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Water, Sewer Rates To Increase

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The final report of the Florida Rural Water Association (FRWA) — based on its study of Monticello's water and sewer service rates — merely reaffirms the preliminary finding that the revenues generated by the two systems are insufficient to meet their operational costs and recommends that the rates be increased.

The report, dated March 24, 2014, pretty much replicates the find-

ings of the January report, with the exception that the updated analysis also finds the wastewater system to be in trouble.

Indeed, the report essentially finds that both the water and wastewater rates are inadequate to meet the two systems' projected expenditure requirements, as well as keep them financially sound and fund their anticipated needs.

The report recommends a 25 percent rate increase for each the water and wastewater systems.

"The rate increases can be implemented immedi-

ately or phased in over three years beginning with fiscal year 2014-15 at 10 percent each year," the report states.

It further recommends that city officials set the revenue projections five to 10 percent higher than expenses.

"Remember that customers react to increases with reduced usage (we've seen as much as two to 10 percent reductions)," writes engineer Sterling L. Carroll, the report's author. "Revenue projections should always be a bit high. In practice, it is good fiscal

management to set revenue forecast high, at least five percent, if not 10 percent higher than expenses. Adjustments can occur prior to any fiscal year as needed."

The report notes that the first payment on the 40-year loan that the city executed for construction of the new treatment plant is for \$121,378.51 and is due this coming September, with the payment increasing to \$129,662.50 next year and then going to \$201,555.11 thereafter.

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Local Attorney Passes Away

Michael Reichman, a longtime Monticello attorney and active citizen in the community, passed away unexpectedly in his home on Saturday, April 19.



His wife, Von, said Reichman passed away peacefully, surrounded by his beloved pets and those who loved him.

Reichman, originally from South Florida, practiced general law in Monticello since 1981, his office located in a historic building at the corner of North Jefferson and High streets.

Besides operating his law office, Reichman for years was co-owner with Von of Bari Liquors on the shopping square, and he also served as attorney for the *Monticello News* for a long time.

Reichman was active in the community from early on, serving on various local and regional boards and organizations through the years, including the Chamber of Commerce, the Watermelon Committee, the Jefferson County Humane Society, the Monticello Opera House and Career Source North Florida (Workforce).

He was particularly fond of animals and enjoyed a sense of humor that was ever ready with a joke or quip, often at his expense. He likewise enjoyed good food, good theater and good wine, and time well spent with friends.

"Mike was always cheerful, funny and always willing to lend a hand and volunteer," the chamber posted on its online newsletter. "He will be missed."

No service was planned as of the time of publication.

7th Annual Music Festival Is Set For 2nd Weekend In May

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Another spring-time, and the Foundation for the Preservation of Historic American Music is gearing up for the 7th annual Southern Music Rising Festival, set for the weekend of May 9th and 10th this year.

The foundation, for any who may not know, is a nonprofit, volunteer-based organization dedicated to the promotion and preservation of historical American music, with the Southern Music Rising Festival its premier, signature event.

Foundation President Beth Adams and Board of Director members Brenda Sorensen and Cliff Miller visited the *Monticello News* office last Friday morning to talk about this year's event, which kicks off with a concert and after-concert party in the Opera House on Friday evening, May 9.

Preceding the concert, the three said, will be a cocktail hour in the downstairs of the Opera House, after which the festivities will move upstairs to the



The headliner act for the 7th annual Southern Music Rising Festival will be Connor Christian and Southern Gothic (CCSG), described as "one of the hottest Americana bands in the country".

stage, where the show is set to begin at 7 p.m.

The opening act will be Bill Sheffield, described as an Atlanta blues legend with some 11 albums to his credit, the latest of which is titled "In Other Words."

An accomplished acoustic guitarist and singer who has been play-

ing the Atlanta scene since age 18, Sheffield is said to have "a stunningly accomplished collection of folk, roots and blues music" and is reported to have opened for such noteworthy acts as Big Mamma Thornton and Muddy Waters. Plus, he was the founder of Cool Breeze

and the XL's, bands that for years respectively played R&B/Motown covers and roots music in the Southeast.

Following Sheffield on stage will be the headliner act, Connor Christian and Southern Gothic (CCSG),

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Tourist Council Awards \$5,500 To Local Groups

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At the recommendation of the Tourist Development Council (TDC), the Jefferson County Commission last week approved the award of a combined \$5,500 in grants to four community organizations.

The four organizations, and the amounts awarded each: the Lloyd Pavilion LLC, \$1,500; Golden Acres Ranch, LLC, \$1,000; Foundation for the Preservation of Historic American Music, \$1,500; and Watermelon Festival Committee, \$1,500.

Responding to a citizen's complaint about the use of taxpayers' money to fund private organizations, TDC Coordinator Nancy Wideman explained that the grant monies came not from local taxpayers but from a two-percent "bed tax" imposed on motels, campgrounds and other hospitality industry operations in the county.

"People who pay the tax are peo-

ple who stay overnight in the county," Wideman said. "It's not tax money coming from us."

The tax, she said, was collected by the state and reimbursed to counties and was specifically designed to raise revenues for tourism promotion. The tax, she said, raised between \$20,000 and \$25,000 in Jefferson County annually, which money was budgeted to operate the TDC and distribute to groups and events that helped foster tourism.

The Pavilion, located in Lloyd, is sponsoring a music festival on May 24 that's supposed to feature national soul and blues bands. The sponsors expect the event will draw between 4,000 and 5,000 people, about 200 of whom they say will be out-of-town or overnight visitors.

David Hall is the organizer. He plans to use the \$1,500 to advertise the event outside the area.

Golden Acres Ranch, off Barnes Road in the northern part of the county, is an agri-tourism based operation that raises and sells sheep

and goats and offers tours and overnight camping on occasion. It also sponsors an annual Mayhaw Berry Festival, which features hay rides, farm tours, petting zoos and an opportunity for the public to help harvest the Mayhaw berries, which are used to make a jelly.

The event is scheduled to run 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on May 10 and 11 and is expected to draw between 350 and 400 people, some 12 to 20 of whom are expected to be out-of-town or overnight visitors.

Bobbie Golden is the operation's managing partner. She plans to use the \$1,000 for advertisement purposes.

The Foundation is a nonprofit volunteer based organization whose aim is to promote and preserve traditional American music. The annual Southern Music Rising Festival — this year celebrating its seventh year — is the organization's signature event.

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Miss and Teen Miss Watermelon Queen Pageant Slated For June 14 • 6:30 p.m.

Baby to Junior Pageant June 14 • 10:00 a.m.

The Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that the Watermelon Festival Pageants will be held on June 14, at the old Jefferson County High School auditorium, located on South Water Street. This marks the fourth year the event is being chaired by Emerald Greene. This year's pageants will again include age divisions from birth through 23 years old.

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Florida's Jobless Rate Up Slightly In March

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Florida's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate climbed slightly in March, putting it at 6.3 percent, 0.1 percentage point above the 6.2 percent in February.

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Correction:

Author, photographer and naturalist Doug Alderson speaks about the economic benefits of trails at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 24, in the old courthouse. The original article stated that the event would begin at 7:30 p.m. The *News* regrets the error.

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Local Weather

Wed 4/23

82/60



Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 60s.

Thu 4/24

83/58



Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 50s.

Fri 4/25

83/61



Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 60s.

Letters To The Editor

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- All submitted Letters must be 600 words or less -

Taxes And Government- A Natural Progression

At Tuesday night's county commission meeting, fitting for April 15, I learned about our use of the "bed tax." I noticed a local grant program was being used to partially fund several social events, and funding requests had increased from \$3,000 to \$5,500, up 83% over last year. When I voiced concern over this, I learned it was OK since the money came not from the county budget but instead from the bed tax. This tax is collected from short-term rentals, such as hotels and motels.

According to the state's Department of Revenue the bed tax, or the tourist development tax as it is known at the state level, has been around a while, since at least the 1970's. In Jefferson County, our bed tax is 2%, enacted in 2007. The bed tax is in place in 62 of Florida's 67 counties. Rates range from 2% to 6%. Only four counties have ever reduced it. Each one subsequently hiked it back up to the

prior level. Walton will reduce theirs from 4.5% to 4% this September. St. Lucie is scheduled to reduce theirs in 2018.

There is a natural progression involved here. As I commented at the meeting, once people learn there is "free" money to be had, they will jump at the chance to use it. This is why we're seeing an increase in applications for grants go up 83% in one year. Once local officials see the money involved, they raise the tax rate. Nearby Wakulla county was at 2% from 1995 to 2011, and then went to 3% in 2011 and is now 4% since 2012- the tax rate doubled in under 2 years. The state encourages this behavior, since once you collect over \$30 million in taxes, you can raise the rate to 6%. How much is enough? In government, the answer is it is never enough, as there will always be something else upon which to spend the money. Higher taxes are a natural deterrent to commerce. Consider the cost

of a gallon of gas. If due to taxes it is 10 cents a gallon less in one area as compared to an adjacent area, where will drivers buy it? How long will it be until our commissioners raise our bed tax to 3%, then 4%, then 5% as has been done in other counties?

It does not have to be that way. I've recently spoken at two multi-day events- one in central Florida and one in North Florida. Both drew hundreds of people to the area, most of whom stayed overnight. Neither used one dime of any tax money, bed tax or otherwise. The promotion for both events were handled by the people setting up the event, as it should be done for all events. Until such time as our government ceases to grow due to things such as our citizens asking for money for things they should be paying for themselves, we will be faced with the natural progression of increased government and taxes.

Paul Henry

Big Tobacco Is Back

Big Tobacco is back in Tallahassee, pulling strings behind the scenes to make sure that kids in Florida will have easier access to tobacco.

You may be scratching your head and asking yourself how this can be possible, given that Florida has become a leader in tobacco prevention through its highly successful Tobacco Free Florida campaign.

It starts with the following fact: 85% of new tobacco users start between the ages of 12 and 17, before it is even legal to possess and use tobacco. Kids make the choice to use tobacco, not adults. Preventing kids from be-

coming addicted at a very young age is significantly the reducing market share of the tobacco industry.

Over the last 15 years, youth tobacco use in Florida has dropped to historic lows. This has been driven by a tobacco prevention program that is actually funded by penalties paid to Florida by the tobacco industry as part of an \$11.7 billion dollar lawsuit settlement in 1997.

This has made the tobacco industry in Florida openly aggressive as it looks for ways to make the program less effective.

Which brings us to the 2014 Florida Legislative Session.

Bills introduced in both the House and Senate, designed to restrict the sale of electronic cigarettes and highly addictive liquid nicotine to minors, have quickly been railroaded by tobacco industry lobbyists to increase youth access to tobacco.

That's right. Legislation initially designed to protect our children has been rewritten by the Tobacco Industry to make sure that more kids will have easier access to tobacco.

It all boils down to a few sentences in HB 169, scheduled for a House vote on April 22, which takes away the rights of local governments to regulate youth access to tobacco. In its current form, the bill will overturn 88 local ordinances requiring that tobacco products simply be placed behind the counter so that customers have to ask for them. Rolling back these rules

will have no impact on the availability of tobacco for adults, but it will certainly help the industry get tobacco back into the hands of our children.

Adding to the complexity is that many House members are planning on voting for this bill even though they oppose it. They are being pressured by members of the House Leadership and may vote against their conscience. A future Speaker of the Florida House, who also owns Oliva Cigars, seems to have the biggest conflict of interest as he pushes for a favorable vote on this bill.

Couple this with the fact that there is one tobacco industry lobbyist for every two members of the Florida House, and you can see how special interests can create legislation that will sacrifice a generation of Florida's kids.

There is still time to make a difference. Reach out to your Representatives, as well as members of the House Leadership, and voice your opposition to HB 169. We need to make sure that our legislators are representing the voters, not the bottom line of an industry that purposefully addicts kids.

Most importantly, make sure you remember how your Representative votes on HB 169, and whether they voted to protect your children or the tobacco industry.

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Network of Florida

Searching For Ambrosia

Rose Klein
Guest Columnist



Finding Passion For Food Online

If you don't know what a blog is, what it means to be a blogger or understand the phrase, "I love blogging!" then take heart because I am going to tell you.

Blogs are online journals, usually written to cover one subject the blog author is fond of. Blogs can be about pets, photography, writing, news, crafting...the list is endless. It's probably no surprise that my favorite blogs are centered around food and cooking. When I first discovered food blogs, I was thrilled to find other people who were as passionate about food as myself and finding the blogs expanded my culinary world.

A food blog is much more than a cookbook experience: Blogs have recipes, but they are also a teaching tool, that can take you step-by-step through a cooking procedure unfamiliar to you; a picture book, that allows you to see the finished product and sometimes pictures of the process in making a recipe with beautiful photography; a food commentary, taking you through the author's travel or experiences related to the recipe; a journal, that may or may not include the author, their kids, pets or whatever they allow you to take part of in their lives. A food blog takes you into the life of the

person writing the blog and if that person is in another part of the world and uses different cooking methods and foods, then your food world becomes larger and can increase your own experiences.

One of the things I like most about my food blog is the inspiration I can find there, especially when I have none. If I find myself in a food rut, or feel I have lost my desire to be in the kitchen, food blogs with names like: Smitten Kitchen, Greedy Goose, Vegalicious or La Mia Cucina can inspire me, entertain me and get me back in the kitchen, where I can again find my creativity using items from the pantry and fridge.

The recipe I'm sharing with you is from one of my all-time favorite food bloggers, David Lebovitz, a well-known pastry chef and cookbook author who currently lives in Paris. Lebovitz's recipes are classic but surprisingly simple and he demystifies recipes you may have heard of, but maybe thought you could never replicate. His blog is the one I visit when I need something to fix impromptu for an event because I know it will be good.

If you own a computer and love to cook, but have never looked at a food blog, search 'food blogs' and I promise, you

will find your own food and cooking world expand, giving you new inspiration to be in your own kitchen.

Goat Cheese Custards by David Lebovitz

- 5 ounces fresh goat cheese, room temperature
- ¼ c sugar
- ½ c milk, cream or half-and-half
- 2 large egg yolks
- 1/8 tsp. vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Place four custard cups or ramekins in a deep baking dish or pan. Blend together the goat cheese, sugar, milk or cream, egg yolks and vanilla for about 30 seconds or until smooth.

Divide into custard cups; each cup should be a bit than half full.

Add warm water to baking pan to make a water bath. Water should be about halfway up the side of each cup.

Cover the pan with foil and bake 15 to 20 minutes.

Remove the cups from the water bath and cool completely.

Custards are best served room temperature, but can be covered with plastic wrap and chilled for two days in fridge. Bring to room temperature before serving with fresh fruit or other topping of your choice.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE CLARIFYING ALLOWANCES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS OFFICES SPECIAL EXCEPTION ZONING OVERLAY WITHIN THE R-1 ZONING DISTRICT

The City Council of the City of Monticello proposes to adopt the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MONTICELLO, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 54-152(c)(2) OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF MONTICELLO, FLORIDA TO CLARIFY ALLOWANCES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS OFFICES SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE WITHIN THE R-1 ZONING DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR LEGAL EFFECT; SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

The entire text of the ordinance may be inspected at City Hall, 245 S. Mulberry Street, Monticello, Florida between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Public hearings on the ordinance will be conducted on Tuesday, May 6, 2014 and on Tuesday, June 3, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Monticello City Hall. Interested persons may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance.



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Increase

Additionally, starting this year, a reserve deposit of \$20,155.51 is required for the next 10 years, until a total of \$201,555.11 is reached, as well as a required maintenance reserve of \$7,000 annually.

"It is prudent utility practice to sync water and wastewater rates with annual cost-of-living adjustments for the utility to keep pace with incremental costs into your rate ordinance and make this adjustment automatic based on a verifiable index," Carroll writes.

The study recommends no changes to the city's policies on payments, late charges, illegal turn-on penalties or returned check penalties.

As for new account deposits, the report recommends a \$150 deposit for residential renters (there is no charge presently), and \$10 and \$5 increases respectively for temporary turn-on and service calls, from the present \$20 and \$25 respectively. The deposits for the other categories remain the same.

Among the study's stated goals and objectives — beyond the obvious one of better matching revenues, expenditures and capital needs — are assuring that rates are equitable for all customer classes; minimizing customer 'rate shock' as much as possible; and promoting conservation of utility resources.

"The rate evaluation demonstrates that a rate adjustment is required for the sustainability of the utility to anticipate growth," the

report states. "The city presently uses categories for residential and commercial customers and a block rate structure. The FRWA recommends an adjusted rate structure that is both fair and equitable and increases classifications to better fit your systems needs. We recommend that the residential classification be expanded into four categories: residential, commercial, commercial 2 and institutional. "

The report further recommends that the city implement a water conservation rate structure — better known as an increasing block rate. Which means that the cost increases with every 1,000 gallons of water consumed above the base standard.

"This tiered price-to-consumption ratio promotes conservation, customer responsiveness to usage and better equity between customers," the report states.

The study makes a point of underscoring the affordability of water and wastewater rates.

"Many folks tell us that customers can't afford water and wastewater rate increases, but the burden to the median household income of the typical Southern U.S. household is very small or about one percent," Carroll writes. "Additionally, the burden is very low for those 65 and over, (for whom) the rates are about 1.1 percent of median household income per the U.S. Bureau of

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Labor Statistics."

The report also makes the point that the cost of drinking water is typically \$1.50 to \$4 per thousand gallons, or about ¼ of a penny per gallon.

"In stark comparison, the average American household spends \$707 per year on carbonated soft drinks and other bottled drinks," the report states.

It also makes the point that rates are not taxes but rather fees for service.

"Rates are based on metered usage, and monies collected for that service must not be used for anything outside that service," the report states. "These monies are not to pay for other services, or for anything other than the system that delivers water to customers or collects and treats wastewater."

Monticello City officials have indicated their intent to raise the water and wastewater rates to make the two systems more financially sound. These same officials, however, have also indicated that they don't plan to raise the rate as high the report recommends. They note that the report fails to take into account mitigating circumstances, such as the extension of the waterline on U.S. 19.

The extension, city officials say, will generate additional revenues, allowing for a lower rate increases.

City officials may discuss the water rate issue at the workshop that is scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 29, in City Hall.

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Additionally, the Cow Hunters — consisting of musician/storytellers Doyle Connor, Ben Dehart, Stephen Monroe, Chuck Hardwick, and Drew Reid — will offer cowboy memories, yarns, musings, poetry and music all day at the Wirick Simmons House.

Plus, the Tobacco Free Jefferson Partnership will sponsor the Children's Stage at the Monticello Opera House on Saturday morning, complete with storytelling and children's entertainment by Barbara Hobbs and Sam and Sallie Worley.

Tickets for Friday evening performance are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Tickets for Saturday's all-day activities are \$10 in advance and \$15 on the day of the event.

The board members expressed gratitude and appreciation to all the businesses and volunteers that help make the event possible, noting that absent the latter's contributions of money and/or time and energy, the event would not be possible.

For tickets or more information about the festival, contact one of the board members or visit www.southernmusicrising.com.

Awards

The festival is scheduled for May 9 and 10 and will feature some 40 musicians and others performing on six stages around the downtown area. The festival is expected to draw about 900 visitors, some 600 of them out-of-town or overnight visitors.

Beth Adams is the foundation's current

president. She says the \$1,500 will be used for television, radio, newspapers and other forms of advertisement.

The Chamber of Commerce sponsors the annual Watermelon Festival, which this June 20 and 21 celebrates its 64th year.

The event is expected to draw about

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5,000 people locally and from the surrounding area, with about 20 them expected to stay in town overnight.

Chamber Executive Director Melanie Mays says the \$1,500 will be used for a TV commercial to increase awareness of the event and encourage overnight stays in the county.

Pageant

The Baby to Junior pageant will be held on June 14 at 10 a.m. The age divisions are: 0-11 months old (separate division for boys and girls); 12-23 months old (separate division for boys and girls); 2-3 years old (separate division for boys and girls); 4-6 years old; 7-9 years old; and 10-12 years old. Each girl/boy will compete in the "formal wear" competition, with optionals available for Photogenic, Prettiest Smile, Prettiest Hair, Best Attire, and Best Stage Presence.

The Teen Miss Watermelon and Miss Watermelon pageant will be held at 6:30 p.m. on June 14.

The Teen Miss Watermelon division is for girls ages 13-15 years old. Each young lady will compete in sports-

wear, and an evening gown competition.

The Miss Watermelon Queen division is for girls ages 16-23. The Miss contestants will be judged during a private interview, a sportswear competition and an evening gown competition.

Both Miss and Teen Miss contestants also have the option of entering the optional divisions of: Photogenic, Prettiest Smile, Prettiest Hair, Best Attire, and Best Stage Presence.

The Chamber of Commerce would like to announce a new division this year: The Mrs/Ms Watermelon Queen division. This is for ladies 21 years old and older that have been married, divorced, and/or are single with children.

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Every contestant will receive a trophy and the queens in each division will receive a crown, trophy and sash.

There is a \$40 entry fee to enter the Baby to Junior Pageant and a \$50 entry fee to enter the Miss, Teen Miss and Mrs/Ms Pageant. The deadline to enter the pageant is May 23. The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 27.

Pageant applications may be picked up at the Monticello/ Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce and the *Monticello News* Office (located at 180 W. Washington St.)

For more information please contact the pageant chairman, Emerald Greene, at 997-3568, 973-4141, or 464-0865.

SMR Festival

described as "one of the hottest Americana bands in the country" and expected to play "an amalgamation of roots-rock, bluegrass, and country music."

The group's latest album, titled "New Hometown", reportedly is tracking well on Billboard Magazine's Heatseekers album charts, "with their hit single 'Sheets Down' getting considerable video and radio airplay."

CCSG has reportedly been touring the better part of the last three years and has shared the stage with the likes of the Zac Brown Band, Tim McGraw, Willie Nelson, Corey Smith, Big & Rich, Uncle Kracker, ZZ Top, Heart, Foreigner, and others, when the band itself isn't headlining the shows. Which speaks to the diversity of sound that the band creates, according to the promotional literature.

"It works," CCSG founder Christian is quoted saying with regard to the varying nature and composition of their audiences. "We've played to country crowds, rock crowds, young crowds, old crowds. We've played to jam band audiences and we've played to bluegrass festival audiences. And

the response with all of them has been fantastic."

On Saturday, the festivities start at 9 a.m. and go until 6 p.m., at which time starts the after-party party in the Opera House Garden, hosted by the Swingin' Harpoon Band.

But back to Saturday's activities, which will showcase some 40 acts on six stages around the downtown area. Not to mention the many arts-and-crafts and foods vendors that will have their boots set up around town.

Among the scheduled performers on Saturday are Sam & Sallie Worley with C.E. Pullen, Lamar Jones and Mary McElhannon, Gypsy Darlings and The Full Moon Bandits, The New 76ers, The Swingin' Harpoon, Craig Daniel Hardin & The Porch Lizards, and Mimi & The Hearn Dogs.

Thirteen new acts are also on this year's schedule. These include Wild Ponies, Grandpa's Cough Medicine, Black Sheep, Belle & The Band, Baby Gray, Hananel, and Carrie Cooley.

Of the latter Miller says that she has "operatic quality voice that will take things in a different direction."

Jobless

This according to the latest figures released by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (FDEO) on Friday, April 18.

The state agency gave no explanation for the slight uptick. Nationally, the jobless rate remained at 6.7 percent for the fourth month, 0.4-percentage point higher than the state rate.

In Jefferson County, the rate dropped to 5.6 percent, from the 5.8 percent recorded in February. And in Madison County, the rate remained at 8.5 percent, the same as the previous month.

The FDEO reports that statewide, 606,000 Floridians were jobless in March out of a labor force of 9,575,000 — not counting those individuals who have given up the search for work or are underemployed or employed only part time.

Per the FDEO, Florida's seasonally adjusted total nonagricultural employment in March was 7,742,900, an increase of 22,900 jobs over the month. Seasonally adjusted means the numbers have been purged of seasonal and other factors that could skew the results.

"Compared to March a year ago, the number of jobs in the state was up by 225,100, an increase of 2.8 percent," the FDEO report states. "'Florida's annual job growth rate has exceeded the nation' rate since April 2012."

For Jefferson County, the 5.6 percent rate translates into 358 jobless persons out of a labor force of 6,429,

compared with 370 jobless persons out of a labor force of 6,409 in February, when the rate was 5.8 percent.

In March 2013, the comparable figures were 383 jobless persons out of a workforce of 6,256, when the unemployment rate was 6.1 percent.

For Madison County, the 8.5 percent translates into 598 jobless persons out of a labor force of 7,053, compared with 594 jobless persons out of a labor force of 6,990 in February, when the rate was also 8.5 percent.

In March 2013, the comparable figures were 631 jobless persons out of a labor force of 7,116, when the unemployment rate was 8.9 percent.

"February 2014 was the 44th consecutive month with positive annual job growth after the state lost jobs for over three years," the FDEO states.

The industry gaining the most jobs was professional and business services, up 48,000 jobs, followed by trade, transportation and utilities, up 47,500 jobs; leisure and hospitality, up 42,100 jobs; construction, up 41,000 jobs; private education and health services, up 15,300 jobs; financial activities, up 12,200 jobs; manufacturing, up 9,700 jobs; other services, up 6,800 jobs; information, up 2,200 jobs; and total government, up 300 jobs — the first time in a long time that this sector hasn't lost jobs.

The FDEO attributes the industry job gains in part to "to increases in services to buildings and

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dwelling; food and beverage stores; food services and drinking places; specialty trade contractors; ambulatory healthcare services; insurance carriers and related activities; fabricated metal product manufacturing; membership associations and organizations; telecommunication; and local government."

Monroe And Walton counties had the state's lowest unemployment rate in March at 3.8 percent, followed by Okaloosa at 4.8 percent; and Alachua and Sumter counties at 5.0 percent.

Flagler County had the state's highest unemployment rate at 9.3 percent, followed by Hendry County at 9.1 percent; Hamilton County at 8.7 percent; and Hernando, Madison and Putnam counties at 8.5 percent each.

For the third consecutive month, no county in the state had double-digit unemployment in March.



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NORWOOD CHESTER WILLIS

Norwood Chester Willis, age 92, passed away at his home on April 20, 2014.

Norwood was born January 28, 1922 in Thomas County, Georgia. He was the sixth of seven children born to Chester C. and Katie Carr Willis. Norwood moved to Jefferson County, Florida in 1938 with his parents and two sisters and the family began farming a piece of land that would later become part of today's Mays Pond Plantation.

Norwood was a long time member of Sardis Methodist Church where he served in many different roles and he was a veteran of WWII. He was a Staff Sergeant during the war with the U.S. Army Air Force. Entering the service in November of 1942, he was soon stationed at the 8th Air Force Liberator Base in England as a B-24 Crew Chief for the 445th Bombardment Group.

Returning home after the war, Norwood was again farming with his father who had also began working for Ralph and

Katherine Perkins as manager for their rapidly growing Mays Pond Plantation. After the death of his father in 1951, Norwood assumed the position of Plantation Manager and continued in that role until retiring in 1987. Upon retiring, Norwood stayed busy working in his yard and riding daily over the land that he had called home for so long.

Norwood was preceded in death by his father, his mother, his first wife Ethel, his second wife Ileana, four brothers, a sister, and many dear friends. He is survived by one son Mike (Pam) Willis, a daughter Rebecca (Howard) Marx, six grandchildren, and one sister, Esther King.

The family received friends on Tuesday, April 22 at Beggs Funeral Home in Monticello. Funeral service will be held 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 23 at Sardis Memorial Methodist Church, with internment to follow in the Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Big Bend Hospice.

CHARLES WILLIAMS

Graveside services for Charles Williams, 86, of Monticello, FL will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 24, 2014 at Laurel Hill Cemetery. The Rev. Lee Waller will officiate the service.

Born November 27, 1927 in McRae, GA, he was the son of the late John D. and Juanita Rogers Williams. He was married to Mary Pafford Williams, who preceded him in death.

Mr. Williams managed Dixie Plantation for many years and retired from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department.

Other survivors include daughter Carol and husband Phil Miller of Orange Park, FL and Rebecca Rozar of Crawfordville, FL., eight grandchildren, numerous great grandchildren, and sister Carolyn Nelson of Villa Rica, GA. Mr. Williams will be especially missed by his four-legged best friend Missy.

He was preceded in death by sons Roger Williams and Richard Williams, brother, J. D. Williams and sisters, Pansy Stewart and Eloise Jacobson.

Guests may sign the online register at www.allenfh.com.

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For more information, call Anne Holt – Main Street Monticello - 850-997-5110.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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April 23, 28, 29
Zumba: Monday at 5:15 p.m., Tuesday at 5:30 p.m., at MadCo Studio, with Certified/Licensed Zumba Instructors Melanie Mays and Kristie Lamb. Adult Dance Diva Tone/Stretch: Monday/Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. and Monday at 7:00 p.m. at 262 North Cherry Street. For schedule call 850-321-0036.

April 23, 24
Cardio Fitness at K&J's Fitness on Wednesday and Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Boy Scout Eagles Nest, at 1035 South Water Street. Bring your own workout mat and drinking water. For more information call Frazier at 850-321-2358 or Skipworth at 850-688-6286.

April 24
2014 Relay For Life Jefferson County Committee Meeting, Celebrate Hope, on Thursday, at 5:30 p.m. at the Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce, 420 West Washington Street. Sheriff David Hobbs, Event Chairman.

April 24
AA meeting 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.

April 24, 28
Girls Revival Fitness is making a difference at 4:30 p.m. on Monday and Thursday at 1065 South Water Street. For more information contact Certified/Licensed Instructor Doris DeMauro Bishop at 850-591-0085 or doris@girlsrevivalfitness.com or www.girlsrevivalfitness.com. Classes are designed for those who might be new to exercise, older, and/or not active, those with joint issues, or for those who just prefer a slower pace. Fun and energetic praise music combined with low impact Latin fused dance moves such as the Cha-cha, Salsa, and Meringue will keep you moving without twisting and turning those knee and ankle joints that just don't work like they used to. This class will give a fun cardiovascular and will work on balance. First class is free!

April 25
Monticello Jamboree Band performs music for dancing every Friday night 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 Bobby Connell at 850-445-0049.

April 25
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, go to angelagracy@yahoo.com.

April 26
Boy Scout Troop 803 will host a 'Spaghetti Dinner' fundraiser at 5 p.m. on Saturday, at the Eagle's Nest, 1085 South Water Street. The menu will include spaghetti with meat sauce, fresh garden salad, bread, dessert, and iced tea. Advance ticket purchase is \$5, or \$6 at the door the day of the event. For more information, or to purchase a ticket, call 850-210-3116.

April 26
Jefferson County Branch of the NAACP will meet at 12 p.m. on the last Saturday at the MLK Center. Contact Charles Parrish at 850-997-3760 for more information.

April 28
Martin Luther King (MLK) Community Center Committee meets at 6

p.m. on the last Monday. Contact Charles Parrish at 850-997-3760 for more information.

April 28
Alzheimer's and Dementia Support is held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. usually on the fourth Monday at First United Methodist Church in the Family Ministry Center on West Walnut Street in Monticello. A light lunch is provided and your loved one is provided respite care during the group meeting. This is a free monthly program. Call the Alzheimer's Project at 850-386-2778 for more information or 850-997-5545 for directions.

April 28
Al-Anon meeting at 8 p.m. on Monday at the Anglican Church, 124 Jefferson Avenue in Thomasville. For more information go to www.al-anon.alateen.org.

April 28
AA meeting at 8 p.m. on Monday at the Christ Episcopal Church Annex, 425 North Cherry Street. For more information call 850-997-2129 or 850-997-1955.

April 29
Flab-To-Fab weight loss support group meets on Tuesday at the Monticello Health & Fitness Center, 760 East Washington Street. Weigh-in begins at 4:30 p.m. with guest speakers discussing healthy topics. Discuss your problems

and find the solutions. This new, exciting, support group is free of charge to anyone; donations are accepted. Share recipes, stories, and ideas. For more information contact the facility at 850-997-4400.

April 29
AA meeting at 8 p.m. on Tuesday for those seeking help. The class is held at the Harvest Christian Center, 1599 Springhollow Road. Contact Marvin Graham, pastor, at 850-212-7669 for more information.

April 29
Jefferson County Shared Services meets quarterly at 9:30 a.m. on the last Tuesday of the month at the Jefferson County Bailor Public Library. Community residents and agencies are invited to attend these informational meetings about the goings-on in the area. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this very informative community meeting. This is an opportunity for agencies to share services. Agenda items include agency sharing and a Whole Child Technical Forum. For more information about these meetings, or to be a speaker at any of these meetings, contact Cindy Hutto, business manager, at cjhutto@healthystartjmt.org or 850-948-2741. (Community Agencies Working For Jefferson County.)

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AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

Firefighter And EMR Training Progresses

AMBER HOUSTON
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During the last session of Emergency Medical Responder training, students Ray Matty, James Hightower, Austin Malloy, and Amber Houston, got the opportunity to treat a “drowning victim.” The victim was Ashville Area VFD member, Butch Staffieri, who jokes that he’s “always the dummy” for the 2014 EMR class.

That much is true: Staffieri has given generously of his time in helping this class of students. So has MVFD and AAFD volunteer Denise Tosado and MVFD volunteer Larry Bates. The class would also like to thank JCFR for their extensive help in training.

Thanks to this supportive community, the four students completed their training on Tuesday, April 8. However grateful the class is to Staffieri, their hearts (and taste buds) go out to his wife, who baked a beautiful cake to celebrate the occasion.

Ray Matty, now an EMR, will go on to provide his valuable expertise in Ashville and



MVFD students Amber Houston and Austin Malloy turn a “drowning” patient from face-down to face-up and stabilize his neck. AAVFD member Butch Staffieri plays the victim.

the surrounding areas. The remote nature of the area is a draw to many residents, who enjoy the quiet, private country life. However, when an emergency arises, it is up to the Ashville Area VFD to respond until JCFR can arrive, and to aid JCFR in their efforts. Another trained EMR is just what area residents need.

The other three students will go on to Firefighter 1 training. Thanks to Long’s efforts, the class was awarded a grant, which covered this instruction. Long was lighthearted about the considerable success, however. He said,

laughing, “It is a pretty good thing, I guess—my wife said I wasn’t allowed to do six months of instruction out of my own pocket. And I’m sure not going to contend with her.”

The grant will cover textbooks and on-line classes. It unfortunately does not cover instructor costs. Area volunteer fire departments will have to find a way to allocate the funds to train these students.

Volunteers are the first and last line of defense when tragedy strikes: many can respond to emergencies before JCFR can arrive due to the size of the county and remoteness

of many areas like Wacissa, Ashville, and Lloyd.

As the last line of defense, volunteers respond to calls when JCFR has all of its resources committed to other incidents. For example, if a multi-car pileup on the interstate has all six JCFR personnel providing medical care on scene and transporting patients to Tallahassee hospitals, it is not uncommon for another call—a fire, accident, or injury—to arise.

Volunteers stand ready day and night as the first and last defense. They also work in conjunction with paid county personnel when an incident overwhelms the few resources the county has. Look forward to more updates in the *Monticello News/Jefferson Journal*, as training progresses.



A cake was presented at the closing EMR class on April 8 to celebrate the students’ graduation.

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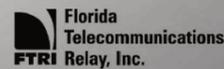
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Wednesday Evening.....7:00 PM
Wed. TRAC Club for teens.....7:00 PM

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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
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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

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5593 Veterans Memorial Drive (Hwy 59)
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Rev. Greg Roberts

Sunday School.....9:45 AM
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Wednesday
Fellowship Meal.....7:00 PM
Prayer Meeting.....7:45 PM

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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
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MEMORIAL M.B. CHURCH

780 Second Street • Monticello • 997-4947
Moderator J.B. Duval, Pastor

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

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850-997-1596
Bro. David During

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

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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 Easter Egg Hunt

DEBBIE SNAPP
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Staff Writer

Elizabeth Baptist Church held its annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 13, after the Palm Sunday Worship Service.

Hundreds of colored eggs were hidden around the church grounds for the children to find and load up their decorated baskets.

The children and their families all had an exciting time of fun and fellowship.



ECB Publishing Photo By Debbie Snapp, April 13, 2014.

Ready, set, go... find the hidden Easter eggs that is... at Elizabeth Baptist Church on Palm Sunday afternoon.



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Reese collects colored eggs during the Elizabeth Baptist Church Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday.



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Dressed in her pretty Easter decor, Drew collects colored eggs during the Elizabeth Baptist Church Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday.



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Kamaria collects colored eggs during the Elizabeth Baptist Church Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday.



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Jaret collects colored eggs during the Elizabeth Baptist Church Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday.



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Lauchlin collects colored eggs during the Elizabeth Baptist Church Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday.

Sweetfield M.B.C.

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Sunday School (1st & 3rd Sunday).....10:00 AM
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Bible Study Tuesday.....7:30 PM

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Student Pastor, Don Self

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
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Wednesday

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Dr. Freddy Davis Brings Christian World News

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First Baptist Church of Lloyd (FBCL) will host Dr. Freddy Davis and MarketFaith Ministries, of Christian World View, to lead three sessions on Sunday, April 27.

Dr. Davis has served in Christian ministry as a senior pastor, an interim pastor, and church planter. He has service as an international missionary with the Southern Baptist International Mission Board, and served in Japan and in the Soviet Republic Latvia.

He has authored several books and publications on 'training.' Some of those writings include 'Cultural Wars,' 'Praying Is Not For Wimps,' and 'Pastor CEO: What They Did Not Teach You In Seminary.'

Session I will be held during the Sunday



School hour, beginning at 9:15 a.m. This session will consist of a joint Sunday School, of the youth and adult groups.

Session II will be held during the Morning Worship hour, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Session III will begin following a break for lunch and fellowship time.

His presentations

will put emphasis on the topic of worldview and its practical implications. He will share information about Christian World View and how to answer those who do not believe.

The afternoon session will be a perfect time for neighboring church friends and the public to attend and receive his important

and informative message.

Nursery services will be provided during the first two sessions. Children's Church will be held during the morning Worship service.

FBCL is located at 124 St. Louis Street, in Lloyd. For more information contact the church office at 850-997-5309.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LLOYD

124 St. Louis Street • Lloyd • 997-5309
fbclloyd.pastor@embarqmail.com
Pastor George L. Smith

Sunday
Sunday School-Small Groups..... 9:15 AM
Praise & Worship.....10:30 AM
TeamKID—ages 3 years—5th grade.....5:00 PM
CSI: Youth—Grades 6-12.....6:00 PM
Praise & Worship.....6:00 PM
Adult Choir.....7:05 PM

Wednesday
Church Family Supper 5:45 PM
Joyful Sounds Children's Choir.....6:30 PM
The Potter's Wheel (6th-12th Grades).....6:30 PM
Worship on Wednesday.....7:00 PM

Thursdays
Glory Girls Fitness.....10:00 AM
1st & 3rd Monday
Mighty Monday—Ladies Bible Study.....6:00 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

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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.

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

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Sunday..... 10:30 AM
Sunday Morning Praise and Worship
Children's Church
Infants & Toddler Nursery
Wednesday.....7:00 PM
Praise & Worship
Adult & Teen Bible Study
Young Explorers (K-5th Grade)

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 Waukeenhaw 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

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 NEWS NOTES

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April 21-25
Tri-County Ministries will continue its 'Revival' Wednesday and Thursday with speaker Evangelist Gary Reaves, Wacissa; and Friday with speaker Minister Ansel Norton Jr., Harvest Christian Center. All are welcome to attend, beginning at 7 p.m. nightly.

April 23
Memorial Missionary Baptist Church will host 'Heaven's Kitchen - Feed My Sheep', a weekly noonday service and meal ministry, every Wednesday at 12 p.m. Rev. JB Duval and Rev. Semmeal Thomas will conduct the Bible Study and Prayer Service each week. For more information, or to make a contribution, contact Coordinator Sis. Mary Madison at 850-997-4504 or 850-210-7090.

April 24
The Nelons will ring loudly in Tallahassee on Thursday, at the **Killearn United Methodist Church**, located at 2800 Shamrock South. This exciting event will begin at 7 p.m. Come hear the smooth, rich sounds of multi-Dove Award winning and Grammy nominated recording artists. For more information call 850-408-2081.

April 25
Church of the Nazarene 'Family Skate Night' is held from 6 to 8 p.m. on the last Friday evening of every month. Light snacks and soft drinks are available. For more information contact Pastor Clay Stephens at 850-528-5451.

April 25, 26
Tabernacle of Praise

Ministries, located at 1242 North Jefferson Street, will host its annual 'April Praise-A-Bration' beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Friday evening, with music from local choirs, groups, and soloist. And, on Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m. with Speaker Dr. Kenneth Dupree. Everyone is cordially invited to attend this celebration. For more information, contact Sponsor Etta Brinson at 850-997-3120 or Co-Sponsor Ruby Dunlap at 850-656-0083.

April 25, 26
USDA Commodities Food Program and Second Harvest Food Bank together with the churches of **New Bethel AME, Elizabeth MB, Hickory Hill MB, Mt. Pleasant AME, and Philadelphia MB** will provide food to those needing assistance monthly, on the fourth Saturday, with distribution from 8 to 9 a.m. at the New Bethel AME Church, located at 6496 Ashville Highway. Volunteers are also needed on the Friday evening before at 6:30 p.m. to help bag the food packages. Contact Nellie Randell at 850-997-5605, or Jackie Harvey at 850-997-8410 to volunteer, or for more information about this program.

April 26, 27
Casa Bianca Missionary Baptist Church will host a Choir Musical program at 7 p.m. on Saturday evening and will celebrate its Choir Ministry Anniversary at 11 a.m. on Sunday with Pastor JW Tisdale and the St. Phillip AME Church in charge of the

morning service. For more information contact Burnette Thompson at 850-997-4474. Rev. Tobie Berrian III, pastor/teacher.

April 26
Elizabeth Baptist Church Youth Ministry will host an adult 'Spring Banquet' on Saturday evening with an entertaining 'USO Show'. Support the youth by coming out on this special evening. For more information contact the church at 850-997-8444. Rev. Robert Dennison, pastor.

April 27
Highest Praise Deliverance Ministers Monticello will host a benefit program at 3 p.m. on Sunday afternoon. Guest speaker will be Minister Norris Gallon, associate pastor of Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church, Madison. The event will be held at the Monticello Health & Fit-

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April 27
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SPORTS

Lady Warriors Season Statistics

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After wrapping up 17 games on the regular season, and emerging with a 14-3 record, the Aucilla Christian Academy varsity Lady Warriors have mounted some very impressive softball statistics.

As a team, at the plate, Aucilla played 17 games, had 553 plate appearances, 456 at bats, 159 hits, 110 singles, 33 doubles, eight triples, seven home runs, 118 RBI's, nine hit by pitches, 43 reach on errors, 14 fielder's choice, 84 walks, 66 strikeouts, a batting average of .346, an on base percentage of .454, and a slugging average of .500.

Abigail Morgan played in 17 games, with 62 plate appearances, 41 at bats, 10 hits, six singles, two doubles, one triple, one homerun, 14 RBI's, 18 runs, three reach on errors, 19 walks, eight strikeouts, a batting average of .244, an on base percentage of .468, and a slugging average of .415.

Ashlyn Rogers played in one game, with three plate appearances, three at bats, two hits, two singles, one RBI, one run, a batting average of .667, an on base percentage of .667, and a slugging average of .667.

Carly Joiner played in 16 games, with 59 plate appearances, 54 at bats, 17 hits, 15 singles, two doubles, six

RBI's, 24 runs, one hit by pitch, six reach on errors, four fielder's choice, four walks, four strikeouts, a batting average of .315, an on base percentage of .373, and a slugging average of .352.

Courtney Watts played in 12 games, with 29 plate appearances, 21 at bats, five hits, four singles, one double, seven runs, two hit by pitches, one reach on error, two fielder's choice, six walks, six strikeouts, a batting average of .238, an on base percentage of .448, and a slugging average of .286.

Elizabeth Hightower played in 15 games, with 58 plate appearances, 55 at bats, 19 hits, nine singles, three doubles, three triples, four homeruns, 24 RBI's, 15 runs, seven reach on error, one fielder's choice, three walks, five strikeouts, a batting average of .345, an on base percentage of .379, and a slugging average of .727.

Emma Witmer played in 14 games, with 34 plate appearances, 2 at bats, 10 hits, five singles, three doubles, two triples, 12 RBI's, eight runs, two hit by pitches, three reach on error, three walks, four strikeouts, a batting average of .345, an on base percentage of .441, and a slugging average of .586.

Gaige Winchester played in seven games,

with 12 plate appearances, 10 at bats, six hits, six singles, four RBI's six runs, one hit by pitch, one walk, four strikeouts, a batting average of .600, an on base percentage of .667, and a slugging average of .600.

Kelly Horne played in 16 games, with 61 plate appearances, 47 at bats, 25 hits, 13 singles, 10 doubles, one triple, one homerun, 18 RBI's, 24 runs, one hit by pitch, four reach on errors, 13 walks, three strikeouts, a batting average of .532, an on base percentage of .639, and a slugging average of .851.

Megan Schofill played in two games, with four plate appearances, two at bats, four runs, one reach on error, two walks, a batting average of .000, an on base percentage of .500, and a slugging average of .000.

Monique Restrepo played in three games, with six plate appearances, two at bats, one hit, one single, two runs, four walks, one strikeout, a batting average of .500, an on base percentage of .833, and a slugging average of .500.

Natalie Sorensen played in 17 games, with 49 plate appearances, 39 at bats, 13 hits, nine singles, three doubles, one homerun, 12 RBI's, 13 runs, one hit by pitch, six reach on errors, eight walks,

four strikeouts, a batting average of .333, an on base percentage of .449, and a slugging average of .487.

Payal Chaudhari played in four games with five plate appearances, four at bats, one run, one walk, four strikeouts, a batting average of .000, an on base percentage of .200, and a slugging average of .000.

Ramsey Sullivan played in 17 games, with 67 plate appearances, 61 at bats, 25 hits, 22 singles, three doubles, nine RBI's, 20 runs, one hit by pitch, four reach on errors, three fielder's choice, five walks, four strikeouts, a batting average of .400, an on base percentage of .463, and a slugging average of .459.

Stormie Roberts played in one game with one plate appearance, one at bat, one hit, one single, two RBI's, one run, a batting average of 1.000, and on base percentage of 1.000, and a slugging average of 1.000.

Taylor Copeland played in 16 games, with 54 plate appearances, 45 at bats, 10 hits, seven singles, two doubles, one triple, nine RBI's, 12 runs, four reach on errors, one fielder's choice, eight walks, 10 strikeouts, a batting average of .222, an on base percentage of .333, and a slugging average of

.311.

Whitney Stevens played in 15 games, with 49 plate appearances, 42 at bats, 14 hits, 10 singles, four doubles, seven RBI's, 14 runs, four reach on errors, three fielder's choice, seven walks, nine strikeouts, a batting average of .333, an on base percentage of .429, and a slugging average of .429.

On the field, the Lady Warriors had 383 total chances, 88 assists, 286 putouts, 18 errors, one double play, and a fielding percentage of .952.

Morgan had 69 total chances, five assists, 64 putouts, and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

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

Joiner had 31 total chances, 17 assists, nine putouts, five errors, and a fielding percentage of .839.

Watts had 11 total chances, one assist, seven putouts, three errors, and a fielding percentage of .727.

Hightower had 50 total chances, 24 assists, 25 putouts, one error, one double play, and a fielding percentage of .980.

Witmer had 23 total chances, 23 putouts, and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

Winchester had five total chances, four assists, one putout, and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

Horne had 55 total chances, five assists, 48 putouts, two errors, and a fielding percentage of .964.

Schofill had one total chance, one error, and a fielding percentage of .000.

Sorensen had 13 total chances, four assists, eight putouts, one error, and a fielding percentage of .923.

Sullivan had 101 total chances, 17 assists, 82 putouts, two errors, one double play, and a fielding percentage of .980.

Copeland had 16 total chances, one assist, 14 putouts, one error, and a fielding percentage of .938.

Stevens had 17 total chances, nine assists, five putouts, three errors, and a fielding percentage of .824.

On the mound, Morgan played on the mound during seven games, pitched 22.0 innings, has a 4-1 record, gave up 18 hits, 13 runs, four of which were earned, 11 walks, 33 strikeouts, one hit by pitch, and an earned run average of 1.273.

Hightower played on the mound during nine games, pitched 38.0 innings, has a 5-1 record, gave up 20 hits, eight runs, five of which were earned, 18 walks, 49 strikeouts, and an earned run average of .921.

Stevens played on the mound during seven games, pitched 35.0 innings, has a 5-1 record, gave up 26 hits, 18 runs, seven of which were earned, seven walks, 47 strikeouts, one hit by pitch, and an earned run average of 1.179.

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SPORTS

Warriors Tromp Tallavana

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The Aucilla Christian Academy varsity Warriors hit the diamond against Tallavana on April 4, and the Warriors tromped their opponent for a 24-4 victory to now stand 11-7 on the season.

"This is one of the games that scare you to death as a coach," said Head Coach Thornton Davis. "You know you are better than the other team, you beat them by 20 last time, you just came off of a big win the day before; so many reasons to be worried, but the guys came out and handled the business."

"We scored 20 runs in the first inning and basically imposed our will on the opponent from the first pitch until the end. I am very pleased with all the hustle and effort the guys gave and glad to say that we are sitting at 11-7 and getting ready for possibly the toughest week of baseball that ACA has ever seen. I've seen a lot of growth and toughness out of these guys as of late and look forward to seeing how they han-

dle the challenge," he concluded.

Aucilla commanded the first inning, bringing 20 runs across the plate. Tallavana scored three runs in the third inning, and Aucilla scored four runs in the fourth inning. Tallavana brought in one additional run in the fifth inning, after which the game was called due to the 15 run mercy rule.

As a team, at the plate, the Warriors had 27 at bats, with 24 runs, 13 hits, 20 RBI's, 13 walks, two strikeouts, one double, two triples, one sacrifice fly, and one stolen base.

Shawn Blue had five at bats, with three runs, three hits, three RBI's, and one triple.

Austin Bishop had one at bat, three runs, one hit, one RBI, two walks, one sacrifice fly, one triple, and one stolen base.

Joe Hannon had no at bats, one RBI, and two walks.

Eric Hutzell had one at bat, three runs, one walk, and one strikeout.

Casey Demott had one at bat, with three runs, one hit, two RBI's, and two walks.

DJ Wilkinson had one at bat, one run, one hit, and one RBI.

Brandon Holm had two at bats, two runs, and one walk.

Jake Edwards had two at bats, one hit, and one RBI.

Mason Collins had one at bat, two runs, one hit, one RBI, and one walk.

Winston Lee had three at bats, and one strikeout.

Nick Roberts had two at bats, with one hit, two RBI's, and one walk.

Ty Chancey had one at bat, with two runs, one hit, two RBI's, and one walk.

Timothy Kercher had two at bats, with one RBI, and one walk.

Austin Harrell had two at bats, two runs, one hit, and four RBI's.

Hunter Handley had three at bats, three runs, two hits, one RBI, one walk, and one double.

On the mound, Roberts pitched two innings, giving up one walk, and striking out four batters. He was named the winning pitcher. He also had 16 strikes on 21 pitches.

Edwards pitched three innings, giving up one hit, four runs, two of which were earned, four walks, and striking out six batters. He also had 36 strikes on 63 pitches.

Warriors Split Two

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The Aucilla Christian Academy varsity Warriors split the past two games to now stand 12-10 on the season.

Aucilla hit the diamond against Liberty County on April 12, and the Warriors were thrashed for a 14-4 loss.

Leading hitters for the Warriors were Shawn Blue, who went two for three.

Casey Demott went three for four.

Austin Bishop had one hit.

DJ Wilkinson had one hit.

Brandon Holm had one hit.

Ty Chancy had one hit.

"This was probably the worst performance of the season by our team. No one seemed to be 'involved' or excited about being on the field. It was a strange combination of poor play, no emotion and a handful of bad luck," said Coach Thornton Davis. "In the first inning, we gave them four runs with a little help from some questionable calls. As the game progressed, a lot more of the same happened and we just couldn't get a break. Every ball Liberty hit seemed to find a hole and we hit some really nice shots that went right at them."

"I normally don't believe in good/bad luck, but today, we were definitely not the windshield, we were the bug. Our kids hit the ball well, played pretty sound defense but we just didn't pitch well. Part of that is because we were a little tired from playing four games in six days, but either way, we have to find ways to get the job done and today we didn't. I do have to give Liberty a lot of credit; they are a well-coached team. They have two Major League players for coaches and a stand out FSU alumni as a hitting coach. I knew they would be a tough opponent but we will have an opportunity to redeem ourselves next week against them at our field, maybe we will come ready to play that day," Coach Davis added.

On April 14, the Warriors manned the diamond against Rickards, and Aucilla squeaked their opponent for an 11-10 victory.

Leading hitters for the Warriors were Shawn Blue, who went two for three.

Mason Collins went two for three.

Austin Bishop went two for four.

DJ Wilkinson went two for four.

Austin Harrell went two for four.

Casey Demott added one hit as well. The winning pitcher was Nick

Roberts, who pitched 5 strong innings, taking his record to 2-0.

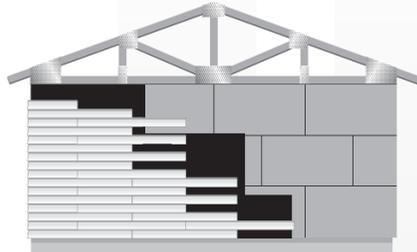
"I was very pleased to see our team come out after dropping three games in a row, to come back and win against a very talented Rickards team," said Coach Davis. "Rickards defeated us earlier this year. 8-3, at their place and they have an abundance of talent. They have at least three players that are going to play collegiate ball, and maybe even two of them will be drafted by a Major League team this season."

"For our kids to compete and come out on top of this strong, talented and well-coached team is a testimony to the work that they have put into the past few weeks. It's good to see everything come together and for us to show such resilience after a rough week before," Coach Davis added. "I was very proud of how the boys came out and battled today (April 14). We have two more regular season games to play and hope to finish strong in preparation for a big district showdown with Robert F. Munroe for the championship."

The game against Godby, slated for April 15 was rained out and not rescheduled due to conflicting schedules.

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SCHOOL

JCMHS Inducts 17 Into National Honor Society

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Jefferson County Middle High School held an induction ceremony for 17 of its brightest students into the National Honor Society (NHS) on Thursday, April 10. Principal S. Kay Collins welcomed all in attendance, NHS Adviser Chief Kent T. Watson introduced the students to the audience and noted their accomplishments, and NHS President Coby Brown lead in the pledge.

The students recognized included Carlie A. Barber, 10th grade; Zackary S. Bell, 10th grade; Elicia S. Brewster, 10th grade; Kaieychia L. Davis, 10th grade; Alexa A. Falzone, 10th grade; Allison Heffner, 10th grade; Jacob T. Long, 10th grade; Michael J. Mathis, 10th grade; Felix Serna, 10th grade; Tyshun M. Thurman, 10th grade; Tiana M.

Jarrell, 11th grade; Briana V. Robinson, 11th grade; Stefan Roberts, 11th grade; Roxie R. Bellamy, 12th grade; Coby J. Brown, 12th grade; Phidell Lewis, 12th grade; and Ja'lexia N. Sloan, 12th grade.

These students were selected by the chapter faculty council and were chosen because of their high standards of scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

"We are very proud to recognize these outstanding members of our student body," states Chief Watson. "National Honor Society members are chosen for, and then expected to continue their exemplary contributions to the school and to the community."

The JCMHS Chapter was activated in 2009. Each year since its goal is to sponsor service projects for the school and community.

The NHS ranks as



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JCMHS students were inducted into the National Honor Society on Thursday afternoon. They included Carlie A. Barber, 10th grade; Zackary S. Bell, 10th grade; Elicia S. Brewster, 10th grade; Kaieychia L. Davis, 10th grade; Alexa A. Falzone, 10th grade; Allison Heffner, 10th grade; Jacob T. Long, 10th grade; Michael J. Mathis, 10th grade; Felix Serna, 10th grade; Tyshun M. Thurman, 10th grade; Tiana M. Jarrell, 11th grade; Briana V. Robinson, 11th grade; Stefan Roberts, 11th grade; Roxie R. Bellamy, 12th grade; Coby J. Brown, 12th grade; Phidell Lewis, 12th grade; and Ja'lexia N. Sloan, 12th grade.

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Pictured from left to right are recently inducted JCMHS National Honor Society grade students: Roxie Bellamy, 2014 Valedictorian; Coby Brown, Top Ten #3; Phidell Lewis, Top Ten #4; and Ja'lexia Sloan, 2014 Salutatorian.



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Alexa Falzone and Allison Heffner, 10th graders, were two of 17 JCMHS students inducted into the National Honor Society on Thursday afternoon.

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AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

JCREA Enjoys Retired Educator's Days And New Years Luncheon

Since 1988 each third Sunday of November is proclaimed Retired Educator's Day by Florida's governor.

Governor Rick Scott sent proclamations to every Retired Educators' Association Unit in hopes they would conduct a recognition program for those educators who have spent most of their active lives giving of themselves to the education system and hundreds of students.

The Jefferson County Retired Educator's Association (JCREA) members celebrated Retired Educators' Day observations. Seven members, which included Vice President Mathye McCloud, Treas-

urer Louiza Larry, Cultural Affairs Chair Nancy Benjamin, Past District II Trustee Dr. Lettie White, Literacy Chair Carolyn White, member Rutha Wilson, and Secretary/Reporter Mary Madison, joined Madison County Retired Educators at Allen Chapel AME Church in Greenville, where the youth department conducted their annual recognition program on November 17, 2013. Reverend Earnest O. Washington is the pastor. He and his First Lady Carrie are retired educators also.

VP McCloud presided over the program. Dr. White offered the invitation to discipleship. The speaker was Reverend Margie

Evan, who in her message gave thanks, standing ovation applause and praise to the educators, who many had countless struggles in many ways to become teachers. She noted that most were under duress while teaching because in most cases they lacked proper equipment and supplies. But through it all, God bless/helped each one to preserve and they all became a vital part of their community/society and provided guidance to hundreds, if not thousands of young people who gained a quality education and productive future.

After the program the youth presented each educator with a certificate of appreciation, that read, with the educator's name, "...is presented this certificate for being a beacon of light for our children, leading them to a bright future," dated and signed by Reverend Washington. Gift bags were also presented to the educators. After dismissal everyone enjoyed a scrumptious meal at the fellowship dining hall.

On Saturday, January 4, 2014 JCREA observed their postponed Educator's Day and enjoyed their Annual New

Years Luncheon, held at Literacy Chair Carolyn White's bed and breakfast facility at 1 p.m.

The program began with President Louie Barrington, Jr. presiding. Unit Chaplin Reverend Ben Ransom offered prayer. Secretary Mary Madison gave a thought for the day on making New Year's resolutions. She shared that she felt that most were like her. You begin the year making promises to yourself (resolutions) with good intentions, but before long it's as though our resolutions never existed. Her suggestion was to do as she planned - take a new approach to the New Year - instead of choosing self improvement goals, resolve to be just more Christ-like. "Ask God what He desires of you this year."

President Barrington welcomed everyone and gave the occasion. JCREA was privileged to have in their presence Florida Retired Educator's Association (FREA) District II Director Arlene Oehler, who brought greeting from FREA and District staff, and thanked the Unit for their invitation.

Reverend Ransom gave grace and everyone a meal of a cheese taster platter, fresh fruit tray,

connoisseur's choice and veggie platter, sandwich thins, fried and honey barbecue wing sampler platters, iced tea, and butter cream cake.

Introduction of the speaker came from Mrs. Jacquelyn Harvey, mother of speaker and JCREA 2007 scholarship recipient Brittany Harvey. Brittany thanked the unit members for the invitation to speak to such an elite group of people, educators/teachers. She expressed that teachers are very special people who have had a huge impact on many young people's lives; they are wonderful role models; they provide love, compassion, and truth. She emphasized how teachers believe in the ability of every child and how they made every child believe they could achieve anything they wanted to accomplish, while always instilling in a child to strive for excellence. She concluded, "Teachers have a large responsibility in the educational realm and teacher/educators 'rock,' for every impact they have on every child's life they touch."

Tony Roberts, the other 2007 scholarship recipient was present. He declined to address

the crowd, but thanked the unit members for their invitation to attend. He remarked that it would be a pleasure to attend a monthly meeting in the future. When asked for an update on his education status, he stated that he would be earning his Physical Therapy Doctoral Degree in 2014 from FAMU. Harvey and Roberts were presented with JCREA shirts.

Next, Cultural Affairs Chair Nancy Benjamin presented attendees a token of a collapsible laundry bag or coffee mug. Members received a certificate of appreciation which read, "Awarded to (name) in recognition of your dedicated and valuable contribution to the community and JCREA," signed by President Barrington.

Benjamin conducted an audience participated memoriam for 15 deceased members and a special candle was lit for Ruby Brooks and Beatrice Sloan (2013). The candle was presented to Sloan's grandson Deputy OJ Sloan.

Finally, brief responses were given by several members and guests, and final remarks from the president concluded the program.



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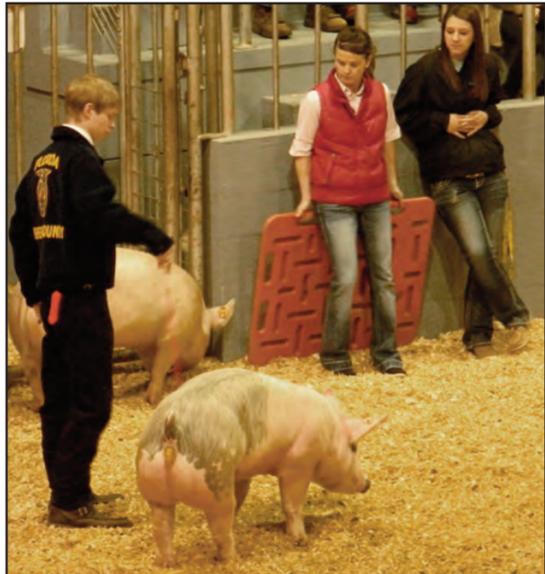
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During the March 6 meeting of the Jefferson County Future Farmers of

America Alumni, Sarah E. Burleson, AgriScience Instructor, FFA Advisor, and Freshman Class Sponsor reported on FFA Week activities, including the North Florida Livestock Show and Sale.

The FFA students participated in the livestock judging event at NFLSS and in the livestock judging CDE preliminary event in Chipley. The students placed 13th in the preliminary event.

During the week of February 17-21, Jefferson County FFA participated in the North Florida Livestock Show and Sale. During this week, FFA and 4H members in Jefferson, Madison, Suwannee, Hamilton, Lafayette, and Taylor counties can exhibit market hogs, steers (feeder and fat,) and heifers. At this years event, Jefferson County had a market hog which they exhibited and sold. On Monday night, the hog



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placed 6th in its weight class. On Thursday night, the hog was auctioned and sold for \$8.90 per pound, earning nearly \$2,300 for the Jefferson County FFA Chapter. A very good return on their efforts.

Jefferson County FFA is very thankful for the kind contributions of community

members and businesses that helped contribute to the purchase of the hog at the livestock show and sale.

Alumni member John Jones checked on butchering the hog. Johnstons Meat Locker will butcher the hog for free and store it for the FFA Alumni to decide on a raffle date. The tickets will be numbered from one to 1,000 in packs of five.

Hog Raffle tickets will sell for \$1 each. The drawing will take place at 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 10, 2014 during the Southern Music Rising Festival in Monticello. Two winners will be drawn to receive one of two half sides of pork cut and wrapped.

It was also decided that the FFA Alumni will also sell beef sticks, boiled peanuts, and plants on consignment during the Festival.

For more information about this group and its upcoming events go to sarah.burleson@ymail.com or debbiesnapp@embarqmail.com or Amy.McAllister@flaffa.org.



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PUBLIC REQUEST

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JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS STATE HOUSING INITIATIVES PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (SHIP) REHABILITATION PROJECT NUMBER: ITB# 2014-02 (SHIP)

Sealed bids for ITB# 2014-02 (SHIP), STATE HOUSING INITIATIVES PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (SHIP) REHABILITATION PROJECT will be received until 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 13, 2014. The Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners invites interested residential contractors to submit bids for the rehabilitation of approximately Two (2) single family homes located in Jefferson County.

Bids should be addressed to the Jefferson County Building Department Office, at 445 W. Palmer Mill Road, Monticello, FL 32344, at which time all bids will be publicly opened. Bids received after the time and date specified will not be accepted and shall be returned unopened to the Bidder.

Please direct all questions to:
TECHNICAL:
 Jay Moseley
 Meridian Community Services Group, Inc.
 P.O Box 357995
 Gainesville, FL 32635-7995
 PH: 352-381-1975 FAX: 352-381-8270
 jmoseley@meridserv.com

A MANDATORY meeting to provide contractor orientation materials and visit the scheduled project will be held on **Tuesday, April 29, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.** at the Jefferson County SHIP Office located at 445 W. Palmer Mill Road, Monticello, Florida 32344. All interested contractors must attend this meeting in order to receive the bid documents and attend the walk-through of each property. The visit to the projects will immediately follow the orientation meeting.

For contractors that have not been pre-approved, you may obtain a contractor application package by calling Meridian Community Services Group, Inc. at (352) 381-1975 (Toll Free). Please bring your completed application package to the mandatory meeting on April 29, 2014.

Jay Moseley, Project Manager

WBE/MBE/DBE Firms are encouraged to participate. The owner reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any or all bids. Jefferson County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. 4/23/2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 1ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE No. 2007 CA 000301

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

Plaintiff,

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

Defendants.

ADDITIONAL NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE OF SALE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 14, 2013, and entered in Case No. 2007 CA 000301 of the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for Jefferson County, Florida, wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF AUGUST 1, 2005 ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2005-WHQ4, is Plaintiff and Roger P. Stultz and Unknown Spouse of Roger P. Stultz, United States of America, Maria Gray, Esther Peters, Unknown Tenants, are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the North Door of the Courthouse, located at 1 Courthouse Circle, Monticello, FL 32344, at 11:00 A.M. on the 15th day of May, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

(Legal: See attached Exhibit "A")

Located: 753 Hawkins Road, Monticello, FL 32344

Tax ID: 33-IN-3E-0000-0012-0000

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

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus funds from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated at Monticello, Jefferson County, Florida, this 15 day of April, 2014.

Kirk Reams
 Clerk of said Circuit Court

By Sherry Sears
 As Deputy Clerk



Clarfield, Okon, Solomon, & Pincus, P.L.
 Attorney for Plaintiff
 500 S. Australian Avenue, Suite 730
 West Palm Beach, FL 33401
 (561) 713-1400 - pleadings@cosplaw.com

EXHIBIT "A"

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

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

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Jefferson County Planning Commission will hold its regular monthly meeting on May 8, 2014 at 7:00 pm. The meeting will consist of general business and a Public Hearing on the EAR Based Land Development Code Amendments and a Tower Application.

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

Information concerning the meeting is available at the Jefferson County Planning Department, 445 W. Palmer Mill Road, Monticello, FL. 32344, Telephone 850-342-0223. From the Florida "Government in the Sunshine Manual", page 36, paragraph c: Each board, commission, or agency of this state or of any political subdivision thereof shall include in the notice of any meeting or hearing, if notice of meeting or hearing is required, of such board, commission, or agency, conspicuously on such notice, the advice that, if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings, is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. 4/23/2014

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

Case No.: 10-77-CA

CRE VENTURE 2011-I, LLC, a foreign limited liability company,

Plaintiff,

vs.

STEVE C. WALKER, III, a single man; AND UNKNOWN TENANTS; AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANTS WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure rendered on July 13, 2010 and the Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion to Reset Foreclosure Sale entered on February 24, 2014, in that certain cause pending in the Circuit Court in and for Jefferson County, Florida, wherein CRE VENTURE 2011-I, LLC, a foreign limited liability is Plaintiff, and STEVE C. WALKER, III, a single man; AND UNKNOWN TENANTS; AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANTS WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS,

are the Defendants, in Civil Action Case No. 10-77-CA, I, Kirk Reams, Clerk of the aforesaid Court, will at 11:00 a.m., on May 29, 2014, offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash at the North steps of the Jefferson County Courthouse, 1 Courthouse Circle, Monticello, FL 32344, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, the following described real property, situate and being in Jefferson County, Florida to-wit:

REAL PROPERTY:

LOT NUMBERED 7 OF THE ORIGINAL PLAN OF THE TOWN OF MONTICELLO, FLORIDA, AND OF RECORD IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN DEED BOOK "G", PAGE 1, AND TO WHICH REFERENCE IS HEREBY EXPRESSLY DIRECTED, AND BEING THE SAME LAND CONVEYED BY DEED OF RECORD IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN OFFICIAL RECORD BOOK 81, PAGE 203 AND BY REFERENCE IS HEREBY EXPRESSLY DIRECTED.

except as herein before set forth, in accordance with Fla. Stat. §45.031. The "highest bidder" for purposes of this Notice of Sale, is defined as the party who bids the largest amount of money to purchase the Property and who completes the sale in a timely fashion, as hereinafter set out. The one who bids the largest amount of money to purchase the Property shall be permitted to complete the sale by delivering to the Clerk, the balance of such bid, over and above the deposit, by 4:30 p.m. on the day of sale.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

Dated February 26, 2014.

KIRK REAMS
 As Clerk of the Court

By Sherry Sears
 As Deputy Clerk



If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Susan Wilson, ADA Coordinator, Office of Court Administration, 301 S. Monroe Street, Rm. 225, Tallahassee, FL 32303, (850) 577-4430, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. 4/23.30/2014

NORTH CAROLINA NASH COUNTY IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION FILE NO. 14-CVD-218

DELPHINEA B. HARRISON GAVIN, PLAINTIFF
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VS.
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DONALD R. GAVIN, DEFENDANT
)

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

TO: DONALD R. GAVIN

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is for absolute divorce based upon one year's separation.

You are required to make defense to such pleadings no later than the 27 May 2014, said date being at least forty days from the first publication of this notice; and upon your failure to do so the party seeking relief against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the 16th day of April 2014.

PERRY & ASSOCIATES

BY: Cedric R. Perry
 Cedric R. Perry
 Attorney for Plaintiff
 301 South Church Street
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AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

RFL Health Care Luncheon

DEBBIE SNAPP
ECB Publishing Staff Writer

The Jefferson County American Cancer Society (ACS) Relay For Life Committee held a luncheon on Wednesday afternoon for area healthcare workers.

RFL Event Coordinator Sheriff David Hobbs welcomed all in attendance before introducing guest speaker Matt Sherer, MBA, MSHA; Oncology Service Line Administrator with Tallahassee Memorial Healthcare in Tallahassee.

He was very well received by the audience. He answered "no insurance" questions and explained that the ACS connects patients with the right persons, agen-

cies, and pharmaceutical companies for reduced costs. "Call 1-800-ACS-2345 to talk to a cancer representative," he concluded.

Sherer is responsible for all of the outpatient oncology services including radiation therapy, medical oncology, gynecological oncology, breast care center, and infusion. The Tallahassee Memorial Cancer Center is accredited by the American College of Surgeons/Commission on Cancer. He currently serves as president elect of the Association of Cancer Executives, chair of the Big Bend Volunteer Leadership Council for ACS, a past member of the Board of Trustees for the Association of Community

Cancer Centers, a member of the Governmental Affairs Committee, and a member of the Editorial Committee.

Also speaking to the group about Relay For Life and the American Cancer Society was Ann Hatcher, a member of the ACS Volunteer Leadership Committee. She gave an overview of past Relay events and the purpose of Relay. "I appreciate the people and their involvement in Relay," she said. "I encourage community support and more teams."

The luncheon was held at the Jefferson Senior Citizens Center (JSCC) in Monticello. An educational time was had by all... and a delicious meal.



ECB Publishing Photo By Debbie Snapp, April 9, 2014.

Jefferson County Relay For Life Health Care Luncheon attendees included RFL Event Coordinator Sheriff David Hobbs, ACS RFL Liaison Sheila Griffin, speaker Matt Sherer, and speaker Ann Hatcher.



ECB Publishing Photo By Debbie Snapp, April 9, 2014.

Lucretia Brown, Martha Lamar, and Barbara Mitchell were in attendance to the Jefferson County Relay For Life Health Care Luncheon on Wednesday afternoon.



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Attending the Jefferson County Relay For Life Health Care Luncheon on Wednesday afternoon were Merle Zinck, a volunteer at Brynwood Center H&R, ACS RFL Liaison Sheila Griffin, Cross Landings H&RC Social Services Director Mae Kyler, and local Florida Health Department representative Margaret Levings.

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<p>2007 LINCOLN MKX</p> <p>Sik:J28042, Must Test Drive! \$314 Per Month</p>	<p>2008 HONDA ACCORD EX</p> <p>Sik:118838, Built To Last! \$280 Per Month</p>	<p>2012 NISSAN ALTIMA S</p> <p>Sik:544658, Like New! \$297 Per Month</p>	<p>2007 CHEVROLET TRAILBLAZER</p> <p>Sik:184631, Low Miles, Very Nice! \$211 Per Month</p>	<p>2006 FORD EXPLORER XLT</p> <p>Sik:A05992, 1 Owner, Leather! \$211 Per Month</p>
<p>2011 HYUNDAI SONATA SE</p> <p>Sik:172180, Low Miles, Very Nice! \$314 Per Month</p>	<p>2009 FORD ESCAPE XLT</p> <p>Sik:C04548, All Power, Alloys! \$263 Per Month</p>	<p>2010 FORD FUSION SEL</p> <p>Sik:340700, Very Nice Car! \$263 Per Month</p>	<p>2008 BUICK LUCERNE CXL</p> <p>Sik:142132, 1 Owner, Clean! \$245 Per Month</p>	<p>2007 HONDA CIVIC LX</p> <p>Sik:129944, Low Miles & Nice! \$211 Per Month</p>
<p>2010 MAZDA 6i SPORT</p> <p>Sik:M32780, Only 32k Miles! \$245 Per Month</p>	<p>2009 CADILLAC CTS</p> <p>Sik:159290, What A Ride! \$366 Per Month</p>	<p>2010 TOYOTA CAMRY LE</p> <p>Sik:515747, Low Miles! \$280 Per Month</p>	<p>2012 CHRYSLER 200 TOURING</p> <p>Sik:260579, One Owner, Nice! \$263 Per Month</p>	<p>2008 JEEP LIBERTY SPORT</p> <p>Sik:278216, One Owner! \$245 Per Month</p>
<p>2011 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN</p> <p>Sik:706220, No Apologies, its Nice! \$280 Per Month</p>	<p>2010 NISSAN VERSA</p> <p>Sik:467005, Gas Saver! \$228 Per Month</p>	<p>2009 CHEVROLET MALIBU LT</p> <p>Sik:115991, All Power, Leather! \$245 Per Month</p>	<p>2010 NISSAN MAXIMA SV</p> <p>Sik:868406, Only 40k Miles! \$383 Per Month</p>	<p>2013 HYUNDAI ELANTRA GLS</p> <p>Sik:156504, True Gas Saver! \$297 Per Month</p>
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