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## COUNTY OFFICIALS TAKE 1ST STEP TOWARD PROTECTING THE AQUIFER

### ORDINANCE'S FINAL HEARING IS OCT. 6

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It took a while, but Friends of the Wacissa and others concerned about the river and water quality in general had their patience rewarded on Thursday evening, Sept. 15, when the Jefferson County Commission voted unanimously to proceed with adoption of the long-awaited aquifer protec-

tion ordinance.

Mind, per the rules of the game, the ordinance won't be formally and officially adopted until Oct. 6, when it is scheduled for a second and final public hearing and expected adoption by the commission.

But after months in the making and several postponed hearings because of last-minute legal questions, reevaluations and revi-

sions, and a public noticing error, proponents couldn't be blamed for breaking into applause when commissioners voted 5-0 to approve the ordinance on Thursday evening.

The ordinance, which amends the Jefferson County Land Development Code, reaffirms the county's right to regulate the in-

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*Woman's Club  
Spaghetti Dinner  
Fundraiser*

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## COMMISSION REJECTS RESOLUTION TO REDUCE LANDFILL ASSESSMENT

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True to his word, Commissioner Hines Boyd last week reintroduced a resolution to reduce the landfill assessment for the coming fiscal year, which starts Oct. 1. The measure, however, failed to get the necessary votes.

Boyd reintroduced his resolution to establish a trust fund and reduce the landfill assessment by \$30 per household for residential properties and \$0.007 per sq. foot for commercial properties at the commission's evening meeting on Thursday, Sept. 15.

The resolution, which stems from the recent budget discussions and the identification of a \$1.5 million "surplus fund" in the Solid Waste Department, sought to transfer \$1 million from this fund into a solid waste fee reduction trust fund to be used primarily to reduce the landfill assessment fee for residences and businesses during the next few years, with the amount to be dedicated to fee reduction not to exceed \$200,000 each year.

The resolution called for the first fee reduction to take effect in the coming year and for it to be \$30 per household for residential properties and \$0.007 per sq. foot for commercial properties.

The annual landfill assessment is currently \$225 for residential properties and \$0.057 per sq. foot for commercial properties. Boyd's proposal called for the assessment to be dropped to \$195 for residential and \$0.050 per square foot for commercial, with the latter to be reduced at least \$30 per business.

Boyd shared a spreadsheet showing that the surplus fund had grown from a quarter million in 2002 to \$1.5 million this year. He argued that the surplus had largely grown because the assessment fee was set too high and said returning the money to the people who paid it was the right thing to do.

Commission Chairman Stephen Fulford agreed, to the degree that the initial fee reduction wouldn't affect the Solid Waste Department's operating budget for the coming year and that the commission plans to restructure the two fees anyway. (See related story)

The discussion that ensued pretty much followed past arguments on the issue, with the counter argu-

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## SCHOOL DISTRICT RETAINS OLD HOWARD ACADEMY

### Renovation Effort Encounters Obstacle

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A group's request that the Jefferson County School Board transfer to it ownership of a district-owned building that has historical significance to the African-American community essentially met with a rebuff, for legal and other reasons.

After viewing a PowerPoint presentation by Concerned United People Inc. (CUP) and hear-

ing from several speakers on Monday evening, Sept. 12, the board decided to put the Old Howard Academy building on Cypress Street and Mamie Scott Drive up for sale, based on the advice of legal counsel.

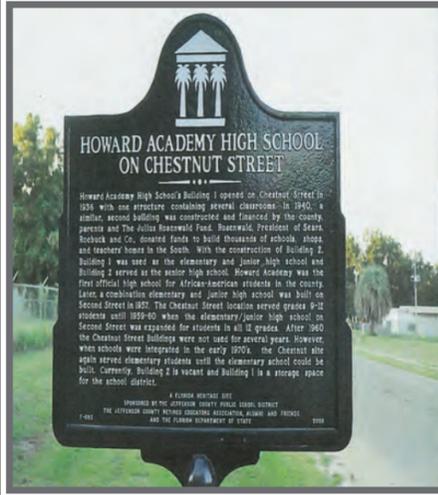
The presentation by CUP President C.P. Miller touched on the building's history, which served as school for black students from 1940 to 1961, when integration made it largely irrelevant. The building then

served as a daycare center from 1996 to 1994, and as a Boys and Girls Club facility from 2005 to 2008. It has been vacant ever since.

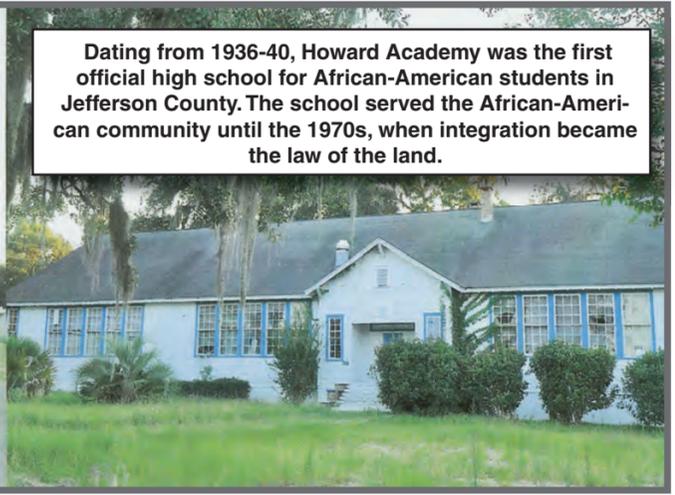
Miller and Commissioner John Nelson said it was the mission of the Old Howard Academy Restoration and Development Committee to raise \$1 million in grants and contributions and restore the landmark building, with a projected completion date of 2013.

"Our goal is to offer a beautifully refurbished building and landscape for Monticello and Jefferson County residents, and to advance civic unity and economic development in our community to meet the cultural, social and educational needs of both residents and surrounding area visitors," stated the group's mission statement

Nelson said it was **Please See HOWARD Page 15**



Dating from 1936-40, Howard Academy was the first official high school for African-American students in Jefferson County. The school served the African-American community until the 1970s, when integration became the law of the land.



**Pythis Lemont Pleas**

## MAN NABBED AFTER SNATCHING VEHICLE

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A Tallahassee man was nabbed here over the weekend by Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) in a car, which had been reported as stolen out of Leon County.

FHP reported that

on September 11 at 10:07 a.m., FHP Trooper J. M. Greene was on routine patrol and he observed a beige sedan facing east on the side of the road with its four-way flashers on, just east of the Wakulla/Jefferson county line on US-98.

As the trooper ap-

proached the vehicle he observed a black male walking on the south shoulder of the roadway towards the vehicle and that the vehicle was unoccupied. As the subject, identified as Pythis Lemont Pleas, 31, of Tal-

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## FIRE, LANDFILL ASSESSMENTS LIKELY TO BE REEVALUATED

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Although a resolution to reduce the landfill assessment for the coming fiscal year failed to pass the Jefferson County Commission on Thursday evening, Sept. 15, businesses and residents can expect the assessment soon to undergo a change — possibly for the worse.

That's because commissioners have given every indication that they plan to approve a study of both the landfill and fire assessments, given that the last study was done in 1989

and that it now appears that the commercial assessment may be insufficient to cover its share of the cost of the service.

What's more, it may be that that the square footage method of calculating the assessment fee for commercial entities is not a good way to do it.

These were some of the salient points to emerge from a Sept. 1 presentation to the commission by Jeff Rackley of the Government Services Group (GSG), a consultant firm that conducts assessment studies and performs other services for government entities.

Rackley explained the similarities

and differences between property taxes and assessments. He said the two were alike in that they both generated revenues that allowed governments to pay for services and facilities and were enforceable by way of liens on properties. He said where the two differed was that ad-valorem taxes didn't have to have specific benefits to properties, whereas assessments had to have special and direct benefits to properties and be fair and reasonably apportioned.

"There is no definitive formula for determining an assessment," Rackley said. "There are different ways to do it,

different ways to structure it."

The abiding criterion, however, was that the assessment be legally defensible, so that it would be able to withstand a legal challenge, he said. That was his firm's job, he said. What his firm would not do was to determine if the present level of service was efficient or cost effective, he said. That was another matter.

Rather, the study his firm proposed to do would establish the existing levels of service for fire protection and garbage collection and the actual

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**Local Weather**

**Wed 9/21**  
87/68

Variable clouds with showers and scattered thunderstorms, mainly in the aft.



**Thu 9/22**  
86/66

A few thunderstorms possible. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the mid 60s.



**Fri 9/23**  
86/61

A few thunderstorms possible. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 60s.



# VIEWPOINTS & OPINIONS

## Letters To The Editor

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

### EVERYONE'S DOING IT...

Last night's county commission meeting had the benefit of extra attendance by those concerned with the aquifer protection ordinance. By attending, they were able to see how some business is routinely conducted. Business in this example being the use of our tax dollars.

Commissioner Boyd presented detailed information for a multi-year period of time for the solid waste program in the county. His sheet showed there was a considerable sum of money generated by the program. The exact numbers for 2009-2010 were \$1,680,931 in revenue and \$1,490,790 in expenses, for an overage of \$190,141. Of note, the fund balance had grown from \$224,091 at the end of 2006 to \$1,430,386 at the end of 2010- and was predicted to rise for 2011. Some are familiar with our national deficit and debt. This situation is the reverse of the national one. Through sound management, the solid waste department has lived within its means year after year and spent less than was brought in.

When he spoke of it, Mr. Boyd said there were three things we could do with the money:

- 1) I Spend it,
- 2) I Spend some and refund some, or
- 3) I Refund it all

He stated no one had called and asked him to refund all of it, so he was looking to do the second option. His plan was to reduce the future solid waste assessment fee by \$30 for residential property owners and a similar amount for commercial property owners, while assuring there would be sufficient money in the fund for future operations.

A vote was ultimately taken on the resolution after it was watered-down by removing several of the paragraphs within it. Commissioner Boyd had brought a backup resolution. The vote was 3-2 against the reduced resolution to refund the excess operating money, with only Commissioner Boyd and Chairman Fulford voting for the

resolution. There were several comments I heard in the large audience that were not favorable. When I spoke to the commission, I commented the government should not be making a profit, and the numbers from the solid waste department would be good ones if they were a private-sector operation.

Many of the people in the room last night were not there last December when the county decided it would be better to spend vs. give back the "extra" \$70,000 in a state road grant (the project was under budget). They were not there last January when the commission voted unanimously to buy a condemned building for \$2,000/month that was already owned by the taxpayer. Maybe if they had been, some of the ire they felt could have been put to good use in the meantime.

The government has no magic tree that money comes from. The money each of us pays in taxes, whether it be to the Treasury/IRS or via the tax on our fuel or phone is where the federal government derives a majority of those magical "federal dollars" that trickle-down to the local level. No one argues that Florida is a donor state- that is we contribute more tax dollars than we receive in "federal dollars." The answer I hear without exception is that everyone's doing it... if we don't take the money, it will go to someone else.

Let's look at that mentality and reflect back on your childhood. Your parents caught you doing something you knew was wrong, and human nature being what it is, your first response was "Everyone's doing it..." I heard this excuse on occasion as a police officer when I pulled a vehicle over for a traffic violation. What my parents said to me is the same thing I said: That doesn't make it right. What would have happened if mom & dad said, well if that's the case OK, then go ahead and do it?

I am a proponent of self-sufficiency in all levels of government, especially local. The solid

waste department is an ideal example. Looked at in detail, the 2009-2010 numbers show two grants were part of the income, small county and hazardous waste. These grants totaled \$75,160. When we subtract this number from the overage of \$190,141 above, we still have \$114,981 more than is needed to operate the department. What if we didn't take the grants next year, and encouraged other small (and large) counties to follow our model? I'd like to think this would be newsworthy and maybe the year after that instead of just one county maybe we'd have six, and ultimately all 67. We'd then have no need for the tax dollars collected for that portion of the small county and all of the hazardous waste grants.

In the recent Presidential debate, Rep. Ron Paul was asked about a young man without health insurance that needed intensive care. Rep. Paul gave a great answer that's applicable here. He recalled his work as a doctor in Texas before Medicaid and how the churches and community looked out for people- the hospital never turned anyone away. He then observed this function was dumped on the government, who created a bureaucracy and the costs increased greatly. In this same answer, he reminded us that with freedom comes risk and the need for personal responsibility.

If government gets back to performing only the necessary functions of government, we can in fact be self-sufficient. The federal government would collect taxes for those items they are specifically charged with such as defense, immigration, and the post office. The state would see a reduced burden as well, which would cascade down to the local governments. This is a true "stimulus" where citizens are allowed to keep more of what they work so hard to earn.

*Paul Henry*

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### I Love Environmentalists

I read with a great deal of interest the Letter to the Editor published in the Tallahassee Democrat several months ago concerning the 25 ways to curve our addiction to oil. First let me say it "ain't" going to happen. We are not only dependent on oil, we have to have it to survive as an industrial leader. There is some possibility of using more natural gas but we are stuck with oil. We need to find ways to get more of it and to become less dependent on others. We might be able to drive our cars somewhat less but most of us have to drive to work and many of us cannot carpool because of the nature of our job. Most of us are too old or too out of shape to ride a bicycle but even if you are in good shape, who is going to ride a bicycle in the rain and lightning? Ride a motorcycle? Do you know how dangerous they are? Many of us are not allowed to work at home by our bosses or the nature of our work prevents us from working at home. We buy from the local farmers market and my wife plants a garden. The garden probably costs more than the food purchased at the farmer's market. But she has a lot of fun planting her garden.

Unfortunately things have to be packaged for our own health and protection. I do drink water from the tap but then I have a deep well and maybe the world's best water. I like those plastic bags that they put the groceries in. They make good liners for the waste baskets scattered throughout our house. As far as buying products manufactured close to home, I would, except that most things are manufactured in other counties, particularly China. I like a vacation once a year and sometimes I go a long way, like Yellowstone. Sometimes I stay close, like the mountains or Savannah. I do not think that I use too much paper but I do not measure it. If I need to print something I print it. I like printed things. I never have trusted computers.

I think most local governments are energy conscious. But we do not need to go totally bonkers over it. It does not have to be our end-all. We have to be reasonable. Save energy where we can. Bicycles and motorcycles are dangerous. I would discourage the use of them except in restricted areas. The riders chronically violate the traffic laws by weaving through traffic, running stop signs, and driving on the sidewalks when it is at their convenience. There is nothing to protect you if you get hit on a bicycle or motorcycle. You usually end up dead or seriously injured.

My grandkids have bicycles and they know how to ride them. The problem is that we live 20 miles from Tallahassee and 11 miles from Monticello and we are not about to consider riding in. Our property is substantially paid for and it would cost a fortune for us to move (we are extremely happy where we live). The other thing is, we could not afford it. Even if we lived close to Tallahassee or Monticello I would discourage my kin from riding bicycles in traffic because of the danger factor.

One of the best vehicles I have ever owned is my F-250 diesel Ford truck. I love it. It has power and speed and pulling power. It gets a whopping 16.5 miles to the gallon (yeah I have a chip). It has enough metal to be relatively safe. It is a viable alternative to the Prius death traps which have sticking gas pedals and expensive batteries.

I will continue to invest in companies that make money and do not follow a socialist agenda. I believe in God, truth, justice, and the American way and I try to think straight. But sometimes my wife questions whether I think straight. Imagine that!?

*Charles E. McClellan*

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### STINGERS

**"Why is it called 'rocking the boat' when the principal is trying to improve things for the school -- sounds like same old same old will prevail."**

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### David Hobbs, Our Sheriff

I had a chance to sit down and talk to our Sheriff David Hobbs. Sheriff Hobbs is a gentleman of the first order. I am pleased with the way the Sheriffs Department is being run. May God Bless our county law enforcement officers.

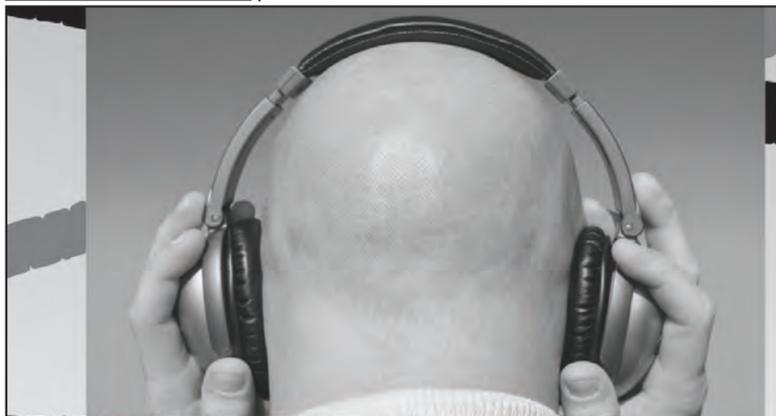
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### BOAT RAMP

I have known Danny Monroe for, it seems like forever. He and I have attended the same Church for years. The Danny I know is a hard-working man, an honest man, a focused person who gets things done, and a Christian. This is the reason he had the boat ramp built. He saw something that needed to be done and he did it. I am proud that he represents our District on the

County Commission. He took responsibility for not getting the approval of the full Commission like the man he is. He said, "I am responsible and not David Harvey." It appears to me to be wrong to put a letter of reprimand in David Harvey's personnel file because he did what one of his bosses told him to do.

*Charles E. McClellan*



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# AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

## Aquifer

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stallation of infrastructures, including those associated with bottling operations; and it makes a supermajority vote of the board necessary for approval of any development having anything to do with water bottling operations, among other things. A super majority vote means that four

of the five commissioners must vote for the measure.

As ordinance author Attorney Scott Shirley said in his brief remarks to the board, the measure aims to provide additional protection for groundwater quality in general and more specifically seeks to protect the health

and biodiversity of the Aucilla/Wacissa rivers ecosystem and the many springs and streams that feed into this system.

Implied if unsaid, of course, the ordinance took form and substance against the backdrop of Nestlé Water North America's testing of Allen Spring

on the Wacissa River for possible transport of the water to its bottling operation in Madison County, and the opposition that the company's plan engendered.

That opposition ranged from local and area groups such as the Friends of the Wacissa, all the way to Corporate Accountability International, a Boston-based nonprofit organization that since 1977 has mounted high-profile campaigns on behalf of public health, the environment and human rights, and whose *Think Outside the Bottle* national campaign promotes the use and protection of the nation's public water systems.

Nestlé pulled the plug on the Wacissa River project on July 27, saying the testing had determined that

although the Wacissa River springs complex continued to produce an abundant 200 million gallons of water daily, Allen Spring was subject to seasonal low flows that did not meet the company's selection criteria for a stable, sustainable water supply.

The project's opponents, for their part, interpret Nestlé's withdrawal as the company recognizing and bowing to the will of the people.

Georgia Ackerman, a board member of the Friends of the Wacissa, has been regularly attending commission meetings and monitoring the Nestlé's situation and the ordinance's formulation since the inception of each.

"Nestlé's pullout is a clear indication that the corporation is feeling pressure from the grassroots and that we

are having an enormous impact in reasserting the right of communities to govern their water over profit-driven transnational corporations. These victories are harbingers of more to come," Ackerman is quoting saying in a press release emailed by Corporate Accountability International immediately after the commission's vote.

Ackerman, for her part, urged the commission on Thursday evening to set up next a committee that could work to formulate a more detailed and comprehensive springs protections plan, an idea that Shirley endorsed and recommended was worthwhile pursuing once the aquifer protection ordinance was in place.

## Assessments

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cost of providing these services and it would then determine what would be a fair and reasonable apportionment of the costs of services per property, i.e., the assessments, he said.

"Is it a fair and reasonable apportionment?" Rackley asked rhetorically. "Is it factually and logically based? Does it make sense in terms of what service is being provided? Understand, there are right ways of doing it and many wrong ways of doing it. We develop a legally defensible method."

As for the present method of determining the commercial landfill assessment by the square footage, Rackley said he didn't think it was a good way to calculate how much solid waste a particular business generated.

"I don't think it's illegal, but there are better ways of doing it," he said. "If you decide to update the assessment, we would work to make it more sensible."

He said the study would identify the full cost of the two services, both in direct and indirect costs; develop a methodology for assessing the benefits of the services to the different categories of properties; and do analyses to determine what would be fair and proportionate assessments for each category.

"It's always best to start the process early, hold workshops and educate the public," Rackley said. "We've done analyses as quick as 30 days and others it's taken two years to look at all the options. You set the time, but three to six months is a good number when you're looking at redoing the assessment."

He said some governments varied on how often they redid their assessments. He said some adjusted their assessments every three to five years and others waited 10 years to redo them. Jefferson County's last update of the assessments was in 1989. He said monies from assessment could be used to pay for the study.

The commission asked Rackley to return to the board with a formal proposal for the study, showing both the cost and the scope of the work to be done. That proposal is expected to come before the board on Thursday morning, Oct. 6.

It was also the board's consensus that, should the decision be to proceed with the study, the contract could be awarded to GSG as a sole source, based on its previous work for the county; or Jefferson County could piggyback on Madison County's current contract with the company.

## Vehicle

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lahassee, FL, neared the vehicle, Trooper Greene asked him if it was his vehicle and if he was having mechanical problems and Pleas responded that he was out of gas.

The trooper obtained a Florida Identification Card from Pleas and returned to his vehicle. Upon calling in the disabled vehicle to TRCC dispatch, TRCC advised that the vehicle was a match to a stolen vehicle BOLO (be on the lookout) issued by the Leon County Sheriff's Office.

Trooper Greene then placed Pleas under arrest for grand theft of an automobile and transported him to the Jefferson County Jail.

The vehicle was turned over to the registered owner's wife, who reported the vehicle stolen and a statement was obtained from her.

Bond was set at \$5,000 and Pleas remained at the county jail September 19.

### Financial Focus...

## WOMEN BUSINESS OWNERS NEED RETIREMENT PLANS

Provided by Robert J. Davison

If you're a woman who owns a business, you've got plenty of company. In fact, women own more than 10 million U.S. companies, and women-owned businesses account for about 40% of all privately held firms in the U.S., according to the Center for Women's Business Research. Clearly, the good news is that women like you are entering the small-business arena at a rapid pace. The not-so-good news is that you may be facing a retirement savings gap in comparison to male business owners.

To get a sense of this gap, consider these statistics:

- According to the U.S. Small Business Administration's Office of Advocacy, 19.4% of male business owners have 401(k) or similar plans, compared with just 15.5% of women owners.
- The percentage of female business owners with Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) is about the same as that of male business owners — but the men have more money in their accounts. The average woman's IRA balance is about \$51,000, compared with \$91,000 for men, according to a recent report by the Employee Benefit Research Institute. Although these figures change constantly with the ebbs and flow of the market, the difference between the genders remains significant.

One way to help close this savings gap, of course, is to set up a retirement plan for your business. But for many women business owners (and male owners, too), the perceived cost of setting up and running a retirement plan has been an obstacle. However, the retirement plan market has opened up considerably for small business owners over the past several years, so you might be surprised at the ease and inexpensiveness of administering a quality plan that can help you build resources for your own retirement — and help you attract and retain good employees.

With the help of a financial professional, you can consider some of the myriad of plans that may be available to you:

- Owner-only 401(k) — This plan, which is also known as an individual 401(k), is available to self-employed individuals and business owners with no full-time employees other than themselves or a spouse. You may even be able to choose a Roth option for your 401(k), which allows you to make after-tax contributions that can grow tax-free.
- SEP IRA — If you have just a few employees or are self-employed with no employees, you may want to consider a SEP IRA. You'll fund the plan with tax-deductible contributions, and you must cover all eligible employees.
- Solo defined benefit plan — Pension plans, also known as defined benefit plans, are still around — and you can set one up for yourself if you are self-employed or own your own business. This plan has high contribution limits, which are determined by an actuarial calculation, and as is the case with other retirement plans, your contributions are typically tax-deductible.
- SIMPLE IRA — A SIMPLE IRA, as its name suggests, is easy to set up and maintain, and it can be a good plan if your business has fewer than 10 employees. Still, while a SIMPLE IRA may be advantageous for your employees, it's less generous to you, as far as allowable contributions, than an owner-only 401(k), a SEP IRA or a defined benefit plan.

As a business owner, you spend a lot of time thinking about what needs to be done today, but you don't want to forget about tomorrow — so consider putting a retirement plan to work for you soon.

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## MWC Hosts Spaghetti Dinner Thursday



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Staff Writer

The Monticello Woman's Club members will host their annual Spaghetti Diner event on Thursday, September 22 in the clubhouse, 875 Pearl Street. Dinner will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. at a cost of \$8 per person. The meal will be eaten in or take-out will be available.

The meal will be sided with a garden salad and dressing, bread, iced tea and dessert; and served by the members of the Woman's Club.

The SonRise Quartet, along with Sissy Kilpatrick on piano, will be the featured entertainment for the event. Quartet members Danny Allen, Louis Getch, Buddy Ensminger and Charlie Elkins will sing Gospel and other Southern music.

For tickets and more information contact MWC President Ethel Strickland at 850-997-3382 or club member Linda Ricke at 850-997-3518.

Proceeds from this event will benefit the MWC philanthropies and the maintenance of the clubhouse.

## UPCOMING MAINSTREET EVENTS

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During the August 1 meeting of the Monticello Florida Main Street Meeting, board members present were Dan Schall, Gretchen Avera, Margie Stern and Nan Baughman (sitting in for Sandra Patterson.)

It was decided that the Main Street 'Halloween Haunting' event will be held on Friday, October 28 from 5 to 8 p.m. Besides the

'trick-or-treating', Main Street will sponsor 'Dogwood Street of Terror', with scary creatures and beings that will be popping out when you least expect them.

Because of the overwhelming community turnout for this October event, non-profit civic groups in and around town will be asked to participate in this 'give back to your community' event. Anyone wanting to participate in the decorating of Dogwood Street, or wanting to

dress as a scary creature for the event, should contact Stern at 850-210-4097 or mstern3409@aol.com

Patterson is preparing a list of vendor contacts for the 'Around the Downtown Christmas' event to be held on December 2. Main Street will begin selling tickets for the 50/50 Raffle Chance Drawing, so start buying for your chance to win.

Project Manager Anne Holt will report on the Annual Main Street Conference in Deland, FL on September 14, 15 and 16 at the next meeting. Subjects of interest discussed at the conference were: economic development, tourism, green architecture and commercial revitalization.

A stove dated back to 1925 was donated to Main Street for the Old Jail House project. Holt will pick it up and deliver it during the last week in September. It was donated from an out of town location.

Main Street will host a benefit for the Old Jailhouse Museum at the Avera-Clarke Bed & Breakfast, on the patio on Monday, October 17 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Entertainment will feature Singer/Songwriter C.S. Holt. Tickets cost is \$10 and available at www.mainstreetmonticelloflorida.org and at other participating stores.

MainStreet of Monticello, Florida holds its general membership meetings at 5 p.m. on the first and third Monday of every month at the Cherry Street Commons on South Cherry Street. The next meeting will be on October 3. Contact Dan Schall at 850-251-3878 for more information. For more information about upcoming Main Street Speaker Series contact Anne Holt at 850-997-5110 or ahholt@ahholt.com. Come to hear about updates and projects that MainStreet has been working on.



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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**SEPTEMBER 21-30**  
Jefferson Arts will feature the Swamp Buddha Sumi-e exhibit through September 28. The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays, or by appointment, and is located at 575 West Washington Street, in downtown Monticello. Call 850-997-3311 for more information. There is no charge and the gift shop will be open.

**SEPTEMBER 22**  
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 appoint-

ment in the Dills Community area, at the Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church. 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.

**SEPTEMBER 22**  
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.

**SEPTEMBER 23-25**  
The Sound of Music at the Opera House will run Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons through the month. Pre-show dinner or lunch is available for all performances by advance reservation. Show only tickets are also available. For ticket

sales or information visit [www.MonticelloOperaHouse.org](http://www.MonticelloOperaHouse.org) or call 850-997-4242. The Monticello Acting & Dance Co., under the direction of M&M Productions presents this musical.

**SEPTEMBER 23**  
AARP Safe Driving Class from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday at the Jefferson County Bailer Public Library. All class participants should bring their drivers license numbers so as to complete the certificates given at the end of the class. Attendees should also check with their insurance companies, as most offer a discount up to three years for completion of this course. To register and for additional information contact Geoff Monge at 850-997-3694.

**SEPTEMBER 23**  
Big Bend Hospice will sponsor a bereavement

seminar for professionals and peer supporters that work with bereaved families from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Counselors, mental health professionals, clergy, educators, nurses, health professionals, emergency responders, law enforcement, military personnel, funeral and nursing home staff are encouraged to attend. To register and for more information contact Lisa Baggett at 850-878-5310x433 or go to [www.bigbendhospice.org](http://www.bigbendhospice.org)

**SEPTEMBER 23**  
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 John Lilly at 850-342-0187 for more information.

**SEPTEMBER 23**  
Monticello Jamboree begins at 7 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.

**SEPTEMBER 24**  
Covenant Hospice is sponsoring a one-day camp for bereaved children called Camp Monarch on Saturday, September 24. This will be held 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. 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 850-575-4998 or [bobbie.massey@covenanthospice.org](mailto:bobbie.massey@covenanthospice.org) if you have any questions.

**SEPTEMBER 24**  
Growing Old Roses Organically at One Heart Earth Center 10 a.m. on Saturday, with instructor Pam Greenwald of

Angel Gardens in Alachua, FL. At 2 p.m. the day will continue with a program on 'Organic Gardening Basics'. Pre-registration is required by though walk-ins are always welcome if there is room. Contact Sallie Worley at 850-997-7373 or email to [oneheartearthcenter@embarqmail.com](mailto:oneheartearthcenter@embarqmail.com)

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**SEPTEMBER 26**  
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.

**SEPTEMBER 26**  
Alzheimer's and Dementia Support Group is held 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the fourth Monday of every month at First United Methodist Church in the Family Ministry Center on West Walnut Street in Monticello. A light lunch will be served. This is a free monthly program. Call the Alzheimer's Project at 850-386-2778 for more information or 850-997-5545 for directions.

## Jackson Elects Advisory Committee



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Extension Agent Kristin Jackson is available for speaking engagements to groups, clubs, churches and organized functions. She's pictured here at a NFCC outdoor community event; set up with information and materials explaining the Jefferson County Extension Office and its programs and services.

**DEBBIE SNAPP**  
ECB Publishing Staff Writer

Kristin Jackson held her first Jefferson County FCS Advisory Committee Meeting on August 22 at the Jefferson County Extension Office, with a dinner prepared by Director John Lilly. She introduced herself as the family consumer science/4H agent for the Extension Office.

She explained her wants and needs to the committee of volunteers; explaining why those in attendance had been chosen to help her, and what she was expecting from everyone. Her goal is to connect with the communi-

ty by providing the latest research-based information on servesafe training, food safety, canning and food preparation, personal and family finance, 4-H youth programs, health and nutrition and HEC.

The work she does in the fields of financial and healthbased programs are coming right along. She is seeing progress in the community as she partners with the people and businesses. "Finding answers to the questions asked of me is my goal here," she says.

The Extension Office is a partnership between state, federal and county governments to provide scien-

tific knowledge and expertise to the public. The University of Florida, together with Florida Agriculture and Mechanical Arts University, administers the Florida Cooperative Extension Service.

Officers were elected during this August meeting, they are: Donna Brumfield, president; Johnnie Abron, president elect; Barbara Kirksey, secretary.

Other discussion included the recruiting of volunteers for jobs they are professionals at, like approaching accountants to help with the VITA program and restaurant managers/owners to help

with the food programs. "Let's teach children to teach their parents," adds Jackson. Helping people, all people young and older, is her goal for her committee. After all, her forte' is financial services.

Mandatory Advisory Board meetings are to be held twice a year, or more often if deemed necessary. The next scheduled meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 10. The committee will discuss strategy planning and selecting priorities. Contact Jackson at 850-342-0187 with questions and concerns.

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## Chamber Annual Dinner Meeting



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The Honorable Judge Bobby Plaines installs new 2011-2012 officers and new board members of the Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce during the annual meeting. Pictured from left to right are: Judge Plaines, Julie Conley, president, David Frisby, board member, Ron Cichon, board member and SW Ellis, secretary.



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Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce officers for the 2011-2012 year are pictured from left to right: Sandra Patterson, treasurer, Julie Conley, president, SW Ellis, secretary and Marianne Arbulu, vice-president.



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Julie Conley was elected 2011-2012 president of the Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce during its annual meeting. 2010-2011 President Gordon Dean, on right.

**DEBBIE SNAPP**

ECB Publishing Staff Writer

The Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce held its annual Dinner and Business Meeting on September 13 at the Monticello Opera House. Outgoing President Gordon Dean welcomed all for their attendance.

Chamber Executive Director Melanie Mays gave her annual report beginning with a list of well-orchestrated functions and fundraisers including the Chili Challenge, Taste of Spring, Watermelon Festival and most recent Flea Across Florida. She noted that we need not change these events, just make them even bigger and better. She said that the Chamber has a lot going on and a lot to offer its members. She concluded with a mention that "the success of our Chamber depends on many people working together."

The membership enjoyed a steak dinner cooked by Bill Gunnels, Buck Bird and Gordon Dean; salad prepared by Pizza Hut; potatoes and bread from The Rare Door restaurant; and desserts by Carrie Ann & Co.

Outgoing President Gordon Dean presented remarks and well-earned awards to the following: Merry Ann and David Frisby, the President's Award, for their outstanding contribution to the Chamber; Buck Bird, the Grace and Mack Morris Award for his outstanding contribution to the community; Marianne Arbulu, the Velinda and Fred Williams Award for her outstanding contribution to the Chamber and the community by a government official; and to Bill Gunnels for the Capital City Bank, Corporate Citizens Award for its outstanding contribution to the Chamber and community by a business.

Guest Speaker Jerry Osteryoung spoke about customer service and having a social network presence. He encouraged business owners to reach out and network to create more business in a down economy. "You don't get a second chance to make a first impression," he said. "You've got to grow. You can't stay status quo. Take advantage of this computer age. Adopt technology. You've got to reach out to be successful. Up-sell your business. Bundle your products, and be consistent."

Osteryoung is director of Outreach Services of the Jim Moran Institute, Jim Moran Professor of Entrepreneurship (Emeritus) and Professor of Finance.

The new slate of officers and board of directors was presented. They are: Julie Conley, president; Marianne Arbulu, vice-president; SW Ellis, secretary; and Sandra Patterson, treasurer. Directors terms expiring 2011-2012: Immediate Past President Gordon Dean, Pat Inmon, Bob Davison, Lisa Reasoner and Ron Cichon; Directors terms expiring 2012-2013: David Frisby, Bill Gunnels, Gretchen Avera and Mark Kessler; Directors terms expiring 2013-2014: Frank Blow, Mike Reichman, Rob Beshears and David Woodyard.

New President Julie Conley spoke briefly encouraging words for her term in office. She will build on the success of the outgoing president, honor the good traditions that make this Chamber a special organization, look for new ideas and approaches and make this Chamber the 'go-to' organization for local businesses. She welcomes ideas and opinions and management styles.

This annual event was sponsored in part by Tobacco Free Jefferson Partnership. The purpose of this community-based organization is to promote a healthy, tobacco free lifestyle. And, to promote policy change through education about the dangers of tobacco use, the benefits of cessation and the risks of secondhand smoke exposure. Its focus includes specific policies and goals that support a tobacco free lifestyle for Jefferson County residents.



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Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Melanie Mays and husband Todd Randall in attendance to the Annual Meeting.



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2010-2011 President Gordon Dean, center, presents the President's Award to Merry Ann and David Frisby for their outstanding contribution to the Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce.



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Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce 2010-2011 President Gordon Dean, right, presents the Grace and Mack Morris Award to Buck Bird for his outstanding contribution to the community.



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2010-2011 President Gordon Dean presents Marianne Arbulu with the Velinda and Fred Williams Award for her outstanding contribution to the Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce and the community by a government official.



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2010-2011 President Gordon Dean, right, presents Bill Gunnels, for the Capital City Bank, the Corporate Citizens Award for its outstanding contribution to the Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce and community by a business.

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At right, Jerry Osteryoung was guest speaker to the Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting. He spoke about customer service and having a social network presence.



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In attendance to the annual meeting of the Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce are: Leo Russell, Pro-Mobile Detailing and PFC Tiara Smith, Army.



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Grilling steaks for the Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce annual meeting are: Buck Bird, on left, and 2010-2011 President Gordon Dean.

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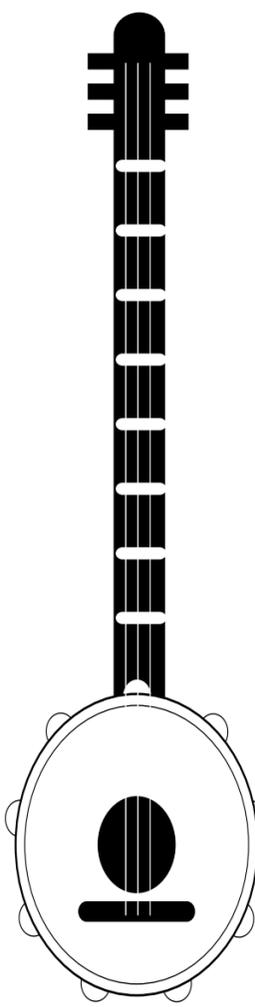
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2:00 p.m. - Gandy Brothers  
3:00 p.m. - Highway 41  
4:00 p.m. - Blue Shades of Grass  
5:00 p.m. - Swiftwater  
6:00 p.m. - Up the Creek  
7:00 p.m. - Josh Slone & CoalTown  
8:00 p.m. - FL State Bluegrass Band

**Saturday**

11:00 a.m. - The Stone Family  
12:00 p.m. - Swiftwater  
1:00 p.m. - Gandy Brothers Band  
2:00 p.m. - FL State Bluegrass Band  
3:00 p.m. - Blue Shades of Grass  
4:00 p.m. - Josh Slone & CoalTown  
5:00 p.m. - Gandy Brothers Band  
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# CHURCH

## “Keeping the Faith” Don't Pray for Rain

Ronnie McBrayer

I've made a habit lately of studying the Amish. I use the word “study” loosely as this is not a simple curiosity of mine or some kind of theological experiment. My exploration flows out of a deep respect and admiration for their faith and spirituality.

We English (that's what the Amish call us outside their communities) recognize them because of their familiar beards, horse-drawn buggies, fine woodworking, or barn-raising, but there's a lot more to this group than sturdy furniture and firm dispositions. They have a lively, vibrant faith despite their archaic lifestyles.

The Amish (and their cousins the Mennonites, Brethren, and a few other groups) I have come to know are lovers and active makers of peace. They value simplicity above almost any other thing. They love their families and community, and they have a profound trust in God. This trust, employing a good Amish-German word, is called “Gelassenheit.”

“Gelassenheit” is usually translated into English as “submission” or “to yield,” but it is so much more. It is a total letting go of entanglements. It is a relinquishment of the self. It is an exchange of human, personal will for a “thy will be done” kind of life – not a blind, hopeless fatalism, but a defiant and restful faith in God.

One Amish farmer summed up “Gelassenheit” like this: “We don't pray for rain,” he said. “But we are thankful to God when the rain arrives.” This perspective gives the Amish a completely different understanding of “the will of God” than most of the Christian universe.

Many of us have been taught, tacitly or overtly, that “God's will” is this magic be-all-end-all, which, if discovered, can end all the angst and indecision of life. So we chase after and fret over what God wants us to do, thinking there will be complete and total disaster if we miss the secret plan he has for us. We twist and writhe in the anguish of our decisions, never feeling good about any choice we make.

Finally, we conjure up all the bravado or foolishness we can muster, smile through gritted teeth, and give a direction a whirl. If it all works out, we praise God for his magnificent direction. If it is a belly-flopping disaster we scratch our heads, feel terribly ashamed, and blame God or our weak faith for leading us the wrong way.

The truth is, most Christians really want to do what God wants us to do; we want to do “the will of God.” Equally as true, however, is this: There is no exact formula for finding this will. This does not sound very spiritual, but in my experience, finding God's will is as much about trial and error as it is about praying and seeking. And yes, sometimes it ends in a big mess.

Maybe we can take a cue from the Amish and neutralize the mystery of finding and doing God's will. Maybe we can learn to simply trust God with our life and our circumstances. Maybe, if we keep hitting the wall, we can stop, listen, and trust for a while. Maybe we can learn to yield our own wills, or at least stop using God's name to sanction our decisions.

Maybe we can stop putting ourselves through the torturous exercise of chasing after something we can't even define. Here is the thing the Amish can teach us: Rather than trusting an exact path and direction for your life, just trust God with your life. After all, God is bigger than your plans. God is stronger than your failures, and God never fails to reward those who seek after him. You can find peace by quit trying to figure out what to do for God and simply rely upon God.

Meister Eckhart, an old medieval mystic from Germany who knew a few things about “Gelassenheit” himself, wrote: “God wants no more from you than you letting go of yourself. Then you can let God be God in you.” If that's not God's will, then I don't know what is.

Ronnie McBrayer is a syndicated columnist, speaker, and author. His books include “Leaving Religion, Following Jesus” and “The Jesus Tribe.” Visit his website at [www.ronniemcbrayer.net](http://www.ronniemcbrayer.net).

## AREA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO HOST FIELDS OF FAITH EVENT, JOINING THOUSANDS OF YOUTH ACROSS AMERICA ON OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup>

Students from Madison, Jefferson, Hamilton, Taylor, Suwannee, Lafayette, and Dixie County schools will be joining thousands of other youth on athletic fields all across America on Wednesday, October 12, 2011, to share their Christian faith with fellow students during the sixth annual national Fields of Faith event. This rapidly-growing, interdenominational outreach event will be held at more than 475 locations throughout the nation on this same date.

While many Christian rallies are anchored to an entertainer or professional speaker that creates a spectator event, Fields of Faith is structured as a student-to-student ministry movement. Peers invite their own classmates and teammates to meet on their school's athletic field to hear fellow students share their testimonies, challenge them to read the Bible and to come to faith in Jesus Christ.

“I love this event! When I first heard about Fields of Faith at our national staff training I knew immediately this would work in our North Florida area.” (Steve McHargue area FCA representative.) This will be the second Fields of Faith event for our North Florida schools. Last year, approximately 2,550 students and supporters attended in these seven counties. The national growth of Fields of Faith has been remarkable. Since the beginning of Fields of Faith in 2004, over half a million students have joined in the movement. In 2010 alone, more than 150,000 students gathered on 475 fields across 40 states to participate in the event.

It's not just those numbers that have FCA organizers excited about Fields of Faith. It's the real-life impact that these gatherings are having on young people. Last year's series of events saw 3,568 students make first-time faith commitments to follow Jesus Christ, 5,290 recommitted their life to Christ and 12,786 committed to reading the Bible daily. “The impact of Fields of Faith has been incredible in just these past few years,” said Les Steckel, FCA president and former veteran NFL coach. “It's all about young people in these communities coming together on their school's athletic field and challenging each other to go back to the fundamentals of reading God's Word and coming to faith in Jesus Christ.”

The impetus for Fields of Faith began with Jeff Martin, an FCA staff person, who conceived the idea from an Old Testament reference in 2 Chronicles 34 after searching how to help today's generation of students face spiritual battles and temptations. In the scripture, King Josiah, an influential teenager very similar to Fields of Faith attendees today, gathered his people and challenged them to read the Bible. As a result, they changed their culture.

In 2004, the Josiah-influenced dream came true when 6,000 students gathered on school athletic fields throughout three states for the first Fields of Faith event. That was the beginning of what has become one of the most significant faith-related gathering of students in a single day. “Fields of Faith challenges this generation to be committed to reading the Bible and living a transformed life for Jesus Christ,” said Martin. “It's students challenging students, peers challenging peers and that's the heart and soul of Fields of Faith. We are seeing entire communities changed because of Fields of Faith.”

While Fields of Faith has its roots with FCA leadership, the event is designed to include multiple national Christian organizations, local churches and ministries. A local leadership team will determine the program of each Fields of Faith event. More information about Fields of Faith is available at [FieldsofFaith.com](http://FieldsofFaith.com). To learn more about the event in your area, contact Steve McHargue 850-464-0325 or [smchargue@fca.org](mailto:smchargue@fca.org)

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# CHURCH

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**SEPTEMBER 23**  
Tent of the Holy Guests offers prayer for the sick and a special scripture message every Friday at 7:30 p.m. Scripture topics will be discussed. The Tent is located at 295 West Palmer Mill, in downtown Monticello.

**SEPTEMBER 23, 24**  
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 information about the program.

**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 HYPERLINK "mailto:bobbie.massey@covenanthospice.org" bobbie.massey@covenanthospice.org or 850-575-4998 if you have any questions.

**SEPTEMBER 24**  
Salvation Army will present its 7th annual fundraising event 'You're

in the Army', at 7 p.m. on Saturday in the Thomasville, GA City Auditorium. The musical group 'Chuck Wagon Gang' from Pigeon Forge, TN will entertain this year. Ticket cost is \$13 in advance and \$15 at the door. For ticket information, contact Salvation Army Commander Anita Howell at 1-229-200-9328 or Event Chairman Ervin Brock at 1-229-224-0773. Or, contact the Thomasville Visitors Center, 144 East Jackson Street, at 1-229-228-7977 or toll-free at 1-866-577-3600. Center hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**SEPTEMBER 24**

Gospel Music Spectacular at 7 p.m. on Saturday at Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park in Madison, FL. Featuring the Dixie Echoes, LifeSong and Heaven Sound. For more information about this event, call 850-464-0114 or visit HYPERLINK "http://www.lifesonggospel.com" \t "\_blank" www.lifesonggospel.com October 6

Faith Radio will host 'A Night Of Celebration' on Thursday, as it celebrates its 14th Anniversary. Special guests will include Comedian Aaron Wilburn and Singer Daniel Crews. This event is free and will be held at the 3131 Thomasville Road Baptist Church, be-

ginning at 7 p.m. For more information contact Brenda or Scott Beagle at 850-201-1070 or listen to Faith Radio at 90.1 FM, 104.5 FM, 105.7 FM, 1070 AM or go to www.faithradio.us

**OCTOBER 8**  
Tri County Ministries will host a musical concert on Saturday beginning at 6 p.m. at the Jefferson County High School in the auditorium. Guests will include: Apostle J.L. Cash, Prophetess Janice Lewis and Praise along with other local groups and choirs. For more information contact Apostle Marvin Graham at 850-212-7669.

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Sunday Morning.....10:55 AM  
Sunday Bible Study.....6:30 PM  
Wednesday  
Prayer Meeting.....6:30 PM  
Youth Group.....6:00 PM  
Choir Practice.....7:30 PM

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Sunday Evening.....6:00 PM  
Wednesday Evening.....7:00 PM  
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Sunday School.....9:45 AM  
Morning Worship.....10:45 AM  
Wednesday Evening  
Supper.....5:30 PM  
Small Group Breakout.....6:30 PM  
Bible Study & Prayer Meeting.....6:30 PM  
Saturday  
Spanish Church Services.....7:30 PM

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Sunday: Bible Study.....9:45 AM  
Worship Service.....11:00 AM  
Choir Practice.....6:00 PM  
Worship Service.....7:00 PM  
Wednesday  
Children/Student Ministry.....3:30 PM  
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Spanish Mass.....7:00 PM

## Joyful Noise Sing Scheduled For October 7

**DEBBIE SNAPP**  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

The Big Bend Hospice Jefferson County Advisory Council will host its Joyful Noise Sing, Dinner and Auction on Friday, October 7 at the First United Methodist Church in the Family Ministry Center located at 324 West Walnut Street in Monticello.

This event will include a prime rib dinner with all of the extra's including homemade cheesecakes for dessert, served by elected officials.

The dinner, concert and silent auction will begin promptly at 6 p.m. The concert will feature a few local fa-

vorites including the Sheats Trio, Purvis Brothers and Friends, and Anniesha Polee. The silent auction items include original artwork, a week's stay at a mountain cabin, a photography session by Suzanne's Photography, gift baskets and certificates from local merchants. These are just a few of the generously donated auction items.

All proceeds from this annual event will be used to support patient care for Big Bend Hospice patients in Jefferson County.

Tickets for the evening are \$25 and are on sale now. Tickets are available from Michele Brantley by calling 850-566-7491 or from Advisory Council and Committee members: Rev. Jimmy Brookins, Polly Brown, Chaplain Leonard Dodson, Ginger Hodges, Barbara Culbreath, Barbara Moody, Barbara Sheats, Helen Braswell, John and Rev. Sharon Schuler, Rev. Wayne Cook, Dr. Lettie D. White, Les and Pat Powell, Fred Mosley, Steve Hall and Ethel Strickland. No tickets will be sold at the door and no carryout meals will be available. So, buy your tickets now!

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For more information about this event or any of the services offered by Hospice contact Brantley at 850-566-7491.

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Sunday Praise & Worship.....8:30 AM  
Sunday School.....9:30 AM  
Traditional Worship.....11:00 AM  
Youth Group.....5:30 PM

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(Mid-Week Church Fasting Day)  
1st Wednesday  
Praise and Worship.....7:30 PM  
Prayer.....7:00 PM  
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Praise & Worship.....6:00 PM  
Adult Choir.....7:00 PM  
Wednesday

Family Supper.....5:45 PM  
Worship.....7:00 PM  
Joyful Sounds Children's Choir...7:00 PM  
5th quarter Youth.....7:00 PM  
1st & 3rd Monday

Mighty Monday-Ladies Bible Study...6:30 PM  
2nd Thursday

Lloyd Silver Saints.....11:00 AM  
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Tuesday Prayer Meeting  
and Bible Study.....7:00 PM

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Sunday Worship.....11:00 AM  
Sunday Evening.....6:00 PM  
Wednesday

Bible & Prayer Meeting.....7:00 PM

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Sunday School.....9:45 AM  
Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 AM  
Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 PM  
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Sunday Worship Service.....11:00 AM  
Choir Practice.....5:00 PM  
Worship Service.....6:00 PM  
Wednesday

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

# CHURCH

## SEPTEMBER: A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE AND A TIME OF OUTREACH AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

LYNETTE NORRIS

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September 11 has become as much a part of our lives as the Fourth of July. We do many of the same things; flying the flag, watching patriotic documentaries on television, remembering those in the military, honoring the fallen; and when either holiday falls on a Sunday, we take time to appreciate our nation and the sacrifices others have made for us, sing patriotic songs and pray for our nation's leaders.

But while the Fourth of July also conjures up images of celebration – parades and picnics and beach trips and backyard barbecues, September 11 has a far more dark and somber edge, one remembered with tears and sadness and even anger. We remember the planes crashing, the towers falling, the people running, and the fire engine being pulled from the rubble in the days that followed as we gathered around television sets like so many stunned moths around a flame. It is a point in time fixed in our consciousness clearly marking a before and after.

As Rev. Dr. Rick Kelley pointed out in his notes on the church program, even ten years later, most of us can remember exactly where we were and what we were doing on that fateful morning when we heard the news.

A short music video of Alan Jackson's "Where Were You When the World Stopped Turning" brought back the horrific and haunting images we stared at in disbelief a decade ago. They have lost none of their power in the intervening years. They still mesmerize. They still move us to tears, being all the more poignant now that we

can also watch television interviews of children growing up without their mother or father, children of firefighters and police officers and people who simply went to work in the Twin Towers that day, just as they always had. Even those of us who did not lose loved ones that day are forever changed by it in some way. It has singed our moth wings with the reminder that we are just as ephemeral as these small fluttering creatures.

"People of today need a comfort...a rock...an anchor," said Rev. Kelley. "Through the tragedies of yesterday, today and tomorrow, only the Gospel brings comfort." There is hope only through Christ.

"Compelled by Christ's Compassion" is the theme of the entire month of September, dedicated to bringing that comfort and hope to the rest of Florida through this year's Maguire State Mission Offering.

John Maguire, a former secretary-treasurer of the Florida Baptist Convention, and his wife Clyde, a writer and historian, encouraged Florida Baptists to reach out to mission fields in their own backyard.

"Basically, they realized that not much was being done with Florida," said Carol Miller, who is overseeing the Maguire Offering Program at the First Baptist Church of Monticello.

The Maguires set out to encourage Florida Baptists to go into this



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Carol Miller stands beside the board representing the Maguire State Missions Offering and the church's goal of \$1500.

virtually untouched field in their own state, reaching out especially to the migrant workers, winter tourists, immigrants and natives. Today, the Maguire State Mission Offering funds ministries that bridge language and cultural barriers or simply "plant" churches where none existed before.

The Cross Brand Baptist Church near Williston, in the heart of cattle ranching country, is one such example of a "planted" church, featured in a second short video on 9/11 Sunday. With the help of the Maguire State Mission Funds, the people will soon have a church building; until

then, they gather for worship services at the rodeo grounds and hold baptismal services in large galvanized tubs.

On Sept. 4, Carol Miller spoke to the congregation at First Baptist of Monticello about the Maguire State Offering. The church's goal, she said, was \$1500. One week later, on Sept. 11, the church was almost halfway to the goal, she said, with \$650.

Almost halfway there, the congregation seems assured of reaching that goal, to bring light and hope to people of Florida, even as much of the world remains in chaos, "Compelled by the Compassion of Christ."

### CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

285 Magnolia St • Monticello • 997-2165  
www.cbcfloida.org  
Dr. David E. Walker, Pastor

Sunday School.....9:45 AM  
Sunday Morning.....11:00 AM  
Sunday Evening.....6:30 PM  
Wednesday Evening.....7:00 PM  
Wed. TRAC Club for teens.....7:00 PM

### CODY PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

3862 Tram Rd. • Monticello • 997-6774  
Pastors Donnie and Nancy Thomas

Sunday School.....10:00 AM  
Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 AM  
Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 PM  
Wednesday Worship.....7:00 PM

### INDIAN SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

5593 Veterans Memorial Drive (Hwy 59)  
Tallahassee • 850-893-5296  
www.indianspringsbaptistchurch.com  
Rev. Greg Roberts

Sunday School.....9:45 AM  
Sunday Worship.....11:00 AM  
Children's Worship.....11:00 AM  
Wednesday  
Fellowship Meal.....7:00 PM  
Prayer Meeting.....7:45 PM

### SARDIS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

4543 Waukeenah Hwy • Monticello -850-264-0802  
Pastor Stephen Lenzo

Sunday School.....9:45 AM  
Sunday Worship.....11:00 AM  
Nursery Provided  
Tues Bible Study.....6:30PM  
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### HARVEST CHRISTIAN CENTER

1599 Springhollow Road • Monticello • 850-212-7669  
Pastor Marvin Graham

Sunday Worship.....10:30 AM  
Sunday Worship 1 & 3.....2:00 PM-4:00 PM  
Every 2nd & 4th Sunday.....6:00 PM  
Tuesday Bible Study.....7:00 PM  
AA Tuesday.....8:00 PM  
Wednesday Bible Study.....7:00 PM  
Wed. Young People Bible Study.....7:00 PM  
Wed. Counseling.....5:30 PM-8:30 PM  
Thurs. Jail Ministry.....7:00 PM-9:00 PM



## Sunday Of Silence

DEBBIE SNAPP

ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

The One Heart Earth Center Sunday of Silence held on September 11 was such a lovely and quiet time, which was very profound. Instructor, Joy Moore, freely offered her gentle yoga, leading those in attendance into such a deep meditative state; and M.E. McMillan brought delicious treats to share with those who stayed for lunch.

The next Sunday of Silence will be held 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on October 9. The community is invited to attend. Come before church or after and spend a little time, or the day. Gentle Hatha Yoga will begin at 10 a.m. with Instructor Joy Moore. Mats will be provided and a vegetarian lunch will be served at 12 p.m. Lunch will be eaten in silence. The meditation room, sunporch, gardens and Labyrinth await you.

Contact Sallie Worley at oneheartearthcenter@embarqmail.com or call 850-997-7373 to make reservations, for food preparation purposes. Walk-ins are welcome if room allows.

Sunday of Silence is a non-denominational time of stillness and reflection and is held the second Sunday of each month. OHEC is a non-profit 501c3 public charity. Donations are tax deductible.

"Be still and know that I AM God." Psalm 46:10

### LAMONT BAPTIST CHURCH

850-997-6870----P. O. Box 188  
US27 Lamont, FL 32336  
www.lamontbaptistchurch.org  
Mark Holley, Pastor

Sunday School.....10:00am  
Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00am  
Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00pm  
Bible Study and Choir Practice.....6:00pm  
(each Wed. night)  
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Monticello • 997-4226  
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Sunday Worship.....11:00 AM  
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Prayer & Bible.....7:00 PM

### ST. RILLA MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

13 Barrington Road • Monticello • 850-997-8747  
Rev. James Mack, Pastor

Sunday School.....(Every Sunday)...9:45 AM  
Morning Worship.....(1st & 3rd Sundays)11:00 AM  
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### TRANSFORMING LIFE CHURCH ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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www.restoredglory.org  
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www.waukeenah-umc.org  
Pastor Donald Thompson, Jr.

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Youth Group.....7:00 PM  
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newhope415@yahoo  
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Sunday Prayer.....6:00 PM  
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2nd Sunday Youth Praise & Worship  
4th Sunday Individual Outreach Ministry & Fellowship  
3rd Sunday Holy Communion  
Wednesday Evenings  
Prayer Meeting.....6:30 P.M.  
Bible Study.....7:00 P.M.

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

290 East Dogwood Street • Monticello • 850-997-2252  
Rev. Sharon Schuler, Pastor

Sunday School.....9:45 AM  
Sunday Worship(except last Sunday of month)..11:00 AM  
SonShine Worship(last Sunday of month).....9:00 AM  
Adult Bible Study-Wednesday.....6:30-7:30 PM  
Men's Breakfast.....8:00 a.m. on 2nd Saturday

# CHURCH

## THE DEVIL AND THE DUCK



**AUTHOR UNKNOWN**  
Submitted  
By Karen Walker  
berriehillfarms@yahoo.com

There was a little boy visiting his grandparents on their farm. He was given a slingshot to play with out in the woods. He practiced in the woods; but he could never hit the target. Getting a little discouraged, he headed back for dinner.

As he was walking back he saw Grandma's pet duck. Just out of impulse, he let the slingshot fly, hit the duck square in the head and killed it. He was shocked and grieved. In a panic, he hid the dead duck in the woodpile, only to see his sister watching. Sally had seen it all, but she said nothing.

After lunch the next day Grandma said, 'Sally, let's wash the dishes.' But Sally said, 'Grandma, Johnny told me he wanted to help in the kitchen.' Then she

whispered to him, 'Remember the duck?' So Johnny did the dishes. Later that day, Grandpa asked if the children wanted to go fishing and Grandma said, 'I'm sorry but I need Sally to help make supper.' Sally just smiled and said, 'well that's all right because Johnny told me he wanted to help?' She whispered again, 'Remember the duck?' So Sally went fishing and Johnny stayed to help.

After several days of Johnny doing both his chores and Sally's, he finally couldn't stand it any longer. He came to Grandma and confessed that he had killed the duck. Grandma knelt down, gave him a hug and said, 'Sweetheart, I know. You see, I was standing at the window and I saw the whole thing, but because I love you, I forgave you. I was just wondering how long you would let Sally make a slave of you.'

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY AND EVERY DAY THEREAFTER:

Whatever is in your past, whatever you have done... and the devil keeps throwing it up in your face (lying, cheating, debt, fear, bad habits, hatred, anger, bitterness and the like) whatever it is... you need to know that God was standing at the window and He saw the whole thing. He has seen your whole life. He wants you to know that He loves you and that you are forgiven. He's just wondering how long you will let the devil make a slave of you.

The great thing about God is that when you ask for forgiveness, He not only forgives you, but He forgets. It is by God's grace and mercy that we are saved. Go ahead and make the difference in someone's life today. Share this with a friend and always remember that God is at the window. When Jesus died on the cross; he was thinking of you.

## LIVE GOD'S WAY

BY VIVIAN MILES

Spring jumped into summer with a bad splash  
Other times there is also ash.

A Godly life is the best way yet  
His love spills around the deck.

Our Savior is with us wherever we go  
Following Him keeps us in the know.

Love, joy, peace and sentiment  
Can only bloom with sweet contentment.

Kind words comfort the soul  
It is on record we are told.

Our God is so faithful and true  
Each day He knows just what we do.

We try to keep control of our life  
In the ditch we let Jesus take control  
no more strife.

Our companions are with us each day  
God gave the Angels permission to stay.

Always there is a prayer in our heart  
That our family and friends will not depart.

His shield protects us without delay  
God's son Jesus is the only way.

Read,  
& Reuse  
Recycle



The Jefferson County Recycling Program accepts the following items for recycling:

**All glass bottles, jars etc. (clear, brown & green)**

**All plastic bottles** - soda bottles (any size), milk jugs, water bottles, laundry detergent bottles, etc.

**All type cans** - Tin cans - food cans, dog food cans, cat food cans, etc.  
Aluminum cans - soda cans, beer cans, etc.

**Newspapers, Magazines, etc.**

**All Cardboard Products** - grocery bag, cereal boxes, food boxes, laundry detergent boxes, shipping boxes, etc.

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

Remember, every time you recycle you are extending the life of our Landfill and saving your County dollars in Tipping fees. How could you go wrong?

**Additional items accepted at the collection sites:**

**Household garbage**

\***Waste Tires** (not accepted at the Recycle Center)

**Batteries**

\***White Goods** (which consist of) - Refrigerators, freezers, washing machines, dryers, air conditioner units, etc. (not accepted at the Recycle Center)

**Used Oil & Oil Filters**

**Household Hazardous Waste** - pesticides, swimming pool chemicals, paint, paint thinner, etc. (Please have all containers clearly marked to identify contents)

\*\***The Recycle Center** - Household Hazardous Waste Office will accept medical & pharmaceutical waste. These items must be turned into an employee of the facility and not just dropped off.

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.

Please visit the Jefferson County web page <http://www.cojefferson.fl.us/SolidWaste.html> for the locations & hours of operation for each individual site.

For further information please call the Solid Waste Department at 342-0184.

## A CUP OF COMFORTING CONSOLATION

**DEBBIE SNAPP**  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

Hagan & Bradwell Funeral Service will host its first Funeral Service Education Community Outreach Seminar 'A Cup of Comforting Consolation' from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Friday, September 30, at the Chapel, 175 North Railroad Street, in Monticello.

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God." 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (NIV)

For those who have suffered the loss of a family member or a friend, it's easy to feel alone. As a means of supporting the community, the Hagan & Bradwell family has developed a series of funeral service educational seminars reflecting its understanding of providing education to those who stand in the need of comfort.

The featured speaker for this event will be Shanna D. Walker, a licensed funeral director. Refreshments will be served and door prizes will follow the seminar.

Seating is limited; reserve before September 28 by calling Tequila Hagan at 850-997-1300 or email to Hb-funeral@embarqmail.com

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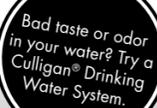
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# SPORTS & SCHOOL

## Varsity Warriors Thrash St. John's Country Day

JACOB BEMBRY

A Special from Greene Publishing, Inc.

After suffering a loss last week to Oak Hall, the Aucilla Christian Academy Warriors' varsity bounced back. They thrashed St. John's Country Day School in Orange Park by a score of 67-13.

The Warriors came out, shooting arrows in the first quarter and running up a 28-7 score.

The second quarter saw the Warriors put 14 more points on the board and go in at the half, leading 42-13.

The Warriors scored 13 points in the third quarter, taking a 55-13 lead.

The Warriors added another 12 points in the fourth, to finish the game with 67 points.

St. John's Country Day was held

scoreless in the second half.

Quarterback Trent Robinson led the offense, throwing 15 passes and completing 12 of them for 221 yards and five touchdowns.

Jared Jackson had four receptions for 146 yards and three touchdowns.

Robinson and Jackson were chosen co-offensive players of the week.

Tres Copeland had an interception return for a touchdown and Hans Sorenson blocked a punt and had a number of key tackles.

Both Copeland and Sorenson were chosen co-defensive players of the game.

The Warriors play at home Friday evening against John Paul II Catholic High School from Tallahassee. Kickoff is at 7 p.m.



## JCMHS Releases Volleyball Schedule And Roster

FRAN HUNT

ECB Publishing Staff Writer

Jefferson County Middle High School Head Volleyball Coach Sabrina Douglas has released the schedule and roster for the volleyball team.

Playing for the Lady Tigers this year are; Slexis James, Naya Thompson, Janasjia Jones, Ladayshia Williams, Audrianna Noel, Jaedaria Blyden, Carlie Barber, Jalecia Williams, Taylor Clemens, Cassandra Brooks, Megan McClellan, Jana Barber, Merdina Miles, Tykeria Jones and the team scorekeeper is Jaquan Jones.

All JV games are at 5 p.m. and all varsity games are at 6:30 p.m.

Jefferson faced off against Branford on September 1 and Community Christian on September 6; however, no scores or games statistics were provided.

The Lady Tigers faced off against Hamilton County on August 13 and lost all three sets. They lost the first set 25-16, dropped the second set, 25-18 and lost the third set 25-18.

When the Lady Tigers faced off against Brooks County on September 15, Jefferson took the game victory winning three of the five sets.

The Lady Tigers lost the first set, 11-25; won the second, 25-16; won the third set, 25-19; lost the fourth set, 30-129; and won the fifth set, 15-12.

Tykeria Jones had 12 aces and eight blocks.

Carlie Barber had four aces.

Ladayshia Williams had two aces.

Taylor Clemens had five aces, four blocks and four kills.

Jana Barber had three aces and one block.

Action continued against Rickards on September 16 but those game stats were not available at press time.

Volleyball action will continue when the Lady

Tigers go up against Lafayette Mayo, September 20, away; Franklin County, September 22, home; FAMU, September 27, home; Brooks County, September 29, home; Franklin County, October 3, away; Branford, October 4, home; Rickards, October 6, away; Hamilton, October 11, away; FAMU, October 12, away; the regular season comes to an end against Lafayette Mayo, October 13, home.

The Lady Tigers go into the District Tournament October 24-28, location to be announced and the Championship game will be October 27 at Branford.

## HE'S IN THE ARMY NOW!

DEBBIE SNAPP

ECB Publishing Staff Writer

Gerrold Austin II graduated from 12-weeks of basic training at Ft. Jackson, SC on September 14; and is now off to Ft. Belvoir, VA for 26-weeks of intelligence training (AIT). He turned down several college offers to follow in his

father's Army footsteps. He plans to continue his education in business and athletic management at a later date.

He entered into the Army on July 5, shortly after graduating from high school. He is a 2011 graduate of Lawton Chiles High School in Tallahassee, FL; where he was a member of the Key

Club and a Bright Futures 7th Semester Qualifier.

He is the teenage son of Gerrold Austin Sr. of Jefferson County and Yolanda Austin of Tallahassee.

*Time is not measured by the passing of hours, but by what one does, what one feels and what one achieves.* - Jawaharlal Nehru



Gerrold Austin II, United States Army.



Gerrold Austin II is a 2011 graduate of Lawton Chiles High School. He's pictured here as Mr. Senior, with Ms. Senior Katlyn Brown.

## ACA JV WARRIORS CHALK UP THIRD VICTORY

FRAN HUNT

ECB Publishing Staff Writer

With three games down and two remaining in the season, the Aucilla Christian Academy junior varsity football team chalked up their third victory, downing Brookwood for a 14-0 win and to stand 3-0 on the season.

Coach Derrick Burrus advised that pre-game formalities were set aside due to impending weather.

ACA kicked to Brookwood and the Warriors defense went to work.

Timmy Burrus led with seven tackles and forced one fumble.

Nick Roberts had six tackles and one fumble recovery.

As Brookwood moved the ball up the field into the red zone, Ricky Finlayson picked off an interception.

Austin Bishop had three tackles including a quarterback sack.

Bryce Sanderson and Daulton Browning each made three tackles.

All of Aucilla's points resulted from broken plays.

Timmy Burrus had 136 yards total offense including rushing 55 yards for a touchdown on a broken play.

On another broken play, after breaking several tackles in the backfield, he passed to Eric Hutsell for a 41-yard touchdown.

Extra point kicker, Austin Bishop turned a high snap into a run for two points.

"We did a great job on both sides of the ball tonight. Unfortunately, lightning ended the game just prior to half time," said Coach Burrus. "I am especially proud of our linemen. They don't get stats, but

they work hard every play giving our backs room to do their work."

The young Warriors face off against North Florida Christian Middle School, 6 p.m., September 22, home. Come on out and cheer Aucilla on to their fourth season victory!

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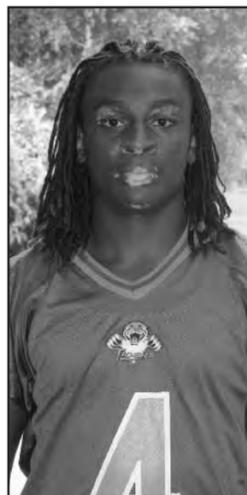
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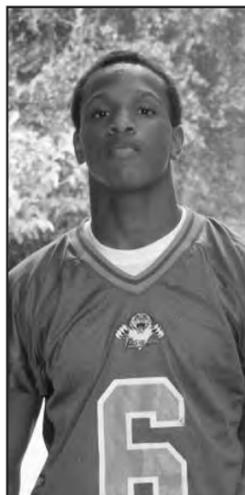
## Players Of The Week

### JCHS

Offensive Defensive



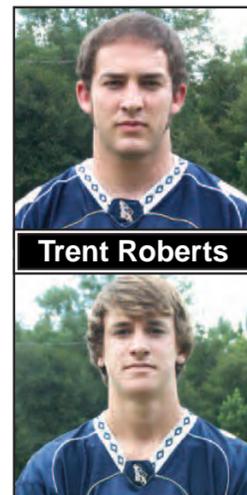
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Jacob Pugh

### ACA

Offensive Defensive



Trent Roberts



Hans Sorenson

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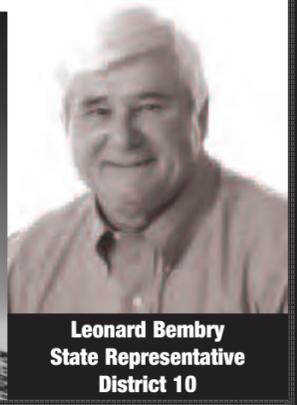
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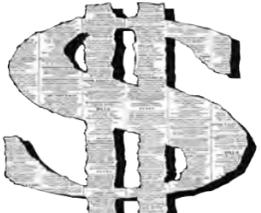
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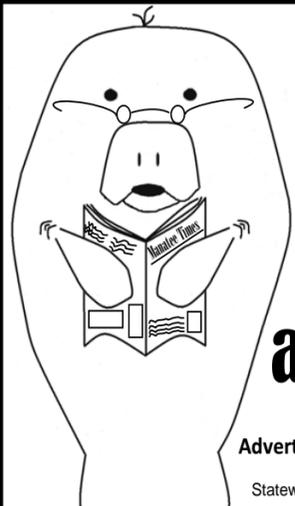
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# LEGALS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION

LINDA G. DEMOTT, individually, and JUDITH F. MILLER, individually, Case No.: 11-116-CA

Plaintiffs, v. MARK DOUGLAS WIRICK, individually; THERESA M. BENDER, as Chapter 7 Trustee in Bankruptcy for Mark Douglas Wirick, Case Number 10-41146-LMK, as filed in the United States Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Florida; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; and UNKNOWN TENANTS/SPOUSES/ OWNERS IN POSSESSION, Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the Final Judgment entered in the above-styled cause in the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Florida on September 13, 2011, the Clerk of Court shall hold a sale of the subject property situate in Jefferson County, Florida, described as:

The North 68 feet of Lot 47, and all of Lots 48 and 49, of the Town of Monticello, according to the old or Original Plan of said Town as recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Florida, in Deed Book "G", Page 1.

Together with all the buildings and other structures now or hereafter on said land, and all fixtures, chattels and articles of personal property now or hereafter affixed to or used in connection with said premises, including but not limited to plumbing and bathroom fixtures, air conditioning and sprinkler systems, furnaces, elevators, swimming pool, carpeting, window awnings, shades and blinds; and also encumbering any and all lumber, concrete products, roofing materials, electrical equipment such as air conditioning, refrigeration, heating apparatuses), now or hereafter placed upon the mortgaged premises or utilized in the construction of any improvements on the mortgaged premises.

at public sale, on October 20, 2011, at 11:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the sale may proceed, to the highest and best bidder, for cash. **The sale will be held on the North Steps of the Jefferson County Courthouse, 1 Courthouse Circle, Monticello, Florida 32344** in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes. **The highest bidder shall immediately post with the Clerk, a deposit equal to 5% of the final bid. The deposit must be cash or cashier's check payable to the Clerk of the Circuit Court. Final payment must be made on or before 11:00 a.m. the next business day following the date of the sale by cash, cashier's check, money order, or business check drawn on a United States bank only.**

**Any person claiming an interest in surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.**

DATED on September 14, 2011.

KIRK REAMS  
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## Landfill

ment being that the surplus had largely accumulated from grants and other funding sources and because of years of frugality on the part of the department and its foregoing the purchase of needed equipment and making needed service improvements.

Commissioners Betsy Barfield, Danny Monroe and John Nelson argued that rather than wanting a fee reduction, most citizens they had heard from preferred that the money be used to buy equipment and improve services.

"People don't mind paying the assessment, but they want to see the level of service go up," Barfield said, a point affirmed by her two like-minded colleagues. "To me, it makes sense to raise the level of service before we lower the assessment."

Besides, whatever the commission did

about the assessment, it should await the findings of a landfill assessment study before acting, the three said. After all, who knew but that the study might find that the fee actually had to be increased, they said.

The three or so citizens who addressed the board on the issue spoke in support of the resolution's passage. They also questioned how the county had managed to accumulate a \$1.5 million trust fund without anyone knowing about it.

Fulford offered that the trust fund hadn't been completely unknown: Solid Waste Department Director Beth Letchworth and others had known that the fund existed but didn't know exactly how much it contained nor was there a way to access the money, he said.

He attributed the problem in large part to "past bookkeeping er-

rors" and credited current fiscal officers in Clerk of Court Kirk Ream's operation for being able "to untangle the assessment web and track the money to the assessment specifically."

"It was frankly bookkeeping errors," Fulford said. "The web was only untangled this year. Beth knew that the money was there but she wasn't allowed to use it. And there wasn't a clear paper trail to the money."

He acknowledged also that the surplus had accumulated from monies other than the assessment and credited Letchworth will running

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a tight operation, which had also allowed for the buildup of the fund.

Boyd's final appeal to the board revealed both his sense of urgency relative to the resolution and his recognition that he was pushing the issue possibly to the point of annoying his colleagues.

"I know this commission is impatient with my impatience, but this is the last meeting that we can do this (approve the resolution)" Boyd said, "It's imperative that we act on this at this time."

The vote to adopt the resolution failed to pass 3-2, with Boyd and Fulford in the minority.

## Howard

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possible that the structure had been built with Rosenwald funds and would be eligible for a \$30,000 Rosenwald grant.

Called the most influential philanthropic program to come to the aid of blacks in the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the Rosenwald School Building Program started in 1912 and provided seed money for the construction of more than 5,300 buildings in 15 states, with each structure built by, and for, African Americans.

Miller and Nelson shared that they had visited with Commissioner Roberta Lopez, of Archer City, who had accomplished a similar renovation; and they cited letters of support for the project from U.S. Senator Bill Nelson, State Senator Bill Montford and State Representatives Michelle Rehwinkel-Vasilinda and Leonard Bemby, as well as from Property Appraiser Angela Gray, Clerk of Court Kirk Reams and Elections Supervisor Marty Bishop.

The presentation also included the group's action plan; a brief project assessment by engineer Alan Wise, of Preble-Rish, Inc; a videoed testimonial urging the transfer of the deed from Albert Thomas, a self-described Howard Academy graduate and the first African-American to teach in an integrated school system here; and a petition in support of the project signed by 662 citizens.

School Board Member Shirley Washington was clearly antagonistic to the project from the onset. She pointedly noted that the group had managed to get the pledged support of various state and national elected officials, but not one local county commissioner had endorsed the project.

She further noted that Thomas was not a Howard Academy graduate; that the petition had been foisted on people who didn't really understand what they were signing; and that Nelson had so much as told her that all that was required for the transfer was three votes.

"So this is the situation we're in," Washington said.

It was further her position that if CUP had so much community support for the project, the organization should have no problem raising the money to purchase the property.

School Board Member Ed Vollertsen said that although he supported the project, state law required that the district sell the building at a reasonable price, not simply give it away.

"If you have this many resources, CUP should be able to come up with something," Vollertsen said, referring to the presentation and signed petition. "I'd like to see you get the building, but I don't see how we can just give it to you."

School Board Member Sandra Saunders likewise said she supported CUP getting the building, provided the appropriate steps were followed.

"But we just can't give it away under the regulations that we have to abide by," she said.

School Board Member Marianne Arbulu was the most receptive to the idea. She noted that education took many forms, including values taught. And this project had the potential to teach students about leadership and initiative, which represented invaluable lessons to the young, she said.

What's more, the project could upgrade the neighborhood, possibly spawning gentrification; and it could serve as a community center that would be adjacent to the elementary school, she said.

"We're going to approve tonight a software package for \$43,000 that may or may not improve the kids' education and the worth of this building is about \$25,000," Arbulu said. "I ask that the attorney work with CUP to see how it can secure the property somehow."

Attorney Opal McKinney-Williams, however, was quite clear on the rules governing the transfer of educational buildings, quoting chapter and verse from both state statutes and School Board policy. The bottom line was that such properties had to be declared surplus and put up for public sale, especially if they exceeded \$5,000 in value, she said.

She suggested that CUP submit a bid of what it considered a reasonable price for the building and see where the matter went from there. The property appraiser's office has estimated that the entire property is worth about \$25,000.

The board voted to deny the request and put the building up for bids, with the understanding from McKinney-Williams that the issue could always be revisited in the future.

**NOTICE OF LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE PROPOSED CHANGE**

Jefferson County Board of County Commission will hold a public hearing for the **2<sup>nd</sup> reading** on the following proposed land development code change on **October 6, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.**, or as soon thereafter as such matter may be heard, in the courtroom of the Jefferson County Courthouse Annex located at 435 West Walnut Street, Monticello, Florida. The meeting may be continued as necessary.

**JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ORDINANCE NO. 2011-072111-02**

AN ORDINANCE OF JEFFERSON COUNTY FLORIDA, RELATING TO AQUIFER PROTECTION; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING FOR PURPOSE; AMENDING LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE SECTION 1.05.02 TO ADD AQUIFER PROTECTION MEASURES TO REGULATED ACTIVITIES ENUMERATED; AMENDING LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE SECTION 2.02.02G3, TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF LOCAL PUBLIC SERVICE FACILITY; AMENDING LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE SECTION 4.02.02, TO ADD AQUIFER PROTECTION MEASURES; AMENDING LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE SECTION 9.02.02, DEFINITION OF MAJOR DEVELOPMENT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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9/21/2011,c.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA

FARMERS AND MERCHANTS BANK, Plaintiff,

v. MARK DOUGLAS WIRICK, et al. Defendants.

Case No. 11-113-CA

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**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

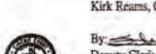
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated September 13, 2011, entered in Case No. 11-113-CA of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Jefferson County, Florida, wherein FARMERS AND MERCHANTS BANK is the Plaintiff, and MARK DOUGLAS WIRICK, a single man; TRICIA WIRICK; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANTS WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS are the Defendants, the undersigned will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the front door of the Jefferson County Courthouse, 1 Courthouse Circle, Monticello, Florida, at 11:00 o'clock a.m. on October 20, 2011 the following described property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure, to-wit:

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DATED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011.

Kirk Reams, Clerk of Circuit Court

By:  Deputy Clerk

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