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DIVER DROWNS IN BIG BLUE



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The body of a 30-year-old diver was recovered from a popular diving spot on the Wacissa River known as Big Blue.

According to Jefferson County Sheriff David Hobbs, J. Joshua Cox, of Tallahassee, had gone diving on Saturday with a friend. They dove down about 45 feet to the bottom to an area where there is a log.

Once a diver gets to the spot, they can squeeze into a cavern. Visibility is good but once one gets farther in, it gets darker. There is a large limestone room and the opening is smaller.

Once the divers got to that point, they decided to turn around and go back. Cox's friend waited for him
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CAROLYN LOGGINS-WADE IS RUNNING FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER DISTRICT 4

I feel that I cannot afford to sit idle when Jefferson County School System ranks number 66 among county schools. We are at the bottom and the children of Jefferson County deserve better.

As a board member I will seek ways to insure that our children master the FCAT and pursue other changes that will enhance our school system rating. Jefferson County does not have to be rated as the lowest county in the State of Florida Education System. I see the biggest task ahead as being the retention and recruitment of dedicated qualified teachers. There is no quicker way in my opinion to improve student academia than to provide caring qualified instructors. We did not attain our current standing overnight nor will we be able to change it overnight. It will take the combined effort of not only school board members but that of parents and the business communities as a team to ensure that a quality education is available to the children of Jefferson County. I will be a link between the school system and the public. I will lead my community in demanding quality education.

I am a lifelong resident of Jefferson County, married and have school-aged grandchildren in the school system. I bring 37 years of governmental experience with the State of Florida including managing programs that were designed to be alternative learning programs that dealt with at-risk youth. I am also involved in several community based organizations: Prince Hall Masonic Female Auxiliaries, VFW Ladies Auxiliary and member of Mt. Morilla Missionary Baptist Church.

As a concerned citizen, if you are discontent with the current rating of our school system and seeking a change, then a vote for Carolyn Loggins-Wade would be a step in the right direction.

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County Joins A Program To Promote Wildflowers

LAZARO ALEMAN
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Jefferson County is now part of a six-county alliance seeking to promote the spread of wildflowers along the county's roadways.

Tourist Development Council (TDC) Coordinator Nancy Wideman is heading the effort locally. Wideman, at least, is the one who presented the Jefferson County Commission with the resolution that the board adopted on Thursday, July 5.

The resolution commits the board, and further encourages others to commit, to the conservation of roadside native wildflowers on state and county roadways.

It instructs county staff "to partner with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and adjoining property owners to plan and implement roadside management practices that will increase the visibility and enjoyment of Florida native wildflowers."

Among the stated reasons for the resolution: wildflowers can attract guests and benefit commerce, environmental health and public wellbeing; many naturally beautiful species of wildflowers — including Coreopsis, the state wildflower — already grow in the county; the presence of wildflowers is essential to the native pollinator species that are necessary for productive and profitable farms and forests; and the establishment of wildflowers reduces the frequency and extent of
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SECOND FORUM HIGHLIGHTS 3 MORE RACES IN PRIMARY

LAZARO ALEMAN
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On Tuesday evening, July 17, candidates for two School Board races and one County Commission race got their turn to present their views to voters via the political forums afforded by the Chamber of Commerce.

A caveat upfront: A full, detailed rendering of the event is impossible here, given time and space constraints and the cramming of nine candidates, three races and a multiplicity of issues in a single event. At best, what can be presented here is a flavoring of the affair. It will therefore be up to the candidates to convey their individual messages to the public via other means, such as advertisements, email blasts or face-to-face communications.

The featured candidates in this forum were Democrats Benjamin "Benny" Bishop and Franklin "Jay" Brooks in the District 1 County Commission race; Phil Barker, Colin Barton, Terri Long, Ann Herring and Sandy Patterson in the District 1 School Board race; and Larry

Halsey and Carolyn Loggins-Wade in the District 4 School Board, race.

A point of reference: School Board races are nonpartisan, meaning that everyone can vote in them, regardless of political party affiliation. Also, the Dis-
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COUNTY READY TO SIGN LEASES FOR BROADBAND

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County officials are soon expected to execute the lease agreements on the in-kind resources that they pledged to contribute to the North Florida Broadband Authority (NFBA) when the high-speed Internet connectivity project first surfaced almost three years ago.

Officials are only waiting County Attorney Buck Bird's review and finalization of the documents to proceed with execution of the contracts.

The agreements are supposedly the last components that the NFBA will need to get in hand for activation and expansion of the system. The city has already executed its lease agreements, and it only remains for the commission

and School Board to execute their leases to complete the process locally.

Bird has informed commissioners that one agreement is for the tower at the Road Department. He said another was for the fire tower in Wacissa and a third was for the courthouse annex itself. He said the agreements are for 20 years each, with a five-year renewal clause.

"The system's life is 99 years," Bird said. "You're giving the NFBA 20 years to utilize space on the two towers. It's a pretty standard lease. They provide the liability insurance coverage and all maintenance. It looks like a fair and balanced lease agreement."

Commissioner Stephen Ful-
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VARIOUS GROUPS ASKING CITY FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

LAZARO ALEMAN
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The Jefferson County Humane Society (JCHS) is the latest petitioner seeking the city's beneficence; the organization is asking for a \$5,000 contribution in the coming budget year.

Jeri Kimbrel, a representative of the JCHS, told the Monticello City Council on Tuesday, July 3, that the \$5,000 would go

to cover part of the cost of the animal shelter and to start a spaying program.

Kimbrel said the plan was for her group to partner with another organization that now captures, neuters and releases cats. She said such a program

would prove beneficial to the city, as it would reduce the number of cats and dogs that the city's animal control unit would have to deal with.

The council members agreed to consider the request at their next budget

workshop, which was scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 24.

The Humane Society's, however, wasn't the only community group request that the council was to take up at its workshop, however. Other groups requesting contributions from the city are the Economic Development Council, seek-
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SPECIAL ELECTIONS ISSUE COMING UP

JACOB BEMBRY

On Wednesday, Aug. 1, the *Monticello News* will publish a special section entitled "Meet the Candidates." In preparation for this informative section, *ECB Publishing, Inc.*, has a list of questions for each candidate.

Candidates are asked
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CITY MEETS DEADLINE ON WATER STREET PARK

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Some five years after receiving a \$200,000 grant from the state for the purchase of a 28-acre property that's become the Water Street Park, the city has now complied with all the grant's requirements.

It happened just in the nick of time also, as the deadline for completion of the state mandated requirements was July 20. The city received the grant in 2007.

Landscape architect Winston Lee, a member of the Monticello Park Committee, reported to the Monticello City Council on Tuesday evening, July 3, that all the state's conditions had been met or were about to be met in the coming days.

"We're at a critical point," Lee said, resorting to rocketry metaphor. "We're about to reach orbit as to the signing off on the grant."

Lee said the trails had been cut through the property; the appropriate signage put up; picnic tables, benches, and exercise equipment installed at strategic locations; and playground equipment was about to be put up.

He said the committee was awaiting word on its latest grant application to the state, which money would allow for completion of the trail system, installation of boardwalks and the addition of other amenities.

"Things are looking good," Lee said.

Mayor Idella Scott heads the Monticello Park Committee, which is responsible for overseeing the development of the park.

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Local Weather

Wed 7/25 93/75
Partly to mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. High 93F.

Thu 7/26 92/75
Scattered thunderstorms. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 70s.

Fri 7/27 90/75
Isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 70s.

SPORTS

JIMMY BROOKINS: From Fighting Tiger to UPike Head Coach

BY JACOB BEMBRY
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Jefferson County High School football fans who remember the 1982 state championship game played in Memorial Stadium will most likely remember how cold it was that night as it dipped down near 20 degrees. They will also remember the game ending in a bittersweet tie (there were no tiebreakers in state championship games then). Many will also remember the names: James Massey as running back and Kelly Lynch as quarterback. On the defense, Jimmy Brookins played linebacker. The hard-hit-

ting linebacker is now the head coach at the University of Pikeville in Kentucky.

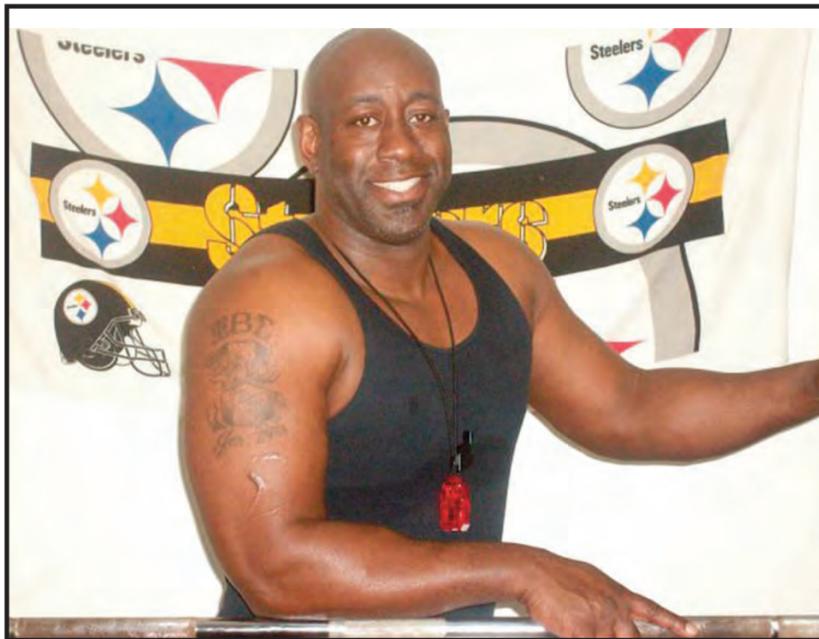
Brookins took his blue chip career at Jefferson and spun it into a career at Valdosta State College (now Valdosta State University), where he was named All-Conference in the Gulf South Conference twice and he was named All-American his senior year.

Following graduation from VSC, Brookins had a free agent tryout with the Atlanta Falcons. When that didn't work out, he joined the Army, where he was stationed in Korea for one

year and spent the rest of his tenure in Fort Polk, LA.

After the military, Brookins became a high school football coach, sharing his knowledge of football and his positive outlook on life with young men. He coached in North Carolina at Charlotte High School for almost 10 years. He also coached at Southern Tech Preparatory School and West Mecklenburg High School.

While at Southern Tech, he coached with the man who would become the owner of the Eastern Kentucky Drillers, a developmental arena football team. Brookins became the defensive coordinator for the team.



While coaching the Drillers, Brookins learned about the University of Pikeville needing a coach and applied at the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) college. Brookins begins his

inaugural season as head coach on Aug. 25 at 6 p.m. against Bluefield College.

Brookins has a few players returning from last year's team, which went 5-6 but lost some closely contested battles.

Brookins also said that he plans to recruit in this area and hopes to sign some young men up to play for the University of Pikeville Bears.

Brookins said that while the NAIA doesn't allow colleges to give full-ride scholarships like the NCAA does, the college does offer help with academic scholarships and Pell grants with the rest of the help being picked up by the sports programs.

Brookins said that he enjoys working in Pikeville where "There is a lot of focus on making the team successful," he said.

"It's a quiet, small town," he said, "and everyone is nice and relaxed."

Jimmy is the son of Rev. Jimmy and Miner Brookins, of Monticello, who is the pastor of St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church in Tallahassee and the brother of Sandra Brookins Crudup of Orlando. He has a son, Jimmy Christopher Brookins, who attends Bethany College in West Virginia.

Jimmy began a foundation a few years ago called "Let's Get Better." The foundation focuses on making sure youth have a positive outlook on life. It concentrates on both academic enrichment and sports.

A member of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Brookins also works extensively with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

"My faith in God has put me in this position that a lot of people never have a chance to get to," Brookins said of his job as the head coach for the UPike Bears.

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St. Phillip Recognizes Rev. Queen Miller



Rev. Queen Miller receives flowers from the St. Phillip AME Church family.

DEBBIE SNAPP
*ECB Publishing
 Staff Writer*

Rev. Gloria Cox was preacher for the annual 'Salute To Rev. Queen Miller' pro-



Rev. Gloria Cox

gram held at the St. Phillip AME Church on Sunday evening, July 15.

Rev. Queen Miller is a retired pastor and trailblazer, with a pioneering spirit and commitment to preaching, teaching and ministering the Gospel to all of humankind; and a member of St. Phillip AME Church.

The message preached by Rev. Cox was 'A Call To Be Strong,' Ephesians 6:10-20. The focus points of the message were *Be called; *Listen to God; and *Obey His instructions.

The St. Phillip AME Church Ministerial Staff and the pastor, Rev. J.W. Tisdale,

presented Rev. Miller with roses. Members of the Ministerial Staff include Rev. Gloria Cox, Rev. Dr. Vivian Royster, Ministers Tracy Ingram, Nikita Wiggins, Yolanda Lewis, Ezell Norton, Gracie Dickey, Yasmin Fishburn, Sabrina Mack and Shanina Hines.

In attendance to this special service were members of the two churches that Rev. Miller has pastored, family members, pastors, ministers and members of St. Phillip. She was given many kind tributes from all.

Rev. J.W. Tisdale is pastor.

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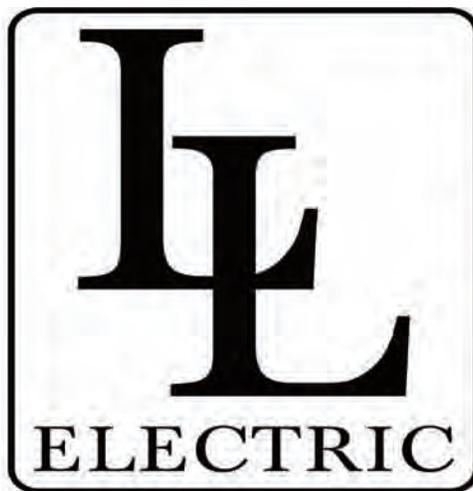
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St. Phillip Recognizes Rev. Queen Miller

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Rev. Queen Miller, center, is recognized by St. Phillip AME Church Pastor J.W. Tisdale, right, and Rev. Gloria Cox, left and other members of the Church Ministerial Staff including Rev. Dr. Vivian Royster and Ministers Tracy Ingram, Nikita Wiggins, Yolanda Lewis, Ezell Norton, Gracie Dickey, Yasmin Fishburn, Sabrina Mack and Shanina Hines.

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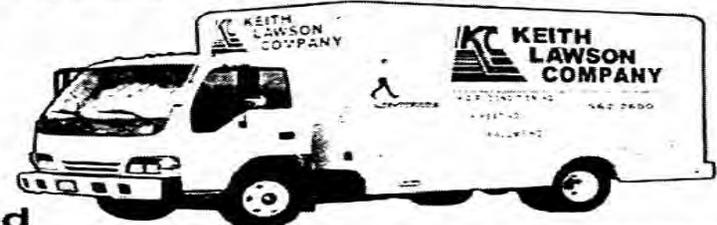
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VIEWPOINTS & OPINIONS

Letters To The Editor

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

School Uniforms Are A "Load of crap"

Mandatory school uniforms...what an utter load of crap! According our wonderful and clearly competent school committee (said in a very sarcastic tone), the new mandatory school uniform will consist of the following (note that this was taken directly from the July 10, 2012 school memo - some wording was edited and some commas and capital letters removed because of grammatical inconsistency on part of the school typist who created the memo):

PANTS - Denim jeans (Black/Blue) or khaki with no holes or insignias, pictures, or messages. Pants must be worn with belts at the waist and belts must be through the loops. Absolutely NO pajamas, pajama pants, or basketball/athletic shorts may be worn.

SKIRTS, JUMPERS, OR SKORTS - Denim (Black/Blue) or khaki with no holes; must be knee level or longer. Blouse or polo must be worn under the jumper. Absolutely NO hip huggers, insignias, pictures, or messages may be worn.

SHORTS - Denim (Black/Blue) or khaki knee length with no holes. Shorts must be worn with a belt at the waist and must be through the loops.

SHIRTS - Royal blue, orange, white, beige, and black solid color plain collared polo shirt, dress shirt (long or short sleeve). NO logos, insignias, pictures, or messages may be worn. Only the school logo will be permitted.

SWEATSHIRT OR SWEATERS CAN BE PULLOVER OR ZIPPERED with no logos, insignias, pictures, or messages.

SHOES OR SNEAKERS - Shoes/sneakers must fit securely on foot. Shoes with open toes or backless shoes (flip flops, sandals, mules, crocs, and slides) will not be allowed. NO heels or rollers.

According to the school committee, having school uniforms will somehow erase economic differences, create fewer absences and tardies, assist in setting the tone for more serious study, improve safety, and my personal favorite, reduce the cost of being "fashionable." Seriously people?! Okay, so students are

supposed to wear this restrictive attire, while teachers and other school officials are free to wear their high-heeled shoes, miniskirts, low cut blouses, and hip huggers? You know, now that I think of it, that just seems so helpful and fair! Yes, everyone knows exactly which school employees are promiscuous and wear these types of articles in front of young students and male officials. I wonder if they've considered the possibility that this new policy might spawn lawsuits? It would be one thing if they required all students to wear polos, but to require them to wear polos without insignias or logos other than the school emblem is atrocious. It's bad enough some of the children are stuck here going to an "F" school, but to impede upon their 1st Amendment rights is asking for trouble. The First Amendment states that prohibiting establishment of religion, free exercise of religion, or freedom of speech is unconstitutional, yet that is exactly what is happening. One school system up in one of the northern states tried this, but were told they could require uniforms, but could not require ones without any insignias or writing depicting that student's beliefs.

The school committee says that all of these possible 'positives' are based upon research, but what research is that? Do the school committee and the 'academic professionals' not know from going through college that any research used in a paper must be cited or it is considered plagiarism? Maybe enforcing a school uniform policy for school employees would help improve their academic performance and concentration on their work by removing distractions. Furthermore, what is this nonsense about school uniforms being cheaper for parents? Did you know that Aeropostale, Bealls Outlet, Walmart, and JCPenney frequently have sales on blue jeans, specifically name brands, shoes (including high heels), and graphic shirts with logos? Most of the preceding articles of clothing are already owned by most students, who wear them several years in a row. Polo shirts, on the other hand, are made of a

thicker material, most often cotton, which tends to trap more heat (brutal in summer) and are much more expensive, not to mention students like to wear old t-shirts at home for leisure - polos are not comfortable enough for this. The prices are usually high for polo shirts, ranging from \$10-15 at Wal-Mart. If the school committee is so set on implementing school uniforms, then they need to pull out the checkbooks and start writing vouchers for students or taking orders to provide them directly at school, because it's bad enough to require this, but not to take into consideration that this is a poor community with a high percentage of single parents is ridiculous and inconsiderate.

One of the ideas behind the school uniform is to promote a team environment; however, uniforms are not magic wands that wipe away color. Therefore, they WILL NOT teach children how to deal with people who are different than themselves (i.e. white people will still be white, black people will still be black, etc.). Cliques will still form regardless of what is worn, and intruders will not be prevented from entering school campuses - I mean, honestly, have you ever seen school uniforms stop bullets from a stranger's gun on campus? Getting an education and being successful means promoting difference among students, because not everyone wants to be a cashier or a waitress for the rest of their lives. Maybe Mike wants to be a meteorologist, or maybe Laura wants to be a famous singer. Requiring students to wear school uniforms makes them unhappy and forces them to conform to the same standards and believe they have to be just like everyone else. Sure, maybe the uniforms might benefit students whose parents do not value designer brands and cannot afford them because they won't get 'picked on,' but instead of requiring the mass of the student body to look alike, it would make more sense to offer assistance to those students who cannot afford to be different.

Ruby Gibson

To: Commissioners & Clerk Reams

Since the workshop on budget items did not allow for public comment, I wanted to share a couple of ideas I mentioned to Chairman Boyd at the lunch break.

These solutions are based on the premise of avoiding any large expense while retaining the ability to receive rock at a below-market value rate.

1. Under the banner of "economic development", the county could give the rock mine to a private business. As we've seen recently, despite the language in the Florida Constitution, Chapter 125 of the Florida Statutes would allow the county to do so. In exchange for this gift, the county would receive rock at an agreed-upon discount from market value for the life of the mine.

Based upon the recent gift of land and elimination of fees to the nut company, I do not see how we could avoid doing this were someone to push the issue.

2. Under the banner of "fiscal sensibility", the county could sell the rock mine to a private business at current market value. If the taxpayers agree to it, an ad valorem tax credit could be applied to the deal as incentive for the business. As a condition of the contract, the county would receive rock at an agreed-upon discount from market value for the life of the mine.

I strongly favor option 2, as I remain opposed to my tax dollar being used to fund businesses and thereby giving them an unfair edge over other businesses.

If it turns out that no private sector business would be interested in either option, this should be an indicator of the non-viability of continued operation by the county.

Thank you for your consideration of these ideas.

Paul Henry

THE BANK OF JEFFERSON COUNTY

Is there a new bank in town? Yes and no. While there is no such institution by name, there is by action.

Last night, our commissioners agreed unanimously to move forward with using tax dollars to guarantee an \$800,000 loan and to build a building on county property for a Tallahassee business to get them to move to Jefferson County. Jefferson County, not the business, is applying for the loan. As a part of the deal, the business will pay no property taxes for the first five years of operation due to the county owning the land. One of our commissioners

stated they were not in the real estate business. The fact is, they are due to this situation and the recent purchase with tax money of 26 acres so 10 could be given to another company coming here.

The upside for the \$800,000 loan? A total of 12 jobs, 6 of which are actually new. Hopefully these 12 people will live, shop, and buy gas here and not in Leon or Thomas Counties. The main revenue source for the local government gleaned from a new business is the property tax on the site improvements, which of course is non-existent for at least 5 years in this case.

Incidentally, the \$800,000 does not include any required site storm water work, which could easily go into 6 figures.

As with the nut company, we'll have protections. In the case of the nut company, should the business prove non-viable within 5 years, they'll have to pay back the money. A good question would be if they are non-viable, how do they pay it back?

The Tallahassee company has a similar provision in that they must refinance the balance of the lease agreement after 5 years. If they are unable to do so, who will pay the \$8,200

per month payment? The taxpayers of Jefferson County. One of our commissioners asked this question and got that answer prior to voting yes for the plan.

Using "government" (actually taxpayer) money to fund private businesses is nothing new. It's been done for a while now.

One downside? Exposing the taxpayer to huge financial burdens.

At the federal level, there were the "stimulus" packages that greatly increased our national debt - and yet somehow the nation is still in a recession. One of the worst examples here was the company known as Solyndra. They went under and exposed the taxpayer for up to \$529 million.

At the state level, Rhode Island guaranteed loans totaling \$75 million to a baseball player, and his company recently went under, leaving taxpayers on the hook for millions. The economic development official that oversaw the loan guarantee resigned abruptly.

Here in Florida, a person that could not get a bank loan got the City of North Port to underwrite her software business for "only" \$30,000. When it went under, there were no tangible assets to offset the debt.

I've noted in the past about the inherent unfairness of using taxpayer money to support

a business in a free market - in this case, a competing business would have to get the loan and pay the costs. What if we have a business that will only bring in 3 jobs? Will we loan them only \$200,000? Where do we stop spending?

When our government spends money, make no mistake, we as taxpayers pay it. Some of our county budget comes from property and other local taxes/fees, while other spending involves the use of other government revenue via grants. Commissioner Fulford rightly pointed out the advantage to having businesses here, and I agree. The means to get them here is where we disagree. I do not support placing the taxpayer at risk for hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Many complain about Congress and run-away spending and our now \$15 Trillion national debt. Where do you think this money is spent? The fact is that as of 2010, 91% of the federal government's income came from the taxpayer, either through income, payroll, or corporate taxes (which are passed to the consumer). When we in Jefferson County spend government "grant" money, this is invariably where it comes from, a fact many people cannot seem to grasp. Another fact is that if you pay one person (the federal

government), then they pay another (the state government), then that person pays a third (the local government), the fourth person (the one in need) ends up with a lot less. "If we don't spend it, someone else will" is often heard right about now, but how about "If we don't spend it, we set the example of fiscal responsibility for other counties to follow"?

There is a solution to the financial issues - government must provide only those services that are necessary to the society it serves, and minimize the taxes and red tape it takes to conduct business. Local governments must lead by example and provide more services via local funding, thereby reducing the amount of money going to the federal government. Is a necessary function of government someone from the government telling you how to plant a garden as was mentioned at last night's meeting? In my opinion, no. Is a necessary function the prison to house convicted criminals? Absolutely.

Times are tough. Government at all levels does not have a blank check and must be mindful of its limited place in our constitutional republic.

Paul Henry

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Forum

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trict 4 School Board will be decided in the Aug. 14 race, with the candidate receiving a majority of the votes declared the winner.

In the District 1 County Commission race, Bishop — a two-term former commissioner who makes his living in agriculture — traces his county roots to the early 1800s. Brooks, a self-described lifetime county resident, is owners/operator of a coin-operated commercial laundry on the north side of town.

The two said they would promote growth and economic development. They differed, however, in their approaches to achieving the goal.

Asked about the Harrell Nut Company, Bishop said he would have negotiated an attractive lease agreement with the company, but he would not have outright given them the land. Brooks said he agreed with commission's decision to give the company land.

"I think the commission did the right thing," Brooks said. "You have to spend money to make money."

Relative to economic development in general, Bishop said one of his goals would be to get a large business to locate here. "We need a distribution plant that employs hundreds," he said. "It's important to get people here working."

He conceded, however, he didn't have the answer how to do it. The how to do it, he said, was the question that all rural counties were asking.

Brooks said he would give incentives to attract businesses. He said the schools also would have to improve, the Comprehensive Plan would require changes to make it more business friendly, and some community attitudes to development would have to change.

"If we wait for the perfect business, we'll never get it," Brooks said. "We need more people and businesses in Jefferson County."

Bishop agreed that anti-growth elements in the community had stopped developments in the past. He said the commission would simply have to take a pro-growth stand and stick to it, if the tax base were to grow and children to remain here after graduation.

"The board will have to say this is what we have to do, if the county's to survive," Bishop said.

Relative to the coordinator's office, Brooks said the office was needed. "I think it's money well spent," he said.

Bishop expressed reservations. He said he would have to scrutinize the budget to see if the expense was warranted. He had a concern with giving a non-elected individual too much authority over departments.

In the District 1 School Board race, Barker is a for-

mer school superintendent and former administrator with the school district here; Barton is a former Florida Department of Education specialist and current business consultant; Herring has not said much about her personal or work background; Long is a state employee with two children in the school system; and Patterson is a businesswoman currently involved in real estate.

Barker described himself as reasonable, someone with a positive attitude, and a team player. He said he would work to improve the school's public image, recruit and retain highly qualified teachers and administrators, improve student achievement, and fight for funding and the flexibility to use it as the district saw fit.

Barton said the concerns that parents had voiced to him included a perception of an "us versus them" mentality; teacher ineffectiveness; negative and contentious board meetings; and transportation and discipline problems. He said parents were angry at what was happening, and he also was angry. He would change and shake up things, he said.

Herring proposed several solutions, some of which she conceded might be thought radical. The list included obtaining a waiver from FCAT testing; having a student representative on the School Board; putting a stop to the revolving door replacement of principals to create a stable environment; and creating a parent/school partnership.

Long underscored her commitment and involvement in the system, pointing out that she had two children who attended schools here and were doing well. She had been faithfully attending board meetings long before she decided to run, she said. And she was actively involved in the PTO and the parents involvement group.

Patterson emphasized her diverse and successful business background to say she knew about budgets and negotiations and was tenacious and hard working. She believed in public education, she said. And she had fought and ultimately won when the school system had tried to deny her mentally impaired son a regular education, she said.

Herring was asked how she would promote parental involvement?

She said it involved educating the parents to the importance of their roles in the educational system. If elected, she would visit every parent if necessary, if that's what it took, she said.

"We have to educate the parents," she said. "We have to go to them. I would like to see teachers and administrators do it too."

Long agreed. She said one of the reasons for poor parental involvement was lack of communications. Par-

ents often first heard things on the street, which fostered misunderstanding and distrust, she said. But there was no denying that an overall lack of parent involvement was a major problem, she said.

Patterson said the School Board presently lacked cohesiveness.

"We don't work as a team," she said. "I feel a unified cohesiveness builds strength. The educators and administrators need to come together and stop making the children feel like failures. We are failing the children."

Barker agreed. Information should be related daily to the parents, via phone messaging, progress reports, monthly newsletters and the children, especially the parents of struggling students.

Barton believed the problem was more systematic. He posed that one of the reasons parents weren't involved was because they were hesitant to an institution that had failed them. He cited statistics showing that 75 and 78 percents of the enrollments at the elementary and high schools were minority respectively, and of these percentages, 81 and 79 respectively qualified for free or reduced meals.

"It means you have income problems," Barton said. "To get these parents to an organization that failed them I don't think will happen easily."

The candidates were asked to respond with a simple yes or no answer to whether they supported charter schools?

Herring, Long and Patterson said yes, but with qualifications. Barker said he would be very forceful in scrutinizing the operation and who was behind it. Barton said he would oppose it.

"I think it would be transferring the problem," he said. "I don't think it would get at the root of the problem."

In the District 4 School Board race, Halsey retired as the county extension office director after almost 30 years of service, and Wade is a longtime employee in the public sector, seemingly the state.

Halsey said he had a vested interest in the public schools: His three children had graduated from local public schools here and his wife was a retired educator from the local school system, he said. He had the time, enthusiasm and commitment for the job, he said. And he vowed to seek the common ground and seek cooperation and collaboration.

Wade said she was committed to excellence in education and her mission to produce students who become resourceful citizens. She avowed her strong belief in public education, said she would maintain an open-door policy, promised to do her homework on the issues, make informed decisions and

"disagree agreeably".

Halsey was asked how he would restore "gusto" to the schools, a term he used in his opening statement.

Halsey said the district had to do a better job of communicating its successes to the community. He said he would be a strong voice and advocate for the students and a cheerleader for the district.

Wade was asked if she attended School Board meetings?

She said she didn't but she regularly read the meetings of the minutes and the newspaper to keep up with what was happening. And if she had a question or concern she went directly to her District 4 School Board representative, who was her voice on the board.

What steps would she take to improve the school system?

She would work to improve FCAT scores, she said. She would make sure that teachers were aware of, and understood, the FCAT requirements, she said. Schools also needed to be held more accountable. She would try to bring back Saturday tutoring for at-risk students. And she would try to get more aides in the classroom, she said.

Halsey was asked how he would induce a spirit of cooperation on the board?

He noted that tension currently existed between the administration and board. He believed that it was possible to advocate without being argumentative, he said. He hadn't survived 35 years in the politics of bureaucracy and county government without learning something, he said. He believed that experience — guided by intelligence and with a dose of civility — would do him in good stead on the School Board, he said.

Wade was asked how she would spur parent involvement?

She said she would visit with parents in their home. If she could knock door to door to ask for people's votes, she had no problem do the same to ask parents about their concerns about the schools and the School Board.

A lot of parents were intimidated by the school system, she said. They also often didn't come in contact with the school system except when their children were acting out. She wanted to engage parents on a more positive note, she said.

Halsey added that parents had to be instilled with the notion that their kids attending public schools didn't relieved them of the absolute duty to supplant the education they received at school with home schooling. It was unrealistic to expect single parents and those with transportation and other problems to be involved, he said. But the community could shoulder that responsibility and act as mentors, he said.

Diver Drowns

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outside the room, but Cox never appeared.

Cox's friend went to the surface and saw two other divers. All of them went down and could not find Cox.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office was called and went to the scene. Also at the scene was the Leon County Sheriff's Office dive team and a private diver.

Since the LCSO dive team cannot go into a cavern, because they are not certified, the private diver went down. Seeing the narrow passageway and deeming it not safe, the diver surfaced.

The next morning, private divers from Marianna showed up to help in the recovery of the diver. The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office had kept boats on the water to make sure no one else entered the water at the scene of the accident.

After searching for hours, the divers found an alternate entrance and were able to go in and recover the body of J. Joshua Cox.

Hobbs said that it believed that Cox got caught on something. His air tanks had to be removed and they had gotten away from him.

Hobbs said that it was an emotional scene at the river, with family and friends waiting for the divers to recover Cox's body. "I'm just glad that the divers were able to get his body and sent it home to his family," he said.

The Fish and Wildlife Commission and Jefferson County EMS assisted at the scene.

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to email Laz Aleman (laz@embarqmail.com) for copies of the questions for whatever the particular race. Each candidate's answers will appear exactly as he or she has answered them in the "Meet the Candidates" section.

The deadline for returning the answered questions is July 26. It is highly recommended that candidates return the answered questions via email if at all possible, so that the responses can be downloaded directly into the paper, minimizing the chances of any errors.

In addition, candidates can purchase ads for the special section.

If anyone has questions about this special election issue, email them to: Emerald Greene at emerald@greenepublishing.com.

Wildflowers

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roadside mowing.

Wideman said she, Commissioner Betsy Barfield and Paul Michael had met with the Panhandle Wildflower Alliance, an informal group whose aim is to encourage tourism through the planting of wildflowers.

The commissioners were generally supportive of the proposal. Commissioner Stephen Fulford noted that few government entities currently took advantage of the funds generated by the state's wildflower license plates.

And Chairman Hines Boyd noted that the county was already taking steps in the direction of wildflower promotion and conservation. He noted, for example, that the Road Department currently didn't mow roadside clover, in order to promote its propagation.

Wideman said the other five counties involved in the effort were Leon, Gadsden, Liberty, Wakulla and Franklin. She said she would have a lot more information to share about the program once she attended a meeting in Gadsden County on July 26. She said representatives of the FDOT and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission would be attending the meeting.

Give Thanks

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Search for me in a gentle breeze
Or a butterfly with beautiful wings
For I am happy and free in my new home.*

The family of the late Katherine Ammons Nealy would like to thank you for the expressions of sympathy and all the gestures of love and kindness shown during our time of sorrow.

We wish to acknowledge Rev. Dr. Moderator J.B. Duval, Pastor and the Memorial Missionary Baptist Church family; Big Bend Hospice; Jefferson Senior Citizens Center; Mr. Al Hall; and the Tillman Funeral Home staff.

Love and Blessings, The Nealy Family

Broadband

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ford, who headed the NFBA for a while, noted that the agreements asked for nothing more than what the county had pledged to do at the start of the process. What's more, the pledges of this and other counties had been instrumental in helping secure the \$30 million federal grant for the installation and deployment of the system, he said.

"These leases are the follow-ups on what we committed when the grant was applied for," Fulford said.

Bird clarified that of the three properties that the county was leasing, it only owned the tower at the Road Department. The Wacissa tower it leased from the state and the annex it leased from the school district, he said. Meaning that the county would have to ac-

quire subleases from the state and school district, he said.

Clerk of Court Kirk Reams, who currently serves on the NFBA board as Jefferson County's representative, offered that in Madison County, officials there were leasing the NFBA land at the county's collection sites, so that the NFBA could eventually place towers there. The idea was one that Fulford said warranted exploring here.

As the NFBA staff has explained it previously, the equipment it will install on these towers, water tanks, tall buildings and other high structures will allow it to transmit the broadband signals to other high structures in remote areas, thereby expanding the system's service area.

Already, the basis system is in place.

It consists of a core network of 92 towers that form eight concentric circles that overlap in places and assure for the transmittal, redundancy and reliability of the service over a 14-county region stretching from Jefferson County on the west, to Baker County on the east, to Levy and Putnam counties in the north central part of the state.

The aim of the \$30 million project is bring high-speed Internet connectivity to the region so as to enhance its economic development opportunities and make it competitive with more developed parts of the state.

Once the system is in place, it will be up to the last-mile providers — such as Main Street Broadband, CenturyLink and Verizon — to bring the service to the individual consumers.

Contributions

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ing \$10,000; the Monticello Opera House, seeking \$8,000; the Chamber of Commerce, seeking \$8,000; the Monticello Main Street, seeking \$6,000; and the Fourth of July fireworks committee, which is seeking an unspecified amount.

City Clerk Emily Anderson said the council would engage in a serious and detailed discussion of all the requests at the workshop, as well as the entire budget.

The indications from the

Property Appraiser's office, as revealed by the recently released preliminary tax roll, is that property values declined in the city during the last year, meaning that less tax revenues will be available for city operations in the coming year.

On a related note, Carla Wheeler, owner and operator of Creative Stitches, is asking the council to refrain from contributing money to groups that don't support local businesses.

"This is not a new prob-

lem," said Wheeler, who has raised the issue previously, most specifically about the Chamber.

She reminded the council members that they had pledged to support local businesses in both principle and practice. Wheeler then cited specific example of local groups that she said had gone outside the county to purchase items that her own business sold at lower prices.

"I request that you suspend funding to the Chamber

and Main Street," Wheeler said. "I don't understand why these entities aren't held accountable for the tax funds they receive. It's your job to be good stewards of the taxpayers' money."

The only response to Wheeler's comments came from Dr. Anne Holt, of Main Street, who was attending the council meeting.

"We believe in spending money in Jefferson County if it is at all possible," Dr. Holt said.

AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

PUPPIES IN ROAD REFUSE TO LEAVE DEAD SISTER

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With the warmer season in progress, the unleashed pet boom has heightened and the dumping of unwanted animals in running amuck.

Why some of those who have pets do not take the time to take their pets to be spayed or

neutered, instead owners let them run wild spreading their seeds. In turn, the owners dump the unwanted offspring, which is beyond all true animal lovers in the county, at local dumpsites, out in the woods or along the side of a roadway to be struck by vehicles and killed or slowly starve to death.

This story is about some of those unwanted offspring, who luckily ended up at the Humane Society shelter who now patiently await their forever homes with people who really love them and will give them the kind of lives they so richly deserve.

Within the confines of the Humane Society shelter, there are many stories; stories of animal dumping and those animals living off of dirt at county garbage collection sites, dumped along the roadways to only be struck and severely injured or killed by speeding motorists and dumping to leave food, water and all health care to nature and just hoping for the best. The best



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Hunter, left and Apollo, right, were found in the roadway where they refused to leave their dead sister, who had been hit by a car.

doesn't happen without a helping hand, such as the volunteers and the Humane Society. How insensitive can people be? That kind of treatment of one of God's creatures is not only inhumane, it is cruel and nasty.

Some of those stories within the confines of the Humane Society shelter include the story of Apollo and Hunter.

On July 9, *Monticello News* Advertising Executive Glenda Slater came home from work to find three small puppies in the roadway in front of her home. "I live three miles down a dirt road.

People are always dumping dogs out there. People always come out to the country to dump their dogs," she said. "I tried to get them but they were scared of me and ran into the ditch. I brought them food. The next evening, they were there, in the road and they ran at the car. I stopped, shooed them out of the road and gave them food and water in the ditch, where they kept running to," said Slater. "The next evening, I saw a big clump of black fur in the road and I just knew that they had been hit by a car and were dead. Peo-

ple just fly down that road. The little female had been hit and she was dead. The two males laid there with their dead sister in the middle of the road," she said as her voice cracked and she brushed away the tears. Slater was then able to grab up the two males, now named Hunter and Apollo, and brought them into her home. She put the female in a bag and buried her in her pet cemetery. The next morning, she loaded the two males into a laundry basket and delivered them to the Jefferson County Humane Society.

As she relayed the story of the three puppies to Shelter Director Nancy Baker, she was again brought to tears. "There is no dog better than a Kerr or Mutt," she said. "I have two that had been dumped and they are the best, most laid back dogs in the world and so very appreciative of the lives they have been given compared to what they once did not have," she concluded.

Apollo and Hunter are black lab/spaniel mixes and approximately 10 weeks old. Apollo is black with brown markings and Hunter is black with a white star on his chest.

Call the Humane Society at 850-342-0244 to adopt or get further information or come by the shelter. Fall in love and

adopt your new family member today.

CHAMBER CASH MOB TUESDAY

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The Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce, under the direction of Director Melanie Mays, will hold its second 'Cash Mob' on Tuesday, July 31 at the Rosemary Tree Café and Gifts.

Chamber members who attend the event are asked to arrive at 5 p.m., pick up a nametag and attach a \$10 bill to it, signifying that Chamber members support fellow Chamber businesses.

Plan to attend... and show your solidarity! Also, plan to stay for dinner at the Rosemary Tree Café and shop at the gift shop.

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Financial Focus...

FINANCIAL TIPS FOR NEWLY SINGLE WOMEN

Provided by Robert J. Davison

Within a marriage, a man and a woman's financial circumstances are generally pretty much equal. But if a divorce occurs, the woman's situation tends to be somewhat more challenging than that of her ex-spouse. And that's why, during this major life transition, you may want to meet with a professional financial advisor to go over your spending needs and your cash flow, so that you know what you absolutely need today — and how you can plan for tomorrow.

Before we get into some possible steps you can take, let's look at some of the reasons that women may fare worse than men, financially speaking, following a divorce:

- Lower income — The average woman's family income drops by 37% after divorce, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. In many cases, divorce exacerbates a situation in which women were already trailing men in earnings. In fact, women still only earn 77 cents for each dollar earned by men, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.
- Smaller retirement accounts — The average balance on women's defined contribution plans (such as 401(k) plans) is only 60% of men's average balances, according to LIMRA, a financial services research organization.

Of course, "averages" are just that — averages. But whether you recognize yourself in the above numbers or not, consider these suggestions:

- Create an emergency fund. Try to put six months' to a year's worth of living expenses in a liquid account. Once you've established this emergency fund, you won't have to dip into long-term investments to pay for unexpected costs, such as an expensive car repair, a new furnace or a large medical bill.
- Contribute as much as you can afford to your retirement accounts. Even if you will eventually receive some of your ex-spouse's retirement funds, you need to take full advantage of your own savings opportunities — because it's pretty hard to save "too much" for retirement. If money is tight, it won't always be easy, but contribute as much as you can to your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. At a minimum, put in enough to earn the employer's match, if one is offered.
- Rebalance your investment portfolio. If you are now investing for yourself, you'll want to take a close look at your asset mix to make sure it is appropriate for your situation. For example, your risk tolerance may be quite different than that of your ex-spouse's. So if you now have total control over an investment portfolio, you need to make sure it reflects your needs and preferences. Consequently, you may need to "rebalance" your holdings.
- Above all, get some help. As mentioned above, now is a good time to meet with a financial advisor. And if you don't have much experience in managing your finances, you may even find it helpful to work with a trust company, which can collaborate with your financial provider to manage your assets and also provide a variety of other functions, including bill payment and record keeping. A trust company's services can prove especially valuable to you and your family should you ever become incapacitated.

Unfortunately, a divorce may leave you feeling "at sea" in many areas of your life. But by following the above suggestions, you can at least help keep your financial ship in calmer waters.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JULY 26-AUGUST 30
Annie's Project, a national program developed to empower women in agriculture to be better business owners and partners, classes begin on Thursday and will continue each Thursday thru August. Classes will be held at the Jefferson County Extension Office from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. A light meal will be served before each session. For more details and information, contact Covey Washington at covey.washington@ufl.edu or JoAnn Demott at jdemott@ufl.edu or call the Jefferson County Extension office at 850-342-0187.

JULY 26
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.

JULY 26
You may qualify for assistance through the Capital Area Community Action Agency Weatherization Assistance Program. The program reduces heating and cooling costs by improving the energy efficiency of the home. Contact Nellie Thomas at 850-997-5605 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the fourth Thursday for an appointment in the Dills Community area, at the Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church. Contact Pat Hall or Melissa Watson at 850-997-8231 for additional information, and other services currently being offered. This is free to the client.

JULY 27
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 John Lilly at 850-342-0187 for more information. July 27 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. 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.

JULY 28
Throne Room Prayer Ministries will present a 'Women's Fellowship' at the Monticello Fitness Center on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Speaker will be Charlie M. Taylor. For more information contact Pastor Charlie at 850-570-8411.

JULY 28
Dixie Community Center is open on Saturday nights for an evening of music and dancing with live local band 'Half-N-Half Four' from 7 to 10 p.m. Refreshments and good fellowship are available during intermission. For more information contact Kenneth Price at 1-229-263-7231. DCC is a nonprofit organization.

JULY 28
Jefferson County Branch of the NAACP meets at noon on the last Saturday of each month at the MLK Center. Contact Charles Parrish at 850-997-3760 for more information.

JULY 29
5th Sunday Gospel Sing at Greater Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church on Sunday night at 6:30 p.m. All choirs, soloists and dance ministries are invited to participate. Rev. Dr. Melvin Roberts, pastor.

JULY 30
Martin Luther King Community Center meets 6 p.m. on the last Monday of each month at the MLK Center. Contact Charles Parrish at 850-997-3760 for more information.

JULY 30
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.
JULY 30
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.al-anon.alateen.org

JULY 30
AA women's meetings are held on Mondays at 6:45 p.m.; AA meetings follow at 8 p.m., at the Christ Episcopal Church Annex, 425 North Cherry Street. For more information, call 850-997-2129 or 850-997-1955.

JULY 31
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.

JULY 31
Chamber Cash Mob at

Rosemary Tree Café & Gifts on Tuesday. Chamber members plan to gather at 5 p.m.

THRU JULY
Jefferson Arts Gallery is open for public viewing on Wednesdays and Saturdays of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 575 West Washington

Street in downtown Monticello. This month the pastels, watercolors, oils and acrylic works of Artist Gail Valderamma will be exhibited. For more information call 850-997-3311 or go to info@jeffersonartsgallery.com or www.jeffersonartsgallery.com.



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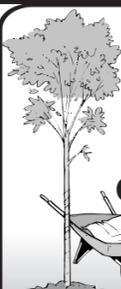
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AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

Remembrance Of Things Past: Buddy Johnson

BRYANT THIGPEN
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Buddy Johnson was born on July 25, 1937 in Taylor County, but less than a mile from Jefferson County. He was born at Callahan's Mill on the Aucilla River, and as he said laughing, "If I would have been born on the west side of the river, I would have been born in Jefferson County." At the age of two, Johnson moved to Wacissa where he went to the Wacissa School. He attended Jefferson High for a short while before he decided to run away from home.

"I decided to take off, and ended up in Lake Wales where I lied about my age and went to work," he said. After completing high school at Lake Wales High School, he returned home to Wacissa. Since coming back to his stomping grounds, lots of things have changed through the years. Sitting down with this reporter, Johnson shared many things from the past that are not the same.

"My grandfather was Judge Teate and he had a fish camp on the Wacissa



River," he shared. "As a boy, that's where we spent most of our time. In fact, I remember taking the state archaeologist down the river and I would show him sites such as the slave canal." Johnson also noted there are inscriptions on a stone that can be found there

at the canal.

In the 1940's, the prices of the same things we enjoy today were much cheaper. "You could buy gas for under 20 cents per gallon," he laughed. "A candy bar was just 10 cents, even some candy was two for a penny." In Wacissa, there were three country stores. There was the Walker's store, Pat Boland's store and Doc Groom's store. "You could buy shoes, a machete, and just about anything you would need at those stores."

The 1940's proved to be some of

the most trying times in this country's history, as the United States was in the midst of World War II. Because of shortages, items were rationed, therefore, each family was issued ration stamps that were needed to purchase goods such as sugar, tires, gasoline, shoes... any item that was needed and were considered household necessities. "I can actually remember two ladies fighting over those stamps."

Back in that time, there were two churches that were situated in Wacissa: one was a Holiness church and one was Methodist. There was also a post office that Johnson recalls, "was a very small room." Most of the roads were dirt, but that began to change. "Highway 59 back then was 43. And I can remember Highway 259 when it was being paved. And in fact, I remember when there was a railroad

where Tram Road currently runs."

The community of Wacissa has always been very small, and even back then was occupied by about 35 houses. For fun, Johnson would play outside with his friends, and in such a small community, everybody knew each other. "On Saturday evenings, we would grab a radio and meet out by the fence post and listen to the Grand Ole Opry." After school, the school children were hanging out on the basketball court or softball field at the school yard, or even at the theatre.

"For a dime, we could come to town and go to the movies. A movie back then was only 15 cents I believe."

Over the years, many things have changed. But there's one thing that hasn't, and that's Johnson's passion for the small town.

4H Explorers Accepting Membership

CARSON LEIGH E. OLSON 4H EXPLORERS CLUB, REPORTER

The 4H Explorers recently held a 'wonderfully wet' Open House. We enrolled a few new members and we are very excited about that. But, we are always looking for more new members.

The 4H Explorers Club welcomes students in grades five through twelve. The club is primarily a home-schooled group so, some of our field trips and other activities are held at convenient times for us and may be inconvenient for others, but we welcome all! Our club is active in the North Florida Fair, we enjoy a variety of field trips and we have informative meetings. Anyone interested in joining should visit our website at: <https://sites.google.com/site/4hexplorers/home>.

I would also like to take this time to say goodbye to my many friends and club members. My family and I will be moving to New Orleans, LA. so, I will no longer be your 4H Explorer Re-

porter. But, I am sure that the upcoming year will bring on a fabulous new reporter. I really enjoyed being a part of this club and I would recommend joining to anyone interested.



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Sunday School.....9:45 AM
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Sunday Evening.....6:30 PM
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Morning Worship.....10:45 AM
Wednesday Evening
Supper.....5:30 PM
Small Group Breakout.....6:30 PM
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Saturday
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Email: ebcmonticello@centurylink.net

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Student Pastor, Don Self

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

WEDNESDAY

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Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 AM
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Sunday
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Adult Choir.....7:00 PM
Wednesday
Family Supper.....5:45 PM
Worship.....7:00 PM
Joyful Sounds Children's Choir...7:00 PM
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3rd Thursday
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3rd Saturday
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Sunday Worship(except last Sunday of month)..11:00 AM
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Sunday School.....9:30 AM
Traditional Worship.....11:00 AM
Youth Group.....5:30 PM

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

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Children's Worship.....11:00 AM
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Prayer Meeting/Bible Study.....7:00 PM

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Sunday Prayer.....6:00 PM
Wed. Family Training Hour.....7:00 PM

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Youth Group.....6:00 PM
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AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

Hansberry Receives Global Recognition

DEBBIE SNAPP
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

Local Monticello Resident Tony D. Hansberry, II received the McDonald's 365Black Award on Friday, July 6 with other deserving recipients, for their life-changing and outstanding works.

Hansberry was recognized for inventing a medical technique that reduces the risk of infection and other endeavors in the medical field. He is a recent high school graduate who invented a surgical technique, while in high school, that reduces the risk of infection after a hysterectomy.

Entertainers, professional athletes, political figures and hundreds of citizens from across the nation packed the Mahalia Jackson Theater in New Orleans for the 2012 McDonald's 365Black Awards, an annual event honoring outstanding African-Americans who are making positive contributions to the community. Hundreds of guests attended this ninth annual ceremony honoring multi-platinum and 10-time GRAMMY winning recording artist Chaka Khan; global humanitarian, best-selling inspirational author/entrepreneur Bishop T.D. Jakes; GRAMMY nominated R&B

singer/songwriter Tamia and husband, All-Star NBA player, Grant Hill; youth empowerment activist Mary-Pat Hector; McDonald's owner/operators Tina and Harold Lewis; and teenage medical innovator Tony Hansberry, II.

"Helping others and giving back are critical components to making our community stronger and it was moving to witness the number of celebrities and community members who supported the event," he says. "I am humbled that I was chosen to receive the 365Black Award with such an amazing group of individuals who also embrace community service. I commend McDonald's for their ongoing efforts to make community service a priority."

Rob Jackson, U.S. marketing director for McDonald's USA concluded, "We remain steadfast in our commitment to recognize and celebrate people who are doing significant work for the community. From what our operators do in their local communities to our efforts around the globe, McDonald's supports multiple programs that help build feelings of pride and inclusion and work to make our communities stronger."

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GRAMMY award-winning recording artist Chaka Khan shares the spotlight on the red carpet with fellow honorees, teenage medical innovator Tony Hansberry, II and youth empowerment activist Mary-Pat Hector, prior to the start of the ninth annual McDonald's 365Black Awards Ceremony at the Mahalia Jackson Theater in New Orleans on July 6, 2012. The McDonald's 365Black Awards are given annually to salute outstanding individuals who are committed to making positive contributions that strengthen the African-American community. Photo Credit To Alstek Photography.

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Rev. Tony and Mrs. Kathi Sloan Hansberry of Jacksonville, FL. Kathi is a native of Jefferson County. Tony has a twin brother Tyler Sloan Hansberry. They are both 2012 graduates of Darnell-Cookman Middle/High School and will attend Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University. They have an older sister Mary.

Our Sincere Thanks

To all persons that assisted me in being made comfortable during my sudden abdominal gastric attack at the Democratic Beat the Heat event on July 12 in the Monticello Opera House, I'd like to say THANKS!

Special thanks to those voices I could hear and identify... Ms. Sandra Saunders, Mr. Jay Brooks, Mrs. Janegale Boyd, Mrs. Gladys Roann, Mrs. Betty Conner, Mr. Steve Hall and Mrs. Lucretia Brown.

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

ROSE ACCEPTANCE, INC. CASE NO. 33-2011-CA-000189
Plaintiff(s),
vs. Division No.
FRANCES ALDAY A/K/A FRANCES ELLEN ALDAY Section
F/K/A FRANCES ELLEN HODGES, et. al.,
Defendant(s) /

**RE-NOTICE OF SALE
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated July 21
2012, and entered in Case No. 33-2011-CA-000189 of the Circuit Court of the 2ND Judicial Circuit # and for
JEFFERSON County, Florida, wherein ROSE ACCEPTANCE, INC. is the Plaintiff and FRANCES ALDAY A/K/A
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DATED at JEFFERSON County, Florida, this 21 day of July, 2012.

JEFFERSON County, Florida

By: Gilbert Garcia
Deputy Clerk

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(813) 443-5087
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7/25, 8/1/2012, c.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Jefferson County Planning Commission will hold its regular monthly meeting on August 9, 2012 at 7:00 pm. The meeting will consist of general business and a workshop on the Land Development Code, Chapters 4-6.

The meetings will be held in the Courthouse Annex located at 435 West Walnut Street in Monticello, FL. The meeting may be continued as necessary.

Information concerning the meeting is available at the Jefferson County Planning Department, 445 W. Palmer Mill Road, Monticello, FL. 32344, Telephone 850-342-0223. From the Florida "Government in the Sunshine Manual", page 36, paragraph c: Each board, commission, or agency of this state or of any political subdivision thereof shall include in the notice of any meeting or hearing, if notice of meeting or hearing is required, of such board, commission, or agency, conspicuously on such notice, the advice that, if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings, is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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JAMES D. BEALL, et al,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that KIRK B. REAMS, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Florida, will on the 9th day of AUGUST, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. at the Jefferson County Courthouse in Monticello, Florida, 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: Parcel I.D. #07-2N-5E-0825-0000-0450 & 07-2N-5E-0825-0000-0460
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Together with the following 30 foot wide access easement:
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pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in a case pending in said Court, the style of which is as set out above, and the docket number of which is 12-08-CA. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of said Court, this 18th day of July, 2012.

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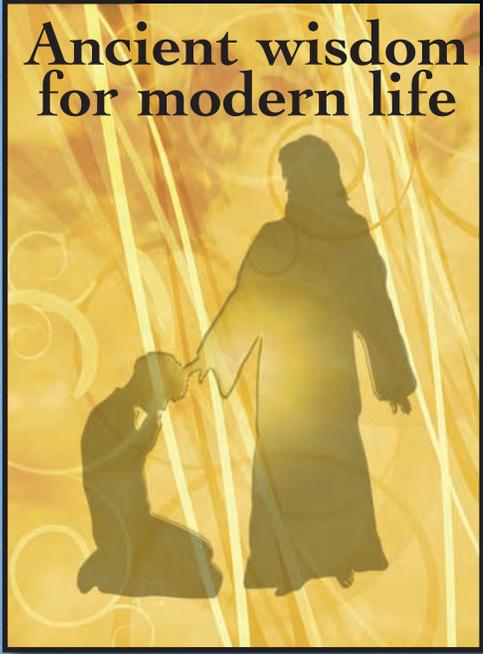
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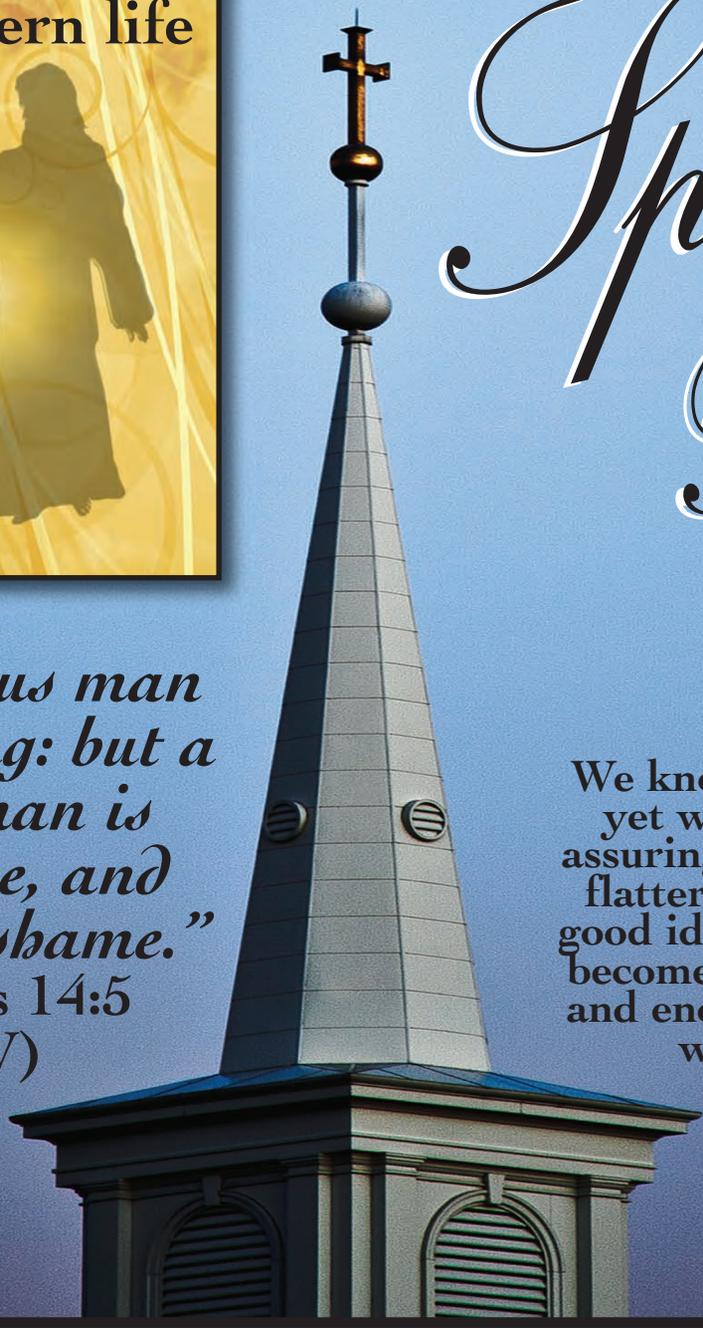
Spiritual Pathways

Honesty

"A righteous man hateth lying: but a wicked man is loathsome, and cometh to shame."
Proverbs 14:5
(KJV)

We know that honesty is the best policy, yet we sometimes fudge on the truth, assuring a girlfriend that a bulky sweater flatters her and so forth. Lying is not a good idea, and if you aren't careful, it can become second nature. God detests lying and encourages us to do the same so that we may not "come to shame."

July 25, 2012



John Jones: Small Town Man With A Big Heart

BRYANT THIGPEN
ECB Publishing

John Jones is a small town man that was given a big task to do by the big man upstairs. Jones was born on February 9, 1954, and has spent his life in Jefferson County. Beginning in the first grade, Jones attended Howard Academy in Monticello until he reached the 11th grade.

"I had finally made it to high school," he laughed. For his junior and senior years, Jones attended Jefferson County High School and graduated in 1972.

After high school, it didn't take Jones long to figure out that the small town life is really what he's cut out for. "In about 1972, I moved to Dallas, Texas to go to technical school. I wasn't there very long. The big city scared the daylights out of me," he said laughing. In January of 1973, Jones made his way back to Monticello.

Jones had barely unpacked his bags before it was time to leave again, when he followed in his father's footsteps and joined the United States Army. "My dad was drafted at the beginning of World War II," Jones told this reporter. "Dad spent several years in the Army and was an engineer in New Guinea during the war."

Jones completed his basic training and was soon deployed to Germany where

he would stay until 1975. Jones thought he was done with the service, so he completed his time served and returned back to the small town he called home.

For the next three years, Jones worked with the local forest division as a forest ranger. However, in December of 1979, Jones decided to re-enlist into the Army, and served this country about 13 years.

In 1980, Jones was deployed to Italy and spent three years there before returning to the states. His next trip across the waters would be in Korea and the Sinai Peninsula in Egypt, where he would spend a little less than a year.

While not much time was spent there, his trip to Egypt would be a journey that would change his life forever. Jones grew up in church and knew all about the savior, Jesus Christ. For many years, he thought that religion was a group thing, and never realized that Christianity was truly a personal relationship with the savior and God of the universe. But in July of 1971, he accepted the free gift of salvation and Jesus Christ to be his Lord.

During his time in Egypt, Jones had the privilege of exploring the Holy Land and seeing the sights where events in the Bible took place. "I was baptized in the Jordan River, and I even climbed Mt.



Sinai twice," he laughed. "We spent four days and three nights in the Holy Land for 70 dollars. I got to walk where Jesus walked and lived...It was an amazing experience."

When he returned home from the foreign land, Jones was stationed in Washington state until he completed his time for good in June of 1992. Realizing the needs that a small town would have, after serving many years improving the country that he loves, he began to focus on improving the hometown that is dear to his heart.

Jones played a major role in bringing the MAD-DADS program to Monticello. The program, which stands for "Men Against Destruction-Defending Against Drugs and Social Order," made a strong impact in the county for many years.

"We were very blessed to see it make a difference in our county," he stated. "Areas in our county that had once been deemed 'unsafe' was now under control." The program stayed intact until about 1998.

In 1995, Jones was elected and voted to serve on the city council, in which he served for eight years. Also during this time, Jones served as Mayor in the city of Monticello. He was re-elected once again in 2007 and currently serves on city council.

Not only does Jones work diligently to better the Jefferson County community, he also gives everything he's got into spreading the gospel. In 1997, while serving in his home church of Bethel AME Church, Jones felt God calling him into the ministry. Until 2002, Jones remained a member of that church that he had attended since his childhood. In October of 1998, Jones stepped behind the pulpit at Macedonia AME Church where he would serve as a supply pastor until October of 2002.

Jones knew that God had a big task that awaited him, although he couldn't quite see what it was. After completing service at Macedonia, he moved his membership to St. Tabernacle Church. From April 2003 to June of 2009, God used this time at this particular place to prepare him for the mission that was at hand.

The mission: start a church. Where? In Monticello. In obeying the calling and mission God had for his life, First Corinthians Church was born. "We began the church in a tent," he explained, "and later moved to a storefront building where we are currently located."

Aside from his life in the community and as leader of the congregation, Jones is quick to point that family is first. He and his bride, Sylvia, were married on August 10, 1977, and they have two children, Shaguanna and Jamail; and two granddaughters. Jones is a small town guy with a big heart who has taken on a big task God has given him. God has blessed him and his family, and he continues to make a difference in this community and in the lives of everyone that knows him.

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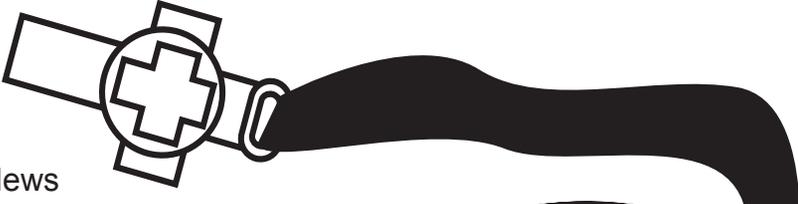
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Church News Notes

JULY 22-27

Monticello Church of Christ, 475 South Jefferson, is hosting Gospel Meeting through Friday at 7:30 p.m. each night. All are welcome. Speaker will be Dan Chancey from Perry.

JULY 23-27

Central Baptist Church will hold Vacation Bible School through Friday from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. each night at 625 Tindell Road in Aucilla. 'Operation Overboard: Dare To Go Deep With God,' will begin each night with dinner. There will be classes for children aged two to adult. To be a part of all the excitement, contact Pastor Daryl Adams at 850-251-0129.

JULY 23-27

Restored Glory Christian Center will hold its Vacation Bible School, 'God's Calling Me' from 6 to 8 p.m. through Friday. Dinner will be served each night and transportation will be provided to anyone in need. To request a ride, contact the church at 850-997-RGCC (7422) and leave your name, address, number of passengers and a callback number. For more information, visit the church website at restoredglory.org.

JULY 25

Highest Praise Deliverance Ministries holds Bible Study every Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. and every third Sunday at 11 a.m. at its location, 760 West Washington, with Teacher/Pastor V. Ellis, 2 *John* 2-4. For more information call 850-778-6133.

JULY 25

Shiloh AME Church serves the community on the second and fourth Sundays at 10 a.m. for Sunday School and at 11 a.m. for Morning Worship Service; Wednesday Evening Prayer and Bible Study will be held at 7 p.m.; and Youth Participation will be each fourth Sunday. For more information contact Mazie Woodson Rojas at 850-997-0512.

JULY 25

Voice of Thunder Ministry will host food giveaways from 2 to 3 p.m. every Wednesday at its church location, 685 South Jefferson. A form of identification will be required for church and Second Harvest records. Apostle DL Pittman, pastor.

JULY 26

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.

JULY 27, 28

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

JULY 28

Summer Bible Day Camp, sponsored by the God Squad Power Club, will be

held at the Jefferson County Bailer Public Library. Camp will begin at 11 a.m. on Saturdays. For more information call 850-997-0832 or 850-997-8018 after 2 p.m.

JULY 28

FUMC StoryTime Ministry is held from 1 to 2 p.m. on every other Saturday at the Jefferson County Bailer Public Library. For more information contact Chairman of Evangelism Barbara Hobbs at 850-523-1813.

JULY 30-AUGUST 3

Mt. Pleasant Ministries, Mt. Olive MBC, Pine Grove MBC and Welaunee Missionary Baptist Church will host a 'Joint Revival Service' in Capps, at the Mt. Pleasant Ministries location, Charles G. Smith, pastor/teacher. Evangelist for the week of revival will be Bishop Frank Goines; Goines pastors in Grady County Georgia. Revival will be held at 7 p.m. Monday through Friday evenings. Elder Herbert R. Thomas, Sr. and the Welaunee MBC will be in charge of the services.

AUGUST 1, 15

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.

AUGUST 3

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.

AUGUST 14

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.



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Sardis United Methodist Church Enjoys Successful VBS



The children enjoyed playing a game during Mercy Meadows Message Class. Pictured left to right are: Andraya Rosas, Sarah Notley, Natalie White and Jeremy Eidson.

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Train Conductor, Steve Lenzo (Pastor), is pictured giving train ticket to Haley Grant.



Hayden Holton is pictured playing on the swings after class.



Brittney Taylor helps Haley and Noah Grant in Craft Caboose Class.

Sardis United Methodist Church recently ended its Vacation Bible School program, which was held June 25-29, with the fun beginning at 6 p.m. nightly.

The theme of its Vacation Bible School was “Sonlight Express: Jesus and Me,” which was based from the verse, “Greater love hath no man than this, that a man would lay down his life for his friends” (John 15:13).

The journey the children started on was one that could last for a lifetime, even for eternity. After everyone enjoyed a meal prepared by the church, the children broke into groups for lesson time. Each child in attendance was given a ticket book, and then a ticket for that night’s destination. On the Sonlight Express, the children learned important lessons at five destination stops including: Jesus saves us, who takes us across the Great Gorge of sin (Nicodemus); Jesus leads us, His sheep, like a good shepherd across Mercy Meadows; Jesus cares for us, where we learn to trust Jesus through Fearless Falls (Calming the storm at sea); Jesus lives in the Timeless Tunnel after His resurrection; and Jesus returns at Sunrise Summit, as He promised He would return for us one day.

Those who attended enjoyed another successful Vacation Bible School at Sardis United Methodist Church.



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Herbert Thomas: Not Slowing Down

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A lesson that has carried through the ministry of Herbert Thomas is that God is always in control. One day while reading the 24th Psalm, Thomas not only realized the significance of the passage, but he began to feel God calling him into the ministry.

"It was the third Sunday in February of 1985, and I was sitting in my chair reading the 24th Psalm," he said. "I was preparing to speak to a youth group in Gadsden County, but God was speaking to me. I knew what He was calling me to do and I surrendered to the call immediately."

"That passage lets me know that God is always in charge because it says the earth belongs to Him. And if something belongs to you, then you're in charge and you have power over it," Thomas said. Through the many things that Thomas has faced in his life, he has learned from first hand experience that God is in charge of every situation.

Thomas was born on October 20, 1952 in Ocala to George Thomas and Deansie Thomas Campbell. His mother passed away when he was in the third grade. He lived in Dunellon until his 10th grade year when his father passed away. He then moved to Palmetto for a short period of time to live with his oldest brother before moving to Monticello in 1967 to live with his uncle, Albert Thomas, Sr. Thomas began attending school at Howard Academy High School in Monticello and graduated in 1970.

After high school, Thomas went to work in the fields for a short time before becoming employed by Proctor and Gamble in Tallahassee. His next job was at Courtesy Cars in Tallahassee before landing a job at Unisource as a professional truck driver. While working for Unisource, he also worked part-time as security for the Jefferson County Kennel Club. Thomas remained with Unisource for 35 years and re-

tired on May 9, 2008.

"I'm not the type of person who likes to sit still," he laughed, "I want to work." Even though Thomas may have retired from his career, he is still very active in the community and serves as pastor to two local churches.

There was a time that Thomas was not living for the Lord. "You know, my children had received Christ as their personal savior, and I decided that if I was going to be that leader and role model for my children, I needed Him in my life, too." In August of 1983, Thomas had just gotten off work and wondered into a revival service that was being conducted by his younger brother, Reverend Doctor George Thomas, Jr. That night, Thomas confessed Christ to be his Lord at Elizabeth Dills Missionary Baptist Church in Monticello.

Thomas surrendered to the call to preach in February of 1985, and preached his initial sermon about three months later. He was licensed to preach at Elizabeth Dills MB Church by Rev. Dr. Rudolph Nealy. He evangelized for about two years before he was ordained by Tommy Goins, also at Elizabeth. He served Elizabeth Dills for many years and also evangelized before accepting the position as pastor at Welanee MB Church in Lamont in August of 1995. Thomas has served as pastor of Welanee for 17 years.

Welanee holds their services on the first and third Sundays of each month. Thomas also serves as pastor at Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church in Greenville, where he began on the fourth Sunday in



July. At Mt. Nebo, Thomas preaches on the second and fourth Sundays of each month.

Through the years, Thomas served the First Bethlehem Baptist Association for four years as Vice Moderator; president of the Jefferson County Union Number 2 (6 years); President of Jefferson County Union Number One (7 years); Vice President of Union Number One (1 year); Bible Expository for Union Number One (1 year); Assistant Bible Expository Union Number One (1 year); and Executive Board Chairman Union Number One (2 years).

Thomas has been a Mason for many years and has

served different roles within the organization including: wishful master of Solomon Lodge Number Six for a total of 10 years; past master of Solomon Lodge Number Six (6 years); Royal Arch Mason, King (2 years); Emmitt Commander of White and Benjamin Number 51 (Knights Templar – presently serving); Instructor (currently serving); Senior Past Member (currently serving); member of Royal Selects Master Council; Worthy Patron of Order of the Eastern Star- C.H. Henry Number 24; and Royal Advisor of Crusaders-Virginia Westlane Guile.

Although Thomas has served his churches and community for many years, he has no plans on slowing down now. His heart is for the people in Madison and Jefferson County, and plans to do everything he can to reach them and lead them to the Lord. "I want to see people sharing, caring and loving each other regardless of race or gender. My goal in life is to help people love each other in this life, and to lead them to Christ. I'll keep on working until Jesus Comes."



Inez Bishop and Troy Fennel

Bishop Makes Visit To St. Phillip AME Church

DEBBIE SNAPP
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

Sister Inez Bishop and her niece Troy Fennel, from Manchester, NH., were in attendance to the St. Phillip AME Church Homecoming, held on Sunday, July 1.

Sister Bishop at one time lived in the St. Phillip Community southwest of Monticello and attended church at St. Phillip AME Church.



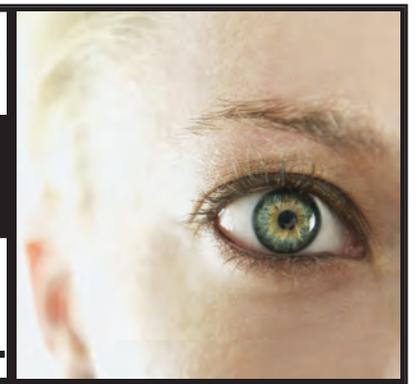
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REV. JOHNSON-ROBINSON RECOGNIZED

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Rev. Helen Johnson-Robinson will be recognized by her Bethel AME Church family and friends from 5 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, July 28 during its 'Pastors Appreciation' service and program. The event will be held at the church location, 410 East York Street, in Monticello.



FREE



BY MATTHEW THOMPSON

Free...this word is a very popular and possibly overused word in our culture today. What do you think of when you hear it? Some responses I have gotten are America, fat free food, no cost, buy one get one or some combination of them. Google defines FREE as follows "not under the control or in the power of another; able to act or be done as one wishes."

This definition has been taken very literally in our culture and churches, everyone has the mentality of "ME first." In all honesty, I feel this includes everyone, me as well in some instance or another. I feel we have taken liberty and made it our own device for obtaining what we want. Paul wrote to the Galatians about freedom, and what it should look like in our lives. **"¹³You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another humbly in love. ¹⁴For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." (Galatians 5:13-14 TNIV)** Christians are called to be free, but

then Paul gives us a stern warning to not use freedom to indulge ourselves.

Why do you think that is? It is because we use our freedom to get what we want out of life rather than what Jesus wants for our life. How many churches build new additions they don't really need instead of feeding the poor in their community? How many people save and save for the brand new car instead of being content with a cheaper model, and giving some saved money to the needy? I ask, how much do you love yourself? If we are to love our neighbor as much as we do ourselves, what does that look like?

I would guess that most of us fall under the category of helping themselves more often than helping someone else. But, Paul tells us to use our freedom to serve one another in love. The mentality we should have is using our freedom to do what we want, which should be choosing to help others in their needs instead of indulging ourselves with our wants. Why? This is the message and love of Christ, this is what He did and how we are called to spread His love!



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Elizabeth and Union Bethel AME Church members and friends travel together to Washington, DC.

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Elizabeth AME and Union Bethel AME members visited the Washington, DC area in June, traveling with Astro Travel & Tours Charter Bus Company. The group spent three days and three nights at the Embassy Suites Hotel in downtown Washington, DC.

The members from both churches enjoyed the trip immensely according to Coordinator Leman Ulee. They had the opportunity to tour the Capitol and the White House. The tour was very educational for the children in the group as well as the adults. Other sites visited included the Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial, Smithsonian Museums, National Mall and the National Zoo.

"This was the second trip together for the two churches," says Ulee. "I was very

happy to see the exciting expressions on the faces of the members participating in the event." He indicated that the members enjoyed the trip so much, that he is going to make it an annual event.

"The purpose of these trips is to allow the participants to visit cities that they would not necessary visit and to develop a closer bond among the members and the churches," he adds. Ulee is in the process of planning for the next trip.

50+ members and their friends participated in this trip. They were all very happy that Rev. Clarence Little, pastor of both churches, extended his love to invite them.

Rev. Little remarked that he has 'never seen two small churches come together as a church family to participate in a trip/event of this magnitude.' He and his family really enjoyed themselves and are looking forward to the trip next year trip.

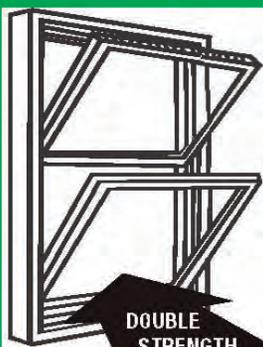
Ulee stated, "As coordinator, I would

like to thank Rev. Little for all of his support and for allowing us to participate on these trips. According to the feedback that I have

received from the community, I'm confident that we are going to have many more travel with us next year."

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