



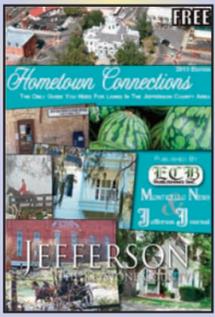
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Hearing Set On Sale Of Alcohol Sundays (Proposal Is To Lift Ban)

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After reviewing the language of a proposed ordinance that would lift the ban on the sale of alcohol on Sundays, the Jefferson County Commission on Thursday evening, Feb. 21, scheduled the measure for a public hearing next month.

That public hearing is set for 6 p.m. Thursday, March 21, in the courthouse annex off Water Street.

In the interim, commissioners want citizens' input on the issue. They encourage citizens to log on to the Jefferson County Voice website and register their opinions on the survey being conducted there. To get to the website, simply google "Jefferson County Voice" or go to www.JeffersonCountyVoice.com. Once logged on, click on "Sale of Please See ALCOHOL Page 3



Tax Abatement Ordinance Ready For Public Review

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County officials now have in hand a copy of a proposed tax abatement ordinance, a document that County Attorney Buck Bird supplied to the Jefferson County Commission on Thursday evening, Feb. 21.

The ordinance, which is likely to be scheduled for a public hearing next month, is the embodiment of the majority's will, as expressed via the ballot box in the last election. The Local Option Tax Referendum, as the item was named on the November ballot, garnered 3,941 yes votes and 3,238 no votes.

Per state law, voters' approval of the measure via the referendum authorized the commission to exempt from ad-valorem taxation up to 100 percent of the assessed value of all improvements made by, or for the use of, of new businesses, as well as all tangible personal properties of such businesses.

The November referendum further authorized the commission to exempt up to 100 percent of the assessed value of all added improvements to real property made to facilitate the expansion of existing businesses and of the net increases in tangible personal properties acquired to facilitate such expansions by existing businesses.

County Attorney Buck Bird advised the board that it had one of three options relative to the ordinance: vote to enact it; vote not to enact it; or direct staff to do something different. Buck recommended that the board enact the ordinance.

The document upfront establishes several long-term goals as its guiding principle in the interest of promoting orderly economic development in the county. Among the stated goals are to raise the county's per-capita income, increase the percentage of manufacturing employment, raise the educational level of the population (age 27 and over) to the state level, and encourage diversification of agriculture with an emphasis on increasing agricultural employment.

The proposed legislation, titled "Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemption Ordinance", applies only to unincorporated areas of the county and those ad-valorem Please See ABATEMENT Page 3

Woman Stabs Pit Bull While Defending Her Family

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A city woman stabbed a Pit Bull to death last week while it was in her home attacking her husband.

The Monticello Police Department reported that on Friday, February 22, at 5:55 p.m., Investigator Jennifer Jackson was dispatched to a Carolina Street residence, in reference to the homeowners being attacked by a dog.

Upon arrival, Investigator Jackson made contact with the homeowners, Eddie and Valarie Thompson. They both advised that after opening the front door of their home, to let their Chihuahua out, they could hear barking coming from the rear of their home.

Mr. Thompson stated that he walked around to the rear of the house, where a larger dog is housed in a gated pen, he could see two large pit bulls standing at the gate, barking at his dog, while making an attempt to jump over the fence to gain entry.

After Mr. Thompson made an attempt to run the dogs off, one of the Pit Bulls ran after his Chihuahua, and began to attack her by clamping his teeth into her torso. Mr. Thompson immediately grabbed a nearby paint bucket and began striking the Pit Bull, in an attempt to make him release his Chihuahua. After that method proved unsuccessful, Mr. Thompson pried the dog's mouth open with his hands, and the Chihuahua ran into the house.

Once the Chihuahua ran inside, the Pit Bull began to attack Mr. Thompson. The struggle ensued into the home, where Mrs. Thompson was forced to defend herself, her husband, and her Chihuahua. She grabbed a nearby kitchen knife and stabbed the Pit Bull several times, trying to force him to let go of her husband, and eventually her Chihuahua again.

Eventually, Mr. Thompson was forced to pry the Pit Bull's mouth open again, and dragged him out of the home. Once the Pit Bull was forced outside, he ran towards the rear of the home, where he succumbed to his injuries, while still on the property.

Mr. Thompson sustained injuries to his right leg, and left underarm area, and the Chihuahua sustained injuries to her torso and legs.

The Chihuahua had to be immediately taken to a nearby veterinary clinic to be treated for her injuries.

During the investigation, the owner of the two Pit Bulls, Travis Leverne Keaton, arrived on the scene and confirmed the identity of both dogs. Keaton could offer no explanations as to how his Pit Bulls escaped from his property, or if they were current on their appropriate vaccinations.

Due to the nature of the incident, and Keaton being unable to produce the necessary documents, both animals were taken into custody by the Monticello Animal Control Unit and the live dog was quarantined.

Photos of the scene were taken, along with a blood sample from the dead Pit Bull, and stored for evidence.

Caregiver Arrested For Abuse/Neglect

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An in-home caregiver for the disabled was arrested recently and charged with abuse and neglect, following an investigation by the Office of the Attorney General Medicare Division.

According to the report, the investigation was based on a com-

plaint received from the Department of Children and Families/Adult Protective Services.

The victim is a developmentally disabled adult, due to mental retardation as a result of a childhood illness.

The complaint alleged that on September 20, 2012, the male victim

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Ronald JaMon Rivers

Weekend Storms Soak County

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A weekend of storms has brought much rain to Jefferson County and the surrounding areas. According to Emergency Management Director Carol Ellerbe, the Emergency Management office had received 8.5 inches of rain, but she felt there was a good bit more in other areas due to isolated storms.

There was one road closure in Jef-

erson County as of press time. Curtis Mills Road was closed and they were working to reopen it soon. There was also an area of New Monticello Road that had one-lane traffic due to water being on the road.

There were no school closures. However, there was a tree that fell down on a power line in the city, which caused 480 customers to be without power.

Woman Crashes Car

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A woman crashes her car on the Interstate last week, due to the heavy rain.

Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) reported that on Friday, February 22 at 2:45 p.m., Ann Sellers, 22, of Century, FL, was driving a 2006 Chevrolet four-door, traveling westbound on I-10, in the right travel lane, two miles west of US-19.

The vehicle was traveling too fast for the road conditions due to the rain, causing Sellers to lose control of the vehicle.

The vehicle traveled off of the road-

way, and onto the north shoulder. The vehicle rotated approximately one half a turn counterclockwise, before the left rear struck several trees.

The vehicle came to rest facing east. FHP did not deem the crash to be alcohol related.

Sellers was wearing her seatbelt and she was uninjured.

The vehicle sustained approximately \$3,000 damage.

Sellers was charged with driving too fast for conditions.

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



Proposal Calls For Making Jefferson A Trophy County

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Here's an idea for promoting economic development that may intrigue or incense local deer hunters: Make this community a trophy buck county.

The idea is Paul Michael's, and he shared it recently with the Economic Development Council (EDC).

"If we can create a perception that Jefferson is a trophy buck county, it will attract hunters," said Michael, a hunter himself. "Hunters will travel a long ways to hunt big bucks."

Jefferson County, he noted, had the makings for such a designation, given that it is already ranked high for the largest bucks, as indicated on the Florida Buck Registry, a program that provides hunters with a record of the number and quality of white-tailed deer taken in the state.

To qualify for inclusion in the registry, antlers must meet certain size and points requirements, based on Boone and Crockett Club measurements.

Michael said three factors contributed to antler size. The three were age, genetics and nutrition. Genetics were generally what they were, although they could be engineered to a degree, he said. As for nutrition, Jefferson County was blessed with some of the best natural feed around, he said. That left age, which could be extended if restrictions were put in place to allow bucks to grow bigger, he said.

Here Michael treaded lightly, recognizing that he might well be stepping on sensitive toes, figuratively speaking.

"As a Republican, I'm big on property rights," Michael said upfront.

Even so, he said, restrictions already existed relative to deer, insofar as gender, seasons, and the shooting of spotted fawn. He was proposing, he said, to establish guidelines that would allow bucks to grow a couple of years longer and so produce larger trophy racks. It would mean, he said, restricting the shooting of bucks with fewer than four points per antler, or an eight-point rack, for a season or two, until they attained the desired measurements.

Michael noted that the plantations and hunting clubs already abided by such restrictions, which was the reason that plantations and clubs had higher-quality deer harvests. He believed that if the same guidelines were imposed countywide, it would get this community the trophy buck designation, which would make it unique among Florida's 67 counties.

Not only would the deer population improve in quality, it would attract hunters who would spend their money here, Michael said. Moreover, hunting leases and property values would go up. And local businesses would also benefit from the increased activity, he said.

"It would help the motels and hotels and restaurants," Michael said. "It would pull people into this county who want to hunt."

Michael said the way to get the designation was to petition the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC). He said the agency was amenable to the idea, provided the local support was there.

"The FWC is sensitive to public input," Michael said.

He said if the EDC itself were amenable to the idea, he would pursue it, but not otherwise.

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Sunshine along with some cloudy intervals. High 72F.

Thu 2/28 65/40
Sunny. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the low 40s.

Fri 3/1 61/40
Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 60s 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.

Thank You!

Thank you so much for the absolutely GORGEOUS spread you did for the Art Show and for the Dog Shows. I am so proud of the children of Jefferson County and for the talent they displayed. I give credit to the wonderful art instruction that the children at JCMHS and Aucilla are receiving. It is such a shame that, due to the hue and cry about "teaching to the test" etc, instruction in the visual and performing arts is often neglected. So often children whose tal-

ents may not be academic but who may have a great deal of talent in other areas are neglected, often shamed and even abused. Every child needs to be encouraged in the areas where they excel. This is one of the purposes of our Art Show and, boy, did the kids come through! So did you Debbie Snapp, and the rest of the newspaper staff. Again, thank you so much.

Sheila Slike

Tour Monticello On March 23

DEBBIE SNAPP
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Staff Writer

The Jefferson County Historical Association will host a tour of the 1827 City/Roseland Cemetery, the old county jailhouse, a few buildings, and several historic homes... all in beautiful Monticello and Jefferson County.

Get your tickets now for the tour. Join with others to see inside these gracious and old buildings. And, talk with people buried in Roseland Cemetery... the same people who built those homes and buildings.

This event will take place on Saturday, March 23, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost is \$25 for adults and \$5 for children under 12 years of age. For ticket information, call 850-997-2465 or 850-997-5007.



ECB Publishing and Interpress Studios Are Looking For Tomorrow's Leaders Today

ECB Publishing, Inc. (Monticello News and Jefferson County Journal) and Interpress Studios are looking for Tomorrow's Leaders.

Interpress Studios will be in Monticello from 2:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 7, to take photos of those leaders. All parents who want their children to be featured in this annual event should call Emerald Greene at (850) 997-3568 or (850) 464-0865 to set up appointments to have the photos taken.

The photos will be taken at the Woman's Club on Pearl Street.

Each child who has his or her photo taken (free of charge) will be featured in the newspaper spread, for free, at a later date. Each parent will also have a chance to purchase photo packets, but there is no obligation to purchase a package.

Traynor Barker Wins Spelling Bee Contest

School Superintendent Al Cooksey recognizes Traynor Barker at the Jefferson County School Board meeting on Monday evening, Feb. 11. Barker, an eight grader at Aucilla Christian Academy, won the Jefferson County School District Spelling Bee Championship, which qualified him to compete in the 30th annual Tallahassee Democrat Big Bend Regional Spelling Bee. The latter event, held annually each February, aims to promote literacy and affords an opportunity for district-level winners from 12 counties in the North Florida/South Georgia region to compete at the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C., in May.



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

Gelling's Floral Design Wins Best Decorated Window



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Staff Writer

Through the year, and especially during the holidays, Monticello Main Street Florida encourages business owners to decorate their storefront windows to coincide with that particular holiday. Winners receive a framed certificate pertaining to their win and a gift certificate to one of several local establishment, and recognition in the local news.

Gelling's Floral Design was the most recent winner, winning 'Best Decorated Christmas Window.' Owner Kim Kennedy accepted the win for her establishment. She is in the process now of decorating for the upcoming holiday.

Gelling's Floral Design is located at 190 East Dogwood Street. The shop not only has a beautiful window display but the inside is always decorated to please the shopper. The shop is filled with products handmade and grown by local artists. The prices are right and the products are plentiful.

Call 850-997-2015 for hours and days of operation and dates of sales and specials.

Country Dinner Hosted By Woman's Club

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Monticello Woman's Club will present its annual Country Dinner this Thursday February 28 at the clubhouse located at 975 East Pearl Street.

The dinner will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. and to-go meals may be picked up earlier by contacting President Ethel Strickland at 850-997-3382, or Dianne Braren at 850-997-1317.

The meal will include chicken purlieu, grilled sausage, sweet potato soufflé, macaroni and cheese, slaw, baby lima beans, collard greens, peach cobbler, and cold tea or hot coffee.

Tickets may be purchased in advance. The cost is \$12. Dine-in or take-out is available... just call, stop by and visit. Thank you in advance for your support.

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County Commissioners want YOUR INPUT on the local sale of alcohol on Sundays in Jefferson County.

Take the survey at Jefferson County Voice www.jeffersoncountyvoice.com

Murder Rides Again Auditions Scheduled

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The Opera House Stage Company will hold auditions for its next murder mystery dinner theater production of Murder Rides Again, on Sunday, March 3 at 3:00 p.m. and on Monday, March 4 at 6:30 p.m., at the Monticello Opera House.

Think *Gunsmoke*, with a saloon, guns, dance hall girls, and more. Main characters needed will include two women and four men, of various ages; with a supporting cast of eight.

Show dates for Murder Rides Again will be May 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, and 25. Judy Turner will be directing. For more information, contact Denise Tosado at 850-997-2259, or texado@msn.com.

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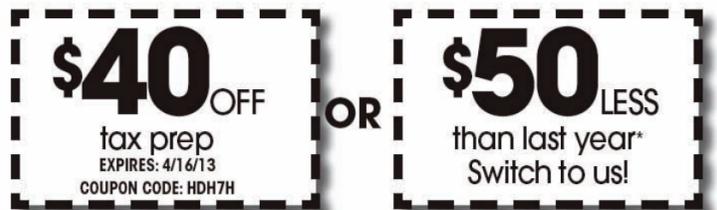
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Alcohol

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Alcohol on Sundays”, type your last name, house address number, date of birth and vote yes or no and hit submit. Only one vote is permitted per citizen; if you vote more than once, your previous vote will be automatically deleted.

Commissioners have indicated they will take the survey results into consideration in their deliberations on the issue at the March 21 public hearing.

The proposed ordinance, as prepared by the legal staff, is brief and to the point, taking up all of one page. It basically repeals and replaces that section of the Code of Ordinance that deals with the current prohibited times for the sale and consumption of alcohol.

The proposed new language reads: “No alcoholic beverages may be sold, consumed, served or permitted to be served or consumed in any place holding a license under the state division of beverages between the hours of 1 a.m. and 7 a.m., Monday through Sunday.”

The prohibition under the current ordinance is between 1 a.m. and 7 a.m., Monday through Saturday.

The amended document results from commissioners’ instructions to legal staff last month that the latter develop a draft ordinance for their consideration.

Lloyd businessman Arun Kundra — owner/operator of the Capital City Travel Center at the I-10 and SR-59 interchange, also known as the Big Bend Travel Plaza — initiated reconsideration of the ordinance when he petitioned the commission a couple of months ago to lift the ban.

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taxes levied by the Jefferson County Commission.

Per the ordinance, the exemption does not apply to the land on which a new business or an expanding business is located; to property acquired to replace existing property; to taxes levied to pay for bond issues or other special tax levies authorized by voters; or to taxes levied by the school or water management districts.

The exemption is renewable annually for a period of 10 years, provided that the business makes application by March 1 of each year and substantiates by the appropriate payroll documentation that it maintains at least 10 new jobs in the county.

The exemption expires after 10 years or at any time that a business fails to apply for a renewal by the March 1 deadline. In the first case, however, the exemption may be renewed for another 10 years by way of a referendum. And in the second, the commission may extend the exemption, provided the applicant shows that the late filing was not the latter’s fault.

To qualify for the exemption, a new or existing business must file a written application to the Jefferson County Commission by March 1 of the year for which the exemption is desired. The application must contain the name and location of the business, a description of the improvements made, and proof of the business’s existence, among other documentation.

As part of the county’s review process, the Property Appraiser will look over the application and take into account such factors as the total of the revenues generated by ad-valorem tax sources during the particular fiscal year; the total of revenues the county will forego by virtue of previously granted ad-valorem tax exemptions; and an estimate of the ad-valorem taxes the county will forego if the requested exemption is granted, among other others.

In its consideration of whether to grant the exemption, the commission is required to take into account such factors as the increase in employment that is attributed to the particular business, the cost of any increased government services associated with the new or expanded business, and the county’s ability to meet its total fiscal obligations if the exemption is granted.

It was Commissioner Betsy Barfield’s expressed concern at the Thursday morning, Feb. 7, meeting of the Jefferson County Commission that prompted last week’s presentation of the ordinance. Her concern, Barfield said at the time, was that Jefferson County not end up in a situation similar to the one involving the Digital Domain Media Group in South Florida.

As reported in the Palm Beach Post, the Port St. Lucie-based digital media company filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in September of last year and laid off about 300 employees. The company, it was reported, had only months earlier received incentives from the city of Port St. Lucie, the city of West Palm Beach and the state of Florida.

Barfield said she wanted to make sure that the county was protected from losses when it gave tax relief and other incentives to companies, should the companies subsequently go belly up.

“I’d rather that a company meet our standards, and if they meet our standards, then we abate their taxes,” Barfield said. “I don’t want us to abate taxes with no return on our investments.”

Paul Henry, a citizen who apparently had provided Barfield with the information on Digital Domain, pointed out that the latter case had to do with capital outlays, not tax abatements.

“Tax abatement is another animal totally,” Henry said.

Nonetheless, the county had given the Harrell Nut Company 10 acres upfront, Barfield said. She wanted for the ordinance to provide the county with protections in the eventuality of a particular business failing.

“We need to make sure that certain benchmarks are met before we give out monies,” Barfield said.

Clerk of Court Kirk Reams agreed.

“We need to set up criteria so the next time some company applies we can be consistent,” Reams said. “We need to set criteria for who can qualify and for how long.”

Bird offered at that point that the issue was addressed in an ordinance that he had prepared. He said the way it would work, the exemption would be granted on a year-by-year basis, and companies would have to reapply each March 1. He questioned whether it was wise to put the protection in the form of a refund.

“Your fallback position now is that you’re not out financially more than a year,” Bird said.

Commissioner Benny Bishop wasn’t particularly convinced that was a particularly good position to be in.

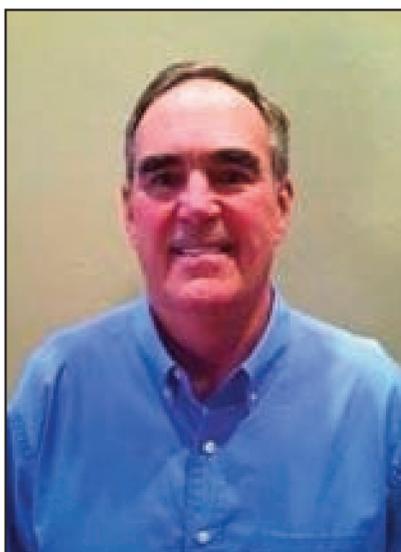
“I don’t want to be out at all,” Bishop said. “I’d like for us to do it at the backend rather than the front.”

Bassett Joins Farm Credit Of Northwest Florida

Rick Bitner, CEO/President of Farm Credit of Northwest Florida, announces that Bill Bassett has joined the agricultural lending institution as the new loan officer, serving the agriculture communities of Jefferson, Madison, and Taylor counties.

Bassett, a native of Monticello, Florida, is a graduate of the University of Georgia and has a lifetime agricultural background. He moved to Tallahassee six years ago with his wife Donna, of 41 years. Bill and Donna have three children and two grandchildren. He is an outdoorsman who enjoys hunting and skeet shooting. Bassett is active in the Monticello community: a member and past-president of the local Kiwanis Club; elder and member of the First Presbyterian Church in Monticello; past chairman of Aucilla Christian Academy; past president and past board member of Jefferson County Farm Bureau.

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was taken to the Hospital emergency department, where he was treated for a gash on his right ear and some bruising under his right eye. The complaint also noted that between September 27 and 30 the victim sustained bruising to the left side of his head.

The victim was unable to say how the bruising or injuries occurred, and no incident reports were completed by the staff providing his care.

On October 3, 2012, a face-to-face welfare check of the victim was conducted. His face was bruised around both eyes, with the bruise on his left eye appearing to be more recent than the bruise on his right eye. The victim was unable to explain how the bruising occurred and would say, “I don’t know.” He also seemed to stare at his caregiver, Ronald JaMon Rivers, 33, of Tallahassee, and did not respond.

On October 3, interviews were conducted with the victim’s parents. His mother stated that although her son has an unsteadied gate, she had been concerned as to the frequency of unexplainable or unreported injuries. She said she was also concerned over her son’s significant weight loss, and behavioral changes. According to her, he had never had any trouble eating, but was encountering significant weight loss.

On October 15, an interview was conducted with the victim’s sister. She stated that she also had concerns related to unexplained bruises, cuts, and wounds on her brother, as well as unreported falls. She said that he seemed to cry a lot more, and he became anxious when returning to his home environment after visiting with family.

Based on the circumstances surrounding the allegations of abuse, limited supervision in an isolated area, and the vulnerability of the victim, the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, set up and activated a hidden video camera. The camera was installed on October 28 and activated on October 29 through October 31, from 10 a.m. until 11 p.m. each day.

The recordings were recovered on November 1, and a review of the footage was commenced.

The victim was admitted to the hospital October 30. The Emergency room doctor, determined that the victim’s kidney sustained a 15 percent laceration, due to a blunt force trauma injury, not consistent with a fall.

The surveillance on October 29 showed that Rivers had verbally assaulted the victim by way of demeaning comments, derogatory language, name-calling and harsh commands, mocking him, lunging at the victim in a threatening manner, and even telling him “I’ll show you what mad is.” At one point in the video the victim clearly cowered deeply back into his chair during one of the verbal threats made by Rivers. It was also observed that Rivers neglected to provide appropriate levels of care. At the time of the filming, the victim and Rivers were the only people in the house.

The warrant for the arrest of Rivers was signed by County Judge Robert R. Plaines on February 12, 2013 and Rivers was arrested on February 13.

The warrant states that on October 29 and October 30 of 2012, Rivers committed five felony counts of abuse of a disabled adult, by kicking the victim on his left foot while he was sitting in his chair. It was an intentional infliction, which could result in physical injury; and by repeated verbal assaults, and intimidation tactics, which is an intentional act that could reasonably be expected to result in physical or psychological injury; and two felony counts of neglect of a disabled adult, by failing to provide the appropriate level of care and attention required by a disabled adult needing supervision and services necessary to obtain physical and mental health.

A total bond of \$35,000 was set and he bonded out of jail February 15.

Trophy

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He recognized that the idea could be a tough sale and that it would require building public support and educating the public about the issue, he said. But he was willing to be the point man on the issue, he said.

EDC Chair Ron Cichon appointed a committee to study the proposal and return to the group with a recommendation. That committee consists of banker Bill Gunnels, Commissioner Hines Boyd, Clerk of Court Kirk Reams and retired businessman Frank Blow, all hunters.

Michael clarified his proposal in a subsequent email to the *Monticello News*. His idea, he wrote, was basically to create a countywide, quality, deer management plan similar to the plantations’.

“If Jefferson County is trophy managed like the plantations, we would soon have similar quality deer as the plantations,” Michael emailed. “If implemented, hunters would no longer need to worry whether a neighbor or non-local hunter will pass up a young buck. Everyone would be on the same page; hunters and non-hunters alike would enjoy seeing markedly larger racks on our local deer. Jefferson County already has some of the finest racks in the state, but trophy designation would take us to a new level. Jefferson County has the opportunity to be the envy of deer enthusiasts across

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Chamber Honors Rev. Dick Bailar



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Ron Cichon, left, president of the Chamber of Commerce, presents Dick Bailar, right, with a gift and a lifetime membership to the organization.

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In recognition of his many contributions to this community, the Monticello and Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce recently awarded retired minister Dick Bailar with a lifetime membership to the organization.

Chamber President Ron Cichon did the honors at the organization's monthly luncheon earlier this month. Besides awarding Bailar the lifetime membership, Cichon presented the former Congressional minister with a gift-wrapped box, the contents of which were not disclosed.

In presenting the award, Cichon cited several of Bailar's many contributions. These included serving as director of the Chamber of Commerce and the Monticello Opera House; being a cofounder of Monticello Main Street; chairing a committee that raised funds for construction and endowment of a Boy Scouts' clubhouse called the Eagles Nest for local scout troops; serving on the advisory boards of several housing assistance programs, such as SHIP and CDBG, that provide affordable housing to low and moderate-income residents; participating in the Economic and Tourist Development councils; and being a founding member of the Jefferson Legislative Committee, a group credited with securing millions of dollars in state funding for local projects.

Among the latter projects, Bailar played a role in the acquisition of the Head of the Wacissa property, the construction of a new Emergency Operations Center at the industrial park; the acquisition of the current building for the public library (now named after him), and the renovation of the buildings constituting the courthouse annex complex.

This all notwithstanding his alleged retirement here some 20 years ago. Indeed, judging from his level of activity post retirement, one would be hard put to imagine the "pre-retirement" level of activity of "The Rev" or "Dick," as he likes to be called.

Altrusa Monticello Auction Fundraiser



DIANNE WESTBROOK
 Altrusa Publicity

Altrusa's Scholarship fundraising event held on January 24, at Willow Pond Plantation, was a great success.

The funds raised will be used to provide scholarships for two or three local graduating Jefferson County students.

Altrusa members served "free" heavy hors d'oeuvres and wine while guests and club members browsed around the silent auction tables registering

their bids for selected gift items; all the while enjoying music provided by Debbie McArdle.

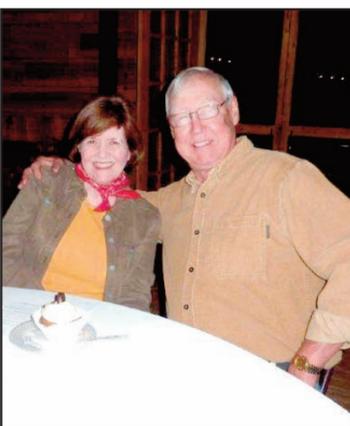
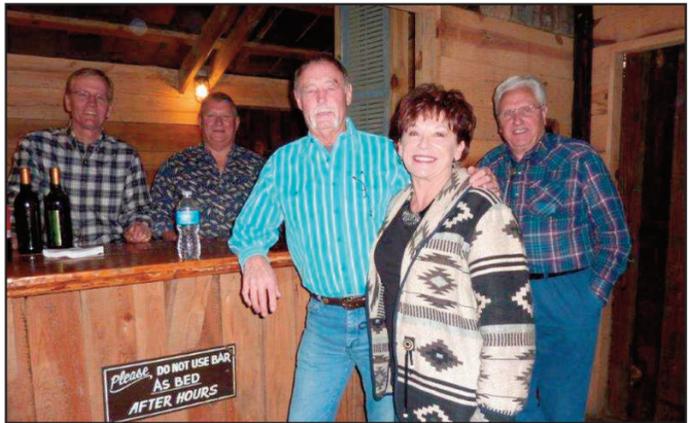
An open auction was held following the silent auction, which provided some artwork, paintings, furnishings, landscaping plants and homemade items made by several club members.

Altrusa members extend a big "THANK YOU" to the following businesses that supported this event with their various donations. They are: Advanced

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Simpson's Nurseries, Subway, Tupelo's Bakery & Café, VibraWave, and Willow Pond Plantation.

Altrusa Monticello is involved in service, leadership, and fellowship... Leading to a Better Community. Altrusa meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at noon, at the FUMC Family Ministry Center. For more information, contact Dianne Westbrook at 850-997-2973 or Betty Messer at 850-997-2230.



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FEBRUARY 27 – MARCH 21

The Extension Office has partnered with the America Saves Campaign and the Jefferson County Bailar Public Library to host a series of events during February focused on building financial strength. Wednesday: Online Workshop at 11:30 a.m., Goal Based Investing; Thursday: Library at 4:00 p.m., Piggy Bank Pageant; Friday, March 8: Library at 2:00 p.m., Understanding Your Credit Report; Thursday, March 21: Online Workshop at 11:30 a.m., Building A Strong Credit History. There will be weekly drawings for prizes. Join in at any time. For more information visit jefferson.ifas.ufl.edu or stop by the Library.

FEBRUARY 28

Monticello Area Historic Preservation Association (MAHPA) will host its annual membership meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, at Christ Episcopal Church, in the meeting room located on North Jefferson. After a short business meeting, Dee Counts, a local historian of note, will be representing the Keystone Genealogical Society, with a presentation about the East End of Monticello, which is now known as the Pearl Street neighborhood. Membership in this organization, as well as the program for the evening, are free and open to all who wish to participate.

FEBRUARY 28

Country Dinner hosted by the Monticello Woman's Club on Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the clubhouse on Pearl Street. The meal will consist of chicken purlieu, grilled sausage, sweet potato soufflé, macaroni and cheese, slaw, baby lima beans, collard greens, peach cobbler, and cold tea of hot coffee. Contact President Ethel Strickland at 850-997-3382 or Dianne Braren at 850-997-1317 for ticket information and pre-orders.

MARCH 8

Pretty Girl Talk will be held at Howard Middle School from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Friday. This year's theme is Beauty and Brains. Young ladies in grades 6-12 are encouraged to attend. Participants will enjoy pampering sessions, door prizes, a fashion show, a professional dance instructor will teach some new moves, and dancing the night away after listening and learning from some dynamic speakers. The educational portion of this event will focus on mental and physical health. Keynote speaker is Dr. Brenda Jarmon. Registration forms are available at the Jefferson County Middle High School from

Hattie Jordan, or may be obtained at the Jefferson County Extension Office. All forms are due by 2 p.m. on Friday, March 1. For more information about the event contact the Jefferson County Extension office at 850-342-0187 or jefferson@ifas.ufl.edu.

MARCH 9

Scarlet O'Hatters meet on the second Saturday of the month at a location of their choosing for a luncheon meal and program. For more information about the Red Hat Society contact Queen Mum Pat Mucowski at 850-997-0688 or Mary Cremeans at 850-997-3153.

MARCH 10

Camellia Garden Circle of the Monticello Garden Club meets on the second Sunday at 2 p.m. every month. The afternoon begins with a brief business meeting followed by a program. Members bring a treat or beverage to share. Contact Chairman Jane Davis at 850-997-4320 or email her at jkdeercrossing@aol.com for more information.

MARCH 11

The Palmer Place Book club will meet on the second Monday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. to discuss its most recent book. Contact Abi Vandervest at 850-997-4607 for more information. All are welcome to join for the discussion and to help select the next book.

MARCH 11

Big Bend Horseman's Association meets at 7 p.m. on the second Monday at Green Industries Institute for a brief program and meeting. This is an open horse club for all breeds. Everyone is welcome. Go to www.bigbendhorse.com for more information.

MARCH 12

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

MARCH 12

American Legion Post 49 and Ladies Auxiliary meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month for a business meeting and program at the Otto Walker Post on South Water Street. Contact Adjutant Ron Slik at 850-997-8103, or Commander Frank Kolb at 850-491-1262 for more information.

MARCH 12

Republican Party and its Executive Committee will meet on the second Monday at Willow Pond. Dinner will be at 6 p.m. The formal meeting will begin at 7 p.m. Contact Chairman Clyde Simpson at 850-228-4400 or chairman@jeffersongop.co

m and let him know if you are on the REC and if you will NOT be able to attend.

MARCH 14

Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation Board will meet at 11:30 a.m. on the second Thursday of the month in the Jefferson County Extension Office conference room. Dorothy P. Lewis, secretary/treasurer, reports the meeting is open to the public. Visitors are encouraged to attend. Bring your own sandwich for lunch.

MARCH 14, 28

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. For more information about Altrusa International Monticello/Jefferson County call 850-997-2973 or 850-997-2230.

MARCH 18

Smoking Cessation Class at 5:30 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at the First United Methodist Church, in the Family Ministry Center. Call 850-997-5545 for more information.

MARCH 19

Parent Involvement Committee meets at 6:30 p.m. every third Tuesday at the District Office on Water Street. Contact Vicki Boland vicki.boland@jeffersonschoolsdistrict.org.

MARCH 25

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.

MARCH 25

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

MARCH 26

Silver Dome Chapter of the American Business Women's Association meets at 6 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday, at the Hilton Garden Inn, located at 1330 Blair Stone Road in Tallahassee. To reserve seating for this dinner and program meeting, contact Hospitality Chairwoman Ann Walker at 850-556-4729. For more information about ABWA contact Von Holmes at 850-212-7373. The membership will be happy to have you join for a wonderful time of fun, information and fellowship.



In recognition of February as American Heart Month, the Jefferson County Health Department is offering information for better heart health. Take the first step on the path to a healthier heart with us.

Every year, about 715,000 Americans have a heart attack and about 600,000 people die from heart disease in the United States. That's 1 out of every 4 deaths. Heart disease is the leading cause of death for both men and women.

HEART ATTACK SYMPTOMS:

The five major symptoms of a heart attack are:

- Pain or discomfort in the jaw, neck, or back.
- Feeling weak, lightheaded, or faint.
- Chest pain or discomfort.
- Pain or discomfort in arms or shoulder.
- Shortness of breath.

If you think that you or someone you know is having a heart attack, call 9-1-1 immediately.

The term "heart disease" refers to several types of heart conditions. The most common type in the United States is coronary heart disease (also called coronary artery disease), which occurs when a substance called plaque builds up in the arteries that supply blood to the heart. Coronary heart disease can cause heart attack, angina, heart failure, and arrhythmias.

Cardiovascular disease, including heart disease and stroke, cost the United States \$312.6 billion

each year. This total includes the cost of health care services, medications, and lost productivity. These conditions also are leading causes of disability, preventing Americans from working and enjoying family activities.

The situation is alarming, but there is good news—heart disease is preventable and controllable. We can start by taking small steps every day to bring our loved ones and ourselves closer to heart health.

PREVENTION:

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Live a Healthy Lifestyle
- Eat a healthy diet. Choosing healthful meal and snack options can help you avoid heart disease and its complications. Be sure to eat plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables. Eating foods low in saturated fat and cholesterol and high in fiber can help prevent high blood cholesterol. Limiting salt or sodium in your diet can also lower your blood pressure.
- Maintain a healthy weight. Being overweight or obese can increase your risk for heart disease. To determine if your weight is in a health range, you may access www.cdc.gov and have your body mass index (BMI) calculated.
- Exercise regularly. Physical activity can help you maintain a healthy weight and lower cholesterol and blood pressure. The Surgeon General recommends that adults should engage in moderate-intensity exercise for at least 30 minutes on most days of the

week.

- Don't smoke. Cigarette smoking greatly increases your risk for heart disease. So, if you don't smoke, don't start. If you do smoke, quitting will lower your risk for heart disease, along with many other diseases. For information on getting help to quit, call the Jefferson County Health Department at 850-342-0170.

- Limit alcohol use. Avoid drinking too much alcohol, which causes high blood pressure.

The Jefferson County Health Department has information to help you start on the right path to better health as well as how to manage chronic diseases. Call us today and we will be glad to help.

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By Vivian Miles

God's love is the best,
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 Our neighbors will be blessed we know.
 There are great words from God to hear,
 They are always near and dear.
 The joy of the Lord is our strength,
 This is what we should always think.
 Reading the Bible helps us love one another,
 Also our neighbor and our brother.
 A new day is a good reason to serve the Lord,
 He is the one that has a two-edged sword.
 Freedom does not give us the right to do wrong,
 What pleases God is like singing a song.
 It is good to take a break from a busy life,
 It makes your latter life more bright.
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 When we travel life's busy road,
 Let Jesus ease our heavy load.



"Keeping the Faith"

Ronnie McBrayer

There's No Substitute for the Real Thing

There is an old story told about Augustine, the early church father, and a little boy on a beach. At the time, Augustine was writing his book on the Trinity and was walking along the seashore, deep in thought. Augustine noticed the little boy pouring seawater into a hole that had been dug in the sand.

The little boy would go down to the surf, scoop up handfuls of the salty water, and quickly carry it back to the hole and dump it in. The boy did this repeatedly. Augustine finally asked the little boy what he was doing. The boy answered, "I am pouring the sea into this hole I have dug."

Augustine smiled, and then said to the boy, "Young man, you are wasting your time. You will never get all that water into that one little hole. It cannot be done." To which the boy responded, "Well then you are wasting your time writing about God. You will never get all of him into that one little book."

That little boy was right. God is bigger than our books, our doctrines, our belief statements, and our theories about him – far bigger. I now resist even using the words "theory" or "explanation" when speaking of God, because these imply that we can figure it all out, when we can't.

We get fooled into thinking that the totality of the holy, the Incarnation of God in the flesh, the essence of the Creator, can get crammed into one book, one series of sermons, one doctrinal system, or one denomination. How can that be possible when the entire universe cannot contain God?

The best we can do is use the tools at our disposal: Words, metaphors, stories, and pictures. We use these to describe our relationship with the Almighty and with his world. And even then, we are attempting to express the inexpressible. In some ways, every time we open our mouths to describe God, we commit heresy; because whatever we say will be wrong.

Like the proverbial blind men describing an elephant,

we articulate our own understanding best we can, of what we cannot and have not clearly seen. But these understandings, these blind explorations, can quickly become unyielding dogma. We get locked into one perspective, discounting the views of others. Then we become more committed to our dogma than we are to our relationship with God.

C. S. Lewis explained it like this: Suppose a man looks out at the Atlantic Ocean. Then he goes and looks at a map of the Atlantic Ocean. When he does that, he has turned from something real to something less real. He has turned from actual waves and salty air to "a bit of colored paper."

Now, the map is important, because it is based on what hundreds and thousands of people have found out by sailing the real Atlantic. And, if you want to go anywhere, the map is necessary, but it's not the real thing. Lewis concludes that our beliefs are just like that map; important, yes, but a weak representation of the genuine.

What we believe about God is not God. These are bits of colored paper pointing to what is real and actual. Yet, our tendency is to fall in love with the map, when God wants us to love him. We are skilled at knowing the ins-and-outs of all our religious charts, but God wants us to know him. After all, we cannot have a relationship with a map. We cannot commune with a theological concept. We cannot experience creed or dogma. But we can relate to, commune with, and experience God, a God that is an ever unfolding mystery of wonder and grace, larger than the universe.

So let's not sit on the beach, reading the map, concluding that words and paper are all that faith is about. Instead, let's hit the water, and with the wind in our face, we can begin to learn that merely thinking or learning about God is a poor substitute for actually experiencing him.

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BEAUTIFUL FEET

Our February has been busy and productive here at Porch de Solomon; two house builds underway, a different short-term team each week (they stay in the ministry's small hotel!) and moving our Solomon's Porch café to its new location by month's end. "Feet don't fail [us] now!" Here is a little story by our new assistant director, Will Deeds.

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of

those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation. ~ Isaiah 52:7.

Earlier this month God brought this verse to life for me. I also came away with an expanded view of its meaning. I've always pictured the feet of missionaries walking so that they could talk to people about the love of Christ. I still think this is a piece of this verse. However, I got to see different sets of feet carrying good news to an indigenous highland village in Guatemala called Chuaxic.

Our first 2013 short-term team decided to bring shoes to the family we were building the house for. Pretty soon that decision, and the good news, were spreading. The team eventually fitted and bought shoes for 300 people on the mountain! The children of Chuaxic ended up having the feet that spread the good news.

Many of these children don't even have shoes; they just go bare-



One of the feet gets traced by teamer Hollie Mitchell. It is wonderful that her hands, which cut hair in a chic Tallahassee salon, got "down and dirty" in the village.

foot. The shoes which other children wore were in pitiful shape. Two of the ladies on the team did foot tracings so that shoes were bought in the proper size. These beautiful, often dirty children received new shoes that week and spread the good news! Indeed, how beautiful are the feet of those who spread good news on the mountains!

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Two of the good news recipients and their new shoes.

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Church News Notes

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February 27-April 17

Wacissa United Methodist Church will hold after school classes every Wednesday (except March 27) for children ages 5 to 15 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. The classes will be filled with activities for the children. Contact Kathy Walker at 850-997-4800, 997-2179, or 997-3019 for more information. Parents must send a permission slip to the child's school to allow the bus driver to drop them off at the church after school.

March 1
 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.

March 1, 3
 Union Branch Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate its 115th Anniversary at 7:30 p.m. on Friday. Speaker will be Rev. William Hinson, Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church. Speaker for the 11 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship Service will be Rev. Theodore Kilpatrick, Griffin Chapel PB Church.

For more information, contact Dea. Arthur Lynn at 850-510-1896. Rev. Presley Sr., pastor.

March 2
 Nazarene Church Clothing Giveaway from 9 to 11 a.m. on the first Saturday of every month.

March 3
 Greater Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church will hold its annual Missionary Evening in White program at 3 p.m. on the first Sunday. Speaker will be Catherine Murphy of Madison, FL. Music will be rendered by the Sweetfield MBC Choir. Everyone is invited. Sis. Elouise Livingston and Sis. Mary Roberts, chairpersons. Rev. Dr. Melvin Roberts, pastor.

March 6
 St. Phillip AME Church will hold its monthly Mid-Week Praise and Worship Service at 7 p.m. on Wednesday. This event is a time to give praise and glory to God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon His people. Preacher for this occasion will be Rev. Gloria Cox, who serves in the ministry at St. Phillip AME Church.

Come, you will be blessed in the presence of the Lord. Rev. JW Tisdale, pastor.

March 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 needed, 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.

March 9
 First Baptist Church, Monticello will serve hot soup to shut-ins and walk-ins from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday in the church fellowship hall. This is a free ministry to anyone. Soup deliveries begin at noon. If you know of a shut-in who would appreciate a delivery of soup, email their name, address, and a contact phone number to fbcmonticellosecretary@yahoo.com

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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
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Worship on Wednesday.....7:00 PM

Mondays

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Thursdays

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1st & 3rd Monday

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1st Wednesday

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

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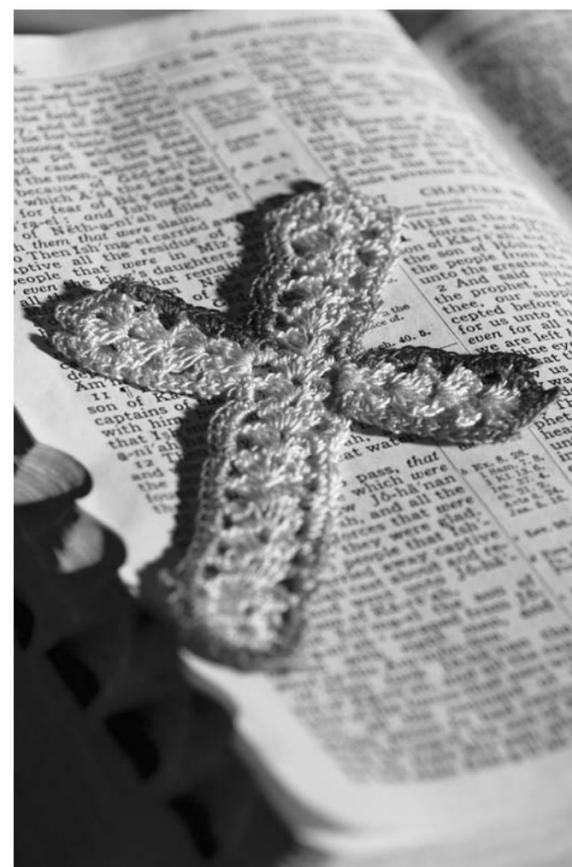
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SPORTS

Lady Tigers Suffer Two Losses

FRAN HUNT
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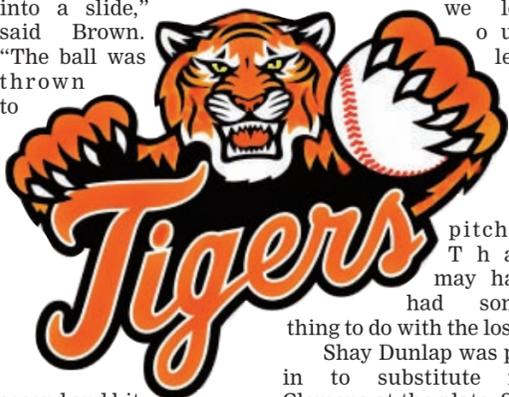
The Jefferson County varsity Lady Tigers suffered losses in the past two games to now stand 1-2 on the season.

Jefferson hit the diamond against Melody Christian on February 11 and the Lady Tigers were downed for an 11-8 loss.

"We just lost our edge coming off of that win over Taylor County," said Head Coach Frank Brown. We just were not sharp that day."

At the plate, lead pitcher Taylor Clemens had two at-bats, two runs, two singles, and one walk,

"In the second inning, Taylor was running into second base and going into a slide," we lost said Brown. "The ball was thrown to



second and hit her in the neck just below her helmet. She was dizzy and laid there for a while,

and we had EMS come and check her out. She was out for the rest of the game, so we lost our lead

Lewis was brought to the mound at the top of the fifth inning. She gave up one single, one walk, two hit-by-pitches, and had one strikeout.

The Melody Christian pitcher gave up eight singles, six doubles, one walk, and struck out five batters.

The game slated against FAMU on February 12 was canceled due to rain. Brown said he was going to attempt to reschedule the game.

The Lady Tigers faced off against Rickards on February 15, and Jefferson was skunked for a 13-1 loss. The game was called after five innings, due to the ten run rule.

"We lost the game on our defensive errors alone," said Brown. "We had bad throws, bad catches, bad plays in general. We just were not the best team on the field that day."

Clemens had three at-bats, one single, one putout, and one fly out.

Carlisle Barer had three at-bats, one double, one strikeout, and one sacrifice bunt.

Lewis had three at-bats, one single, one strikeout, and one putout.

Jana Barber had two at-bats, one run, two singles, and one stolen base.

Mikayla Norton had two at-bats, one single, and one fly out.

Nolan had two at-bats, one single, one RBI, and one strikeout.

Williams had two at-bats, and two singles.

Pierce had two at-bats, one strikeout, and one fly out.

Kelvisha Norton had two at-bats, one strikeout, and one putout.

On the mound, Clemens pitched the entire game. She gave up nine singles, four doubles, one triple, four walks, two hit-by-pitches, and struck out six batters.

The Rickards pitcher gave up eight singles, one double, no walks, one bunt, and struck out five batters.

Warriors Blank Franklin

FRAN HUNT
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

The Aucilla Christian Academy varsity Warriors hit the diamond against Franklin County on February 18, and the Warriors blanked their opponent for a 10-0 win to now stand 3-1 on the season. The game was called after five innings due to the ten-run "mercy" rule.

Aucilla scored four runs in the first inning, two runs in the second inning, three runs in the fourth inning, and one run in the fifth inning.

As a team, at the plate, the Warriors had a batting average of .333, with 28 plate appearances, 24 at-bats, 10 runs on eight hits, nine RBI's, three doubles, one homerun, one sacrifice hit/bunt, one walk, four strikeouts, two hit by pitch, three reach on error, an on base percentage of .407, a slugging average of .583, and five stolen bases.

Josh Wood had a batting average of .000 with one plate appearance, one at-bat, and one strikeout.

Hans Sorensen had a batting average of .667, with three plate appearances, three at-bats, one run, two hits, one RBI, one double, one strikeout, an on base percentage of .667, and a slugging average of 1.000.

Russell Fraleigh had a batting average of .000, with four plate appearances, three at-bats, one sacrifice hit/bunt, and one strikeout.

Casey Demott had a batting average of .000, with two plate appearances, two at-bats, and one reach on error.

Hunter Horne had a batting average of .333, with three plate appearances, three at-bats, one run, one hit, one double, one strikeout, an on base percentage of .333, and a slugging average of .667.

Hunter Handley had one run.

Tres Copeland had a batting average of .500, with three plate appearances, two at-bats, one run, one hit, two RBI's, one homerun, one walk, an on base percentage of .667, and a slugging average of 2.000.

Austin Bishop had a batting average of .000, with three plate appearances, three at-bats, one RBI, and one reach on error.

Bradley Holm had one plate appearance, one run, one hit by pitch, an on base percentage of 1.000, and one

stolen base.

Jared Jackson had a batting average of .500, with three plate appearances, two at-bats, three runs, one hit, one hit by pitch, an on base percentage of .667, a slugging average of .500, and two stolen bases.

Kaleb Wyche had one stolen base.

Gus Smyrnios had a batting average of 1.000, with three plate appearances, three at-bats, two runs, three hits, four RBI's, one double, an on base percentage of 1.000, a slugging average of 1.333, and one stolen base.

In the field, the Warriors had a fielding percentage of .917, with 12 total chances, eight putouts, three assists, and one error.

Sorensen had a fielding percentage of 1.000, with two total chances, and two putouts.

Fraleigh had a fielding percentage of 1.000, with one total chance, and one putout.

Horne had a fielding percentage of 1.000, with two total chances, and two putouts.

Bishop had a fielding percentage of 1.000, with one total chance, and one assist.

Bradley Holm had a fielding percentage of 1.000, with one total chance, and one putout.

Nick Roberts had a fielding percentage of 1.000, with one total chance, and one assist.

Jared Jackson had a fielding percentage of 1.000, with two total chances, and two putouts.

Brandon Holm had a fielding percentage of .000, with one total chance, and one error.

Smyrnios had a fielding percentage of 1.000, with one total chance, and one assist.

On the mound, the Warriors had an earned run average of 0.00, with two hits, no runs, seven strikeouts, 18 batters faced, 18 at-bats, a batting average of .111, an on base percentage of .111, and two wild pitches, on 51 pitches.

Fraleigh had an earned run average of 0.000, with one inning pitched, one hit, one strikeout, four batters faced, four at-bats, a batting average of .250, an on base percentage of .250, and one wild pitch on 10 pitches.

Demott had an earned run average of 0.000, with one inning pitched, two strikeouts, three batters faced, three at-bats, a batting average of .000, an on base percentage of .000, on 12 pitches.

Bishop was credited with the win. He had an earned run average of 0.000, with three innings pitched, one hit, four strikeouts, 11 batters faced, 11 at-bats, a batting average of .091, an on base percentage of .091, and one wild pitch on 29 pitches.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA. REGIONS BANK D/B/A REGIONS MORTGAGE, Plaintiff, vs. Case No. 2:12-77-CA DONNIE M. PITTS A/K/A DONNIE M. PITTS, JR., et al., Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on February 14, 2013, in Case No. 2:12-77-CA of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit for Jefferson County, Florida, in which Regions Bank d/b/a Regions Mortgage, is Plaintiff, and Donnie M. Pitts, et al., are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in the Civil Division of the Jefferson County Clerk's Office, Main Courthouse, 1 Courthouse Circle, Monticello, FL, at 11:00 AM or as soon thereafter as the sale may proceed, on the 14th day of March, 2013, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

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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 the same with the Clerk of Court within 60 days after the foreclosure sale.

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Dated this 18th day of February, 2013. KIRK REAMS, Clerk of the Circuit Court 2/27, 3/6/13

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2nd JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 33-2011-CA-000089

GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC, PLAINTIFF, vs. CONNIE HIGHTOWER, ET AL., DEFENDANT(S).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 12, 2013 and entered in Case No. 33-2011-CA-000089 in the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for Jefferson County, Florida wherein GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC was the Plaintiff and CONNIE HIGHTOWER, ET AL., the Defendant(s), I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the North door of the Jefferson County Courthouse, 1 Courthouse Circle, Monticello, FL 32344 on the 14th day of March, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 46, BLOCK "A", AUCILLA FOREST & MEADOWS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAN THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK B, PAGE (S) 45, PUBLIC RECORDS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH AND INCLUDING A 1998 SWEETWATER DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOME SHGA 2752A & SHGA 2752B 22.30' X 66.20'. TAX ID: 202N600000A0460

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS OF THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER, AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS, MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS AFTER THE SALE. 2/27, 3/6/13

Clerk, Circuit Court Sherry Sears Deputy Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs. C.A. No.: 2009-CA-114 EDWARD C. FREEMAN, and UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF EDWARD C. FREEMAN, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45 Notice is given that pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 14, 2013, entered in Case No. 2009-CA-114 pending in the Ninth Judicial Circuit Court in and for Jefferson County, Florida, in which Branch Banking and Trust Company is the Plaintiff and Edward C. Freeman is the Defendant, will sell to the highest and best bidder at Jefferson County Clerk of Courts, 1 Courthouse Circle, Monticello, Florida 32344 at 11:00 a.m. on the March 14, 2013 the following-described property set forth in said Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure:

ADDRESS: XXXX Red Fox Run, Monticello, Florida 32344. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated this 15th day of February, 2013. Jefferson County Clerk of Court By: Sherry Sears Deputy Clerk

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EXHIBIT "A" LEGAL DESCRIPTION DESCRIPTION: NEW PARCEL 5 Commence at the Northwest corner of Section 3, Township 1 North, Range 3 East, Jefferson County, Florida and run South 89°53'10" West 6.27 feet to the East right of way line of State Road 59, thence run South 00°13'00" East, along the East right of way line of said State Road 59, 2,993.00 feet for a POINT OF BEGINNING, thence run North 89°19'54" East, 1,331.72 feet to a point, thence North 00°13'00" West 326.96 feet to a point, thence North 89°19'54" East 464.10 feet to a point, thence South 47°46'28" East, 93.25 feet, thence South 80°58'41" East 96.73 feet, thence North 70°57'28" East 61.88 feet, thence North 51°34'49" East 98.74 feet to a point, thence North 89°19'54" East 537.17 feet to a point, thence South 00°25'33" West 671.85 feet, thence South 89°17'06" West 1,291.42 feet to a point, thence North 00°13'00" West 325.84 feet to a point, thence South 89°19'54" West 1,334.72 feet to a point on the East right of way line of said State Road 59, thence run North 00°13'00" West, along said right of way line, 20.0 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Less and Except that parcel conveyed by Warranty Deed recorded in Official Records Book 598, Page 734, of the Public Records of Jefferson County, Florida, and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northwest corner of Section 3, Township 1 North, Range 3 East, Jefferson County, Florida and run South 89°53'10" West 6.27 feet to the East right of way line of said State Road 59, thence South 00°13'00" East, along the East right of way line of said State Road 59, 3,361.04 feet to a point, thence North 89°17'06" East, 1,334.73 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, thence run North 00°13'00" West 325.84 feet to a point, thence North 89°19'54" East 660.52 feet to a point, thence South 00°13'00" West 325.29 feet to a point, thence South 89°17'06" West, 669.53 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

TOGETHER WITH non-exclusive easements over that portion of the following described land which benefits the above described Parcel, as set forth in Easement and Maintenance Covenant recorded in Official Records Book 561, Page 590, of the Public Records of Jefferson County, Florida:

DESCRIPTION: NEW 60' ACCESS & UTILITY EASEMENT Commence at the Northwest corner of Section 3, Township 1 North, Range 3 East, Jefferson County, Florida and run South 89°53'10" West 6.27 feet to the East right of way line of State Road 59, thence run South 00°13'00" East, along the East right of way line of said State Road 59, 2,993.00 feet for a POINT OF BEGINNING, thence leaving said right of way run North 89°19'54" East 1,334.72 feet to a point, thence South 00°13'00" East 60.00 feet to a point, thence South 89°17'06" West 1,334.72 feet to a point on the east right of way line of said State Road 59, thence North 00°13'00" West, along said right of way line, 60.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. 2/27, 3/6/13

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION IN RE: ESTATE OF IDA H. MALOY, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS The administration of the estate of IDA H. MALOY, deceased, whose date of death was December 8, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for Jefferson County, Florida, Probate Division under probate file # 13-06-CP, 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 the first publication of this notice is February 27, 2013.

Attorney for Personal Representative T. Buckingham Bird, Esq. P.O. Box 247 Monticello, Florida 32345 (850) 997-3503 Personal Representative Joan M. Stanley P.O. Box 1061 Perry, Florida 32348 2/27, 3/6/13

NOTICE Jefferson County Fire Rescue will be accepting sealed bids for the sale of a 1996 F-350 Super Duty 7.3 Diesel truck with no bed. Vehicle Identification Number is 1FDKF37F3TEB25502. Truck has 161,413 miles. Motor runs. Automatic transmission is bad. This vehicle was originally an ambulance and then turned into a brush truck. This vehicle can be viewed at Jefferson County Fire Rescue 1456 South Jefferson St. Monticello, FL 32344. Truck to be sold "as is as where is" with no warranty. Sealed bids will be accepted until Friday March 15, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. and will be opened at that time. Sealed bid can be mailed or hand delivered to the above address. Please mark envelope sealed bid for 1996 F-350. Jefferson County reserves the right to reject any and all bids. 2/20,27,3/6

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION IN RE: ESTATE OF FRED M. WILLIAMS, JR., Deceased. File Number: 13-07-CP

NOTICE TO CREDITORS The administration of the estate of FRED M. WILLIAMS, JR., deceased, whose date of death was September 16, 2012, is pending in the Circuit Court for Jefferson County, Florida, Probate Division under probate file # 13-07-CP, 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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Attorney for Personal Representative Paula M. Sparkman, Esq. P.O. Box 247 Monticello, Florida 32345 (850) 997-3503 Personal Representative Velinda A. Williams 1000 Beth Page Rd. Monticello, Florida 32344 2/20,27/13

LEGAL NOTICE The Jefferson County Planning Commission will hold its regular monthly meeting on March 14, 2013 at 7:00 pm. The meeting will consist of general business and a workshop on the Land Development Code.

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

Information concerning the meeting is available at the Jefferson County Planning Department, 445 W. Palmer Mill Road, Monticello, FL. 32344, Telephone 850-342-0223. From the Florida "Government in the Sunshine Manual", page 36, paragraph c: Each board, commission, or agency of this state or of any political subdivision thereof shall include in the notice of any meeting or hearing, if notice of meeting or hearing is required, of such board, commission, or agency, conspicuously on such notice, the advice that, if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings, is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. 2/27/13

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FARM & OUTDOORS

What is Agriculture Looking for in the 2013 Legislature?

CINDY ROE LITTLEJOHN

(as recently printed in the "Topical Breezes" section of Florida Voices)

Florida's agriculture is not visible to 80% of Floridians. Many never leave our coastal areas; and when they do, they seldom venture beyond Florida's freeways and airports.

This is not all bad, as mostly ag wants to be left alone to do what we are very good at doing—providing food and fiber for our nation. But it is not all good either, because most Floridians do not understand the system in which their food is produced.

Florida is seventh in the nation in ag production. We have a diversity of climates and soils and produce over 250 different crops and livestock.

We're first in the nation in citrus; even after canker and greening, California isn't close. There are approximately 80 million citrus trees in Florida. We're also first in sweet corn, clams, squash, sugarcane, ornamental fish, and indoor foliage. We're second in bell peppers, horses, floriculture, cucumbers, nursery stocks, snap beans, egg plants, and all specialty crops. One Florida ranch owns the largest brood cow herd in North America, and we are also home to four of the nation's largest cow-calf operations. We export to over 100 countries worldwide. Our economic impacts amount to over \$76 billion.

So what are we asking of the legislature in 2013?

First, please do no harm to IFAS - Research, technology development and education have transformed not only Florida but the entire nation from an agrarian society, where most resources were allocated to the production of food, to a society where only 2% of the population is needed to produce our entire food supply. And we do it for less than 10 cents on the dollar and with a very narrow profit margin.

England does it for 22%. Germany's is 21%. Japan's is 26%, and India's is 51%. America's food cost is the lowest of all nations. Land grant university programs, like IFAS are the reason. To Florida's agricultural community, the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sci-



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ences (IFAS) at the University of Florida, is our rock star!

IFAS constantly strives to keep one step ahead of the problems that we face. They help us by developing new plant varieties that yield more with reduced inputs, with constantly changing markets due to changes in consumer preferences, with competition, with globalization, and with improvements in technology.

One important example is irrigation technologies and plant varieties that require less water. Citrus and tomato crops use less water than they did twenty years ago, thanks to changes in the way we irrigate.

There was a time when Florida had no blueberry industry, a crop that required a certain amount of cold in order to produce. Because of IFAS' work in genetics, they developed a blueberry that requires less cold. Now Florida has a significant blueberry industry that supplies this product when nowhere else in the world can supply it, taking advantage of a market window.

IFAS works every day to find a solution to citrus greening and tens of dozens of other pest and diseases that find their way here. Every industry has

a success story to tell, and IFAS is often the star in these stories.

Second, please do no harm to the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services -- One example within DACS is the Office of Agricultural Water Policy, which develops our Best Management Practices (BMPs), addressing both water quality and water quantity. This office works cooperatively with agricultural producers, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, IFAS, and the Water Management Districts to develop and implement BMP programs that are economically and technically feasible.

BMPs are used to reduce the amount of pesticides, fertilizers, animal wastes, and other inputs and outputs that may enter our water resources. They increase water-use efficiencies. They benefit water quality and water conservation while maintaining or even enhancing ag production.

Third, please provide a stable regulatory atmosphere for our businesses. -- Because we are so few, because many of our governmental bodies are looking for ways to increase revenue, and because there are people in our society who would just rather we didn't do business at all in Florida, agriculture is constantly faced with an onslaught of rules, ordinances, regulations and fees.

A good example was when a county required a permit and fee before repairing a downed fence. Little thought was given as to the safety problems of cattle on the highway, while the farmer was down at the courthouse. A city decided to impose stormwater fees on a commercial timber tract, when that timber owner was already engaged in BMPs for his water runoff. This resulted in a duplication of regulation and costs for this timber owner's operations. We asked the legislature to help in both of these examples.

Finally, we ask the legislature to be very careful when dealing with Florida's greenbelt laws. Greenbelt is the backbone of Florida's ag industry, and the property taxes that farmer's pay. It is a land-use classification—not an exemption—and an assessment based on the land's production value, rather than its market value.

Greenbelt provides a lower tax rate and recognizes that ag lands consume a fraction of the public services that homeowners do. Cows don't need schools, nor do crops need the same level of fire protection. Government services to ag farm land amount to about 25 cents for every tax dollar paid. This is com-

pared to homeowners who receive about \$1.50 for their tax dollar. Preservation of the greenbelt classification is critical to the sustainability of Florida's ag lands.

Regulations, taxes and fees cost money; and most costs are usually passed on to the consumer. In agriculture, though, there is a time lag where the farmer has to eat the costs.

Our products are sold at market as perishables, and most Florida products are perishables (specialty crops) that cannot be stored like the mid-western (commodity) crops. You can store most corn and wheat, but you cannot store fresh fruits and vegetables for long. When our crops come into harvest, we take what the market offers. We do not set our prices. We are price takers, not price makers.

Also for Florida agriculture, there are little if any subsidies. Again, we are a specialty crop state; and we are blessed with the climate and soils to grow high value crops. The commodity crops are low value crops, and most are subsidized because of their value in storage. The kings in the Bible stored crops for droughts and to maintain civil order. Our commodity crops are America's system for doing the same. When the masses are underfed, civil disorder quickly follows.

Agriculture in Florida manages over 25 million acres of ag land, including the vast forests of north Florida. There are over 45,000 farms, nurseries, ranches and forest operations, where 36% of the principal operators are women. The largest farms are in central and south Florida in a belt that reaches from Hillsborough down across to Palm Beach County, the 15th biggest ag producing county in the nation.

This system of food production in America has freed millions of acres of land for other human enterprises. It has freed millions of people to produce items and services other than food. It has liberated millions of dollars to spend on activities and services other than food, such as travel (vacations), health care, clothing and our homes. It has freed time and land and dollars. Agriculture is the base on which our entire country's economy stands.

Agriculture continues to grow in Florida, because our farmers continue to adapt. Because we only make up about 2% of the population, our changes go mostly unnoticed. Our plea to the legislature is to realize that this industry is a complicated and industrial system. Please do no harm, as all of America depend on our products.

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Spring Planting Means Farm Equipment Is On The Move

As Florida farmers begin the spring planting season, they will be moving tractors, plows and other agricultural machinery on area roadways. Please keep in mind that they must drive or pull equipment from one field to another so that they can produce food, fiber and renewable fuel for everyone.

Florida Farm Bureau urges drivers to exercise patience with this process. Farmers transport production equipment on public thoroughfares only when necessary to perform their vital job.

In most instances, a tractor or combine driver will spot a line of vehicles trailing behind the machine and move to the roadside shoulder, allowing cars and trucks to proceed without further delay. Please understand that if the road is lined by deep ditches or has little shoulder space, the driver must wait for an opportunity to move aside safely.

Florida's farmers contribute economic stability to communities throughout the state. They also help maintain our natural resources, greenspace, freshwater recharge areas and wildlife habitat.

We depend upon them to create the foundation of our quality of life. They depend upon you to help make sure everyone is safe on our roadways.

Heavy Rains In Georgia Will Cause Some Area Rivers To Rise

Up to 8 inches of rain fell in a swath across the upper Withlacoochee and Alapaha river basins in Georgia since Monday, Feb. 11. Gages on the Withlacoochee and Alapaha rivers are already starting to rise, with rising stages on the middle Suwannee to follow in the next week. River levels had recently fallen to the lowest since June and were extremely low for the time of year.



The weather pattern this week was reminiscent of a February 2008 storm that caused minor flooding on the Withlacoochee and the Santa Fe at Three Rivers Estates, although the recent rains were not as widespread. The worst flooding in history on the Withlacoochee and Alapaha rivers occurred in April 2009, after up to 16 inches fell in 10 days over the Georgia basins.

Extremely dry conditions in the last three months will reduce the effects of the storm downstream in Florida, according to Megan Wetherington, Suwannee River Water Management District (District) hydrologist. Conditions on the middle Suwannee should improve as the runoff makes its way downstream.

Flood forecasts for the District are provided by the National Weather Service Southeast River Forecast Center near Atlanta when conditions indicate flooding is possible. Flooding in February, March, and April is more likely than during hurricane season.

"There's no flooding forecast at this time, but this recent weather should remind people to keep an eye on the weather in Georgia and on their river gages," Wetherington said. "Big events like tropical storms put everyone on alert, but Florida residents may not be checking the winter weather in South Georgia."

Information about area rivers and flooding can be found at www.mysuwanneeriver.com.