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Tax Collector Prevails In Suit Involving Clerk's Termination

(Jury Finds Firing Was Lawful)

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A 10-member jury in Tallahassee late last week found in favor of Tax Collector Lois Howell-Hunter in the civil lawsuit arising out of her termination of former deputy clerk Idella Scott.

The jury issued its verdict on Friday afternoon, Sept. 6, following a trial that started on Tuesday, with Federal Judge Robert Lewis Hinkle presiding. The jury found



Lois Howell-Hunter that Scott's termination was lawful, notwithstanding the latter's allegation that her firing had re-

sulted from her support of Howell-Hunter's political opponent in the last election.

Attorney Stephen Webster, one of two attorneys who represented Howell-Hunter, said Monday that his side had provided sufficient evidence to convince the jury that Scott's termination had resulted from a poor work attitude, insubordination and what he termed improper conduct.

"Our argument was that it was improper the way that Ms. Scott han-



Idella Scott dled a taxpayer's transaction," Webster said. "The taxpayer called Lois and told her that he had gotten

a call from a deputy clerk saying that she had made a check of his payable to herself instead of using the office stamp."

Webster said the citizen had testified to the fact in court. He said the citizen's complaint alone constituted grounds for termination.

"I feel it was a very clean trial," Webster said. "Judge Hinkle is one of the finest jurists in the land. He's about as acclaimed as any judge in the country. It was a very fair trial."

It was Webster's representation that Scott had been seeking \$250,000 for mental and emotional anguish stemming from the termination, in addition to seeking reinstatement to her former job, back pay and benefits for the period of her absence, and her attorney's fees.

"The jury didn't buy it," Webster said. "The jury rejected her claims."

Scott filed her lawsuit in federal court in Tallahassee on Jan. 16, seeking **Please See TAX COLLECTOR Page 3**

School Board & Superintendent Get Refresher Course On Duties

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The Jefferson County School Board and School Superintendent Al Cooksey got a short refresher course on their respective roles and duties at a workshop here on Wednesday morning, Sept. 4.

Presenters at the workshop were Wayne Blanton, executive director of the Florida School Boards Association (FSBA); Don Griesheimer, associate executive director of the Florida Association of District School Superintendents (FADSS); and Andrea D. Messina, director of board development with the FSBA.

If any consensus emerged from the workshop with the potential for board action in the future it was that the School Board's policy manual is in serious need of revising and updating; that the school district has a dire need to upgrade its electronic equipment and software both to keep up with current educational trends and also provide the kind of timely and detailed financial reporting that some board members demand; and that the School Board's is the authority to set policies, approve grants and create positions, but the superintendent should be allowed input into the formulation of policies and he or she alone administers the grants, fills the positions, and supervises the personnel.

Another of the points that the presenters emphasized: Chief financial officers (CFO) who are truly knowledgeable



School Superintendent Al Cooksey recently presented bonus checks to the principal and assistant principal at Jefferson Elementary School (JES), which bonus are mandated for administrators who raise a school's letter grade. From left to right are School Board Member Shirley Washington, JES Assistant Principal Nancy Whitty, School Board Member Sandra Saunders, JES Principal Dr. Gwen Couverson, and Cooksey.

about educational finance accounting are extremely rare and difficult to find, and if the district had found one in CFO Robert Lloyd, it should treasure him and give him time to gain his footing.

"If you have a CFO who understands educational accounting you're way ahead; it's more complicated than anything you can imagine," Griesheimer said at one point, allowing that "a lack of understanding of

the complexities of educational accounting was a deficiency here previously."

Blanton pretty much dominated the presentation, with occasional input from Griesheimer and Messina. School Board members and Superintendent Al Cooksey, meanwhile, were free to ask questions, point out current difficulties in their relationship, and solicit advice.

Throughout the pres-

entation, the Manatee County School District was repeatedly cited as an example of a grossly dysfunctional organization that other districts should avoid emulating.

Among the many egregious errors that Blanton and Griesheimer attributed to Manatee: It had a multimillion deficit in its reserve fund balance for four years running; it had a culture of complacency and cronyism in its leadership, with 'compla-

city' the operative word; the school board there didn't ask questions and took a hands-off approach to the financial situation, under the erroneous assumption that because the superintendent had formerly been the CFO, he knew what he was doing; and an innately yes-minded superintendent had seemingly been incapable of saying 'no' to any request.

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Building Activity Indicates Rise In Home-Improvements Projects

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The number of building permits, as well their valuations, improved in August when compared with the previous month.

The latest report from the Jefferson County and City of Monticello Building Inspection and Contractor Licensing Department shows the city and county issued a combined 48 permits in



August, 20 more than in the previous month.

The 48 permits generated \$7,860.32 in fees, compared with \$3,362.3 generated by the 28 permits in July. Of the 48 permits, the city issued 16 and collected \$2,988.50, and the county issued 32 and collected \$4,871.82.

A breakdown of the permits shows 43 were for repairs and additions; one was for residential com- **Please See ACTIVITY Page 3**

Two National Guardsmen Struck And Killed On I-10

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A National Guard captain and a tech sergeant, who had stopped to assist a motorist, were struck and killed by another car on Interstate 10, near the 226 westbound mile marker, in Jefferson County, on Sunday evening, Sept. 8, at approximately 7:17 p.m.

According to a Florida Highway Patrol report, a military convoy had pulled over when one of the convoy's vehicles had a tire blow out as the group was headed from Camp Blanding to Quincy.

According to a Florida Highway Patrol report, Shiv G. Patel, 22, of Tallahassee, was traveling westbound on I-10 in the left travel lane at approximately 70 miles per hour.

Tech Sgt. David A. Stone, 30, of Starke, and Capt. Tecari M. Czarnecki, of St. Augustine, who had previously stopped to help a motorist, were walking westbound in the grass median.

Westbound traffic had slowed due to a previous incident on the interstate. Patel applied the brakes of his 2009 Nissan Sentra and steered it to the left into the grassy median to avoid striking debris from the tire which had blown out.

The Nissan traveled off the roadway, where it entered the grassy median, causing the left front corner to strike Stone and the front of the Nissan to strike Czarnecki.

Stone and Czarnecki were vaulted in a southerly direction upon impact with Patel's vehicle.

Patel's Nissan Sentra then continued to travel across the median and the eastbound travel lanes of I-10 before traveling down the south shoulder of I-10 and coming to a rest at the tree line, facing in a southerly direction.

Stone and Czarnecki were both pronounced dead at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital.

FHP Trooper William Harrell was the investigating officer.

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Letters To The Editor

Letters to the Editor are typed word for word, comma for comma, as sent to this newspaper.

Please Clean Up Right-Of-Ways On Eastside

At first I was not going to say anything. However, upon overhearing many others grumbling about the very same thing I was thinking I felt compelled to speak up.

Wouldn't it have been groovy if the county road that leads to Howard Academy (formerly Howard Middle School) had been properly mowed, and the drainage ditches adequately maintained by the time the Class of 1963 came back home for their 50th year reunion? Many reunion participants saw weeds and bushes so tall that they appear to not have been mowed since 1763. Are we keeping this area like this for the next Mutual of Omaha 'Call of the Wild' video?

This is the same street (no street sign posted) that leads from Clark Avenue and takes travelers to the M.L. King Center as well as to Pallbearers (Sneads) Cemetery. Isn't this within the designated historic district? All of this overgrown, unkempt public right-of-way is situated within County Commission District 2. Apparently, it does us no good to

be silent on this important issue any longer. The word of the Lord clearly says, "faith without works is dead" (James 2:17.) Thus, let us contact County Commission Chairman John Nelson and request that he send our tax payer funded Jefferson County Road Department crews to the roadways east and south of Howard Academy and clean up those badly neglected right of ways. Basically, if, on the one hand, county officials do not execute the clean-up of our public land, then how on the other, can we reasonably expect them to enforce the clean-up of abandoned parcels held by private land owners?

In addition, many of us undoubtedly noticed that the county right of ways and ditches were excessively overgrown when we attended Ms. Merissa Evans' clothing giveaway at the M.L. King Center a while ago. We certainly applaud her due diligence to bless the less fortunate members of our community. It would have been right on time though if the county would have had the 12-foot bushes along and in the road (both sides) cut down

then as well. Otherwise, it is not what we typically expect when someone says let's preserve the canopy on our roads. Presently, one can barely see the M.L. King Center from the road due to the giant bushes along the right of way.

Moreover, when I double checked the corridor on this past Saturday, the public ditches and roadsides were still unbelievably overgrown, badly littered, and in disarray. In fact, there are cow pastures within other county districts that are far better maintained... despite the bovine fecal matter... for its residents. Come on, let's not wait another 50 years before we have these right of ways properly maintained. Let's contact Commission Chair Nelson and the other Commissioners and let them know that we want our kids in County Commission District 2 to be equally proud of where they live. Besides, the good Lord just may fix it wherein one day we may be depending upon some of them to do the same for us.

Respectfully,
Rev. Gene Hall

ANOTHER WAR?

Why should we become involved in Syria? Because someone used poison gas to kill innocent civilians? Do we know how many were killed? Do we know who authorized the use of gas? The answers are we do not know for sure.

How many Americans will die if we get involved? Is this just the tip of the iceberg? Who is going to help us? Why is this Nobel Peace Prize winning President so intent on getting involved with a war in Syria? What are the facts? The American people de-

serve answers before becoming involved in another senseless war where thousands of Americans will die. Our elected representatives should get these answers before authorizing another war.

Charles E. McClellan

Searching For Ambrosia

Rose Klein
Guest Columnist



Going Gluten Free Means Going Back To School

Everywhere you look today you can see gluten free; there are products on grocery store shelves and in freezer cases, options at restaurants are becoming more common and typing in "gluten free" on the Internet will give you thousands of sites to choose from. Going gluten free has almost become trendy. Luckily, for those who have suffered with gluten issues, all this information now available has given them confirmation of their problems and a diagnosis could finally be given to their symptoms.

I first became interested in gluten free when one of my dogs was diagnosed several years back with an autoimmune disease. He was developing tumors, dropping weight (partially due to what seemed a lack of appetite) and losing so much hair that I thought he might have contracted mange. At this point, I was preparing myself for his death, as was anyone else who saw him. The veterinarian was very helpful and researched autoimmune diseases for me and prescribed medications designed specifically to treat them. After several weeks, I noticed no apparent change in Radar and so began doing research on my own. I always look to diet first since I believe food is the first line of defense against any disease. I stopped giving the meds and put him on a "cancer diet", one without any carbs because I learned that cancer cells feed on carbohydrates, and with tumors present, cancer was an option in my mind. Radar's diet became a vegetable mix with supplements and fresh meat, with absolutely no commercial dog food. His appetite returned, along with his weight and his beautiful hair finally came back. Today, Radar is still with me and shows no signs of his previous diagnosis.

Today I recognize that it may have been the lack of gluten in Radar's diet that helped in healing him. Celiac disease is an autoimmune disease, not a food allergy that some think it is. I also now have friends diagnosed with this disease and began looking at gluten free baking. I was surprised to see that most of the recipes had a laundry list of ingredients unfamiliar to me. With grocery list in hand, I hit the health food store in Tallahassee and found all but two of the items I had written down. The next day I pulled all the ingredients out, opened my laptop and



Some of the many products needed to bake gluten free.

prepared myself for a night of learning and baking. To my frustration, the two ingredients I wasn't able to find, were the ingredients used most in baking. While my friend will have to wait on her baked goods, I did learn a lot that night. The largest lesson learned was that almost everything I know about baking does not apply when going gluten free.

Gluten free flours can be heavy (buckwheat, millet and legume), medium weight (sorghum, oat and brown rice) or light (white rice flour). They are often mixed so the baked good isn't too heavy or too light, which in gluten free can mean "gummy." You also have to add starches, such as arrowroot, potato or tapioca, to replace the lack of gluten that functions to bind the ingredients together and to tenderize and lighten the dough. Xanthan gum or guar gum is also added to give dough the stretch and viscosity to prevent the baked food from being crumbly or dry. Extra leavening helps with the lightness, as does extra fats, to the end product.

While I did come away with a much greater understanding of gluten free products and how to use them in baking, I didn't have a finished product, which means no recipe to share with you. So I will call today's column, Part 1 in this gluten free journey and next week, I will share my results with you. It's time to play.

If you would like to share your experiences with gluten free products or have a recipe that is gluten free, please send it rose@greenepublishing.com, and I'll include it in Part 2.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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September 11 - October 25

Jefferson Arts Gallery will host the 'Wildflower Photography' exhibit of John Moran. This exhibit is sponsored by Viva 500, Florida Wildflower Foundation, and MainStreet Monticello. The exhibit can be enjoyed in the gallery located at 575 West Washington Street. Special hours of operation will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. For more information, call 850-997-3311 of go to www.jeffersonartsgallery.com.

September 11
Benghazi Memorial at the Florida State Capitol building steps from 12:00 to 1:15 p.m. on Wednesday hosted by the First Coast Tea Party of Jacksonville to honor the heroes who lost their lives on September 11, 2012. "Please join us as we respectfully remember these fallen patriots," Rose Hayden, FCTP member. For more information, call 904-683-3945.

September 12, 26
Altrusa of Monticello meets at 12 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday

in the First United Methodist Church Youth Center. For more information about Altrusa International Monticello/Jefferson County call 850-997-2973 or 850-997-2230. Contact Mary Francis Gramling at mgramling@centurylink.net, or 850-997-3657 if you plan to attend.

September 12
Fall General Meeting of the Monticello Garden Club will be held on Thursday at the Avera Clarke House Bed & Breakfast. Gretchen Avera will host the afternoon event. Lunch will be provided at the cost of \$8 a person. Program speaker will be Eleanor Dietrich, a wildflower expert. After her presentation members and their guests are invited to go across the street to the Jefferson Arts Gallery for a private showing of the September/October Wildflower Photography exhibit. The day will be filled with raffle prizes, door prizes, and a Ways and Means table at the luncheon.

September 12-19
Covenant Hospice is offering a six-week grief support group from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays at the Covenant Hospice Office. Those who attend will have the opportunity to explore their grief in a safe and caring environment, as the feelings of grief and loss can be overwhelming. The support group is free but registration is required. Light refreshments will be served. To register for this support group, or for additional information, contact Bobbie Massey, LCSW at 850-575-4998 or email to bobbie.massey@covenant.hospice.org.

September 12
AA meeting at 8 p.m. on Thursday at the Christ Episcopal Church annex, 425 North Cherry Street. For more information call 850-997-2129 or 850-997-1955.

September 13
Big Bend Hospice will host a free talk to the community on "Living with the

Loss of a Loved One Part 2 - Traumatic Grief and Coping with the Holidays." This follow-up presentation will address traumatic grief, and also discuss ways to cope with the upcoming holiday season. This talk will be held Friday, September 13 from 10-12 at Rosehead Junction Restaurant at 107 S. Jefferson St. in Perry. It is open to the community, even if you did not attend the first session. For more information or to register please contact: Mindi Rojas at 878-5310 x 774 or mindi@bigbendhospice.org or visit www.bigbendhospice.org

September 13
Monticello Jamboree Band will perform music for dancing at 7 p.m. on Friday at 625 South Water Street. There will be doorprizes, cold soft drinks, and snacks. Everyone is welcome to come dance, listen to some of the finest music, and just enjoy some fun and camaraderie with neighbors and friends. This is a nonprofit charitable event; donations are accepted. For questions or concerns, contact Curtis Morgan at 850-933-8136 or Bobby Connell at 850-445-0049.

September 13
Rotary will meet at 12 p.m. on Friday at the First Presbyterian Church, in the fellowship hall, for lunch, a meeting, program, and speaker. For questions or comments, contact Neill Wade at 850-545-4940.

September 14
Scarlet O'Hatters will meet at 11:30 a.m. on the second Saturday for lunch and a program at the Brick House Eatery. Contact Hostess Edee Johnson or Queen Mum Pat Mutchowski at 850-997-0688 for more information about the Red Hat Society. There will be a special memorial service for the late Lois Piper. Each member is asked to bring a brief memory in writing about Lois. Her daughter will be in attendance.

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a temporary injunction from the judge and reinstatement to her job, along with more than \$75,000 in damages. Her complaint alleged that the firing had been motivated by Howell-Hunter's belief that Scott had supported Paul Michael, the incumbent's Republican opponent.

The gist of Scott's complaint was that the firing was retaliatory in nature and patently illegal because it violated Scott's rights to free speech and association.

"Public employees do not leave their federal con-

stitutional rights at the door of their jobs," is the way that Scott's attorney, Sid Matthew, put it at the time. "As a public employee, you have the right of political freedom and association. That is clearly established law."

Howell-Hunter's counter arguments were that Scott had been fired because of repeated instances of insubordination and mistakes in the handling of the office's collected fees, with particular emphasis on an alleged discrepancy in the books in early January,

the incident that prompted the termination.

Following a lengthy hearing in Tallahassee on Jan. 30 on the original complaint, Hinkle denied Scott's request for the injunction and reinstatement, ruling instead that Scott would have to prove her case in trial.

"This wasn't a cause in need of a lawsuit," said Webster, offering that Scott had earlier threatened to sue Howell-Hunter over the use of cameras in the office. "This was a lawsuit looking for a cause."

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struction; one for a commercial enterprise; one was for a mobile home; and two were for miscellaneous uses, such as sheds, signs, workshops or barns.

In the residential permit category, the valuation was \$199,948, which was lower than the \$244,598 recorded in July. This valuation was \$195,026 in August 2012.

The valuation for commercial permits improved, however, from zero in July to \$65,728 in August. It was zero in August 2012.

And the valuation for other permits (a category that includes additions, re-roofs and non-residential structures) was a whopping \$946,452, compared with \$416,326 in July. This valuation was \$663,672 in August 2012.

Meanwhile, the Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Department issued six permits and collected \$1,972.30, compared with 14 permits and \$4,228.92 collected in July.

In August 2012, the department issued seven permits and collected \$2,461.07.

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Which explained why the district had been staffed with an excess of instructional and non-instructional personnel that numbered more than 300.

"They had more teachers than they could use," Blanton said. "The school board got detailed monthly reports but they didn't look at them."

"It was runaway train wreck waiting to happen," is how Griesheimer described it.

Others of the points that the three presenters emphasized:

- * The budget was a living, breathing document that was really a year long process and that influenced and determined every aspect of the educational process, from enrollment to teacher salaries to transportation to construction and capital outlays. Thus, the budget should be a cooperative effort between the board and superintendent, and it should be reviewed and questioned constantly, and amended as the need dictated. The budget didn't develop in a vacuum; enrollment size, state funding, ad-valorem taxes and countless other factors affected it.

"Trust but verify it," Blanton said, quoting a saying of former President Ronald Reagan.

- * It was a state requirement that school districts maintain a three-percent reserve general fund balance for the eventuality of an emergency. And if the reserve fell below two-percent, the district was required to notify the Commissioner of Education of the fact in writing, as had happened here a few years back.

- * The School Board had three options relative to recommendations from the superintendent: Accept, amend or reject them, always remembering that a set amount of money existed in the budget, and if one project was approved, it might require moving money from another area.

- * When it came to the budget, the board really didn't have a lot of flexibility, as 85 percent of it was dedicated to personnel salaries and fringe benefits. That left 15 percent for discretionary spending, all the while remembering the existence of certain recurring and unavoidable costs, such as for electricity, utilities and fuel.

- * The board should set benchmarks and check them periodically to ensure that they were being adhered to, especially in the area of litigation. He cited again as an example Manatee, where the board had set a maximum expenditure of \$300,000 for legal fees but then hadn't monitored the situation, with the result that the costs had risen to \$800,000 without the knowledge of the board.

"You need benchmark reporting," Blanton emphasized.

- * It was okay to reject

the low bid, if the board could provide valid documentation for the rejection. He cited the practice of some savvy contractors, particularly in the areas of construction and maintenance, who bid low on a project and then ran up the cost by way of change orders.

"If you know a low bidder who has a tendency to do change orders, that's a reason to reject a bid, especially in construction and maintenance projects," Blanton said.

- * As for the superintendent's roles and duties, this individual generally proposed the budget; provided financial reports; recommended policies, plans and procedures; kept accurate accounting of all funds; implemented policies and procedures; and supervised personnel, among other responsibilities.

- * If the board wanted to see more detailed financial reports, as School Board Member Shirley Washington insisted, a majority of the board had to agree on exactly what it wanted to see in the report and the level of detail and convey that information to the superintendent. But the request

had to come from a majority of the board, Blanton emphasized. And the request had to be based on reasonableness, so that it didn't put an undue burden on the staff or overwhelm its ability to do its other required work, he said.

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\$30,000 Coffins Have Music For The Dead

In Stockholm, Sweden, the Swedish firm, Pause Ljud & Bild, are selling \$30,000 coffins that are equipped with speakers and a Spotify music account to stream songs into the grave. The company said its Cata-Combo Sound System coffins have two-way speakers so the living can hear the music that's playing inside the coffin. A headstone has a digital display so visitors will know the name of the current playing track. The company said their first customer, Fredrik Hjelmquist, is allowing strangers to add tracks to his playlist, "Pause 4-Ever."

Trained Rats Used To Detect Gunpowder

In Rotterdam, Netherlands, the police department is training rats to sniff out gunpowder traces at shooting scenes. The department has five rats named after famous fictional detectives: Derrick, Magnum, Poirot, Johnson and Johnston. The trainer for the rats, Monique Hamerslag, said, "You can use rats for detection by smell; think drugs, money, bodies, blood, fire accelerants and explosives." Hamerslag said she came up with the idea of training rats for police work when she discovered rats were being used to locate landmines in Africa. She said rats are more portable than dogs and have a stronger sense of smell. Police spokesman, Marc Wiebes, said the rats would detect gunpowder on people who have recently fired off guns following a shooting incident.

Group Visits Historical Landmark And Finds Naked Woman

In Belfast, Ireland, a group of walkers said they were shocked when coming upon Cave Hill, a major Belfast landmark, where they approached an entrance to one of the caves to discover a naked woman. One of the walkers said the woman was doing "typical glamour modeling poses, nothing tasteful." Some of the group used cellphones to take pictures and posted them on the Internet. Another witness said, "Even when people were walking towards them, they didn't seem in any sort of panic to stop and the girl made no attempt to get her kit back on." Nelson McCausand, the provincial social development minister, called for a city council investigation. He called the nude photo shoot, "totally inappropriate."

Dog Uses City Bus To Travel For Meals

In Genoa, Italy, a local dog has attracted a lot of attention because he has learned to travel on city buses without his owner. Camillo began using the bus when he was a pup, along with his owner, but is now 12 years old and travels alone so he can visit stores where he knows he can be fed. Camillo's owner says, "Shop owners give him ham and biscuits, he goes to the poultry shop to eat, he has his reference points." She stated that after his rounds of patronizing local food establishments, Camillo always returns home by the end of the day.



September 11....A Day We Shall Never Forget

This September 11th marks 10 years since 9/11. Over 3,000 people died on September 11, 2001 when four planes were hijacked (taken over) by members of the overseas-based terrorist group Al-Qaeda (often pronounced Al-ke-uh). Terrorists aim to spread fear and their beliefs through violence.

The attacks of that day resulted in the single largest loss of life on American soil from a foreign attack. The names of those who died, including a short paragraph about each person, easily fills a 500-page book. Citizens of nearly half the world's countries were among the dead.

Two of the planes, which left from Boston that morning, American Airlines Flight 11 and United Airlines Flight 175, were intentionally crashed into the Twin Towers at the World Trade Center in New York City. 2,823 people died, including 343 firefighters. 92 passengers and crew were on the flight.

American Airlines Flight 77, which took off from Dulles Airport near Washington D.C., crashed into the Pentagon — headquarters of the United States military leadership. 189 people were killed, including 64 passengers and crew members.

Terrorists may have been targeting the fourth plane, United Airlines Flight 93, for the White House or the U.S. Capitol building. The passengers



been previously attacked in 1993 by a truck driven into its underground parking lot with explosives in it. Increased security measures from that first attack have been credited with saving lives on 9/11.

Even if you saw the Twin Towers in person, it's hard to comprehend how big they were. The North Tower was 1,368 feet high (the one with the antenna), the South Tower was 1,362 feet high. Each tower had 110 floors. Each floor was an acre (close to the size of a football field on every floor). People who worked there sometimes joked that they got their exercise just walking to the other end of their office. 30,000 cups of coffee were served every day to the 50,000 people who worked there and the over 150,000 people who used the subways and trains underneath on a daily basis. Five other smaller buildings made up the entire World Trade Center complex.

The buildings weren't full yet that morning. It was early and many people were still on their way to work. The observation deck wasn't open yet so there weren't many tourists yet either. It was also early in the school year and some parents were taking their children to school. It was voting day in primary elections and some people were delayed stopping to vote on their way to work. And

on board heroically tried to regain control of the plane from the hijackers crashing the plane in a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania. All 45 passengers and crew on board were killed but their actions likely saved many lives at the intended target.

September 11, 2001 started out as a sunny Tuesday morning like many others. Families kissed each other goodbye as they went off to work or school. But by around 9 am, the day had gone terribly wrong. There were reports that a plane had hit one of the two World Trade Center towers but many people thought initially that it must have been an accident by a small plane.

About 15 minutes later, another plane hit the second tower and people began to realize they weren't accidents. Because news stations were already reporting on the first tower being hit, cameras were showing the towers as the second plane hit, live on television. And what viewers and other eyewitnesses saw wasn't a small plane, it was a very large passenger airplane, flying much lower and much faster than usual, intentionally crashing into the building.

The World Trade Center represented much of what Al-Qaeda did not like about America - the buildings were among the tallest symbols of American business in the world. One of the towers had



there had been an exciting football game on TV the night before between the New York Giants and the Denver Broncos. The game ended after midnight and Giants fans who stayed up late to cheer their team on may have gotten a later, sleepy start the next morning. All these factors may have played a role in less people being in the buildings when they were hit.

The first plane hit the North Tower at 8:48 am between the 93rd and 99th floors. The second plane hit the South Tower at 9:03 between the 77th and 85th floors. It took many who were able to escape over an hour to get down the stairs. Meanwhile firefighters and emergency responders selflessly made their way up the very same stairs people were filing down helping those who were burned or injured, and directing people down.

Unfortunately, something almost unimaginable happened. The South Tower completely collapsed. And then half an hour later the North Tower collapsed too. The towers' collapse killed many more people, including rescue workers who had arrived to help. By 10:30 am the Twin Towers, beacons in the New York City skyline, were completely gone.

110-story buildings were condensed into 10 stories of rubble. The dust

created from the debris coated everything for blocks. Bob Walsh, Business Manager for Structural Ironworkers Local 40, described it this way: "The steel was all twisted like pretzels, peeled right off just like a banana." Papers from offices fell like snow. World Trade Center buildings 5 and 7 also collapsed. Numerous other neighboring buildings partially collapsed or were damaged.

New York city's mayor, Rudy Giuliani was quick to respond and led the city through the tragedy. The city's Emergency Command Center had been located in one of the World Trade Center buildings so they had to operate out of an old firehouse not far away. Mayor Giuliani, an admirer of famous British World War II leader Sir Winston Churchill, later said he tried to emulate Churchill's leadership during those difficult times. President George W. Bush was reading a book to children in a 2nd grade classroom in Florida when he was informed of the attacks.

The clean-up effort at "Ground Zero" was enormous and dangerous. Fires within the wreckage burned 3 months later. One of the plane's jet engines was found 1/3 of a mile away. Rescue workers would later get sick from breathing in the contaminated air at the site; some



have since died. The 19 Al-Qaeda terrorists directly involved in the attacks died but President Bush and later his successor, President Obama, vowed to bring the group and its leader, Osama bin Laden, to "justice". The United States, and its allies, led a "War on Terror", including operations in Afghanistan, where Al-Qaeda was based, and Iraq. Troops are just now withdrawing from those countries. More American soldiers have lost their lives in the "War on Terror" than people who died on 9/11. Al-Qaeda's leader, Osama bin Laden, was finally found by U.S. forces in May of this year.

Since September 11, 2001, our country and the way we live our daily lives has changed. Our government focuses a lot more on keeping our nation safe, both inside and outside our country, some in ways that we see and some that we don't. For example, you may notice when you fly, that there are long lines to get through security to try to make sure that such plane hijackings don't happen again.

In addition to the destruction, the anger, the sadness, and the war it spawned, 9/11 also brought out good in many people. Rescue workers worked tirelessly for months and regular citizens came together to help each other in ways they rarely had before. The Governor of New York at the time, George Pataki, said it well: "On that terrible day, a nation became a neighborhood."

There was a lot of debate over whether the towers should be rebuilt, and if so, whether they should be the same as before. 1 World Trade (Freedom Tower) is currently under construction next to where the towers used to be. It will be 1,776 feet high — symbolizing the year the Declaration of Independence was signed. It will be officially taller than the World Trade Center towers because of a lighted mast that will raise it to its symbolic height. A memorial is also being dedicated on the tenth anniversary that includes reflecting pools in the "footprints" of the towers.

On September 11, the nation will take time to honor and remember the people who unexpectedly lost their lives that day, including the emergency responders who saved so many lives that morning but in many cases not their own. Many will also give thanks to those who work to protect our freedom ... and continue to hope that nothing like this ever happens again.

Rising From The Ashes....The 9-11 Memorial

The National September 11 Memorial is a tribute of remembrance and honor to the nearly 3,000 people killed in the terror attacks of September 11, 2001 at the World Trade Center site, near Shanksville, Pa., and at the Pentagon, as well as the six people killed in the World Trade Center bombing in February 1993.

The Memorial's twin reflecting pools are each nearly an acre in size and feature the largest man-made waterfalls in the North America. The pools sit within the footprints where the Twin Towers once stood. Architect Michael Arad and landscape architect Peter Walker created the Memorial design selected from a global design competition that included more than 5,200 entries from 63 nations.

The names of every person who died in the 2001 and 1993 attacks are inscribed into bronze panels edging the Memorial pools, a powerful reminder of the largest loss of life resulting from a foreign attack on American soil and the greatest single loss of rescue personnel in American history.

Design Overview

The 9/11 Memorial is located at the site of the former World Trade Center complex, and occupies approximately half of the 16-acre site. The 9/11 Memorial features two enormous waterfalls and reflecting pools, each about an acre in size, set within the footprints of the original twin towers. The Memorial Plaza is one of the most eco-friendly plazas ever constructed. More than 400 trees are planned for the plaza, surrounding the Memorial's two massive reflecting pools. Its design conveys a spirit of hope and renewal, and creates a contemplative space separate from the usual sights and sounds of a bustling metropolis.

Swamp white oak trees create a rustling canopy of leaves over the plaza. This grove of trees bring green rebirth in the spring, provide cooling shade in the summer and show seasonal color in fall. A small clearing in the grove, known as the Memorial Glade, designates a space for gatherings and special ceremonies.

Plaza Details

With its grove of trees, the Memorial's plaza is an actual green roof for the structure housing the 9/11 Memorial Museum, a train station and other facilities 70 feet below street level. Landscape architecture firm Peter Walker and Partners designed the Memorial plaza and a "suspended paving system" to support the swamp white oak trees growing on the plaza. The paving of the plaza sits on a series of concrete tables that suspend the plaza over troughs of nutrient-rich soil for the planted trees. The system's design allows for stable pavement on which people can walk, while providing a space for uncompacted, or loose soil, for healthy tree growth. Many times urban trees live in stressful conditions because they are planted under-



neath pavements with compacted soil, potentially choking off the nutrient and water supply to roots. Crews selected and harvested trees from within a 500-mile radius of the World Trade Center site, with additional ones coming from locations in Pennsylvania and near Washington, D.C. (Maryland), areas impacted on September 11, 2001.

Swamp white oaks (Quercus bicolor) were picked because of their durability and leaf color. In fall, the leaf color ranges from amber to a golden brown — and sometimes pink. The trees can grow to reach heights as tall as 60 feet in conditions similar to those on the plaza. The trees will never be identical, growing at different heights and changing leaves at differ-

ent times, a physical reminder that they are living individuals. The Memorial plaza has been created as one of the most sustainable, green plazas ever constructed. Its irrigation, storm water and pest management systems will conserve energy, water and other resources. Rainwater will be collected in storage tanks below the plaza surface. A majority of the daily and monthly irrigation requirements will be met by the harvested water. The project is pursuing the Gold certification in the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED for New Construction program. LEED is a third party cer-

tification program for green building, design and construction. The plaza is also built to meet requirements of New York State Executive Order 111 and the WTC Sustainable Design Guidelines, which both promote environment-friendly practices.

This urban forest will flourish near adjacent green spaces, including Battery Park City, City Hall Park, Liberty Plaza, the churchyards at Liberty Church and St. Paul's Chapel as well as the planned Liberty Park just south of the Memorial.

Design Competition

An International Design Competition was held in 2003 for selecting the design for a national memorial to remember and honor the people killed in

the destruction. Standing there at the water's edge, looking at a pool of water that is flowing away into an abyss, a visitor to the site can sense that what is beyond this parapet edge is inaccessible.

The memorial plaza is designed to be a mediating space; it belongs both to the city and to the memorial. Located at street level to allow for its integration into the fabric of the city, the plaza encourages the use of this space by New Yorkers on a daily basis. The memorial grounds will not be isolated from the rest of the city; they will be a living part of it.

The following excerpt is from the Memorial Jury's January 2004 statement on selecting the design:

Of all the designs submitted, we have found that "Reflecting Absence" by Michael Arad, in concert with landscape architect Peter Walker, fulfills most eloquently the daunting but absolutely necessary demands of this memorial. In its powerful, yet simple articulation of the footprints of the Twin Towers, "Reflecting Absence" has made the voids left by the destruction the primary symbols of our loss. By allowing absence to speak for itself, the designers have made the power of these empty footprints the memorial. At its core, this memorial is anchored deeply in the actual events it commemorates-connecting us to the towers' destruction, and more important, to all the

lives lost on that day.... While the footprints remain empty, however, the surrounding plaza's design has evolved to include beautiful groves of trees, traditional affirmations of life and rebirth. These trees, like memory itself, demand the care and nurturing of those who visit and tend them. They remember life with living forms, and serve as living representations of the destruction and renewal of life in their own annual cycles. The result is a memorial that expresses both the incalculable loss of life and its consoling regeneration.

Names Arrangement The Nearly 3,000 names of the men, women, and children killed in the attacks of September 11, 2001 and February 26, 1993 are inscribed on bronze parapets surrounding the twin Memorial pools.

The display of these names is the very heart of the Memorial. The design of the names parapet provides a direct relationship between the visitor; the names, and the water; allowing for a feeling of quiet reverence between the visitor and the Memorial.

Names are stencil-cut into the parapets, allowing visitors to look through the names at the water, and to create paper impressions or rubbings of individual names. At night, light shines up through the voids created by each letter of a name.

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Take It With You

When I first met Father Thad I was a Baptist minister and he was the priest at the neighborhood Catholic parish. A complete stranger to me, he popped into my office and stated that he must use our church baptistry. A brief reminder about baptism: Baptists practice baptism by immersion. They dunk converts completely under the water.

Typically, Catholics practice sprinkling or pouring. And that is just the beginning of the differences between these two faith traditions on the issue. The theological meaning reinforcing the practice of baptism puts the camps even farther apart.

So when a Catholic priest showed up wanting to dunk a convert in the Baptist church, I knew I was dealing with someone shattering my type-cast. Refreshingly, this watery encounter led to a series of interdenominational gatherings (potluck dinners, actually) between his parish and my congregation. In the process, we learned a lot about each other, and I learned a great deal about Thad.

In addition to the priesthood Thad had been a military chaplain; and shockingly, Thad was married and had adult children. Thad had been an Anglican priest, but through an extraordinary dispensation from the Vatican, converted to Catholicism. This man was a depository of mind-warping experiences, not the least of which was a personal story I loved to hear.

A parish he once led desperately needed to expand its ministry. But one man in the parish absolutely resisted, always squelching prospective change by saying something like, "My grandfather gave the land for this church; my daddy cleared the trees for the building; and we're not going to change a thing" (Catholics don't have a monopoly on this

sentiment).

Thad finally had enough. In his remarkable way, he secured a diocese blessing and obtained a piece of land on the other side of town. He called the local house builders, and had the church relocated! I have this charming picture in my mind of the church, steeple atop, rolling down the road on stilts led by a vestment-clad Father Thad, reading the gospel and splashing holy water along the way.

When I first heard that story I told Thad, "If you were a Protestant, you could have just started another church (And with a wink, I'd add, "A church with a real baptistry"). His response was priceless: "Why start another church, when you can take it with you?"

After several hundred years of modernity and religious institutionalism, more and more people are recognizing that the church is not a building. Sure, we say, "I go to church at such-and-such place," but the real church is a people, not a place. It is a body, not a building. It is a living movement, not a fixed mailing address.

Yes, I learned a lot from Father Thad. I learned that holding to fixed stereotypes prevents us from embracing the extraordinary individuals we meet along the way. I learned that communication between faith groups is the best possible means of reducing misunderstanding and conflict. I learned that overcoming problems sometimes requires boldness and creativity. And I was reminded that whether we are sprinkled, dipped, poured, dunked, barely damp or soaking wet, we will not be defined so much by "where we go to church," but by whether or not we will be the church once we leave the building. As Father Thad put it so accurately: "Why start another church, when you can take it with you?"

CHURCH NEWS NOTES

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September 11

Christ Episcopal Church invites the Jefferson County community to a service of peace and remembrance on Wednesday at 6 p.m. Prayers, readings, and hymns will be offered to honor those that have perished in terrorist attacks and in foreign wars. Individuals defending freedom throughout the world will also be honored. The church is located on the east side of North Jefferson Street, just north of High Street.

September 13

Waukeenah United Methodist Church will host its annual mullet fish fry on Friday evening, with all the usual fixins' and homemade desserts. Fun, fellowship, and food... a very nice combination for any meal. Another event will be held on October 4. Call 850-997-2171 for more information. Rev. Donald Thompson Jr., pastor.

September 14

New Hope Church Of God Seniors In Christ will hold a yard sale all-day Saturday in the Monticello News parking lot during Flea Across Florida. For more information and to make a donation, contact Coordinator Barbara Dansby at 850-646-7188.

September 15

St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church is sponsoring a memorial service in loving memory of its pastor the late Rev. Dr. Jimmy Brookins, Sr on Sunday at

3 p.m. Rev. Dr. James Redmon will be guest speaker. The church family extends a very cordial invitation to the entire community to fellowship with them. If you for any reason cannot attend, lift this service up in prayer that God will bless the service. Thanking you in advance for your participation. Should you have any questions, contact Program Sponsor Min. Nora Virgin at 850-508-7938. The church is located at 11005 Miccosukee Road in Tallahassee.

September 15

Welaunee Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate its annual Dual Day Service beginning at 11 a.m. on Sunday. Speaker will be Evangelist Josie Graham of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in Madison. Conclusion of the Dual Day Service will be held at 3 p.m. with speaker Rev. James Mack of St. Rilla Missionary Baptist Church of Monticello.

September 18 -

November 6
Wacissa United Methodist Church, 14492 Waukeenah Highway, will offer classes each Wednesday, teaching the importance of prayer and study, to ages five to 15, from 3:35 to 5:45 p.m. Also, join with the church family for supper at 6:00 p.m. and prayer meeting for adults at 6:30 p.m. and youth group for all ages at 6:30 p.m. and adult choir practice at 7:00 p.m. For more information contact Kathy Walker at

850-997-3019 or WUMC phone at 850-997-2179. Parents must send a permission slip to the school to allow the bus driver to drop off students at the church.

September 18

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 850-997-1084, or go to eaglewingsmonticello@yahoo.com or www.firstpresbyterianmonticello.org.

September 20

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. Call 850-342-3541 for more information.

September 21

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

September 25

First United Methodist Church will host a fellowship fundraising meal for the Guatemala Mission Team at 6 p.m. on Wednesday. Rev. Wayne Cook, pastor.

September 27

Joyful Noise Dinner, Concert, and Silent Auction at 6 p.m. on Friday at the First United Methodist Church, in the Family Ministry Center. All proceeds will benefit Jefferson County Big Bend Hospice patients. This annual fundraising event is sponsored by the Jefferson County Advisory Council of Big Bend Hospice and the First United Methodist Church. For ticket information contact Coordinator Michele Brantley at 850-566-7491, or 850-997-2827, or email to bigbendhospice.org.



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Local Nurse Fundraises For Mission Trip



Paige Thurman is the Registered Nurse from Monticello that will be going on the upcoming mission trip to Haiti. She worked at Rosemary Tree Café for 5 years, and the Café graciously agreed to host an August 28th fundraiser for her.

AMBER HOUSTON
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

Paige Thurman recently held a successful fundraiser at the Rosemary Tree Café to fund her upcoming mission trip to Haiti.

Thurman will live and breathe Luke 10:9, which reads, "Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The Kingdom of God has come near to you.'" How?

Thurman is a Registered Nurse. One of her instructors while she was getting her RN certification told her about the mission. "Martha Hanna, one of my instructors goes on this mission every year, and she was the one who told me about it. She's going this year with me," said Thurman.

During this trip, she will not only be meeting the needs of patients, but also those of the other nurses. For a first-time mission trip member, she is excited and well informed about her trip.

She said, "Unfortunately, these nurses don't have the same level of training that we take for granted here in the U.S. While we are there, we don't just want to meet immediate needs, though we'll be doing a lot of that. We will be helping

to teach these nurses that we'll be working with."

Other nurses will teach classes on specific diseases and other areas of trauma management. Each nurse will be provided with a translator to overcome the language barrier: "Because I work in the ICU, I will be teaching a class on head trauma—with virtually no equipment. You'd be surprised what they don't have," Thurman said.

In fact, any money Thurman raises over what she needs to for flight, housing, and food, will go towards supplies. "We take a lot of things for granted here that our hospitals provide for us. There, they don't even have things like alcohol wipes and disposable gloves. And they never have scrubs."

Thurman had raised \$600 by August 28 before the Rosemary Tree Café fundraiser. She needed \$1000 for the trip, so she was \$400 short. The fundraiser was very successful, and helped her raise another \$300. Unfortunately, that leaves her short by \$100, still, and without any supplies to bring personally.

If you would like to donate to her worthy mission, there is a donation bucket at the Rosemary Tree Café beside the register.

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SPORTS

Wayne Saunders, II In College And On The Football Field



Wayne G. Saunders, II

DEBBIE SNAPP
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Wayne G. Saunders, II is a sophomore at Florida Institute of Technology, in Melbourne. He is majoring in Aerospace Engineering and is a member of the Florida Tech Inaugural Football Program. This is the inaugural season for Florida Tech; he will play Wide Receiver.

nology Academy, Roosevelt High School in San Antonio, TX. He says that he competed in the number one big school football district in all of the San Antonio and South Texas area; as a senior he was starting varsity Center Back and backup Quarter Back. He was selected to play in the 34th annual San Antonio High School All-Star Football Game in 2012. He was also voted Most Athletic Male during high school.

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Wayne G. Saunders, II (#80) on the football field.



JV Tigers Maul Hamilton County

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The junior varsity Tigers went into their season opener August 27 against Hamilton County, and the Tigers mauled their opponent for a 30-6 victory.

Quarterback Treon Patrick completed two passes of seven attempts for 20 yards.

Ricky Murray completed two passes out of three attempts for 65 yards, and two touchdowns.

Franklin Steen had seven carries for 100 yards, and two touchdowns.

Daniel Hawkins had 10 carries for 25 yards, and one two-point conversion.

Treon Patrick had three carries for 14 yards, and two two-point conversions.



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The JV Tigers won their season opener against Hamilton County, 30-6.

Kaymaus Bivins had one carry for 15 yards.

Ken Thomas had three pass receptions for 70 yards.

Jayshawn Francis had one pass reception for 15 yards.

On the defensive side

of the field, Kimari Thomas had four tackles, and one quarterback sack. Malik Thompson had three tackles, and one quarterback sack.

Daniel Hawkins had four tackles.

Johnathon Tinnell

had three tackles.

Jahmari Hollman had three tackles.

A host of other Tigers had one or two tackles each.

The JV's take on Havana Middle, September 5 at 6 p.m., home.

Warriors Run In Cougar Challenge

FRAN HUNT
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

The Aucilla Christian Academy cross-country teams competed in the Cougar Challenge on August 31, and many of the athletes set personal records.

Running for the boys, Braden Mattingly passed one runner to finish 16th, with a time of 18:59.

Gatlin Nennstiel was passed by one runner, to finish 20th, with a time of 19:26.

Carson Nennstiel passed seven runners, to finish 46th, with a time of 21:57.

Nick Arceneaux passed three runners, to finish 51st, with a time of 22:37, setting a personal record.

Zack Arceneaux finished 62nd, with a time of 23:47, setting a personal record.

Brandon Slaughter was passed by three runner, to finish 78th, with a time of 24:57.

Chaz Hamilton was passed by three runners, to finish 88th, with a time of 26:17.

Dawson Bishop finished 89th, with a time of 26:18, setting a personal record.

Dilyn Stowers passed four runners, to finish 91st, with a time of 26:55.

Traynor Barker was passed by one runner, to finish 92nd, with a time of 27:14.

Nathan Green was passed by one runner, to finish 99th, with a time of 29:11, setting a personal record.

Running for the girls, Taylor Copeland was passed by four runners, to finish 21st, with a time of 24:50.

Sarah Tharpe passed one runner, to finish 27th, with a time of 25:44.

Jessica Giddens was

passed by two runners, to finish 32nd, with a time of 26:40.

Whitney Stevens passed one runner, to finish 33rd, with a time of 26:42, setting a personal record.

Camryn Grant was passed by four runners, to finish 35th, with a time of 26:55.

Hanna Searcy passed four runners, to finish 41st, with a time of 27:42.

Abby Reams was passed by one runner, to finish 50th, with a time of 29:22, setting a personal record.

Kaitlin Lane finished 52nd, with a time of 29:39, setting a personal record.

Brianna Nolen finished 54th, with a time of 30:53, setting a personal record.

Brittany Hughes finished 55th, with a time of 31:02, setting a personal record.

Dena Bishop finished 56th, with a time of 31:13.

Cali Burkett passed two runners, to finish 57th, with a time of 31:13.

Chloe Reams finished 58th, with a time of 33:05.

Dalayna Nolen was passed by two runners, to finish 59th, with a time of 34:06, setting a personal record.

Sarah James finished 60th, with a time of 34:36.

Marly Restrepo was passed by one runner, to finish 62nd, with a time of 34:51, setting a personal record.

Katie James was passed by two runners, to finish 64th, with a time of 36:02.

Samantha Peeler passed two runners, to finish 66th, with a time of 36:38.

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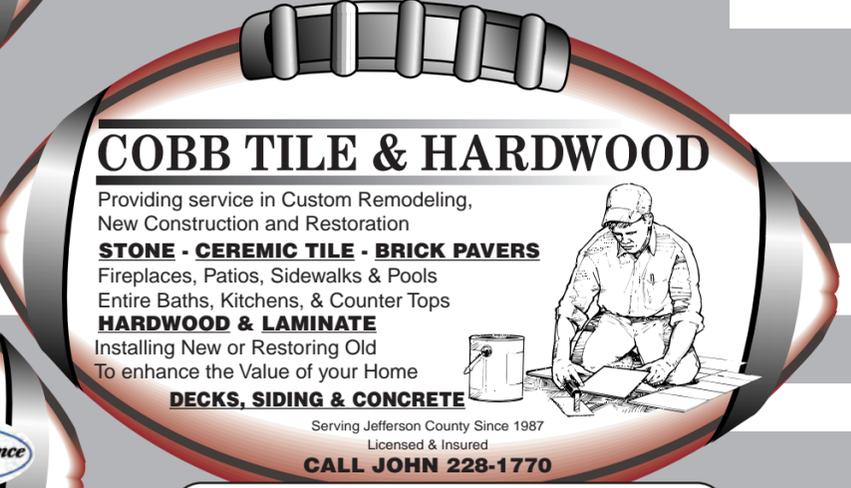
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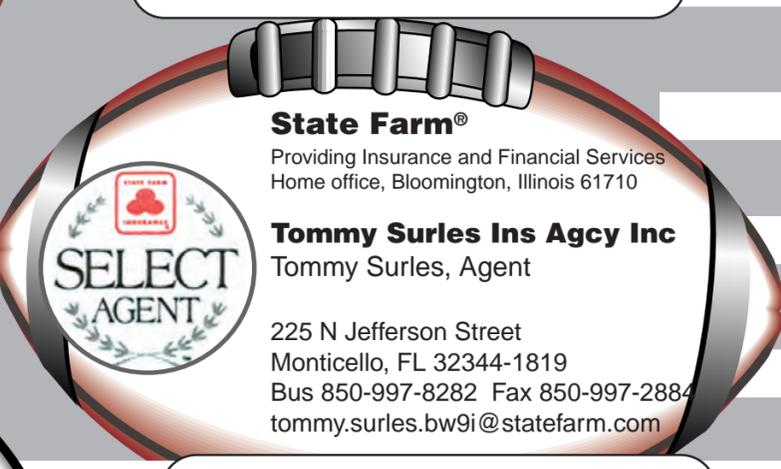
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Applications will be accepted until 2:00 P.M., September 6, 2013 at the Solid Waste Department. Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. Drug Free Workplace. Drug testing is a required part of the pre-employment physical. Applicants with a disability should contact the above office for accommodations. For additional information please call 342-0184. 8/23,28,30, 9/4,6/13

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Crossword Answers (Puzzle on page 3)

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that CHARLIE WALKER the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed.

The certificate number, year of issuance, description of the property and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate Number: 814 Year of Issuance: 2006

Description of Property: 30-3N-6E-0000-0210-0000 1.25 ACRES
 In SE ¼ of SW ¼ of SW ¼
 ORB 434, PG 83
 Site Address: 6245 Hills Road - Monticello, Florida

Name in which assessed: **GEORGE H. CARSWELL**

All of said property being in the County of Jefferson, State of Florida. This property when sold may be subject to the current year taxes.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Jefferson County Courthouse, north door on the **10TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.**

Dated this 20TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2013.

Kirk Reams
 Kirk B. Reams
 Clerk of the Court
 Jefferson County, Florida 9/4,11,18,25/13

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

IN THE ESTATE OF **JAMES HIGDON, Deceased.** Case No: **13-173-CA**

NOTICE OF ACTION

Clarence Jerome Higdon 11651 US Highway 301, N Tampa, Florida 33619	Juanita Higdon 7414 Sheiren Ct Tampa, Florida 33619	Trelinda Shorter 7414 Sheiren Ct Tampa, Florida 33619
Lamar Higdon 7414 Sheiren Ct Tampa, Florida 33619	Beverly Higdon 7414 Sheiren Ct Tampa, Florida 33619	Jimmy Higdon 7414 Sheiren Ct Tampa, Florida 33619
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Alice Isom 19 Isom Road Monticello, FL 32344	Henry Isom 19 Isom Road Monticello, FL 32344	Woodrow Isom 19 Isom Road Monticello, FL 32344
Carol Isom 6846 Ralston, Apt 202 Tampa, FL 33614	Willie James, Jr 2950 Tony Willis Drive Tallahassee, FL 32308	Algernon James 2950 Tony Willis Drive Tallahassee, FL 32308
Larry Isom 5436 Creechaw Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90043	Harry Isom 4111 Sandstone Shore Dr Lithonia, GA 30038-3948	Herbert Isom 4111 Sandstone Shore Dr Lithonia, GA 30038-3948
Ruth Taylor 1505 Globe Ct Tallahassee, FL 32308	Ethel Sampson 2873 Globe Ct Tallahassee, FL 32308	Ernestine Isom c/o Will Hicks, Jr. 4722 Legacy Cove Lane Mableton, GA 30126
Rosa James 7802 Pine Crossing Circle, #1633 Orlando, FL 32807		

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Petition to Determine Heirs and Partition Property was filed on August 30, 2013 Case No: 13-173-CA, in the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Jefferson County, Florida, encumbering the following real property located in Jefferson County, Florida, to-wit:

SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT 'A' FOR LEGAL DESCRIPTION

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to T BUCKINGHAM BIRD, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P O Box 247, Monticello, Florida 32345, on or before October 13, 2013 and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorneys or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or Petition

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on this 5th day of September, 2013

KIRK REAMS
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 By: *Sherry Sears*
 Deputy Clerk 9/11,18,25, 10/2/13

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

CASE NO. 33-2012-CA-000010

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,
 v.
 DORIS M. NEALY; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DORIS M. NEALY; UNKNOWN TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S), WHO (IS/ARE) NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIM AS HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, SPOUSES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY AND THROUGH THE JEFFERSON COUNTY SHIP PROGRAM Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on August 14, 2013, in this cause, in the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Florida, the clerk shall sell the property situated in Jefferson County, Florida, described as:

LOT 2, BLOCK B, EMERALD GARDENS, A SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK B, PAGE 93, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA.

a/k/a 775 EMERALD L.N., MONTICELLO, FL 32344

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the North steps of the Jefferson County Courthouse located at the intersection of US Highways 19 and 90, 1 Court-house Circle, Monticello, FL 32344, on October 17, 2013 at 11:00 AM. 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 at St. Petersburg, Florida, this 3rd day of September 2013.

Kirk Reams
 Clerk of the Circuit Court

DOUGLAS C. ZAHM, P.A.
 12425 28th Street North, Suite 200
 St. Petersburg, FL 33716
 PHONE 727-536-4911 / FAX 727-539-1094
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 THE OFFICE OF THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR AT (850)342-0218, WITHIN TWO (2) WORKING DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE; IF YOU ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED, CALL TDD (863) 534-7777 OR FLORIDA RELAY SERVICES (800) 955-8770. 9/11,18/13

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that LEROY SEABROOKS the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed.

The certificate number, year of issuance, description of the property and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate Number: 77 Year of Issuance: 2008

Description of Property: 00-00-00-0330-0000-0800 0149 Acres
 Lot 80 New Hope Subdivision
 DB GGG, PG 175 & ORB 239, PG 185
 Site Address: **550 Key Street - Monticello, Florida**

Name in which assessed: **TIMMY L. BYRD**

All of said property being in the County of Jefferson, State of Florida. This property when sold may be subject to the current year taxes.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Jefferson County Courthouse, north door on the **10TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.**

Dated this 26TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2013. 9/4,11,18,25/13

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

Residential Credit Solutions, Inc. and CitiMortgage, Inc. Case #: 2010-CA-000164
 Plaintiff, -vs.-
 Kerry M. Campbell a/k/a Kerry Campbell; Unknown Tenants in Possession #1; Unknown Tenants in Possession #2; If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order dated August 14, 2013, entered in Civil Case No. 2010-CA-000164 of the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for Jefferson County, Florida, wherein Residential Credit Solutions, Inc. and CitiMortgage, Inc., Plaintiff and Kerry M. Campbell a/k/a Kerry Campbell are defendant(s), I, Clerk of Court, Kirk Reams, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash ON THE FRONT STEPS OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF U.S. 90 AND 19, JEFFERSON COUNTY, MONTICELLO, FLORIDA, AT 11:00 A.M. on October 03, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit: COMMENCE AT A CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 9, BLOCK 1, OF JEFFERSON HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, AS PER MAP OR PLAT AS RECORDED IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PLAT BOOK "B", PAGE 6, AND RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 37 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF WAUKEENAH STREET, 205.00 FEET FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING, RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 23 SECONDS WEST, 60.00 FEET, TO A POINT ON THE NORTHEASTERLY BOUNDARY OF OSCEOLA LANE, SAID POINT BEING ON A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE SOUTH, THENCE RUN IN A NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION ALONG SAID NORTHERLY BOUNDARY AND CURVE, HAVING A RADIUS OF 30.00 FEET, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS, FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 47.12 FEET, CHORD OF SAID ARC BEING NORTH 44 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 23 SECONDS WEST, 42.43 FEET, TO A POINT, THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 37 SECONDS EAST, 75.00 FEET, TO A POINT, THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 23 SECONDS EAST, 90.00 FEET, TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 4, BLOCK 1, OF SAID SUBDIVISION, THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 37 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SAID WAUKEENAH STREET, 105.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO A 15 FOOT UTILITIES EASEMENT ALONG THE NORTHERLY 15 FEET THEREOF.

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.

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 the ADA Coordinator; 301 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32301; (850) 577-4430 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification of the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

Kirk Reams
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 Jefferson County, Florida
 Sherry Sears
 DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT 9/4,11/13

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that CHARLIE WALKER the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed.

The certificate number, year of issuance, description of the property and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate Number: 704 Year of Issuance: 2006

Description of Property: 07-1N-6E-0000-0013-0000 8.47 ACRES
 That part of S ½ of NE ¼ Lying S & E of (US 19 & SR 257)
 Less land sold, ORB 475, PG 239
 Site Address: **7760 E. Washington Street - Monticello, Florida**

Name in which assessed: **GEORGE CARSWELL**

All of said property being in the County of Jefferson, State of Florida. This property when sold may be subject to the current year taxes.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Jefferson County Courthouse, north door on the **10TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.**

Dated this 20TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2013.

Kirk Reams
 Kirk B. Reams
 Clerk of the Court
 Jefferson County, Florida 9/4,11,18,25/13

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that CHARLIE WALKER the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed.

The certificate number, year of issuance, description of the property and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate Number: 472 Year of Issuance: 2006

Description of Property: 08-1S-4E-0795-0000-0300 2 ACRES
 Lot 30, Southern Grove Estates Subdivision
 Plat Book B, Pg. 85, ORB 545, Pg. 101
 Site Address: **Kameron Drive - Monticello, Florida**

Name in which assessed: **BARTON E. AND VALERIE J. JONES**

All of said property being in the County of Jefferson, State of Florida. This property when sold may be subject to the current year taxes.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Jefferson County Courthouse, north door on the **10TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.**

Dated this 20TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2013.

Kirk Reams
 Kirk B. Reams
 Clerk of the Court
 Jefferson County, Florida 9/4,11,18,25/13

NOTICE OF RE-SCHEDULED EDC ANNUAL MEETING
 The annual meeting of the Jefferson County Economic Development Council has been re-scheduled for Monday, September 16, 2013, at 9:00AM in the Courthouse Annex. The Annex is located in the County Government Complex at 435 West Walnut Street, Monticello, Florida. For information, or to receive a copy of the agenda, please call 850-997-7999 or send an email to jeccdc@embarcmail.com. 9/11/13

RESOLUTION 2013-12 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CITY OF MONTICELLO NUISANCE ABATEMENT

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED TO SHOW CAUSE: A condition exists on certain property as set forth below, which is in violation of Chapter 38, Monticello City Code and constitutes a threat to the public health, safety, and general welfare.

Address: 1120 Second Street, Monticello, Florida 32344
 Legal Description: LOT 100 X 100 FT IN SE PT OF LOT 43 BLK 1 SIMONS ADD ORB 24 -P41-A STRIP OF LAND 8.5 X 100 FT ON E SIDE OF SAID LOT-ORB 465 P 94 & 484 P 277
 Parcel I.D. #: 00-00-00-0450-0001-00432

Pursuant to a search of the Jefferson County property appraiser's records the property appears to be owned by: Virginia Johnson 403 Stonehouse Road Tallahassee, FL 32301

The conditions at issue violate Monticello City Code Section(s) 38-35(1), 38-35(2), 38-35(3), 38-35(4), 38-35(6), 38-35(13) and 38-35(14) and are more fully described as debris, trash, weeds and underbrush, all of which are a hazard for children and the community.

A hearing is set for the 5th day of November, 2013, at 7:00 P.M. in the Chambers of the Monticello City Council, located at City Hall, 245 South Mulberry Street, Monticello, Florida, 32344. A failure to respond or appear at the hearing shall be deemed an admission of the existence of a public nuisance and may result in the abatement of the nuisance by the City. Further information concerning the hearing may be obtained by calling the City Manager of the City of Monticello at 850-342-0153.

At said hearing, the property owner and mortgagee, if any, may present all evidence and argument to show cause why the structures and conditions on the property should not be declared a public nuisance and why the removal or abatement of the public nuisance should not be required. If good and sufficient cause cannot be shown, the City Council may declare the conditions on the property to be a public nuisance and shall require the removal or abatement of the public nuisance by the property owner within a time certain. If the property owner fails to abate the nuisance, the City may do so with City forces or by independent contractor and levy the cost of the abatement against the property as a special assessment. Such special assessment lien shall be coequal with the liens of all state, county, district, and municipal taxes and superior in dignity to mortgages and all other liens regardless of the date of recording. A failure to pay said lien may result in a loss of title to your property. 9/11,18,25,10/2/13

AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

Reminder About New Office Hours

MONTICELLO NEWS
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Just a reminder that the *Monticello News* and *Jefferson Journal* office will be closed at noon on Fridays. The new office hours on Fridays are 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Office hours remain 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Rick Knowles Retires After 33 Years



ECB Publishing photos by Fran Hunt
Last Friday, August 30, was the last day with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office for Captain Rick Knowles, after 33 years of service.

FRAN HUNT
 ECB Publishing
 Staff Writer

Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Jail Administrator Captain Rick Knowles, officially retired last Friday, August 30, after 33 years of service to the department, and the community.

Knowles explained that he had been the jail administrator of approximately 23-24 years, and that his job entails overseeing the operations of the jail itself, and assuring that everything is running smoothly, and accordingly.

"A jail is a city within itself," said Knowles. "You have a restaurant to feed the inmates, a Laundromat for washing clothes, a jail lock-down (much like the confinement unit in the Department of Corrections), for those who do not follow the rules. You have a lawn care service to maintain the grounds, you have maintenance to make repairs, janitorial service, church services, (in-house) medical care, emergency dental care, and visitations, just to mention a few. You have to make sure that everything is operating properly, make sure the rules are being met, and that policy is applied." He has to assure that all inspections, which include fire inspections and health department inspections for food service are done, when they are due to be.

He added that as with any other job in the law enforcement field, the job is not met within a normal 40-hour week. "I'm like anyone else in the law enforcement field, on call 24 hours a day and seven days a week," he said. "I have been called in many times." Being called in can be due to anything from inmate attacks on employees and staff, to hurricanes. "I have spent the night in the office on several occasions." He added that you must have an exceptional family in order to work in this line of work. "They have to be more dedicated than you are, and I have been graced by God to have a family like that, they're very understanding.

Knowles recalled what working for the Sheriff's Office was like when he was first hired. "When I first started, employees did everything; they worked dispatch, worked in the jail, cooked, bought and put away groceries, everything," he said. "I remember spreading the ink on glass to fingerprint someone, then years later, we went to the sponge, now they have a scanning device." He added that in all areas of the department, the Sheriff's Office has very best of supervisors, food service, medical, and all.

During his time with



ECB Publishing photos by Fran Hunt, March 22, 1989
Deputy Rick Knowles, pictured with Deputy Jake, was the first team to serve in the Sheriff's Office K-9 division.

the Department, Knowles has worked under three sheriffs, including Sheriff James H. Scott, who hired him, Sheriff Ken Fortune, and Sheriff David Hobbs.

Knowles was also the first deputy in the K-9 division of the department. "My wife got me a bloodhound (Deputy Jake) and in March of 1989, Sheriff Fortune sent us to K-9 school. The training, which was for tracking and article search, did not cost the taxpayers any money it was paid for by confiscated drug money. Jake was then leased to the County for \$1 per year. Jake was one of the best trackers. One of the trainers told me that Jake was the best tracker in north Florida. Once, I took the backing off my daughter's pierced earring and threw it out in the front yard, and Jake found it," he recalled. He said the second K-9 deputy in the division was Robert Harrell, who had as his partner, a German Shepherd named Deputy Conny. "Jake though he was the handsome German Shepherd, and I didn't have the heart to tell him any different," he laughed.

A few years ago, when Sheriff Hobbs implemented the Project Lifesaver program, Knowles was the one to oversee it. Now that he is retired, overseeing the pro-

gram was left to Nan Baughman and Deputy Ricky Dollar.

Knowles recalled that over the years, there had been two escapes from the jail, but both were captured very quickly. "We've been very fortunate. The funniest thing I remember is that we had one guy, who tried to break into the old jail (formerly Monticello New Life)," he laughed. "He was drunk, and climbed the fence and tangled with the razor wire. He climbed back down, bleeding from everywhere on his arms. We had to call an ambulance for him because he was bleeding so profusely. He was trying to break in to see a friend of his."

"I could have gone elsewhere for a career, but I chose to stay in Jefferson County, and serve the people of the community. I hope that I have served them well and lived up to their expectations," said Knowles. "I'm not gone for good. I'm going to be dropping in from time to time. They (the Sheriff's Office personnel) are a second family to me. I will always be available for them. If I am needed in any way, I will help the Sheriff. He has been real good to me.

"This (retirement) is going to be a new adventure for me," said Knowles. "The big thing for me now is going to be my songwriting. I have two albums out now. I want to devote my time to songwriting. I have some very good friends in the music business, the Purvis. I have met Charlie McCoy, who is on my last album (Turn Up The Gospel), and I've met Josh Nolan, who plays Rhapsody in Blue on guitar. His other new album is 'These Country Blues.' Both are available on Knowles' website at rick-knowlesmusic.com.

Also during his retirement, Knowles would like to spend a little more time with his family, and a lot more time with his grandchildren. "I would also like to spend a little time fishing," he added. He said that he didn't have a preference of salt or fresh water. "Put me on a riverside, a dock, or in a boat, and I'll be tickled. He concluded that probably the most of what he would be doing, other than his music, were the "Honey-Do's."

Rick has been married to his wife, Reathe, for 33 years. They have two daughters, Deborah Curry, and Lorraine Pitts, and they have four grandchildren.

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