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LANDFILL ASSESSMENT BACK ON HOT BURNER

RESULTS OF 5-MONTH STUDY REPORTED

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Some five months after officials committed \$45,000 to have a consultant firm do an evaluation of the county's fire and landfill special assessments with an eye toward possibly changing these annual fees, commissioners last week got to see the results of the landfill part of the study.

In a workshop on Thursday evening, May 31, Jeff Rackley, with the Government Services Group (GSG), shared with commissioners the findings of the landfill study, as represented in a 12-page draft document titled Jefferson County Solid Waste Assessment Program Report.

Bottom line, the report found that based on the estimates of county staff, 70 percent of the solid waste generated within the county comes from residential properties, and 30 percent comes from commercial properties.

It was the report's recommendation that the annual residential assessment be slightly increased, from the current \$224.88 to \$227, based on the average of the department's projected operating costs over a six-year period.

As for the annual commercial fees — currently assessed at \$0.57 per square foot, with an established minimum of \$380.46 and a maximum of \$3,535.90 — the report offered that starting in the coming fiscal year, commercial fees should be assessed on a basis other than the square footage.

"As such," the report states, "the county will need to determine the solid waste generation and associated cost of disposal for all non-residential properties. They (county) will also need to determine the best way to collect these costs from these non-residential properties. Additionally, the county will

need to work with the city of Monticello to address these same issues for the non-residential properties within the unincorporated area."

The report suggests that to calculate the annual assessment fees for commercial properties, it will require determining how much solid waste each commercial property generates, as well as the frequency of the collections for these parcels, and the size and number of containers at each of the sites.

"If this information is not available for all non-residential properties, the county may want to charge an interim estimated fee," the report states. "Once all the necessary information is available to accurately calculate the solid waste generation, the county can then reconcile any under, or over, payments."

The report dedicates a total of **Please See LANDFILL ASSESSMENT Page 3**



VARIOUS AGENCIES URGE HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

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With two named tropical depressions sweeping across the Northeast prior to the official start of the Atlantic hurricane season on June 1, and one of the storms brushing up against North Florida, state and federal agencies, as well as private entities, are urging residents to prepare for the eventuality of a natural disaster.

In recent days, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and Progress Energy have issued advisories urging area residents and businesses to create an emergency plan to reduce the risks in the eventuality of a hurricane, severe storm, flooding or tornado.

State and federal emergency management officials say the goal is to get people to have the necessary supplies on hand in the event they are forced to go without electricity and other services for up to 72 hours.

These officials say the emergency plan should include identification of the nearest shelter that can offer **Please See HURRICANE Page 3**

SMITHSONIAN EXHIBITION COMING HERE NEXT YEAR

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Dr. Anne Holt has done it again, securing a \$10,000 grant from the Florida Humanities Council to bring a traveling exhibition from the Smithsonian Institution here in the fall of 2013, likely for display in the Monticello Opera House.

Titled *Journey Stories* and presented by the Smithsonian's Museum on Main Street, the traveling exhibition consists of seven free-standing stations — one an introduction and the other six being explorations of the essence of mobility and the different modes of transportation.

As described by the literature, *Journey Stories* — "or tales of how we and our ancestors came to America — are a central element of our personal heritage;" and everyone — from Native to modern Americans — has a story to tell, regardless of ethnicity or racial makeup.

"Our history is filled with stories of people leaving behind everything — families and possessions — to reach a new life in another state, across the continent, or even **Please See SMITHSONIAN Page 3**

Miss and Teen Miss Watermelon Pageant To Be Held Saturday Night

BABY TO TWEEN PAGEANT TO HIGHLIGHT SATURDAY MORNING

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Jefferson County's children and sophisticated young ladies will take the stage this Saturday, June 9, for a chance to become part of Jefferson County's next "royal family."

The "Baby to Tween" pageant will be held at the old Jefferson County High School, on Water Street, on Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. The audience will watch as children, ranging from 2-12 years old, will put on their best attire and smile in order to compete in their various age categories. A Queen, a court, and a Miss Photogenic will be chosen in each age division.

General admission is \$5, students \$3, and children under five are free.

Saturday evening will find the audience captivated by the Miss and Teen Miss contestants vying for the coveted annual Miss and Teen Miss Watermelon Queen titles. The night will begin at 7:00 p.m., also at the old JCMHS, with all the contestants performing an opening number. As the night unfolds, family and friends will watch as the Teen Miss contestants compete in sportswear and evening gown competitions, and the Miss contest- **Please See PAGEANTS Page 3**



ECB Publishing, Inc. Photo by Emerald Greene, June 2, 2012
Vying for the title of the Miss Watermelon Queen are, left to right: Ashley Hebert, Sara MacDonald, and Michaela Metcalfe



ECB Publishing, Inc. Photo by Emerald Greene, June 2, 2012
Vying for the title of the Teen Miss Watermelon Queen are, left to right: Ashanti Brannan, Kayla Knecht, Allaura Pierce, Caroline Yaun, and Savannah Tyler.

A Study Of Plantations In Offerings Come Fall

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If you're interested in plantations — their histories, agricultural practices and the lifestyle of their inhabitants — here's an opportunity to indulge your curiosity, compliments of Earl Hoover and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Florida State University.

We're talking about a series of six classes running Oct. 4 through Nov. 8 and focusing on several of this area's plantations, complete with visits to some of these large estates.

As Hoover outlines the short course,

each class will focus on a particular plantation, following the initial presentation, which will entail an overview of Big Bend plantations in general, including their histories, types of soil and reasons for their crop rotations.

Subsequent classes will then explore individual plantations, beginning with the San Pedro and San Pablo De Patale — a 17th century mission off Chaires Road in Leon County.

"This site was selected because it revealed to the first Europeans the potential for large-scale agricultural operations in the Big Bend," Hoover says. "Its location near the Port of San Marcos allowed also

for the development of international and Florida markets."

Dixie Plantation near Ashville is another of the properties that will be toured. Known for its annual field trials and world championship walking horse, Dixie also has the distinction of being a perpetual conservation easement, in cooperation with the Suwannee River Water Management District.

Then there's the Black Water Plantation near Quitman, just north of the Jefferson County line in Brooks County, GA.

"This plantation is unique in that it has long been operated by a single family and has a long history," Hoover says.

The Honey Lake Plantation Resort and Spa, just east of Monticello in Madison County, is the focus of the fifth class.

An old plantation that has now been converted into a modern facility, Honey Lake boasts a chapel, restaurant and rental lodges, as well as hosting weddings and providing opportunities for hunting and horseback riding.

Finally, the Avalon Plantation — just south of Capps and sometimes home to former media mogul Ted Turner — is a possibility; a commitment on this property has yet to be secured.

For registration and other information on the classes, call Hoover at 212-8041.

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Local Weather

Wed 6/6 84/68
Scattered thunderstorms, especially in the afternoon.

Thu 6/7 86/68
A few thunderstorms possible.

Fri 6/8 87/66
Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm.

VIEWPOINTS & OPINIONS

Letters To The Editor

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

WHEN SCHOOL WAS FUN

I remember when school was fun. I remember when I looked forward to going to school. We had a wide variety of activities. We learned art, physical education, music, math, English, literature, history (both American and World), and we learned the foreign language of our choice (either Spanish or Latin). It was taught in such a way as to be fun. Oh yeah, we had recess. Fifteen minutes in the morning and afternoon. We had an hour for lunch. We also were able to pursue extracurricular activities such as sports, cheerleading, student government, working on the student newspaper or the annual staff, etc. We had good balanced meals, not the pre-prepared junk they have now.

We also had standardized achievement tests. These tests occurred about every four years. The purpose was to measure our achievement relative to students in other schools. But there was not a lot of attention paid to it. Every day we began the day with a devotional, a prayer, and the pledge of allegiance.

Oh, we had a few bad apples, but it was usually three or four in each class

and it usually did not amount to a whole lot. Three or four licks from the principal's paddle and it quieted down for a while. I usually got into trouble for fighting or throwing spit balls on the bus. But in elementary school we had an old one armed principal named Johnny Earl Haynes who kept us under control. I remember the first time that Bobby (last name withheld to protect the guilty) and I went to the principal's office for fighting on the bus. Mr. Hayes told us he was giving us a warning this time but he did not chew his tobacco twice. He kept his pledge and wore our butts out the next time we showed up. The point is that we had discipline in school. Disrespect for any teacher or school employee by a student would not be tolerated. Contrast that with the discipline in schools now.

I am positive that kids are exposed to a lot more knowledge, temptations, and pressures than we were when we were in school. But instead of trying to help kids cope with this exposure those charged with the governance of our educational system are making every effort to exacerbate it.

One such effort is the FCAT. There is nothing wrong with giving the FCAT in school. However, making it an end all tool to measure the success or failure of students is a terrible mistake. It puts unnecessary pressure on the students and the school administration.

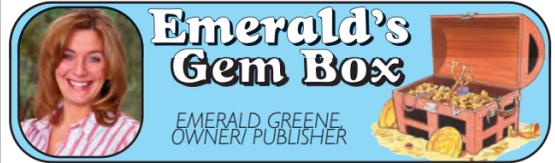
The other serious mistake is the amount of rigorous documentation that teachers have to keep on each student they teach. They are expected to document every move they make. The teacher is placed behind the eight ball and expected to work miracles. Although teachers are required to have a college education they are expected to do more and more each year with less. They are losing their teacher's aides. They cannot even go to the bathroom when they have to. They are paid less than a living wage for their efforts. Why anyone would want to be a teacher in the present conditions is beyond me. They have to be devoted to their profession. May God bless teachers.

It is time we took a more balanced approach to the education of our children. First we need to use FCAT or some other achievement test as one

factor in the education of our children. A standardized test should only be considered a tool for educators to monitor the progress of a child's education. We should not be teaching to a standardize test. We should recognize that every child is different. Each has unique abilities and talents. We need to teach the student the using the best techniques for that particular student to learn. Some are visual learners. Some are hands-on learners. Some have mechanical ability. Some have learning disabilities. Some are good in math. Some are great readers. Some are great leaders. Different strokes for different folks. But clearly overemphasis on standardized tests is a big, big mistake.

The education of our kids is a complicated and multi-faceted process and requires a full measure of devotion and understanding. Let's listen to the folks who do the job every day in the classroom, the teachers. We are clearly failing most of our kids. What else is more important than properly educating our youth?

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The Miss Watermelon Queen Pageant Is This Weekend

The annual Jefferson County Watermelon Festival is kicking off again in full swing. I have the pleasure, again, of serving as the director of the Miss Watermelon Queen and Teen Miss Watermelon Queen pageants. The pageant will be held this Saturday night, June 9, at 7:00 p.m. at the old Jefferson County High School, on Water Street.

The second annual "Baby to Tween" pageant will be held Saturday morning from 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 noon, also at the old Jefferson County High School, on Water Street.

The "Baby to Tween" pageant will highlight the formal/evening gown portion of pageantry and will conclude with the crowning of four new queens, in each of their respective age divisions.

The Miss Watermelon Queen contestants get their night started at 5:00 p.m. when they will compete in a private interview. The doors to the auditorium will open at 6:00 p.m., and at 7:00 p.m. the audience will sit back and enjoy the production of the Teen Miss and Miss Watermelon Queen Pageant. The night will start with an opening dance, featuring all the young ladies. The Teen contestants will then compete in Sportswear and Evening Gown competitions and the Miss contestants will compete in Casual Wear and Evening Gown competitions. The night will conclude with the crowning of the two new 2012 Watermelon Queens.

So come on out and enjoy what promises to be a fun-filled day/evening.

Until then...see you around the town. (Or better yet, I'll see you Saturday and/or Saturday night, at the Watermelon Queen Pageant(s))



ARRESTED SUSPECT STOLE HANDCUFFS

Police in Washington state said a man released from custody was arrested again when he allegedly stole the jail's handcuffs and tried to pawn them.

Investigators said the 43-year-old Aberdeen man, whose name was not released, was arrested on an outstanding theft and trespassing complaint Tuesday and taken to the city jail, where he was processed and later released, The Daily World, Aberdeen, reported Thursday.

SUSPECTS WROTE TEXTS, FACEBOOK MESSAGES ABOUT MURDER

Internet searches, texts and Facebook messages implicate a Florida couple in the murder of an 18-year-old friend in their Fort Lauderdale apartment, according to police.

Court documents allege that 32-year-old James Ayers and 23-year-old Nicole Okrzesik discussed killing Juliana Mensch and argued over what to do with her body online and in text messages after authorities believe the teen was asphyxiated in the early hours of March 24.

DEAR TIGER BOOSTER

Dear Tiger Booster,

I am very excited to say that my second year as the head football coach at Jefferson County Middle High School has been very rewarding both on and off the field. Our 2011 Tigers captured the district, regional and state football championships. As the head coach I am very proud of the accomplishments our student athletes obtained this year. The Tigers placed eight student athletes on the class 1A All State football team and ten on the All Big Bend football team.

The mission of our program is to build Jefferson County Football into the envy of the entire state. The success we are now experiencing both on and off the field have increased the exposure and opportunities for our student athletes. We have been told the type of financial support needed to build a "Top Notch" football

program here in Jefferson County is simply impossible.

This letter serves as your first opportunity to prove the "nay-sayers" wrong. We are asking you to show your support for the TIGER FOOTBALL TEAM by pledging financial support to our program. We feel our players deserve the best and should not have to take a backseat to MADISON, TAYLOR, and WAKULLA OR ANY OF THE TALLAHASSEE SCHOOLS.

The skills our players learn while involved in our football program are skills that they can take with them when they venture out into the wider world. They will gain a spiritual foundation while learning self-confidence, teamwork, and social skills; as well as how to cope with the successes and failures that life throws at them.

The 2011 team had six seniors and it is my

honor to announce that all six of these young men are on track to graduate this June. Two of our senior football players have received full football scholarships to division one colleges. Over the past two years we have been fortunate enough to put nine student athletes into college on football scholarships, and it is our goal to continue to add to this number for years to come.

You or your business can make a small contribution to that success by becoming a Super Tiger booster. Super Tiger boosters will pay \$250 for a field banner (4ftx4ft), a full-page media guide advertisement, a golf tournament hole sponsor sign and verbal recognition at all home football games during the 2012 season. I'm sure you'll agree that this is a small contribution to such a worthy cause. Tiger football has a

great standing in our community and by sponsoring us you will be seen as a business, which is an enthusiastic supporter of our local community and football team.

If you're willing to become a "SUPER TIGER" please let me know and I will begin to get your package ready for display during the upcoming football season. We rely on the generosity of our local businesses and community leaders in order to continue providing opportunities for our athletes to develop. Please contact me at 941.234.6537 if you have any questions.

Thanks for your support, Head Football Coach
Jeremy Brown

FHP Aggressive Driving Results

The Florida Highway Patrol today announced the preliminary enforcement results from the Patrol's Ticketing Aggressive Cars and Trucks campaign. During three enforcement periods between February and May, troopers were on the lookout for car and truck drivers who committed violations attributed to aggressive driving, such as speeding, following too closely and changing lanes improperly. The efforts focused on motorists' driving behavior around large trucks in an effort to reduce the number of commercial vehicle related crashes.

Troopers issued more than 4,900 citations during the campaign; more than 2,000 citations were for violations associated with aggressive driving.

In addition to targeted enforcement, the campaign used billboard and radio

messaging to increase awareness among car and truck drivers of safe driving behaviors around one another and of the heightened risk of receiving a ticket for a violation. FHP collaborated with the Florida Trucking Association to conduct activities at schools and community centers around the state to educate drivers on how to share the road safely with trucks.

"The Florida Highway Patrol is committed to keeping our roadways safe for all motorists, and we were pleased to partner with the Florida Trucking Association on this safety campaign," said FHP Director Col. David Brierton. "Whether you are driving a commercial motor vehicle or a passenger car, it is a driver's responsibility to drive with care."

The members of the Florida Highway Patrol re-

mind everyone that in order to keep you and your family safe when driving around large trucks, you should be extra cautious. Sharing the road with larger vehicles can be dangerous if you are not aware of their limitations.

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles provides highway safety and security through excellence in service, education and enforcement. The Department is leading the way to a safer Florida through the efficient and professional execution of its core mission: the issuance of driver licenses, vehicle tags and titles and operation of the Florida Highway Patrol. To learn more about DHSMV and the services offered, visit www.flhsmv.gov, follow us on Twitter @FDHSMV or visit our Facebook page.

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LANDFILL ASSESSMENT

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two paragraphs to non-residential properties. It doesn't say if GSG will undertake the necessary calculations as part of the original study or if it will require the county paying for an additional study. The implication, however, is that it is the county's responsibility to do the latter work.

Commission Chairman Hines Boyd labeled the study a "botched" job.

"Mr. Rackley made no attempt to address the \$1,630,000 surplus in the Solid Waste Department's reserve fund and he badly botched the estimate of future operating costs, overstating them by more than 20 percent when compared to the historical data," Boyd told the News.

Boyd generated his own spreadsheet of the department's projected costs over the six-year period, which figures he distributed to his colleagues at the workshop and used to argue his case against GSG.

Per Boyd's calculations, GSG's projected costs for the department's operating budget over the six-year period exceeded actual costs by some \$340,000.

How to explain this disparity in calculations?

Boyd argued that GSG used inaccurate and inflated figures in its calculations. As an example, he cited GSG's use of an annual figure of \$191,000 to account for the annual cost to the county of monitor-

ing the closed landfill, a cost that Boyd said was closer to \$75,000 annually after the county re-bid the contract three years ago.

Bottom line, Boyd contends, had GSG used accurate cost figures, the residential landfill assessment would have come out to \$170 yearly. And if the county were to begin drawing down the Solid Waste Department's reserve fund of \$1.6 million, the assessment could be reduced to as low as \$150 annually.

Moreover, it's Boyd's argument that his proposal allows the Solid Waste Department to implement all the improvements it has requested, in terms of facilities and equipment upgrades. And it would do so while maintaining the

reserve fund at about \$1 million.

As workshops preclude voting, the commission reached no decision on the issue on Thursday, other than to agree to give it more consideration, especially in light of Boyd's assertions. Likely, the issue will resurface at the commission meeting on Thursday morning, June 7.

As for the fire assessment part of the study, it appears that the city's receipt

of county fire service without its residents paying the annual assessment has complicated the issue.

Boyd, it may be remembered, last year introduced a resolution calling for the lowering of the landfill assessment. That resolution failed to pass, but it prompted the review of the assessments, if indirectly, as Boyd's arguments underscored the inequity of the present system. That inequity is essentially that

residential fees are subsidizing the commercial users.

Boyd, however, voted against contracting the study, arguing at the time that the information could be gotten just as well and cheaper in-house. The other side of the argument is that the study is necessary to justify the fees, in the event of a legal challenge.

The last time the fire and landfill assessments were updated was in 1989.

Hurricane

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refuge if an evacuation is necessary. Preparedness also entails creating — or reviewing, renewing and replenishing — a disaster supply kit that includes batteries, updated personal papers, emergency contact information, gasoline, and sufficient water and nonperishable foods.

Officials encourage residents to keep abreast of weather systems and storm developments by regularly checking forecasts, signing up for alerts from the local Emergency Management Service, and obtaining a NOAA weather radio if possible.

In the event of an ordered evacuation, they advise that evacuees move only "tens of miles, not hundreds of miles", to a location that is out of the storm's path. Additionally, residents and business people are urged to take steps to strengthen their places of businesses or dwellings in order to minimize damage.

The FDEP, for its part, additionally encourages residents and businesses to make sure all hazardous materials are properly stored and secured for safety reasons. This includes properly disposing of chemicals and waste that could potentially

damage the environment.

"If potentially hazardous materials are left unsecured or are secured in a low-lying area that can be exposed if it lies in a flood zone, this could create environmental or safety hazards during a powerful storm," the FDEP warns. "Hazardous materials left near windows can easily become exposed as well. Placing materials on secured shelving can limit the likelihood of spillage. These materials should be stored in accordance with manufacturer's directions as well as state or federal regulations."

Some of the materials that should be securely stored away are paints and pesticides, waste containers, chlorine cylinders from swimming pools and compressed gases.

Meanwhile, Progress Energy Florida (PGF) reminds residents of its ongoing commitment to strengthen its system against storms in order to help customers more easily report power outages. In addition to its automated outage reporting line, the company's online resources allow customers to report outages using computers and compatible mobile devices.

"The online outage reporting tool gives our customers another way to communicate with our company, helping ensure that any disruptions in service are recognized immediately and power is restored as quickly and as safely as possible," says Jason Cutcliffe, PGF system storm coordinator.

PGF officials report that in 2011, the company invested thousands of staff hours and more than \$162 million to strengthen its Florida system against storms. This strengthening included the replacement of poles and other equipment upgrades to minimize the likelihood of storm-caused power outages.

Another of the company's efforts to minimize the impact of storms is its year-round tree trimming and removal program, whenever trees pose a threat to power lines.

For more storm-related information, visit the following websites: www.ready.gov, www.floridadisaster.org, www.ready.gov/hurricanes and www.progressenergy.com/storms.

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.

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across the ocean," the literature states. "The reasons behind those decisions are myriad. Many chose to move, searching for something better in a new land. Others had no choice, like enslaved Africans captured and relocated to a strange land and bravely asserting their own cultures, or like Native Americans already here, who were often pushed aside by newcomers."

The exhibition simultaneously explores the different modes of transportation that have made, and continue to make travel possible, as well as how the human drive for freedom and mobility have inspired the development of transportation technology.

"Journey Stories will examine the intersection between modes of travel and Americans' desire to feel free," the literature states, adding that the exhibition focuses equally on migration, immigration, innovation and freedom and uses images, audio and artifacts to convey the stories.

The 1st station, titled "One Way Trip", examines the early exploration and colonization of North America, the impact of these movements on the native populations, and the introduction of the institution of slavery and its associated ills.

The 2nd station, titled "Pushing the Boundaries", explores Americans settlement of the interior, as well as the establishment of trails and waterways as means of transportation, and the resulting clashes among the various cultures and peoples populating the vast expanses.

The 3rd station, titled "Across the 'Great Desert' to the West", focuses on the pioneers and their westward movement, touching on their settlement of the Plains, the relocation of Native Americans, and the California Gold Rush, among other topics.

The 4th station, titled "Railroads Span the Nation", highlights the growth of the railroad networks across the country and their impact on western settlements in the last half of the 19th century.

The 5th station, titled "Accelerated Mobility", looks at the great transformations and rapid changes in modes of transportation and general mobility that took place in the 20th century.

And the 6th station, titled "Our Expanded World", brings the story to the present, complete with a look at today's enhanced modes of transportation and personal mobility and the new frontiers yet beckoning.

Pageants

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ants compete in casual wear and evening gown.

A Miss Photogenic award will be presented, along with Miss Congeniality, which is voted on by the contestants themselves. The evening will conclude with the grand finale of the crowning of the new 2012 Miss and Teen Miss Watermelon Queens.

General admission is \$5, students \$3, and children under five are free.

So, come and support the outstanding youth of Jefferson County for what is to be a day of sheer elegance and sophistication.

Summer Reading Program Begins This Thursday At Library

It's that time of year again at the library! We are gearing up for our summer reading program.

This year's theme is "Dream Big, Read." Events start off this Thursday, June 7, with a registration party, which will be in the Community Room from 3 to 5 pm. The special guest this year is John Lilly, Jefferson County Extension Director, who will give a presentation on camping.

All attendees will receive a bag of goodies with a reading log and bookmark. There will be crafts, face painting, stories and refreshments.

The weekly scheduled programs begin on Tuesday, June 12. They are once again being held at the Jefferson County Elementary School Media Center every Tuesday at 2 pm. Here are the scheduled performers:

6/12 TutuOla Cultural Performance Collective

6/18 Sean Driscoll

6/26 Bits N Pieces Puppetry

7/10 Tallahassee Astronomical Club

7/17 One Heart Earth with Sallie and Sam

7/24 Tommy Johns

Join the summer reading fun at your local library!

AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue, but with actions and in truth.



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GREETINGS FROM ADH:

A Doctor's Heart! has 14 people going to the 35 villages that we have adopted to care for these people who live like their great, great, great, grandparents did in the middle of the jungles of the Amazon.

We will be living on a 50 foot double-decker boat with all the bugs, sleeping in hammocks, eating animals like alligators, pacca (big rats,) armadillos and anything else that wonders our way. We will be providing medical care, teaching the people, assessing the ability to get them clean water through wells, and helping them to provide better for their families.

We will be taking about 2000 pounds of equipment, meds and clothing to help these areas. Besides helping with physical needs, half of our group will also be doing evangelistic work with the children and parents. We will also be cutting hair, getting rid of lice, and doing pedicure and manicures for the people to show them our love for them. We can't wait to start this adventure tomorrow, June 1.

ADA will be sending 'SPOT' messages while in the jungles... if you are on our email listing. There isn't any Internet, electricity or any of the modern conveniences where we are going, but a hand held satellite devise will transmit our location so you can look us up on Google earth to see where in the world we are. We will also have a satellite phone and will leave daily messages that you can call and listen to, by calling 850-894-6234. Those messages will start on Sunday morning, June 3 when we will finally be on the river.

Thanks for being interested in what we do. We live for this! Thanks, and if you want to look at old pictures of our trips, you can find them on facebook under A Doctors Heart! To get on our email list go to: lwscoles@aol.com.



2012 Atlantic Hurricane Forecast

For the first year in awhile, forecasters predict a "normal" hurricane season for the Atlantic — which isn't to say it will be a safe season.

The federal government predicts 9-15 named tropical storms, including 4-8 hurricanes, 1-3 of which are expected to be major hurricanes with 111 mph winds or higher. Of course, it takes only one hurricane to cause massive damage and threaten human life. Communities in upstate New York are still strug-

gling to recover from the passing of Irene and Lee in 2011, neither of which retained hurricane strength by the time they reached their destructive ends. And 20 years ago, Hurricane Andrew, the Category 5 hurricane that devastated South Florida on August 24, 1992, was the first storm in a late-starting season that produced only six named storms.

The seasonal prediction, from the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, is

slightly more aggressive than the latest forecast from the Tropical Meteorology Project at Colorado State University, which predicts 10 tropical storms, including four hurricanes and two major hurricanes. The federal forecast also encompass the prediction from Accuweather.com for 12 named tropical storms, including five hurricanes, two of which will reach major hurricane status.

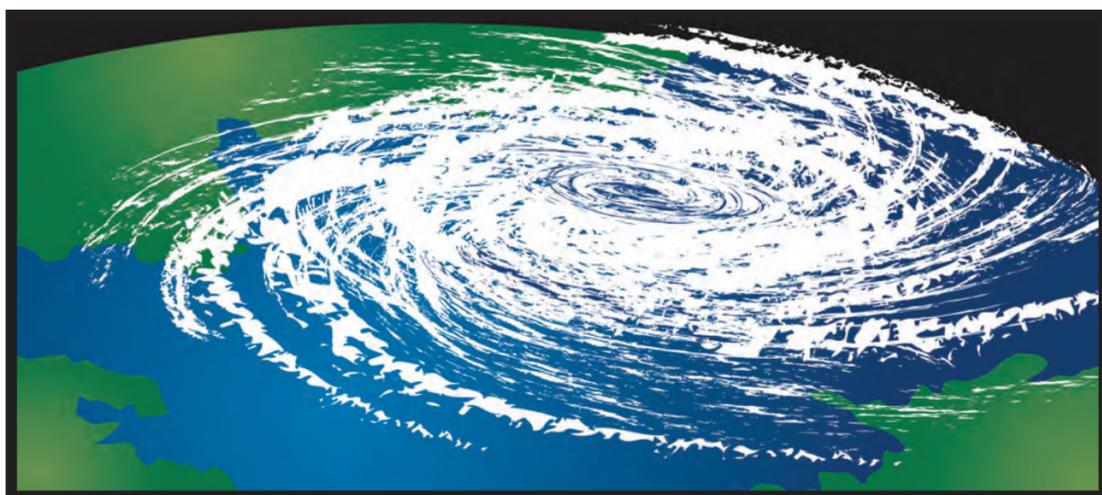
The average season has 11 named storms, including six hurricanes,

two of them major hurricanes.

The 2011 season included 19 named storms, including seven hurricanes, four of the major hurricanes.

The three forecasts are broadly in agreement, based on driving forces that are understood to cause hurricane activity. While the overall trend toward is toward stormier seas since 1995, three factors are expected to limit hurricane formation:

1. Strong wind shear,



Meet Your Neighbor

In 1967, He was born in Jefferson County to Joseph and Jocile Wilson. He was raised and attended school here in Monticello until his junior year of high school, before moving to Leon County. He graduated from Rykards High School in Tallahassee in 1987 before entering into college.

His college career began at the Ft. Lauderdale College, which had a branch in Tallahassee. At the college, he studied courses in Microsoft Operations that focused on the basics of operating Microsoft Office software.

After a long stint of living in Tallahassee, he moved back to Monticello and has resided in the small, friendly community ever since.

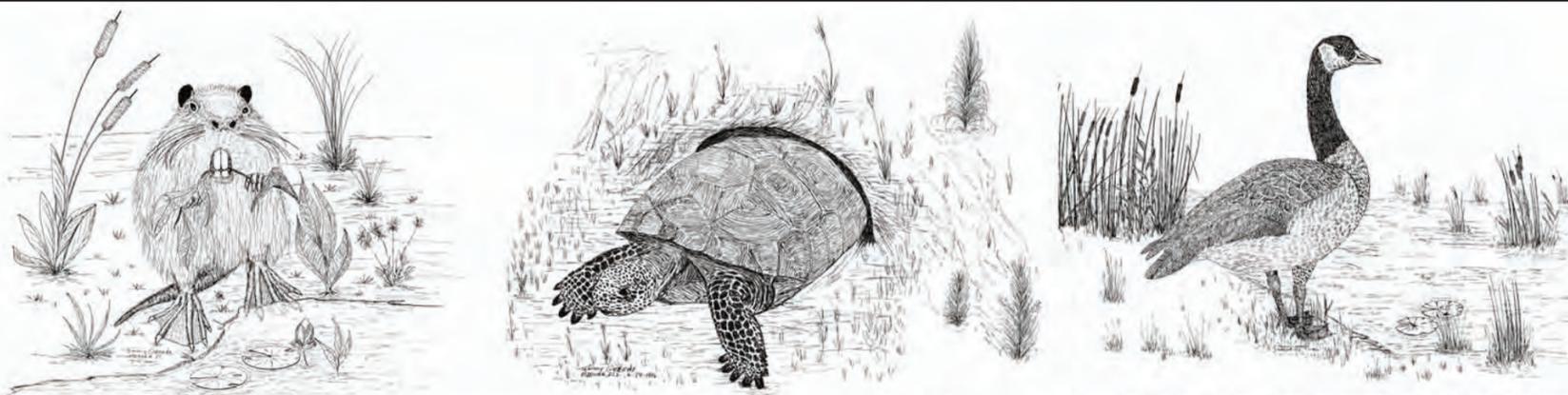


which should tamp down hurricane formation.

2. Cooler sea surface temperatures in the far eastern Atlantic, where storms are often given life.

3. The potential for an El Nino in the Pacific, which tends to limit Atlantic hurricane activity.

When the 2012 tropical storms and hurricanes do come, these will be their names: Alberto, Beryl, Chris, Debby, Ernesto, Florence, Gordon, Helene, Isaac, Joyce, Kirk, Leslie, Michael, Nadine, Oscar, Patty, Rafael, Sandy, Tony, Valerie and William.



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AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JUNE 6
Jefferson Arts Gallery business meeting is held on the first Wednesday of the month at 11 a.m. in the gallery at 575 West Washington Street in downtown Monticello. (No meeting in August) Become a member! Get involved! Be there! For more information call 850-997-3311 or go to info@jeffersonartsgallery.com or www.jeffersonartsgallery.com.

JUNE 6-30
Jefferson Arts will hold its 'Members Exhibit,' featuring the works of various artists, in the Gallery. The Jefferson Arts Gallery is located at 575 West Washington in downtown Monticello and is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays, or by appointment. For more information about the Arts or to ask about free summer art classes, call 850-997-3311 or go to info@jeffersonartsgallery.com or www.jeffersonartsgallery.com.

JUNE 6
Monticello Kiwanis Club meets every Wednesday at noon at the Jefferson Country Club on the Boston Highway for lunch, a program and a meeting. Contact President Rob Beshears at 850-997-5054 for more information.

JUNE 6, 20
Mah Jongg classes are held at the Monticello Woman's Clubhouse at 11 a.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of every month. A \$1 donation is requested. Bring a brown bag lunch. Try your best with this fascinating game of tiles, luck and skill. It's fun! It's competitive! It's sociable! It requires strategy! Contact Carol Austin at 850-997-3006 or cwaustin@embarqmail.com for more exciting information.

JUNE 7
AA meetings are held weekly at 8 p.m. on Thursday at the Christ Episcopal Church annex, 425 North Cherry Street. For more information call 850-997-2129 or 850-997-1955.

JUNE 7
You may qualify for assistance through the Capital Area Community Action Agency Weatherization As-

sistance Program. The program reduces heating and cooling costs by improving the energy efficiency of the home. Contact Annette Wilson at 850-997-4104 for an appointment from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the first Thursday at Union Hill AME Church. Homes in Jefferson County are needed for weatherization. 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.

JUNE 7
Lloyd Volunteer Fire Rescue meets monthly at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday, at the firestation.

JUNE 8
Rotary meets at 12 p.m. on Friday 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.

JUNE 8
Watermelon Festival Chamber Kickoff Dinner at 5 p.m. on Friday at the Monticello Opera House.

JUNE 8
Altrusa 11th Annual Watermelon Festival Bed Race begins at 7 p.m. on Friday, on Mulberry Street, adjacent to the Monticello Opera House. There is a \$25 entrance fee for each team. Contact Mary Frances Gramling at 850-997-3657 or Anita Ashworth at 850-997-1666 for more information.

JUNE 8
Monticello Jamboree Band will perform music for dancing at 7 p.m. every Friday evening at 625 South Water Street, in the old JCHS gym. There are doorprizes, cold soft drinks and snacks. Everyone is welcome to come dance, listen to some of the finest music and just enjoy the fun and camaraderie with neighbors and friends. Band members and musicians include Bobby Connell, Don Corbitt, John Howell, Ashley Morgan, Sue and Wanzie Tucker, Arlene and Leon Roberts and Wendell Quick. This is a non-profit charitable organization. For questions or concerns contact Curtis Morgan at 850-933-8136 or Bobby Connell at 850-445-

0049.
JUNE 9
C.H. Henry Chapter #20 Order of Eastern Star, PHA, will host a Fish Fry fundraiser on Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. at the Monticello News parking lot.

JUNE 9
Watermelon Festival Pageants will be held at the old JCHS in the auditorium. Baby to Tween Pageant, 10 a.m.; Teen Miss Watermelon and Miss Watermelon Pageants, 7 p.m.

JUNE 9
'Bless the Beast' fundraiser for the Jefferson County Humane Society will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. on Saturday at The Mays House, catered by Carrie Ann & Co. Ticket cost is \$25 per person and includes a dinner buffet, silent and live auctions, 50/50 cash drawing, cash bar and entertainment by the 'Booger Holler String Band'. For more information, contact JCHS Secretary Teresa Kessler at 850-997-4540.

JUNE 9
'Invitation to the Muse: A Writing Adventure' with Katya Taylor, will be held at the One Heart Earth Center from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday. Bring a journal or other writing material. Space is limited to 10 participants. OHEC is located at 450 West Madison Street. OHEC is a 501 c3 non-profit and tax-deductible. Go to oneheartearthcenter@embarqmail.com or call 850-997-7373 for reservations and for more information.

JUNE 9
NO RED HATS MEETING. Instead, the Scarlet O'Hatters will be getting ready for the Watermelon Parade. Those that want to may attend the Watermelon Festival Style Show Luncheon on June 14, tickets and information for the event are available at the Chamber of Commerce or the Monticello Opera House. Everyone is looking forward to the Red Hats parade float and all the BLING!

JUNE 11
Big Bend Horseman's Club meets at 7 p.m. on the second Monday at Green Industries Institute for a brief program and meeting. This is

an open horse club for all breeds. Everyone is welcome. Go to www.bigbendhorse.com for more information.

JUNE 11
Jefferson County Lions Club Monday Night BINGO. Doors and snack bar open at 5 p.m., at the Capitol City BP Travel Center, in the Big Bend Family Restaurant, 2716 Gamble Road, Lloyd (Interstate 10, Exit 217, Highway 59.) Call 850-997-3538 for directions. JCLC is a non-profit organization, raising funds for area residents in need. All are welcome to come have fun, play and win! Help the JCLC by contributing to others. Remember... one free Jackpot BINGO card for every eyeglass donation! Contact Lion June at 850-997-1754 for more information.

JUNE 11
Al-Anon meetings are held at 8 p.m. every Monday at the Anglican Church, 124 Jefferson Avenue in Thomasville. For more information go to www.alanon.alateen.org

JUNE 11
AA women's meetings are held on Mondays at 6:45 p.m.; AA meetings follow at 8 p.m., at the Christ Episcopal Church Annex, 425 North Cherry Street. For more information, call 850-997-2129 or 850-997-1955.

JUNE 12
AA classes are held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. for those seeking help. The classes are held at the Harvest Christian Center, 1599 Springhollow Road. Contact Marvin Graham, pastor, at 850-212-7669 for more information.

JUNE 12

Jefferson County Democratic Party and its Executive Committee will meet at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday at the Jefferson County Bailar Public Library. Contact Beth Davis at 850-544-6561 for more information.

JUNE 12
American Legion Post 49 meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month for a business meeting and program at the Otto Walker Post on South Water Street. Contact Adjutant Ron Slik at 850-997-8103 for more information.

JUNE 14
Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation Board will meet at 11:30 a.m. on the second Thursday of the month in the Jefferson County Extension Office conference room. Dorothy P. Lewis, secretary/treasurer, reports

the meeting is open to the public. Visitors are encouraged to attend.

JUNE 14
'How To Bid On State And Federal Government Contracts,' a free workshop organized by Jefferson County Small Business Program Director Dallas Garrett, PhD and presented by the Small Business Development Center at FAMU. The workshop is scheduled to be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Thursday at the Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce, 420 West Washington. Participants are welcome to bring a lunch. To reserve a space call 850-997-2185 or email to dgarrett@jeffersoncountyfl.gov. The Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners' sponsors this event.

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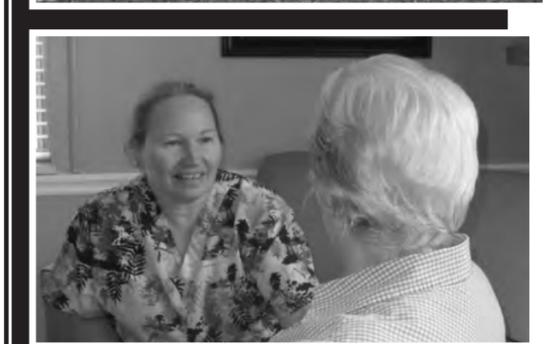
Rosa Belle Hall, age 94, died on Sunday, June 3, 2012 in Monticello, FL. She was a Domestic Worker and a former resident of Tifton, GA.

Visitation will be held from 12 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 7, 2012 at the Hagan & Bradwell Funeral Service, 175 North Railroad Street in Monticello. Funeral Services will be held at graveside at 11 a.m. on Friday, June 8, 2012 at the Texas Hill Cemetery in Monticello, with Rev. Willie E. Hagan officiating. Interment will follow.

She is survived by a niece Louise Proctor Monticello and a several other relatives and friends.

Hagan & Bradwell Funeral Service of Monticello is in charge of the arrangements. 850-997-1300.

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AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

5th Annual Wally Bentley Car Show June 16

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The fifth annual Wally Bentley Watermelon Festival Car Show is slated for 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., Saturday, June 16 in the parking lot of Farmers and Merchants Bank.

Space is limited so register early. The show is open to all vehicles including antiques, classics, street rods, modified, trucks, and motorcycles. Entries will be limited due to space. Some day-of-show entries may be allowed if space is available.

Vehicles must be in place by 11 a.m., when judging will begin. Trophies will be awarded for Best Original or Restoration, Best Custom or Street Rod, Oldest Vehicle, best Big 3, Best Orphan, Best Foreign, Best Truck, Best Late Model (newer than 1990), Judges' Choice and more.

The award ceremony begins at noon and

car show winners will be presented with trophies, as well as raffle drawings. There will be a cash pot of which one winner will take 100 percent of the pot, and two will take 50 percent each of the pot. Spectators may also purchase the raffle tickets, so the more tickets sold, the bigger the cash pot. Raffles will also be held for prizes donated by local businesses. Tickets are \$1 each and winners must be present to win.

The registration fee to show a car is \$10 or \$15 to have the vehicle judged. Registrants may also drive in the Watermelon Festival parade prior to the show. Entrants will receive a dash plaque and raffle ticket.

The car show is sponsored by Tallahassee Region Antique Automobile Club of America (TRAACA). The show honors the late Wally Bentley, a long-time Jefferson County resident and TRAAC member.

The Tallahassee Region AACA

(TRAACA) is a region of the national club, the Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA). The AACA was established in 1935 and is dedicated to the history of the automobile as well as the preservation and/or restoration of vehicles 25 years old or older. This includes cars, trucks, commercial vehicles, and motorcycles in original or restored condition.

The TRAACA was established in 1970. Activities include regular meetings, judged shows, displays, local tours, cruises and rallies and sponsorship and participation in regional and national antique auto related events.

Each year the club participates in many activities, including tours (local and overnights) and numerous car displays and shows.

For further information contact Norm Madsen at 322-6788 or for entry forms go to www.traaca.org.

FMB Breakfast June 16

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The Farmers and Merchants Bank Watermelon Festival Breakfast will be held from 7 a.m. until 9 a.m., Saturday, June 16 in the bank parking lot.

The cost of the breakfast is \$5 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under. Law enforcement, military, fire rescue/paramedics/EMS and Monticello city workers all eat for free. Spokesman Joe Anderson explained, "Usually the breakfast is only for current military personnel in uniform such as military band members who are participating in the parade, however, we certainly won't turn down anyone who has served—we honor their sacrifice." The menu will include scrambled eggs, bacon, grits, biscuits, coffee and orange juice.

Spokesman Joe Anderson said FMB personnel purchase, prepare and provide the meals as a service to the community. The volunteers include Bob McElroy, Maurey Beggs, Patti Sherer-Evans, Jenny Goddard, Meagan Dailey, Brenda Smith, Jani Bedell, Lani Howell, Dan Peel and Bobby Kempinski.

BBGT HAUNTED TOURS JUNE 15 AND 16

FRAN HUNT
Staff Writer

Come if you dare to the 90-minute haunted tour being presented by The Big Bend Ghost Trackers (BBGT) 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday, June 15 and 16 and see some of the most haunted destinations in Monticello, named "The South's Most Haunted Small Town" and learn of their histories.

On Friday night if,

there is a large enough demand, a second tour will be offered at 9:15 p.m. There will be a second tour at 9:15 p.m. on Saturday night.

You will learn not only the history of the town but also something of those said to still haunt the living.

The walking tours are \$15 for ages 13 to adults; \$12 for children and children ages 8-12 and citizens

over the age of 62; and children under the age of seven are free. The tours are sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and led by members of BBGT.

Also being offered are the 75-minute mini ghost hunts at the old 1827 cemetery. The prices for the mini ghost hunts are the same as those of the haunted tours, however, those opting to take both, a

discount will be offered.

As the evening descends into darkness you will embark upon the most exciting adventure of your life and travel into the unknown. You could see anyone from Monticello's haunted past at any second during the tour. So don't blink, you might miss it.

Those taking the tour are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes, bring their cameras, plenty of

film, and be sure to bring some extra batteries because just before the spirits begin churning, they have a tendency to drain those in the cameras.

In past years, many have witnessed strange occurrences and taken many photos of orbs, ectoplasm and strange dark figures that go bump in the night. Don't be surprised when cameras pick up things not visible to the naked eye.

To make reservations call the Chamber at 997-5552 or BBGT at 508-8109.

WMF Street Dance June 15

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The annual Watermelon Festival Street Dance is slated for 7:30 p.m., June 15 at the Lotto van, located at the intersection of Cherry and High streets.

This year two Watermelon Festival favorites, the watermelon eating contest and the watermelon seed spitting contest are being brought back again to add to the fun.

The contests begin at 7:30 p.m. Last year's winner of the seed spitting contest, Angela Gray, who spit

the seed a whopping 15 feet, again issues a challenge to all local dignitaries and royalty, to come on out and take her on. The Rotary barbecue is the same night and I got elected for cleanup, that's the only way they could see to beat me," quipped Gray. "I am going to try my best to be at the contest to defend last year's title," she added.

The street dance will begin at 8 p.m. This year's featured band was Mike Lanagan and the Swingin' Harpoon Blues Band. Reviews of the band stated, "Swingin' Harpoon Blues Band delivers a sharp, solid sound. It's comprised of some

of the area's most talented blues musicians, playing its mix of Detroit blues and jazzy swing.

"The Swingin' Harpoon Blues Band is coming of age, playing their best BBC show to date. An excellent mix of originals and covers of blues classics, with a healthy dose of jump and swing to keep the dance floor hoppin'! The Swingin' Harpoon Blues Band has become a Tallahassee favorite playing the hottest and funkier Blues around."

Coordinators are hoping for a great time and some dry weather, rather than being rained out like the dance was last year.

Children's Theater Presents Dragon Breath

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This is the 14th year for Children's Theatre at the Watermelon Festival in the historic, air-conditioned Monticello Opera House.

For the sixth year in a row, the Monticello Acting & Dance Co. (MADCo), directed by Melanie Mays, performs for audiences of all ages

MADCo presents, "Dragon Breath," an exciting tale of damsels who don't know the meaning of distress! Princess Penelope, dragon-slayer, saves the kingdom from impending doom. Find out who's scarier: the dragon or the princess! "We're betting on the princess," said Mays. Will Princess Penelope save day? Come see the show and find out for yourself!

The original musical is written, directed and choreographed by Mays.

Children, teens and parents participate in the summer theatre program and give generously of their time not only onstage, but behind the scenes as well. While in the process of the cast learning the show, they also learn to sing, dance and act.

There are eight performances, three of which are open to the general public (The other shows have been sold out to summer camps in Tallahassee).

The shows open to the general public include, Friday evening, June 15 at 7 p.m.; a Saturday matinee, June 16 (Watermelon Festival and parade day) at 11:30 a.m.; and a Saturday matinee, June 23 at 11:30 a.m.

While you are there purchase a "Dragon Breath" T-shirt to support the cast and crew.

Ticket prices are \$3 for children 12 years and younger, \$5 for teens and \$8 for adults. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

There are 40 cast members including two adults, 13 teenagers and 25 children, ages 4-12.

The cast includes; Bethany Litteral as Princess Penelope; Brannan Salter as Prince Popinjay; Judi Persons as Queen Frumplebutt; Larry Blake as King Frumplebutt; Talitha Hanks as the Dragon; Emily Mueller as the Court Jester; Tovya Vargas as Meloria, Elven Warrior; Hannah Eby as Delphina, Elven Warrior; and Alexandra Brookins as Elspeth, Elven Warrior.

The Knights of the Order of the Dragon include Jacob Smith as Sir Robin of Riddlehamhope Hall; Jonathan Litteral as Sir Fredrick the Brave; and Ben Johnson as Sir William of Wykeham.

Herald 1 is played by Ian Schrader; Herald 2 is played by Olivia Brookins; and Herald 3 is played by Courson Brookins.

Playing as the Ladies in Waiting are; Talitha Hanks, Brianna Kelly, Marlee Head, Katherine Brookins, Marta Vargas, Lily Kates, Becca Johnson, Rachael Britton and Damaris Britton.

Playing as the Fairies are; Esther Fulford, Baylee Smith, Marley Restrepo, Kya Dungey, Emery Smith, Jessica Johnson, Liria Vargas, Renee Langston, Elizabeth Kessler, Megan Fulford and Caitlin Paulk.

The Village People are played by; Benjamin Britton, Elias Vargas, Lea Vargas, Summer McDonald, Matthew Kessler and Calah Britton.

Behind the scenes those assisting the young actors pull the Dragon Breath together are; Director, Choreographer, Writer Melanie Mays; Music Director Lisa Litteral; Stage Manager Abby Starling; In charge of the crew Jared McDonald; Handling the sound are Travis Spencer and Music Masters; In charge of lighting are Samuel Hanks and Andrea Hanks; and Costumes, Lisa Kessler.

Parents of the actors help backstage, with publicity and other things that help with the show

The sponsors of this year's children's theater production are TobaccoFreeFlorida.com and a Jefferson Arts Gallery Grant, teaching teens to do sets.

Jefferson county watermelon festival 2012

EVENTS CALENDAR

June 8	5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Chamber Kick Off-Dinner-MOH Altrusa Bed Race - Mulberry
June 9	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Pageants at Old High School Auditorium Baby to Tween Pageant Teen Miss Watermelon & Miss Watermelon Pageant
June 14	12:00 noon	Woman's Club Accessories Fashion Show & Luncheon-MOH
June 15	3:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm 9:00 pm	Vendors-Downtown Rotary Barbeque-MOH Children's Theatre-MOH Street Dance/Seed Spitting & Watermelon Eating Contest Lotto Van at Cherry/High Ghost Tours-Chamber of Commerce
June 16	7:00 am 8:15 am 9:00 am 10:00 am 10:00 am 10:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 11:30 am 9:00 pm	FMB Breakfast Kiwanis Melon Run-FUMC Family Enrichment Center Arts & Crafts/Food Vendors-Downtown 4 th Annual Wally Bentley Car Show FMB Parking Lot Parade-Downtown Members Exhibit, Jefferson Arts Gallery Platform Events begin Children's Theatre-MOH Ghost Tours-Chamber

Baby Photo Contest, Pageants and Essay Writing Scholarship Contest

Call 997-5552 for more information
www.monticellojeffersonfl.com

LEGAL NOTICE

Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill

Medical Benefits Settlement

Providing Benefits to Clean-Up Workers and Certain Gulf Coast Residents

If you have a medical claim related to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, you could get benefits from a class action settlement with BP Exploration & Production Inc. and BP America Production Company ("BP"). Go to DeepwaterHorizonSettlements.com for more information, including information on how to file a claim.

WHO IS INCLUDED IN THE MEDICAL BENEFITS SETTLEMENT?

The Medical Class includes (1) clean-up workers and (2) certain people who resided in specific geographic areas in coastal and wetlands areas along the Gulf Coast during specific periods in 2010. The website DeepwaterHorizonSettlements.com has detailed descriptions and maps to help you determine whether a geographic location may be included in one of these zones. Additionally, you can call 1-866-992-6174 or e-mail info@DeepwaterHorizonMedicalSettlement.com to find out if a geographic location is included.

WHAT DOES THE MEDICAL BENEFITS SETTLEMENT PROVIDE?

The benefits of the Medical Benefits Settlement include: (1) payments to qualifying people for certain acute (short-term) and chronic (ongoing) medical conditions occurring after exposure to oil or chemical dispersants; (2) provision of periodic medical examinations to qualifying people; and (3) creation of a Gulf Region Health Outreach Program, consisting of projects to strengthen the healthcare system. Benefits (1) and (2) will be provided only after the Court grants final approval and any appeals are resolved.

HOW TO GET BENEFITS FROM THE MEDICAL BENEFITS SETTLEMENT

You need to submit a Claim Form to request benefits. You can get a copy of the Claim Form by visiting the website or by calling 1-866-992-6174. Claims can

be submitted by mail. If you have questions about how to file your claim, you should call the toll-free number for assistance.

The deadline for filing a Claim Form is one year after the Medical Benefits Settlement becomes effective (that is, after the Court grants "final approval" and any appeals are resolved). The exact date of the claim filing deadline will be posted on the website. It is highly recommended that Medical Class Members complete and submit their claim forms promptly. Please read the Economic and Property Damages Settlement notice because you may also be eligible for a payment from that settlement.

YOUR OTHER OPTIONS

If you do not want to be legally bound by the Medical Benefits Settlement, you must Opt Out or exclude yourself by **October 1, 2012** or you won't be able to sue BP over certain medical claims. If you stay in the Medical Benefits Settlement, you may object to it by **August 31, 2012**. The Detailed Notice explains how to exclude yourself or object.

The Court will hold a hearing on **November 8, 2012** to consider whether to approve the Medical Benefits Settlement. You or your own lawyer may ask to appear and speak at the hearing at your own cost. Class Counsel will ask the Court to consider an award of fees, costs, and expenses of 6% of the value of the benefits actually provided under the Medical Benefits Settlement Agreement. Class Counsel fees, costs, and expenses under the Medical Benefits Settlement Agreement and the Economic and Property Damages Settlement Agreement jointly cannot exceed \$600 million. Class members' payments will not be reduced if the Court approves the payment of Class Counsel fees, costs, and expenses because BP will separately pay these attorney fees, costs, and expenses.

Economic and Property Damages Settlement

Providing Money to Individuals and Businesses

If you have economic loss or property damage because of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, you could get money from a class action settlement with BP Exploration & Production Inc. and BP America Production Company ("BP"). Go to DeepwaterHorizonSettlements.com for more information, including information on how to file a claim.

WHO IS INCLUDED IN THE ECONOMIC & PROPERTY DAMAGES SETTLEMENT?

The Economic and Property Damages ("E&PD") Settlement Class includes people, businesses, and other entities in the states of Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi, and certain counties in Texas and Florida, that were harmed by the oil spill. The website DeepwaterHorizonSettlements.com has detailed descriptions and maps to help you determine whether a geographic location may be included in the E&PD Settlement. Additionally, you can call 1-866-992-6174 or e-mail questions@DeepwaterHorizonEconomicSettlement.com to find out if a geographic location is included.

WHAT DOES THE ECONOMIC & PROPERTY DAMAGES SETTLEMENT PROVIDE?

The E&PD Settlement makes payments for the following types of claims: (1) Seafood Compensation, (2) Economic Damage, (3) Loss of Subsistence, (4) Vessel Physical Damage, (5) Vessels of Opportunity Charter Payment, (6) Coastal Real Property Damage, (7) Wetlands Real Property Damage, and (8) Real Property Sales Damage. There is no limit on the total dollar amount of the E&PD Settlement; all qualified claims will be paid.

HOW TO GET BENEFITS FROM THE ECONOMIC & PROPERTY DAMAGES SETTLEMENT

You need to submit a Claim Form to request a payment. You can get a copy of the various Claim Forms by visiting the website or by calling 1-866-992-6174. Claims can be submitted online or by mail. If you have questions about how to file your claim, you should call the toll-free number for assistance.

The deadline to submit most E&PD claims will be April 22, 2014 or six months after the E&PD Settlement becomes effective (that is, after the Court grants "final approval" and any appeals are resolved), whichever is later. There will be an earlier deadline to submit E&PD Seafood Compensation claims. The earlier deadline to submit Seafood Compensation claims will be 30 days after final approval of the Settlement by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana (regardless of appeals). Actual claim filing deadlines will be posted on the website as they become available. Valid claims will be paid as they are approved, beginning shortly after the Court-Supervised Settlement Program commences. It is highly recommended that E&PD Settlement Class Members complete and submit their claim forms promptly. Please read the Medical Benefits Settlement notice because you may also be eligible for benefits from that settlement.

YOUR OTHER OPTIONS

If you do not want to be legally bound by the E&PD Settlement, you must Opt Out or exclude yourself by **October 1, 2012** or you won't be able to sue BP over certain economic and property damage claims. If you stay in the E&PD Settlement, you may object to it by **August 31, 2012**. The Detailed Notice explains how to exclude yourself or object.

The Court will hold a hearing on **November 8, 2012** to consider whether to approve the E&PD Settlement. You or your own lawyer may ask to appear and speak at the hearing at your own cost. The Court will also consider Class Counsel fees, costs, and expenses including an interim payment of \$75 million and additional awards equal to 6% of class claims and benefits paid. Class Counsel fees, costs and expenses under the Economic and Property Damages Settlement Agreement and the Medical Benefits Settlement Agreement jointly cannot exceed \$600 million. Class members' payments will not be reduced if the Court approves the payment of Class Counsel fees, costs, and expenses because BP will separately pay these attorney fees, costs, and expenses.

AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

JCI Hosted Prayer Breakfast

DEBBIE SNAPP
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The monthly Business Community Prayer Breakfast will not be held in the months of June, July and August, but will resume again on Thursday, September 6.

Many were in attendance to the May meeting for the 61st annual observance of the National Day of Prayer; a valuable reminder of the many blessings that God has bestowed upon our nation. It was an opportunity to join together as Americans to ask for God's protection of our brave service members fighting for our freedoms overseas and His grace in sustaining the less fortunate among us. "Prayer should be a constant guide through the challenges and opportunities that each day brings," notes Florida's 2nd District U.S. Representative Steve Southerland, II.

The May meeting was hosted by and held at the Jefferson Correctional Institute, on Big Joe Road. It drew a full house of guests curious about the JCI location, for the program presentation by local Attorney Paula Sparkman and for the delicious buffet style breakfast.

Sparkman is a Magistrate Judge with the Leon County Traffic

Court, in Tallahassee. She is 12-years into the career of her choosing, her dream job. She spoke about where her 'drive' has taken her so far. She added that having children has changed her heart... to the good of course. For her, slowing down only allows fear to creep in so, she is go, go, in her family life and in her business career.

She explained that failure was never an option for her. She now realizes that she can't control every situation, hardship, and obstacle

that comes her way. She is important to God and God is her guide every day.

"I'm where I want to be," she adds. "It's great

to have goals but, will you know how to use them when you get there? Do you get caught up in the chaos of the job and the day? PRAY! As I've grown

in my career and my life's journey, I've shifted my focus to God and family. I PRAY!" James 1:5

When the Business Community Prayer Breakfast does start back up in September, plan to come and bring a friend. Also, bring a non-perishable food item for the community food pantry. Serving begins at 6:45

a.m.; the program will conclude at 8 a.m. If you have names for the prayer list, email them to Coordinator

L. Gary Wright at lgwright39@embarq-mail.com or call 850-997-5705

or 850-933-5567 for more information. This fellowship and promotion of Christian values continues because of your participation.

Music and quick-wit were once again offered by longtime member Carroll Lamb and JCI Employee Rosetta Griffin sang an especially beautiful hymn from the heart.



ECB Publishing Photos By Debbie Snapp, May 3, 2012. Attorney Paula Sparkman was speaker to the May Community Prayer Breakfast. She is pictured with CJB Coordinator Gary Wright.



ECB Publishing Photos By Debbie Snapp, May 3, 2012. In attendance at the May Community Prayer Breakfast were Carroll Lamb and Max Bilinski, both seated and greeting them is Jefferson Correctional Institute employee Rosetta Griffin.



ECB Publishing Photos By Debbie Snapp, May 3, 2012. Pictured from left to right are: JCI Warden Scott Crews, host of the May Community Prayer Breakfast; Gary Wright, coordinator of the CBP; and Attorney Paula Sparkman and her son, speaker to the CPB.



ECB Publishing Photos By Debbie Snapp, May 3, 2012. Attorney Paula Sparkman spoke to the attendees to the May Community Prayer Breakfast about her Christian life and how it affects her work ethics and decision-making.



ECB Publishing Photos By Debbie Snapp, May 3, 2012. The May Community Prayer Breakfast was held at and hosted by the Jefferson Correctional Institute. JCI employees were in force to greet their visitors. Warden Chris Douglas and Warden Scott Crews announced a 'Community Advisement Gathering' on June 20.

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AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

Nursing Home Week Celebrated At Cross Landings H&RC



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In recognition of National Nursing Home Week May 13 to 19, the Cross Landings H&RC personnel and residents celebrated each day with a different theme and different refreshment. Pictured here from left to right are: Activities Director Voncell Thomas, Social Services Director Mae Kyler and Patricia Byrd dressed in their best 'Hawaiian' garb for a specialty dinner.

Employee Of The Month For May

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Peggy Duncan has been announced as the Winn Dixie May Employee of the Month. She has worked at the local store for 16+ years and is at this time working in the General Merchandise department.

Employee of the Month for April was Ray Hill. He works as Guest Service Lead and has been employed with Winn Dixie for 1+ year.



Peggy Duncan



ECB Publishing photo by Fran Hunt, May 23, 2012

Some people save editions of the *Monticello News* for very long periods of time, but this recently acquired edition takes the cake. Ed Vollertsen recently purchased this edition of the *Family Friend* (the original name of the *News*), dated February 8, 1862, for \$1 at a local yard sale.

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City of Monticello

2011 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

We are pleased to report that our drinking water meets all federal and state requirements.

We're pleased to present to you this year's Annual Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our water source is ground water from three wells. The wells draw from the Floridan Aquifer. Because of the excellent quality of our water, the only treatment required is chlorine for disinfection purposes.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Steve Wingate at 850-294-8329. We encourage our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on the first Tuesday of every month at the City Hall at 7 pm.

The City of Monticello routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws, rules, and regulations. Except where indicated otherwise, this report is based on the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2011. Data obtained before January 1, 2011, and presented in this report are from the most recent testing done in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

In the table below, you may find unfamiliar terms and abbreviations. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

Initial Distribution System Evaluation (IDSE): An important part of the Stage 2 Disinfection Byproducts Rule (DBPR). The IDSE is a one-time study conducted by water systems to identify distribution system locations with high concentrations of trihalomethanes (THMs) and haloacetic acids (HAAs). Water systems will use results from the IDSE, in conjunction with their Stage 1 DBPR compliance monitoring data, to select compliance monitoring locations for the Stage 2 DBPR.

Maximum residual disinfectant level or MRDL: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum residual disinfectant level goal or MRDLG: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

"ND" means not detected and indicates that the substance was not found by laboratory analysis.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (µg/l): one part by weight of analyte to 1 billion parts by weight of the water sample.

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l): one part by weight of analyte to 1 million parts by weight of the water sample.

Picocurie per liter (pCi/L): measure of the radioactivity in water.

2011 CONTAMINANTS TABLE

Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Radioactive Contaminants							
Alpha emitters (pCi/L)	Jun 08	N	1.2	ND-1.2	0	15	Erosion of natural deposits
Radium 226 + 228 or combined radium (pCi/L)	Jun 08	N	1.4	0.9-1.4	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits
Inorganic Contaminants							
Barium (ppm)	Jun 11	N	0.0077	0.0067-0.0077	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Cyanide (ppb)	Jun 11	N	3.4	ND-3.4	200	200	Discharge from steel / metal factories; discharge from plastic or fertilizer factories
Fluoride (ppm)	Jun 11	N	0.091	0.067-0.091	4	4.0	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories. Water additive which promotes strong teeth when at optimum levels between 0.7 and 1.3 ppm
Lead (point of entry) (ppb)	Jun 11	N	0.3	0.1-0.3	0	15	Residue from man-made pollution such as auto emissions and paint; lead pipe, casing, and solder
Nickel (ppb)	Jun 11	N	0.8	0.7-0.8	N/A	100	Pollution from mining and refining operations. Natural occurrence in soil
Nitrate (as Nitrogen) (ppm)	Jun 11	N	0.44	0.019-0.44	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Sodium (ppm)	Jun 11	N	3.5	3.1-3.5	N/A	160	Salt water intrusion, leaching from soil
Volatile Organic Contaminants							
Xylenes (ppm)	Jun 11	N	0.01	ND-0.01	10	10	Discharge from petroleum factories; discharge from chemical factories

Disinfectant or Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL or MRDL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL or MRDL	Likely Source of Contamination
Stage 1 Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products							
Chlorine (ppm)	Jan- Dec 11	N	0.48	0.44-0.52	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4.0	Water additive used to control microbes
Haloacetic Acids (five) (HAAs) (ppb)	Aug. 11	N	26.1	5.0-68	N/A	MCL = 60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TTHM [Total trihalomethanes] (ppb)	Aug. 11	N	5.82	ND-17	N/A	MCL = 80	By-product of drinking water disinfection

Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	AL Exceeded Y/N	90th Percentile Result	No. of sampling sites exceeding the AL	MCLG	AL (Action Level)	Likely Source of Contamination
Lead and Copper (Tap Water)							
Copper (tap water) (ppm)	Jun-Sep 10	N	0.46	0 of 20	1.3	1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead (tap water) (ppb)	Jun-Sep 10	N	6.4	1 of 20	0	15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits

The City of Monticello constantly monitors for various contaminants in the water supply to meet all regulatory requirements. If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. City of Monticello is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

(A) Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

(B) Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

(C) Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.

(D) Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

(E) Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In 2011 the Department of Environmental Protection performed a Source Water Assessment on our system. The assessment was conducted to provide information about any potential sources of contamination in the vicinity of our wells. There are 20 potential sources of contamination identified for this system with low to moderate susceptibility levels. The assessment results are available on the FDEP Source Water Assessment and Protection Program website at [HYPERLINK "http://www.dep.state.fl.us/swapp"](http://www.dep.state.fl.us/swapp) or they can be obtained from Steve Wingate at 850-294-8329.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

"We at the City of Monticello work around the clock to provide top quality water to every tap," said Steve Wingate. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and our children's future.

CHURCH

LLOYD MONROE: RADICALLY CHANGING LIVES

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Growing up on a farm in Waukeenh, Lloyd Monroe found his niche on the farm. Slipping on his boots, cranking up the tractor and getting a little dirty was all a part of life that his parents, Danny and Betty, taught him. Being the oldest of five children, Monroe knew what hard work was: It was just another day.

Monroe is a product of the Jefferson County public school system, having attended Jefferson elementary, middle and high school. He graduated from high school in 1975 and cruised right into college. Up next for Monroe was four years of college at Florida State University,

where he would graduate in 1979 with a Bachelor of Arts in History. But, he didn't stop there. Monroe continued his education for three more years and attended the Florida State University School of Law, and graduated with his Juris Doctorate degree in 1982.

"My parents raised me in church," he said, "but I didn't always do how I was supposed to." Monroe admits that at age 15, his life began to take a road down the wrong path spiritually, and he found himself involved with drugs and alcohol at a very young age. "I had it down. I was a student during the day and I partied at night."

Melanie Thompson was a girl that Monroe grew up with, that lived down the road from him. In

college, they began dating and were married on August 21, 1982. After his graduation from college and the couple's wedding, they packed their bags and moved to Pensacola. In the west Florida, Monroe had taken a job with the Senior District Judge, Winston E. Arnow, as a law clerk. Spending two years there, the family decided it was time to move to Tallahassee.

In 1984, Monroe began to practice law with Fuller, Johnson and Farrell handling civil trials. Monroe spent 10 years with the firm before partnering with Cooper and Coppins, becoming Cooper, Coppins and Monroe. Currently, Monroe still offers counsel to Coppins, Monroe, Adkins and Dincman in Tallahassee.

When the family moved to Tallahassee, they welcomed their first baby girl, Hannah, in July of 1986. "Having Hannah changed my life," said Monroe. "When the children came along, I realized I couldn't just be a Sunday morning saint. If I was going to be a Christian, I needed to be a real one and be the example in front of my kids. I didn't want to be fake. I either wanted to be all in, or all out."

It was then that Monroe's life began to change

radically. The addictions that once held Monroe bound seemed to be no longer important. "From the ages of 15 to 29, I wanted to party." And that's just what he did. "I told the Lord to take care of me, and that I would let him know when I needed him." But as the family became more active in church, the closer Monroe became to God. And over a period of time, Monroe had fully rededicated his life to God.

The family welcomed two more children, Daniel in July of 1988, and Asa in December of 1990.

Monroe's life was once again rocked when he and his wife went to Cuba on a mission trip. "That was very life changing," he said. "Seeing Cubans who don't have the freedom of speech and worship like we do changed our life, but we were also challenged."

Although Monroe was very involved with his home church, Waukeenh United Methodist Church, serving in many different types of ministries, none seemed to fulfill the desire that God was beginning to shape and mold in his life. The family went on another mission trip in 2003

to Guatemala to serve in medical and construction, and to assist with Bible school. Monroe and his family went again in February of 2004, and that's when all the pieces of the puzzle started coming together.

"I knew that's what

was a tough thing to do." But with certainty Monroe remained true to what God was calling him to do, and the flight not only launched their new life in a foreign country, but a new ministry that would make an eternal impact on lives both here and abroad.

"My wife and I, along with my sister Suzanne, founded Porch De Salomon," he stated. The family resides in Panajachel, Guatemala, and stays busy proclaiming the gospel in a very unique way. The ministry's desire is to host mission teams, offer year-round humanitarian relief, Salomon's Porch Café, live music outreach and help local churches in this area to be transformed for Christ.

Monroe is one who is not afraid to be labeled radical. "What Jesus did was radical," he laughed. "People often read about what Jesus did, but often miss the significance of the changes he made in lives, and in their traditions or routines. We're about changing lives. And as Paul said, 'I've become all things that I might save some.' We're reaching out to those who need a Savior."



God was wanting me to do, but I had to do again to make sure that was it," he laughed. From that trip in February until the time they took their flight out of here in August of 2005 was as Monroe declared, "one of the hardest years of our life."

"My daughter was getting ready to begin college. I had a great job. My family roots run deep here in Jefferson County and so saying good-bye to my family

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Prayer.....7:00 PM
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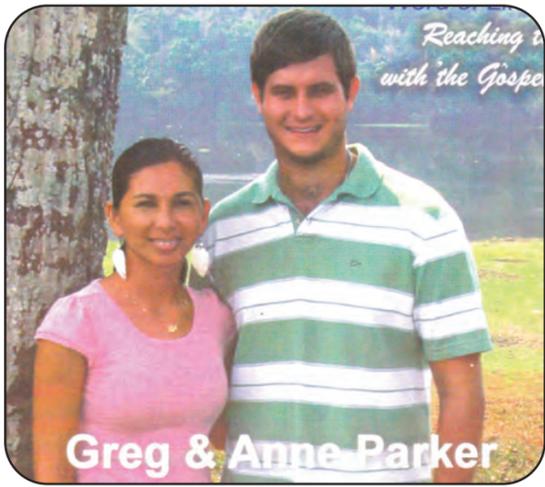
Minister Greg Parker

Dear family and friends, we just got back from our Liberty trip. The trip went really well, we saw over 1,000 people in the medical clinic and close to that with all the kids programs. Thank you so much for your prayers.

It was hard for me to be 10 days away from Anne and Jake, but everything was fine with them as well. We will be leaving on our next trip Saturday with the 'A Doctor's Heart' group. Please be praying for this trip, as we will be working in some Indian villages that are extremely closed to the gospel, but they accepted the doctors group.

Also, be praying for Jake, as he will be going on the trip and we don't know how he will react. I am very excited that my brother will be coming on this trip as well. Unfortunately, Anabella and Dustin can't go, so please, keep them in your prayers.

That is what has been happening around here. Thank you so much for your prayers and support. God Bless.



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Wednesday Bible Study.....6:30 PM
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625 Tindell Road • Aucilla • 997-2081
P.O. Box 163 • Monticello
Pastor Daryl Adams 850-251-0129

Sunday School.....9:45 AM
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

The Pulpit

Combating The World's Perception Of Normalcy!

**Rev. Dr. Rick Kelley, Pastor
First Baptist Church - Monticello**

What is the world's view of moral normalcy? Can Christianity embrace the world's standards as their own? Both our country and culture are suffering as a result of severe moral poverty or bankruptcy. Criminologist John Dilulio once said "that moral poverty is the poverty of being without loving, capable, responsible adults who teach you right from wrong. It is the poverty of being without parents and other authorities who habituate you to feel joy at others joy, pain at others pain, happiness when you do right, remorse when you do wrong. It is the poverty of growing up in the virtual absence of people who teach morality by their own everyday example and who insist that you follow suit."

Many if not all of us would agree that our country is in a moral tailspin. In our quest to guide our children through the moral minefields of our culture, we are continually combating the world's perception of "normalcy," and it's getting more difficult each day.

Normalcy, or the community standard is determined in our Anti-Bible society by man made opinions, not by what God has revealed in His word. Human normalcy determined by man, excludes the "moral absolutes" set down by God. Are there Biblical absolutes for any and every society? YES! They are basically known by us as the Ten Commandments. Some have erroneously called them the "ten suggestions" but I believe God calls the shots, don't you?

Because of humankind's innate tendency to disobey God, nations of men and women who create their own standards of right and wrong inevitably amend them until, over time, almost no standards exist at all. After awhile nothing is sacred, nothing

is wrong, all is right. What started out as the best of times, ends with the worst of times!

Can the mold of madness and badness be broken? Can parents and teacher mentors make a spiritual and moral difference? Yes! In what ways can we turn the tide?

First, the world's perception of marriage must be ignored. Marriage is no longer a moral prerequisite for living together. Pat Wingert of Newsweek once said "getting married used to be a prerequisite for the most important decisions of life: having sex, living together and making babies. Today it's common for unmarried couples to move in together, pick out china, buy a dog - even conceive a child - without bothering with the legalities." Of course the Bible has much to say against such lifestyle, for example

Hebrews 13:4 - "Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge." Once the sacred institution of marriage is bypassed, then the foundation for the "family unit" is destroyed. Then of course when this happens, the floodgates are open bringing in more chaos and corruption!

Second, the world's perception of truth must be ignored. According to George Barna, sixty percent of people in the United States believe that absolute truth cannot be known. But it is the abandonment of absolute truth that is leading us down the path of sorrow and regret. I believe anyone can search for and find absolute truth. We have Bibles, we have churches, we have human experiences, how can anyone say they do not believe that absolute truth is real or attainable? Could it be that we have believed so many lies, that we wouldn't know the truth if it screamed at us? Jesus, who is "the truth," said these familiar words - John 8:32 -

"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free!" Because absolute truth exist, mankind is absolutely accountable to God. So may we seek the truth of God with all of our hearts, and refuse the world's perception of what is truth, or the lack thereof.

Lastly, the world's perception of who should raise our children must be ignored. First the absolute truth is that parents and in some cases the grandparents, are to raise their offspring. The Bible clearly states: *Ephesians 6:4 - "And ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."* The responsibility to raise one's offspring doesn't reside with any form of government, unless it be the government of God, who has placed the responsibility squarely upon the shoulders of parents. I am not saying that others cannot offer "helps," but what I am saying is this, "at the end of the day, God holds parents responsible for their own offspring!" How are we doing? From Harrop once said - "There was a time when parents were expected to feed their kids in the morning, teach them expected sexual behavior, and take them to their preferred house of worship, and stop them from smoking. Child rearing now seems to be less of a parental activity than a commodity that one pays for."

In having said these many things, I want us to just consider what is at stake, if we fail to accept the absolute truth, and receive the world's perception of normalcy.

1. We remove all hope of a better tomorrow. No civilization ever prospered at the expense of rejecting God or His word.

2. We renounce everything and everyone that is holy, just, or good. Whether some like it or not, what made America the envy of the world, was not the world's perception of normalcy, but those who believed and practiced absolute truth!

May God help us all to stand for absolute truth!



CALENDAR

JUNE 4-8
"Sky: Everything Is Possible With God"
First Baptist Church of Monticello

Monday through Friday, 5:15-8 p.m.

The children each night will enjoy dinner, along with arts and crafts, music, and story time. Donations throughout the week will be accepted for their mission project, which is to provide care bags for sick children in hospitals.

For more information, please visit www.fbcmonticello.org or call (850) 997-2349.

JUNE 11-15
"Amazing Wonders Aviation"
Greenville Baptist Church

Monday through Friday, 6 p.m. until 8:45 p.m.

Supper will be served at 6 p.m. Classes are available for all ages from nursery to adults. Pre-registration kickoff will be on June 9, with water slides, food and games from 11-2 p.m. Dinner will be served nightly. For more information, please call Kathy Reams at (850) 879-7901.

JUNE 11-15
"Sonrise Kids Camp"
First United Methodist Church of Monticello

Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. until 12 p.m.

Children will have a great time singing songs, watching skits, creating crafts and playing games. But most important, they'll learn how their lives can be transformed by God's great love for them.

For more information, please call (850) 997-5545.

JUNE 11-15
"Amazing Wonders Aviation"
Lloyd Baptist Church

Monday through Friday, June 11-15, 6-8:30 p.m.

This year's theme is

Spiritual Pathways Is Back!

BRYANT THIGPEN
ECB Publishing Staff Writer

A while ago, the Monticello News said good-bye to the Spiritual Pathways. But due to popular demand, it's back! Beginning on Wednesday, June 20, the Spiritual Pathways will be available to the readers as an insert in the Monticello News each Wednesday.

The Spiritual Pathways will feature the highly popular column known as "The Pulpit." It will also be the home of the church directory (which is the ultimate guide of worship gatherings in the region), the church calendar, the place to find features on upcoming events as well as inspirational stories.

To submit stories or events for the Spiritual Pathways, please call Bryant or Debbie at (850) 997-3568 or email Bryant@greenepublishing.com

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325 W. Walnut Street • Monticello
Pastor Wayne Cook 997-5545

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

Bible Study.....4:15
Prayer Group.....5:15
Fellowship Meal.....6:00
Chancel Choir Practice.....6:30

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Sunday Worship.....11:00 AM
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Wednesday
Prayer & Bible Study.....7:00 PM

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Bible Study/Prayer Meeting-
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1206 Springfield Road • Lloyd • 997-TLC7 (8527)
Pastors Tim and Beverly Buchholtz
www.TransformingLifeChurch.com

Sunday..... 10:30 AM
Sunday Morning Praise and Worship
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Wednesday.....7:00 PM
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Men's Ministry 1st Saturday.....10:00 AM
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Sunday Worship.....11:00 AM
Youth Group.....7:00 PM

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Wed. TRAC Club for teens.....7:00 PM

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4th Sunday Individual Outreach Ministry & Fellowship
3rd Sunday Holy Communion
Wednesday Evenings
Prayer Meeting.....6:30 P.M.
Bible Study.....7:00 P.M.

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Sunday -- Every 2nd & 4th.....6:00 PM
Tuesday Bible Study.....7:00 PM
AA on 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

CHURCH

Betty Hightower: Going Where God Sends

BRYANT THIGPEN
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

In a fast paced world with lots of shifting and moving around, it's rare to find someone who has remained rooted deep in the heart of Jefferson County. But more importantly, this individual has remained rooted in Jesus Christ and has

been true to the call He has placed on her life.

As a child, Betty Dean Hightower was born and raised in Thomas City, which is a small community in the Wacissa limits. She attended the school located in front of her home that everyone knew as Wacissa Elementary School. She later attended Howard Academy where she would have ultimately graduated from high school, but the country was rocked when integration of the schools took place. Although that became the focal point of many, Hightower never really focused on the issue, but her education. And in 1972, she graduated from Jefferson County High School.

Following high school, Hightower attended Suwannee Technical College until they

discontinued the program in which she was enrolled. She continues her education at Tallahassee Community College.

At a very early age, Hightower gave her life to Christ and began to follow Him. She began teaching Sunday school at age 15, and in 1975, made a public profession of the calling that God had placed on her life. She was attending Bethpage Missionary Baptist Church at the time of her receiving the calling, but at the age of 24, she felt the Lord directing her steps to begin worshipping at a church in the Boland community, where she has been ever since. Hightower has served the church as a Sunday school teacher and as an assistant pastor.

"I'll go wherever the Lord sends me," she said, and she has stayed

true to those words. "I remember the lord sending me to Monticello, and I preached a revival in the front of my mother's house. The next yard revival we held was in the Boland community, in the front yard at the residence of the Alexander family."

Her final yard revival was held in Wacissa. This would be a week she would remember the rest of her life, because it was the week she was filled with the Holy Ghost.

"I praise the Lord for using me and sending me," she happily stated. Besides preaching the gospel, Hightower has been blessed with the gifts of teaching, singing and the ability to write her own songs. She is also a writer and a contributor to this newspaper. Writing articles is one of the ways she



Supporting her ministry is her husband, Alfreddie, whom she married in March of 1971. The couple welcomed two daughters, Maria and Amie, into the family. The family has grown since then, and Hightower is the proud grandmother of three grandsons and two granddaughters.

"I'm always working for the Lord," she said. "The Lord is always working and I thank him for that. And I believe it's so important that we don't choose the ministry on our own, because the gift must first come from God. And anytime we start to do something for God you're going to face opposition. So you have to have God by your side." And wherever God sends her, that's where she'll be.

shares her ministry and the words God gives her, but also through play productions. Hightower was a team member of Jubilant Productions based out of Tallahassee and worked with them to produce popular biblical plays and productions. God began to deal with her about bringing such a ministry to this area, and so she incorporated that type of ministry into what she does today.

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CHURCH

Daybreak Presents Summer Youth Explosion

BRYANT THIGPEN
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Angela Y. Hodge, inspirational author, writer and motivational speaker, is teaming up with the Madison and Greenville Public Library, along with Infinite Possibilities for Women, Inc., to present a Summer Youth Explosion, which will begin on Thursday, June 21.

On Thursday, June 21, Hodge will appear at the Greenville Public Library to host a creative writing workshop, beginning at 2 p.m. Hodge will join Infinite Possibilities on Saturday, June 23, to bring a community outreach drive to the Madison Public Library. Come out and learn about IPW, their scholarship program and sign up for great opportunities.

Spend the afternoon at the Madison Public Library and enjoy two great workshops beginning at 10 a.m. with an instructional focus on creative writing. Be sure to bring photos and learn how to create a scrapbook at the 2 p.m. workshop.

In the month of July, Hodge will be making

stops at the Greenville Public Library on Thursday, July 12, at 2 p.m., for a workshop on how to create scrapbooks. She will also be at the Madison Public Library on Friday, July 13, for a creative writing workshop at 2 p.m. and scrapbook creating at 2 p.m.

Hodge will once again unite with Infinite Possibilities for Women for a Book Club Meeting at the Madison Public Library on Saturday, July 14, from 1-3 p.m. Participants for this event must be 18 years of age or older.

The author knows what it's like to hurt. She knows what it's like to stare in the face of rejection and has fought and defeated giants of trials and illnesses. When the odds were stacked against her, she knew there was only one thing that could guarantee her victory, and it was her faith in God. When she began to see that God had a purpose and a plan while she went through the battles, it was then she realized her purpose to live. And it was then that a life that was overshadowed with

darkness saw a glimmering light of hope. It was the beginning of daybreak.

Hodge developed a heart and a passion to want to help people who have been through or are going through the tough trials of this life. Although Hodge was going through the raging storms of life, she was still a mother of three and still had to work, so life didn't just stand still. But she knew she had to gain strength from somewhere.

"While I was at work, I had a jar on my desk," Hodge explains. "In this jar were scriptures I found that really encouraged me. And, when I would get discouraged I would pull out one of the cards in the jar and read the scripture. It was just what I needed to get me through the day."

Hodge understands the difficulty of a fast-paced world and that there's not much time in a workday to read the Bible like one would wish to. So in her new book, *Daybreak: Gaining Strength Through Our Pain*, Hodge has put to-



gether a collection of scriptures and poems that was very influential to her during her time of crisis.

"When people at work began to take notice of what I was doing and how the scriptures were impacting my life, it wasn't just my hand reaching in the jar anymore," she said. "I noticed that even through my situation, God was using me to make a difference in the people that I was around. I knew that God had taken me through this for a purpose, and that was to help others see the daybreak in the midst of trials."

"According to the dic-

tionary, daybreak is the first appearance of daylight in the morning," Hodge stated. "Each day we need a daybreak to help us through the day. And, for the 31 days, I hope this book will give encouragement need to really begin life the way you want to live."

Day one begins with the words, "It's through our pain, that we gain strength to live, to be free, to be happy, and victorious. So smile and give Him praise! There will be a brighter day! He died so we can live; be encouraged." The journey continues with devotionals titled, "Hold On," "Trust God," "Don't Give Up," "Wisdom," "Blessings," and "Strength," and many, many more encouraging words where one is sure to find the strength to find a new day and a new way of living.

Recently, Hodge made headlines when she was featured in the March edition of the Tallahassee Woman Complimentary Magazine in the "Women To Watch" feature. She was awarded the "Phenomenal Woman Award" at Sealey Elementary

School during the Black History Month program.

Hodge was born and raised in Madison and currently resides in Tallahassee. She is an author, writer and motivational speaker. She graduated from Madison County High School in 1987 and later attended North Florida Community College. She has added to her resume over 10 years of experience in teaching. Hodge is the mother of three children: Tamika, Shantrelle, and Jalon.

Her book can be purchased on amazon.com, at Books-A-Million, Barnes and Nobles, the Madison County Chamber of Commerce, on her website at www.angelayhodge.com, or available for rent at the Greenville, Madison and Lee Public Libraries.

"It's through our pain, where we gain strength. It's our job to look past the pain and seek God. He will encourage, rebuild, and restore. My friends, it's time for a daybreak."

For more information about Infinite Possibilities for women, one may visit their site at www.awomensnetwork.w

CHURCH NEWS NOTES

JUNE 4 - 8

First Baptist Church Monticello will hold 'Sky: Everything is Possible with God' Vacation Bible School Monday through Friday beginning each night with supper at 5:15 p.m. Registration is on the church website at www.fbcmonticello.org or contact Michael Stewart, minister of youth and outreach, at 850-997-2349.

JUNE 4 - JULY 27

Monticello Christian Academy Summer Day Camp will be held Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, registration or fees, contact the school office at 850-997-6048.

JUNE 6, 20

First Presbyterian Church will host EaglesWings, a ministry of outreach, serving the community on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Volunteers are always welcome to distribute food items and to donate non-perishable food items. Call and leave a message for JoAnne Arnold at 850-997-2252 or go to eaglewingsmonticello@yahoo.com or www.firstpresbyterianmonticello.org.

JUNE 6

Tent of the Holy Guests offers prayer for the sick and a special scripture message every Friday at 7:30 p.m. The Tent is located at 295 West Palmer Mill in Monticello.

JUNE 7

Bible Study is held at 7 p.m. every Thursday at the Lloyd Woman's Club. Join with Elder Linda D. Ross for an evening of Christian faith. For more information contact her at 850-322-3424.

JUNE 8

New Hope Ministries Church of God will host a Blood Drive from 12 to 6 p.m. on Friday in the Winn Dixie parking lot on South Jefferson. Free lunch will be served to all donors. For more information contact the Southeastern Community Blood Center at 850-877-7181. Donors will also receive a 'Save A Life' t-shirt.

JUNE 9 AND 10

Memorial Missionary

Baptist Church invites the community to its annual Youth Fun Day from 12 to 3 p.m. on Saturday. Come enjoy food, games and lots of fun in the church parking lot. On Sunday, the Youth Department will hold its Youth Day Program at 11 a.m. Pastor Corey King of Thomasville, Georgia will be the speaker.

JUNE 10

Gallon/Hankins 42nd Families Reunion Sunday beginning at 11 a.m. with a Worship Program at New Bethel AME Church on Ashville Highway. Bishop Anthony Webster from Tallahassee will be presiding over the service. Contact Barbara at 850-997-2840

for more information.

JUNE 11 - 15

Wacissa United Methodist Church will hold 'Operation Overboard' Vacation Bible School Monday through Friday, ending with a program and water celebration. Each night will begin with a meal at 5:30 p.m., everyone is invited to come and enjoy what God is doing in the lives of our young people. Pastor Jim Gamble.

JUNE 11 - 15

First Baptist Church of Lloyd will hold 'Amazing Wonders Aviation' Vacation Bible School Monday through Friday beginning each night with a meal at 6 p.m. Pre-registration is not required. For more

information call 850-997-5309.

JUNE 11-15

First United Methodist Church will hold 'Son-Rock Kids Camp' Vacation Bible School Monday through Friday beginning at 9 a.m. For more information, call Rev. Wayne Cook at 850-997-5545.

JUNE 12

Sons of Allen of the Union Bethel Circuit meets monthly on the second Tuesday from 7 to 8 p.m., rotating between the Elizabeth and Union Bethel AME churches. Encouraging young men and older males to come be part of the meetings. If you have any questions, contact President

Leman Ulee at 850-274-6268.

JUNE 22, 23

Second Harvest Food Program, together with the churches of New Bethel AME, Elizabeth MB, Hickory Hill MB, Mt. Pleasant AME and Philadelphia MB, will 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 6:30 p.m. to help bag the food packages. Contact Nellie Ran-

dell at 850-997-5605 or 850-997-6929 to volunteer or for more information about this program.

JUNE 24

Lamont Baptist Church will celebrate its 4th Sunday of June 2012 Homecoming 'Looking Upward... Going Forward' beginning with Sunday School. Members are asked to invite fellow members, former members, friends and the like to this special service. A covered dish dinner will be served after the service. Come, renew old friendships and make new ones. For more information contact Martha Rawls, church secretary at lamontbaptistchurch@gmail.com.



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The Apalachee Regional Planning Council announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited. The Jefferson County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board will meet on Thursday, June 14, 2012, at 10:00 am Eastern Time, at the Jefferson County Health Department Annex, 1175 West Washington Street, Monticello, Florida. In addition to its regular business, the agenda will include the adoption of the FY 12/13 meeting calendar, the adoption of the Rate Structure and a report on Legislative actions.

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

For additional information, a copy of the agenda, or if you require special accommodations at the meeting because of a disability or physical impairment, contact Vanita Anderson at the Apalachee Regional Planning Council, 20776 Central Avenue East, Suite 1, Blountstown, Florida 32424 at least five working days prior to the meeting date.

6/6/12, c.

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

IN RE: **FAMILY DIVISION**

ALEXIS HAWKINS, AALIYAH SMITH, RAY NEISHA HAWKINS and FANTASIA HAWKINS, Minors **CASE NO: 2012 - 84- DR**

AMENDED NOTICE OF ACTION

To: **CURTIS COSEY, address unknown**

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an Petition for Custody of AALIYAH SMITH has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on MICHAEL A. REICHMAN, Petitioner's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 41, Monticello, FL 32345, on or before July 2, 2012, and file the original with the clerk of this said court, whose address is Jefferson County Courthouse, Monticello, FL 32344, either before service on petitioner's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

Dated on May 10, 2012

KIRK REAMS

As Clerk of the Court

Deputy Clerk

Sherry Sears

5/16, 23, 30, 6/6,12, c.

NOTICE

THE JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR A VOLUNTEER POSITION ON THE VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD. INTERESTED APPLICANTS MUST BE TAX-PAYING RESIDENTS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY. APPLICATIONS MAY BE FOUND ONLINE AT <http://www.jeffersoncountyfl.gov/p/more-links> OR THROUGH THE CLERK'S OFFICE. APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY JUNE 29TH AT THE CLERKS OFFICE, ATTN: KIRK REAMS, 1 COURTHOUSE CIRCLE, MONTICELLO, FL 32344

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF JUDITH P. JONES, Deceased.

File Number: 12-34-CP

IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of JUDITH P. JONES, deceased, whose date of death was July 9, 2011, is pending in the Circuit Court for Jefferson County, Florida, Probate Division under probate file # 12-34-CP, the address of which is 1 Courthouse Circle, Room 10, Monticello, Florida 32344. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

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The date of the first publication of this notice is June 6, 2012.

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Jefferson County

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

FIRST FEDERAL BANK OF FLORIDA, a Banking corporation organized under the laws of the United States of America, f/k/a FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK OF FLORIDA
Plaintiff,

vs. **CASE NO.: 11-330-CA**

HAROLD JACKSON and SHARON JACKSON, ET AL,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that KIRK REAMS, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Florida, will on the 26th day of July, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. at the Jefferson County Courthouse, North Steps, 1 Courthouse Circle, Monticello, Florida 32344, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Jefferson County, Florida, to-wit:

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SPORTS

Upwards Sports Ends Successful First Season

Bryant Thigpen
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

The Upwards Sports basketball program recently came to an end with a celebration on Monday evening, May 21, following the final games that were held on Saturday, May 19.

Upward Sports is a competitive basketball league for children that is centered on Jesus Christ.

The focus of the program was not on the scoreboard, although they do keep score. Nor was it on the season ending record or record-breaking stats. The focus was directly on children having fun in a positive atmosphere, while hearing the gospel message proclaimed in a compelling way.

The league was divided into three age divisions: kindergarten-second grade, third-fourth grade, and fifth-sixth grade. There were two teams in each division. Coaching the K-5 through second grade division was Toney Hill and Tiffany Funderburke. Mark Holley and Ray Hill were coaches for the third and fourth grade teams, and Amanda Sapp and Mark Demont served as coaches for fifth through sixth grade teams.

Along with the players, there were also cheerleaders for each division of teams. Julie Alexandrou and Roslyn Bass were the leaders for the cheerleading teams.

The season began on Saturday, March 31, with their first game being held



Coach Tiffany Funderburke runs out of the tunnel before the start of the game.

at Aucilla Christian Academy. Each game was held at the Aucilla Christian Academy gym, with the eight week season coming to a close on Saturday, May 19.

Not only did the children improve their ball skills, but they also received an encouraging devotional from their coach. At halftime during the games, while the coaches were talking with their players, the gospel mes-

sage was being presented to the large crowds in an inspiring and encouraging way.

"We love the kids and are excited to get to have worked with them through Upwards Sports. This has been an exciting season," stated Don Self, coordinator of the Upward Sports program.

"Upward Sports is an exciting atmosphere where kids can come and have fun in a family-friendly environment."

While they want the children to have fun, it's their desire they leave with the message of Jesus Christ. "Like Paul said, 'I've become all things to people, that by all means I

might save some,' and if it takes becoming a basketball coach to reach these kids, that's what we want to do."

It is the goal of Self and the volunteers who make the program possible to one day carry on the program past the basketball season, and also hold flag football, soccer and



other sports that interest children. Central Baptist Church
Daryl Adams, pastor of Central Baptist Church, gave a devotional during the games in Week 7 of the season.

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Results Of Tigers Spring Jamboree

FRAN HUNT
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

On May 26 the Jefferson County Middle High School Championship Tigers football team hosted their annual Spring Jamboree.

Competing along with the Tigers were Madison, Wakulla and East Gadsden.

The Tigers played two quarters against Wakulla in their first contest, however Jefferson lost the game, 15-12.

The final two quarters for the Tigers were against East Gadsden and again, the Tigers lost with a score of 14-6.

"We didn't get our first kickoff until 10:30 p.m. and by then the kids were pretty tired," said Head Football Coach Jeremy Brown. "Regardless, we played well and were injury-free, that's the big thing. We saw some really good things looking back at the video and we saw some things that needed to be corrected and we will correct them."

"There was a really big crowd there and the coaches greatly appreciated the hospitality and the welcome they received," he continued. "They all said they would do it again."

He added that the participating teams in the

Jamboree made it a huge success. "We had four qualified opponents in the Jamboree," said Coach Brown. "Three played in state and one was one of the top four last year."

He added that from the feedback he has heard, everyone loved it.

"Following the Jamboree Lenorris Footman received a full scholarship offer from the Florida International University Panthers to come and play for them," said Coach Brown. "There will be at least a couple more receiving offers from colleges over the summer and we're really excited about that," he concluded.

A'S DOWN DODGERS

FRAN HUNT
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

The Jefferson A's won their fifth game of the season in the Georgia/Florida Baseball League, with an

8-5 victory over their arch rival, the Quincy Dodgers. The A's had only five hits but they made them count.

Scoring for the A's were, Joe Jones with two runs; James Wesley with one run; Chris Cooks scored one run; Stephon Parker had one run; Dionte Hightower had two runs and Kesean Lewis scored one run on two hits.

On the mound, Mike Thrash pitched the first

seven innings, giving up seven hits, four runs, no walks and striking out six batters.

James Wesley pitched the final two innings, giving up one hit, one run, no walks and striking out one batter.

The A's travel to Camilla GA Sunday and will it the diamond to play against the Camilla Cardinals.

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4TH ANNUAL TIGER FOOTBALL GOLF CLASSIC JULY 27

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The 2009/2010/2011 District Champions-2010/2011 Regional Champions- and 2011 State Champions of the gridiron, the Jefferson Tigers, will be hosting their fourth annual Tiger Football Golf Classic, 9 a.m., Friday, July 27 at Hilaman Park Golf Course, located at 3727 Blairstone Road in Tallahassee.

At 8 a.m. registrations will be taken and doughnuts and coffee will be provided. There will also be a putting contest.

At 9:30 a.m. the classic will begin. The format will be a four-man scramble shotgun start with a best ball format.

There will also be a par 3 closest to the pin and par 5 longest drive, prize-winning opportunity.

At 2 p.m. Fat Sandwich at Hilaman will provide lunch. The registration fee is \$60 per person or \$240 per foursome and includes cart, green fees, range balls, doughnuts and coffee, gift bag and lunch.

Hole sponsorships are also available for \$100 and includes a sign with the sponsor's name printed and posted at the tee or green the day of the tournament.

All sponsors will be listed via the *Monticello News*, Facebook, Twitter and the 2012 Tiger Football Media Guide.

For registration forms/hole sponsor forms, call Coach Jeremy Brown 1-941-234-6537 or email bigjb333@yahoo.com.

Make checks payable to Tiger Football Boosters and mail to Coach Brown, 1580 Beech Road, Monticello, FL, 32344.

Pre-register for the Tiger Football Golf Classic by July 18.