



# Green Industries Institute Will Be Leaving County

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North Florida Community College (NFCC) is pulling the Green Industries Institute program from Jefferson County and taking it to Madison County.

This is the message that NFCC President John Grosskopf delivered to the Jefferson County Commission on Thursday evening, Jan. 17.

Grosskopf told commissioners that the NFCC Board of Trustees had earlier in the week approved a two-part resolution relocating the program on the college's campus and instructing Attorney Bruce Leinback to negotiate a release of the college's lease with Jefferson County.

Grosskopf said NFCC planned on temporarily leaving some office equipment here as well as the observatory. He said the college also wanted to retain two small rooms at the site for a period of two years at least for its communications with Tallahassee. He said NFCC would allow the Jefferson County Extension Office to piggyback onto the college's wireless contract.

Commissioner Betsy Barfield, who last month forewarned her colleagues that the college was likely to pull out, expressed regret with the decision.

"It breaks my heart that you're taking away the program," Barfield said. "I hope in future we can pull our resources together and make an offer to you so you can come back to Jefferson County."

Grosskopf said the college was in no way retreating

from Jefferson County. But the fact was that the model of delivery that the college was using for the Green Industries program hadn't changed in 13 years and it wasn't working, he said.

"We need to revise it," Grosskopf said. "Small colleges need to remain nimble and flexible. We need to recreate the program."

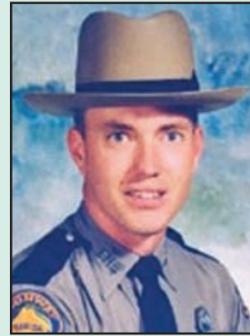
He said the revised program would likely be a hybrid, with the academic portion delivered online and a hands-on component that would be executed in the different counties.

As it stood now, however, the program was simply not working, he said, citing a lack of student participation even in Jefferson County. He said it was the college's intent to return the program once it could be reworked and made attractive.

Commissioner Hines Boyd offered no comment. But in an email to Grosskopf prior to the trustees' meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 15, Boyd expressed disappointment with the expected decision, reminding Grosskopf and the NFCC board that former State Representative Janegale Boyd and Congressman Allen Boyd had been "primarily responsible for bringing approximately \$5 million in funding into the program since its inception about 1999."

"Their motivation was to develop a program that would benefit not only Jefferson County, (but) also our neighboring counties," Boyd wrote. "Janegale Boyd  
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# Death Warrant Signed For Jimmy Fulford's Killer



James H. Fulford Jr.



Paul Augustus Howell

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Gov. Rick Scott has signed a death warrant for Paul Augustus Howell, who was found guilty of the Feb. 1, 1992 car bombing which resulted in the death of Florida Highway Patrolman Jimmy Fulford, of Greenville. He is scheduled to be executed on Feb. 26 at 6 p.m.

On Jan. 10, 1995, Howell was adjudicated guilty of first-degree murder and was given the death penalty.

In Jan. 1992, Howell had constructed a pipe bomb. He had intended to murder a Marianna woman named Tammie Bailey with it. Bailey was part of a drug ring with Paul Howell and his brother, Patrick. Bailey could link the Howell brothers to a previous murder, so they intended on eliminating her as a witness for the prosecution.

It was cold that Feb. 1 when Fulford arrived at work at 3 p.m. at the Madison FHP station. He went on a call to a rest area on Interstate 10 where he helped a woman who had locked the keys in her car. He then spotted a car headed west at 85 miles per hour and stopped the Mitsubishi Gallant in Jefferson County.

Fulford discovered that Lester Watson, the man driving the car, did not have a driver's license. Fulford arrested Watson on charges of driving without a license and Watson was booked into the Jefferson County Jail. Watson's passenger, Leroy Williams, asked if he could accompany Watson to the jail.

Fulford discovered that the car had been rented to Paul Howell, of Miami. He had the dispatcher call Howell, who said that he had given Watson permission to drive the car but had not told him to head north with it. During the phone call, he never told them that the package contained a bomb that he had intended to send to Marianna to silence a witness who could tie him to a murder.

Fulford and Jefferson County deputies Wallace Blount and Robert Harrell searched the car.

Fulford looked through the trunk and saw an empty baby's bottle and a gift-wrapped package. While waiting for the wrecker to come pick up the car, he searched the Mitsubishi again. He opened the package with his penknife and the bomb exploded, killing Jimmy Fulford.

Fulford's lieutenant, B.J. Tinney noted that when officers were moving the car away from the blaze so that it would not catch fire, that Fulford's radio was set to WAFT, a Christian music station in Valdosta, Ga. Officers also noted that Fulford's watch had stopped at 4:34 p.m.

At Fulford's funeral, a tape was played of him singing gospel music at the First Baptist Church in Monticello, where he served as deacon.

Lester Watson was convicted of second-degree murder and sentenced to 40 years in prison. Patrick Howell was sentenced to 40 years in prison without possibility of parole for 25 years. Other members of the Jamaican drug posse involved in the murder cover-up were sentenced to extensive prison terms. Paul Howell was sentenced to die for Fulford's death.

The FHP building where Fulford was stationed was later named after the fallen trooper. Today, it houses the Madison County Sheriff's Office but still is named after Fulford.

# Mayor, Tax Collector In Dispute Over Firing



ECB Publishing Photo by Laz Aleman, Jan. 11, 2013

**Tax Collector Lois Hunter on Jan. 11 takes the oath of office for her fourth term in the office of Judge Bobby Plaines, who administered the oath.**

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As everyone probably knows by now, Monticello Mayor Idella Scott and Jefferson County Tax Collector Lois Hunter are locked in a very public dispute.

Hunter, who was recently reelected to a fourth term, fired longtime deputy clerk Scott on Friday, Jan. 11, effective the end of this month.

The alleged reason for the termination was either politics or missing money, depending on what version one believes. A judge will ultimately decide the matter.

Scott, who is presently on paid leave, has filed a federal lawsuit alleging that her rights of free speech and association were violated. She says the firing was politically motivated because of her support for Paul Michael — Hunter's Republican opponent in the recent election.

Scott says the matter of an alleged missing \$600, which money was reportedly subsequently found, was an excuse that Hunter created to mask the real reason for the firing, which was that Hunter viewed Scott's support of Michael as an act of disloyalty. Scott says she wants her name cleared and her good reputation restored. She also wants her job back.

Hunter couldn't be reached for comment on Monday, as her office was closed for the Martin Luther King holiday. According to a WCTV report, however, Hunter late last week indicated that she and her attorney would have much to say about the matter soon.

# Man Charged With Theft Of Roofing Off Brother's Mobile Home

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A man was arrested last week and charged with stealing the roofing off a mobile home.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office reported that on December 12, 2012, Deputy Andrew Johnson was dispatched to an East Washington residence, in reference to a theft.

Upon arrival, he met with the complainant, who said he had an old mobile home that he was going to take apart and scrap the metal so he could get money to pay his land taxes.

He said his brother told him the previous night that his brother, Jarvaris Morris, 21, of Monticello, his nephew and one other men, took all of the roofing off of the mobile home and scrapped it for money.

He said he went outside to look but it was too dark to see, and he could not see it until that morning. He added that he did not give anyone permission to take the roofing.

The deputy asked if the three had stolen before and he said yes, that he knew of the stealing from a man in Madison and from the old pecan house off of Railroad Street. He asked the complainant what they would steal from the old pecan house, and he told the deputy, old washing machines.

Deputy Johnson asked the complainant what they would have driven to take the roofing. He explained that his nephew had a Ford Explorer and he worked for a man just inside of Madison County. He said his other brother would have borrowed his employer's trailer to haul the roofing.

He asked the complainant if his brother who had informed him of the theft, had seen them take the roofing, and he said no. He said that his other brother, the father of the nephew involved, told the brother who informed him. He said that the other brother lives next door and he said his wife saw them taking the roofing.

The deputy took pictures of the scene and went to the brother's home, whose son was involved. He was met in the yard by the wife. He asked her if her husband was there and she said no, that he was out farming. He asked her if she had seen anyone taking the roofing off of the complainant's mobile home, and she said no, and neither did her husband.

He went back to the complaint and explained to him what the sister-in-law had said. He said she was lying and that his brother would be over to his house after the deputy left, to yell at him for calling "The Man" on his kids.

Deputy Johnson contacted Madison Metal to see if they had any metal roofing come into their facility. He spoke with John Crosby, who checked the names the deputy was given by the complainant. He informed the deputy that he remembers metal roofing, which appeared to have come from a mobile home, come on the previous day. The deputy asked him to pull the ticket, which he did. He said the ticket showed that Morris brought in 104 pounds of metal.

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Jarvaris Morris

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# Letters To The Editor

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## FREEDOM

We are in serious trouble in this country. We are losing our FREEDOMS. These freedoms are guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution. Our President has declared an all-out war on the Constitution. He is doing this by making an

end run around the Congress. He knows that the U. S. Congress will not pass his gun control measures. Therefore, he will issue executive orders in an attempt to avoid the U. S. Congress and become basically a dictator. The founding Fathers designed the Constitution so that kind of dictatorial control could not exist. However, our President will attempt it. If we let him get away with it we no longer will be a free people. I agree with Patrick Henry who said, "I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death."

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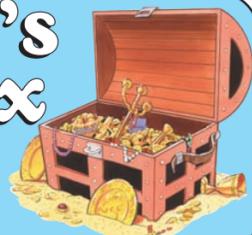
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18 - such a big milestone, in her life!

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But, on this special day, I am filled with love (for such a wonderful daughter/blessing), sadness (for days gone by), happiness (for the days at hand), and excitement (for the days that lie ahead). But, most of all I am filled with admiration and pride for the beautiful young lady that God has blessed me with. She is truly a beautiful young lady, on the outside AND on the in-



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### KRISTIN JACKSON

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tance (VITA) program today.

Volunteers are at the heart of the VITA program. VITA volunteers assist local residents in preparing and receiving their tax refunds for free. VITA volunteers are trained and certified by the IRS to provide qualifying individuals or families with free and reliable tax assistance. VITA sites try to target underserved households such as those: earning under \$40,000, have a member with a disability, have a member that is elderly, or have limited English speakers.

VITA is a program that allows Jefferson County taxpayers, our local economy, and the federal government all to WIN! First, taxpayers win because they are able to receive assistance filing their returns, receive their entire refund amount within 10 days, and have access to features like direct deposit or E-file for free. Second, local economies win because the economy benefits from tax dollars spent in the communities in which taxpayers live and work. It is estimated that each additional Earned

Income Tax Credit (EITC) dollar generates \$1.58 in local economic activity. Last year, it is estimated that EITC dollars received by Jefferson County residents generated around 5,410,021 dollars in economic activity. Third, the federal government wins because electronic filing at VITA sites reduces return processing cost and decreases the error rate on returns filed.

So, how can you help? You can help by agreeing to volunteer at least 20 hours between January and April 15<sup>th</sup>. That is less than four hours a month. The best news is that you do not need any prior qualifications because training is provided. Volunteers just need to be enthusiastic and want to help others. What is even better is that this year there are a variety of training options available in person, small group review, or online, so you can learn at your own pace!

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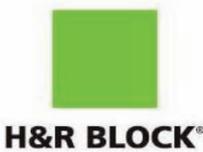
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## Job Fair Brings In Many

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A Job Fair was held all day Friday, January 18 at the Jefferson County Arby's restaurant, located near I-10 and US-19 South. The line of job applicants was constant throughout the day, with everyone applying for job positions at Dairy Queen, Arby's, and Fast Track Food Stores in Monticello, Madison, and Greenville.

The applicants were interviewed by district supervisors and managers from the three businesses. They were: Jason Beachum, Arby's; Bertie Culpepper, Fast

Track Food Stores; and Tanya Smith, Dairy Queen. The district personnel were holding open interviews for general managers, assistant managers, shift leaders, and crew personnel. The applicants didn't seem to mind that the positions they were applying for included working different shifts from opening to closing.

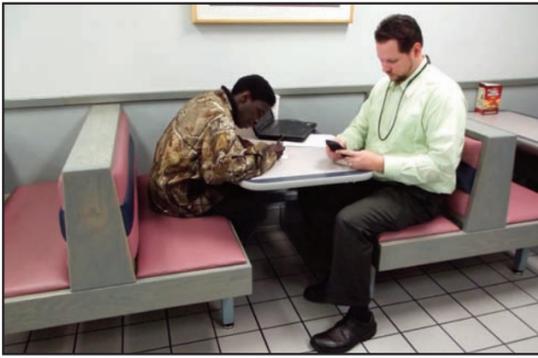
The day went smoothly and without any hitches. For those who missed out on this Job Fair opportunity, you missed out on jobs with competitive salaries and benefits. Another Job Fair will be scheduled soon. Keep watch in the *Monticello News* for the date, time, and location.



Dairy Queen District Manager Tanya Smith interviews Ormar Walker for one of several job positions, during the recent Job Fair.



ECB Publishing Photos By Debbie Snapp, January 18, 2013. Natoria Gilley and Shenika Crumity were early arrivals to the Job Fair held in Monticello recently.



Eric Adams is being interviewed by Arby's District Supervisor Jason Beachum, for one of several job openings, during the recent Job Fair.



Fast Track District Manager Bertie Culpepper interviews Lakendria Parker during a recent Job Fair held at the Monticello Arby's.



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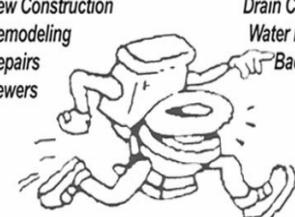
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## Church News Notes

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**January 20-23**  
First Baptist Church of Lloyd will host a Bible Conference with Dr. Phil Sawilowsky of The Olive Tree Ministry. He will speak through Wednesday at 7 p.m. He will also have his studies on DVD and CD to do in-depth studies on your own. To learn more about Dr. Phil, visit olivetreeministry.com. If you have any questions about this Bible Conference contact the First Baptist Church of Lloyd at 850-997-5309.

**January 25**  
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.

**January 25**  
Nazarene Church Skate Night for children and adults is held from 6 to 8 p.m. on the last Friday

evening of every month. Light snacks and soft drinks available.

**January 25, 26**  
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 9 to 10 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.

**January 26**  
StoryTime Ministry is held from 1 to 2 p.m. every other Saturday at the Jefferson County Bailar Public Library. For more information contact First United Methodist Church Ministry Chairman Barbara Hobbs at 850-523-1813.

**January 27**  
Mt. Pleasant Ministries will celebrate its church anniversary during 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Service at 11 a.m. Rev. Norman Clary will be speaker and the Mt. Moriah Church family will be in charge of the service. All are invited to attend.

**February 2**  
Nazarene Church Clothing Giveaway from 9 to 11 a.m. on the first Saturday

of every month.  
**February 3**  
Union Branch Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate its annual Black History Month program at 11 a.m. on Sunday. Speaker will be OJ Sloan and the Memorial Missionary Baptist Church Male Chorus. For more information contact Mother Beatrice Lynn at 850-878-9585. Rev. Terry Presley Sr., pastor.

**February 6, 20**  
First Presbyterian Church will host EaglesWings, a ministry of outreach, serving the community on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Volunteers are always welcome to distribute food items and to donate non-perishable food items. Call and leave a message for JoAnne Arnold at 850-997-2252 or go to eaglewingsmonticello@yahoo.com or www.firstpresbyterian-monticello.org.

**February 12**  
Sons of Allen of the Union Bethel Circuit meets monthly on the second Tuesday at 7 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.

**March 17**  
Monticello Community Temple COGIC will host its annual Woman's Day Program at 5 p.m. on Sunday at the church location 630 East Harley Street.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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**January 23-30**  
Intricate Threads exhibit at Jefferson Arts Gallery. This display of fiber and quilts may be viewed by the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The Arts is located at 575 West Washington Street in downtown Monticello. For more information about the Arts call 850-997-3311 or go to info@jeffersonartsgallery.com or www.jeffersonartsgallery.com.

**January 23-31**  
Free computer classes at the Jefferson County RJ Bailar Public Library with Instructor Deanna Ramsey. Area residents can learn computer basics, digital photography, Excel, genealogy, organizing your computer files, Outlook, PowerPoint, Windows7, Word, and more. 'Computer Basics Simplified' classes are scheduled on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 9 to 11 a.m., in the computer lab. Class is a total of six-sessions at two hours each session. Registration is required, so call now to 850-342-0205.

**January 23**  
Early Learning Coalition of the Big Bend Region will see customers at its 1145 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street location every Wednesday from 1 to 6 p.m. Contact www.elcbigbend.org for additional information.

**January 23**  
Monticello Kiwanis meet every Wednesday at 12 p.m. at the Jefferson Country Club on the Boston Highway for lunch, a program and a meeting. For more information, contact President Rocky Gavins at 850-997-2646.

**January 24**  
Jefferson County Historical Association will host its annual membership meeting on Thursday at the Christ Episcopal Church in the parish house. Meet and greet and networking will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by a program presented by Genealogist AnnLee Alley Earnshaw at 7 p.m.; with a presentation on the 'Pioneer Families of Florida'. She represents people to be certified as Florida Pioneers.

**January 24**  
AA meetings are held weekly at 8 p.m. on Thursdays at the Christ Episcopal Church annex, 425 North Cherry Street. For more information call 850-997-2129 or 850-997-1955.

**January 24**  
Altrusa Monticello will host a 'Silent and Open Auction' as a fundraising event for its annual Scholarship Program. The Auction will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, at Willow Pond. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and wine will be served, along with a medley of music provided. This is a free admission event; donations will

be accepted. Jan Williams and Linda Benedict will be the auctioneers/entertainers for the evening. Dress is casual or country/western. For more information about this exciting event contact Andie Jerger at 850-997-1653 or Linda Benedict at 850-997-0137.

**January 24**  
BINGO on Thursday nights beginning with Early Bird Bingo at 5:45 p.m. at the St. Augustine Catholic Church, 211 North Pinetree Boulevard in Thomasville, GA. Regular BINGO begins at 6:45 p.m. Win Cash Prizes! All proceeds from this nonprofit organization benefit local charities. Contact Council Klub Representative Betty Kress at 229-221-8406 for more information.

**January 24**  
Altrusa of Monticello meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month in the First United Methodist Church Family Ministry Center at 12 p.m. Speaker Ruth Cuzort will present a program to the group about 'shedding those extra pounds.' She is a dietician from Perry. For more information about Altrusa International Monticello/Jefferson County call 850-997-2973 or 850-997-2230.

**January 24**  
Jefferson County Historical Association annual membership meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday at the Christ Episcopal Church. Meet and Greet begins at 6:30 p.m. followed by a program on Pioneer Families of Florida by speaker and genealogist Ann Ailey.

**January 24**  
Alzheimer's Project, Inc. Day Respite Care program is held on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at the First United Methodist Church, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the youth building of the church. Alzheimer's Project, Inc., a non-profit organization that extends a warm supportive welcome to persons with any form of dementia, such as Alzheimer's disease, Stroke, Parkinson's disease and the like. This Day Respite Care program allows caregivers free time to run errands, shop, go to doctor's appointments, and the like. Day Respite Care offers the clients six hours of stimulating activities that they will enjoy. Activities include music therapy, art therapy, pet therapy, trivia, games, sittercise, and many other enjoyable activities. Meals are provided as well as snacks. A certified nurse assistant, a respite room coordinator and volunteers will assist the clients during this time for the caregivers. All services are provided FREE of charge. Any questions or comments may be relayed

to Rural Outreach Coordinator Recie Culpepper at Alzheimer's Project, Inc., 850-386-2778 and visit http://www.alzheimersproject.org.

**January 25**  
Jefferson County Small Business Development Program Director Dallas Garrett will present a free workshop for the public on Friday, titled 'How to Build a Business Plan for Your New Business'. If you have a business idea, he's here to help from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Courthouse annex, located at 435 West Walnut Street. To reserve a space now, contact him at 850-997-2185 or dgarrett@jeffersoncountytfl.gov. This program is sponsored by the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners.

**January 25**  
Rotary meets at 12 p.m. on Fridays at the First Presbyterian Church, in the fellowship hall, for lunch, a meeting, program and speaker. For questions or comments, contact President Neill Wade at 850-545-4940.

**January 25**  
Monticello Jamboree Band will perform music for dancing at 7 p.m. on Friday evenings at 625 South Water Street, in the old JCHS gym. There will be door-prizes, 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 nonprofit charitable organization. For questions or concerns, contact Curtis Morgan at 850-933-8136 or Bobby Connell at 850-445-0049.

**January 26**  
Half-N-Half Four Band at the Dixie Community Center at 7 p.m. on Saturday nights for music and dance. Refreshments and good fellowship are available during intermission. For more information contact Kenneth Price at 1-229-263-7231. DCC is a nonprofit organization.

**January 26**  
Martial Arts classes 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturdays in the Memorial Missionary Baptist Church fellowship hall. Contact Diane Hall at 850-264-1195 for more information.

**January 26**  
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.

**January 28**  
Martin Luther King Community Center meets 6 p.m. on the last Monday of each month at the MLK Center. Contact Charles Parrish at 850-997-3760 for more information.

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## Green

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personally advocated for NFCC to be the administrator of this program. NFCC continues to benefit from the recurring funding (originally \$200,000 annually) that she inserted into the state education budget to sustain the program. Almost certainly, a significant sum of federal money intended for Green Industries programs is still available to NFCC."

Boyd reiterated his request that the college at least leave here the grounds keeping and office equipment, so that the county wouldn't find itself "faced with taking over significant acreage and facilities stripped of all funding and equipment partly intended to maintain those grounds and facilities."

Boyd also reiterated his request that NFCC consider the proposed partnership with Dr. Dallas Garrett's Small Business Development Program, even as he conceded the college's apparent lack of interest in the arrangement.

This was in reference to a presentation that Boyd, Janegale Boyd, Dr. Garrett and Extension Office Director John Lilly made to the NFCC Board of Trustees on Nov. 13.

According to the NFCC minutes of the meeting, the partnership offer entailed college staff working with staff from the extension office and Dr. Garrett to fashion a joint program that would both enhance the college's mission and help Jefferson County. Part of the plan called for setting up a business incubator at the site, an idea Dr. Garrett has previ-

ously pitched to the Monticello City Council and the Jefferson County Commission.

Per the minutes, the trustees expressed concern as to how such a program would benefit the other counties in the NFCC's district. Trustees Board Chairman Mike Williams is quoted saying that although the opportunity would ostensibly be opened to other counties, "we would still be facing the same issues of lack of participation from other counties due to distance."

And Grosskopf expressed concern with investing educational funds to promote economic development in Jefferson County, given that the funding was supposed to benefit all the counties in the district.

"What we have seen, historically, is that we cannot get people to drive to the site," Grosskopf said.

Subsequently, on Dec. 20, Barfield reported to the Jefferson County Commission that the Nov. 13 presentation had confused the NFCC Board, which was the reason Leinback had approached her and asked for clarification, she said.

The leased 60 acres that the Green Industries Institute is vacating, located about four miles west of town, is part of an 80-acre property that rightfully belongs to the county. Originally a University of Florida research station, the university transferred the property to the county several years ago, when it consolidated its research resources in Gadsden County.

## Stamps

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ness and, like all businesses, must raise its prices to cover expenses. The Postal Service does not receive tax dollars to cover the cost of operations.

This year's one-cent increase translates to only a few more dollars for the average residential customer. In fact, even if you mail a letter or card every single day, you'll only pay \$4 more for postage the entire year! At 46 cents, a postage stamp is still one of the best bargains in the United States.

Here's a brief history of first-class mail stamp prices, beginning with the \$.02 stamp in 1885: 1917, \$.03; 1919, \$.02; 1932, \$.03; 1958, \$.04; 1963, \$.05; 1968, \$.06; 1971, \$.08; 1974, \$.10; 1975- \$.13; 1978, \$.15; 1981, \$.18 and \$.20; 1985, \$.22; 1988, \$.25; 1991, \$.29; 1995, \$.33; 2001, \$.34; 2002, \$.37; 2006, \$.39; 2007, \$.41; 2008, \$.42; 2009, \$.44; and 2012, \$.45.

Since 2007 the Postal Service has issued Forever stamps, which are valid for First-Class postage regardless of any price changes. Forever stamps are purchased at the current First-Class postage rate and are valid Forever!

Now is the time to sort through all those unused stamps that have been accumulating in a box or drawer. The amount indicated on those stamps is still valid. You can use them any time. And, if you have any one-cent stamps, you're in luck because that's the amount of the increase that becomes effective Jan. 27. Any combination of stamps may be used in meeting the postage requirements. You may think it looks "tacky" to have a variety of stamps on your envelope, but the Post Office encourages you to utilize all the stamps you have.

If you have any of those non-denominational A-H stamps that were issued, here's the letter, the year it was issued, and its value: A, 1978, \$.15; B, 1981, \$.18; C, 1981, \$.20; D, 1985, \$.22; E, 1988, \$.25; F, 1991, \$.29; G, 1994, \$.32; and H, 1998, \$.33. A one-cent make-up stamp (a weathervane) was also issued in 1998.

## Morris

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and he was paid \$93.60 for it. The deputy asked him to send him a copy of the purchase form and he emailed it to the deputy.

The purchase form had a copy of Morris' driver's license, his right thumbprint, personal information and a picture of a red Explorer pulling a trailer, which had the metal roofing on it. The tag number on the truck came back to the nephew.

On December 13, the deputy met with the complainant and showed him the pictures of the red Ford Explorer pulling the trailer. He identified the vehicle as being his nephew's vehicle and the roofing on the trailer to be the roofing off his mobile home.

Morris was arrested January 11 on an outstanding county warrant for his arrest, charging him with burglary of a structure and petit theft. A total bond of \$2,500 was set and he bonded out of jail the following day.

## 4H Community Service Citrus Project



Participating in the 4H District III Community Service Citrus Project from left to right are: Jasmine Addison, Allison Cone, Tearra Scott, Ched Ptachick, Hannah Haselden, and Otis Scott.



Jefferson County 4H youth are making Christmas cards ready to insert in each fruit bag during the 4H District III Community Service Citrus Project.



Bagging fruits during the 4H District III Community Service Citrus Project from left to right are: Tearra Scoot and Allison Cone.

Jefferson County 4H members traveled to Wakulla County on December 15 to participate in the 4H District III Community Service Citrus Project. The purpose of this project was to provide bagged fruit to any individuals or families in need.

The Jefferson County 4H youth filled 450+ bags of fruit. The Florida Citrus Association donated over 100 bushels of oranges and the Crawfordville Winn Dixie donated six cases of apples.

This project has a long-standing tradition of donating fresh seasonal fruit to Big Bend Hospice patients and several local food pantries.

Jefferson County families received 10 bags of fruit, distributed by Kristin Jackson, who is the Extension Family and Consumer Science Agent during the Peanut Butter Challenge giveaway.

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# CHURCH

## More Than We Can Stand

**RONNIE MCBRAYER**

In the previous generation there were at least three great Southern-born prophets: Martin Luther King, Jr., Clarence Jordan, and Will Campbell. Campbell is the only one still living. He is nearing his 90th year, and is a self-proclaimed prickly, "bootleg preacher" from Mississippi with a Baptist ordination, a foul four-letter-word dropping mouth, and a love for Bourbon and country music that is just short of his love for Jesus.

Educated at Wake Forest, Tulane and Yale, he has been a pastor, chaplain, an executive with the National Council of Churches, and a writer. But he is most respected for his tireless work toward racial equality in the civil rights South, and his no-compromise, no pulled-punches attitude when it comes to the message of reconciliation.

"God is ready to forgive and restore all who will come," he has preached for decades now. When asked how he would summarize his theology and his work, in

Campbell's iconoclastic style he answered, "We are all bastards; but God loves us anyway."

This belief was put to the test during the racial violence and upheaval of the 1960s. One of Will's best friends, a seminary student and Civil Rights worker named Jonathan Daniels, was shot and killed by an Alabama sheriff. The sheriff was acquitted by "a jury of his peers."

Will retreated to Fairhope, Alabama, to grieve and rage, taking refuge at the home of friend P.D. East. East was an agnostic newspaper editor who wanted racial equality as well, but he was not an adherent to the Christian gospel. So while Will stalked around the house, angrily grieving Daniel's death and the uncorrected injustice against him, P.D. confronted Campbell directly: "Come on, Brother," P.D. said. "Let's talk about your definition of the gospel. Was Jonathan a bastard?" Will responded that he was sure that everyone is a sinner in one way or another, but

that Jonathan was one of the sweetest, gentlest guys he had ever known.

P.D. persisted: "But was he a bastard? Now, that's your word, not mine. That's a pretty tough word. I know, 'cause I am one; a real one. My mama wasn't married to my daddy. Now, by God, you tell me right now, yes or no: Was Jonathan Daniel a bastard?" Will finally said, "Yes, Daniel was."

P.D. East pulled his chair close to Will and just above a whisper asked, "Which one of those two bastards do you think God loves the most - Jonathan or that sheriff? Now, you're the one who always told me about how simple the gospel is. Just answer the question: Which one of those two does God love the most?"

Here are Will Campbell's words of response: "Suddenly, everything became clear. Everything. It was a revelation. I walked across the room and opened the blind, staring directly into the glare of the street light. And I began to whimper. But the crying was interspersed with laughter. It was a strange experience. I remember trying to sort out the sadness and the joy.

"Just what was I crying for, and what was I laughing for? Then this, too, became clear. I was laughing at myself, at twenty years of a ministry which had become, without my realizing it... an attempted negation of Jesus... a theology of law and order and of denying the faith I professed to hold. That sheriff was indeed as loved by God as Jonathan Daniel. And if loved, forgiven. And if forgiven, reconciled.

"P.D. came and stood beside me, handing me his half-empty beer. The lesson was over. Class dismissed. But I had one last thing I had to say to the teacher: 'P.D... damned if you ain't made a Christian out of me. And I'm not sure I can stand it.'"

This is the category-exploding, boundary-breaking, world-upturning gospel: God's grace trumps everything. God's love welcomes all who will come. God's forgiveness is no "respector of persons," even those persons for whom we ourselves have little mercy. Yes, this is sometimes more than we can stand, but it is the no-compromise, no pulled-punches message of reconciliation.

Ronnie McBrayer is a syndicated columnist, speaker, and author of multiple books. You can read more and receive regular e-columns in your inbox at [www.ronniemcbrayer.me](http://www.ronniemcbrayer.me).

## Lewis Recognized By Central Baptist Church

**DEBBIE SNAPP**  
ECB Publishing  
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The Central Baptist Church congregation recognized Dorothy Lewis during morning worship service on Sunday, December 30. The church nursery was dedicated in her honor for her 48+ years of dedicated service to the church and community.

Lewis and her family joined Central Baptist Church in September 1964. Since that time she has served as the church clerk and was nursery director for more than 25 years.

A plaque commemorating her long years of service will be placed in the nursery. She also received a clock, as a gift from the church. Her sons John Lewis and David Lewis joined her as she was presented with these gifts.



Central Baptist Church Pastor Daryl Adams presented Dorothy Lewis with a plaque dedicating the Central Baptist Church nursery in her honor. She has served in several capacities at the church in her 48+ years.

## Fish Fry Turnout Great For New Bethel A.M.E.



ECB Publishing Photo By Debbie Snapp, December 15, 2012.

Cooking and serving fried fish dinners and sandwiches for New Bethel A.M.E Church fundraising purposes are: Rev. Yolanda Smith, Felisha Dickey, John Peck, Bobby Hill, and Donnie Smith.



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The youth at New Bethel A.M.E Church are always willing to help with fundraising efforts. Today they are encouraging participation from area travelers to their church fish fry fundraiser. Pictured from left to right are: Jakayla Gallon, Kenijah Smith, and Justin Trotman.

### Financial Focus...

## HELP YOUR CHILDREN AVOID STUDENT DEBT BURDEN

Provided by Robert J. Davison

It's not so easy being a college kid these days. The job market for recent graduates has been shaky while, at the same time, students are leaving school with more debt than ever before. If you have children who will someday be attending college, should you be worried?

You might indeed have cause for concern. Americans now owe more on student loans than on credit cards, according to the Federal Bank of New York, the U.S. Department of Education and other sources. For the college class of 2011, the most recent year for which figures are available, the average student loan debt was about \$26,500, according to the Institute for College Access and Success's Project on Student Debt.

This type of debt load, coupled with the struggles to find a well-paying job commensurate with their education, is causing many recent graduates to get off on the wrong foot in terms of developing savings and investment strategies that could help them throughout their lives.

So, what can you do?

If you want to help your kids pay for college, you may want to consider a 529 plan. When you invest in a 529 plan, all withdrawals will be free from federal income taxes, as long as the money is used for qualified college expenses. (However, non-qualified withdrawals may be subject to ordinary income tax plus a 10% penalty on the earnings portion.) Contribution limits are high, and, contributions may be eligible for a tax deduction or credit for residents in certain states.

A 529 plan, while valuable, is not the only college savings vehicle available. You may also want to consider a Coverdell Education Savings Account, which, like a 529 plan, can generate tax-free earnings if the money is used for higher education expenses. However, a Coverdell account's contribution limits are much lower than those of a 529 plan. You could also establish a custodial account, known as an UGMA or UTMA, which offers some tax benefits and no contribution limits.

Nonetheless, while these vehicles may help you save and invest for college, they may also divert resources that you might have used for other financial goals — such as a comfortable retirement. Of course, it's not an "either-or" situation — there's nothing stopping you from contributing to a 529 plan, Coverdell account or custodial account along with your 401(k) and IRA.

Clearly, though, it will take discipline and perseverance on your part to save and invest for both your children's education and your own retirement. Like everyone else, you don't have unlimited resources. But you do have another ally — time. The earlier you begin investing for education and retirement, the greater your chances of achieving your goals in these areas. And by understanding how your goals interact, you can work to make sure you don't inadvertently derail one when saving for another.

Avoiding the student loan "debt trap" while still making progress toward your retirement savings will require creative thinking — and both you and your children may have to make some sacrifices along the way. But the ultimate goals — a college degree that isn't one big IOU and a comfortable retirement — are worth the effort.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

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Choir Practice.....5:00 PM  
Evening Worship Service.....6:00 PM

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Praise & Worship.....6:00 PM  
Choir.....7:00 PM

### Wednesday

Church Family Supper 5:45 PM  
Children's Choir (3K-5th Grade) 6:00 PM  
The Potter's Wheel (6th-12th Grades).....6:30 PM  
Worship on Wednesday.....7:00 PM

### Mondays

Mighty Monday-Exercise.....6:00 PM

### Thursdays

Glory Girls Fitness.....10:00 AM  
**1st & 3rd Monday**

Mighty Monday-Ladies Bible Study.....6:00 PM  
**1st Wednesday**

Shades of REaD Book Club.....5:45 PM  
**2nd Thursday**

Lloyd Silver Saints- Senior Adult.....11:00 AM  
**3rd Thursday**

W W Diners.....5:30 PM  
Widows/Widowers outing  
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Spanish Mass.....7:00 PM

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224 Thomas Road  
Aucilla

**Rev. Gilbert Connelly, Pastor**

Second and Fourth Sundays  
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Morning Worship Service.....11:00 AM  
Wednesday Evening Prayer and Bible.....7:00 PM  
Fourth Sunday Youth Participation

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Sunday Morning.....9:30 AM  
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Wednesday  
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**Pastor Sammy Bass**

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Sunday Night Service.....6:00 PM  
Wednesday Night Service.....7:00 PM

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

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Bible Study.....7:00 P.M.

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Youth Worship (2nd Sunday).....11:00 AM  
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Bible Study First Sunday.....11:00 AM  
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Sunday School.....9:45 AM  
Sunday Morning.....10:55 AM  
Sunday Bible Study.....6:30 PM  
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Prayer Meeting.....6:30 PM  
Youth Group.....6:00 PM  
Choir Practice.....7:30 PM

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Youth Group.....7:00 PM

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Youth Group.....7:00 PM  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA

IN RE: ESTATE OF DOYLE E. CONNER, SR. a/a/a DOYLE EDWARD CONNER, SR.

File No. 13-03-CP

Division Probate

Deceased.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of DOYLE E. CONNER, SR., deceased, whose date of death was December 16, 2012, file number 13-03-CP, is pending in the Circuit Court for Jefferson County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 1 Courthouse Circle, Monticello, Florida 32344. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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The date of first publication of this notice is January 23, 2013.

Attorney for Personal Representative: Personal Representative:

George H. Gwynn  
Florida Bar No. 0357537  
Williams, Gautier, Gwynn, DeLoach & Sorenson, P.A.  
2010 Delta Boulevard  
Tallahassee, FL 32303  
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DOYLE E. CONNER, JR.  
385 North Mulberry Street  
Monticello, Florida 32344

### NOTICE OF MONTICELLO JANUARY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Monticello City Council will conduct its next monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 5, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will take place at City Hall, 245 S. Mulberry Street, Monticello. Persons with disabilities who need an accommodation to participate in the meeting should contact City Clerk Emily Anderson at 342-0292 or at eanderson@mymonticello.net.

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# AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

## There's An Angel In Monticello

FRAN HUNT  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

Imagine being alone, scared and knowing you're going to die, then, out of nowhere, an angel comes to your rescue. That's the recent story of local resident Linda Henry.

On the morning of January 11, Henry had gone to the doctor's office, where he informed her, "You have asthma."

"I never had asthma until I moved down here," relates Henry. "Last year I was all right, but I had it the year before."

From the doctor's office, she traveled to CVS to pick up her prescriptions. Then, as she was headed back through town, a drastic coughing attack overcame her. "I was coughing so bad, I couldn't breathe, I was gasping for air."

Not wanting to put anyone at risk due to her condition, she pulled into the parking lot just east of the Opera House. "I put the windows down and I was just trying to breathe. I tried using my puffer, but I was coughing so violently, it kept hitting my tongue and wasn't working the way it's supposed to. I got on the phone and called Ed (Vollertsen). I couldn't really talk due to the attack." All she could utter was "Help!...court-house," she said.

Henry added that while she was sitting there and having the attack, two or three individuals walked by and kept on going. Suddenly, from out of nowhere, an angel appeared.

She described her as being a very attractive black woman, 40ish or so. "Her voice was so calm, soft and sweet and she had the softest hands," sad Henry. "She kept talking to me and patting and rubbing my back to calm me down."

Henry relates that the stranger also taught her the proper way to use her puffer.

"About 10 or 15 minutes later, Ed and the ambulance pulled up. The paramedics took my blood pressure and it was sky-high," Henry added. "They asked me if I wanted to go to the hospital and I told them no, that I had a breathing machine at home."

She said she went home, used the breathing machine, and due to her head aching from the high blood pressure, she went to bed and slept for two hours.

She said the woman never would give them her name, but she did tell Vollertsen that she had asthma and knew how to get over an attack.

"I don't know who she was, but she was my special angel and she'll always be in my prayers," said Henry. "I'm doing good now, because there is an angel in Monticello. Who knows, maybe she really was an angel."

Who knows?



Linda Henry

## ABWA Business Associates Meeting January 29



DEBBIE SNAPP  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

The January meeting of the Silver Dome Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) will be held on Tuesday, January 29 at the Hilton Garden Inn, located at 1330 Blainstone Road, in Tallahassee.

This month the ladies will host a Business Associates Event recognizing their business associates, colleagues, and coworkers. Special speaker for this event will be Antoinette Williams, who will be presenting a program on Leadership.

The cost of the meal and meeting is \$20; with networking beginning at 6 p.m. Reservations will need to be made by January 26 to Ann Walker, with hospitality/fundraising, at 850-556-4729 or walkera00@comcast.net.

In December, the membership and their guests enjoyed a Christmas Social and Luncheon at the TCC Ghazvini Center. The group indulged in good food, great fellowship and lots of fun.

In November, the membership met at the Hilton Garden Inn for their regular monthly meeting and a time of reflection and Thanksgiving. For those members who participated in the Adopt-A-Precinct fundraiser and worked the Polls on Election Day, the chapter received a check for \$342... and more is coming. This was a fundraiser that only took one day.

In October, guest speaker was Pamela Coleman. She spoke about optimism, faith in God, and self-confidence. The membership celebrated Breast Cancer Awareness Month and recognized special guests. Each guest spoke briefly about their fight with cancer and how they coped... and continue to cope. All the honorees were given pink roses and goodie bags.

ABWA works hard to identify and provide programs and service benefits that bring true value to its members. Recently ABWA has teamed up with The Business Source to offer the Business Book Summary Program, concise summaries of books everyone needs to read. Members are able each month to learn, the best practices and get powerful insights from leading-edge thinkers, industry experts and renowned business gurus. The summaries take just 15 minutes to read or listen to and readers get two summaries monthly, so your total time investment is only 30 minutes a month.

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## Cooksey Speaks To The Kiwanis



Guest speaker for the January 9, 2013, meeting of the Monticello Kiwanis was Al Cooksey, newly elected Superintendent of Jefferson County Schools. He brought the membership up to date on the developments in the schools since his taking office.

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## Great Turnout For ACS JRFL



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**DEBBIE SNAPP**  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

The 2013 American Cancer Society Jefferson Relay For Life kickoff and dinner fundraiser was held on Friday, January 11 at the Jefferson Country Club, and was a great success.

The County Sheriff's Department Team served a delicious meal before the program began at 6 p.m. and music by 'Southern Satisfaction' was performed throughout the evening.

Cricket Edwards hosted the event, with Dana Lastinger on the sidelines for support. She introduced Sheriff David Hobbs to offer the

blessing. The Sheriff's Team will sponsor all 'cancer survivors' events and programs this year.

ACS RFL Unit Executive Director and ACS RFL Community Representative Cheron Thornton were introduced to share and explain, 'where the money goes.' The funds raised are used for cancer research, education, and services.

Team Development Chairperson Mallory Kinsey was introduced to explain 'how the money is raised for Relay; she was also on-hand to sign teams up for the 2012-2013 Relay event. She will be online fundraising coach, and will share tips to make fundraising easy and fun. By following her advice team members will achieve amazing fundraising results in no time at all.

FUMC Team Captain Sandra Hood spoke about the duties and responsibilities of the team captains. She also encouraged all team captains and team members to an important meeting

scheduled for 6 p.m. on Friday, January 25, at the Brick House Eatery, in the conference room.

The silent auction sported some really nice items up for bid. Items were donated by: the Avera-Clarke B&B and Gretchen and Troy Avera, Waukeenah Fertilizer, Mischa Bishop, Ramsey Revell Photography, Alan Lamarche and Plantation Security, Southern Satisfaction and Michelle Milligan and Bobby Kennedy, JT Surlis and the Brick House Eatery, Shane Willford at On Call Auto, Avalon Plantation, Jennifer Ward, Mallory Kinsey, and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office. The money raised from this evening event was used for 'team' drawings and program expenses.

Join with others in Jefferson County and save lives. This will be the time to pay your \$100 Team Registration Fee so your team can start its Relay Fundraising. Contact Event Chairperson Dana Lastinger at 850-508-2174 or aucilla90210@aol.com for more information.



In attendance to the 2012-2013 American Cancer Society Jefferson Relay For Life kickoff event were: Mallory Kinsey, seated, Dana and Cherris Lastinger, Bridgette Ellis, Cheron Thornton, and Tracey Thompson at the check-in table.

### 2012 Big Bend Hospice Tree of Remembrance

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The 2012-2013 American Cancer Society Jefferson Relay For Life kicked off at the Jefferson Country Club on Friday evening.

## Crim Celebrates 10 Years At L.A.I.T.



**DEBBIE SNAPP**  
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Little Angels In Training Childcare Development Center recognizes a very special person in the Jefferson County community... Ruthia Crim.

Ms. Ruthia, as she is known, seems to always have the right words to say and just at the right time and she is great at providing solutions during staff meeting discussions. She always steps up when needed and will go that

extra mile... even when not asked to do so. She never hesitates to share her 'big dimples' that come along with her smiling face. She is a loving, caring, and respectful young lady and coworker.

Ms. Ruthia loves her job and enjoys the children. She is a great teacher, co-worker, and friend. She loves to laugh and interact with the children. She has educated hundreds of students who have come through the doors of Little Angels In



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She is a remarkable person whose genuine life speaks for itself. She is the mother of Chantrell McQuay and the late LaQuantez Francis. She is also the grandmother of Dikwez Atkins and the godmother of Te'arrius Jackson.

Employers Lakayshia and Tony D. Jackson, Sr. take this time to extend their sincerest gratitude to Ruthia Crim for her hard work, encouragement, dedication and love that she has shared with them and

the families they've served over these past 10-years.

*"To Ms. Ruthia 'Tute' Crim... from all of us here at Little Angels In Training... we love you and are thanking God in advance for ten more great years of you being with us, and helping us make a difference in the lives of children. Thank you again for ten great and wonderful years! God bless you! The Jackson's and the L.A.I.T. Staff (Ms. Pam, Mrs. Phillys, Mrs. Bonnie, and Ms. Rose.)"*

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**1. Avoid the Crowds:** May through October is the most popular time to schedule a ceremony, which also means these months are the most expensive. Caterers, reception halls and other vendors are much more likely to offer better pricing – or be willing to negotiate on costs – if you set the date during the slower months, such as January, March or November. You can also lower your costs by avoiding a wedding on a Saturday night, the busiest time for receptions. Why not pick an afternoon affair or a Friday night instead?

**2. Set Smart Priorities:** If your budget is limited, then it's wise to devote your dollars to the most practical items, such as the things that will be meaningful to you and your spouse in the long term. For example, when it's all said and done, what most people are left with are memories and...pictures! It may be worth it to pay a little extra for a high-quality photographer, since the value of pictures or videos will last a lifetime. On the other hand, you can save money on the floral arrangements by avoiding out-of-season blooms or expensive varieties of flowers. If flowers are too expensive altogether, simple candles or tea lights can brighten up your surroundings at a much lower cost.

**3. Think Outside the (Dress) Box:** A wedding dress sold in a bridal shop will likely cost a lot more than a beautiful gown you might find at a department store, so keep an open

mind when you go shopping. Consider checking out different types of stores (like a prom dress shop) to find the perfect gown for you. And on this occasion, a hand me down carries with it sentimental value that you can't put a price tag on. Find out if the mother of the bride or groom has a gown that she would be willing to lend you for the occasion. That will not only cut your costs but also add some meaning to the moment. Finally, in lieu of renting or buying a tuxedo, consider opting for a great new suit for the groom that he can wear again.

**4. Be Creative:** Simple party invitations with a postcard for responses will probably run much less than an elaborate wedding invitation with multiple layers and inserts. To add a personal touch, consider designing and printing your own invitations.

**5. Have Fun With Your Choices:** Catering is usually a big ticket item, so this is a great place to search for cutbacks. Consider choices that will make your party unique and enjoyable for you and your guests. A buffet meal, for example, not only promotes opportunities for socializing, but it will also cost less than a sit-down dinner because the caterer does not have to hire wait staff. Don't feel compelled to have a wedding cake, either, since they can be costly. Some couples opt for a tower of cupcakes or other fun and affordable alternatives.



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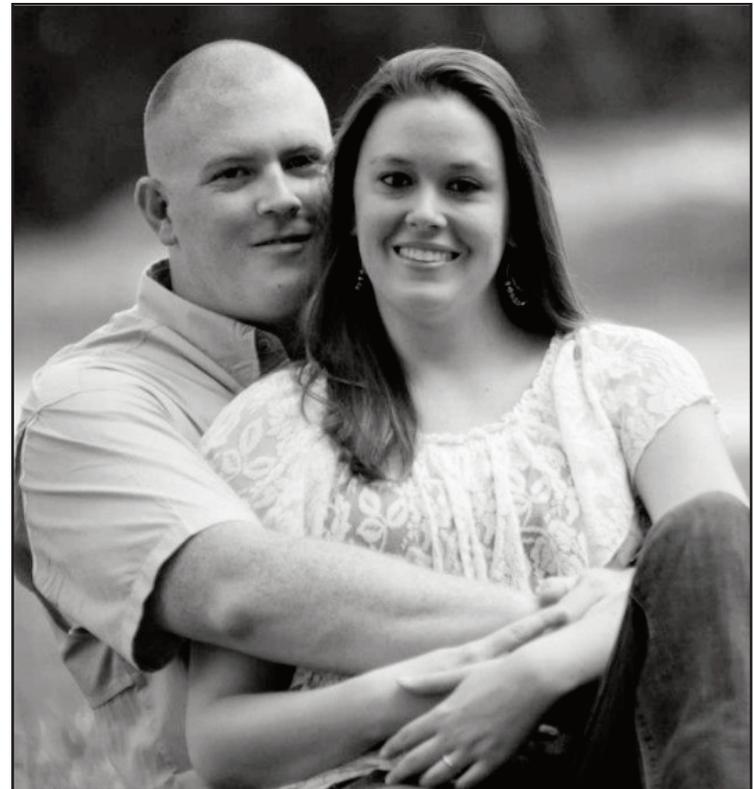
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## Bennett And Richardson To Wed



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Jeri is the granddaughter of the late Leon and Norma Clark of Monticello. Sam is the grandson of Warren and Elaine Mays of Thomasville and Dorothy and the late Woodrow Griffin of Quitman, Georgia.

The matron of honor will be Lois Cook, along with bride's maids Jamie Richardson, Sarah Hollar and Jessica Howell. Junior brides maid will be Hailey Clark, along with Natalie Clark as flower girl and Eli Cook as ring bearer.

The best man will be Sam's father Layne Richardson along with groomsmen Bruce Pittman, Keith Thrasher and Robby Carahan.

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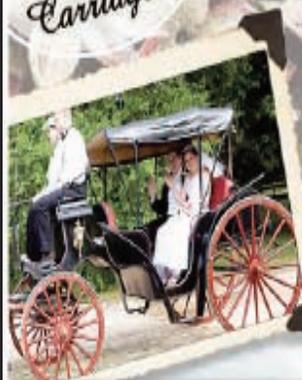
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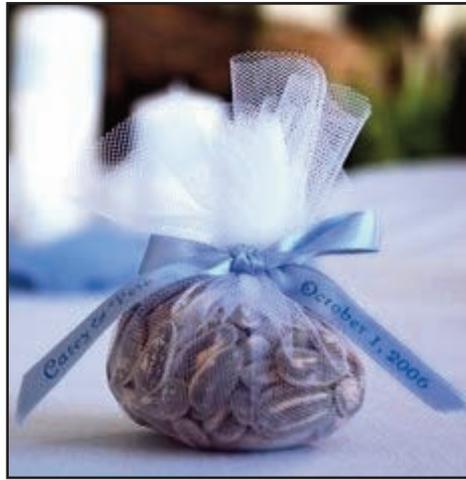
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Give your guests something that you love to help them remember your special day. If you are a candle lover, buy wax kits to create your own, or purchase tea lights and place them in a hand-painted glass votive. Love to cook? Give your friends and family your favorite recipe and one of the spices it uses in a personalized jar. Another one-of-a-kind favor idea is to give



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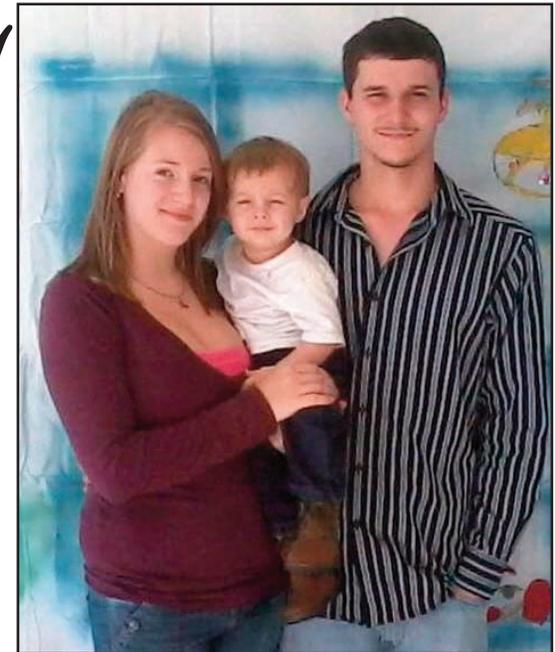
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Stephanie Marie is the daughter of Gary and Greta Alday of Monticello and the granddaughter of Francis and the late Curtis Alday of Monticello and Francis Shova of Panama City, FL. and the late Kenneth Brown.

She attended Jefferson County High School in Monticello and is currently the stay-at-home mother of Conner.

John Tyler is the son of Ray and Nicole Lacy of Thomasville, GA and Amanda and Robert Ralph of Monticello. He is the grandson of the late Lamar and Gloria Lacy of Monticello and John and the late Linda Daughtrey of Monticello.

He attended Jefferson County High School and is currently employed as a mechanic for Sears in Tallahassee, FL.

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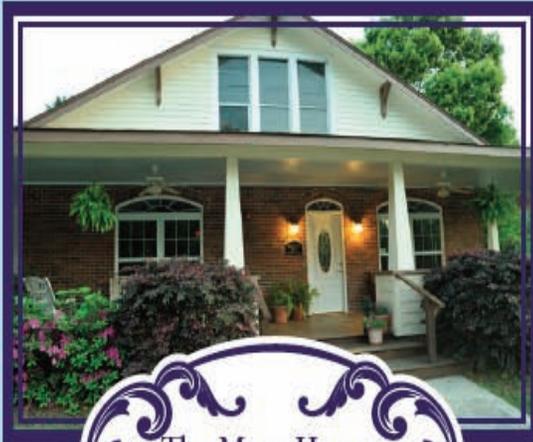
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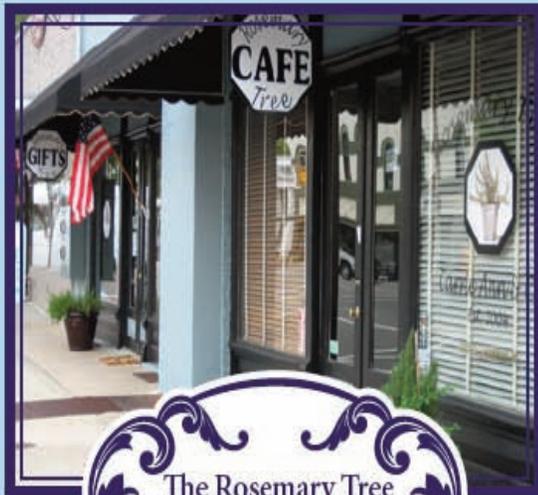
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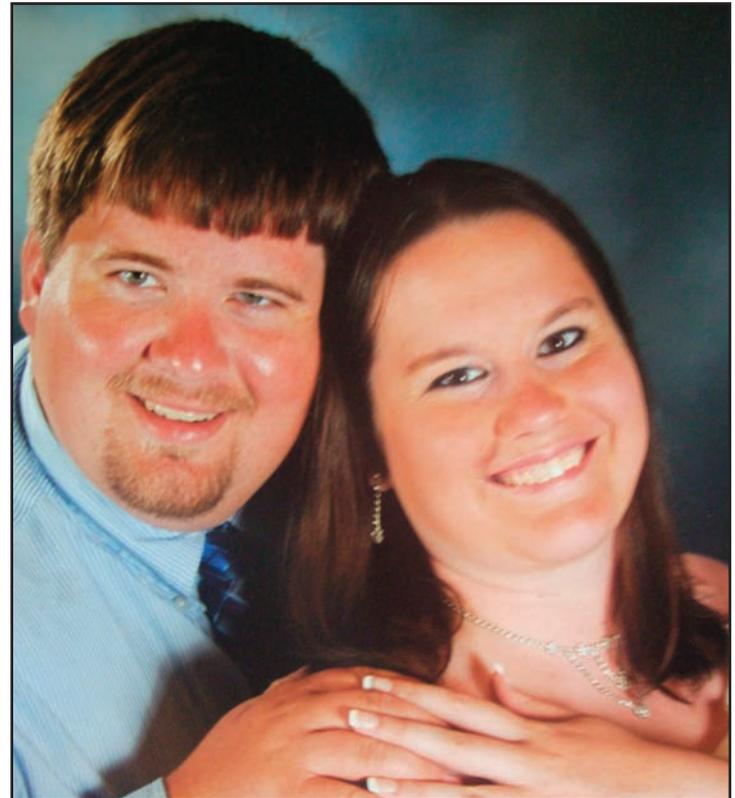
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Anthony Vann Shiver and Marsha Nicole "Nikki" Kisamore

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kisamore of Monticello, Florida are pleased to announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter Marsha Nicole "Nikki" Kisamore to Anthony Vann Shiver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lavone Shiver of Boston, Georgia.

The wedding will take place at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 9, 2013 at the Boston Baptist Church in Boston.

Nikki is a 2009 graduate of Aucilla Christian Academy in Monticello. Anthony is a 2007 graduate of Thomas County Central High School in Thomasville, Georgia.

The couple will reside in Boston.

Family and friends are welcome to join in the celebration of their marriage.

# Unique Wedding Picture Ideas



**Ask your photographer to capture your day in natural-looking frames.**

Everyone has seen the traditional wedding photography style: plastered smiles, motionless subjects and a hedge background. If you are hoping to break away from this uniform template, look for a wedding photographer who specializes in photojournalism. Ask her to photograph your day as it progresses, not just take a string of shots between the wedding and reception.



### **Before the Wedding**

Photos taken while the bride and groom are preparing to get married are sentimental additions to a wedding album, as tradition states that the bride and groom should not see one another before the ceremony. Therefore, the photos your photographer takes of the bride affixing her veil or the groom straightening his tie are both surprising and personal. To keep these from looking stale, ensure that the photos remain unposed to capture the natural essence of the couple before they wed.

### **During the Ceremony**

Photographing the wedding ceremony is arguably the most restricting portion of the day, as it's difficult to inject creativity into the frames. However, there are ways to make the photos feel fresh without going out of your way. Photographing the guests as they arrive at the venue and capturing the joy on their faces after the exchange of vows will do just that. Even a surprising angle, such as the

groom's face as he first looks upon his bride, can add a breathtaking element to your photos.



### **After the Wedding**

Take a mini excursion to a nearby lake for your postnuptial photos. Beautiful photos can come from a short paddleboating trip or testing the waters in bare feet. For added playfulness, hop onto a swing set or play hide-and-seek in a wooded area. Or if you're feeling daring, throw caution to the wind and roll in the fields, play in the sea and jump into puddles. This photography concept is known as "trashing the dress," and it can lead to stunning wedding photos -- and a photo shoot that you will remember for years to come. Just make sure to take the dress to a dry cleaner immediately afterward if you want to have any hope of rescuing the material.



### **Play with Fire**

Few sendoffs are more spectacular than fiery salutations, and incorporating them into your wedding photo shoot will make for beautiful pictures. To incorporate this, ask all your guests to light a paper lantern and release it into the sky within a few minutes of one another; if you're planning in advance, give them out as wedding favors. With the sky full of lanterns and the newlyweds below with all their friends and family, the photos can be truly amazing. Or if you live in a windy area, substitute the lanterns with a short fireworks display for a sparkling finish.



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## Top Tips To Make Your Wedding Ceremony A Success



Every bride and groom wants their wedding ceremony to reveal to both themselves and to their guests who they are as a couple, and who they plan to be in the future. Given how “cookie cutter” a lot of wedding ceremonies are, it can be hard to try and make it extra special. Here’s how you can really make your wedding ceremony a great success:

### Don't Shy Away from your Feelings

Speaking from the heart is the best way to really draw people into the relationship that both you and your partner share. Your vows should be warm and even humorous at times, but they should not be cruel or condescending. You want to get across the point that you are fully aware of the commitment you are about to make and that you are in it for the long haul.

**TIP:** This doesn't mean that you have to blather on and on about how much you love each other. Keep it short, sweet, and well thought out. Your partner will love you for it.

### Write those Vows in Advance

Do not leave the writing of your vows to the night before your wedding. Brides and grooms seem to not re-

alize just how busy they will be in the few weeks before the wedding, which leaves almost no time for the most important part of the ceremony: the vows! If you want time to properly think them out and write them, as well as memorize them, then you definitely need to start writing them several months prior to your big day.

### Know your Officiant

Unless your officiant is a priest or someone who has known you for years, then they really have no idea who they are and they have no idea who you and your husband are as a couple. Make sure that you fill the officiant in on how you want the wedding to appear, and tell him or her a good joke or two about you and your partner so that they can get an idea about who you are as a couple.



### Get Cultural

Wedding ceremonies are a great venue to celebrate not only the joining of two families, but the joining of two cultures! Make sure that you do incorporate different aspects of one another's culture, if applicable, to give the day that extra special edge. Both sides of the family will love it.

**TIP:** Some families strongly warn couples that they should not marry outside of their culture or faith. Try to kindly tell them that you don't care about any difference in culture or religion and that you truly love this person you are marrying. After all, why else would you be making such a commitment?

### Include Everybody

The reception is the big party at the end of the night, but the ceremony is the part that holds the most meaning. Your family on both sides will be more than thrilled to be part of the wedding ceremony. You can choose to have mothers, aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents, or any other family members light the unity candle, or you can assign special readings to different family members. There are many ways that you can incorporate your wedding party into the ceremony.

# Popular Wedding Songs



Choosing the music for your wedding can be quite difficult. You have a wide range of different ages and people from different areas of the world to please with your musical choices, so you cannot usually just choose music that only you enjoy. If you are scratching your head and stressing out over what music to choose, we have a list of some of the most popular and well received song choices out there so you can help please all of your guests.

## The Classical Songs

When ever the need for a classical song comes about, you may want to consider these top hits:

- *Can You Feel the Love Tonight* by Elton John
- *Endless Love* by Diana Ross and Lionel Richie
- *You Are So Beautiful* by Joe Cocker
- *Wonderful World* by Louis Armstrong
- *More Than Words Can Say* by Alias
- *Can't Help Falling in Love* by Elvis Presley
- *A Whole New World* by Peabo Bryson and Regina Belle

## Country Wedding Songs

If you're throwing a bit of ho-down, then get your guests saying "yee-haw!" with these country hits:

- *Could I Have this Dance* by Anne Murray
- *Love the World Away* by Kenny Rogers
- *Annie's Song* by John Denver
- *Forever and Ever Amen* by Randy Travis
- *You're Still the One* by Shania Twain

## Pop Wedding Hits

So you want to add a bit of the more recent tracks to your wedding song repertoire. No problem! Here are some of the most popular:

- *More Than Words* by Extreme
- *Now that I Found You* by Michael Bolton
- *Save the Best for Last* by Vanessa Williams
- *Everything I Do, I Do It For You* by Bryan Adams
- *Have I Told You Lately* by Rod Stewart
- *Halo* by Beyonce
- *I Will Always Love You* by Whitney Houston

- *Lady in Red* by Chris Deurgh
- *To Be With You* by Mr. Big
- *She Will Be Loved* by Maroon 5
- *You Found Me* by The Fray
- *Better Together* by Jack Johnson

Truth be told, there are a whole lot of tracks that you can use for your wedding day. You do not have to only go with what the DJ is supplying, and it will require very little effort on the DJs part to include any other songs that you would like for your wedding day.

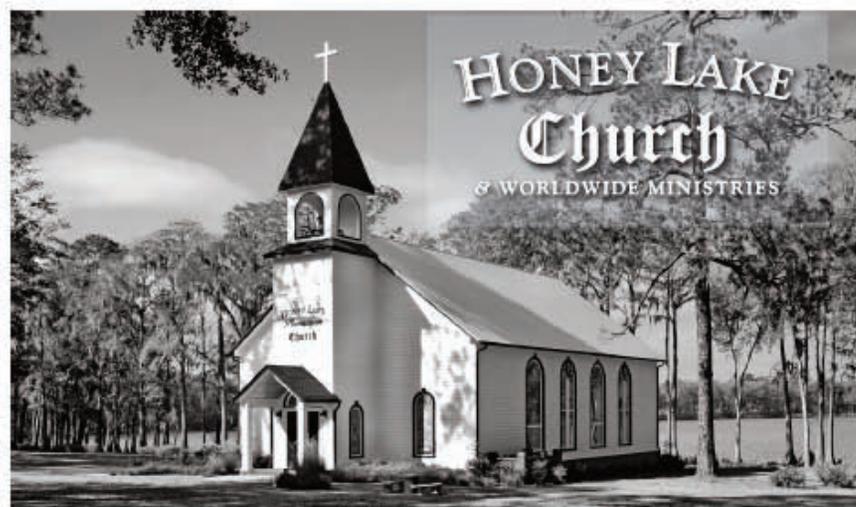
## Choosing a Wedding Song

The wedding song that both you and your fiancé choose should be a song that is a reflection of you both as a couple. This song is most commonly used as a "first dance" song, though you can also use it as you proceed down the aisle after the ceremony if you don't plan on having a wedding song.

## For the Guests: When to Dance?

Some guests have been embarrassed to discover that the first few songs were not intended for them dance to, which causes them to retreat the dance floor rather quickly in embarrassment. The general rule is that the first two songs are reserved for the bride and groom, and then the bride and her father. Pay close attention to what's going on. If they do invite guests up on the dance floor, then by all means join right on in!

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# Unwind With a Laugh: Funny Wedding Stories



**What was the funniest thing you've seen or experienced at a wedding?**

## Giving the Bride Away

When my husband George and I were married 19 years ago, the wedding was held in my sister's backyard. Chairs had been set up with a center aisle and when it was time for my sister Bev to walk down the aisle as my matron of honor, her dog Bear (a brown poodle) thought it would be fun to take a walk too. So my wedding pictures show Bev and Bear preceding me down the aisle. The pictures also show my two brothers-in-law giving me away. And when the judge asked, "Who gives this woman...?" they pointed to each other and said, "HE does!" Everybody just cracked up. Needless to say, it was a pretty memorable wedding!

-Nancy

## Wisconsin Surprise

It was in Northern Wisconsin. A hot July night combined with plenty of free beer and no security led to a very strange occurrence. My DJ had just played the last song and was ready to pack up when the groom requested one last dance. We obliged and the floor filled with happily dancing people. Suddenly a man streaked across the dance floor and (with

no warning) hit the groom hard in the face. The groom returned the punch, yelling and screaming ensued and there was shortly what appeared to be a football pile up in the middle of the dance floor. I got on the microphone and tried to restore order but it was hopeless. Then an angel in white saved the day. The bride came in screaming Stop Stop! This is our wedding day! How could you do this dad? "Dad?" I thought. Then, the groom and the father of the bride stopped their fight, ran after the bride out into the parking lot and they all drove off. I never found out the reason for the fight but I have always wondered how that marriage turned out.

- Kevin

## The Switch

Another story was unusual in the fact that the hotel actually stopped the reception and kicked the people out. It was a big hotel in Minneapolis and the reception was in a beautiful poolside area. It was a large wedding party five bridesmaids and groomsmen and they had a lot of fun with the magic/comedy show we did for them. Once we started the dance they were bouncing off the walls and partying hard. About 9:30 the entire wedding party disappeared.

Twenty minutes later they

were back but the entire party had switched clothes. The bridesmaids looked pretty good, but the men were definitely never made to fit into the dresses (especially the groom!) the crowd went crazy with laughter and screaming. And that would have been fine but then one of the men tried to get his clothes back from a woman. The woman retaliated by pushing him into the pool. More pushing and shoving ensued and there were dozens of people in the pool including the bride. The hero of this story was the groom who had sense enough to save the wedding gown from a dip in the pool. As security started leading people away I could tell the bride would remember this special night forever!

- Kevin

## Dress Attire Gone Bad

I was dating an actor in Los Angeles who had a lot of large circle of friends, many of them famous. I am a flight attendant with a limited budget and I would stress out about what to wear to events with him. During our four years together, I even went to such desperate measures as to buy a plastic tag gun from a store supply store so I could reattach sales tags to garments after I had worn them, and then return them. This is not something I'm proud of, but it's something I did out of pride combined with a limited income!

My actor boyfriend got an invitation to Alice Walton's wedding in Monterey, CA. Alice Walton is one of the richest women in the country. She is a member of the Walton Family. Does that ring any bells? How about "Wal-Mart"? Yes that's right, the family who started the Wal-Mart chain. Not only are they one of the richest families in the country, but the wedding was on New Years Day. And the rehearsal dinner was on New Years Eve, at the most expensive hotel in a very expensive town.

I was getting nervous just thinking about what to wear while my boyfriend was reading the invitation.

I asked him what he would

wear to the party on New Years Eve at the most expensive hotel in town. It's so easy for men! He casually said that he would wear his tux—a beautiful expensive tuxedo that he owns. This sent my stress level through the roof!

I was already tired of whole returning-clothing-spiral-of-shame, so I decided to invest in a gown. I splurged and bought this drop-dead gorgeous floor length gown with a plunging neckline and bare back.

At that point I thought I was all set: I can walk into the most expensive hotel in town with my tall dark and handsome boyfriend in his expensive tux with my head held high! Never did I dream things would turn out like they did. When we walked into the ballroom for the rehearsal dinner, my heart immediately sank.

Everyone was in jeans and t-shirts and even the bride-to-be was wearing a tracksuit! It was New Years Eve, for pete sake, and I couldn't figure out what was going on! There we were, looking like we were ready for the Oscars, and there was everybody else, looking like they were straight out of a Gap commercial! Not only were we completely overdressed, but I was also completely over-exposed in my plunging neckline gown. I think I was hyperventilating at this point. I even went so far as to go the front desk to ask for a safety pin to try to make my dress less revealing. It turns out the Walton family are casual folks regardless how much money they have. They went out to their way to make me feel comfortable and welcome even though we stood out like a sore thumb.

Numerous people explained that the wedding the next day would be just as casual so I actually wore jeans to the wedding of the wealthiest people I'd ever met! The wedding was outside overlooking the water and completely casual and low key. It was honestly the best wedding I have ever been to. They have so much money that they know it's not about how much money you spend or how much your dress cost. It's about friends and family and celebrating the occasion.

- Betty

## City Hall Wedding

We were short of cash, so we had to do the City Hall thing, so we improvised. We live a couple blocks from City Hall.

My wife and I started our own wedding march from our apartment. The neighbors saw us, and for some reason started to follow. Unfortunately, I did not plan the City Hall thing so great, and 20 of my family members basically over took City Hall. We were incredibly loud and laughing the whole time. By the time the civil worker was done marrying us, he looked at us and said, I never want to see you both in here again. with a laugh. He did so because we packed his office from wall to wall.

The neighbors that followed waited outside for us to come out. Of all the weddings in my large family, they still talk about this one and it happened almost 3 years ago! I attached a photo from inside city hall. I am the guy in the center. My wife is on my right with my nephew in front.

- Steven



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