem could have been resolved two years ago if Matthews had agreed to put in a \$150,000 building on the current site. He only asked that whatever decision the commission made, it kept an open mind and "asked for proposals to solve an identifiable problem whether at the present site or a new site", Boyd said.

He suggested that the board should solicit requests for proposals (RFP) for a designed built facility.

"We set the criteria in the RFP and let people give us proposals," Boyd said.

Otherwise, if the board went with the committee's recommendation and hired an architect to draw formal plans, the county would lock itself into a million dollar commitment, Boyd said.

McHugh countered that if the county wrote an RFP with criteria and didn't include formal drawings it would leave the county open to anything that the bidders proposed.

Barfield found it unfathomable that the board wanted to spend money on drawings and a proposal when a site for the facility hadn't yet been decided. She also thought the city should be involved.

"For the third time, I think we need to check with the city and give it an opportunity to work with us," Barfield said to no effect.

Fulford, meanwhile, expressed a little frustration that the board couldn't reach consensus, especially given that an agreement had seemingly been reached at an earlier workshop, which agreement had informed the committee's formation and mission.

County Coordinator Roy Schleicher also exhibited a little exasperation with the process. It was time that the commission made a decision one way or the other, he said. The committee had done its work and he didn't see what else the committee could accomplish or recommend with more talk, other than what it was presently recommending.

In the interest of moving the issue forward, however, he offered that the committee would canvass other possible sites and come back with recommendation for a specific site that the board could then vote up or down.

A slightly perturbed Matthews said he wanted to clarify and correct several of the numerous statements made during the discussion.

First, he and his staff were the ones that had to live with the facility, Matthews said. And his and his staff's feelings were that they would rather do without a new station and continue to reside in the present facility, inadequate as it was, than to settle for "a quick fix", he said.

"If there's light at the end of the tunnel, we'd rather stay where we are and wait for the light," Matthews said.

The trust fund had not been "discovered", he said. He and his department had not known been aware of the money being there all along, if the commission had only learned about the account recently, he said. And the money had accumulated because of the department's frugal practices and it had always been intended for a project such as a fire station, he said.

Matthews said his request had never been to expend all the money in the trust fund. From the beginning he had set a limit of spending no more than \$500,000, he said. What's more, now was the opportune time to act, when the money was available and construction costs were depressed because of the economic downturn.

He said much of the department's emergency equipment was currently parked outdoors or in less than ideal circumstances because of a lack of space. The emergency nature of the equipment required that it be housed indoors, he said.

"This is not pie-in-the-sky design," Matthews said of the proposed fire station. "A lot of thought has gone into this building. All we're asking is to let us find out what it's going to cost. We don't even know how much it will really cost".

The board finally instructed the committee to return with a list of potential sites, a recommendation and a timeline.

Boyd asked to be allowed to bring a separate proposal that included the present site.

Fulford appeared to lose a little patience.

"We've been talking about this for months," he said. "We need to make a decision."

CITY OF MONTICELLO NOTICE OF SECOND PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Monticello is applying to the Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for a grant under the Housing Rehabilitation category in the amount of \$700,000 under the FFY 2009 and FFY 2011 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. For each activity that is proposed, 70% of the funds must benefit low to moderate income (LMI) persons. The activities, dollar amount and estimated percentage benefit to low and moderate income persons for which the City is applying are:

Activity	Budget (Approximately)	LMI %
Housing Rehabilitation	\$582,000	100%
Temporary Relocation	\$13,000	100%
Administration	\$105,000	N/A
TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 700,000	

The City has adopted an anti-displacement and relocation plan as part of the grant requirements. The City will assist displaced persons with grant funds, as indicated in the budget and policy.

A Public Hearing to provide citizens an opportunity to comment on the application will be held during a City Council Meeting on August 2, 2011, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Monticello City Hall, 245 Mulberry Street, Monticello, FL. A draft copy of the application will be available for review at that time. A final copy of the application will be made available at the Monticello City Hall, Mon-Fri between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., no more than five days after August 15, 2011. The application will be submitted to DCA on or before August 15, 2011 (or later if the application deadline is extended). To obtain additional information concerning the application and the Public Hearing contact Ms. Emily Anderson, City Clerk at (850) 342-0153 or (800) 955-8771 (TDD).

This is a handicapped accessible facility. In accordance with Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, persons with disabilities needing special accommodations to participate in this meeting should contact the Mayor through the City Clerk's office at (850) 342-0153, TDD# (800) 955-8771 no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day prior to the meeting.

Pursuant to Section 102 of the HUD Reform Act of 1989, the following disclosures will be submitted to DCA with the application. The disclosures will be made available by the City of Monticello and DCA for public inspection upon request. These disclosures will be available on and after the date of submission of the application and shall continue to be available for a minimum period of five years.

- Other Government (federal, state, and local) assistance to the project in the form of a gift, grant, loan, guarantee, insurance payment, rebate, subsidy, credit, tax benefit, or any other form of direct or indirect benefit by source and amount;
- The identities and pecuniary interests of all developers, contractors, or consultants involved in the application for assistance or in the planning or development of the project or activity;
- The identities and pecuniary interests of any other persons with a pecuniary interest in the project that can reasonably be expected to exceed \$50,000 or 10% of the grant request (whichever is lower);
- For those developers, contractors, consultants, property owners, or others listed in two (2) or three (3) above which are corporations, or other entities, the identification and pecuniary interests by corporation or entity of each officer, director, principal stockholders, or other official of the entity;
- The expected sources of all funds to be provided to the project by each of the providers of those funds and the amount provided; and
- The expected uses of all funds by activity and amount.

A FAIR HOUSING/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/HANDICAP ACCESS JURISDICTION

Condemnation

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city had received complaints on all three properties.

For the sake of due process, City Attorney Bruce Leinback questioned Wingate about each of the three properties. Were the structures uninhabitable? Did the building inspector agree with Wingate's assessment on each? Was there evidence in the form of written descriptions and photographs attesting to the poor conditions of the properties?

Satisfied with the responses and that proper procedures had been followed and the three properties indeed constituted public nuisances, Leinback

advised the council that the next step was for it to declare the properties nuisances and notify the respective owners of their rights to appeal the council's decision.

Should the owners fail to appeal the decision or show cause why the structures shouldn't be condemned, the next step would be for the council to adopt an order of abatement, giving each of the property owners so many days to correct the problem, Leinback said.

He said if the owners failed to take action within the prescribed time, the city could demolish the structures and clear the lots and

put liens against the properties for the demolitions and associated costs.

Just last month, city officials issued an order of abatement against an abandoned property on Lemon Street, in what amounted to the first test case of the new ordinance.

Ordinance 2009-06, more commonly known as the public nuisance ordinance, was adopted in December 2009 in response to expressed concerns from the community that numerous abandoned and dilapidated structures in town represented eyesores and posed safety hazards.

Rental

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and other resources available to the PHA to help address those needs; and establishing goals and strategies for addressing the identified needs.

The rules for the Section 8 housing choice voucher were recently tightened. Previously, participants paid 10 percent of their rental costs. Because the recession has hit even government programs, however, low-income tenants last October

were asked to contribute a little greater share of their rental and utilities costs, as well as settle for smaller dwelling units.

The changes were necessary to keep the program operating in the black.

In general, the Florida Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program pays 30 percent of a tenant's monthly-adjusted income toward the rent, with HUD picking up the remainder.

Participants are given vouchers that allow them to look for housing in the private rental market anywhere within the local housing authority's jurisdiction. Once participants find adequate suitable units, the housing authority must approve the rent and inspect the units. The authority inspects all units in the program annually, to ensure they remain standard eligible.

AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

OBITUARIES



DR. JOHN BRINSON, JR.

Dr. John Bradford Brinson, Jr., M.D. a retired family physician, died at his home in Monticello, FL on Sunday, July 17, 2011.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, July 20, 2011, at 3 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 290 East Dogwood Street, in Monticello. Rev. Sharon Schuler will officiate. Dr. Brinson's family will greet friends at the church after the service.

Dr. Brinson was the son of John Bradford and Martha Bailey Brinson. He was born at his home and lived most of his life in Monticello. He graduated from Monticello High School and Gordon Military Academy in Barnesville, GA.

During the Second World War, he served in the Army Air Corps as a First Lieutenant in the 8th Air Force, 2nd Air Division, 467th Bombardment Group (Heavy) and was stationed in Rackheath, England outside of Norwich. He was the co-pilot of a B-24

Liberator Aircraft and flew 23 combat missions over Europe including two in Berlin.

After his military service, he graduated from the University of Florida and the University of Miami Medical School. He completed his residency and internship at Emory University and at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta, GA. He was a member of the Alpha Kappa Kappa Medical Fraternity.

Dr. Brinson began his medical practice in Madison, FL and in 1960 returned to Monticello to practice with his father. He joined the staff of Archbold Memorial Hospital and practiced in Thomasville, GA. In the early 1970's he joined the Gerry Medical Clinic and practiced with Dr. John Ward until their retirement in 2004.

He is survived by his wife Joyce Curry Brinson; his sons John B. Brinson V and Curry Mullen Brinson; his sister Carolyn Brinson May and his sister-in-law Beulah Laslie Brinson.

He was preceded in death by his daughter Joy, his brother Edward Bailey Brinson and his brother-in-law Howard Fountain May.

Dr. Brinson was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Monticello where he served as an elder. He was a charter member of the Rotary Club, a member of the American Medical Association And Georgia Academy of Family Physicians, a board member of Farmers and Merchants Bank and a member of the 467th Reunion Group.

Memorial donations may be made to the Joy Brinson Scholarship Fund at Woodland Hall Academy, 4745 Centerville Road, Tallahassee, FL 32308, or to the First Presbyterian Church Food Pantry, P. O. Box 513, Monticello, FL 32345.

Beggs Funeral Home Monticello Chapel is handling the arrangements for the family, 485 East Dogwood Street, 850-997-5612, beggschmonticello@embarqmail.com

GERALDINE STERN

Geraldine Marie Walsh Stern, age 77, passed away on Thursday, July 14, 2011, in Monticello, FL. The family will have a memorial service at a later date, at Calvary Cemetery in Portland, ME.

Mrs. Stern was a native of Portland, Maine and had lived in Miami, FL before moving to Jefferson County in 2008. She was a devout Catholic and was a member of Christ the King



Catholic Church in Miami for 50-years, where she was a CCD teacher for 40-years. She was a member of St. Margaret Catholic

Church in Monticello; where she also taught CCD 2-years.

She is survived by her six children: Michael Stern, Steven Stern (wife Margaret,) Kathryn Gohlke (husband Henry,) Cynthia Stern Kinder, Deborah Ryan (husband Timothy) and Charles Stern (wife Tracy,) all from Florida; her 13-grandchildren and her 11-great-grandchildren... and one more on the way.

In lieu of flowers,

donations will be accepted in the Geraldine Stern name to: Big Bend Hospice, 205 North Mulberry Street, Monticello, Florida 32344, 850-997-2827.

Beggs Funeral Home Monticello Chapel is handling the arrangements for the family: P. O. Box 485, 485 East Dogwood Street, 850-997-5612, beggschmonticello@embarqmail.com

Geraldine will be loved and missed forever!

JOE AKERMAN

Joseph Alexander Akerman, Jr. of Madison, Florida passed away in Tallahassee on July 16, 2011 after a brief illness.

Born in Orlando on January 30, 1930, he was the son of the late Frances Norman and Joseph Alexander Akerman, Sr. A graduate of Orlando High School in 1948, Akerman then graduated from the University of Florida in 1952. He studied art in Paris, France at the Grande Chaumere in 1956. He received a Master's degree from Rollins College in 1965. His academic honors include a Fulbright Fellowship to British Columbia, Canada where he taught in 1967-68 and a fellowship from the Institute of Southern History at the Johns Hopkins University where he studied history and received an advanced degree in 1969-70.

Joe started teaching at North Florida Jr. College in 1965, retiring

in 2003 after teaching several generations of students in the six-county area. He was an avid Gator fan and was proud of the scholarship monies he helped raise for students attending the University of Florida. His honors at NFJC include awards for his scholarship work in his writings and his lectures around the state.

While teaching at NFJC, Joe began a part of his life that became very important to him – that was his association with the Florida Cattlemen and their families. In 1976, the Florida Cattlemen's Association published his first book, *Florida Cowman, a History of the Florida Cattle Industry*. This was followed by *American Brahman* in 1982 for the American Brahman Association of Houston, Texas, and, in 2003, he and son, Mark, collaborated on *Jacob Summerlin, King of the Crackers*, which was published by the Florida Historical Society. This book won the Carlton Tebeau award for the outstanding history book in 2005. In 2004, Akerman received the Dorothy Dodd Award for Lifetime Achievement by the Florida Historical Society. He wrote numerous articles, and

gave lectures all over Florida on these books and Florida history in general.

Joe's memberships include the Republican State Committeeman for Madison County; Gideons International; charter member of the Cracker Cattle Association; the Florida Cattlemen's Association; the Florida Humanities Council; Madison County Historical Society; founding member of the Treasures of Madison County; and the Florida Historical Society. Akerman was an outdoorsman who loved quail hunting with his boyhood buddies, friends, and son Mark and grandson, Cole.

Joe was an active member of First United Methodist Church in Madison where he taught a Sunday School class, the "Misfits" and was Chairman of Missions for many years. Akerman served in the U. S. Air Force Reserve out of Homestead, Florida for a short time.

Akerman married the love of his life, Princess, in 1958. Their children are Joseph Mark Akerman (Angie), Gainesville; and Amy J. Hutcheson (Brad), Tallahassee, FL. His beloved grand-

children are Cole and Emma Akerman, Gainesville. He was predeceased by his mother, Frances Norman Connelly; father, Joseph Alexander Akerman, Sr.; and his step-father, Albert P. Connelly, Jr. He is also survived by his brother, Albert P. Connelly, III (Judy), Asheville, NC; sister, Shane Connelly, Eustis; brother, Michael Connelly, Vero Beach; brother, Michael Akerman (Lynn), Portland, Ore.; brother-in-law, Paul R. Jordan, Tulsa, Okla.; cousin, Hugh Akerman, Clarksville, Tenn.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services are 11 a.m. on Wednesday, July 20, 2011, at First United Methodist Church, Madison, Florida with interment in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Madison. The family will receive friends 6-8 p.m., Tuesday, July 19, 2011 at T. J. Beggs, Jr. & Sons Funeral Home in Madison, (850) 973-2258. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to the First United Methodist Church of Madison (348 SW Rutledge St., Madison, FL 32340) and its mission program, or the Gideons International.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JULY 21

The CHP Savvy Senior monthly outreach program, sponsored by Capital Health Plan, will begin at 12:15 p.m. on Thursday at the Jefferson County Bailar Public Library. This free monthly program is one in a series of lunch and learn programs for older adults who want to learn more about creating and maintaining healthy, happy, and active lifestyles. The program will be presented by Mary Goble, MSN RN and hosted by Anna Johnson Riedel. Bring a bag lunch; drinks will be provided. For more information about this program and to make reservations call 850-523-7333.

JULY 21

You may qualify for assistance through the Capital Area Community Action Agency Weatherization Assistance Program. The program reduces heating and cooling costs by improving the energy efficiency of the home. Contact Rev. George Smith at 850-997-6114 for an appointment from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the third Thursday at First Baptist Church of Lloyd. Homes in Jefferson County are needed for weatherization. Or, contact Pat Hall or Melissa Watson at 850-997-8231 for additional information, and other services currently being offered. This is free to the client.

JULY 21

Jefferson County Lions Club meets at 1 p.m. on the first Tuesday and at 5 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at the Rare Door Restaurant, in the meeting room on North Cherry Street. For more information contact Lion Debbie at 850-997-0901, leave a message.

JULY 21

AA meetings are held weekly at 8 p.m. on Thursdays at the Christ Episcopal Church annex, 425 North Cherry Street. For more information call 850-997-2129 or 850-997-1955.

JULY 22

Rotary meets at 12 p.m. on Fridays at the First Presbyterian Church in the fellowship hall for lunch and a meeting with a program and speaker. Contact President Bill Watson at 850-997-2591 or member Mary Frances Gramling at 850-997-3657 for more information.

JULY 22

Monticello Jamboree is held 7 to 11 p.m. every Friday evening at 625 South Water Street, just three blocks north of the American Legion Otto Walker Post 49. For questions or concerns contact Curtis Morgan at 850-933-8138 or Bobby Connell at 850-445-0049. There are doorprizes, cold soft drinks and snacks.

THRU JULY

Jefferson Arts will exhibit the artworks of watercolor, oils and color pencils for artist Jeanne Phoenix through the month. Jefferson Arts Gallery is located at 575 West Washington Street, in downtown Monticello. The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays, or by appointment. Call 850-997-3311 for more information. There is no charge and the gift shop will be open.

JULY 25

AA women's meetings are held on Mondays at 6:45 p.m.; AA meetings follow at 8 p.m., at the Christ Episcopal Church Annex, 425 North Cherry Street. For more information, call 850-997-2129 or 850-997-1955.

JULY 25

You may qualify for assistance through the Capital Area Community Action Agency Weatherization Assistance Program. The program reduces heating and cooling costs by improving the energy efficiency of the home. Contact Nellie Thomas at 850-997-5605 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the fourth Thursday for an appointment in the Dills Community area, at the Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church. Homes in Jefferson County are needed for weatherization. Or, contact Pat Hall or Melissa Watson at 850-997-8231 for additional information, and other services currently being offered. This is free to the client.

JULY 25

Martin Luther King Community Center meets 6 p.m. on the last Monday of each month at the MLK Center. Contact Charles Parrish at 850-997-3760 for more information.

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AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY



The Jefferson County Democratic Party will hold its annual "Beat the Heat" party 6:30 p.m., Thursday, July 28 at the Monticello Opera House.

Special guest speaker will be Tallahassee City Commissioner Andrew Gillum, who is known nationally for his ability to motivate and mobilize voters.

A Southern dinner of fried chicken with trimmings will be served. Cost is \$10.

YOUTH CONSERVATION CENTER TO HOST NASCAR EVENT



Want to help children get out and enjoy the great outdoors? Join the Flying Eagle Youth Conservation Center (FEYCC) and NASCAR Unites for Kids for a volunteer workday on July 30.

NASCAR Unites' goal is one million volunteer hours for efforts that help children live, learn and play. FEYCC's goal is to increase the number of children who actively and enthusiastically engage in outdoor recreation and conservation activities.

To achieve both those goals, volunteers are needed at FEYCC, 12650 East Boy Scout Road in Inverness. Volunteers will assist with building renovations and grounds improvements.

To donate five hours of volunteer time at FEYCC on July 30, go to www.meetup.com/NASCAR-Unites/Inverness-FL and click on "Count Me In."

For more information, contact Barbara Gugliotti at 407-509-4422, or email her at Barbara.Gugliotti@MyFWC.com.

PROGRESSIVE DENTIST BUILDS WORLD-CLASS GREEN FACILITY

You might have to take a second look on the drive from Tallahassee to Thomasville on Highway 319. Just north of the Georgia line a large, sky-blue building will suddenly arise out of nowhere. For 23 years at this location, Dr. William McFatter has had his little denture clinic in a doublewide trailer. That structure is now gone and in its place is one of the most impressive dental offices in the United States. The new home of the Beachton Dental center is truly an innovative structure both in what it offers all who visit, and the environment.

Long known for his friendly staff and professional care, Dr. McFatter has stepped forward to give patients a comfortable, peaceful, healing environment like no other. In the place of the double wide modular office now stands a candidate for the Platinum LEED certification of green buildings, complete with all the bells and whistles. He still maintains the most cost effective, progressive dentistry techniques for replacing missing teeth.

A world-class study in energy efficiency, environmentally sensitive building products and methods, Dr. McFatter has taken all the steps necessary to have as little impact on the environment as possible.

To ensure that these steps were carried out correctly, a design/build team was assembled consisting of Dr. McFatter, EarthSTEPS (LEEDs accredited professional consultants), Price Vincent, Contractor, Inc. (an

award design/build/project management firm) and Morton Buildings, Inc. "The conceptual design presented to us called for an extremely unique interior/exterior project 'want'. Faced with the challenge to design, engineer and construct a very special octagon shaped waiting room, we were able to exceed the design criteria while maintaining the 'green' focus," Kevin Lawrence, Morton Buildings, said.

Maintaining this focus on environmentally friendly building practices, McFatter had the building equipped with solar panels, LED lighting, Argon double-paned windows, triple wall insulation and a unique and cutting-edge air conditioning system that ensures fresh air is constantly flowing thru the building. The landscaping requires no irrigation, and in another step towards earning Platinum LEED Certification, net metering was employed, enabling the facility to sell power back to the electrical grid from the 8,000 sq. ft office. In fact, the Beachton Dental Center, in cooperation with EarthSTEPS, was instrumental in helping the Grady Electric Membership Corporation (Grady EMC) institute its new net metering policy, helping to foster a cooperative effort between the utility and all of its member/customers who can, and want to generate excess power for the use of other consumers on the grid.

Additionally, Dr. McFatter now has more rooms for the

newest equipment and implant procedures such as "All-On-4" and "Teeth in a Day®" graftless implant therapies. With one of the few cone beam x-ray machines in the area, he is able to use computer programming to both plan and guide his implant surgeries. This helps make the surgery safer, easier and quicker for the patient, and often no incision is even needed.

The grand opening, with Tallahassee and Thomasville Chambers attending for a bonafide red ribbon cutting, will take place this summer. "The atmosphere we've created has exceeded my original vision. I'm proud to offer a unique and serene oasis for my patients and staff," Dr. McFatter said. "It has always touched me to see a person smile or eat well for the first time in years. I know how their life will change, their smile will affect all they meet and these people will pass it on. To be able to express your joy or laughter in the moment without covering up - Wow. Think about how just a smile from another affects you and you can see why this work is fulfilling to me. I just love that and that is why I do this."

To learn more about the services offered by Dr. William McFatter, visit his website at www.beachtondenture.com, or call the office at 229-377-6588 or dial toll free, 800-521-7275. The Beachton Denture Clinic is located at 2515 Highway 319 S., next to Hud's III gas station and mini-mart in the Beachton community.

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AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

Education Reform Is Presented To The Chamber

DEBBIE SNAPP
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Staff Writer

The Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce met on Tuesday, July 12 for its general meeting and lunch provided by Tupelo's Bakery & Café.

Guest speaker for this meeting was J. Renee Gordon. Her presentation was, "Your Role In Education Reform."

She is a talent scout/team builder for 'E-squared Effective Educators' and has 20+ years of working experience as a corporate headhunter, building effective teams for firms such as Hewlett Packard and Amazon.com. These past five years have been spent working with struggling schools and districts as a human capital consultant.

Her advice to everyone is, "You've got to be there. It takes people who know better for it to get better. We need you there!" She added that the Chamber could be the way to show them the world.

Gordon is determined to change the schools. She says volunteer programs can work. She also noted that Charter Schools are not the answer but they are schools and we should support them. She also noted that most teachers never meet the principal of the schools they are employed with.



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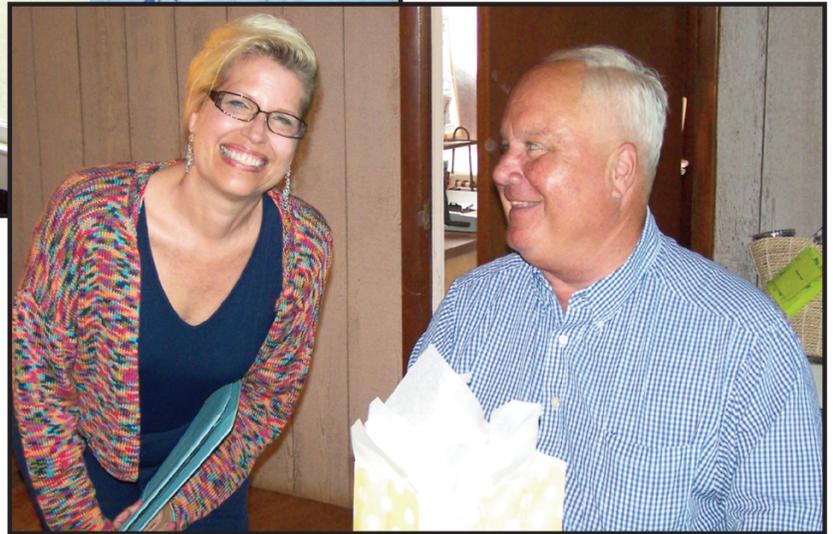
J. Renee Gordon, with E-squared Effective Educators, was guest speaker for the Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce July 12 meeting. She spoke about your role in education reform." Speaking here with Norm Madsen, with Graphic Press.

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J. Renee Gordon visited with local realtor Tim Peary after her "Education Reform" presentation at the Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce.

"If you can't make a difference, don't make a mess," she adds. "There is a lot of blame to go around. We all take the blame whether we have children in the schools or not. After all, we are all funding the schools through our taxes."

"The dropout rate is at the heart of our economic downfall," she concludes.



LEAGUE CALLS ON LAWMAKERS TO RESTRUCTURE REDISTRICTING PROCESS

Following the recent redistricting hearings held throughout the Florida Panhandle, the League of Women Voters of Florida continues to call for some immediate changes to the legislature's redistricting timeline.

"Florida taxpayers are getting a poor return on their investment as they foot the bill for an all-expense-paid tour for legislators to travel throughout the state to 26 cities over three months to listen to citizen input about redistricting, even though no new district maps have been provided for public comment," said League president Deirdre Macnab. "The League believes that asking for input without a draft of the maps represents an expensive and potentially explosive delay that will cost voters dearly, both now and during the 2012 election season."

The League holds that Florida voters already gave the legislature marching orders when 63% of them voted 'yes' on Amendments 5 and 6.

"We call on the legislature to make good use of these public hearings by putting some maps forward for comment that utilize the rules and standards that Floridians set forth in the state's Constitution," Macnab said.

The League is also calling on legislators to stop fighting the will of the voters and drop the lawsuit against the amendments, which the League says is causing taxpayers to cover the legal costs for both sides of the same suit.

"Between paying to both fight and defend a lawsuit challenging the voters' voice, and paying for a 'listening tour' with no maps, Florida voters are not getting their money's worth," Macnab said. "This is something Floridians should not tolerate, particularly as we see precious funding dry up for things such as education, health care, and environmental protection."

The League maintains that during the first round of hearings, legislators demonstrated their reluctance to interact with the public and foster a meaningful dialogue about redistricting by remaining silent when citizens in attendance raised questions.

The League encourages the legislature to make good use of the public's time and money by drawing maps now and accelerating the redistricting timeline in order to prevent a chaotic and confusing election season in 2012.

RGCC Vacation Bible School

DEBBIE SNAPP
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

Restored Glory Christian Center invites the community to its Vacation Bible School and Wham! Bam! School Jam!

Vacation Bible School will be held July 25 to 29 from 6 to 8 p.m. The theme will be, "God Made Me A Winner." The VBS will encourage participants to see themselves the way God sees them. Each lesson will be reinforced through song, dance, arts and crafts and/or games.

To assist families in attending the VBS, the church will serve din-

ner nightly and will provide transportation to anyone in need.

This year's Wham! Bam!

backpacks and other school supplies to Jefferson County students.

Entertainment will be provided for the kids and light refreshments will be served.

This is the fifth year the church has held the school jam, distributing, to-date, over 1,100 backpacks to area students and families.

To register for VBS, to request VBS transportation, or to find out more information about RGCC and its various ministries, visit www.restoredglory.org,

call 997-RGCC (7422,) or visit the church located at 1287 South Jefferson Street, in the Winn Dixie Plaza. The pastor is Reverend Eddie L. Yon.



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The Pulpit

Is God Speaking Today



Rev. Dr. Rick Kelley
First Baptist Church

Millions have asked and are still asking, "Is God speaking today?" Let me assure you that God has NEVER stopped speaking to, and through, His creation. The turmoil is not whether God is speaking, but rather, are we listening? Many would rather have a silent God than a speaking God! Many are more interested in listening to the "god" of this world (Satan,) than they are the Supreme Lawgiver of heaven and earth, God Almighty. In what ways is God speaking today? Does he have a certain voice that all can hear and understand? The answer is YES!

God speaks in various ways to every person, yet in every way there is a revealing of the Godhead. CREATION - Ps. 19:1 - "The

heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows his handwork. Day unto day uttered speech, and night unto night shows knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard."

God speaks by CONSCIENCE - Conscience is internal knowledge. It's moral faculty, which judges between right and wrong. It's God's pricking principle that accuses us when we are guilty of wrongs, or His commending comfort when we are right. Romans 2:14-15 - "For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these having not the law, are a law unto themselves. Which show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing them witness, and their thoughts the meanwhile accusing or excusing one another."

God speaks by COMMANDMENT - II Timothy 3:16 - "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

God speaks by the CHURCH - Matthew 28:20 - "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you..."

God speaks by CHRIST - Jesus is the LIVING WORD, which

became flesh and dwelt among us! Jesus describes himself as the "Alpha and Omega," the first and last letter of the Greek alphabet.

God speaks by CATASTROPHES - During the flood, God was speaking: during the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, God was speaking. Hopefully by now you can see that God has never stopped speaking to His creation. But is His creation listening to Him?

Does God want us to understand that since He is speaking, we should learn to listen? Zechariah 2:13 - *Be silent, a O all flesh, before the LORD: for he is raised up out of his holy habitation.*" What should we be hearing from God?

First, that He alone is the Creator of all living things. And since He alone is the Creator, we are responsible for our conduct before Him.

Second, that our conscience must not be seared or suppressed. After all, you may suppress your conscience and justify ungodly behavior, but God, you cannot suppress!

Third, since his word is living, you and I must give it priority over the wisdom of mankind, which is devilish.

Fourth, the church is where you should go to receive Biblical instruction. It's not a place to give God instruction on "how things ought to be." Christ alone is the HEAD.

Fifth, since Christ is the Living Word, and since He is the Final Word, our lives must be measured up according to his will.

Sixth, since catastrophes have occurred which witnessed His Omnipotence, we should repent and believe while there is time.

May God Bless You All!

Little Man

by Gene Windham

Little man, run as fast as you can. Try to stay abreast with all the rest. For each step they do, you must take two. But, you do what you have to do. Don't let them get ahead of you.

Little man, reach for the stars. Your efforts won't be easy. Until you were nine everything was fine. Then you find yourself being left behind. You must give more of what you've got, if you are going to compete with the lot.

Little man, when you climb that hill, it may seem you are standing still. But, when you get to the top, take a look where you've been. And say, I'm proud, I didn't stop.

Little man, what possesses you to do, what you think you have to do? Are you programmed to be who you are? At times I wonder, and at times I ponder. Then I look up into the sky. Ask my God is this the way it should be. Then my shoulders slump. I've just run into a stump. God is leaving it up to me.

Little man, back off and take a good look. The answer there-in lies in mind and eyes. You won't find it in a book. That's the way it's always been. And, I guess that's okay with God, so long as it's not a sin.

"This battle will end, "Quando. Quando."

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Wednesday

Fellowship Meal.....6:30 PM
Prayer Meeting/Bible Study.....7:00 PM

CHURCH

Rev. Cox At Ford Chapel AME

DEBBIE SNAPP
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Staff Writer

Rev. Gloria Cox was guest speaker at the Ford Chapel AME Church annual Ushers Anniversary program on Sunday, July 11. The message was "Standing in love, the significance of being a doorkeeper in the Kingdom of God."

Focus points of the message being: (1) What's love got to do with it? John 3:16. (2) Love God. Mark 12:30. (3) Love thy neighbor. Mark 12:31

In attendance to this special service were: St. Phillip AME Church, Rev. JW Tisdale, pastor and Class of 1970 classmates.

May God ever bless Ford Chapel AME Church in Monticello and Rev. E. Henderson, pastor.

To contact Rev. Cox call 850-879-4425, or Facebook <http://profile.to/gloriacox/>

CHURCH BULLETIN BLOOPERS

They're Back! Those wonderful Church Bulletins! Thank God for church ladies with typewriters. These sentences (with all the BLOOPERS) actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say 'Hell' to someone

who doesn't care much about you.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation...

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they

can get.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

CHURCH NEWS NOTES

JULY 12-22
The Voice of Thunder International World-wide Ministry will host a Tent Revival at the MLK building on First Street. Apostle DL Pittman will begin preaching at 7:30 p.m. nightly, Tuesday through Friday.

JULY 18-22
Calvary Baptist Church will host Vacation Bible School for children ages four to 15 from 6 to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday at the church location at Dogwood and Magnolia streets. There will be food, fun, crafts, games and skits for kids and teens as they learn about 'The Big 10.' (Commandments) Call 850-997-2165 for more information.

JULY 18-22
Mount Morilla Missionary Baptist Church officers and members will host Revival Services at 7:30 p.m. nightly. Monday and Tuesday will be Prayer Services; on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday the speaker will be Rev. Clarence M. Jackson, III of Greater Bethel Missionary Baptist Church Quincy/Chattahoochee Area. For more information, contact Rev. Louise Wallace, church pastor, at 850-694-2780 or visit www.mountmorillambchurch.com

JULY 18-22
Greater Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church will host Vacation Bible School Monday through Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. each evening. 'Jesus to

the Rescue' is the theme for this year's VBS. Join with others and learn that as disciples of Jesus Christ, you are among those who are highly favored and blessed. Through close examination you will learn that 'A Storm Is Coming', 'When Storms Arise, Call on Jesus', 'Jesus to the Rescue', 'Jesus Speaks to the Storm' and 'Put Your Faith in Jesus'. These subjects will allow participants to do a self-examination and discover the ways faith in Jesus can be enhanced. The church is located at 690 Cypress Street, at the corner of Railroad. For more information, contact Patricia Hall at 850-933-8736 or email to hallp850@gmail.com Area children and adults are invited to this VBS. Meals will be provided daily for everyone, starting at 5 p.m. Rev. Dr. Melvin Roberts, pastor.

JULY 18-22
Central Baptist Church of Aucilla will host Vacation Bible School Monday through Friday for students second through sixth grades, 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. nightly. So, grab a cab and head to the Big Apple Adventure in NYC. Amid the exciting sights and sounds of the city, children will learn that they can connect faith and life through a relationship with Jesus. During their days in the city, children will visit 'Worship at Times Square' and 'Bible Study at Bat-

tery Park'. While touring the city, they will also visit 'Midtown Snacks', 'Mission Central', 'Music Backstage', 'Playground 1017' and the 'Crafts District. Dinner will be served each night. For more information contact Pastor Daryl Adams at 850-251-0129.

JULY 22-23
USDA Commodities Food Program and Second Harvest Food Bank have joined with New Bethel AME, Elizabeth MB, Hickory Hill MB, Mt. Pleasant AME and Philadelphia MB churches to provide food to anyone needing assistance including the needy, infants and the elderly. This is done monthly with distribution from 8 to 9 a.m. usually on the fourth Saturday at the New Bethel AME Church located at 6496 Ashville Highway. Volunteers are also welcome to come on Friday evening at 6 p.m. to help bag the food packages. Contact Nellie Randall at 850-997-5605 or 850-997-6929 to volunteer or for more infor-

mation about the program.

JULY 24
Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate the installation of Pastor Elder Herbert R. Thomas, Sr at 3 p.m. on Sunday at the church location, 4168 NW Lovett Road in Greenville. The messenger will be Elder Thomas J. Haynes, pastor of the St. James Missionary Baptist Church, in Valdosta, GA. All are invited to share the blessings of the Lord and the fellowship of friends. For more information contact the church at 850-948-2080.

AUGUST 6
Restored Glory Christian Center will hold its Wham! Bam! School Jam! from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, at the church location (1287 South Jefferson Street, in the Winn Dixie Plaza.) Backpacks, school supplies, light refreshments and entertainment will be provided; all free of charge. This is the fifth year the church has hosted the school jam, distributing to-date, over 1,100 backpacks to

area students and families. For more information about the event, visit www.restoredglory.org, call 997-RGCC, or visit the church. Rev. Eddie L. Yon, pastor.

SEPTEMBER 24
Covenant Hospice will sponsor Camp Monarch, a one-day camp, for bereaved children on Saturday, at the Beau Turner Youth Conservation Center in Monticello. The camp is open to any child ages five to 15 that has experienced

the loss of a loved one. Activities will include nature and wildlife exploration, fishing, arts and crafts and more. Lunch, snacks and transportation will be provided. Check-in begins at 9:30 a.m.; activities begin at 10:00 a.m.; the day concludes at 3:30 p.m.; and pre-registration is required. Contact Bereavement Specialist Bobbie Massey at bobbie.massey@covenanthospice.org or 850-575-4998 if you have any questions.

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CASE No: 11-96-CA

VERNARD BRANNEN and MARY HENDLEY BRANNEN, Plaintiffs,
vs.
CRAIG MORTON and BARBARA MORTON, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, pursuant to Plaintiff's Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-captioned action, I will sell the property situated in Jefferson County, Florida, described as follows, to-wit:

EXHIBIT "A"

DESCRIPTION: (NEW PARCEL #3)

BEGIN at an iron rod marking the Northeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of Section 31, Township 2 North, Range 6 East, Jefferson County, Florida and run South 01 degrees 43 minutes 58 seconds East 667.03 feet to a point, thence run South 88 degrees 43 minutes 55 seconds West 1396.69 feet to a point on the East right-of-way line of County Road 257, said point being on a curve concave to the East, thence run in a Northerly direction along said right-of-way line and curve having a radius of 7589.49 feet through a central angle of 05 degrees 25 minutes 26 seconds, for an arc distance of 718.47 feet, (chord of said arc being North 04 degrees 03 minutes 32 seconds West 718.21 feet) to a point, thence North 01 degrees 21 minutes 16 seconds West, along said right-of-way line, 1236.26 feet to a point, said point being on a curve concave to the West, thence run in a Northerly direction along said right-of-way line and curve having a radius of 5779.65 feet, through a central angle of 00 degrees 28 minutes 59 seconds for an arc distance of 48.73 feet to a point, thence leaving said right-of-way line, run North 88 degrees 48 minutes 39 seconds East 89.76 feet to the Northeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 31, thence South 02 degrees 31 minutes 51 seconds East, along the East boundary of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 31, 1347.13 feet to the Southeast corner the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 31, thence North 88 degrees 13 minutes 25 seconds East 130900 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the North door of the Courthouse in Monticello, Jefferson County, Florida, at 11:00 on the 25th day of August, 2011.

Kirk Reams
Clerk of the Circuit Court

BY: Sherry Sears, Deputy Clerk

7/20,27/11,c.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The North Florida Broadband Authority ("NFBA") announces a public meeting to which all interested persons are invited. The NFBA is a legal entity and public body created pursuant to the provisions of Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, and an Interlocal Agreement among: Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Putnam, Suwannee, Taylor, Union and Wakulla Counties and municipalities of Cedar Key, Cross City, Lake City, Live Oak, Monticello, Perry, White Springs and Worthington Springs, Florida. **The special meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 27, 2011 at the Suwannee River Water Management District, Suwannee Room, 9225 County Road 49, Live Oak, Florida 32060. The meeting agenda will be posted to the NFBA website www.nfba-fl.org at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.** The NFBA Board will address general operating issues of the NFBA. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the NFBA with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodations or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding, or if you have any questions regarding this meeting, please contact the Clerk to the NFBA Board at (877) 552-3482, at least two business days prior to the date of the meeting.

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NOTICE

The Jefferson County School Board announces a Special Meeting, "**Tentative Budget Proposal**" on **Thursday, July 21, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held at the Old Administration Offices located at 1490 W. Washington Street, Monticello.

An agenda of the meeting may be obtained at the District Office located at 575 S. Water Street, Monticello. Summer office hours are Mon. - Thurs. 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or by visiting the District Website at www.edline.net/pages/jcsb.

7/15/11,c.

NOTICE

Capital Area Community Action Agency, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting, Tuesday, July 26, 2011 6:00 pm. Capital Area Community Action Agency, 309 Office Plaza Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32301.

CACAA is a private, non-profit agency serving Leon, Gadsden, Jefferson, Gulf, Calhoun, Liberty and Franklin counties. The meeting is open to the public. For more information, please call (850) 222-2043.

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NOTICE

In accordance with Florida Statute a public auction will be held on August 24, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. for a 2007 Dodge VIN# 233KA43G97H863313

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Parent Child Home Program Graduation

DEBBIE SNAPP
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The Parent Child Home Program is an organization of professionals, paraprofessionals and volunteers, all working together to ensure that every child has the opportunity to enter school ready to be a successful student.

The program is an evidence-based, research-validated early childhood literacy, parenting and school readiness program. The program uses trained paraprofessionals to work with families who have not had access to educational and economic opportunities, preparing children for academic success and

strengthening families through intensive home visiting.

On Tuesday morning, July 5, a graduation ceremony was held for the students, at the Jefferson County Recreation Park. Those graduating included: Sadaivann Morris, Kaleb Macon, Alexis Miller, Serenity Murray, Caylee Barr, Lakaylin Tucker, Christopher Deming, Willie Scurry, Lafaye Gibson, Tylan Harley, Kaylei Hobson and Taliyah Slater.

This is the 5th year of graduating students from the program. Bonnie Loveless and Jessica Grubbs are the Home Visitors/Instructors for the Parent Child Home Program in the Jefferson County area.



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Debbie Snapp, July 5, 2011.

The Parent Child Home Program for the Jefferson County area held its 5th graduation ceremony. Those students attending the celebration, pictured from left to right are: Alexis Miller, Kaleb Macon, Caylee Barr, Serenity Murray, Lakaylin Tucker, Landrea Nealy and Sadaivann Morris. Not in attendance are: Christopher Deming, Willie Scurry, Lafaye Gibson, Tylan Harley, Kaylei Hobson and Taliyah Slater. Jessica Grubbs and Bonnie Loveless are the Home Visitors/Instructors.

CALLING ALL 1970 HOWARD ACADEMY GRADS

DEBBIE SNAPP
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Staff Writer

Classmates of the Howard Academy Class of 1970 will gather together for an afternoon of fun on Saturday, August 16 from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Greenville/Madison Multipurpose Center, located

at 1376 SW Grand Street, in Greenville.

If you are interested in attending this event, contact Cherry Hall Alexander at 850-591-8694. The cost of the catered meal is just \$10. Come and enjoy the camaraderie, and share your memories with others. "Let's pick up where we left off on last year's celebration," invites Alexander.



Photo Submitted

The 1970 Howard Academy 40th Class Reunion was held in Monticello last year.

NFCC Asks For Communities Help In Preparing New Strategic Plan

KRISTIN FINNEY
A Special From Greene Publishing, Inc.

North Florida Community College has begun preparing their new strategic process for the coming months. This plan outlines NFCC's process for determining the strategies they will use in order to advance the college in the future. The staff at NFCC request that everyone, whether they are staff, students or simply community members to please take part in this survey to gather information to help them begin the new strategic plan. The community plays a huge role in the daily activities at NFCC and the community's feedback is essential to the success of this plan. The survey can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/52RR5W3>.

Currently the plan has seven goals and 26 activities that will help the college meet these goals. The introduction to the 2007-2010 plan states that, "Strategic planning at North Florida Community College is an ongoing process meant to provide a framework for planning by divisions, departments, and individuals. The plan

consists of seven goals and 26 objectives that are interrelated and tied to the College's mission. These goals and objectives were developed to provide the foundation for a three-year planning cycle."

The current Vision provided in the outline states, "Our vision for North Florida Community College is to be a vibrant educational community serving rural North Florida, including the counties of Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee and Taylor, and beyond. We will offer a student-centered faculty and staff who embrace diversity in a friendly and inclusive learning environment. The college will provide technologically advanced educational opportunities in response to the community's need for quality, affordable, and accessible programs. The College will partner with business, industry, community and educational institutions to promote the economic and community development of our region."

The current Mission reads, "North Florida Community College provides quality teaching

and learning opportunities for individual and community development in a changing society." And their Motto is, "Our Mission: YOU."

The 2007-2010 strategic plan also explains the opportunities that students have at NFCC. It explains, "North Florida Community College offers: Transferable college credit programs leading to the Associate in Arts Degree. Workforce development programs leading to the Associate in Science Degree or technical certificates for occupational skills and employment. Access to baccalaureate degree programs through partnerships with colleges and universities. Basic literacy and adult general education leading to the GED. Personal, professional and academic development opportunities through credit and non-credit programs. Partnerships with business, industry, government and other institutions to promote economic development and provide retraining opportunities for the district's workforce. Support services to assist students in making educational, vocational and personal decisions. Cultural, recreational and

enrichment opportunities for students and residents of the community."

To view the current strategic plan, you may visit <http://www.nfcc.edu/media/58772/sp%2007-10.pdf>.

If you have any questions, please contact Tara Orlovski at orlovskit@nfcc.edu or (850) 973-1789.

Tackle Football At Recreation Park

FRAN HUNT
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

Registrations for tackle football will be taken at the Recreation Park Friday, July 29 from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m.

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