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Decision Is To Forego Purchase Of Dragline (Vote Ends Yearlong Ordeal)

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The longstanding issue of the dragline came down to passionate plea from Commissioner Hines Boyd for purchase of the costly piece of machinery, which he called key to the efficient operation of the county's rock-mining operation.

Boyd's plea notwithstanding, the commission voted 4-1 on Thursday evening, Jan. 17, to postpone purchase of a dragline until the board — by a majority vote — decided to place the issue on the agenda again.

Commissioner Betsy Barfield's original motion was to postpone the purchase "indefinitely". Commissioner Benny Bishop, however, convinced her that indefinitely was too permanent. It was Bishop's reasoning that the commission might well want to reconsider the matter at a later time, should the circumstances warrant it.

Boyd cited four reasons why the board should purchase the 1978 model Bucyrus 88-B dragline that consultant Randy Hatch had located in Belle Glade, FL, for a total cost of \$350,850, including disassembly, transportation, reassembly and restoration.

Following Hatch's recommendation on Dec. 20, however, Commission Chairman John Nelson had John Faulkner, president of the Jacksonville Crane and Machinery in Jacksonville, FL, make a presentation to the board on Jan. 8.

Faulkner's presentation, in brief, was detailed and informative and included a 10-page report. Faulkner further offered that a used dragline was available in South Florida for \$175,000, including the mobilization costs. His report, however, underscored the many other costs associated with ownership of a dragline, including the salaries of a qualified operator and a mechanic, and the costs of insurance, maintenance and replacement parts.

Boyd, in his Jan. 17 presentation, reminded the board that Hatch had

been hired specifically to advise county staff on how to make the rock mine a more efficient and productive operation. And Hatch had done just what the board had asked, Boyd said. In fact, Hatch had taken the county step-by-step through the process and now the final step called for the purchase of a dragline, he said.

Boyd said the first reason to purchase the dragline was to reduce costs, offering that the county could conservatively produce 150,000 tons of rock annually with only a 1,000 hours of crusher run time and an annual mine budget of \$500,000.

Bottom line, the county could produce rock at \$3 per ton, as opposed to the \$4.74 that it was currently paying to purchase the material, he said. The county could also better control the quality of the rock, he said.

Reason No. 2, the county would keep the money at home, using local labor, local suppliers and stimulating the local economy, he said.

Reason No. 3, it would protect the \$1 million that the county had already invested in the mine in terms of site improvements, blasts, some \$350,000 worth of blasted materials at the bottom of the pit, and more than \$700,000 in equipment, he said.

"If we pull out, we just kiss that off," Boyd said.

Reason No. 4, and the most important, he said, was that the county could continue its road improvement program once the \$4.5 million bond money was gone and it could supply rocks to other government entities, thus turning the mine into a money-making enterprise, he said.

Boyd ventured into a discussion of his road-building program, a topic that was scheduled for a 4 p.m. workshop on the following Tuesday, Jan. 22. Suffice it to say that his argument was essentially that following his road-improvement program, the county could improve more than 200 miles of roads and benefit a maximum of county residents, as opposed to paving only 40 miles of roads and benefiting a few residents. The difference in mileage

came down to whether the county paved the roads or used an alternative topping such as milling or chip seal to stretch the money.

But the crux of his argument relative to the dragline was that the continued operation of the rock mine was key to his proposed road-improvement program, and the dragline was key to the mine's efficient operation.

"The dragline is the gateway to this plan," Boyd said. "This (purchase of a dragline) is the direction we were headed several months ago. Everybody seemed to be onboard. Except bam, one commissioner (Barfield) wasn't onboard and we had the rug pulled from under us."

Closure of the mine, moreover, would cost the county hundreds of thousands in reclamation costs, Boyd said. He appealed to Commissioners Stephen Walker and Bishop in particular not to turn their backs on the 40-year rock-mining program, especially given that the two had the districts with the most dirt roads.

"You should have an interest in a plan like this that continues road improvements after the bond money is gone," Boyd said. "It's not about the next two years. It's about the next 10 or 15 years. It's a program that looks to the future and lets everyone get their roads fixed, not just the lucky few. That's my passion."

Hatch said the issue for him was becoming very simple, as he was basically getting tired of the back-and-forth on the dragline.

"I'm here to get a decision," he said

Hatch wasn't the only one frustrated with the nearly two years of indecision on the mine and the more than a year of indecision on the dragline, however.

Quoting former Commissioner J.N. "Junior" Tuten, citizen Phil Calandra offered that after two years of discussion on the issue, "we've about beaten all the hair off this dog".

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Is This Your New Tag?



Above is the winning tag of the online public vote.

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In late 2012, Florida residents were able to vote on a new design for state license plates. Voters were given a choice of four plates to vote on and the winner of that would be strongly considered for use as the new license plate. The winner of the vote was a tag consisting of two green bars along the top and bottom of the tag, with the "O" in Florida being replaced by an Orange. The bottom of the tag reads "Sunshine State."

The need for the new tag comes after many complaints from state law enforcement that the previous tag's font was too hard to read. According to law enforcement, it was very easy for letters to be confused on the previous tags.

While the public vote is not the final decision, it will be taken into strong consideration when the Governor, Cabinet and policymakers are making a final decision. The new tag could be released as early as 2014 and will be phased in over two years.

Woman Injured In Rollover

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A local woman was injured in a single vehicle rollover last Tuesday morning.

Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) reported that at 11:47 a.m., January 22, Janelle Ann Lovette, 41, of Monticello, was driving a 2004 Mazda 6, traveling south on Waukeenan Highway.

She stated that there was an opossum in the roadway.

Lovette steered off the west shoulder, losing control of her vehicle. The vehicle rotated in a clockwise direction, across the northbound lane. The vehicle, still out of control, overturned and

turned over two times, before returning back upright onto its wheels.

The vehicle collided with a water hydrant and came to a rest facing west on the east shoulder.

FHP did not deem the crash to be alcohol-related.

Lovette was not wearing her seatbelt and sustained minor injuries, though she did not require transport to the hospital for treatment.

She was charged with not wearing a seatbelt and failure to drive in a single lane.

The vehicle sustained \$5,500 damage.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and Jefferson County Fire Rescue/EMS assisted FHP on the scene.

Jefferson Legislative Committee Present Halsey Beshears With Gift



Photo is courtesy of Jefferson Legislative Committee.

Members of the Jefferson Legislative Committee have begun their lobbying effort for the coming legislative session. Here they visit with State Representative Halsey Beshears and present him with a framed photograph of the courthouse, a reminder both of his roots and his legislative obligations. Pictured from left to right are Steve Wingate, Julie Conley, Beshears, Dick Bailar and Paula Sparkman.

Man Charged In Two-Vehicle Crash

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A man was charged Sunday afternoon after the vehicle he was driving struck another vehicle.

Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) reported that on January 27 at 12:30 p.m., Barrett Rodgers, 72, of Inverness, FL, was driving a 2006 GMC pickup truck, and was turning left onto US-27, from US-19.

Roger Turner, 29, of Perry, FL, was driving a 2006 Ford Fusion, traveling westbound in the right travel lane of US-27.

In the vehicle, as a passenger, was Katrina Turner, 26, also of Perry.

Rodgers failed to notice Turner's vehicle, causing the left front of his vehicle,

to strike the right front of Turner's vehicle.

Rodgers' vehicle came to a rest facing south on US-27.

Turner's vehicle came to rest facing west on US-19.

FHP did not deem he crash to be alcohol-related.

All involved were wearing their seatbelts and sustained no injuries.

Rodgers' vehicle sustained \$1,000 damage.

Turner's vehicle sustained \$3,000 damage.

Rodgers was charged with violation of right of way.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Jefferson County Fire Rescue/EMS, assisted FHP on the scene.

Type Of Road Topping Likely The Next Battle

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The consensus — following a three-hour workshop of the Jefferson County Commission on Tuesday evening, Jan. 22 — was to have County Coordinator Parrish Barwick submit a recommendation to the board as to the type of topping that should be put on the 40 miles of roads that commissioners previously approved for improvement.

Barwick is supposed to submit his recommendation to the commission as early as Thursday morning, Feb. 7.

Expect some fireworks, if recent discussions on the issue are any indication.

Commissioner Hines Boyd is pushing for a road-improvement program that incorporates other than simply using hot-mix asphalt paving for the county's dirt roads, or at least the 40 miles of roads that the board designated for improvements based on the previously approved prioritization list.

Boyd's argument is that if the county were to use chip seal, millings or some other alternative topping rather than solely relying on asphalt, the county could stretch the \$4.5 million bond money and improve tenfold more roads, hence benefiting a greater number of residents.

Boyd provided various scenarios at the workshop on Tuesday on how the county could accomplish the biggest bang for its money. These scenarios ranged from contractors doing all the work, including the roadbed preparations and paving, to the Jefferson County Road Department doing most of the work and the topping being other than hot-mix asphalt. The difference in miles of roads improved ranged respectively from some 36 miles of roads being paved to some 200+ miles of roads being improved, depending on the type of alternative topping selected.

"I'm asking that you to keep an open mind on how we serve the maximum number of people," Boyd said to his colleagues more than once. "I'm asking that we don't lock ourselves into anything that we did in the past as tying our hands. I'm not against paving. I'm for paving the right roads for the right people."

He wanted the commission to take time to draw up a plan that took into account road improvement methods other than solely asphalt paving before it started spending the \$4.5 million bond money, Boyd said.

Earlier in the workshop, Troy Avera, spokesman for a self-appointed Road Survey Task Force, of which Boyd is a member, presented the preliminary findings of the group's mail-out survey. It turns out that 833 surveys were actually mailed out, not the 2,000+ initially represented to the News. The surveys asked recipients to identify the type of topping that they preferred be placed on their respective roads.

Of the 833 surveys, Avera reported that 34 percent, or 283, had been returned as of the Tuesday, with 55 percent of respondents saying that they wanted paving and 45 percent indicating that they wanted their roads to remain dirt or simply be stabilized (18 percent and 27 percent respectively).

Avera's presentation supported Boyd's argument.

"I urge that we stretch the money to benefit the most people and that you don't reject one technique for another," Avera urged the board.

A week earlier, when word of the survey first became public, a group of irate residents approached the commission at its Jan. 17 meeting and protested what they saw as another attempt by Boyd to subvert the process.

Namely, these citizens expressed outrage that notwithstanding the commission's Nov. 15 vote to approve the \$4.5 million bond for what they understood to be the paving of 40 miles of named roads, the issue was again before the board, as if the earlier vote had not taken place.

Edward Wojeichowski possibly best exemplified the citizens' angry mood, which itself was an echo of the anger expressed at the Nov. 15 meeting.

Wojeichowski expressed outrage with the survey, which he said he had not received, the implication being that it had been mailed selectively.

"I view this as another attempt to undercut the board's decision," Wojeichowski **Please See ROAD TOPPING page 3**

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Local Weather

Wed 1/30 82/47
Mostly cloudy and windy with a thunderstorm or two possible in the afternoon.

Thu 1/31 63/39
Sunny. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 30s.

Fri 2/1 70/40
More sun than clouds. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 40s.

AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY



Letters To The Editor

Letters to the Editor are typed word for word, comma for comma, as sent to this newspaper. All submitted Letters must be 600 words or less.

J.O.Y. Expresses Thanks

Letter To The Editor;

We wrestle with so many societal and cultural ideas that divide us. It is soul-refreshing to witness an event that brings so many of us together.

The JOY (Jefferson Outreach for Youth) Christmas present drive was just such an event. So many generous hearted Jefferson Countian's contributed, that 145 needy children had a lovely Christmas.

Many, many giving people purchased toys and placed them in the drop boxes around town. Service organization, clubs and local churches collected funds and toys for the drive.

Local church volunteers, Girl Scouts, schools sent volunteers to help sort and wrap the toys. This is a time consuming and physically challenging task. In the end the tables piled high with dolls, balls, coloring books

and caps looked bountiful. This bounty is a reflection of the great hearts in this community. We are lucky and the JOY organization is profoundly thankful that we live in such a kind place.

Our Sincere thanks,
Merry Ann Frisby and the entire
JOY Board of Directors.

Paul Ellis Jr. Celebrates 80th



ECB Photos by Susan Epstein, Jan. 19, 2013

A classy looking Paul Ellis Jr. in tuxedo cuts his 80th birthday cake.

Lord, Set Us Free

"Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:32 I knew not the truth, and I knew not that the ones who taught me knew not the truth. And, in the long run we can all claim that we were misguided. We can all claim that that we were blinded by heroism. Calling that which causes harm, pain, or in-

jury 'good' when to cause harm, pain, or injury is the definition of 'evil.'

Sport – to compete. Compete – that part in a contest. Contest – contending and strife. So, the words 'sport', 'compete', 'contest', and 'strife' are all related by definition. Strife – conflict and struggle. Conflict – to fight or battle. Wrestle – hard struggle.

"For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work." James 3:16 Christian values produce no evil. Therefore, the opposite of Christian values is why evil exists. When I played football I was not loving, peaceful, gentle, kind, and harmless. I was indeed hateful, violent, rough, unkind, and harmful.

Harmful – to hurt others. Hurt – to cause pain or injury. Harmless – that which cannot hurt anybody. ... harmless as doves. Matthew 10:16

The only way for our world to be delivered from evil is for all of mankind to stop causing pain. Even the wise are just like I once was. They cannot see past the nose on their face when it comes to the word 'sport.'

Love all. Forgive all.

D. Keith Brock

Chamber Chat

The Chamber of Commerce has big plans for 2013 and we would like for you to be a part of our success. To date, we have 21 new Chamber members! This is very exciting news, considering the down economy. We are moving forward and hope that all of our members from last year will renew. If past members renew membership, we have the possibility of having 220 Chamber members for this year. If you haven't renewed your membership dues, please consider doing so, as soon as possible.



Melanie Mays

As you know, the Chamber of Commerce holds events and we have two terrific community favorites in the works!

On February, 22 at the Monticello Opera House, we are holding our 4th Annual Chili Cookoff. This event is a fundraiser for the Chamber of Commerce. It is sponsored by TobaccoFree.com. We need chili cooks! It's only \$25 to enter the contest and the prizes are terrific. Be sure to check out the information on our website. Call the Chamber or go online today to enroll. Also new this year, we have Organizational Chili Challenges! We need City Council to challenge the County Commissioners; the City Tax Collectors office to challenge the Property Appraisers office; the Economic Development Council to challenge the Tourist Development Council; how about Rotary vs Kiwanis or Altrusa vs the Woman's Club? Make your challenge and notify the Chamber. If your organization gets a higher chili score than your opponent, the losing organization has to do something of their choice for the winning organization! It's a lot of fun! Don't miss out! And of course, we need the public to eat chili! You can purchase your tickets at the Chamber of Commerce: \$8 for adults; Children 5-12 \$5; 4 and under eat for free! We'll have music, cash bar, prizes and lots of fun!

It's also Watermelon Festival time, June 14 and 15! The Watermelon Festival Committee needs a few volunteers to help us with the parade and placing the vendors in town. We recently took a survey of the downtown businesses. The majority of business owners think that the Watermelon Festival is a great event that annually brings approximately 5,000 visitors to Monticello. This helps to promote our city and stimulates the economy! Look for more information as we draw near to this time-honored event. And remember, we need you to volunteer and make it the best Watermelon Festival ever.

The Chamber has received monies from the City to help us advertise Monticello and local businesses. Be sure to watch your television to see a new ad campaign later this spring that will hopefully bring more business to Monticello. Our weekly eblasts and online calendar are informative and help promote events and happenings around town. We always list our member's events. If you would like to receive our weekly eblasts, send an email to the Chamber and we'll add you to the list: info@monticellojeffersonfl.com.

We have upcoming ribbon cuttings for the new Wag the Dog on February 1 and the new Eyesavers at the Gerry Specialty Clinic on February 20; both ribbon cuttings are at noon. We also have a Chamber Business After 5 scheduled for Wag the Dog on Tuesday, February 19 from 5pm to 7pm. You, the public, are invited to all of our events and hope that you will consider becoming a Chamber of Commerce member. Get involved in your community! You make Monticello and Jefferson County a great place to call home!

Do Words Mean Anything?

In 2008, then Senator Obama called President Bush irresponsible and unpatriotic, to have added \$4 trillion to our national debt over his 8 years as President.

"Our children and grandchildren will get stuck paying off this debt".

Now, fast forward 4 years and you find out that President Obama has added \$6 trillion to our national debt in just 4 years.

I wonder if he considers himself to be, Irresponsible and Unpatriotic, as he had branded his predecessor.

After all, he exceeded Bush's debt by 150% in just half the time!

Your grandchildren might one day ask you, "What were you thinking about when that squanderer was actually re-elected in 2012?"

Steven Rissman



Stories Courtesy of
http://ctumsycrooks.com

Escambia County investigators on Friday arrested a man who robbed four businesses along Highway 29 to pay for his girlfriend's probation fees, according to a sheriff's office press release.

Marquis Baldwin, 22, of Pensacola, is charged with four counts of robbery with a firearm and six counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Deputies said Baldwin is responsible for at least four robberies along Highway 29 between Nov. 30 and Jan. 9, including three Waffle House robberies and one at a Kangaroo gas station at 7950 Pensacola Blvd.

Escambia County Sheriff's Office:

Man arrested after robbing businesses to pay girlfriend's probation

Authorities said Baldwin would entered the businesses armed with a rifle and demand money from employees.

Using video surveillance, sheriff's investigators identified Baldwin in the robberies, who was interviewed and later confessed to the crimes.

Investigators said they recovered a pump action BB gun Baldwin had used in the robberies, which he had committed to pay off his girlfriends probation. The probation was found to have been paid in full after the Jan. 9 robbery.

Baldwin is being held in the Escambia County Jail on a \$120,000 bond.

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Dragline

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Calandra disagreed with Boyd's assessment and figures. He told the board not to get fooled by the dragline purchase, whether it was \$175,000 or \$350,850. A different way to look at the issue was that if the mine were closed, the \$418,000 budget that currently went to its operation could purchase 84,000 tons of rocks.

"Why do we want to spend more money when we can redirect the mine's budget," Calandra said. "The only reason to buy a dragline is to sell the rock, and you don't know the hidden costs to get into the mine business."

He disputed Boyd's assertion that the county had invested \$1 million in the mine, saying that figure was highly inflated and misleading. Counting the two blasts, Hatch's consultant fee and the site improvements costs, Calandra came up with a much lower number of \$150,000.

"\$150,000 is all that we've spend on the mine, not \$1 million," Calandra said, pointing out that the equipment and personnel would remain and retain their values even if the facility were closed.

Calandra — along with Clerk of Court Kirk Reams and consultant engineer of Alan Wise, of Preble-Rish — came up with the comprehensive road inventory and road prioritization system that informed both the board's decision to seek the \$4.5 million bond and the board's selection of the 40 or so miles of roads for improvement.

C. P. Miller was another to criticize Boyd's presentation. Miller pointed out that prior to County Coordinator Parrish Barwick coming onboard, the county had been paying \$8 a ton for its limerock. Yet within a short period here, Barwick had been able to renegotiate the price to \$4.74 per ton.

"What magic wand did you wave, Mr. Coordinator?" Miller asked.

Hatch suggested that the company selling the county its rock materials had dropped the price once it had learned that the county had excellent rock at its mine site and planned to excavate it. As soon as the county shuttered the mine, the price would jump up again, Hatch suggested.

Miller wasn't buying the argument, however. He pointed out that the county's mine hadn't been operational for several months now and the price hadn't gone up. Miller too wondered why the commission insisted on continuing "to beat the hair off this one dog", when Calandra, Reams and Wise had worked more than a year on their road inventory and prioritization project.

Miller has twice run against Boyd for the District 3 commission seat.

Jerry Sutphin, the former commissioner of District 3, also spoke against the dragline, as did several other citizens to one degree or another, including Paul Henry, David Adams and Kate Calvin.

The latter questioned if the commission shouldn't be focusing on other than the purchase of the dragline.

"The question should be, do we want to get into the mining business or not," Calvin said. "That's the real issue."

The vote, seemingly, answered that question in the negative.

Road Topping

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said, referring to the Nov. 15 vote. "For some reason, Hines doesn't understand that his idea doesn't fly."

Wojeiechowski accused Boyd of constantly manipulating, undercutting and going behind the board.

"How many 4-1 votes do you need before you get the message?" Wojeiechowski asked.

Others who expressed similar views at the Jan. 17 meeting included Ruby Davis, Bill Brumfield, Juanita Crumity and Phil Calandra.

Commission Chairman John Nelson assured the audience more than once that the Nov. 15 vote to pave roads stood, unless the board overturned it. It was Boyd's contention, however, that the Nov. 15 vote had been to select the roads for improvements, not necessarily or solely for their paving.

The citizens' attacks against Boyd at this meeting were numerous and emotional, and Nelson's refusal as chairman to allow Boyd to engage with his critics or rebut their allegations created palpable tension on the board itself.

"We elected you chairman, not king," Boyd told Nelson at one point, a sampling of the acrimonious nature of the proceeding.

But back to the Jan. 22 workshop, where several other citizens spoke on the issue, but this time more to the point of whether they wanted their roads paved.

These citizen included historian Dee Counts, who requested that the commission designate certain dirt roads as canopy roads and not pave them for the sake of preserving the county's rural character — Brock and West Lake roads among the named roads; Maggie Burgess, who said she had more or less resigned herself to the paving of Indian Hills Road but asked that the area's several streams be somehow preserved; Bill Hopkins, who also said he had more or less come to terms with the paving of Casa Bianca Road but asked that calming devices be part of the improvements for the

sake of safety; and John Morris, who stated his preference that Brock Road be kept dirt, offering that dirt roads were part of the county's heritage and represented a rural lifestyle that many cherished.

But Phil Calandra, who also resides on Brock Road, expressed the opposite viewpoint, asking that the road be paved. Which illustrates commissioners' dilemma, as even residents of the same neighborhoods share different views on what they would want to see happen to their roads.

Calandra, incidentally, was one of the authors of the commission approved road inventory and prioritization list, which he, Clerk of Court Kirk Reams and Preble-Rish engineer Alan Wise developed over more than a year. Calandra took pains to explain how the three of them had come up with the road inventory and prioritization list.

"It was a fairly objective exercise," was his point.

He questioned Boyd's suggestion that the commission develop a master plan before it started dealing with the improvement of the roads, noting that their inventory had come up with 192 roads.

"If you start a master plan of 192 roads, it may never get done," Calandra said of the improvements. "Maybe it's better to eat this elephant one piece at a time, instead of all at once."

Barwick, for his part, simply asked that the commission give him and staff direction as soon as possible as to what type of surfaces to put on the eight miles of dirt roads that the Road Department had already improved and made ready for final topping. It was his expressed concern that if the roads weren't topped, they would deteriorate in time and all the improvement work would be wasted.

The question to be answered, and the next apparent looming battle, is what kind of topping will be used — whether hot-mix asphalt, chip seal, millings or some other method.

OPERA HOUSE AUDIENCES HELP SOLVE MadCO'S PRODUCTION: LUCKY DOLLAR, PRIVATE EYE, MURDER MYSTERY DINNER THEATRE

RAY CICHON

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A rousing, vibrant rendition of "Lucky Dollar" greeted opening night audiences, Friday, Jan. 25, at the Opera House, as some 22 cast members sang and danced their way across the stage in this show stopping number.

Ranging in age from teens through middle age, cast members filled the stage with this ingenious spoof like a Broadway musical, with a merry mix of mayhem, melody and mania, and snazzy costumes.

Directed by Melanie Mays, many of the cast members began their theatre experiences in the Children's Theatre that Mays writes and directs each year during the Watermelon Festival, and have played in her productions over a five year period.

The sheer number of players makes it impossible to comment in detail about each, but it would be unthinkable not to laud Dan Johnson, as Lucky Dollar, in that he is almost constantly on stage in all three acts and has so many lines to learn.

As the Private Eye, he is the glue which cements the production, as he cleverly weaves the various parts into the unified whole. He hasn't had a client in two years, and he is hungry. He is slugged, shot at, and pursued by beautiful girls in this witty and hilarious musical.

Bethany Litteral is Dollar's Girl Friday, who plays her part in a comical dim-witted manner. When Dollar asks her to borrow \$1, she's able to scrape up 99 cents from the depths of her purse, and when he asks her to run across the street to purchase some Tic-Tacs and not to rush, she remarks: "I'll have them gift wrapped."

Other cast members in order of their appearance, include: Angela Perry, as Earthquake Debris, who is often called "the bag lady" as she walks in somewhat disreputable clothing, with her sandwich board, distributing flyers which proclaim: "Lucky Dollar, Private Eye and Ear, with no job too small and no Dame too tall."

Marisa Bueschel, as the client who can't keep her name straight and may be Pandora Sugarland, Samantha Rice, or Rita Everson. She tells a weird tale about a boyfriend who may or may not be dead.

Sheppard Salter, as Lieutenant Brush Mohair, is an exercise freak who is trim and in shape, and nearly throws his back out with his exercise routine.

Candace Culceasure-Stewart, as Detective Babs Doyle, ultimately decides to leave her job and team up with Dollar.

Caleb Goodman, as Joe Weasel acts ferret-like and stands out as his stage name implies.

Jorge Arceo, as the evil Conchita, displays his extensive training in ballet, as he danced his way across the country with numerous companies. Never apart from his feather duster, he is credible as a female maid, and elicits much laughter.

Mary Hartsfield, as mad Mrs. Mintworth, is stunning in her gold sequined dress and accomplished in the number "We're Above It All," sung with Dollar and Conchita.

Ben Johnson, as Seabrook, is a young teen who is very possessive about his wooden ducks, the type of toy often pulled around by children.

Alex Brookins, as Claire Mintworth, plays a Finishing School graduate, who is seductive and carries a "Don't Hate Me Because I'm Beautiful" attitude. A cranky player is heard to remark later, "She's only half finished!"

Bill Hatcher is Montrose Hogsbreath, menacing, villainous and demands that Dollar locate the missing "Pearl of Persia."

Rachael Britton is Chartreuse, the Chanteuse, and owner and operator of the Comedy Club.

Brannan Salter is T. Mintworth, a little terror.

Lisa Reasoner plays The Kimono, a mysterious knife-tossing character, perfectly dressed and made up in Oriental fashion.

Hannah Eby is Mona LePaint.

Olivia Brookins, Cala Britton, Emily Mueller, and Rebelah Johnson are members of the chorus, and Damaris Britton is a Dollarette.

Janis Courson is the pianist for the show and the rehearsals, with the orchestra consisting of Jason Brookins, bass, George Britton, drums, and Dee Spencer, sax/clarinet.

Crew and designers include: Cami Young, stage manager; Todd Randall, technical advisor; Travis Spencer, sound; Michale Starling, follow spot; Samuel Hanks and Gabe Starling, lighting; Glen Alexander and Roger Stadin, set design; Tani Roach, Ed Russel, and Nick Combs, carpenters; Bob Cooper, scenic artist; Oona Fessenden, special props artist; and Helen Love, Melanie Mays, and Cleo Kelly, costumes.

An Oriental dinner precedes the show, which continues Friday and Saturday, Feb. 1 and 2nd. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m. with food courses served between the acts.

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AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

Wednesday Is Library Snapshot Day

Today is "Library Snapshot Day" across Florida." Everyone is urged to make a special effort to visit their local library, focusing attention on the many contributions to individual and community welfare provided by libraries. The Florida Library Association sponsors the program.

Our local library has provided some very important services to Jefferson County, made possible by a wonderfully professional and committed staff, The Friends of the Library, and the Wilderness Coast Public Li-

braries (WILD). During the past year alone, there were over 77,000-recorded visits to the R.J. Bailar Public Library. Over 25,000 Internet sessions were conducted, 39,000 books and other materials were checked out, and 175 informational and instruction programs were conducted that were attended by 3,600 children and adults. Just recently, the library set a record for small-county participation in computer-training programs with 16 individuals completing a two-week period! All of this took place in a community of less than 15,000 residents.

A key element in the success of our library is its membership in the Wilderness Coast Public Libraries, which includes Wakulla, Franklin and Jefferson counties, with Pat Gilleland as central administrator, Susan Whitson as chair of the WILD Governing Board and Dick Bailar representing Jefferson County on the board.

Through its membership in WILD, the Jefferson County Public Library not only obtains some state library funding, but in addition obtains access to technical and program assistance and computer maintenance.



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Members of WILD and the Jefferson County Bailar Public Library urge residents to visit the library during Library Snapshot Day. Photographed from left to right are Dick Bailar, Pat Gilleland, Kitty Books and Susan Whitson.

Monticello Native Opens First Florida Chicken Salad Chick Franchise

Monticello native Carolyn Bassett Gosselin and her husband Bob will open Florida's first Chicken Salad Chick, the nation's newest, fast, casual restaurant concept, in Tallahassee on Tuesday, February 19, 2013. The Tallahassee restaurant, located at 1410 Market Street D-3, in the Pavilions shopping center, will be the first of the franchise opened in Florida.

Carolyn Gosselin, a 30-year public relations executive, served as a consultant to the fledgling restaurant company and assisted with the development of the brand, website franchisee marketing and public relations. During this time, the Gos-



Bob and Carolyn Bassett Gosselin

selins' became loyal fans of Chicken Salad Chick and jumped at the chance to franchise the restaurant in north Florida following the heels of successful franchise launches in Montgomery and Tuscaloosa, AL, and Columbus, GA, in late 2012.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to get in on the ground floor and be part of what will undoubtedly be tremendous growth of the Chicken Salad Chick concept," said Carolyn Gosselin. "Bob and I love the product and the concept, and look forward to sharing it."

Born in Alabama, the Chicken Salad Chick concept was established in Auburn, AL, in 2008 in the kitchen of founder Stacy Brown. Stacy quickly learned that selling a homemade recipe from her kitchen is against the law, and after being shut

down by the health department, she decided to solicit the business expertise of her future husband and fellow founder, Kevin Brown. Together, they opened a small takeout restaurant that quickly grew to enormous demand and additional locations. The unique concept offers customers a 'custom-fit' chicken salad experience, with 15 original flavors to choose from, as well as gourmet soups, flavorful side salads and freshly baked desserts. Chicken Salad Chick's franchisor, Simply Southern Restaurant Group, has sold 54 franchises to be developed across the states of Alabama, Georgia, Florida, North Carolina and South Carolina, and has plans to expand nationally in the next few years.

"We have witnessed increasing customer demand for Chicken Salad Chick since the opening

of our first takeout restaurant," said Chicken Salad Chick Founder Stacy Brown. "The fact that our customers want to own their own Chicken Salad Chick is affirmation for us that we are touching lives. And that is our goal every day."

"The Tallahassee restaurants are perfect for us to showcase our brand to both our loyal customers who have been waiting for us to come to town and those who have yet to enjoy the Chicken Salad Chick experience," said Kevin Brown, president of Chicken Salad Chick. "This location, along with our other stores that have opened in the past few months, represent a very exciting time in the young life of our company."

To learn more about Chicken Salad Chick, go to www.chickensalad-chick.com for additional information.

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Rehearsals For The Prisoner Of Second Avenue



'The Prisoner of Second Avenue' will show in March at the Monticello Opera House. Pictured from left to right during rehearsal are cast members Holly Parker, Jan Williams, Marcy Palmer, Tom Falls, Jon Taylor, and Anita Miller.

DEBBIE SNAPP
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

The Opera House Stage Company has begun rehearsals for Neil Simon's classic comedy 'The Prisoner of Second Avenue.' Performance dates are March 8, 9, 10, 15 and 16.

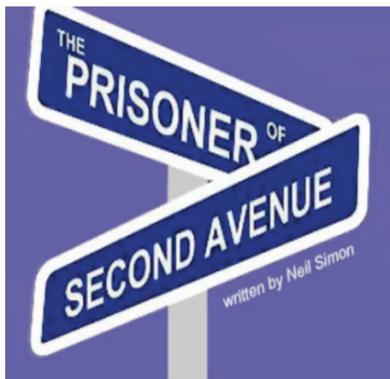
It's 1971 in New York City. Mel and Edna are caught up in a downward economic spiral of tight money and high unemployment. Sound familiar? Mel, unemployed, spends much of the day in his bathrobe listening to paranoid talk radio and getting depressed. His sisters and brother offer to pay for his psychiatric care, and his wife Edna does all she can to support him. "A brief description of this play would sound like a drama, but it's a hilarious comedy with great lines and very funny characters," says Jack Williams of the Stage Company.

The Prisoner of Second Avenue ran for almost 800 performances on Broadway, and it has been produced all over the

United States and in England. "It's set in 1971, but this story could have been written last year," says cast member Jan Williams.

The cast includes Anita Miller as Edna... Opera House fans will remember Anita as Molly in The Mousetrap and M'Lynn in Steel Magnolias. Stage Company veteran Jon Taylor plays Mel. "Jon is amazing," says stage manager Jack Williams. "He can play any character, any gender, any age." Tom Falls, who played the major in The Mousetrap, is Harry, Mel's brother. Jan Williams, Marcy Palmer, and Holly Parker, all veteran actors, fill the roles of Mel's sisters.

Judi Persons is directing, and Pat Cichon is in charge of costumes and props. Dinner, catered by Carrie Ann & Co., will be available by reservation before the show. For reservations or information, contact the Monticello Opera House at 850-997-4242, or www.monticelloopera-house.org.



Spencers Theatre of Illusion Feb. 2 at NFCC

Prepare to be mystified, amazed and entertained...

Prepare to be mystified as the North Florida Community College Artist Series presents Award-winning illusionists Kevin and Cindy Spencer in SPENCERS: THEATRE OF ILLUSION, a night of dazzling illusions and high energy entertainment, Saturday, Feb. 2 at Van H. Priest Auditorium.

"Don't look for the stereotypical top hat and black cape of an old-time magician. The Spencers are young, attractive, and hip 21st-century entertainers!" said the Dallas Morning News.

The Spencers have redefined the art of illusion and are shattering the stereotype of the traditional magician and assistant. They are the only artists in history to be named Performing Arts Entertainers of the Year for a record-breaking six consecutive years and have twice been named America's Best Entertainers. "The Spencers have taken the art of illusion to an entirely new level!" said the St. Louis Post Dispatch. "You are guaranteed to be mesmerized by some of the greatest magic in the world," said the Taipei Times, Taiwan.

The Spencers were recently named International Magicians of the Year, the top honor given by the International Magicians Society, joining the ranks of Doug Henning, Harry Blackstone, Jr., Penn & Teller, David Copperfield, and Criss Angel. Presenters and critics alike give them high marks and rave reviews describing them as "Modern Day Houdinis."

"The Spencers performed for the Artist Series back in 2008 and we are very excited to have them return to NFCC this year," said Kim Scarboro, coordinator of the NFCC Artist Series program. "Many of our long-time patrons are still talking about the illusions performed in the first show and wondering 'how did they do that'. Don't miss Feb. 2, you will be mystified and amazed and thoroughly entertained by the Spencers."

Tickets to the SPENCERS: THEATRE OF ILLUSION Feb. 2 performance are on sale now in the NFCC College Advancement Office (Bldg. 32) or by calling (850) 973-1653. More information is available at www.nfcc.edu/community-programs/artist-series or by emailing ArtistSeries@nfcc.edu. The performance is funded in part by a grant from South Arts in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts and the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs.

In addition to the Feb. 2 performance, the Spencers will also be providing outreach activities and workshops in the community. Kevin Spencer, who is also an Assistant Professor in the Occupational Therapy Department of the University of Alabama, will be leading a free continuing education workshop entitled "Healing of Magic" at NFCC on Monday, Feb. 4 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. for area healthcare professionals and students. More information is available at www.nfcc.edu/healing-of-magic. Other outreach activities will take place at Lake Park of Madison nursing home and the ARC/Madison-Jefferson. The performance and outreach activities are funded in part by a grant from South Arts in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts and the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs.

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This is the second year that the First United Methodist Church Missions Committee has sent handmade scarves and hats to military through 'Operation Gratitude, California National Guard Armory. This is a nonprofit group working with the National Guard to send care packages to military personnel overseas and specifically Afghanistan.

The care package boxes are filled to full with snacks, personal care necessities, entertainment items, letters from appreciative Americans, the hand crafted hats and scarves, and of course... lots of love... to keep them all warm.

Each package is individually labeled to a specific deployed service member because the military will not deliver a package without a name, for security reasons. This also makes the package more personal from sender to receiver.

This year the Mission Committee wanted to increase the amount of care packages mailed last year (78 hats and scarves.) So, the group recruited more volunteers and the church purchased, and individuals donated, more yarn. The knitters and crocheters began working last fall for a mailing before Christmas. When all was said and done, the group was able to send a total of 178 hats and scarves to United States soldiers. Operation Gratitude reached its goal of 100,000 packages sent in 2012. Special recognition goes to Milly Jo Clark for her fast and nimble fingers and for helping with the packing of the boxes.

One Private First Class writes, "I cannot express to you how great it feels to come home after a long day of running missions, to find a care package full of love sitting on your bunk. You are exhausted from wearing 50+ pounds of armor for hours on end, and then you open the package, see all that love, and are rejuvenated and ready to face the world again."

"So we say 'thank you' to them for enduring the hardships of service, and we wish them God's speed," the FUMC Missions Committee.

FBC Thanks Fran Black



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Bert Banks and the First Baptist Church presented Fran Black with a DVD of her services. She has filled in on the piano during worship services these past few weeks.

Some Last, Some First, All Equal

RONNIE MCBRAYER

There's an old joke about a man who arrives at the gates of Heaven. St. Peter asks, "What is your denomination?" The man says, "Methodist." St. Peter says, "Okay, go to Room 24, but be very quiet as you pass Room 8."

Another man arrives. Peter asks, "What is your denomination?" The man answers, "Catholic." St. Peter says, "Very well, go to Room 18, but be very quiet as you pass Room 8." A third man arrives at the gates. A third time St. Peter asks, "What is your denomination?" The man says, "Baptist."

"Go to Room 11," St. Peter says, "but be very quiet as you pass Room 8." The man said, "I can understand there being different rooms for different denominations, but why must I be quiet when I pass Room 8?" St. Peter said, "Well, the Presbyterians are in Room 8, and they think they're the only ones here."

Of course, in any retelling of this joke, "Presbyterians" can be substituted for any group, because such exclusive, boundary-drawing mindsets are common. These attitudes are not funny, however. They are a severe detriment to God's witness in the world.

A story from Jesus is apropos here. It is a story about a landowner who hired la-

borers to harvest grapes from his vineyard. Some employees worked all day, others labored for part of the day, and some arrived to work only at the last hour. In Jesus' story, the landowner, inexplicably, pays those who were hired last (and worked the least), the same wage as those who were hired first and worked all day long.

No matter which way you cut it, this doesn't seem very fair: Especially for those of us raised with the good old Protestant work ethic, with entrepreneurial capitalism passed along to us in our mother's milk, and with a sense that "membership has its privileges," membership we have duly earned.

So imagine the scene as it plays out. The tired workers form a line at the end of the day to receive their wages. The landowner asks that those hired last be paid first, and he gives them all a full day's wage. Those who were hired first see this and are thrilled: "Those who worked only an hour got a full day's pay! Just imagine what we are going to get!"

So when the Director of Human Resources gets to them with their paycheck, it is for the same amount as those who worked only an hour! Everyone is treated equally. Quickly there is the threat of a labor riot or

at least a lawsuit for unfair labor practices. The landowner gives this response, "I haven't been unfair! Should you be jealous because I am kind to others?"

It is a direct and accurate reply, for the angry workers were not enraged over injustice. They were angry because the landowner was generous and gracious to others that had not "earned" their way. The landowner gave grace - making the last first, and opening the door to all - and this is what infuriated the other workers.

With this story, Jesus has dug his fingers into a very sore spot for we who are religious people. We preach grace, but we don't always practice it. We talk about God's mercy, but we don't always want the people who need it most to get in on it. We say we are in the redemption business, but we are not eager to open the doors to all would-be patrons.

My friend Landon Saunders says it like this: "Figuring out who is in and who is out is just too much work. It's too heavy of a burden! So I just try to treat every person I meet as if they will be sitting beside me at the table in eternity."

Such a small change of perspective would do more to advance the kingdom of God on earth than a thousand aggrieved churches that pound their pulpits and point fingers, condemning and excluding others from the love of God and the gates of heaven.

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.

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Sunday

Sunday School-Small Groups.....9:15 AM
Praise & Worship.....10:30 AM
AWANA -ages 3 years-6th grade.....5:00 PM
CSI: Youth-Grades 6-12.....5:30 PM
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

3rd Saturday

Widows/Widowers outing
Brotherhood.....8:00 AM

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290 East Dogwood Street • Monticello • 850-997-2252
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Sunday School.....9:45 AM
Sunday Worship(except last Sunday of month)..11:00 AM
Adult Bible Study-Wednesday.....6:30-7:30 PM
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Sunday School.....9:45 AM
Sunday Worship.....11:00 AM
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1st & 3rd Saturday
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224 Thomas Road
Aucilla

Rev. Gilbert Connelly, Pastor

Second and Fourth Sundays
Sunday School.....10:00 AM
Morning Worship Service.....11:00 AM
Wednesday Evening Prayer and Bible.....7:00 PM
Fourth Sunday Youth Participation

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Rev. J. W. Tisdale

Sunday Morning.....9:30 AM
Sunday Worship.....11:00 AM
Tuesday nights basic English classes
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Wednesday
Prayer & Bible Study.....7:00 PM

REAPERS OF THE HARVEST CHURCH

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16139 Highway 90 East, Greenville, Florida
850-948-6751
Pastor Sammy Bass

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

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

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Wednesday Evenings
Prayer Meeting.....6:30 P.M.
Bible Study.....7:00 P.M.

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

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Worship Services 2nd and 4th Sundays
Sunday Church School (every Sunday).....9:30 AM
Sunday Worship (2nd & 4th Sundays).....11:00 AM
Youth Worship (2nd Sunday).....11:00 AM
Wednesday
Prayer Meeting/Bible Study.....7:00 PM

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Sunday School.....(Every Sunday).....9:45 AM
Morning Worship.....(1st & 3rd Sundays)11:00 AM
Bible Study/Prayer Meeting-
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Wednesday.....7:00 PM
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14492 Waukeenah Hwy/ P.O. Box 411
Wacissa • 997-2179 or 997-1769
Pastor James Gamble

Sunday School.....9:45 AM
Sunday Morning.....10:55 AM
Sunday Bible Study.....6:30 PM
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Youth Group.....6:00 PM
Choir Practice.....7:30 PM

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81 Methodist Church Rd • Waukeenah • 997-2171
www.waukeenah-umc.org

Pastor Donald Thompson, Jr.

Sunday School.....9:45 AM
Sunday Worship.....11:00 AM
Youth Group.....7:00 PM

Wednesday

Choir Practice.....7:00 PM
Youth Group.....7:00 PM

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sonnyjohnjr@aol.com
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Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 AM
Wednesday Bible Study.....6:30 PM

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA

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

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

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

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

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

Attorney for Personal Representative: Personal Representative: George H. Gwynn DOYLE E. CONNER, JR. Florida Bar No. 0357537 385 North Mulberry Street Williams, Gautier, Gwynn, DeLoach & Sorenson, P.A. Monticello, Florida 32344 2010 Delta Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32303 Telephone: (850) 386-3300 1/23, 30/13

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO:09-CA-000318

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK F/K/A WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK F.A. Plaintiff,

vs. DORIS HONG F/K/A DORIS HONG; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DORIS HONG F/K/A DORIS BAZELL; ROBERT BAZELL; UNKNOWN TENANT # 1; UNKNOWN TENANT # 2. Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Florida, will on the 19th day of April 2013, at 11am North door of 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 situate in Jefferson County, Florida:

Commence at a concrete monument known as marking the Northwest corner of the Southeast Quarter the Southeast Quarter of Section 32, Township 1 North, Range 4 East, Jefferson County, Florida; Thence North 12 degrees 50 minutes 04 seconds East 16.99 feet to a concrete monument on the Easterly right of way line of State Road No. 259, and the Northwest corner of a tract of land described in OR Book 115, Page 227 of the Public Records of Jefferson County, Florida; (The following five calls being along, the boundary of said tract) Thence North 88 degrees 06 minutes 18 seconds east 524.85 feet to a concrete monument and a point of beginning; Thence South 5 degrees 40 minutes 07 seconds East 228.64 feet to a concrete monument; Thence North 72 degrees 38 minutes 33 seconds East 90.23 feet to a concrete monument; Thence North 87 degrees 30 minutes 34 seconds East 178.94 feet to a concrete monument; Thence South 81 degrees 20 minutes 58 seconds East 87.46 feet to a concrete monument; Thence North 5 degrees 40 minutes 07 seconds West 202.43 feet; Thence North 89 degrees 15 minutes 49 seconds West 353.99 feet to the Pointe of Beginning, containing 1.62 acres more or less. Commence at a concrete monument known as marking the Northwest corner of the Southeast Quarter the Southeast Quarter of Section 32, Township 1 North, Range 4 East, Jefferson County, Florida, and run thence North 12 degrees 50 minutes 04 seconds East 16.99 feet to a concrete monument on the easterly right-of-way boundary of State Road No. 259 for the point of beginning. From said point of beginning run South 88 degrees 07 minutes 46 seconds East 524.84 feet to a concrete monument; Thence South 5 degrees 43 minutes 39 seconds East 228.60 feet to a concrete monument; Thence North 72 degrees 30 minutes 35 seconds East 90.19 feet to a concrete monument; Thence North 87 degrees 30 minutes 06 seconds East 178.89 feet to a concrete monument; Thence South 81 degrees 15 minutes 38 seconds East 87.63 feet to a concrete monument; Thence South 6 degrees 20 minutes 57 seconds West 194.66 feet to a concrete monument, Thence South 16 degrees 53 minutes 02 seconds West 157.67 feet to a concrete monument; Thence North 74 degrees 40 minutes 04 seconds West 162.95 feet to a nail cap to a nail cap on the trunk Sycamore tree; Thence North 87 degrees 49 minutes 17 seconds West 781.46 feet to a concrete monument on the Easterly right of way boundary of State Road No. 259; Thence North 12 degrees 10 minutes East along said right of way boundary a distance of 505.91 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 9.24 acres, more or less.

per pursuant to the Final Judgment entered in a case pending in said Court, the style of which is indicated above.

Any person or entity claiming an interest in the surplus, if any, resulting from the foreclosure sale, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim on same with the Clerk of Court within 60 days after the foreclosure sale.

WITNESS my hand and official seal of said Court this 15th day of January, 2013.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: Kirk Reams, 1 Courthouse Circle, Monticello, FL 32344. 850-342-0218; at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT By: Sherry Sears 1/30, 2/6/13 Deputy Clerk

NOTICE In accordance with Florida Statute a public auction will be held on February 6, 2013 at 10:00 A.M.

For: 1994 Dodge VIN # 3B7HC16V1RM524751 To be sold AS IS for towing and storage charges, conditions and terms at auction. Stewart's Towing 175 South Jefferson St. Monticello, FL 32344 Phone: 850/342-1480. 1/30/13

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION IN RE: GUARDIANSHIP OF MORGAN NICOLE BLANKS

File No. 09-09 GM NOTICE OF PETITION TO TRANSFER

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that GREGORY G. BLANKS and AMY M. BLANKS, the Limited Guardians of the Person and Property of MORGAN NICOLE BLANKS, have filed their Petition for Order Approving Transfer of Guardianship in the above entitled proceeding, requesting transfer of such proceeding to the Seventh Circuit Court of Davidson County, Tennessee. The requirement to waive accountings in said guardianship was waived by the Court's Order dated April 12, 2010. Said Guardians will file to terminate the above guardianship on or after February 15, 2012. Objections, if any, to termination of the guardianship must be filed on or before February 15, 2012, with the Circuit Court for Jefferson County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 1456 South Jefferson Highway, Monticello, FL 32344

The date of first publication of this notice is January 30, 2013. Attorney for Guardians: Cathi C. Wilkinson Florida Bar Number: 282693 2940 Kerry Forest Parkway, Suite 103 Tallahassee, FL 32309 Telephone: (850) 668-4130 Fax: (850) 807-2545 E-Mail: cwilkinson@cwilkinsonlaw.com 1/30, 2/6/13

Notice of Public Hearing The Jefferson County Board of County Commission will hear an appeal of the Planning Commission Board's decision to issue a development permit to Beacon Towers, LLC to construct a 250 foot Multi-tenant Self-support Tower located at parcel # 08-1S-4E-0000-0672-0000 on Hallelujah Lane off of Highway 27. The appeal was filed by Fred Williams and will be heard on February 7, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in the Jefferson County Courthouse Annex located at 435 West Walnut Street in Monticello, FL. The meeting may be continued as needed. The appeal will be conducted pursuant to the procedures set forth in the Jefferson County Land Development Code section 9.11.00, et. seq.

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. 1/30/13

NOTICE OF LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE PROPOSED CHANGE

The Jefferson County Planning Commission will have a public hearing on the following proposed land development code change on February 12, 2013 at 7:15 p.m., or as soon thereafter as such matter may be heard, in the Jefferson County courthouse annex located 435 West Walnut Street, Monticello, Jefferson County, Florida. The meeting may be continued as necessary.

The Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners will have a public hearing on the following proposed land development code change on February 21, 2013 at 6:15 p.m., or as soon thereafter as such matter may be heard, in the Jefferson County Courthouse Annex located at 435 West Walnut Street, Monticello, Jefferson County, Florida. The meeting may be continued as necessary.

JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ORDINANCE NO. 2013-022113-01

AN ORDINANCE OF JEFFERSON COUNTY FLORIDA, RELATING TO RECREATIONAL SHOOTING AND FIRING RANGES; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING FOR PURPOSE; AMENDING LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE SECTION 2.02.01.03, OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL TO EXEMPT COMMERCIAL RECREATIONAL SHOOTING AND FIRING RANGES FROM THE REQUIREMENT OF OBTAINING A SPECIAL EX-CERTIFICATE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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Army PFC Austin At PGA Tour



Army PFC Gerrold Austin II and his Schofield Barracks Company helped in the set-up for the PGA Sony Open in Hawaii on January 11, 2013. Gerrold is the son of Gerrold Austin of Monticello and Yolanda Austin of Tallahassee.

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Finding A Cure For Cystic Fibrosis

DEBBIE SNAPP
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

Kelsi Reams, held another successful 'Hot Chocolate Sale' on Saturday, January 26, for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. She and sisters Abby and Chloe prepared and served hot chocolate, hot coffee, and donuts to many very generous donors.

This annual fundraising event is to raise awareness and to control the disease through its services and literature/information. Kelsi's younger sister Abby was diagnosed with the dreaded disease as an infant; and from that time on Kelsi has made it her mission to help to find a cure.

Cystic fibrosis is an inherited chronic disease that affects the lungs and digestive system of about 30,000 children and adults in the United States (70,000 worldwide.) A defective gene and its protein product cause the body to produce unusually thick, sticky mucus that clogs the lungs and leads to life-threatening lung infections; and obstructs the pancreas and stops natural enzymes from helping the body break down and absorb food. In the 1950s, few children with cystic fibrosis lived to attend elementary school. Today, advances in research and



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medical treatments have further enhanced and extended life for children and adults with CF. Many people with the disease can now expect to live into their 30s, 40s and beyond.

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AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

Big Bend Hospice – Celebrating 30 Years

Thirty years ago a handful of people from this community had a dream of bringing hospice care to the Big Bend area. Following the initiation of the first modern hospice care in the United States in 1974, these community leaders secured a Certificate of Need from the State of Florida to provide hospice care in Jefferson, Madison, Liberty, Leon, Franklin, Gadsden, Taylor and Wakulla counties. It took much foresight and determination to lay the groundwork for a community-based hospice in Tallahassee, but Dr. and Mrs. Al McCully and Dr. Jim Beck, among others, were up for the task. They saw a need in the community, and then proved that need and met the conditions of the law for Big Bend Hospice (BBH) to become incorporated in February 1983 and to receive its license on April 1, 1983 to provide hospice care in eight counties.

Sue Gallagher, pastor of the United Church of Christ of Tallahassee, was one of the first to respond when approached by community leaders Richard Lee, Loretta Armour and Lee Nahass. These leaders asked for assistance in establishing an organization which would enable the terminally ill person who wanted to focus on life and living, no matter the duration, to be in his or her home, with comfort as the goal of treatment. The first BBH office was donated space in the United Church of Tallahassee.

As Big Bend Hospice grew, so did the need for more space to house their committed staff and volunteers. In 1987 BBH moved to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital Home Health Building. There were several other moves before settling at their present office on Mahan Center Boulevard in 1996. In 2000, BBH began and completed the construction of the Margaret Z. Dozier Hospice House, a 12-bed inpatient facility built by the community through a capital campaign, and located directly behind the current administration building. This facility is available when skilled level of care is necessary and the patient cannot remain in his or her own home.

The word "hospice" is derived from a medieval word meaning a place of shelter for travelers on a difficult journey. Although Big Bend Hospice cannot change the outcome, they can change the experience of the journey. Dr. R. James Mabry, Jr. was named the first BBH Medical Director in 1983 and served for 20 years before retiring. BBH Medical Directors lead "hospice care teams," made up of the patient's own

doctor, hospice nurses, home health aides, social workers, chaplains, music therapists, and specially-trained volunteers, to encourage and assist each patient to live as fully as possible with the time he or she has left.

BBH bereavement services are available for people dealing with issues relating to the diagnosis of a life-threatening illness. In 1989, BBH added an additional component hosting the first Bereavement Support Groups to provide education, comfort, and encouragement after the death of a loved one. The next year the



Children's Hospice Care program (later renamed "The Caring Tree") was established thanks to a grant from the Junior Leagues. "The Caring Tree" services are designed to meet the unique needs of grieving children and teens.

For over 25 years, BBH has had a tree as the centerpiece of their logo. Sue Hestor, who served on the original Board of Directors, was the creator of this logo. Sue would often find her children under the shelter of their big oak tree, a favorite spot in her backyard. The tree was a safe place; a special haven when one had hurts that needed healing or joy when someone celebrated; the tree was a resting place for the weary at heart. When her son, Bucky, passed away in

1992, Sue felt the tree, with its strong roots and branches, was the ideal symbol to "provide strength and shelter for those in need."

Big Bend Hospice belongs to this community. In 1996 the Big Bend Hospice Foundation was granted approval by the IRS as a 501©3 organization for the purpose of supporting the mission and services of BBH. Prior to that, volunteers had already helped BBH become a member of the United Way of the Big Bend and began traditions that still exist today which include the Tree of Remembrance and the annual Spring Fling.

In 2000 BBH established their internationally renowned Music Therapy Program. These trained medical professionals use live music to reach therapeutic goals, such as pain management and reducing patient agitation.

BBH has won many awards over the years, including the 1997 "Nonprofit of the Year" by the Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce, the 2004 "Nonprofit of the Year" by the Tallahassee Democrat and the 2005 Non-profit "Best of Tally" award by the Tallahassee Magazine. In 2006, BBH Senior Companions were recognized as the "Volunteer Group of the Year" at the Tallahassee Democrat's Volunteer Luncheon.

Elaine Bartelt became the Executive Director of BBH in 1987, providing caring and compassionate leadership until her retirement in 2003. "We had six employees when I started with Big Bend Hospice and over 200 when I retired; and in addition to that we had more than 300 volunteers!" said Elaine. "Although our patient census and budget were low when I started, it was through the dedication and determination of a handful of staff and committed volunteers that Big Bend Hospice was able to not only survive but thrive! Focusing on those in the community for which and by which we exist is of great importance, as is, of course, the nurturing of patients and staff."

Now, 30 years later, Big Bend Hospice continues to provide patients in the eight surrounding counties with emotional and physical support during the final phases of their life. "The Mission of Big Bend Hospice is and always has been to provide compassionate care to individuals with a life-limiting illness, comfort to their families and emotional support to anyone who has lost a loved one," says Cathy Adkison, current President and CEO of Big Bend Hospice.

THIS YEAR, PICK A WORTHY RESOLUTION – VOLUNTEER!

Are you thinking of making a New Year's Resolution in 2013? Each January, roughly one in three Americans resolve to better themselves in some way. A much smaller percentage of people actually make good on those resolutions.

A popular, non-selfish New Year's resolution, one that will motivate you to keep, is to volunteer.

A growing body of research indicates a strong relationship between volunteerism and individual health benefits. "We tend to think that we can make ourselves happy by doing things for ourselves, but we are happier when we are doing things for others, like through vol-

unteer work," says Peter Kanaris, Ph.D, coordinator of public education for the New York State Psychological Association. And guess what? Happiness is good for your health. Studies show those who volunteer live longer, experience an increase in energy, enjoy a decrease in daily stress, are better able to manage their own health issues and are less likely to be obese.

Are you ready to reap some of these health benefits in 2013? You can do this while simultaneously spending time helping out at your local food bank, mentoring a child, or building a house. There are many nonprofit volunteer organizations in our area that could really use your help. Still not sure where to volunteer – join the Big Bend Hospice Team!

Volunteering with Big Bend Hospice can take many forms:

- Provide a supportive presence and companionship for patients and their families no matter where they live (at home, in a nursing home, etc.)
- Relieve family members of caregiving duties for short periods of time
- Drive patients to appointments
- Perform household tasks such as shopping, errand, light housekeeping, and simple meal preparation
- Provide support for patients in a nursing home, in an assisted living facility, or at the Margaret Z. Dozier Hospice House such as reading, talking and going outdoors
- Sit with the patient and/or their family in the last hours of life



Big Bend Hospice BBH is proud of our Medical Directors and ARNPs - pictured: Regina Lewis, A.R.N.P.; Nancy Chorba, M.D.; Martha Alexander, A.R.N.P.; and Joe Dorn, M.D.

Need more convincing? Several studies have found that volunteers with a chronic or serious illness receive benefits beyond what can be achieved through medical care. Moreover, other reports state volunteerism is almost as beneficial as quitting smoking. Yes, you have read those correctly!

Big Bend Hospice has excellent volunteer opportunities that will enable you to engage in meaningful and tangible results. If you would like to know more about the Big Bend Hospice Volunteer program, call Ginny Burns at 850.878.5310 or visit www.bigbendhospice.org.

So, volunteer in 2013 ... and stick with it. Here's to your health!

Big Bend Hospice has been serving this community since 1983 with compassionate end-of-life care along with grief and loss counselors available to provide information and support to anyone in Leon, Jefferson, Taylor, Madison, Gadsden, Liberty, Franklin or Wakulla county. If you would like additional information about services, please call 850-878-5310 or visit www.bigbendhospice.org.



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AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

RGCC Peanut Butter Giveaway



VERONICA A. YON

On Saturday, December 15, 2012, Restored Glory Christian Center partnered with the Jefferson County Extension Office to distribute 275+ jars of peanut butter to the Jefferson County community.

The giveaway was a part of the University of Florida/IFAS (Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences) 'Take a Bite out of Hunger' campaign, which was created to assist families in feeding children during the winter break when most students are out of school.

Almost half of the peanut butter was donated by members of the community, who responded to the drive by dropping off contributions to the Extension Office. The Florida Peanut Producer's Association do-

nated the other half in its efforts to support the consumption of locally grown peanuts.

The event began at 10 a.m. outside of the Restored Glory Christian Center with Pastor Eddie Yon and members and friends of the church distributing jars to residents passing by. The group also shared peanut butter cookies, baked by one of its members Sis. Essie Norton and her grandchildren. Shortly thereafter, Extension Agent Kristen Jackson and Whole Child Community Health Educator Tonya Bell joined the festivities by handing out peanut butter, toothbrushes, medicine droppers, bookmarks, and service community information. Extension Office Director John Lilly also stopped by with a donation of apples and oranges.

The giveaway concluded around 2 p.m. as Pastor Yon and his family, Jackson, and Bell delivered peanut butter to residents at the Jefferson Arms apartments.

"We are so thankful to the Extension Office for allowing us to play a small role in its efforts to reach out to the community," mentioned Pastor Yon.

Restored Glory Christian Center is located at 1287 South Jefferson Street, in the Winn Dixie Plaza. For more information about the church and its various ministries, visit www.restoredglory.org, call 850-997-RGCC (7422), or visit the church. Service times are Sundays at 10 a.m. and Thursdays at 7 p.m.

Veronica Adams Yon, Ph.D. is co-founder, elder, and education director for Restored Glory Christian Center.



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Florida Arbor Day In Monticello



ECB Publishing Photos By Debbie Snapp, January 18, 2013.

Participating in Florida's Arbor Day Celebration, and Monticello's 25th year as a 'Tree City', are members of the Monticello Garden Club (MGC,) City of Monticello personnel, and the Jefferson County Division of Forestry. Pictured from left to right are: Police Chief Fred Mosley, City Clerk Emily Anderson, MGC Founder's Circle Member Joan Linn, Councilman John Jones, Mayor Idella Scott, City Manager Steve Wingate, MGC Founder's Circle Suzanne Peary, MGC President/Founder's Circle Member Anne Mara, MGC Camellia Circle Member Isabelle de Sercey, and Forester Mike Humphries.

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Monticello Garden Club (MGC) Circles and the City of Monticello and the Jefferson County Division of Forestry came together to celebrate Florida Arbor Day on Friday, January 18 at the Oakfield Cemetery.

Together they planted trees in memory of loved ones, to recognize Monticello's 25th year as a "Tree City USA", and others to replace ones that have died. One Nuttall Oak, two Shumard Oaks, and several Dogwood trees were planted.

The small and brief ceremony began with a few encouraging words from Mayor Idella Scott; City Manager Steve Wingate offered the invocation; City Clerk Emily Anderson read a proclamation; County Forester Mike Humphries thanked all for their dedication and good deeds; and MGC President Anne Mara concluded by reading a poem by Alfred Joyce Kilmer, an American writer and poet mainly remembered for a short poem titled "Trees" (1913,) which was published in the collection *Trees and Other Poems*.

The idea for Arbor Day originally came from Nebraska. Among pioneers moving into the Nebraska Territory in 1854 was J. Sterling Morton from Detroit. He and his wife were lovers of nature, and the home they established in Nebraska was quickly planted with trees, shrubs and flowers.

Morton was a journalist and soon became editor

of Nebraska's first newspaper. Given that forum, he spread agricultural information and his enthusiasm for trees to an enthusiastic audience. Trees were needed as windbreaks to keep soil in place, for fuel for building materials, and for shade from the hot sun.

His prominence in the area increased, and he became secretary of the Nebraska Territory, which provided another opportunity to stress the value of trees. On January 4, 1872, Morton first proposed a tree-planting holiday to be called 'Arbor Day' at a meeting of the State Board of Agriculture. The date was set for April 10, 1872. Prizes were offered to counties and individuals for planting properly the largest number of trees on that day. It was estimated that more than one million trees were planted in Nebraska on the first Arbor Day.

During the 1870s, other states passed legislation to observe Arbor Day,

and the tradition began in schools nationwide in 1882. Today the most common date for the state observances is the last Friday in April, and several United States presidents have proclaimed a national Arbor Day on that date. But a number of state Arbor Days are at other times to coincide with the best tree planting weather, from January and February in the south to May in the far north. In Florida, Arbor Day is celebrated the third Friday in January. Arbor Day has now spread beyond the United States and is observed in many countries of the world.

Celebrate the new year in Jefferson County Florida by joining the Arbor Day Foundation in January and receiving five free Crape Myrtle trees to plant. The free trees are part of the nonprofit foundation's 'Trees for America' campaign. Go to arborday.org/January or contact Sean Barry at 1-888-448-7337 or sbarry@arborday.org.

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Planting trees at the Oakfield Cemetery in recognition of Florida's Arbor Day and Monticello's 25th year as a 'Tree City' are from left to right: city employees JC Adkinson, Curt Register, and Rico Watkins.



Monticello Mayor Idella Scott and City Manager Steve Wingate ready for the celebration of Florida's Arbor Day and Monticello's 25th year as a 'Tree City' at the Oakfield Cemetery.