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# Commissioners Eyeing Idea Of Fire Tax On Vacant Land

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Commissioners met last week in a special workshop to decide what should be the fire assessment rate charged Monticello for the county's fire department providing fire protection within the incorporated area.

Without going into the lengthy history and complexity of the issue, it boils down to county residents paying the annual fire assessment and city residents not paying it.

Given that the assessment is the sole funding source for the county's fire department and that the latter frequently responds to calls within the city, the bottom line is that

county residents are subsidizing the city's fire protection, notwithstanding the city's volunteer fire department.

Which is the reason that county officials for the most part will argue that the 20-plus year arrangement is illegal and unfair and needs to be changed.

One of the outcomes of the numerous discussions that commissioners have had on the topic during the last year or more was to instruct the Property Appraiser's office to come up with figures on the fire assessment rate that the county could charge the city for the service to make the arrangement more fair and also as a starting point for entering negotiations with the

city. Which the Property Appraiser's office did and which results were the focus and reason for the workshop on Tuesday evening, Oct. 8.

The package that Property Appraiser Angela Gray and her assistant, Debbie Pauley, presented to the commission was detailed, informative and indicative of considerable work. It showed the present-day assessment and how much it generates, what surrounding counties are charging their respective resident and commercial properties for fire protection, and how much this county could generate under various scenarios, with and without city residents paying the assessment. For example, under



the existing rate structure, the fire assessment generates \$633,200 annually. The presentation indicated that simply by adding city residents to the mix, the present assessment would generate another \$152,738, allowing for a total fire department budget of \$785,938.

But here's where it gets interesting: The

presentation also showed that whereas Jefferson, Taylor and Gadsden counties do not assess the fire tax on vacant land, Wakulla and Madison counties do, the first at \$0.17 per acre and the second at a rate of \$0.07 per acre, with a minimum of \$10.47 in the latter case.

Add vacant lands to

the mix here, per Wakulla County's rate, and it would generate another \$51,913, making for a total fire department budget of \$837,851 (including the city).

Or add the vacant lands here per Madison County's rate and it would generate another \$69,885, making for a total fire department budget of \$855,823 (again including the city).

Commissioner Hines Boyd, for one, disputed the basic assumptions underlying the Property Appraiser's report.

"I disagree that city residents aren't paying their fair share," Boyd said. "The city has a qualified fire department. Please See FIRE TAX Page 3"

# Idea Of Compressed Natural Gas Continues To Intrigue Officials



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The Jefferson County Commission has

scheduled a workshop for next week to explore the possibility of bringing compressed natural gas (CNG) to the US19 and I-10 inter-

change and possibly beyond to the industrial park.

The workshop - Please See WORKSHOP Page 3

# Home Improvements Continue To Dominate Building Activity

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The number of building permits remained in the 40s during September, with home improvements continuing to account for the majority of the building activity and the highest valuation.

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 46 permits in September, compared with 48 in August.

The 46 permits generated \$7,608.26 in fees,

compared with \$7,860.32 in the previous month. Of the 46 permits, the city issued three and collected \$564.25, and the county issued 43 and collected \$7,044.01.

A breakdown of the permits shows 41 were for repairs and additions; three were for new residential construction; one was for a commercial enterprise; and one was for a miscellaneous use, such as a shed, sign, workshop or barn.

In the residential permit category, the valuation was \$388,241, up from \$199,948 in August. This valuation was \$273,083 in September 2012.

The valuation for

commercial permits was \$35,000, down from \$65,728 in August. It was zero in September 2012.

And the valuation for other permits (a category that includes additions, re-roofs and non-residential structures) was \$915,129, slightly down from \$946,452 in August. This valuation was \$231,705 in September 2012.

Meanwhile, the Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Department issued 13 permits and collected \$4,992.31 in fees, compared with six permits and \$1,972.30 collected in August.

In September 2012, the department issued 11 permits and collected \$2,874.91.

# City Receives \$2,533 For Safety Promotion

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The City of Monticello was recently the recipient of a \$2,533 check from the Florida League of Cities (FLC) safety promotion program.

FLC representative Tom Conley presented the reimbursement check, which he said was in recognition of measures that the city had implemented to promote employees' safety. He credited Deputy Clerk Patti Claiborne in particular for her part in the safety promotion effort.

Conley said the \$2,533 was to be used for the purchase of safety equipment.

He promised to return in November with another check, the latter from the FLC-administered Florida

Municipal Insurance Trust (FMIT), which provides workers' compensation, liability, and auto, property and health insurance to governmental entities.

Coley said the next check would be returned premiums from the savings that his organization had realized during the year because of the absence of hurricanes.

"This is the sixth year in a row we haven't

had a hurricane," Conley said. "This will be the sixth year that the League returns money to its members."

The Florida League of Cities is the official voice of the state's municipal governments, representing more than 400 cities, towns and villages. The organization was founded in 1922, based on the belief that local self-government is key to American democracy.

# Prefab Units In City Now Subject To Site Plan Review

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Concerned about a potential proliferation of prefabricated units coming into the city and serving as businesses, especially given that the latter don't have to undergo the site plan review and approval process that site-built structures have to undergo, city officials decided to act.

On Tuesday

evening, Oct. 1, the Monticello City Council adopted Ordinance 2013-13, a measure that amends the Code of Ordinances to require site plan reviews for prefabricated and modular units that are placed on properties zoned non-residential.

The ordinance specifically amends the Code's Section 54-73, which sets the criteria for the requirement of a site plan review and approval. The change clearly states that a

"site plan review will be required for placement of any prefabricated or modular units on non-residentially-zoned properties, whether the units are intended for temporary or permanent use."

The exception is specific, allowable and temporary uses identified in Section 54-39 of the Code.

The recommendation for approval of the ordinance came from the Local Planning Agency (LPA).

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**Local Weather**

**Wed 10/16** 82/60  
Sunshine and clouds mixed. High 82F. Winds NNE at 5 to 10 mph.

**Thu 10/17** 86/61  
Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 60s.

**Fri 10/18** 88/61  
Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 60s.

# 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.

## Rick Scott's Elite And Unaccountable Government

While reviewing the state's red light camera program, I found a \$30 million discrepancy in revenue for fiscal year 2012. Since I spent over 25 years in law enforcement here, I researched the situation and ultimately filed a written complaint with our Attorney General alleging either theft or official misconduct by local officials. Sending it in via certified mail return receipt, I later received a postcard stamped "RECEIVED" but unsigned by any human being.

After a month of no information, I stopped by the Attorney General's office in the Capital this week to follow up. I did not speak to a human being in person, but instead a staff member over the phone. Ultimately, I was told the FDLE needed to investigate the complaint. The FDLE is not a line-response agency- you as a citizen cannot walk in and file a complaint- by law they can only investigate allegations of public corruption by written directive of the Governor.

Due to these facts, I revised my complaint and went to the Governor's office on Wednesday October 9, 2013.

After waiting in the lobby and filling out a citizen form, eventually two young girls came out to speak to me. I was directed into the hallway of the Capital and I gave one

of them the complaint, and explained the above circumstances. I asked she sign a receipt for the complaint and she refused to do so. A written receipt is the only proof I would have that the complaint had been filed. Without it, the complaint could be thrown away or ignored and there would be no way to document it being filed - this is accountability.

I explained to the girls that as an investigator for the highway patrol, I had run into this situation in the past when dealing with the former state attorney where I worked. We had to get receipts for all paperwork submitted due to claims of it never being received.

When I determined she would not sign the receipt, I took a photo of the receipt with her in the background. Again, this was in a public hallway of our Capital. She reported me to the Capital Police - apparently it is OK for the government to use cameras on the public in public places, but not vice versa. I had a nice conversation with one of the officers, who ended up thanking me for my service.

This situation is a far cry from our government here in Jefferson County. The same week as the above took place, I walked into the County Coordinator's office without an appointment and had a talk with the coordina-

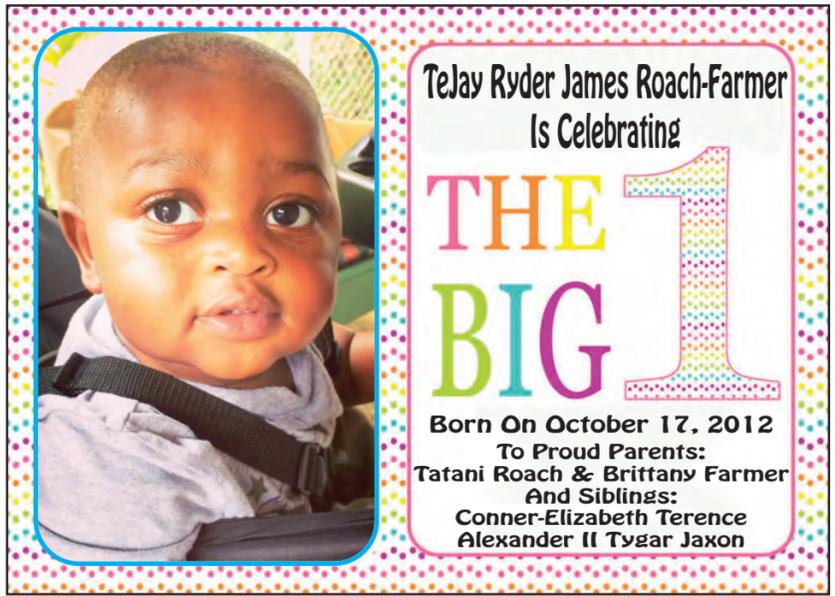
tor. I've had a similar good experience with our Property Appraiser.

It's also a far cry from how I treated people as a state employee. One day while working at the highway patrol, a man came into the station that had been the victim of identity theft. He had been to local law enforcement, who wrongly told him there was nothing they could do since crimes had been committed out of the county using his name (the law allowed investigation either there or where the victim resided). I took the case and within a few weeks had located the suspect in Baltimore, Maryland and obtained a warrant for his arrest. I worked with the Attorney General's Office of Statewide Prosecution to ensure the victim received restitution and that the suspect would work to help him clear his name. I could have likewise turned him away, but that was not the right thing to do.

Will my complaint be investigated? I hope so, \$30 million is a lot of money to me. Integrity and accountability in government is worth even more.

We used to be a government of, for, and by the people. Under Rick Scott, it's a government of, for, and by the elites that think themselves unaccountable to the public. This needs to change in 2014.

Paul Henry



## October Is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

What is Domestic Violence? Domestic violence is a crime. Domestic violence happens in all communities, all cultures and all socio-economic groups. Domestic violence is not a private matter. Alcohol and drugs are not an excuse. Domestic violence is one of the most common causes of serious injury and death to women. Domestic violence can be reported anonymously. Children are affected by domestic violence.

Domestic Violence can be:

- Psychological Abuse - saying they are crazy, ugly, or stupid; to make them feel bad, embarrassing them, and shaming them.
- Social Abuse - not letting them see their family or friends, always checking on them, not letting them go anywhere.
- Physical Assault- to slap, push, punch, kick, spit, choke, bite, stab or use a weapon.
- Intimidation- threatening they will kill them or hurt them, screaming at them, harassing them.

• Financial Abuse - keeping all the money, not letting them purchase things they need, taking their money from them.

• Sexual Assault - forcing them to have sex, unwanted touching, making them feel dirty, making them watch pornography.

• Stalking - following them around, watching them; in the house, checking on them at work and other places.

Domestic Violence IS LIVING IN FEAR. Domestic Violence is when one person abuses power and hurts the person they have a relationship with.

Help is available 24-hours a day by calling our Crisis Hotline at 850-681-2111 or 800-500-1119. Locally help is available by calling Nan Baughman, Jefferson Refuge House Outreach Counselor, at 850-342-3518. 'IT'S TIME TO TALK.'

Most cases of domestic violence are never reported to law enforcement.

## CRIME BEAT

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**FRAN HUNT**  
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Staff Writer

Joshua Kyle Reams, 22, of Monticello, was arrested October 2 and charged with public affray. Bond was set at \$250 and he bonded out of jail the same day.

Wendy Sue Stokes, 37, of Middlebury, FL, was arrested October 2 and charged with driving under the influence, and driving under the influence refusal, second offense. A total bond of \$1,000 was set and she bonded out of jail October 7.

Ronald Blue, 61, of Monticello, was arrested October 2 and charged with aggravated assault. Bond was set at \$2,500 and he bonded out of jail the following day.

Keith Matthews, 24, of Jefferson County, was arrested October 2 and charged with violation of probation on the

charge of battery. He was placed on work release October 8 while he awaited a court date. Lopez Curbelo Jesus, 50, of Palm Beach, FL, was arrested October 2 and charged with driving under the influence refusal. A total bond of \$12,500 was set due to a hold being placed on him out of Texas.

Devon Christopher Johnson, 19, of Jefferson County, was arrested October 4 on an outstanding Leon County warrant for his arrest, and charged with sexual battery. He was turned over to Leon County authorities the same day to face charges there.

Adrian Coates, 27, of Jefferson County, was arrested October 5 and charged with violation of probation/violation of community control on the charge of fleeing or attempting to

elude and violation of probation for failure to appear on the charge of possession of cocaine. Bond was withheld and he remained at the County Jail October 10.

Terrance White, 42, of Monticello, was arrested October 5 and charged with driving while license suspended. Bond was set at \$1,000 and he bonded out of jail October 8.

Julie Alexander, 48, of Ft. Myers, FL, was arrested October 7 and charged with violation of probation on the charge of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon. She was released on her own recognizance the same day.

James Kenneth Johnson, 43, of Jefferson County, was arrested October 7 and charged with aggravated battery, domestic. Bond was set at \$2,500 and he bonded out of jail the following day.

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Jefferson County Big Bend Hospice Advisory Council	Brick House Eatery
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## Fire Tax

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ment.”

Boyd proposed that a better way of addressing the current fire assessment disparity between the city and county was to increase the quantity and quality of the city’s volunteer fire department, so it could better assist the county’s paid firefighters.

Boyd, it must be pointed out, has a long-standing dispute with Fire Rescue Chief Mark Matthews that stems from basic differences between the two in their philosophical and fiscal outlooks and that came into sharp relief over the proposed construction of the new fire station, which Boyd still opposes. Essentially, what Matthews often considers basic operational necessities and reasonable expenditures for his department, Boyd just as often considers somewhat overblown, if not possibly extravagant. These differences, of course, enter into and color the present issue.

Boyd’s views are not shared by Commission Chairman John Nelson or Commissioner Betsy Barfield, and likely not Commissioner Stephen Walker either.

Commissioner Benny Bishop did not

attend the workshop and thus far has not expressed his views on the topic one way or another.

Not surprisingly, part of the workshop discussion on Tuesday evening digressed into a rehash between Boyd and Matthews over their past budgetary differences, with Barfield and Nelson, and even Walker to a degree, siding with Matthews.

“I think city residents should pay the same as county residents,” Walker said at one point. “I don’t think the county should subsidize the city’s fire protection.”

But here should be the more interesting aspect of the discussion for county residents. Notwithstanding their differences over whether city residents should or should not be assessed the fire tax, there appeared to be consensus over the idea of assessing vacant lands.

“I like the idea of the vacant lands,” Boyd said. “That’s the only increase I can support.”

Barfield said she too liked the idea, especially given the findings of a previous study showing that 43 percent of the paid fire department’s responses

in 2011 were to vacant lands for such things as brush fires.

Nelson and Walker didn’t express their sentiments on the issue, but their very silence possibly spoke volumes.

Commissioners were scheduled to decide the issue of what the fire assessment rate for the city should be at their meeting on Tuesday evening, Oct. 15.

That, at least, was the outcome of the workshop on Oct. 8. It was more or less the board’s consensus that County Coordinator Parrish Barwick and Matthews should get together in the coming days and come up with a recommended rate for the commission to vote up or down on Oct. 15.

Whatever that rate, and supposing that the commission were actually to take a vote on it on Oct. 15, Matthews is to present that figure to the Monticello City Council on Tuesday, Nov. 5, so that the latter body can decide if it wants to proceed with the arrangement or choose a different option.

County residents, however, need also keep in mind that a fire assessment on vacant lands is now also on the table as a possible option.

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scheduled for 3 p.m. Monday, Oct. 21, in the courthouse annex – is expected to have the participation of the county’s consultant engineer and at least one utility company representative.

The CNG idea stems from a proposal that Commissioner Betsy Barfield and County Coordinator Parrish Barwick made several weeks ago. At the time, the two suggested that the county enter a contract with an engineering firm to do a study to determine the feasibility of establishing a CNG dispensing facility at the US 19 and I-10 interchange.

A sticking point in the discussion, however, was the \$12,000 cost of the study, a figure that had grown in the interim since Barfield and Barwick had first approached the engineering firm.

In the course of the discussion, Alan Wise, the county’s consultant engineer from Preble-Rish Inc., revealed that he and others had already done a feasibility study on bringing CNG to the industrial park in anticipation of the Harrell Nut Company moving into

the industrial park.

In fact, the information that he and the others had gathered established the best route for the CNG carrying pipeline, the cost of construction, the potential customer base for the product and possible funding sources, Wise said.

The upshot of the discussion was that Wise was asked to share his information with Barwick so that the two could redefine the scope of the proposed study and thereby reduce the engineering cost.

As Barfield reported it to the commission on Tuesday morning, Oct. 1, however, the reduction in the scope of work hadn’t much changed the engineer’s quoted price for the project. Instead of \$12,000, the price was now just under \$10,000, Barfield said. Which was still a significant change from the original \$4,000 to \$5,000 cost quoted, she said.

As Wise further explained it, the other engineer had indicated that it would require reworking much of the original work, in recognition of the time that had elapsed since Wise’s study and

given the confidential nature of the project at the time.

But the first and foremost question that commissioners had to answer, Wise said, was whether they wanted to get into the utility business or contract the service to a utility company.

“That decision will determine the form of the study,” Wise said. “That’s a pretty bold split in the road that the commission will have to decide to get a desirable end.”

Clerk of Court Kirk Reams, for his part, wondered why the commission was even approaching an engineering firm, absent going through the proper procedures and bidding process.

“I would strongly urge the board to set up criteria and parameters and put out a Request for Proposal,” Reams said.

Wise agreed that the project warranted further investigation and consideration.

“There are a lot of moving parts to this thing,” he said.

Which discussion culminated in the board’s decision to hold a workshop and invite interested persons and experts.

# Halloween Coloring Contest

## WHOSE WILL BE THE MORE BOOTIFUL?

### Coloring Contest Rules:

- Contest is open to all kids age 3 to 13.
- Kids may color the picture any way they want. Entries will be judged on neatness and creativity.
- Only one entry is allowed per child.

Pictures must be accompanied by the entry form and submitted to the newspaper by Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>

One winner will be selected in two age categories: 3-8, and 9-13. Winners will be notified by phone. All pictures will be on display in the Monticello News office windows until after judging.



## HALLOWEEN COLORING CONTEST ENTRY FORM

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# AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

## Big Bend Transit Employees Receive Awards

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Jefferson County Big Bend Transit (BBT) employees received awards from the Capital Regional Transportation Planning Agency (CRTPA) recently.

CRTPA Commissioner Mary Ann Lindley presented awards to Timothy Lane and Willie Ann Dickey, employees of the Jefferson County Big Bend Transit at the 9th annual agency ceremony.

Each September the CRTPA recognizes outstanding efforts in the Transportation Disadvantaged Program locally, statewide, and nationally. Nominations are particularly sought for outstanding drivers and outstanding safety records.

Lane was recognized for driving over 1,900 hours, just in this past year with no accidents or incidents. He received a drivers' commendation. In the past 12-months eight BBT drivers and vehicles have provided 15,376 trips and driven 237,230 miles with no accidents, injuries, or incidents. This is the fourth year that Jefferson

County BBT has won the 'Safety Award.' Dickey, manager of the Jefferson County BBT operation, accepted that award.



Jefferson County Big Bend Transit employee Timothy Lane received the Transportation Development program 'Driver of the Year' award. Pictured here with CRTPA Commissioner Mary Ann Lindley.



Jefferson County Big Bend Transit employee Willie Ann Dickey accepted the 'Edward B. 'Ted' Waters Safety Award' for the local organization. Pictured here with CRTPA Commissioner Mary Ann Lindley.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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**Thru October 25**  
Jefferson Arts Gallery continues to 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 and 4 to 7 p.m. on Fridays. For more information, call 850-997-3311 or go to www.jeffersonartsgallery.com. There is also an interesting exhibit of local flower photos and paintings in the back room, don't miss that!

**October 17, 21**  
Fun Fitness Classes for all levels! Mondays and Thursdays: Golden Girls Revival 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. and Girls Revival with Core 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. For more information contact Doris Bishop at 850-591-0085 or go to www.GirlsRevivalFitness.com.

**October 17**  
Trauma, Grief & Loss Coalition for Youth from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Thursday at Disc Village. Call Pam Mezzina at 850-878-5310 x799 or pam@big-bendhospice.org for more information and directions.

**October 17**  
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.

**October 18**  
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.

**October 18**  
Monticello Jamboree Band will perform music for dancing every Friday at 7 p.m. at 625 South Water Street. Everyone is welcome to come dance, listen to some of the finest music, enjoy doorprizes, soft drinks, snacks, and just enjoy some fun and camaraderie with neighbors

and friends. This is a non-profit charitable event; donations are accepted. For questions or concerns, contact Curtis Morgan at 850-933-8136 or Bobby Connell at 850-445-0049.

**October 19**  
Jefferson Community Band members and their families and friends will be washing cars in the Monticello News parking lot on Saturday to raise funds for their traveling expenses to Savannah, GA on March 15-16, 2014 to perform in the Savannah St. Patrick's Day Parade. Upcoming performances for the band will include: the Martin Luther King Jr Parade in January 2014, in Monticello; the Rosebud Parade in April 2014, in Thomasville, GA; the Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival Parade in May 2015, in Winchester, VA; and the Jefferson County Community Veteran's Day Parade in November, in Monticello. For more information about the Band or to make a donation, contact Derrick Jennings at 850-212-9629.

## Extension Office Hosts Successful Agriculture Adventures Day



AMBER HOUSTON  
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On September 27, the Extension Office held a successful Agriculture Adventures Day with Jefferson County fourth grade students.

The event was held at the North Florida Research Center in Quincy. Students got to explore crops that they commonly consume with all of their senses. They completed stations about corn, cotton, peanuts, pumpkins, and soil.

Students got to explore soil layers hands-

on, in a huge pit dug for them to feel the difference between soils in different layers. There was also a corn maze, a pumpkin patch, and various experts to explain the importance of each crop. Students got to taste, touch, see, and smell the crops mentioned.

According to Extension Office Director, John Lilly, "The goal for this program is to provide a quality, hands-on educational experience for youth to learn what agriculture is, what it means to our community, county and state, and to foster an appreci-

ation for how the science of agriculture touches their everyday lives."

They learned about the material that commonly makes clothing—cotton.

They learned about the peanut, which is instrumental in making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. One fact that the Agriculture Adventures Day brochure cites is that the average child will eat 1,500 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches before they graduate high school.

Pumpkins are a crop native to the Americas, and help children understand other gourd plants such as zucchini and squash.

Corn is a common ingredient that children consume, and can be found in processed foods such as chicken nuggets, hamburger patties, and more. Corn syrup can be found in fruit juices, salad dressings, yogurts, and puddings.

The Extension office taught students about plant structures, conditions favored by certain crops, and so much more. They provided agriculture professionals to lead discussions and teach the children.

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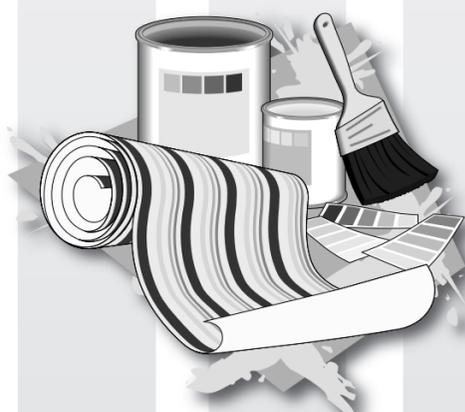
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### WEDNESDAY

Bible Study/Prayer Meeting.....6:00 PM  
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## The Pulpit

**Derrick Burrus**

### Taking Responsibility

Having pastored for 21 years, I have been disappointed by Christians backsliding. I know, all too well, that sin leads to destruction. I preach faithfulness and discipleship, but I can't keep anyone from backsliding. My heart aches for what I know are the "wages of sin."

I looked to the Bible, and I found that this is not a reflection on the pastor or the church. Self discipline and self control are Biblical principles. I am responsible for me. You are responsible for you. Jesus died for our sins. God forgives us, but we still pay a personal price for careless, ungodly living.

Abraham was a father figure to Lot, teaching him the ways of God and life and business, yet when Lot chose to experience sin and pleasure in Sodom, Abraham couldn't stop him (Genesis 13:10-13).

Moses was a tremendous leader but couldn't keep Aaron from setting up a golden calf as god (Exodus 32:2-6).

Samuel was a loving prophet, clearly expressing God's message, but he couldn't force Saul to obey God (1 Samuel 15:9-11). David revered

Nathan as a man of God, but the prophet could not keep lust, pride, or murder from entering into David's heart nor could he keep David from indulging the temptations (2 Samuel 12:1-10).

Elisha is responsible for twice as many miracles as Elijah, yet he didn't have the power to prevent his assistant, Gehazi, from chasing worldly treasure over powerful ministry (2 Kings 5:20-27).

Paul wrote 14 books of the Bible and was the great missionary of his day, planting churches, inspiring many to believe and serve the Lord, but he couldn't prevent Demas from abandoning God (2 Timothy 4:10). Jesus spent 3½ years with Simon Peter, healed his mother in law, and walked on the Sea of Galilee with him, but couldn't stop Simon from denying his faith (Matthew 26:69-75).

These examples show that even the greatest leaders can't save us from our own choices, nor are they responsible for our failures. I am responsible for me. I can be inspired or challenged by others, but I can't blame anyone else when I backslide or fail.

## CHURCH NEWS NOTES

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### October 17

Restored Glory Christian Center will host a 'How To Love' program on Thursday at 7 p.m. at its facility located at 1287 South Jefferson Street. Come learn about restoring, reviving, and renewing relationships with Pastor David and Dr. Margaret Eggleston. 'What did I say and what did you hear?'

### October 18-20

PKH Ministries is celebrating the three-year anniversary of Prophetess Katabia Henry with the theme 'No More Church As Usual' and Scripture Luke 13:10-17. Dr. Yaquanda McCall of Tallahassee will speak on Friday at 7:30 p.m.; Prophetess Katoya Stephens from Houston, Texas will speak on Saturday at 7:00 p.m.; and Prophetess Tonya Nelson of Tallahassee will speak at the anniversary celebration dinner on Sunday at 4:00 p.m. The Friday and Saturday programs will be held at the Springfield AME Church, 1732 Pinney Woods Road and on Sunday at the Monticello Woman's Club, 975 East Pearl Street. God desires to shift our mindsets, shift our protocol and shift our supernatural standards! Come and be informed and empowered.

### October 19

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.

### October 20

Philadelphia Missionary Baptist Church will host a Gospel Sing at 3 p.m. on Sunday at the church location 555 Fulford Road. Featured on this program will be the Spiritual Doves of Georgia and other gospel groups. Come one! Come all! And praise God through gospel singing. For more information contact Chairman Dea. Charles Gilley at 850-567-2606. "We look forward to your presence as we worship through song with praise to out Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

### October 20

New Bethel AME Church, Ashville Highway, will observe its annual Homecoming with a Sunday Morning Worship Service at 11 a.m. Guest Speaker will be Bro. Marcus Peck Jr. from Jacksonville. An invitation is extended to the 'home folks' to come home for this special service. The public is also invited. Dinner will be served after the service. Rev. Jimmie F. Dickey, pastor.

### October 20

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church and Pastor Cassandra Brockman invite the community to celebrate their 'Dual Day' at 3 p.m. on Sunday. Faith Christian Family Center and Elder James Leonard Sr. will be in charge of the service. Be a part of this special program. For more information con-

tact Chairperson Deaconess Trina Wilkerson at 850-997-3017, 850-545-4304 or co-Chairperson Deaconess Gloria Miller at 850-385-3156.

### October 20-26

Covenant Hospice will honor the contributions of its dedicated chaplains during Pastoral Care Week. Each day pastoral caregivers are invited into the life experiences of women, men, children, and organizations. Faith can be tested and many questions arise about the meaning of suffering and pain near the end-of-life.

### October 23 - November 6

Wacissa United Methodist Church, 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.

### October 24

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# CHURCH

## Meet The Music Director Rebecca Wood

AMBER HOUSTON  
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Rebecca Wood is the music director of Transforming Life Church (TLC) in Lloyd.

Rebecca Wood is the friendly music director of Transforming Life Church (TLC) in Lloyd.

She was raised in church, and had been singing hymns and music specials practically since she could talk. "As for Praise Teams, I have been doing that since the 1990's," Wood said. She liked it so much, in fact, that in 2011, she started leading praise and worship.

A year ago she took up the duty at TLC. Her training was hardly traditional, but she is an excellent praise and worship leader nonetheless. "My training was really hands-on," Wood explained. "My mother taught me organ and piano and how to read music when I was young."

In her day-to-day life, Wood is the chief lending officer at Flag Credit Union with 22 years of experience. Apparently, she is very different at work than when she is in front of a congregation. "A few people from work have visited my church and they were shocked to see how different I act. At work, I am outgoing enough, but I am quiet. At church, I sing and dance and I'm so much more expressive."

She has a unique opportunity at TLC, too. While the church does not have a choir, their praise team includes both pastors at the church, Tim and Beverly Buchholtz. "Tim plays guitar and Beverly plays keyboard," Wood explained. "They are very good at keeping the other instruments together."

Their lack of a choir also presents a unique opportunity. While many other

churches have the praise team to perform contemporary music and the choir to perform more traditional songs, the TLC praise team handles both.

"We mix contemporary with traditional. We only have one service, and we have a fairly even mix of adults and youth, so we tend to mix the songs evenly. Contemporary music is important in keeping it fresh, and traditional music is important in keeping sight of our beginnings as a church. We don't want to lose that," Wood said.

Traditional or contemporary, Wood loves working with her praise team. "They don't read music," she said. "They read chord charts. We have to work harder to keep together and really listen to each other, but they have a lot more freedom with chords than just music."

Not only is she hardworking and patient at it, Wood loves leading music at church. "Leading a congregation to worship the Lord is... indescribable," she said, faltering for words to adequately describe the emotion. "It's just amazing. What an honor and privilege to help others feel free to worship and express themselves."

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

**Wednesday**  
Church Family Supper 5:45 PM  
Children's Choir (3K-5th Grade) 6:00 PM  
The Potter's Wheel (6th-12th Grades).....6:30 PM  
Worship on Wednesday.....7:00 PM  
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Mighty Monday-Exercise.....6:00 PM  
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**1st Wednesday**  
Shades of REaD Book Club.....5:45 PM  
**2nd Thursday**  
Lloyd Silver Saints- Senior Adult.....11:00 AM  
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# AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

## Four Trainees Graduate, Become Certified Firefighter I's

AMBER HOUSTON  
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Four Leon County firefighters have recently graduated from firefighter training, under the care and instruction of Monticello resident Mike Long.

These now fully-fledged firefighters are in the same class as the four Jefferson County Volunteers-in-Training: Houston Brock, Richard Peters, Brian Powell, and Corey Burrus. The Leon County graduates are from the Bradfordville Volunteer Fire Department. They are Kevin Speers, Justin Lazzara, Sean Ruane, and Phillip Doyle.

There were two things that the Jefferson County trainees agreed upon unanimously: firstly, that Long was the best instructor that they could have asked for; secondly that the "Bradfordville boys deserve some recognition."

"Those guys worked as hard—well, scratch that," said Jefferson County trainee, Houston Brock. "They worked harder than some of us. Like me," he added with a playful grin.

The four men all come from diverse professional backgrounds. Speers is an Oceanographic Researcher; Doyle is the Director of Hazardous Response at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital; Lazzara provides products to salons; and Ruane is a Real Estate Appraiser. Additionally, they are very different from the Jefferson County trainees, who are



Bradfordville Boys—Left to Right: Philip Doyle, Sean Ruane, Kevin Speers, Justin Lazzara, the four Leon County firefighters who trained under local resident, Mike Long.

most from manual labor and farming backgrounds.

According to Long, this presented a unique collaborative opportunity. "They brought different skill sets and talents to the table," he said. "Because of that, they really came together as a team."

The opportunity for this diverse group came together when the Bradfordville VFD trainees lost their instructor—in the middle of training. Their chief, Karl Hooke, asked around and found Long.

"Long took us in," Ruane said. "Not a lot of instructors from other departments would have done that." And that show of support and goodwill might just have been what opened the gates of collaboration and teamwork between the two very different groups of men.

And teamwork was what it took to get

through the difficult training. "Their biggest challenge?" Long mused. "Me," he said, laughing heartily. "Honestly, the time of year that we trained was difficult. A lot of hands-on training had to be completed in the middle of the summer in full bunker gear. There were days that each one of them gave a hundred percent and then some, and by the end of the day they were completely exhausted."

Ruane agreed. "Training was quite physically demanding. Within our class, there were all levels of physical fitness, but there were days that not a single one of us could go any further. We were completely exhausted. The only way we got through it was that we worked together."

And either through luck or Long's example, there was absolute cooperation between the four Jefferson County

trainees and their Leon County counterparts. "Sometimes there's a feeling of pretentiousness between departments, but [Long] and his guys were friendly and helpful. Training with them has been one of the best experiences I've had in firefighting." And that is high praise coming from an experienced volunteer firefighter who started back in 2006.

Long is equally positive towards the Bradfordville VFD trainees. He said, "They worked very hard and they deserve credit for the services they will provide to the community."

The Bradfordville VFD trainees have completed their training and coursework: they are currently waiting for the State to approve their graduation and send their certificates. They intend to have some sort of graduation ceremony and celebration, but no plans have yet been made.



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## Jefferson County School District Welcomes New Federal Programs Secretary

Jefferson County School District Federal Programs Office welcomes Ms. Gloria Cox to her new position as Federal Programs Secretary.



Ms. Gloria Cox is the new Federal Programs Secretary at the Jefferson County School District

Mrs. Tammy McGriff, Federal Programs Specialist, along with Ms. Edna Henry, Parent Volunteer Coordinator are proud to have Ms. Cox join their team.

You will hear Ms. Cox's pleasant voice on

our automatic phone message system that we use to keep parents informed on important events. Ms. Cox brings with her excitement, dedication and the eagerness to learn her new duties.

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## Burleson Expands AgriScience Future Farmers Of America Program

DEBBIE SNAPP  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

Sarah Burleson is the AgriScience Instructor, Future Farmers of America (FFA) Advisor, and Freshman Class Sponsor for the Jefferson County Middle High School.

She comes to Jefferson County from Deltona, Florida; and has a Masters Degree in Agricultural Education and a Bachelors Degree in Agricultural Education, both from the University of Florida.

She has always been active in the FFA program and served as the State FFA President for Florida in 2006-2007. The FFA program is an Environmental Resources Career Pathway; courses taught include AgriScience Foundations, Agricultural Biotechnology 2, Natural Resources 3, and Natural Resources 4. These courses are for students enrolled in grades eighth through twelfth, but plans are in the works to add a seventh grade course next year. Currently there are about 60 students enrolled in the courses at JCMHS.

Burleson says that she is going to charter and re-charter the FFA Chapters to include a High School FFA Chapter (Jefferson County FFA) and a Middle School FFA Chapter (Jefferson County Middle FFA.)

The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education.

Students who are FFA members have the opportunity to participate in leadership conferences, competitive events centered around careers in agriculture (called Career Development Events,) participate in community service activities, and so

much more.

She recently had invited FFA President Clay Sapp to speak to her AgriScience classes with the purpose of encouraging her students to stay involved in the program.

Burleson invites anyone interested in supporting the FFA at JCMHS to the first Alumni Meeting (you do not have to have been an FFA member to attend) this Thursday, October 17, at 7:00 p.m. in the AgriScience classroom (C-123) at JCMHS. All are welcome to attend.



ECB Publishing Photo By Debbie Snapp, September 20, 2013. Sarah E. Burleson, JCMHS AgriScience Instructor

## Parent Teacher Conferences To Be Held On October 18

JCMHS will be holding Parent/Teacher conferences on Friday, October 18, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Parents will also be given the opportunity to pick-up their child's report card early on Thursday, October 24, 2013 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. in the main office. Report cards are scheduled to go home on Friday, October 25, 2013.

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# SPORTS

## Brickhouse Eatery Treats Tigers

JT Surles, owner/operator of the Brick House Eatery on North Jefferson Street, treated the Jefferson County Middle High School TIGERS football team to a delightful pre-game meal on Friday, October 4, 2013.



### JES Mighty Tigers Drop Two

FRAN HUNT  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

The Jefferson Elementary School Mighty Tigers football team suffered their first losses of the season, following the past two games.

On October 1, the Mighty Tigers manned the field against the Wildcats, and after a double-overtime game, Jefferson suffered the first loss of the season, 6-0.

Coach Steve Keith said it looked to be a defensive game all the way.

"The Tigers kicked off to start the game, and the Wildcats had a lot of trouble moving the ball," said Coach Keith. "On the second play from scrimmage, the Wildcats fumbled the ball, and the Tigers recovered, but they had trouble moving the ball as well."

On fourth down the Tigers had to kick the ball, but the Wildcats receiver touched the ball, and the Tigers recovered. However, the Tigers still had difficulty moving the ball against a tough Wildcats defensive line.

"It seemed like any time either team tried to move the ball, the defense would come up with a great play to stop their opponent," said Coach Keith. "Both teams used strong running games to try to gain the lead, only to be halted by the defense of the other team, or a fumble."

After a back and forth battle, the first half ended with a 0-0 tie.

The second half went the same as the first. Neither team was able to score, and the game ended in a 0-0 tie, resulting in overtime.

Coach Keith ex-

plained that the overtime game is the same as those used in high school and college. Both teams get the ball on the 20-yard line, and the first to score, wins.

The Wildcats received the ball first, but the Tigers defense held them from the end zone.

The Tigers didn't do any better with their possession, and could not score, which resulted in a second overtime being called.

Coach Keith said the Tigers started the second overtime receiving the ball, but they couldn't move it down the field.

Then, on the third down, the Wildcats scored with a pass from about eight yards out, to win the game, 6-0, said Coach Keith.

Going into the game against the Dolphins on October 5, Coach Keith and the Tigers had one goal: to nip a loss in the bud and get back to winning, but that was not to be. The Tigers ended up losing, 6-2, after a half-time lead.

Coach Keith said the game was due to begin at 2 p.m., however, due to prior games running late, they didn't hit the field until after 3 p.m.

"The inexperience of the Tigers offense, again showed itself early," said Coach Keith. "The Tigers fumbled the ball five times in the first half."

But a strong Tigers defense helped the Tigers as they forced the Dolphins into the end zone, and sacked the quarterback for a safety, and a two-point lead going into the half.

The second half went pretty much the same as the first, with neither team able to mount much of a drive.

"Then, with just over six minutes remaining in the game, the Dolphins went on a wide sweep, and got to the outside. A couple of tackles missed by the Tigers defense allowed the Dolphins to score. The extra point attempt failed.

"There were several good standouts on defense for the game," said Coach Keith. The entire front line for the defense played hard-nose football, and stopped the middle from any long gains," said Coach Keith. "The secondary for the Tigers played with very good pass defense, and the linebackers pursued well, and kept the Dolphins from any long gains."

The Mighty Tigers faced off against the Cowboys, October 10 at 6 p.m.. Those statistics will be forthcoming.

Action continues against the Vikings, October 17 at 6 p.m.; and the Steelers, October 26 at noon.

The playoffs begin October 28.

### ACA Runs Well At FSU

FRAN HUNT  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

The Aucilla Christian Academy cross country teams competed in the FSU Invitational over the weekend, which is pre-state for varsity runners only, and the Warriors ran exceptionally well.

The boys finished 13th out of 24 teams, and some also set personal records.

Braden Mattingly passed one runner to finish 9th, with a time of 17:35.

Gatlin Nennstiel finished 11th with a time of 17:40.

Carson Nennstiel passed 10 runners to finish 79th, with a time of 19:28.

Nick Arceneaux was passed by five runners to finish 120th, with a time of 20:21, beating his personal record by 33 seconds.

Taylor Nugent was passed by 11 runners, to finish 125th, with a time of 20:30, beating his personal record by four seconds.

Zack Arceneaux passed four runners to finish 148th, with a time of 21:41.

Brandon Slaughter passed five runners to finish 158th, with a time of 22:00.

Chaz Hamilton passed 10 runners to finish 159th, with a time of 22:04.

The girls finished 13th out of 16 teams.

Camryn Grant passed 16 runners to finish 57th, with a time of 23:37.

Hanna Searcy passed four runners to finish 58th, with a time of 23:37.

Taylor Copeland was passed by 10 runners to finish 86th, with a time of 24:37.

Abby Reams was passed by eight runners to finish 96th, with a time of 25:12, matching her personal record.

Grace Beshears was passed by three runners to finish 101st, with a time of 25:25.

Jessica Giddens was passed by three runners to finish 105th, with a time of 25:30.

Marley Restrepo passed four runners to finish 108th, with a time of 25:39, beating her personal record by one minute and 11 seconds.

Brittany Hughes finished 136th, with a time of 27:42.

The varsity runners will continue the season competing at the Districts in Tallahassee on October 24; the Regionals in Lake City on November 2; and the State Championship in Tallahassee, November 9.



### Express Downs Madison

FRAN HUNT  
ECB Publishing  
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In the most recent action, the Sunshine Express softball team manned the diamond against Madison, and the Express downed their opponent for a 25-18 victory.

Madison jumped out to a 6-0 lead, but the Express came back in the second inning to take and keep command of the game.

Karlon Blue went five for five, with six RBI, and two homeruns.

Clark Mitchell went five for five, with two RBI's.

Kendell Cooksey went five for five, with

four RBI's.

Calvin Holmes went five for five, with four RBI's, and one homerun.

Mario Rivers went four for five, with five RBI's, and one homerun.

Jarvis Atkins went three for five with one RBI.

Kelvin Jones went three for five with one RBI.

Melvin Holmes went three for four.

Nick Russell went two for five, with two RBI's.

Jay McQue went three for five, with two RBI's.

Coach Roosevelt Jones named Karlon Blue as the MVP of the game.

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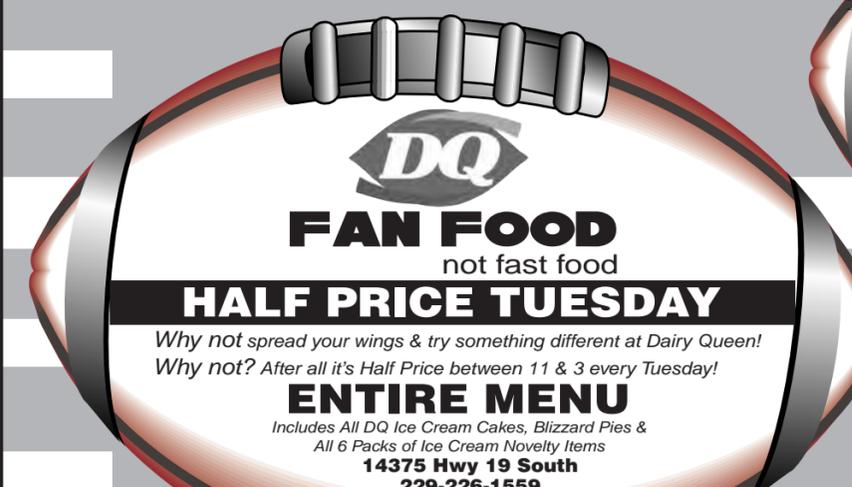
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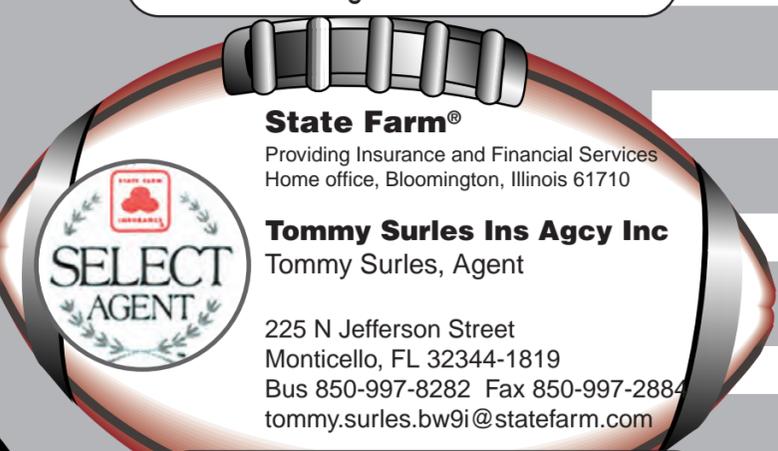
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# LEGALS

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

**GENERAL CIVIL DIVISION**

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Case No. 2012-0135-CA  
Plaintiff,

vs.  
DREW F. CHERRY; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF  
DREW F. CHERRY; and UNKNOWN  
OCCUPANTS, TENANTS, OWNERS, AND  
OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES, including,  
if a named defendant is deceased,  
the personal representatives, the  
surviving spouse, heirs, devisees,  
grantees, creditors, and all other  
parties claiming by, through, under  
or against that defendant, and all  
claimants, persons or parties,  
natural or corporate, or whose  
exact legal status is unknown,  
claiming under any of the above  
named or described defendants.

Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Order or Final Judgment entered in this cause, in the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Jefferson County, Florida, described as:

**THAT PORTION OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH OF RANGE 5 EAST WHICH IS BOUNDED BY A LINE COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID QUARTER SECTION AND RUNNING THENCE EAST FIVE AND FIVE-SEVENTHS (5-5/7) CHAINS, THENCE SOUTH FORTY (40) CHAINS, EAST CORNER OF A LOT OR TRACT OF LAND OWNED BY ANNE STEPHENS AND FRANK STEPHENS AND FURTHER DESCRIBED AS COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID TRACT AT A SMALL HICKORY TREE RUNNING THENCE NORTH ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-TWO FEET, THENCE WEST ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SEVEN FEET, THENCE SOUTH ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-TWO FEET THENCE EAST ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SEVEN FEET BACK TO THE INITIAL POINT AND SAID LOT OR TRACT IS FURTHER DESCRIBED AND KNOWN AS BEING A PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION FOUR (4) IN TOWNSHIP (2) TWO SOUTH OF RANGE FIVE (5) EAST; TOGETHER WITH A MOBILE HOME SITUATED THEREON, WHICH IS AFFIXED TO THE AFOREDESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY AND INCORPORATED THEREIN.**

Property Address: 160 Hall Road  
Lamont, FL 32336

Parcel I.D.: R 04-2S-5E-0000-0050-0000

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the North door of the Jefferson County Courthouse, Monticello, Florida 32344 at 11:00 a.m. on January 23rd, 2014. 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 WITH THE CLERK OF COURT WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.  
DATED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2013.

KIRK REAMS  
Clerk of Circuit Court

By Sherry Sears  
Deputy Clerk

In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the A.D.A. Coordinator not later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding via the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8771. 10/16,23/2013

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 1<sup>st</sup>  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR  
JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA**

CASE No. 2007 CA 000301

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE  
POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT  
DATED AS OF AUGUST 1, 2005 ASSET-BACKED  
PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES  
2005-WHQ4,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Roger P. Stultz and Unknown Spouse of  
Roger P. Stultz, United States of America,  
Maria Gray, Esther Peters, Unknown Tenants,

Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45**

NOTICE OF SALE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 14, 2013, and entered in Case No. 2007 CA 000301 of the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for Jefferson County, Florida, wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF AUGUST 1, 2005 ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2005-WHQ4, is Plaintiff and Roger P. Stultz and Unknown Spouse of Roger P. Stultz, United States of America, Maria Gray, Esther Peters, Unknown Tenants, are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the North Door of the Courthouse, located at 1 Courthouse Circle, Monticello, FL 32344, at 11:00 A.M. on the 31st day of October, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

(Legal: See attached Exhibit "A")

Located: 753 Hawkins Road, Monticello, FL 32344

Tax ID: 33-1N-3E-0000-0012-0000

and all fixtures and personal property located therein or thereon, which are included as security in Plaintiff's mortgage.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus funds 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 Monticello, Jefferson County, Florida, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2013.

Kirk Reams  
Clerk of said Circuit Court

By: Sherry Sears  
As Deputy Clerk

**EXHIBIT "A"**

**THE LAND REFERRED TO IN THIS EXHIBIT IS LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF JEFFERSON AND THE STATE OF FLORIDA IN DEED BOOK 526 AT PAGE 264 AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS.**

**COMMENCE AT CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTH HLF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST, JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA AND RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 23 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF SAID NORTH HLF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER, 529.94 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING RUN NORTH 01 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 59 SECONDS EAST 728.49 FEET TO AN IRON ROD IN THE CENTER OF COUNTY GRADED HAWKINS ROAD, THENCE SOUTH 74 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 15 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID CENTERLINE, 85.22 FEET TO AN IRON ROD, THENCE SOUTH 81 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 31 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID CENTERLINE, 231.37 FEET TO AN IRON ROD, THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 59 SECONDS WEST 675.48 FEET TO AN IRON ROD ON THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF SAID NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER, THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 23 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID SOUTH BOUNDARY, 311.96 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.**

LESS AND EXCEPT:

THAT PORTION OF INSURE PREMISES LYING WITHIN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF THAT COUNTY ROAD KNOWN AS HAWKINS ROAD.

10/16,23/2013

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR  
JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION**

IN RE: ESTATE OF

File Number: 13-31-CP

CHARLES WILLIAM CARTER,  
Deceased.

**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION**

The administration of the estate of **CHARLES WILLIAM CARTER**, deceased, File Number **13-31-CP** is pending in the Circuit Court for Jefferson County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 1 Courthouse Circle, Monticello, Florida 32344. The name and address of the personal representative and of the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All persons on whom this notice is served who have objections that challenge the qualifications of the personal representative, venue, or jurisdiction of this Court are required to file their objections with this Court **WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.**

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is served within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice must file their claims with this Court **WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.**

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

**ALL CLAIMS AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED**

The date of the first publication of this Notice is October 9, 2013

Attorney For Personal Representative:

T. BUCKINGHAM BIRD  
P. O. Box 247  
Monticello, FL 32345  
850-997-3503  
FL Bar ID #0006176

**TIMOTHY DALE CARTER**  
357 Rachel Road  
Crossville, TN 38572

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR  
JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION**

IN RE: ESTATE OF

File Number: 13-31-CP

CHARLES WILLIAM CARTER,  
Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of **CHARLES WILLIAM CARTER**, deceased, whose date of death was October 9, 2011, is pending in the Circuit Court for Jefferson County, Florida, Probate Division under probate file # **13-31-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 October 9, 2013

Attorney for Personal Representative

T. Buckingham Bird, Esq.  
P.O. Box 247  
Monticello, Florida 32345  
(850) 997-3503

Personal Representative

Timothy Dale Carter  
357 Rachel Road  
Crossville, TN 38572

10/9,16/2013

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SELL**

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Suwannee River Water Management District intends to sell certain real property (the "Property"). A description of the Property is as follows:  
Approximately 114 acres, located in Madison and Jefferson Counties, Florida; to wit:

**Madison County, Florida:**

All that part of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 and the W 1/2 of the NE 1/4 lying East and North of the Aucilla River, Section 2, Township 2 South, Range 5 East.

**Jefferson County, Florida:**

That part of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 lying West and South of the Aucilla River, Section 2, Township 2 South, Range 5 East.

A complete description and map of the Property may be obtained by contacting the Suwannee River Water Management District at the address and telephone number set out below.

The sale of the Property shall take place not less than 30 days nor more than 45 days after the first publication of this notice.

This notice is given to comply with the publication requirements of Section 373.089, Florida Statutes. 10/2,9,16/2013

**NOTICE OF VACANCIES ON CITY HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW BOARD**

The Monticello City Council is seeking to fill two vacancies on the Historic Design Review Board. Board Membership is a voluntary position, and members shall own property and reside within the city limits. Certification or experience or knowledge in the fields of architecture, historic preservation, city planning, or construction would be desirable. Board meetings are at least quarterly and are held in the evenings. A letter of interest and outline of experience and knowledge should be submitted to the City Council, c/o City Clerk Emily Anderson, 245 S. Mulberry Street, Monticello, Florida 32344 by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 23, 2013. For more information, please contact City Clerk Anderson at City Hall at 342-0292. 10/11,16,18/2013

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS ON APPLICATIONS  
FOR SITE PLAN APPROVAL**

The Monticello City Council will consider Applications for Site Plan Approval for the following developments:

\*Jefferson County Fire Station to be located on Martin Street, Monticello

\*Jefferson County Solid Waste Administration Building to be located at the corner of Nacoosa Road and U.S. 19 South, Monticello

These public hearings will be held during the regular City Council Meeting on November 5, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 245 S. Mulberry Street, Monticello, FL 32344.

Interested persons may appear at the hearing and be heard with respect to the applications. The complete application may be inspected at City Hall between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Agenda information may be obtained from City Hall or at the city website at HYPERLINK "http://www.cityofmonticello.us" www.cityofmonticello.us. 10/16/2013

**Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)**

**Jefferson County Housing Department  
Announces the Availability of**

**State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Funds**

**for the State Fiscal Years 2011/2012, 2012/2013 and 2013/2014**

The Jefferson County Housing Department announces approximately \$414,000 available through the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) program for fiscal years 2011/2012, 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 to be used for the following Local Housing Assistance Plan strategies: Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation and Homebuyer Purchase Assistance. Please note that funding for rehabilitation will only be used to support existing housing. The strategies are as follows:

**Homebuyer Purchase Assistance Strategy**

The purpose of this strategy is to provide down payment assistance and principle reduction to first-time homebuyers that are eligible under the SHIP guidelines. The maximum amount of SHIP funds that may be awarded per unit is \$30,000 for very low income, \$25,000 for low income and \$20,000 for moderate income households. Potential homebuyers will be required to qualify for a mortgage through a financial institution. Homebuyers may not have claimed homestead exemption in the last three years. Funds will be awarded on a first come, first ready-to-close basis.

**Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Strategy**

The purpose of this strategy is to provide repairs or improvements needed for safety and sanitary rehabilitation and/or correction of code violations. The maximum amount of SHIP funds that may be awarded per unit is \$40,000. The homeowner must claim homestead exemption and the home must be occupied by the owner in order to be considered for rehabilitation. Applicants are limited to assistance once every (10) years. Applications will be considered on a first come, first served basis.

The Jefferson County Housing Department will conduct an application workshop regarding SHIP financial assistance on Wednesday, October 16, 2013 from 10am-12pm at the Jefferson County Grants Office located at 445 W Palmer Mill Road, Monticello, Florida 32344. Any question regarding the SHIP application will be addressed at this workshop.

Please note that there is currently no SHIP Waiting List. **All interested persons will need to initially apply or re-apply.** SHIP Applications will be available beginning Friday, October 11, 2013 between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm, Monday thru Friday at the Jefferson County Grants Office located at 445 W Palmer Mill Road, Monticello, Florida 32344 or via online at HYPERLINK "http://www.meridiancommunitysolutions.com" www.meridiancommunitysolutions.com. Applications are due no later than Wednesday, October 30, 2013 by 12Noon, EST. No applications will be accepted after the designated time. Applications submitted via mail WILL NOT be accepted. All applications must be hand-delivered to the following address by 12 Noon on October 30, 2013:

**Jefferson County Grants Office  
445 W Palmer Mill Road  
Monticello, Florida 32344  
850-877-1908**

Any person with a qualified disability requiring special accommodations shall contact us at the phone number listed above at least 5 business days prior to the event. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact this office by using the Florida Relay Services which can be reached at 1.800.955.8771 (TDD).

Questions regarding the SHIP program and application process should be directed to Meridian Community Services Group, Inc., at (850)877-1908.

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**Financial Focus...**

## What Does Government Shutdown Mean to Investors?

As you're well aware, a partial government shutdown began on Oct. 1. No matter what one's views are on the political issues that led to this event, it's probably fair to say that a shutdown is not particularly good news, on many fronts. Although essential services will continue, including Social Security and Medicare payments, other governmental functions will be disrupted, and hundreds of thousands of workers will be furloughed. So, as a citizen, you may well have concerns about the shutdown. But how will the shutdown affect you as an investor?

First of all, you may want to take to heart the slogan popularized by the British in World War II: "Keep calm and carry on." You don't need to panic, nor do you need to make massive changes to your investment portfolio or even take a "time out" from investing. It's highly likely that, like all political/economic traumas in the past, this one, too, shall pass.

To gain some perspective, you might be interested in knowing that the current situation is not unique. We've had 17 government shutdowns in the past, most recently in 1996. And the overall effect of these shutdowns on the financial markets has not been particularly negative. Stocks dropped during nine of these shutdowns and rose during the other eight. Once the shutdowns ended, the average stock market gain was 2.5% over the following three months and 13.3% over the following 12 months, according to an analysis of the S & P 500 stock market index.

Of course, as you've no doubt heard, "past performance cannot guarantee future results," so you shouldn't necessarily expect the market to turn in similar results once this current shutdown is over. Nonetheless, the history of the market's performance following government shutdowns does tell us something about the tremendous ability of the financial markets to absorb short-term crises — and then move on.

This isn't to say that you won't see some volatility in the days and weeks ahead if the shutdown continues for a while. The financial markets do not like uncertainty, and while some of this uncertainty may already have been "factored in" during the past few weeks, as the possibility of a shutdown increased, we may still see some significant price gyrations.

Try not to overreact to these price swings, if they do occur. If you feel you must do something with regard to your investments, why not take this opportunity to look over your long-term strategy to make sure it's still properly aligned with your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon? Over time, your personal situation can change in many ways, so it's always a good idea to review your investment portfolio, and to make those changes that can help you continue making progress toward your objectives, such as a comfortable retirement.

Furthermore, if we do see some price declines, you may well be presented with the opportunity to buy quality investments at good prices, so stay alert for these possibilities.

Above all else, don't let the headlines of today scare you away from investing for tomorrow. With patience, discipline and the ability to maintain a long-term perspective in spite of short-term events, you can develop good investment habits that will serve you well for a lifetime.

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

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# AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

## Alby And Alese



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**Alby is an 11-year old orange and white tabby male.**

**FRAN HUNT**  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

Alese and Alby are a very special pair of older cats available for adoption through the Jefferson County Humane Society.

Humane Society Shelter Director Connie Heath described their story.

Alese, a 13-year old Siamese Tortoiseshell female mix, and Alby, an 11-year old orange and white tabby male, have lived together their entire lives.

They belonged to county resident Nancy Tomlin, who recently went into Hospice care, and none of her family members wanted the animals, so she had no choice but to turn them over to the Humane Society.

**Alese, a 13-year old Siamese Tortoiseshell female mix.**

Tomlin's plea when she turned the cats over, "Please adopt them together so they can spend their final days together."

Alese and Alby are very closely bonded, and they are very affectionate, and loving indoor lap cats. They would be perfect for an older person or couple.

Alese had been spayed and Alby has been neutered. Both are feline Leukemia free, and their vaccinations are up-to-date.

For adoption information contact the Humane Society Shelter at 342-0244.



# Obituaries

## DOUGLAS SLIZEWSKI

Douglas Slizewski, age 65, a retired Service Technician for Pitney Bowes, passed away October 9, 2013 in Monticello, FL.

A Service of Remembrance was held Monday, October 14, 2013 at 11:00 a.m., at St. Margaret Catholic Church in Monticello, FL. Family received friends at Beggs Funeral Home Monticello Chapel on Sunday, October 13, 2013

Mr. Slizewski was a native of Hamtramck MI, and had lived in Memphis, TN., Traverse City, MI, Sterling Heights, MI, and Tallahassee, FL. He moved to Monticello in 1995. His number one priority was pleasing his wife and he also enjoyed reading, gardening, cooking and home projects.

Mr. Slizewski is survived by his wife Patsy, two daughters Helen Quinn (husband Tony) of Tampa, FL and Erika Smith (husband Christopher) of Tallahassee, FL. one brother Raymond "Bubbs" Slizewski (wife Jackie) of Providence, RI., and four grandchildren.

## JOHN E. BROCK

John E. Brock passed away on Monday, October 7, 2013.

He was born on September 18, 1943 in Monticello, FL. He moved to the central Florida area in 1966 and worked for the Department of Agriculture.

He is preceded in death by his parents Lessie Bell Brock and Charles Brock; his brother Charles B. Brock; and his sister Lessie B. Brock.

Mr. Brock is survived by his loving wife Melissa; his children Lisa Myers, Pamela Brock, Alison Fraser, and Scott Brock; his siblings Helen Montezano, Gene Brock, Betty Driggers, Jane Moore, Julie Withers, Jerry Brock, and Gary Brock; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. at the Elizabeth Baptist Church on Bassett Dairy Road in Monticello, on Saturday, October 19, 2013.

In Lieu of flowers donations may be made to a charity of your choice.

## NANCY CORWIN PAGE

Nancy Corwin Page, age 83, of Lamont, FL passed away on Friday, October 11, 2013.

Nancy was a retired office manager for Robert M. Snider, M.D. and Donald O. Alford, M.D. for 19 years.

She is survived by two sons, John G. Rivest of Rome, GA and Kenneth R. Rivest of Lamont, FL (wife Jo Carol Rivest), two beloved grandsons Dustin and Matthew Rivest, and two step grandsons Austin and Ashton Narezo.

She also leaves behind past daughter-in-law Debra Rivest along with several other relatives and friends.

She was a native of Buffalo, NY and moved to Florida in 1953.

After 20 years in Miami she called Tallahassee "home" since 1973. She spent all of her working years in the medical field and retired in 2001 after five-years with Dr. Logan Brooks and Dr. Robert Steinmetz.

Other survivors are one sister, Patricia Corwin of Silver Creek, NY, a niece and nephew and their children of NY.

Above all Nancy loved her church and church family at Bradfordville First Baptist Church and friends from East Hill Baptist Church.



She loved to sing and was a choir member at both churches.

In her later years, after moving to Lamont, she became a member of First Methodist Church of Monticello where she also felt very loved and part of the church family filled with warmth and love. Most of all she wants to be remembered as a Christian.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, October 16 from 6-8pm at Culley's Chapel (1737 Riggins Rd, Tallahassee, FL).

A service will be held Thursday, October 17 from 11-12pm at First Methodist Church of Monticello (325 W. Walnut St, Monticello, FL) with a gathering to follow in the church reception hall.

Graveside service will be held at 2:30 p.m. at Culley's MeadowWood Funeral Home (700 Timberlane Rd, Tallahassee, FL).



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