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## District/Union Negotiations Stall Over Incentive Bonus

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A teacher's comments to the Jefferson County School Board recently created the impression that the district's administration has been dragging its feet when it came to the distribution of incentive bonuses that the Governor has approved for teachers in recognition of their hard work.

Regina Cox, a math teacher at Jefferson County Middle High School (JCMHS) and president of the Jefferson County Teachers Union, expressed frustration at a recent School Board meeting that the negotiations between the district and union for distribution of the money were taking so long.

"It's October and we're still going to the table," Cox said.

Other districts, she said, had settled their negotiations and their teachers had already received their bonuses. But Jefferson County teachers were still waiting for their money, she said.

"It's not fair to the teachers," Cox said.

Teachers daily were on the battlegrounds, she said. When things went wrong, teachers got the blame. But when the state rewarded them, they couldn't get their money, she said. It was frustrating, especially given that the district had not given a pay increase in five years, she said.

"We have been patient," Cox said. "But our patience is running Please See NEGOTIATIONS Page 3

## Scaling The Heights For Love



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This banner, which says, "I love Jenny" was taped on the Monticello water tower on York Street some time Monday night. Monticello Police Chief Fred Mosley said since the tower itself was not painted on, the most they would be able to charge the man with would be trespassing due to having to get through a secured and fenced in area. Anyone with any information is asked to contact MPD at 342-0150.

## Committee Proposes Four Loops For Heritage Roads Designation

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Acting on the recommendation of a citizens advisory committee, the Jefferson County Commission recently took a first step toward designating certain of the county's roads as part of a Heritage Road System (HRS) that aims at promoting economic development and ecotourism.

The Heritage Road System, as defined by the Heritage Road Committee, consists of four named trails or loops of varying distances and made up of roads that are canopied, historic, particularly scenic, or touch on one or more of the county's cultural, natural or historic treasures.

As variously expressed by committee members Troy Avera, Phil Calandra and Dr. Flossie Byrd, creation of a heritage roads system had the potential for both cultural and economic benefits to Jefferson County residents. Moreover, it could be accomplished at relatively little cost, they said.

More than mere canopy roads, heritage roads offered, "glimpses of who we were as a community and they are pathways to how we want our county

to look like and what we want our county to be," Avera said.

The four trails or loops that the committee recommended for adoption were the Miccosukee-Magnolia Trail in the northwest part of the county; the Plantation Trail in the northeast; the Spanish Trail in the middle; and the Flatwoods-Wilderness Trail in the southern part.

The designated loops, Avera said, represented not only some of the county's most scenic roads, but they also touched on many of the county's historic sites and points of interests, as well as traversing some of its charming towns and communities.

"The HRC has cataloged all points of interest, historic sites and other attractions and included them as rationales for choosing these particular routes," Avera said.

He said the committee's aim was to create a framework upon which others groups -- such as the Economic Development Council (EDC), Tourist Development Council (TDC) and Monticello Main Street (MMS) -- could market and built on.

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## Double Bust: Grand Theft Auto, Drug Possession

FRAN HUNT  
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Madison County deputies assisted Jefferson County deputies last week in a double bust.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office reported that on Tuesday, October 22 at approximately 11:14 p.m., Deputy Craig Vollertsen received a call from a Madison County deputy stating that he had stopped a vehicle in Jefferson County and was requesting assistance.

Upon arrival, Deputy Vollertsen met with Deputy Daniel Dukes of the Madison County Sheriff's Office. Deputy Dukes stated that he stopped the vehicle due to safety reasons because the driver was driving down the center of the road on east-bound I-10.

Thomas Washington, 54, of Tallahassee, was driving the vehicle, which was stopped.

John Richard Moore, 41, of Aucilla Shores, was in the front passenger seat. After notifying the owner of the vehicle, it was discovered that the truck had been stolen at an unknown time between 9 a.m. October 22 and the time of the stop.

Deputy Vollertsen spoke with the owner of the vehicle, who stated that Moore did work for him, but did not have access to the keys to the truck, and he did not know how he got the keys. He said he thought that the keys were secured in his work office, and that no one had had access to the office but him (the owner). He also stated that Washington was not an employee and he did not know who he was. He added that there were no signs of forced entry at the office where the keys were stored.

Moore did not cooperate with the deputy's investigation.

Washington initially provided Deputy

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Thomas Washington



John Richard Moore

## School Board Hires Mapper To Draw New District Maps

(District 3 At Center Of Contention)

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Senior Staff Writer

The Jefferson County School Board engaged in a long, frank and telling discussion about redistricting on Tuesday evening, Oct. 22.

As one speaker put it at one point, it was unfortunate that white/black issues still prevailed in the county as late as 2013, but the inescapable fact was that the current redistricting impasse came down to race and the question of fairness.

Following nearly three

hours of discussion -- including a conference call with a professional mapper -- the School Board voted unanimously to approve three separate actions.

The first was to engage the services of the mapper at a rate of \$100 hourly; the second was to instruct the mapper to draw a map with the controversially split Census Block 3006 made whole again and put in District 3; and the last was for the mapper to draw a second map with the reconstituted CB-3006 placed in District 2.

The board also agreed to meet with the mapper at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29, so that the latter could show and explain the results of his mapmaking.

Made exceedingly clear from the discussions was that making CB-3006 whole again is key to a resolution of the longstanding impasse between the two boards. It is key, at

least, to District 2 School Board Member Sandra Saunders, District 3 School Board Member Shirley Washington and District 2 County Commission Chairman John Nelson; it is also now apparently important to District 4 School Board Member Larry Halsey, and possibly to others of the School Board members.

The motives for the push to make CB-3006 whole are many and complicated. But they essentially boil down to power -- political and otherwise -- and the benefits and consequences that ensue from power in the form of prestige, policy setting, rule-making, projects prioritizing and other decision-making.

The discussion on Tuesday began with the usual grievances and re-terminations, but it quickly moved to a broader and more meaningful discourse with the introduction of separate proposals

from Kate Calvin and Halsey.

Calvin first and foremost offered the services of a mapper whom she said she had initially contacted when the County Commission had indicated its plans to revisit the redistricting issue. The reason she had approached a mapper, Calvin said, was because she found it inconceivable, if not a conflict-of-interest, that the commission should hire the same law firm that had defended it in the 2011 redistricting lawsuit.

Calvin said that in the interest of trying to get the best possible redistricting map for the county, she had provided said mapper with all the pertinent information relative to the current redistricting effort, including the failed 2011 redistricting maps, the resulting lawsuit and 1980s federal court decision setting up the current five districts for the sake of ensuring a majority black district and

a 50/50 white/black district.

This mapper, she said, could draw a map in real time for School Board members individually or as a group and for a lower rate than the commission's mapper was charging. Calvin urged the School Board to contact the mapper via phone and at least hear what he had to say.

Halsey next pitched his proposal. Calling himself a "demographics geek", Halsey gave a detailed account of his expertise in geography, statistics and other areas that he said qualified him for the mapping task. In short, he believed that he was conversant enough on the subject to propose a viable map, Halsey said.

It was obvious, he said, that the central problem and sticking point of the impasse between the two boards came down to CB-3006 and its capricious Please See MAPPER Page 3

**Time to fall back**

Turn your clocks back one hour to standard time at 2 a.m. Sunday.

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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.

All submitted Letters must be 600 words or less.

## American Legion Issues Statement About Veterans Day Parade

Dear Editor, The time has come when the truth needs to come out and not be drowned by innuendo, rumor, half-truths and outright lies.

It is not the intention of the American Legion or any other veteran's organization to stop anyone from having a parade on whatever day they have in mind to do so. When Earlene Knight first came up with an idea to have a Veteran's Day parade last year, the first thing she did was to come to the American Legion and ask for help. It was seen as a good idea and help was provided. A committee was formed and help (in the form of organizing, directing, recruiting and providing funds) was given. In addition, Earlene, was invited to join the Auxiliary several times which she never did. She did attend one Legion meeting when she asked for help, but she never darkened the doors after that.

The parade took place. It was a success and hope was raised that it would become a continuing event in the life of Jefferson County. However, this time the American Legion was no longer welcome to participate. The statement was made publicly, that Earlene would "not work with the American Legion". That's her privilege, but the next step was not her privilege, nor was it the privilege of the former (and no longer active) Commander of the American Legion. This time the two of them formed their own Committee to put on the Parade, with-

out asking the Executive Committee. Then they put their names as signers on the account at Farmers and Merchants Bank where the funds which had already been donated to the Legion for the parade and emptied the account into their own personal account. Neither of them had the right (according to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Legion) to do this. Remember, she had never joined and he was no longer Commander and no longer an active member.

As to the casual insults which have been uttered and published about the present leadership of the Legion, several things need to be asserted.

First of all, were it not for that "present leadership" there would be no more Legion in Monticello and, in fact, the oldest Post in the state of Florida would no longer be here. There would be no one to turn to for veterans, both those who live here and those who are just passing through, who need help. There would be no Memorial Day services, nor flags on the graves of those who have already passed. There would be no Fourth of July fireworks. There would be no Post home available for small to medium groups to use. There would be no Veterans in the Schools programs, no scholarships to 4H-ers who want to attend Camp Cherry Lake, no Boys' State, no collections to meet the needs of the Veterans in the hospital, no one to advocate for veterans who need legal or legislative help.

There would be no flag ceremonies, nor education in the proper treatment and disposal of the flag.

There was a time when it was difficult to get even a few members out for meetings and even more difficult to accomplish all of the above. There were many more members who paid their dues, attended the free meals, and never came out when there was work to be done. The hurtful thing is that some of those "absentee members" are the very ones to write the letters, spread the rumors and brag about being members without ever asking or caring about what the actual truth is.

The truth is the Legion is not dead, nor is it dying. Membership is growing at a regular pace and most of the new members actually come to the meetings, participate in the activities and help with the work that needs to be done. The truth is that, when the Legion was struggling, it was the "present leadership" who kept it going, who encouraged membership, who kept the records (which were non-existent when that "present leadership" stepped up), who kept the charter going as a part of the Department and the National Legion, who kept up the building and the environs, who got the sewer system and other necessary repairs made.

The truth (shameful as it is) is that while the "present leadership" was doing this, there were others out there who never troubled themselves to find out about the truth and who wrung their hands proclaiming their "disgust" at the state of affairs.

The truth is also, that at one time the Legion was being over run by a group who proclaimed themselves to be members, though most were not, and who rented the building ostensibly for one day a week but used the building seven days a week and who made every effort to stop anyone else from using it. This group even kept the Legion from hiring cleaning and other help, without providing any help with chores themselves.

Obviously, something had to be done, some hard decisions had to be made, but where were the "absentee members" when those decisions were discussed.

Yes, some of them did attend the last meeting to advocate for their beloved Friday night entertainment, but where were they when negotiations could be made?

Where were they when the issues were first brought up?

What did they do to ascertain the actual truth of affairs as they stood?

It is easy to criticize, but not so easy to participate in solutions.

Signed,

Sheila T. Suk

## More On Veterans Day Parade

I read the letters from Ed Vollertsen and Dr. John Ward in the October 23 issue of the Monticello News. I agree with both wholeheartedly.

Last year when Ms. Earlene Knight began to organize the Veteran's day parade, she asked me to participate. I thought it was a great honor and I agreed. She worked very hard to put the parade together and I think all would agree that it was a great success. This year she asked me to participate again and of course I agreed and felt honored to do so.

I have been a member of The American

Legion for 30 years, 26 of which in the Otto Walker Post 49. I am a United States Navy veteran of World War II, having served aboard ships in the South Pacific, in New Guinea and the Philippines. I was 18 months overseas. For 20 or more years I attended almost every meeting of the Post, but for the past few years I have attended none.

When my good friend Chester Cox was alive and well he was the glue that held the post together for years. The post did many good things for the community, such as providing shoes for needy kids at Christmas and contributing

to many worthwhile organizations, Boy Scouts, senior citizens, United Way, etc.

Now, the post, instead of working with Ms. Knight to make the parade better, the leadership is attempting to have its own parade, calling it the 'Official Parade'. I don't know who made it the 'official parade' but it is wrong. They should reconsider.

I will be riding in the parade on Saturday, November 9, in a red convertible, and waving my American flag. God Bless America!

Charlie Reichert,  
Monticello

## American Legion Wants To Clear Up 'Misconceptions'

Dear Newspaper Owner and Editor:

The incorrect innuendos of Ed Vollertsen in his Letter to Editor published on October 23, 2013, must be corrected.

First, the Veterans Day Parade on Veterans Day is sponsored by The American Legion, Post 49 in Monticello, The American Legion, Post 234 in Monticello, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Post 251 in Monticello, and in conjunction with The American Legion, Post 131 in Greenville.

Second, although Earlene Knight was prior organizer of the parade last year when Frank Kolb was the Commander of The American Legion, Post 49, Mr. Kolb was not re-elected as Commander.

Of course, Earlene Knight has no membership or connection with The American Legion, Post 49, or any of

its affiliates.

Mr. Vollersten apparently complains of the "present leadership" of The American Legion, Post 49. That "present leadership" was elected by the members. We are not sure how Mr. Vollersten voted.

Mr. Vollersten apparently thinks that "Post 49" chose not to work with Ms. Knight. He is obviously unaware of the previous e-mail from the former Commander, Frank Kolb, to the current Commander (Travis Hussey) of The American Legion, Post 49 which states "She [Coach Knight] is the coordinator of the parade, and all decisions, financial or otherwise, will be hers to make."

It certainly looks like Earlene Knight wants to have her own parade, not associated with The American Legion, Post 49 or the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW).

The American Legion, Post 49 certainly believes that Veterans Day should be about Veterans, and not about money. It is Earlene Knight who is soliciting funds; and it was Earlene Knight and Frank Kolb who withdrew funds and monies from the account specifically entitled "Otto M. Walker, Post 49, The American Legion, Veterans Parade Fund" without the prior knowledge of The American Legion, Post 49.

We feel that all members of this community should support our troops and our Veterans. The Veterans Day Parade will be on Veterans Day, Monday, November 11, 2013, commencing at 11:00 a.m.

Travis Hussey,  
Commander  
Post 49,  
The American  
Legion

## Socialism vs. Capitalism

Dear Editor, As regards the letter to the editor of Oct. 25 criticizing Amber Houston for her editorial on Oct. 18 th., I write not to defend Amber, as she is capable of defending herself. I write to talk about the bigger issue of the cultural war currently raging in this country. The assertion that the founding fathers were looking to big government as the foundation of our democracy, is patently wrong. The founding fathers had just fought a war to escape the evils of big government, why would they possibly desire to create another big government to rule over us. The founders were emphatic about their desire to limit Government. You do not have to read very much of the constitution to verify this fact. In essence, this argument is between Socialism and Capitalism, and it also has a religious element to it. First, let me say that socialism is not

necessarily an evil system, rather it must be limited and restrained. If it works in concert with Capitalism it can be a good thing, providing a safety net for those individuals who encounter tough times. In a sense it becomes a form of compassionate Capitalism as we have always had. Unfortunately, socialism cannot contain itself, this is a fact of history. There is no need to argue over which system is best for the people, Socialism or 'Free Enterprise', once again the facts of history are on the side of Capitalism. Capitalism encourages hard work and personal achievement, socialism produces dependence on Government, and thus a lack of personal achievement. It is a fact that anywhere socialism/communism prevails there is always a dramatic spike of alcoholism and drug usage. Simply put, 'Idle hands are the Devils workshop'. There is no argument that Capitalism has its own cor-

rupting elements, but given the choice I'll take the lesser of two evils every time. As regards, the Religious Tensions, let me first say that Jesus was not a socialist, contrary to the deductions of some Liberals who try to equate Jesus's message as advocating the religion of socialism. You only must read the gospels to know that Jesus always challenged individuals to help their neighbors in every way, and he never once deferred a problem to the Government, but rather towards God. Also Socialism is a religion as any hardcore socialist worships government, in that your God is who you look to for all things. Christianity looks to the God of the Bible for its salvation. This is the point where your politics become your religion for both Christianity and Socialism.

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Avera noted that nearby counties, such as Leon and Thomas in Georgia, already had scenic or canopy roads programs, and Wakulla County was now starting walk-about tours. The idea of heritage roads was both acceptable to the community and economically doable, Avera said.

Dr. Byrd lamented the partial destruction recently of an ancient oak tree on West Lake Road. The tree, she suggested, was possibly a victim of the indiscriminate clearing of pathway for the power lines. It was her hope that adoption of the HRS program would result in greater appreciation and protection of canopied trees in the future, she said.

Calandra pointed out some of the potential economic benefits that could come from heritage roads via ecotourism. Thomas County, he said, generated \$100 daily per visitor, thanks to ecotourism. And Florida had reaped \$4.13 billion in economic benefits from ecotourism during 2007-2008, he said.

Calandra listed as desired outcomes of the HRS program the recognition and protection of the county's rural resources, the creation of a broader sense of community, and the possible fostering of Best Management Practices (BMPs) among utility companies and other stakeholders, in terms of the trimming and treatment of canopy trees.

Although already protected in the county's Land Development Code, the committee encouraged the commission to incorporate BMPs into the requirements to ensure for the proper pruning, mowing and spraying of trees, Calandra said. He suggested that if stakeholders such as the utility companies, property owners and other stakeholders were involved in the process of drawing up the BMPs, they would be more likely to follow them.

Among the committee's requests were that the commission approve the four recommended loops with particular attention to the Miccosukee-Magnolia Trail as a

pilot; that the traffic safety team be asked to conduct a trail survey and determine what signage might be needed for the various routes; that the EDC, TDC and MMS get involved in the project and develop marketing materials for promotion of the loops; that consideration be given to assigning a higher priority to some of the designated roads, as far as their scheduled improvements; and that the Planning Department be asked to update the canopy roads section in the Land Development Code to include BMPs.

Representatives of the EDC, TDC and MMS gave the program their respective endorsements. The commission then approved the program in principle 4-1, with the stipulation that the committee adjust some of the loops and return with more details on the costs of implementation and other information.

Commissioner Benny Bishop alone voted against the measure, saying it went far beyond what he had originally understood.

## Double Bust

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Kevin Tharpe with his (Moore's) brother's name and date of birth. He was positively identified at the Jefferson County Jail when he confessed his real name prior to fingerprinting.

Post Miranda, Washington stated that Moore picked him up. He said that he took custody of the truck because Moore was too drunk to drive. He claimed that he was not with Moore when he took the truck.

Washington also stated that he lied about his name because he did not want to go to jail for driving without a license. The deputy noted that a container of unidentified liquor was found in the vicinity of Washington while he was operating the vehicle, and he smelled heavily of an alcoholic beverage, which was similar to the one found inside the truck.

During a search of the truck, Deputy Vollertsen located a small baggie containing approximately two grams of cannabis,

which field-tested positive, under the front passenger seat that Moore was sitting in.

While at the jail, while Deputy William Scott was searching Moore, another baggie similar to the one found under Moore's seat, containing approximately two grams of cannabis, fell out of Moore's boxers.

Washington was charged with grand theft of a motor vehicle, open container, and driving while license suspended or revoked knowingly. A total bond of \$5,500 was set and he remained at the Jefferson County Jail October 29.

Later, (October 23) the ex of Moore, spoke with Deputy Tharpe at the jail, in reference to Moore getting mad, pushing her down the steps at their home, and threatening to kill her and their three children. She said he did it because she refused to let him drive her car.

She said Moore had been home all day due to him having an outside job

and it being inclement weather. He began drinking early and when he ran out, he demanded that she give him the keys to her car so he could go get more. She said she refused and snatched the keys and her purse away from him. He became violent with her.

Deputy Tharpe asked her if she could tell him of any other recent incidents where he was either physically or verbally abusive to her or the children. She answered in the affirmative. She added that Moore told her that she had better not call the authorities.

Stemming from the incident of the traffic stop and the additional complaint, Moore was charged with aggravated child abuse, domestic battery, grand theft of a motor vehicle, possession of less than 20 grams of cannabis, and possession of contraband in a county detention facility.

Bond was withheld and he remained at the Jefferson County Jail October 29.

## Negotiations

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out." Cox's comments to the board were impromptu, and so warranted no response.

Questioned by the News about the reason for the stalled negotiations, Sherman Stroman, the district's human resource specialist and chief negotiator, offered that Cox's representations to the board hadn't been completely accurate.

The issue, Stroman said, was more complicated than Cox had represented it, which explained why it was taking so long to resolve. Nor were all the delays attributable to the district; the union also had cancelled some meeting, he said. Moreover, only 17 of the state's 67 districts had thus far resolved the issue, not the overwhelming majority, as Cox had made it sound, he said.

The biggest sticking point in the negotiations was whether the bonus was to constitute a one-time payment or be made part of teachers' salaries, a point that the Governor hadn't clarified in his memo, Stroman said.

Recognizing the nature of politics and the fact that this was an election year, Stroman said the district wanted to make sure that the funding would be recurring and sustainable before committing to anything. Otherwise, the district would be faced with having to come up with the extra money in the coming years absent state funding, he said.

"We're not promised that these funds will be made available in the future," Stroman said, voicing one of the

district's concerns.

Another point Stroman raised was that the actual bonus would be lower than the \$2,500 that the Governor had announced. One reason was that student enrollment factored into the calculations for the bonus amount, he said. Also, taxes and other deductibles had to be subtracted from the final amount. Bottom line, the amount that teachers here would actually receive would be closer to \$1,300 or \$1,400, he said.

The state also wanted the establishment of an incentive step scale, which also played into the salary step scale that the district was contemplating amending, he said. And the district wanted also to compensate non-instructional staff, which also had not received pay increases in a long time. When the district had proposed using some of the bonus money to compensate non-instructional staff, however, the union's response had been a resounding no, he said.

"All this plays into the negotiations," Stroman said. "The bottom line is that it's complicated. We started in June and have met about four or five times since. We have other issues on the table, but we've been mostly focusing on the Governor's incentive funding for teachers."

It was his belief, however, that the negotiations would be completed soon, he said.

"I'll say we're very close to a resolution," Stroman said. "Progress has been made. I think we've made tremendous strides."

## Mapper

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splitting in 2000 for politically expedient reasons. He called the split a travesty that was patently wrong, improper and possibly borderline illegal. And it needed to be corrected in the current redistricting effort, Halsey said.

Therefore, in the interest of resolving the impasse and assuring that the two boards adopted the same map for the sake of the citizenry, he was proposing the rejoining of CB-3006, along with some minor adjustments to the other district to keep them within the legally allowable percentage of population deviations, he said.

Halsey's two proposed maps rejoined the heavily populated portion of CB-3006 carved out in 2000 and containing the Jefferson Arms Apartments back into the otherwise largely rural and unpopulated census block. Both maps also placed the reconstituted CB-3006 in District 2. It was Halsey's argument that to place CB-3006 in District 3 would throw the map "out of whack" and force a major reworking of all the districts, as multiple census blocks would then have to be adjusted to achieve ideal population parity among districts, as required by law.

"We can right the present wrong without a major disruption of the numbers," Halsey said, adding that either of his two proposed maps achieved the desired goal.

Nelson, Saunders and Washington weren't buying the argument, however. Their objection was that CB-3006 should be placed in District 3, where they said it rightfully belonged.

C.P. Miller next addressed the board. He said Halsey was correct to say that CB-3006 was the main hang-up, as it had been in the 2011 redistricting attempt. And the issue more specifically was the Jefferson Arms Apartment, a low-income housing project in the northwestern part of CB-2006 that is predominately occupied by African-Americans.

The two maps that the county's mapper was proposing did two things, Miller said. One, they maintained the split in CB-3006 and thus perpetuated the wrong done in 2000, he said. And it was wrong to carve out the Jefferson Arms Apartment from CB-3006, where it properly resided in District 3, and place it in District 2, he said.

Why? Because it was done to dilute the African-American voting strength in District 3 and place these folks in District 2, which was already a majority Black district, Miller said. He called the tactic stovepiping, a maneuver that he said violated the Voting Rights Act.

What's more, when preparing the commission's maps, the mapper had contacted the Supervisor of Elections office to determine the number and makeup of registered voters in CB-3006, he said.

"That totally illegal," Miller said, adding that it was especially so in light of the fact that CB-3006 had been the only census block signaled for this determination.

Bottom line, Miller said, the sole purpose for splitting of CB-3006 was to dilute the black vote in District 3 and assure the election of white candidates, notwithstanding the repeated elections of Washington. The fact was that not one black commissioner had ever been elected in District 3, he said.

Halsey added another dimension to the discussion. He pointed out that an element being missed

in the dilution of blacks' voting strength in the county was social and economic in nature and beyond the control of redistricting. It had to do with the increasing migration of young blacks from the county, he said.

Halsey shared 50 years worth of census data showing that the county's black to white population ratio had respectively decreased from 48/51 percents in the 1970s to 36/60 percents in the latest census.

"The fact is that your voting strength is being done in by migration, kids leaving the county and other dynamics that we can't control," Halsey said.

True enough, Miller countered. And it was sad that as late as 2013, people were still struggling over issues of black and white and fairness, he said. But the fact was that Districts 1, 4 and 5 were overwhelmingly white, he said.

"The chances of a black getting elected in these districts is like the school superintendent flying a 747," Miller said. "It ain't going to happen."

What he and the others were asking, he said, was that the new maps recognize and honor the spirit of the 1980s court ruling, which ordered that one district be a majority black district and a second be a 50/50 district, notwithstanding the fact of the decreasing black population.

A 50-50 district wouldn't guarantee the election of a black, Miller said. But it would at least give black candidates a fighting chance. And elections mattered, he said. One reason why the county's black population had decreased during the last 50 years was possibly because of rules and policies affecting land uses and economic development that favored certain segments of the population to the disadvantage of others, he said. So yes, elections mattered, and who was elected mattered, he said.

"At what point do we try to slow the trend," Miller said of the out-migration of blacks. "This board and the County Commission should do everything to create a 50/50 district. It doesn't mean it will get a black elected. All we're asking is for the opportunity."

It was a point that Calvin underscored. If the 1980s court ruling was no longer viable because of the decreased black population, then the court ruling should be revisited and possibly amended, she said. But so long as the ruling stood, it needed to be honored. And the court ruling distinctly stated the need for a majority black district and a toss-up district, she said.

What's more, the Florida Supreme Court had ruled that certain factors were more important than others in redistricting, she argued. In the case of the requirement for acceptable population deviations among districts, the courts allowed greater deviations than the standard if the aim was to accomplish a greater good, she said. In such instances, issues of fairness trumped statistical requirements, she said.

Nelson and Saunders, for their part, reiterated for the record that they didn't want and wouldn't accept CB-3006 in District 2.

"My idea is to right this wrong," Nelson said. "This has been the main point of contention in this battle. The key is to put CB-3006 where it belongs, in District 3, and then make the necessary adjustments to bring about the acceptable deviations in the other districts."

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## Hunter Misses Moose, Hits Man On Toilet

In Oslo, Norway, a man hunting in Whales fired a shot that was meant for a moose, but instead hit a 70-year-old man in his home. The shot was fired 100 yards from the man's cottage and hit him in the abdomen while he was sitting on his toilet. Police Chief, Anders Saether, said he suspected the hunter didn't really notice his surroundings before shooting.

## Gas From Cows Is Fuel For Future

In Argentina, scientists have found a way to transform gas from a cow, where they channel digestive gases from bovine stomach cavities through a tube and into the tank. A process is then done to separate methane from the other gases. Once depressed, methane has the same properties as natural gas and can fuel cars and buildings. "It may not be practical right now," says Guillermo Berra, head of INTA's animal physiology group, "but when fossil fuel reserves are in trouble, it is an alternative." Berra says Argentina is one of the world's top beef exporters and those animals account for 30 percent of the country's total greenhouse gas emissions. "This would also be a way to mitigate that," says Berra.

## Man Punches Shark and Survives

In Kilauea, Hawaii, a tiger shark attacked a surfer, when it chomped on his board, starting a struggle. Jeff Horton said he was sitting on his surfboard that morning when he saw an object coming towards him at high speed. Horton, a former boxer, began punching the shark as hard as he could and sent a sharp punch to the shark's eye, making the shark quickly retreat. Horton was unharmed.

## Newfoundland Man Develops Moose Flavored Potato Chips

In Isle Aux Morts, Newfoundland, deputy Mayor, Tyler LeFreuse, entered and won the "Do Us A Flavor" contest for Lays snacks when he suggested Maple Moose flavored potato chips. LeFreuse said he got the idea when making a maple ham and decided to try the same method on moose meat. "Everybody has a different preference and dislikes kind of thing, but other than that, I'm getting a lot of good feedback and a lot of support from the community, from the province and right across Canada for that matter."

# AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

## Altrusa Helps With Library Program



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Altrusa members and friends help with the PrimeTime programs at the Jefferson County RJ Bailar Public Library. Preparing the Monday evening meal from left to right are: Shirley Washington, JoAnne Farmer, Joyce Sealey, Nancy Stover, Denise Thompson, Peggy Day, and Elizabeth Robinson.

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The Jefferson County RJ Bailar Public Library has been flowing with families interested in its free PrimeTime story times on Monday evenings at 6 p.m. PrimeTime is a six-week 90-minute event that revolves around food, fellowship, and family centered stories.

The intended audience for PrimeTime is

families with children who are struggling readers between the ages of six to 10. Dinner is served followed shortly before the main event. Now, this is where Altrusa comes in. The members help with the meal... the preparation, the serving, and the cleaning up.

Then comes the real fun! Local storyteller Sallie Worley and art educator and artist Penny Hackett bring to life two award-winning classic stories; all families are

then encouraged to discuss those stories.

During PrimeTime free childcare is provided for siblings under six and doorprizes are awarded during every program.

For more information about PrimeTime visit the Library, located at 375 South Water Street or call the Library at 850-342-0205. For more information about Altrusa contact Elizabeth Robinson at 850-210-9239 or eliz07@embarqmail.com.



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Altrusa members and friends help serve an evening meal during the PrimeTime Monday night program at the Jefferson County RJ Bailar Public Library. Pictured from left to right are: Shadrick Bouie, Ambrosia Branham, Briana Graham, Peggy Day, JoAnne Farmer, and Susan Bouie.

## Searching For Ambrosia

Rose Klein  
Guest Columnist



## Croquembouche For A Special Occasion



My birthday croquembouche

A croquembouche is a spectacular dessert that is usually reserved for special occasions such as weddings, baptisms and first communions. It's a French dessert with mounds of choux pastry balls, properly named profiteroles, piled into a cone shape and held together with threads of caramel. Decoration is traditionally spun sugar, chocolates, flowers and ribbon, but can of course be altered for individual creativity. The croquembouche pictured here was one made for me by my friend, David Whitman, who happens to be an excellent baker by profession. He made it for me on my recent milestone birthday and it was the piece de resistance of my French dinner party, made special by other friends and family, also excellent cooks and bakers.

David's version of croquembouche started with profiteroles that were filled with two flavors of pastry cream and held together with dabs and drizzles of homemade caramel. He then decorated it with white "chocolate" roses, two types of hand crafted chocolates (he's also a chocolatier!) and chocolate dragees. It was, by far, the most elaborate and special birthday dessert I have ever had.

Making a croquembouche may seem daunting, but with time and patience, you can easily make one for your next special occasion. Making this dessert is much like preparing Thanksgiving dinner for your family. You have a lot of upfront preparation with a good amount of time involved and after it's all put together, a flurry of forks and knives finishes in just moments, what took you hours to prepare. The most important thing to remember about making a croquembouche is when to eat it. If you have never made anything like this before, I would suggest a trial run, because after you have added the last touch of decoration, you have only

about four hours to serve before the pastry becomes soggy. So, with timing in mind, throw your intimidation out the window and I will walk you through, step by step.

**Profiteroles**  
(also known as Cream Puffs - already seems easier doesn't it?)  
1 cup water  
6 TB unsalted butter  
1 tsp sugar  
¼ tsp salt  
1 cup flour  
4 large eggs  
1 egg yolk beaten with 1 TB water

In a large saucepan, combine water, butter, sugar and salt. Stirring constantly, bring to a boil over medium heat. Remove from heat and sift flour into the pan. Using a wooden spoon, stir into a paste and return to heat. Continue stirring until the mixture pulls away from sides of pan and is slightly shiny, about three minutes. Remove from heat and beat three minutes more. Add eggs, one at a time, beating after each egg.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and spoon (or pipe with a piping bag) 2 ½ inch mounds of dough onto paper and brush tops with the egg yolk and water mixture. Bake 15 minutes, reduce temperature to 350 degrees and bake until golden brown, about 30 minutes more; cool completely. Makes about 12 puffs.

**Vanilla Pastry Cream**  
(Make this ahead to speed up the decoration process.)\*  
2 cups whole milk  
½ cup sugar  
½ vanilla bean, split lengthwise and seeds scraped into the milk OR 1 tsp vanilla extract  
1/8 tsp salt  
4 large egg yolks  
¼ cup cornstarch  
2 TB unsalted butter

In a medium saucepan, combine milk, ¼ cup of the sugar, vanilla extract (if using) and salt. Stirring constantly, cook over medium heat until mixture comes to a simmer.

In a medium bowl, whisk egg yolks, cornstarch and remaining sugar. Whisking constantly, pour about ½ cup of the hot milk mixture into egg mixture; pour back into pan and continue whisking until mixture registers 160 degrees on a digital thermometer, about two to three minutes. Remove from heat, add butter and beat until mixture cools, about five minutes. Cover with plastic wrap and press wrap directly onto surface to prevent a skin from forming on the custard. Chill. (This can be kept in fridge for two days.)

\*If you want to make this easier, yes, you can use pudding.

You'll need a pastry bag with a large round tip to pipe the pastry cream into the cooled puffs. Pick this up at a craft or department store and some grocery stores have them on the baking aisle. After you fill the puffs, this is when you need to be mindful of your time because the cream or pudding will start to make the puffs soggy.

**Caramel**  
(Unfortunately, this can't be made ahead because it will become hard like candy. You can quickly reheat it to soften while using, but not too much or it will burn.)  
2 cups sugar  
½ cup water

In a shallow saucepan, stir sugar and water to combine. Cover and cook over medium heat until mixture turns light amber in color, about 15 to 20 minutes; remove from heat. Using tongs, dip filled puffs into caramel and place (glazed side up) onto a tray. Stack cream puffs into a cone shape.

Decoration I will leave totally up to your creative mind. You can purchase store bought candies, use melted chocolate, ribbon, edible flowers (NO pesticides please) or whatever else you can think of. Keep your croquembouche refrigerated until serving time and then sit back and enjoy the "ooooohs and aaahhhhs" from your family and friends.

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- Be sure walking areas and stairs are well-lit and free of obstacles that could result in falls.
- Keep candle-lit jack o'lanterns and luminaries away from doorsteps, walkways, landings, and curtains. Place them on sturdy tables, keep them out of the reach of pets and small children, and never leave them unattended.
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# AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

## Responsible Dog Owner Day And Pet Festival Set For Saturday, November 2

On Saturday, November 2 Monticello will become the center of the universe for dogs, pets, and the people who love them. The day begins at 10 a.m. with a Doggy Parade and will continue until the last dog and owner are too tired to go any longer.

On this day, at the baseball field on the campus of the old Jefferson County High School, west on Tiger Lane, past the football field and track, will come dogs and their owners from all over north Florida and south Georgia to join in the activities that are enjoyed by both the dogs and their owners/handlers. Perhaps the best part of all this is the fact that the audience is invited to try their hands at any of the activities, under the guidance of persons who are well trained to help.

Some of the activi-

ties are well known from television such as: agility, obedience and rally, conformation classes,



and field trial retriever training. Other lesser-known activities are: earth dog hunting and racing, Frisbee retrieving, and highball retrieving. And, there will be demonstrations of dog searching by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and from the Jefferson County Cor-

rectional Institution (who recently returned with a second place in a state wide competition.)

Local resident

Donna Dowler will also be testing dogs and their owners for Therapy Dogs International to ascertain their capability to visit various facilities where Therapy Dogs are needed. This is the only activity for which there is a charge and those who wish to participate are advised to contact Donna Dowler before the Saturday event, at 850-997 6459.

A veterinarian will be on-hand to answer any questions with regards to dog ownership and particularly about parasite control.

There will also be

strictly pet classes and a Doggy Costume Class just for fun and it is sincerely hoped that all of the activities will be great fun as well as educational. There will be all sorts of dog participants, purebreds and not-so-purebreds, and breeders will be on hand to answer any questions about their dogs, for persons who are looking for just the right dog for their families. There will also be adoptable dogs available on site.

Lunch will be served, for a small charge, by the Bellavigna family who will be preparing Italian fair food, and Dottie Taylor's homemade and delicious cakes will be on sale as well. The food and the Therapy Testing are the only things for which there is a charge. Admission is free and so is the chance to try out any of the activities.

This day is meant to be both educational and entertaining and is sponsored by the American Legion Post 49 Ladies Auxiliary and the Ochlocknee River Kennel Club.

Contact Chairperson Sheila Slik at 850-997-8103 for more information.

## Huckleberry's Hosts Chamber After 5



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Huckleberry's Creations hosted the most recent Chamber After 5 event on Tuesday evening. Pictured from left to right are: Owners/Operators Mo and Donna Skelton, Event Chairperson Suzanne Peary, and Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce President Ron Cichon.

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Mo and Donna Skelton, owners and operators of Huckleberry's Creations, located at 210 West Washington Street, hosted the most recent Chamber After 5 event on Tuesday, October 15. The event was well attended by members of the Chamber and other local business owners and friends.

The business has been in operation since 2004 and has eleven perfectly decorated rooms,

each filled with all the 'back in time' furniture, antiques, and gifts on display for sale.

Guests were given inside tours of the 4,000 square foot establishment, all in use for display and storage. 850-528-1339, www.huckleberryscreationsllc.com.

There is also an outside fenced in garden area filled with colorful flowers and plants in full bloom. A metal table and chair graces the garden for spending time just to enjoy the peaceful surroundings.

### Financial Focus...

## Don't Get "Frightened" by These Scary Investment Ideas

Halloween is upon us. Of course, whether you're navigating the dark corridors of a "haunted house" or just dealing with the "creepy" characters coming to your door demanding candy, you're probably not too fearful of the sights of the season. But as you go through life, you'll want to avoid some things that really are scary — such as these investment moves:

**Chasing after a "hot" investment** — By the time you hear about a supposedly "hot" investment, it may already be cooling off. But even more importantly, it might not have been appropriate for your diversification needs in the first place, especially if you already own similar investments.

**Investing too aggressively** — To achieve your long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement, you will unquestionably need to own a reasonable percentage of growth-oriented investments in your portfolio. However, the greater the potential reward, the greater the risk, so you don't want to go overboard by investing too aggressively.

**Investing too conservatively** — Some types of investments can offer a high degree of preservation of principal. But they carry their own type of risk — the risk of not keeping up with inflation. Consequently, just as it's not a good idea to invest too aggressively and own only growth-oriented investments, it's also not wise to invest too conservatively by owning only those vehicles that sacrifice growth potential for principal protection.

**Following the crowd** — In many arenas of life, you'll find that it may make sense to go your own way rather than "follow the crowd." And that's usually the case with investing, too. It's quite common for the "crowd" to collectively make an unwise investment decision — so, make your choices based on your individual needs, goals, risk tolerance and time horizon.

**Taking a time out from investing** — After sustaining big losses during the financial crisis of 2008, many investors decided to take a "time out" from investing — which meant they may have missed out on the rally that began in 2009 and ultimately resulted in the financial markets achieving record highs. The best investors just keep on investing right through market downturns — and, quite often, their persistence is rewarded.

**Overreacting to the headlines** — Too often, people will make long-term changes to their investment strategy in response to short-term news events, such as political turmoil, a bad economic report and even natural disasters. You'll likely help your cause tomorrow by not overreacting to the headlines today.

**Underreacting to changes in your life** — You will experience many changes in your life, such as a new job, new spouse, new children, new home, the "empty nest" and so on. Many of these changes may require changes in your investment strategy. You could jeopardize your progress toward your financial goals by not reviewing this strategy regularly — at least once a year, in consultation with your financial advisor — and making the necessary adjustments in response to your evolving life.

**By staying away from "scary" investment moves**, you may well find that investing can be a positive, productive experience. And that's not a frightening thought at all.

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## Daffodale House To Host Camellia Christmas Brunch

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Camellia lovers are invited to come gather with others for the first Camellia Christmas Brunch, held at the Daffodale Estate Bed & Breakfast, on Sunday, December 8.

The event will

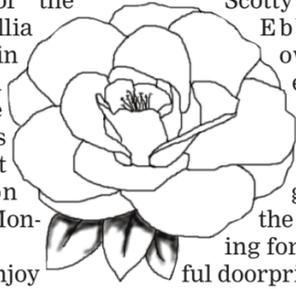
begin at 1 p.m. and offers one of the finest camellia collections in the United States. The address is 620 West Washington Street in Monticello.

Come enjoy this very special brun-

cheon meal prepared by Scotty and Cathy Ebberbach, owners/operators of the Daffodale Estate. And, get in on the free drawing for a delightful doorprize. Take a leisurely

stroll and guided tour through the three-acres of assorted and beautiful camellia blooms and old-growth foliage gardens.

Early registration is November 12, so register now by calling 850-997-1111 or scott@daffodaleestate.com. Limited seating is available.



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**October 31**  
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**October 31**  
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.

**November 1**  
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.

**November 1**  
Ashville Area Volunteer Fire Department meets at its facility on the first Friday of each month. For more information, contact Assistant Fire Chief Butch Staffieri at 850-210-2816.

**November 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16**  
Arsenic And Old Lace on the Monticello Opera House stage presented by the Opera House Stage Company.

**November 1**  
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 nonprofit charitable event; donations are accepted. For questions or concerns, contact Curtis Morgan at 850-933-8136 or Bobby Connell at 850-445-0049.

# CHURCH

## Halloween At Elizabeth Baptist Church

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Elizabeth Baptist Church, on the Bassett Dairy Road, held its annual 'Trunks and Treats' event on Wednesday evening. While the costumed children were inside eating a healthy meal many of the adults were outside decorating their vehicle trunks with decorations of Halloween.

Some 20 automobiles were involved in this night of fun and candy, with the drivers dressed in costumes. Most cars offered

chance games for the children before they could receive their treats.

There were also a variety of bounce houses and obstacle courses set up for the children's amusement, and back in the corner of the field of fun, a shooting range was stationed. This was the longest line of the evening. The children got to shoot for a bull's eye at a paper animal. Another long line was for the face painting.

The evening was filled with fun and laughter and all seemed to have a great time.



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Elizabeth Baptist Church held a 'Trunks and Treats' on Wednesday evening. Most of the children, like Jocelyn Demott, came in costume and got their faces painted.



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Elizabeth Baptist Church held a 'Trunks and Treats' on Wednesday evening and most participants were in costume, like Samuel Kennedy as the headless horseman and his Gramma Ruby, as a colorful witch.



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Elizabeth Baptist Church held a 'Trunks and Treats' on Wednesday evening. The costumed children had to play games at each station before they could receive a treat. This trunk offered spider suckers to its players, including 'Batman' Noah Parker. Enjoying the fun from left to right are: Joanne Gohlke, Noah's grandmother, Sheri Kinsey, and Jo Morris.



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Elizabeth Baptist Church held a 'Trunks and Treats' on Wednesday evening. Most all the children got their faces painted to match their costumes. Pictured here is Abbey Hunt painting 'flower power' on the face of Stephanie English.

## Grace At Work: A Pastor's Story

**AMBER HOUSTON**  
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I step briskly into 'Pastor Don's' office at the Waukeena United Methodist Church. He is sitting behind his desk. There are two chairs in front of it for people coming in to talk and he waves politely to one of them. After asking about my fiancé, my family, and me, he moves from his own desk to sit beside me, effectively and wordlessly putting us on the same level—he's good at that.

Donald Thompson, Jr. gives a gentle, uncertain smile and clears his throat. "If," he begins hesitantly. He gathers himself, "If I were to title my testimony, I'd call it Grace At Work."

"As I look back over my life, I see God's hand throughout—even in the trials and struggles. And I realize now that a majority of those toils were my choice. Now there were some things that happened that weren't my doing. God has us go

through things so that we become better people or learn from it.

"When I was just 18 months old, I was diagnosed with congenital heart failure. It was the 1970s, and heart disease was a new frontier. They were just beginning to be able to perform open-heart surgeries with predictable success, and they certainly weren't performing them on babies. The whole goal was simply to keep me alive until I was old enough for the doctors to perform the surgery. [...] I had the surgery at 7, but the condition created in me a selfish, spoiled brat."

His eyes hardened at the thought of his childhood self. "My parents didn't know how to deal with me, knowing I was sick—people doted on me, loved on me. They told me how great and special I was. At the end of it all, I was a rough, tough child that expected people to give me what I wanted."

A self-described attention hog, and a



Pastor Don Thompson poses for a picture with his grandson, Brantley.

spoiled but clever child, Thompson's first real brush with God came at the age of ten when he was trying to stay up late. "I would ask my dad all sorts of questions right about bedtime. If I got him talking, I could stay up late. Well, one night I got him started on religion, and my dad asked me some very poignant questions about my faith. When dad finally sent me off to get ready for bed that night, I felt a peace come over me, and I knew I would be a pastor. Not that I lived up to it at the time. As I got older, I used to joke that I had a 'drug' problem—my parents always 'drug' me to church.

"At just 13, in an effort to fit in in middle school, I started drinking. That habit contin-

ued until I was 23 years old. In tenth grade it went from social drinking to alcoholism. I would drink until I blacked out. I drank from Thursday to Sunday—sometimes more. In the name of popularity, I did a lot of stupid, crazy things—and I began to hold onto a lot of baggage. I was too young for baggage, but I had it. I mean, I knew about Christ, but I didn't want to give my life to him. I wanted to have fun."

He straightened, owning up to his past mistakes, "The point is, I chose to be an alcoholic. I've since realized that these tendencies run in my family. I didn't know that at the time, and honestly, I wouldn't have cared. Nothing woke me up. On my graduation

night, for example, my best friend died in an alcohol-related car accident. That really set me back, but it didn't change my behavior. These choices created an arrested development in me. I was totally immature. My friends gave me the nickname Don Juan that I was bent on living up to. I wasn't self-aware. Before I even got out of high school, I got a DUI. I was overly competitive and selfish. I was empty—there was no depth to me. I was superficial.

"But the beauty of this is that God was working on me all that time. He continued to call me to Him, no matter how little I deserved it. One night, I was on my way home from the liquor store. My life had been spiraling out of control over the past few weeks, and I said, 'God? If You are real, if You are who You say You are... here's my life. I don't want to live like this anymore.'"

"It took me 23 years, but that began my decision to respond to God's Grace. I asked Him for a purpose, and suddenly, I remembered that night when I was 10, and my call to be a Pastor. I followed it.

"Unfortunately, I didn't take a lot of time to work on myself. I quit drinking and partying thereafter I got married. I carried all of my baggage and personality flaws into my first marriage. She had a two-year-old son already, and he taught me to be kinder—except to her. Instead of building that marriage I made it all about me—I had my purpose, and she needed to get on board—I was still so immature."

Thompson's shoulders drooped and he dropped his gaze, ashamed. "It was be-

cause of my attitude that I dropped out of seminary and we later divorced. Afterward, I tried jumping into a relationship, even though my mentor told me not to. He pointed out that I would repeat the same behaviors with her that I had in my marriage, and it was true.

"I got out of that relationship, got back into seminary, and allowed God to work on me. At that time, I went through a period of accelerated maturing. Everything was going great. I was learning how to take care of myself, and how to minister to a congregation. When I went before the Board of Ordained Ministry to be ordained, I expected to pass with flying colors. So when they gave me the verdict of 'not at this time,' I was crushed.

"I almost dropped out of being a Pastor and the Methodist Church altogether. If it weren't for my mentor, Rev. Mike Moore, I would have. The Board told me to go to AA and deal with my past face-on. Eventually, they did pass me; I found my wife, Lisa; and ended up in Waukeena."

"I still struggle with selfishness and self-centeredness. Like, if attendance is low any given Sunday, I have to remember that it isn't a reflection on me. And I can't play videogames with the kids, because I'm not good at allowing myself to lose for them. Luckily, God gave me a strong woman to keep me in check," he said with a sheepish grin.

Looking back, Thompson wouldn't change anything. "In Genesis, when Joseph forgives his brothers, he says 'What you meant for harm, God meant for good.' It reminds me that God was able to use all of my own self-destructive behaviors and use them for good."

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of  
**Teachers & Associates**

- \*8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: **Rev. Gibbs Brooks**
  - Janitorial Technician
  - Died: October 12, 2005 (Age 89)
- \*9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: **Amos King Stokes, Jr.**
  - Specialty: Civics
  - Died: October 28, 2004 (Age 75)
- \*11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: **Maggie Huggins**
  - Specialty: Home Economics
  - Died: October 23, 2002 (Age 80)
- \*15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: **Sebrie Nickerson Bright**
  - Specialty: Elementary Education
  - Lloyd Elementary School
  - Mamie B. Scott Elementary School
  - Died: October 12, 1998 (Age 85)
- \*43<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary: **Gertrude Anderson Canty**
  - Specialty: History
  - Died: October 9, 1970 (Age 75)
- \*46<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: **Rev. Andrew W. Sanders, Sr.**
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Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 AM  
Sunday Evening.....6:30 PM  
Wednesday Evening.....7:00 PM  
Wed. TRAC Club for teens.....7:00 PM

## CAPITAL HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH

7150 Apalachee Pkwy • Tallahassee  
www.chbaptistchurch.org  
**Pastor Derrick Burrus**  
850-345-0425

Sunday School.....10:00 AM  
Sunday Worship.....11:00 AM  
Children's Chapel.....11:00 AM  
Sunday Evening.....6:00 PM  
Wednesday Evening.....7:00 PM  
Prayer Meeting and Bible Study  
Classes for Students

## CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH

625 Tindell Road • Aucilla • 997-2081  
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**Pastor Daryl Adams**  
850-251-0129

Sunday School.....9:45 AM  
Sunday Worship Service.....11:00 AM  
Choir Practice.....5:00 PM  
Worship Service.....6:00 PM  
Wednesday  
Fellowship Meal.....6:30 PM  
Prayer Meeting/Bible Study.....7:00 PM

## INDIAN SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

5593 Veterans Memorial Drive (Hwy 59)  
Tallahassee • 850-893-5296  
www.indianspringsbaptistchurch.com  
**Rev. Greg Roberts**

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

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**Dr. Rick Kelley, Pastor**

Sunday School.....9:45 AM  
Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 AM  
Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 PM  
Wednesday Bible Study.....6:30 PM  
Children's Church - Ages 4-6.....11:30 AM  
-Nursery for all services-

## MEMORIAL M.B. CHURCH

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

## NEW HOPE CHURCH OF GOD

415 E Palmer Mill Rd • Monticello • 997-1119  
newhope415@yahoo  
**Pastor Dr. E. Bob Kuschel**

Sunday School.....10:00 AM  
Sunday Worship.....11:00 AM  
Wed. Family Training Hour.....7:00 PM  
Ignite student Ministries.....7:00 PM

## OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

7369 Boston Hwy. Monticello  
850-997-1596  
**Bro. David During**

Sunday Bible Study.....10:00 AM  
Sunday Worship.....11:00 AM  
Sunday Evening.....6:00 PM  
Wednesday  
Bible & Prayer Meeting.....6:30 PM

## GREATER FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

690 Cypress Street Monticello 850-997-4375  
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Sunday Church School.....10:00 A.M.  
Sunday Praise & Worship.....11:15 A.M.  
2nd Sunday Youth Praise & Worship  
4th Sunday Individual Outreach Ministry & Fellowship  
3rd Sunday Holy Communion  
Wednesday Evenings  
Prayer Meeting.....6:30 P.M.  
Bible Study.....7:00 P.M.

## ELIZABETH BAPTIST CHURCH

4124 Bassett Dairy Rd • Monticello • 997-8444  
Email: ebcmonticello@centurylink.net

**Student Pastor, Don Self**

Sunday Worship Service.....8:30 AM  
Sunday Bible Study.....9:45 AM  
Morning Worship Service.....11:00 AM  
Choir Practice.....5:00 PM  
Evening Worship Service.....6:00 PM

### WEDNESDAY

Bible Study/Prayer Meeting.....6:00 PM  
RA's/ GA's/Mission Friends/Youth



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## Hope Over Hysteria

Seventy five years ago, millions of ordinary Americans were convinced that the world was coming to an end. They came to this conclusion, not because Hitler was rattling his sabers in Europe and the entire world teetered on the verge of war. Rather, these fears were fueled by a broadcast aired from a small CBS radio studio in New York City.

Orson Welles took to the airways on October 30, 1938 as the usual host of the Mercury Theater, and using the science fiction book, War of the Worlds as his script, described in dramatic and fictional detail – with that unmistakable voice of his – how Martians had invaded Earth, landing in Grover Mills, New Jersey.

There were 32 million radio listeners that evening, and none with 24-hour news, Twitter, Google, or text messages to learn from the world around them. Thus, the nation was thrown into a terrifying hysteria that simply could not be duplicated today.

There is a Christian equivalent to this kind of unnerving fear and panic. It pours from radio and television stations, podcasts and pulpits, from books, periodicals, and websites. The oft-presented Christian version of the Apocalypse is initiated not by a Martian invasion, but by Jesus' violent and destructive return to earth.

"Jesus is coming back!" they say. "There will be few survivors, but if you do survive the initial onslaught, you will be left behind to suffer the vengeance of the glory of the Lord, as he tramples

'out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored.'"

Personally, I'm very well acquainted with this kind of mania. Growing up in the revivalistic tradition, almost weekly the pastor would tell us how the universe was about to come unwrapped and how very few of us were going to make it through the Jesus-invasion. As a self-centered child and teenager, I felt that if Jesus had waited all these centuries to show up on earth at this particular blip in history just to interrupt my life, it was fairly discourteous on his part to do so.

As I have gotten older, however, I see a more pronounced difficulty with constant "end-of-the-world" preaching. Entire congregations of people become so obsessively convinced that we are living in the final chapter of human history – on the last page, if not within the last sentence – that they begin to give away the future.

Unbalanced apocalypticism simply makes it easy to give up on today. It fosters a view of the future that is dark and sinister. It creates a kind of apathy and hopelessness toward the planet.

No, "God is not slow about keeping his promises," but the truth is that Jesus will probably not return today, and it's not likely he will return in our lifetime. Therefore, we have to be more than prepared for his imminent return. We must trade in our misapplied hysteria for living out a very real hope, the "Blessed Hope." We must learn to live in the actual here and now, not the hypothetical tomorrow.

# Coming Next Week!



## CHURCH NEWS NOTES

debbiesnapp@embarqmail.com or 850-997-3568

### October 30

Wacissa United Methodist Church, offers classes each Wednesday, teaching the importance of prayer and study, to ages five to 15, from 3:35 to 5:45 p.m. through November 6. Also, join with the church family for supper at 6:00 p.m.; prayer meeting for adults at 6:30 p.m.; 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 31

Olive Baptist Church will hold its first "Trunk-or-Treat" event on Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at 155 Coopers Pond Road, in Monticello. Cars will be decorated in the spirit of Halloween. Candy and goodies galore will be handed out to the children from the trunks and backs of the decorated vehicles. This event focuses on a safe family environment for the costumed kids. See you there!

### October 31

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 Ralph and First Lady Karen Campbell. 'Build to Last – Build for Kingdom.'

### November 1

Wacissa United Methodist Church will host its annual Steak Dinner from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. on Friday. Cost is \$15 and will include all the sides and fixins'. Come enjoy good food and fellowship and get in on the handmade guilt raffle; tickets are \$10 each.

### November 1

Tent of the Holy Guests offers prayer for the sick and a special scripture message every Friday at 7:30 p.m. The Tent is located at 295 West Palmer Mill in Monticello. Call 850-342-3541 for more information.

### November 2

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.

### November 2

Nazarene Church Family Clothing Giveaway is held from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the first Saturday of every month. For more information, contact Rev. Clay Stephens, pastor, at 850-528-5451.

### November 3

Sweetfield Missionary Baptist Church, Monticello, will celebrate its Pastor's Anniversary on this first Sunday at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. All are invited to come enjoy a good time together. Rev. Ben Ransom Jr., pastor.

### November 4

Memorial Missionary Baptist Church will host the Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer at 7 p.m. on Monday. Speaker will be Rev. James Mack of St. Rilla Missionary Baptist Church, Monticello, along with the Jefferson County Union # One, One Voice, One Sound. The public is invited to come share in this special program. For more information contact Sis. Lefornia Francis at 850-997-4662 or Min. Joretha Sloan at 850-997-2705. Rev. JB Duval, pastor.

### November 6, 20

First Presbyterian Church will host EaglesWings, a ministry of outreach, serving the community on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Volunteers are always needed, to distribute food items and to donate non-perishable food items. Call and leave a message for JoAnne Arnold at 850-997-2252, or 850-997-1084, or go to eagleswingsmonticello@yahoo.com or www.firstpresbyterian-monticello.org.

### November 7

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's Emory and Leslie Collier. 'Dating like the first date – Righteousness and romance.'

# CHURCH

## Fresh Oil

**LLOYD MONROE**  
*You thrill me, Lord, with all you have done... You have anointed me with [fresh] oil.*  
 Psalms 92:4, 10 (NIV, NKJV)  
*He felt compassion for him. Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine...* Luke 10:33-34 (NLV)

Years ago, I heard Dr. Arnold Prater teach on Psalms 92. We learned that the "fresh oil" was God's spirit, which brings us his gifts, graces, and encouragement. That spirit often moves God's people, our fellow pilgrims, to be the "bringers" of these sweet and soothing blessings. Melanie and I were fortunate to receive many

such gifts, graces, and encouragement during our Summer furlough/promo (we flew back to Guatemala October 4). Gracias a todos!

The progressive work of Porch de Salomon, and the people we serve, have been blessed, and resourced, with many such gifts, graces, and encouragement recently. Through our Guatemalan workers and gringo volunteers, Porch continues to be a direct "bringer" of fresh oil, help, and hope to hundreds of folks in Guatemala. We are thankful to help sooth wounds, following the example of Jesus' wayfaring Samaritan. We thank God, and our ministry partners, for all this. Here we go with some examples!



**SANTA'S HOUSE COMPLETED (no, not that Santa!)**  
 Santa and her children were thrilled to move into their new house (Porch's #5 for '13) last month. Santa has struggled as a single mother since her husband abandoned them eight years ago; their living conditions were deplorable and they struggled to have food each day. On dedication day, through a translator,

Santa said: "Thank you for changing our lives, for taking the sadness out of our lives. God bless you." We join her in thanking Teams Element 3 and Faith Presbyterian Church, their churches and supporters, for funding and helping build this house. Faith PC also funded a sewing machine for Santa; we believe this tool will help her support her family better.



**NEXT UP...**  
 Maria and Santos Lopic and their five children live in a crumbling, dirt-floor room in the indigenous village of Conception. They have no electricity, running water, toilet or real furniture; all seven (and one on the way) sleep on two board beds. Santos earns \$4 per day as a day laborer. Our

October Element3 and Trinity UMC (Tallahassee) teams will help soothe this family with a good, new house. Noe and Betty hope to help this couple with family planning. Please contact Rex 850.933.0344 or dlloydmonroe@gmail.com with your questions, to get involved, or offer to offer support.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LLOYD**  
 124 St. Louis Street • Lloyd • 997-5309  
 fbcloyd.pastor@embarqmail.com  
**Pastor George L. Smith**  
**Sunday**  
 Sunday School-Small Groups..... 9:15 AM  
 Praise & Worship.....10:30 AM  
 AWANA -ages 3 years-6th grade.....5:00 PM  
 CSI: Youth-Grades 6-12.....5:30 PM  
 Praise & Worship.....6:00 PM  
 Choir.....7:00 PM  
**Wednesday**  
 Church Family Supper 5:45 PM  
 Children's Choir (3K-5th Grade) 6:00 PM  
 The Potter's Wheel (6th-12th Grades).....6:30 PM  
 Worship on Wednesday.....7:00 PM  
**Mondays**  
 Mighty Monday-Exercise.....6:00 PM  
**Thursdays**  
 Glory Girls Fitness.....10:00 AM  
**1st & 3rd Monday**  
 Mighty Monday-Ladies Bible Study.....6:00 PM  
**1st Wednesday**  
 Shades of REaD Book Club.....5:45 PM  
**2nd Thursday**  
 Lloyd Silver Saints- Senior Adult.....11:00 AM  
**3rd Thursday**  
 W W Diners.....5:30 PM  
 Widows/Widowers outing  
**3rd Saturday**  
 Brotherhood.....8:00 AM

**WAUKEENAH UNITED METHODIST**  
 81 Methodist Church Rd • Waukeelah • 997-2171  
 www.waukeelah-umc.org  
**Pastor Donald Thompson, Jr.**  
 Sunday School.....9:45 AM  
 Sunday Worship.....11:00 AM  
 Youth Group.....7:00 PM  
**Wednesday**  
 Choir Practice.....7:00 PM  
 Youth Group.....7:00 PM  
 Family Fellowship  
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 www.waukeelahcemetery.com

**First Corinthian Church**  
 955 Lemon St., Monticello, Florida  
 850-445-0076  
 sonnyjohnjr@aol.com  
**Reverend John Jones, Pastor**  
 Saturday Morning Worship.....11:00 AM  
 Wednesday Bible Study.....6:30 PM

**CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
 US 19 N 1590 N. Jefferson Street (US 19)  
 850-997-3906  
 monticellonaz@gmail.com  
**Pastor Clay Stephens**  
 Sunday School.....9:45 AM  
 Morning Worship.....10:45 AM  
 Wednesday Evening  
 Supper.....5:30 PM  
 Small Group Breakout.....6:30 PM  
 Bible Study & Prayer Meeting.....6:30 PM  
 Saturday  
 Spanish Church Services.....7:30 PM

**WACISSA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
 14492 Waukeelah Hwy/ P.O. Box 411  
 Wacissa • 997-2179 or 997-1769  
**Pastor James Gamble**  
 Sunday School.....9:45 AM  
 Sunday Morning.....10:55 AM  
 Sunday Bible Study.....6:30 PM  
**Wednesday**  
 Prayer Meeting.....6:30 PM  
 Youth Group.....6:00 PM  
 Choir Practice.....7:30 PM

**RESTORED GLORY CHRISTIAN CENTER**  
 1287 South Jefferson Street • 997-RGCC (7422)  
 www.restoredglory.org  
**Pastor Eddie and Elder Veronica Yon**  
 Get Moving Womens Fitness & Fellowship, Monday.....6:00 PM  
 Sunday Church Service.....10:00 AM  
 Tuesday Night Taebo.....6:00 PM  
 Thursday Church Service.....7:00 PM  
 Pastor's Office by Appointment

**ST. PHILLIP AME CHURCH**  
 Hwy. 27 South • (1 mile south of Hwy 59)  
 Monticello • 997-4226  
**Rev. J. W. Tisdale**  
 Sunday Morning.....9:30 AM  
 Sunday Worship.....11:00 AM  
 Tuesday nights basic English classes  
 w/Gloria Norton at 7:00  
**Wednesday**  
 Prayer & Bible Study.....7:00 PM

**ST. RILLA MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 13 Barrington Road • Monticello • 850-997-8747  
**Rev. James Mack, Pastor**  
 Sunday School.....(Every Sunday)...9:45 AM  
 Morning Worship.....(1st & 3rd Sundays)11:00 AM  
 Bible Study/Prayer Meeting- .....  
 (Thursday before 1st & 3rd sunday)..... 7:30 PM.

**SHILOH AME CHURCH**  
 224 Thomas Road • Aucilla  
**Rev. Gilbert Connelly, Pastor**  
 Second and Fourth Sundays  
 Sunday School.....10:00 AM  
 Morning Worship Service.....11:00 AM  
 Wednesday Evening Prayer and Bible.....7:00 PM  
 Fourth Sunday Youth Participation

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
 290 East Dogwood Street • Monticello • 850-997-2252  
**Interim Pastors**  
 Sunday School.....9:45 AM  
 Sunday Worship.....11:00 AM  
 Adult Bible Study-Wednesday.....6:30-7:30 PM  
 Men's Breakfast.....2nd Saturday 8:00 AM

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
 325 W. Walnut Street • Monticello  
**Pastor Wayne Cook 997-5545**  
 Praise & Worship.....8:30 AM  
 Sunday School.....9:30 AM  
 Traditional Worship.....11:00 AM  
**WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES**  
 Bible Study.....4:15  
 Prayer Group.....5:15  
 Fellowship Meal.....6:00  
 Chancel Choir Practice.....6:30

**TRANSFORMING LIFE CHURCH ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
 1206 Springfield Road • Lloyd • 997-TLC7 (8527)  
**Pastors Tim and Beverly Buchholtz**  
 www.TransformingLifeChurch.com  
 Sunday..... 10:30 AM  
 Sunday Morning Praise and Worship  
 Children's Church  
 Infants & Toddler Nursery  
**Wednesday**.....7:00 PM  
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# AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

## Kiwanis Donates Diapers For Healthy Start



Monticello Kiwanis members presented disposable diapers to the Jefferson County Healthy Start Program on October 24, 2013. Pictured from left to right are: Tully Sparkman, Bob Davison, Jessica Corley, DOH Human Services Counselor Jennifer Brown, DOH Social Work Services Program Manager Craig Wilson, Max Bilinski, Frank Blow, and Don Condon.

ber 24 the Monticello Kiwanis Club donated the diapers they had collected to agents with the Jefferson County Healthy Start Program. The members had collected over 3,400 diapers.

Kiwanis members in attendance for the presentation included Tully Sparkman, Bob Davison, Max Bilinski, Frank Blow, and Don Condon. Accepting the donation on behalf of the Healthy Start Program were Jessica Corley, DOH Human Services Counselor

Jennifer Brown, and Craig Wilson, DOH Social Work Services Program Manager.

Kiwanis Clubs are founded on the principle of providing support and assistance to children locally and throughout the world.

The Monticello Kiwanis Club welcomes prospective members and meets every Wednesday at noon at the Jefferson County Club on Boston Highway for lunch, a program, and networking.

DEBBIE SNAPP  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

This year, the Florida District of Kiwanis has undertaken an ambitious goal of providing 100,000 diapers to those in need. On Thursday, Octo-

## Woman's Club Fundraisers And Events

DEBBIE SNAPP  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

The Monticello Woman's Club (MWC) is gearing up for its new Club year. The ladies will be chopping and baking in November, preparing for their annual holiday cake sale.

The members will be working with this year's Christmas On Pearl Street event, which will be held on Saturday, December 7 (rain date: December 8) from 6 to 9 p.m. The ladies will be selling their 'holiday cakes' and serving hot chocolate, hot coffee, and cookies inside the clubhouse which will be decorated in Victorian style.

Members are also reminded that at 7 p.m. on November 11 local veterans will be assembled at the Monticello Courthouse to share their stories; and Christmas in Monticello is scheduled for Friday evening, December 6.

Members will be collecting school supplies for Jefferson Elementary School students through Janu-

ary. If you would like to participate in this event contact Edith Adams at 997-3040.

At the October meeting of the MWC attendees heard from guest speaker Lisa Kessler. She spoke to the ladies about Terracycling and gave handouts about the program and a list of products recycled.

These items may be taken to and dropped off at the Monticello Fitness Center, the Jefferson County RJ Bailar Public Library, and the Jefferson Elementary School (JES.) All funds raised are directed to JES. To date the school has earned \$1,523.88. For more information about

the Terracycle program go to [www.terracycle.com](http://www.terracycle.com) or contact Kessler at 284-4212.

Monticello Woman's Club meetings are held at noon on the first Tuesday at the clubhouse on East Pearl Street for lunch and a meeting. The next meeting will be held on November 5. Contact Club President Ethel Strickland at 850-997-3382 for more information.



## Veteran's Day Breakfast To Be Held At Post 49

DEBBIE SNAPP  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

American Legion Post 49 will host its annual Veteran's Day Breakfast and program on Monday, November 11, at the Otto Walker Post 49 on South Water Street.

The morning is set to begin at 8 a.m. with a southern-style meal prepared and served buffet-style.

This is free to veterans and friends and is open to the public; donations will be gladly accepted for the meal.

The program will include an open Veteran's Share. A parade honoring and recogniz-

ing veterans will begin at 11 a.m. on South Jefferson Street and will trail up to The Downtown Club on North Cherry Street. A brief ceremony will follow with speakers and special recognition given to all those missing in action (MIAs) and prisoners of war (POWs).

This parade is sponsored by the Monticello American Legion Posts 49 and 234 and Ladies Auxiliary; the Monticello Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 251 and Ladies Auxiliary; and the Greenville American Legion Post 131 and Ladies Auxiliary.

For more information about the Monday, November 11 Veteran's Day events contact Post 49 Commander Travis Hussey at 997-5106.

## Family Dollar To Relocate Soon



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The home site of retired Sheriff Ken Fortune has been cleared and will soon be the new Family Dollar store. Destruction began on the house on Monday and continued through last Tuesday.

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# SCHOOL

## JCMHS Crowns Homecoming Royalty

**FRAN HUNT**  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

Last Thursday evening, October 17, Jefferson County Middle High School held its Homecoming coronation and crowned the Homecoming Royalty.

The program began with introducing each of the candidates in each of the different categories.

Seventh grade candidates; Taylor Mitchell, who in her spare time loves cheering, texting and talking on the phone. She would like to attend the University of Florida and study pre med.

Jania Merritt has a 2.2 GPA, and she plays volleyball wearing jersey #8. She loves to draw and text. After graduation she plans to attend the University of Florida.

Kahree Hill has a 3.3 GPA. He describes himself as smart, friendly and funny. He likes hanging with his friends and family.

Hill and Mitchell were named Mr. and Miss Seventh Grade.

Merritt was named Miss Seventh Grade Royalty.

Candidates for eighth grade included; Makayla Brown, who loves being with her family. She is a cheerleader for the Tigers. She would like to pursue a career in nursing, specializing in neo-natal care.

Ariel Byars loves reading, art, and band. She is the daughter of Richard and Tina Baker. She would like to open her own restaurant some day.

Treon Patrick, Jr. has a 2.5 GPA. His extracurricular activities include football and basketball. He wishes to attend either FSU, Clemson, LSU or Miami and play football, but if football doesn't work out, he wishes to help the homeless.

Patrick and Byars were named Mr. and Miss Eighth Grade. Brown was named Miss Eighth Grade Royalty.

Candidates for the freshmen class included; Eddie Lopez, who loves going to the movies, and he serves as the freshmen class president. After graduation he



Left to right. JCMHS Queen Taylor Clemens, Miss Orange Shay Dunlap, Homecoming Princess Ja'lexia Sloan, and Miss Blue Monique Colson.

wishes to attend college in Nashville, TN and becoming a doctor.

Terrell Jackson plays football for the Tigers in jersey #20. He has a great GPA and grades. After graduation he plans to join the military and play football in the US Army.

Andreikia Powell has a 3.3 GPA, and is a formal member of the JROTC. She wishes to serve in the military and become a lawyer.

Mikeria Andrews has a 3.67 GPA, and is a member of the JROTC. She plans to attend Florida State University after graduation.

Jackson and Andrews were named Mr. and Miss Freshmen. Lopez and Powell were named Mr. and Miss Freshmen Royalty.

Candidates for the sophomore class included; Azende N. Thompson, who has a 2.7 GPA. His extracurricular activities include football and basketball. After graduation he wants to attend either FSU, Clemson, LSU, or UM to play football. If football doesn't work out he would like a career in technology.

Secillia Vazquez plays softball and loves Chinese food. When she gets older she wants to be a chef.

Elicia Brewster has a 4.0 GPA and has a concentration on video production at JCMHS. She also serves as an anchor on the Good Morning Show, and president of the Future Business Leaders of America. After graduation, she plans to attend FAMU and major in occupational therapy.

Thompson and Vasquez were named Mr. and Miss Sophomore. Brewster was named Miss Sophomore Royalty. There were two candidates for the junior class. They included John Burns, who was named Mr. Junior. He plays quarterback for the varsity football team, and after graduation he would like to attend college and major in sports medicine.

Nakota Hawkins was named Miss Junior. She has a 3.1 GPA, and is a varsity cheerleader. After high school she plans to attend college and get a masters degree in physical therapy.

The candidates for the senior class included; Brianna Lofton who serves as the parliamentarian of the senior class. After graduation she plans to attend Valencia Community College, starting off her career as a nurse, and

then becoming as pediatrician.

Ladaja Wade is the senior class secretary. She enjoys outdoor activities, and loves swimming and playing softball. She plans to attend either NFCC or FAMU and becoming a nurse.

Jose Miguel Rosas has a 3.0 GPA. After graduation he plans to attend FSU and major in business administration.

Early T. Brewster, IV is an honor roll student with a 3.8 GPA. He will be attending Florida State University in the fall of 2014, and he wants to become a physician of general medicine.

Rosas and Lofton were named Mr. and Miss Senior. Brewster and Wade were named Mr. and Miss Senior Royalty.

The candidates for Mr. and Miss Orange included; Quan'Shaydria "Shay" Dunlap is the vice president of the senior class, and soon to be a dual enrolled stem scholar. She has a 3.3 GPA, and plays softball, runs track, and serves as the volleyball manager. After graduation she plans to attend UCF or FSU to become a traveling RN.

Roxie Bellamy has a 3.5 GPA, and after high school would like to attend UCF and study optometry. She is currently dually enrolled at NFCC.

Jamel Stephens would like to attend UCF after graduation and major in computer engineering.

Stephens and Dunlap were named Mr. and Miss Orange. Bellamy was named Miss Orange Royalty.

The candidates for Mr. and Miss Blue included; Raeisha Bellamy, who is a certified nursing assistant. She plans to attend FAMU and major in criminal justice. She wishes to become a victims' advocate.

Monique Colson is on the Treasure of Student Government Association. After graduation she plans to attend TCC, and then a major university to major in orthodontics.

Lascelles Dykes wishes to attend the University of Miami after graduation and major in business and economics.

Dykes and Colson were named Mr. and Miss Blue. Bellamy was named Miss Blue Royalty.

Candidates for Homecoming King and Queen included Calvin Footman, who has a 3.0 GPA. He is a starting



Miss Freshman Mikeria Andrews.



Miss Senior Brianna Lofton, and Mr. Blue Lascelles Dyles.



Miss Sophomore Secillia Vazquez, and Mr. Sophomore Azende Thompson.

lineman on the varsity football team. After graduation he plans to go to college and study business management.

Ja'lexia Sloan has a 3.5 GPA. After graduation she would like to attend the University of Florida and study dentistry.

Jakeia Morris is an honor roll student with a 3.1 GPA. After graduation she plans to attend UCF and major in physical therapy.

Footman and Morris were named Homecoming King and Queen. Sloan was named Homecoming Princess.

Candidates for Mr. and Miss JCMHS included Taylor Clemens, who plays softball, vol-

leyball and serves as the SGA secretary. She is on the honor roll with a 3.6 GPA, and dually enrolled at NFCC. After graduation she plans to attend FSU, majoring in exercise science, and becoming a physical therapist.

Kha'Teycia Norton has a 3.0 GPA. She is the captain of the cheerleading squad. After graduation she plans to attend FAMU and major in the medical field.

Javonte' Godfrey plans to attend either TCC, FAMU or UF, wherever God places him, after graduation.

Godfrey and Clemens were named JCMHS King and Queen. Norton was named JCMHS Princess.



Miss Eighth Grade Ariel Byars, and JCMHS King Javonte' Godfrey.

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# SPORTS

## Tigers Lose To Potters House

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The Jefferson Tigers lost a close 24-21 game to Potters House last week, October 25, to now stand 1-6 on the season, and 1-1 in District play.

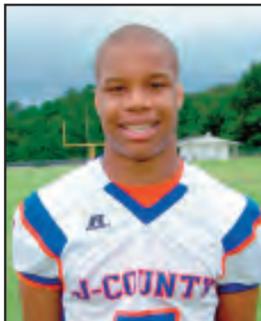
“We could have won it, if we would have had all of our players,” said Coach Vic Culley. “Three of our best players were out. The quarterback was out, and our backup quarterback was playing with a separated shoulder. Our tailback was out. Our

center was out, and our best outside linebacker was out,” he added.

Coach Culley named Damion Crumitie as the offensive player of the week, and Montreze Simmons as the defensive player of the week.

Coach Culley said that the Tigers did play very well on defense. “There toward the end, the offense caught fire and picked up,” he added.

The Tigers standouts during the game included backup quarterback Azende Thompson, who completed



**Damion Crumitie**  
seven passes out of 22 attempts for 15 yards, and he rushed for 172 yards, averaging 11.5 yards per carry.

Damion Crumitie had two touchdowns, and averaged over five yards per carry.



**Montreze Simmons**  
On the defensive side of the field, Zoron Wade had eight tackles.

John Brooks had four tackles, and one quarterback sack, which gave him 10 sacks for the season. Montrez Simmons

had two tackles for a loss, one quarterback sack, and six solo tackles.

Friday night, November 1, the Tigers man the field against Hamilton County, 7 p.m., there, in an all-important District game.

“I’m hoping we go into the game with all of our players,” said Coach Culley. “The only time this season that we went into a game with all of our players was against Mayo, and we were winning, until we lost our quarterback at half time. I want to go into one game, this

game, with an entire team. We are very excited, and hope, knock on wood, that we can stay healthy, and take the whole team into it,” he added.

“If we can win it, which I am sure we can with the entire team, that will put us in a three-way tie for first place in District,” he said.

If you want to see the Tigers go into that three-way tie, go to the game Friday night, and cheer the Tigers on to victory, and just one step closer to the State title.

## Jefferson Tiger Adam Pierce



ECB Publishing photo by Fran Hunt, October 15, 2013

**Adam Pierce is the comedic genius behind the Jefferson Tiger along the sidelines during football games.**

**FRAN HUNT**  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

All throughout the football season, along the sidelines, Tiger fans have enjoyed the antics of the team mascot, the Jefferson Tiger.

Jefferson County Middle High School senior Adam Pierce is the Jefferson Tiger, and he loves playing the role. He is often described by fans as a comedic genius.

He has played the role of the Tiger for the past three years, and for the final three games of the season during his ninth grade year.

He admits that he is more or less a cut up regularly, but on the field, he says he cuts loose and lets the antics fly. “The fans love it,” he said. “When I do something that they really like, and I get a really strong reaction from the crowd, I remember what it was, and do it again at future games, such as the famous Tiger Bobble Head.

“I just started jumping around, and the head is so big and has no padding inside, it started to bobble, and the fans loved it,” said Pierce. “They loved it, so I kept doing it.”

He admits that he has since put a pillow in the head, so he doesn’t have to hold onto it as much to keep it from flying off. “Nothing is more embarrassing than the team mascot losing his head,” he quipped.

He said that he became interested in trying to be a mascot because when he was in the sixth grade, he saw someone playing the role, so when he was old enough he asked the cheerleading coach if he could try it. He was allowed to try, and he



fell in love with the part.

“I have a lot of fun with it,” he added. “I think the mascot helps the team by keeping them pumped up, and by keeping the fans excited, which also helps the team to motivate. I’m sure that everyone loves my antics.”

He explained that there are no specialized moves when it comes to being a mascot. “I just make it up as I go along, and whatever gets the strongest responses, I remember how I did it and keep using it,” he said.

Pierce says it requires several elements to be a good team mascot. “It takes team spirit, good dance moves, and a sense of humor. You have to be able to get the crowd motivated, you have to cheer the team on at the same time, and you have got to be able to deal with all of the excitement,” he said.

So no doubt about it, it takes a special person to be a team mascot, and quit obviously, it takes someone with two slightly different types of personality. Pierce loves being the Jefferson Tiger and there is no doubt about it. “I wouldn’t trade it for the world,” he added. “Go

Tigers!”

Fans need not worry about the mascot’s classic antics after Pierce graduates. He vows that prior to graduation, he will train someone else to be the motivating cut up he is along the sidelines at Death Valley.

## ACA Cross Country Competes At Panhandle Championships

**FRAN HUNT**  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

The Aucilla Christian Academy cross-country teams competed in the Panhandle Championships October 5, and the young athletes performed very well.

Apparently the junior varsity runners’ times were not counted as a place finish, but they still ran to keep in shape.

The boys finished 11th out of 28 teams, and the girls finished eighth out of 17 teams.

Running for the boys, Braden Mattingly passed two runners to finish 13th, with a time of 17:11.

Gatlin Nennstiel finished 22nd with a time of 17:35.

Carson Nennstiel was passed by 12 runners, to finish 86<sup>th</sup>, with a time of 19:22, and setting a personal record.

Taylor Nugent was passed by five runners, to finish 130th, with a time of 20:46.

Nick Arceneaux was passed by 18 runners, to finish 156th, with a time of 21:37.

Brandon Mattingly was passed by two runners, to finish 162nd, with a time of 21:50.

Chaz Hamilton passed five runners, to finish 163rd, with a time of 21:51, and setting a person record.

Traynor Barker finished with a time of 22:45.

Dawson Bishop was passed by 12 runners to finish 185th, with a time of 22:57.

Zack Arceneaux was passed by 70 runners, to finish 237th, with a time of 28:10.

Dilyn Stowers passed 12 runners, to finish 201st, with a time of 23:57.

Jake Freeland finished with a time of 24:09.

Nathan Green finished with a

time of 25:36. Jason Hamilton finished with a time of 33:40.

Running for the girls, Taylor Copeland was passed by one runner, to finish 63rd, with a time of 23:34.

Sarah Tharpe passed four runners, to finish 69th, with a time of 23:50.

Camryn Grant passed one runner, to finish 73rd, with a time of 24:07.

Whitney Stevens was passed by three runners, to finish 75th, with a time of 24:15.

Abby Reams was passed by four runners, to finish 84th, with a time of 25:28.

Grace Beshears was passed by 12 runners, to finish 95th, with a time of 26:21.

Marley Restrepo was passed by two runners, to finish 104<sup>th</sup>, with a time of 26:50, and setting as personal record.

Jessica Giddens finished with a time of 26:52.

Hanna Searcy was passed by three runners, to finish 106th, with a time of 26:54.

Brittany Hughes finished with a time of 28:16.

Cali Burkett finished 128th, with a time of 28:30.

Kaitlin Lane finished with a time of 28:42.

Dena Bishop was passed by two runners, to finish 131st, with a time of 28:51.

Chloe Reams finished with a time of 30:05.

Sarah James finished with a time of 31:31.

Samantha Peeler finished with a time of 31:51.

Julianna Lindsey finished with a time of 32:54.

Katie James finished with a time of 34:48.

Sarah Riley finished with a time of 40:45.



## Players Of The Week

### JCHS

### ACA

#### Offensive

#### Defensive

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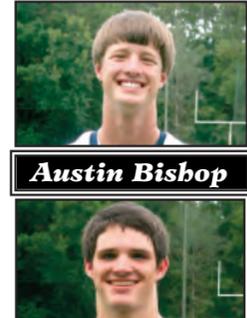
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**Damion Crumitie**



**Montrez Simmons**



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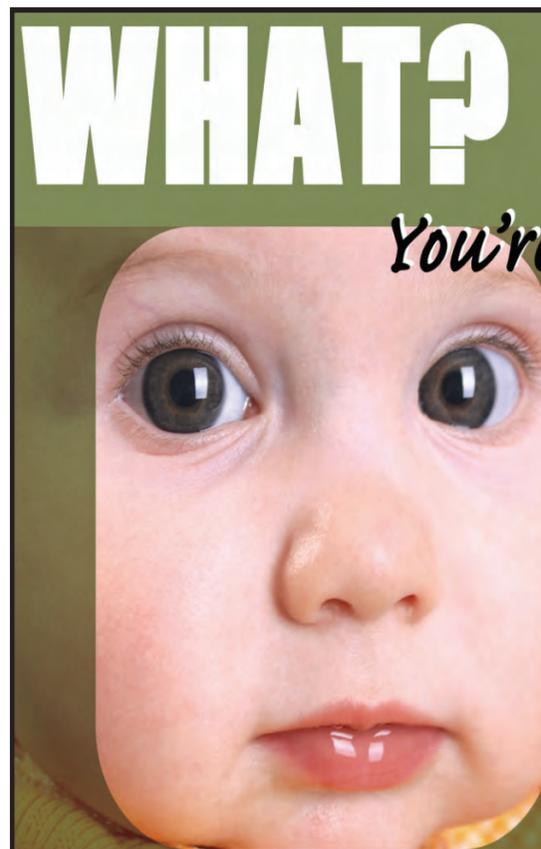
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# LEGALS

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
IN AND FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA**

CASE No. 12-101-CA

HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,  
AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE  
REGISTERED NOTEHOLDERS OF  
RENAISSANCE HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST  
2006-4,

Plaintiff,  
vs.

Jeffrey L. Parrott, Cassandra L. Parrott,  
Jessica Payson and Joseph Payson,

Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45**

NOTICE OF SALE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated September 24, 2013, and entered in Case No. 12-101-CA of the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for Jefferson County, Florida, wherein HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED NOTEHOLDERS OF RENAISSANCE HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2006-4, is Plaintiff and Jeffrey L. Parrott, Cassandra L. Parrott, Jessica Payson and Joseph Payson, 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 23rd day of January, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to wit:

**See Attached Exhibit A**

Located: 480 W Madison, Monticello, FL

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 24th day of September, 2013.

Kirk Reams  
Clerk of said Circuit Court  
By: Sherry Sears  
As Deputy Clerk

Clarfield, Okon, Salomone, & Pincus, P.L.  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
500 S. Australian Avenue, Suite 730  
West Palm Beach, FL 33401  
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**SCHEDULE A**

BEGINNING AT INTERSECTION OF THE PRESENT NORTH BOUNDARY OF WEST MADISON STREET (FORMERLY WEST BLOOMER STREET) AND THE PRESENT EAST BOUNDARY OF SAID PUGSLEY DRIVE AND

THENCE RUNNING EAST 180 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE PROPERTY OF ED CLAYTON,

THENCE RUNNING NORTH, ALONG THE WEST BOUNDARY OF SAID CLAYTON PROPERTY AND WALDO HARRIES PROPERTY 277 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF WALLACE BLOUNT'S PROPERTY,

THENCE RUNNING WEST ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF WALLACE BLOUNT'S PROPERTY 180 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE PRESENT EAST BOUNDARY OF SAID PUGSLEY DRIVE,

THENCE RUNNING SOUTH ALONG THE EAST BOUNDARY OF SAID PUGSLEY DRIVE 277 FEET, MORE OR LESS, AND TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, AND BEING THE NORTHEAST ¼ OF THE NORTHEAST ¼ OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST, JEFFERSON CO., FL.

10/23,30/2013

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners of Jefferson County, Florida, on November 19, 2013 at 7:00 P.M., or soon thereafter, in the Jefferson County Courthouse Annex, 435 West Walnut St., Monticello, Florida 32344, will consider adopting an ordinance the title and substance of said proposed ordinance being:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2013-111913-01**

AN ORDINANCE OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR REFERENCE AS THE "ELDER LIVING QUARTERS TEMPORARY ASSESSMENT ABEYANCE ORDINANCE"; PROVIDING FOR EXERCISE OF COUNTY POWERS; AUTHORIZING A TEMPORARY ABEYANCE IN THE INCREASE OF THE ASSESSED VALUE OF HOMESTEAD PROPERTY; PROVIDING THAT SAID TEMPORARY ABEYANCE IN THE INCREASED OF THE ASSESSED VALUE RESULTS FROM THE CONSTRUCTION OR RECONSTRUCTION OF THE PROPERTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING LIVING QUARTERS FOR ONE OR MORE NATURAL OR ADOPTIVE PARENTS OR GRANDPARENTS OF THE OWNERS OF THE PROPERTY OR THE OWNER'S SPOUSE IF AT LEAST ONE OF THE PARENTS OR GRANDPARENTS FOR WHOM THE LIVING QUARTERS ARE PROVIDED IS AT LEAST 62 YEARS OF AGE; PROVIDING FOR ADJUSTMENTS; ESTABLISHING ANNUAL FILING REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The proposed ordinance may be inspected by the public at the Office of the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners located in the Jefferson County Courthouse during regular business hours.

All persons wishing to speak upon the adoption of this ordinance are invited to attend the meeting and they shall be heard.

Should any person decide to appeal any decision made by the Board at this meeting, such person will need a record of the proceeding and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of these proceedings is made, pursuant to Florida Statute 286.0105

DATED THIS 30th day of October, 2013

Kirk Reams, Clerk of the Circuit Court  
John R. Nelson, Sr., Chairman, JBOCC

10/30/2013

**CORRECTION**

NOTICE OF LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE AND COUNTY CODE PROPOSED CHANGES

**FIRST HEARING**

The Jefferson County Board of County Commission will have a public hearing on the following proposed land development code and county code changes on **November 5, 2013 at 9:15 a.m.**, or as soon thereafter as such matter may be heard, in the Jefferson County courthouse annex located 435 West Walnut Street, Monticello, Jefferson County, Florida. The meeting may be continued as necessary.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2013-111913-01  
FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT**

AN ORDINANCE OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT; AMENDING THE JEFFERSON COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADOPT A NEW FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE; ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 11 OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT; ADOPTING ARTICLE 1, ADMINISTRATION; ADOPTING ARTICLE 2, DEFINITIONS; ADOPTING ARTICLE 3, FLOOD RESISTENT DEVELOPMENT; ADOPTING NEW FLOOD HAZARD MAPS; DESIGNATING A FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR; ADOPTING PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA FOR DEVELOPMENT IN FLOOD HAZARD AREA; ADOPTING LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY; EFFECTING CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO SECTIONS 4.01.00 THROUGH 4.01.06 (FLOOD PROTECTION) AND SECTION 5.09.00 (FLOODPLAINS) OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; REPEALING INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS INCLUDING JEFFERSON COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 91.4, ORDINANCE 91-8, AND ORDINANCE NO. 2003-03; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

From the Florida "Government in the Sunshine Manual", page 36, paragraph c: Each board, commission, or agency of this state or of any political subdivision thereof shall include in the notice of any meeting or hearing, if notice of meeting or hearing is required, of such board, commission, or agency, conspicuously on such notice, the advice that, if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings, is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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**NOTICE OF INVALID VOTER REGISTRATION  
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Pursuant to Section 98.075(7), Florida Statutes, notice is hereby given to the following person(s) to show cause why they should not be disqualified as a registered voter:

<b>Deandra Jamal Lester</b> 500 Mississippi Street Monticello, FL 32344	<b>Demetris L Blackmon</b> 1489 Hampton Pl. Apt 4 Monticello, FL 32344
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**Derrick Francis**  
595 Chase Dr  
Monticello, FL 32344

The above individual is notified to show cause why His/Her name should not be removed from the voter registration rolls. Failure to respond within 30 days will result in a determination of ineligibility by the Supervisor and removal of your name from the statewide voter registration system. For further information and instruction, contact the Supervisor of Elections at 850-997-3348 within 30 days of publication of this notice.

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# Obituaries

## NAN COTTON CONE

Nan Cotton Cone, a native of Miami Florida, passed away on Saturday, October 26, 2013 at 12:07 p.m. She passed away with comforting family by her side.

Nan was a loving mother to three children, five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. She was also a caring wife to Dredge Lee Cone.

She enjoyed cooking, traveling, and being around her family. She will be deeply missed, but God has called her home to be with her sister, father, brother, and mother.

Memorial services were held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, October 29, 2013 at Elizabeth Baptist Church on Bassett Dairy Road, Monticello.

Cully MeadowWood Funeral Home in Tallahassee handled the funeral arrangements for the family.



## BUNNY MURPHY RITCHIE

Bunny Murphy Ritchie of Monticello, FL passed away peacefully on October 26, 2013 at the age of 56.

Bunny worked for the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for 36 years. She was very well known in the Law Enforcement community statewide.

Bunny was a loving wife, daughter, mother, sister, and grandmother. She devoted her life to serving God and her family.

She leaves behind to cherish her memories her loving husband Thomas (Tom) Ritchie, her mother and best friend Lucy Murphy McKown, Monticello; two daughters, Sunny Newman and Brandee Jones, Tallahassee; three stepchildren, Michael Ritchie, Bradenton, Kirsten Ritchie, South Florida, and Austin (AJ) Ritchie, Lloyd; four grandchildren, Nadina Jones, Breanna Jones, Trey Jones, and Mason Jones, all of Tallahassee. One brother William Joseph (Joe) Murphy Jr. of Pace, FL; two sisters, Annette Walker Deason (Danny) of Monticello, and Kaye Walker Bruce (Gil) of Tallahassee. One nephew, Chris Deason Crawfordville; four nieces, Mhari Gay (Tyler) Crawfordville, Stacy Cassady (Casey), Ruston, Louisiana,



Kelly Hinnant (Chris), Pace, Lynna Bruce Sands (David), Tallahassee, and a dear cousin Karen Roddenberry Mock who played a big part in her life. I love you Karen!

She was preceded in death by her father, William Joseph Murphy Sr.

The Funeral Service will be at Central Baptist Church, Aucilla FL, Wednesday, October 30, 2013, at 10:00 A.M.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to the Central Baptist Church Building Fund, 625 Tindell Rd., Monticello FL 32344

There was a gathering of friends and family at the home of Lucy McKown from 6:00-8:00 P.M. Tuesday, October 29, 2013.

Bunny's wishes are that we celebrate her life, and she wants each and every one of you to know that she will be throwing pennies from Heaven. I love you all

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