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FCAT Results Are Mixed For Jefferson Co. Schools (District Still At Bottom In State)

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The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) on Friday, June 6, released the much-awaited scores of the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) 2.0, with overall mixed results for Jefferson County schools.

School Superintendent Al Cooksey rarely says much at School Board meetings. But at the Jefferson County School Board meeting on Monday evening, June 9, Cooksey let it be known that he was not pleased with the FCAT scores or that Jefferson County once again ranked at the bottom of schools in the state.

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Jefferson Elementary School fourth graders who scored at level 4 or higher on the FCAT 2.0 Writing, which results were released in late May, were treated to a limousine ride and lunch at the Golden Corral in Tallahassee on the last day of school as their reward.

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Woman Charged In Single-Vehicle Crash



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A local woman was charged over the weekend after being involved in a single-vehicle crash.

Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) reported that on June 8 at 11:50 p.m., Barbara Manning, 22, of Monticello, was driving a 1995 Ford Mustang traveling east on Rabon Road.

Manning advised that she was attempting to turn left onto Piney Woods Road and turned too early.

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Jefferson County Scores Wins In Recent Session

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Following on the June 2 signing of the state budget by Gov. Rick Scott, it appears that numerous Jefferson County projects are now securely in the bag, insofar as their legislative funding in the last session.

The \$77.1 billion budget the Governor signed, touted as the largest in state history, came loaded with funding for all kinds of special projects, of which Jefferson County was the recipient of several. Not to mention that local residents will also benefit from a \$400 million vehicle tag registration fee rollback.

As District 7 Representative Halsey Beshears tells it, he and Senator Bill Montford together were able to



Representative Halsey Beshears

bring home a combined \$134 million for their respective districts. District 7 covers Jefferson, Calhoun, Franklin, Gulf, Lafayette, Liberty, Madison, Taylor and Wakulla counties, as well as parts of Leon.

"In House District 7, we were able to secure funding for numerous water, infrastructure, and education projects while also protecting or increasing funding for fiscally constrained counties and our Rural Areas of Critical Economic Concern,"

Beshears emailed the News.

Jefferson County projects that Beshears says were funded, and the amount that each received, were: \$50,000 for the continued renovation and rehabilitation of the Lamont Schoolhouse; \$50,000 for the continued renovation and rehabilitation of the Monticello Old Jail Museum; \$350,000 for the continued renovation and rehabilitation of the Jefferson County Historic Monticello High School; and \$828,992 for a School Readiness Program (described as after-school program of the Early Learning Coalition for families on some form of government assistance).

Additionally, there were \$48,536 for a vocational rehabilitation. Please See SESSION Page 3

Revised Land Development Code Ready For Commission's Review

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Now that the Jefferson County Planning Commission has completed its lengthy review and revision of the Land Development Code (LDC) and produced a final draft, it's up to county commissioners to review and give the document their blessing.

Toward that aim, the Jefferson County Commission has scheduled a joint workshop with the planners on Thursday, June 12, at 6 p.m. in the courthouse annex.

As Planning Official Bill Tellefsen explained it to the commissioners on Tuesday, May 20, when he handed them copies of the draft document, the review is state required.

Specifically, he said, the Local Government Comprehensive Planning and Land Regulation Act of 1985 mandated the establishment of a comprehensive plan and land development regulations, along with a provision calling for the plan to undergo an Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) process every five years.

"Said Comprehensive Plan was intended to describe the community's projected growth for the next 20 years," Tellefsen said of comprehensive plans in general.

He noted that Jef-

erson County adopted its first Comprehensive Plan in July 1990 and its first LDC in December 1990. And since, the two documents had undergone various changes as a result of previous EARs.

These latest changes, Tellefsen explained, stemmed from the 2005 EAR process, which had actually started in late 2006.

"That EAR was approved by the county on Aug. 21, 2008, and submitted to the state," Tellefsen said. "The final EAR was adopted Aug. 19, 2010, including the Response to the Department of Community Affairs Preliminary Sufficiency Report dated Nov. 2008."

The Planning Commission had begun making revisions to the Comp Plan and the Future Land Use Map subsequent to the state approval, he continued. Which changes were ultimately adopted in February 2012, he said.

The LDC had then had to be updated to incorporate the changes of the 2025 Comprehensive Plan, he said.

"The LDC as submitted for your approval is a complete rewrite meant to wholly replace all previous versions of the code," Tellefsen said. "The Planning Commission has been very deliberate in fully evaluating these mostly re-organizational Please See CODE Page 3

Motorcycle VS. Vehicle

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A local woman was charged after being involved in a crash with a motorcycle.

Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) reported that at 7:23 p.m. on June 8, Kimberli Agnes, 55, of Monticello, was driving a 2012 Nissan Sentra, traveling north on US-19 in the inside lane.

In the vehicle, as a passenger was Mitchell Lamar Eure, 22, also of Monticello.

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County Man Involved In Leon Fatality

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A county man was involved in a Leon fatality over the weekend.

Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) reported that on June 7 at 4:53 a.m., Chad James Conklin, 41, of Monticello, was driving a Chevrolet 4500 truck, traveling north in the outside lane on US-27, approximately one mile north of Family Tree Drive.

James Edward Jowers, 20, of Havana, Please See FATALITY Page 3

Qualification For City Election Is June 16-20

The qualifying dates for two Monticello City Council seats that

are coming open next year are next week. The dates to qualify for the City Council

Groups 1 and 2 seats are noon Monday through noon Friday, June 16-20.

George Evans currently holds the Group 1 seat, and Tom Vogelgesang holds the Group 2 seat. The terms of the two expire in January 2015.

Both Evans and Vogelgesang have now pre-qualified, according to the elections office.

The primary is set for Tuesday, Aug. 26, and the general election for Tuesday, Nov. 4.

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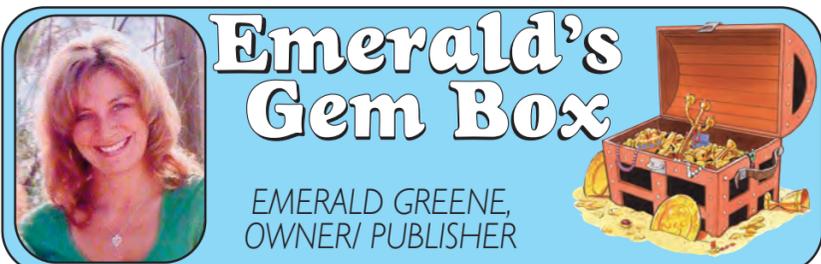
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Local Weather

Wed 6/11 93/71
A mix of clouds and sun with the chance of an isolated thunderstorm in the .

Thu 6/12 85/70
Thunderstorms, Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 70s.

Fri 6/13 83/69
Scattered thunderstorms. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 60s.



Emerald's Gem Box
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The Miss Watermelon Queen Pageant Is This Weekend

Baby to Junior Miss Pageant – 10:00 am
Miss and Teen Miss Pageant – 6:30 pm

The annual Jefferson County Watermelon Festival is kicking off again in full swing. I have the pleasure, again, of serving as the director of the Miss Watermelon Queen and Teen Miss Watermelon Queen pageants. The pageant will be held this Saturday night, June 14, at 6:30 p.m. at the old Jefferson County High School, auditorium on Water Street.

The fourth annual "Baby to Junior Miss" pageant will be held this Saturday morning from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., also at the old Jefferson County High School, on Water

Street. The "Baby to Junior Miss" pageant will highlight the formal/evening gown portion of pageantry and will conclude with the crowning of six new queens, in each of their respective age divisions, and two new Watermelon Kings.

The Miss Watermelon Queen contestants get their night started at 5:00 p.m. when they will compete in a private interview. The doors to the auditorium will open at 5:30 p.m., and at 6:30 p.m. the audience will sit back and enjoy the production of the Teen Miss and Miss Watermelon Queen Pageant.

The night will start with an opening dance, featuring all the young ladies. The Teen contestants will then compete in Sportswear and Evening Gown competitions and the Miss contestants will compete in Casual Wear and Evening Gown competitions. The night will conclude with the crowning of the two new 2014 Watermelon Queens.

So come on out and enjoy what promises to be a fun-filled day/evening.

Until then...see you around the town. (Or better yet, I'll see you Saturday and/or Saturday night, at the Watermelon Queen Pageant(s).

Letters To The Editor

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- All submitted Letters must be 600 words or less -

Obama's Brilliance

Dear Editor, With all due respect to the political pundits who seem befuddled by the Obama Administration's behaviors and policies, the explanations I hear the most are 'Obama is incompetent' 'He's in over his head' 'He's naïve', 'He doesn't understand the ways of the world', and 'He has pure motives that have just gone astray.' All of this could not be further from the truth. President Obama is none of these things. As long as we frame the activities of Obama like this, we are behind in the game. Obama is extremely competent and brilliant. He knows exactly what he is doing. First, this is socialist/communist ideological strategy, for toppling the system

they deem to replace. Basically, the scandals and seemingly foreign policy missteps are designed to do one thing, that is, to overload the system. You cannot get a handle on what is happening because it is happening so quickly, just as an electrical outlet has protection when it is overloaded by a breaker. This system is protected by the breaker. Unfortunately, our system of government does not have a breaker right now, due to the Obama Administration's lawless behavior. We have neutralized the system that is designed to protect us, which is the Constitution. If we do not understand what is happening, there is no way to repel our adversary. In the chess game of politics, those on top

of, behind, and under Obama, represent the vast ideological movement to eliminate any semblance of democracy. Add to that, he is not required to answer to the American people again, and the pace of these scandals etc., will continue at warp speed. The Republicans either lack the courage, the will, or the understanding to get back in the game. All the Democrats have to do is say the GOP is racist, sexist, and bigoted; the Republicans frantically look to find cover, instead of taking on the accusations. Our strategy is pathetic, and we are definitely losing the chess game. Let's hope we step up our game, or 'We in a heap of trouble!'

Lawrence Beger

The Dog Dayz Of Summer Are Here!



With the start of summer comes cookouts, pool days, and people basking in the sun with their furry friends beside them. MAYhem Sweets and Treats, The Other Side Vintage, and Black and Brindle Boutique have noticed that some people are lacking said furry companions, and local rescues and shelters have an abundance of adoptable pets that would fix this. Because of this, they've decided to host The Dog Dayz of Summer at The Other Side Vintage - to help summer love spark early!

Dogs, cats, puppies, and kittens will all be out to play at The Other Side Vintage in Railroad Square- 607 McDonnell Drive, Tallahassee, on Saturday June 21st, 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. There will be foster pets and animals brought from rescues and shelters

like Last Hope Rescue, Tallahassee Pets Alive, Voices of Change Animal League (VOCAL), and the Gadsden County Humane Society. All of which will be adoptable and looking for a loving home to call their own.

Vendors at the event will include Black and Brindle Boutique Tallahassee, MAYhem Sweets & Treats by Andi May, The OTHER SIDE Vintage, Tiniest Empire Cupcakes, Alix Miner, an Independent Lia Sophia advisor, Doggie Dayz Daycare and Training Facility LLC., Bangles and Baubles, Athena's Garden, Tasty Eats, Wonsaponatime Vintage, Cosmic Cat Comics, Renditions Gallery, and Petagon International Inc. Be the Solution will also be present and giving out free or discounted spay and neuter vouchers.

There will be food trucks and food ven-

dors at the event and children can get involved with games and crafts throughout the day. Attendees will be invited to do an agility course with their dog or any of the adoptable ones, and a dog wash area will be available for anyone interested. Of course, it would only make sense to commemorate the first celebration of summer with pet and human mini photo sessions from Greywater Photography before leaving. From 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. there will also be live music by The Dusty Gravelers to keep the mood light and energetic.

Anyone looking to get out of the house and enjoy the beautiful summer weather, see what animals are out there just in case one might be their future best friend, or even simply participate in the friendly Tallahassee community is welcome to come through The Dog Days of Summer. The event is free and open to people and dogs that are up to date on vaccines and leashed on non-retractable leashes. Donations will also be accepted for the local rescues and shelters that are participating. The first 50 visitors to stop into MAYhem Sweets and Treats by Andi May (Located inside The Other Side Vintage) will receive a free popsicle!

Animal rescues and shelters are always looking for donations and volunteers to help as they unfortunately always seem to be full. If you are interested in volunteering or helping in any way please contact Katelyn White at katelynwhite4@aol.com.



Man Suspected Of Stealing GPS Device Arrested After Calling 911 Because He Was Lost

Having a stolen GPS unit in his backpack didn't stop a Florida man from calling 911 because he was lost and being chased by wild pigs.

Andrew Joffe called 911 in Polk County to report that wild boars were chasing him around 1:50 a.m. Thursday and he was found walking several miles west of U.S. Highway

27. Police discovered that Joffe had an open warrant for driving with a suspended or revoked driver's license and he was brought into custody.

When deputies searched Joffe's backpack, they found a stolen GPS device that the 24-year-old admitted to stealing from a vehicle. Police also found other electronics, cellphones and earrings.

"We have had people with warrants call us to turn themselves in before, but it's unusual for someone with an active warrant, who just burglarized a car, to get lost and call us for help," Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd said. "In his defense, it does get pretty dark out on Deen Still Road in the middle of the night."

In addition to the driver's license charge, Joffe had burglary-conveyance and petit theft charges added to his rap sheet.

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Schools

"It's unacceptable to me," Cooksey declared, adding that change was coming.

He said that a performance evaluation of satisfactory was no longer acceptable. Excellence was the new standard and expectation, and anyone who couldn't cut it had better find employment elsewhere.

Cooksey said he hadn't been elected to sit and do nothing, nor would he do nothing. The district would improve, he said. It would not be at the bottom again next year nor would it be the laughingstock of the state, he vowed.

Although school officials are still crunching the numbers and extracting the finer nuances of the complicated FCAT results, a preliminary and superficial review of the scores doesn't bode well for the district overall.

Looking strictly at the district results between 2013 and 2014 by grade groupings, third through fifth graders here showed percentage losses in reading, math and science, while sixth through 10 graders generally improved, with the exception of one area, where no change occurred.

Locally, sixth through eight graders showed the greatest percentage gain in mathematics between 2013 and 2014. Overall, however, Jefferson County schools came nowhere near the state passing averages in any of the seven standardized testing areas. And according to the FDEO, Jefferson County schools were the lowest performer in the state in terms of the reading exam, with only 34 percent of students passing.

The test scores the FDEO released on Friday were for Grades 3 through 10 Reading, Grade 3 through 8 Mathematics, and Grades 5 and 8 Science.

The state requires a score of 3.0 or above to pass each of the tests. The following scores reflect the percentage of students locally who scored 3.0 or above on each of the tests by grade groupings. For the sake of comparison, the percentages are given for 2013 and 2014, as well as the percentage point change between the two years.

Grade 3-5 Reading — the percentages pass-

ing here were 37 percent in 2014 and 41 percent in 2013, a percentage point change of -4 percent. Statewide the passing average was 60 percent, up from 59 percent in 2013.

Grade 3-5 Mathematics — the percentages passing here were 34 percent in 2014 and 41 percent in 2013, a percentage point change of -7 percent. The statewide passing average was 59 percent, up from 58 percent in 2013.

Grade 5 Science — the percentages passing here were 26 percent in 2014 and 32 percent in 2013, a percentage point change of -6 percent. The statewide passing average was 54 percent, up from 53 percent in 2013.

Grade 6-8 Reading — the percentages passing here were 32 and 32 percents in 2014 and 2013 respectively, a 0 percentage point change. The statewide passing average was 58 percent, up from 57 percent in 2013.

Grade 9-10 Reading — the percentages passing here were 30 percent in 2014 and 27 percent in 2013, a percentage point change of +3 percent. The statewide passing average remained at 54 percent.

Grade 6-8 Mathematics — the percentages passing here were 33 percent in 2014 and 22 percent in 2013, a percentage point change of +11 percent. The statewide passing average remained at 53 percent.

Grade 8 Science — the percentages passing here were 11 percent in 2014 and 8 percent in 2013, a gain of +3 percent. The statewide passing average was 49 percent in 2014, a two-percent increase from the 47 percent in 2013.

Statewide, according to the FDEO, a little more than half of Florida students passed the math and reading exams, while 58 percent of third through eighth graders passed the reading exam, up one percent from the previous year.

As for math, 56 percent of third through eighth graders passed the test in 2014, the same as in 2013. And in science, 54 percent of fifth graders passed the test, up one percent from the previous year. Finally, 49 percent of eighth graders passed the science test, a two-

percent increase from the previous year.

Education Commissioner Pamela Stewart reportedly called the changes significant, if incremental.

"I think when we think about it from the education standpoint, when you increase by a percentage point you're moving in the right direction," Stewart is quoted saying.

Starting next year, the FCAT will no longer be administered. Students will instead be given an exam aligned with the Common Core standards, in accordance with new benchmarks adopted by 45 states and the District of Columbia. The new standards are reportedly designed to prepare students for college and the workforce.

According to the FDEO, the FCAT test score continue to show performance disparities along the lines of race, ethnicity, disability and English language learner status. The FDEO reports that 69 percent of white third through eighth-graders performed at a passing or higher level on the reading exam, compared with 54 percent of Hispanic students and 38 percent of black students.

The FDEO also reports notable differences in performance across the state's districts, with rural Gilchrist County schools in central Florida scoring the highest in reading, while Jefferson schools performed the lowest, with 67 to 34 percents respectively.

In other FCAT news, the FDEO earlier released the results of the 2.0 Writing scores for Grades 4, 8 and 10, which tests require a 3.5 or higher score to pass. The results show that 72 fourth graders at JES took the writing test, with 39 percent passing. Across the state, 53 percent of the 195,308 fourth graders who took the test passed it.

For Grade 8, 84 students at JCMHS took the test, with 29 percent passing. Statewide, 56 percent of the 199,204 eighth graders who took the test passed it.

For Grade 10, 44 students at JCMHS took the test, with 64 percent passing. Statewide, 64 percent of the 190,535 tenth graders who took the test passed it.

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County.

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Code

changes, having spent the past two years going through every sentence in the code three times. I'm proud of their efforts and grateful to them for the time spent."

Tellefsen recommended that the commission approve the ordinance adopting the 2014 LDC as submitted. He also requested the scheduling of one or more workshops prior to the required public hearing for adoption of the measure.

As part of his presentation, Tellefsen offered what he called "a roadmap" of the major revisions in the plan as well as the internal relocation of certain of its elements.

Among the examples he offered, Tellefsen noted that the clustering standards had been moved from Chapter 7 to Chapter 5. Also, the definitions had been removed from the individual chapters and grouped under the heading of

General Provisions in Chapter 1, he said.

Finally, specific land-use/activities not previously listed in the LDC as either allowable or prohibited in any land-use district — such as sawmills, for example — had now been added, Tellefsen said. The additions, moreover, included the categories, criteria and the appropriate land-use districts where the particular activities would be allowed, he said.

Manning

The vehicle traveled northeast across westbound travel lanes, and continued to travel onto the northeast grass shoulder.

The front of the vehicle collided with a drain

culvert at the intersection of Piney Woods Road, and came to rest at the point of impact, facing east.

Manning was wearing a seatbelt and uninjured.

FHP did not deem the

crash to be alcohol-related.

Manning's vehicle sustained \$1,000 damage.

FHP Trooper John Sleighter was assisted on the scene by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office.

Motorcycle

Kyle Zelker, 20, of Monticello, was driving a Honda 500 motorcycle in the inside lane, behind Agnes.

Agnes reported that she steered the vehicle into the left turn lane and slowed to stop.

As the vehicle slowed to stop, Eure opened the passenger door into traffic.

The left side of Zelkers motorcycle collided with the open vehicle door. The

motorcycle traveled northeast and overturned on its right side. Zelker was ejected and traveled northeast.

Both vehicles and drivers left the scene.

FHP did not deem the crash to be alcohol-related.

Agnes' vehicle sustained \$2,500 damage. Zelkers vehicle sustained \$1,000 damage.

Agnes was wearing a seatbelt. Zelker was not wearing a helmet. Agnes and Eure

were uninjured and did not require treatment.

Zelker received minor injuries and did not require treatment.

Agnes was charged with careless driving and leaving the scene.

Zelker was charged with no endorsement and leaving the scene.

FHP Trooper John Sleighter was assisted on the scene by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, and Jefferson County EMS.

Fatality

was walking south in the roadway, between the northbound inside and outside lanes.

Conklin swerved to the right, attempting to avoid a collision with Jowers.

The left outside mir-

ror and the left side of Conklin's vehicle struck Jowers.

Jowers was transported to Leon County Hospital, where he died from his injuries several hours late.

FHP did not deem the

incident to be alcohol-related. Charges are pending.

FHP Trooper Paul Azrak was assisted on the scene by the Leon County Sheriff's Office, Tallahassee Fire Department, and Leon County EMS.

Session

program for adults with disabilities, either operated by the Jefferson County School District or contracted to an agency that provides the service; \$117,163 for a Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Program, again a function of the Early Learning Coalition; \$125,000 to the City of Monticello for the rehabilitation of one of its water tanks; \$91,544 for Workforce Development; and \$10,808,161 for repairs and replacement to the rest area building and roadways on I-10 in Jefferson

County.

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Top Rated New Vehicles for Seniors

Dear Savvy Senior, Can you recommend any credible resources that rate the best vehicles for older drivers? My wife and I are both in our seventies and are looking to purchase a new automobile but could use some help choosing one that's age friendly. What can you tell us?

Car Shoppers

Dear Shoppers, While there are a number of websites that rate new vehicles for older drivers, one of the most credible is Edmunds.com, a top-rated online resource for automotive research information.

For 2014, they developed a list of "top 10 vehicles for seniors" based on user-friendly features that help compensate for many of the physical changes — like diminished vision, arthritis, and range of motion loss — that can come with aging.

But before we get to the list, here is a rundown of different features that are available on many new vehicles today and how they can help with various age-related physical problems. So depending on what ails you or your wife, here's what to look for.

Knee, hip or leg problems: For comfort, a better fit, and easier entry and

exit, look for vehicles that have six-way adjustable power seats that move the seat forward and backward, up and down, and the seat-back forward and backward. Also look for low door thresholds and seat heights that don't require too much bending or climbing to get into.

Limited upper body range of motion: If you have difficulty looking over your shoulder to back up or merge into traffic, look for vehicles with a large rear window for better visibility, wide-angle mirrors which can minimize blind spots, back-up cameras, active parallel park assistance, and blind-spot warning systems that alert you to objects in the way.

Arthritic hands: To help with difficult and painful gripping and turning problems, features that can help include a keyless entry and a push-button ignition, a thicker steering wheel, power mirrors and seats, and larger dashboard controls.

Diminished vision: Look for vehicles with larger instrument panels and dashboard controls with contrasting text that's easier to see. And those with sensitivity to glare will benefit from extendable sun visors, auto-dimming rearview mirror and glare reducing side mirrors.

2014 Best Vehicles

Here is Edmunds list of top 10 vehicles for 2014 listed in alphabetical order. Each offers features designed to support drivers coping with the conditions discussed above. Their picks include both sedans and SUVs, and range from top-of-the-line luxury models to those with more affordable price tags.

Acura RDX SUV, Audi A8 Sedan, Ford Taurus Sedan, Honda Accord Sedan, Hyundai Sonata Sedan, Lexus ES 350 Sedan, Mazda CX-9 SUV, Mercedes-Benz E-Class Sedan, Toyota Avalon Sedan and Volkswagen Passat.

To read more about the details of these choices visit edmunds.com and type in "Top 10 vehicles for seniors for 2014" into their search bar.

AAA Resource Another excellent resource that can help you choose a vehicle that meets your needs is the American Automobile Association's online tool called "Smart Features for Older Drivers."

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

This Is The Story Of A Cow Dog

BY, CLEO KELLY
Most people don't ponder much on the cow dog. They are usually mongrels. Not even pretty mutts, just powerful. The first cow dog I ever met was working. Canted over almost perpendicular to the earth, running at top speed, he over shot the four wheelers and nipped the big red cattle in the correct direction. When they were loaded, he stopped, hiked up a leg to scratch behind his ear and let his tongue loll as though it was too much trouble to roll it back into his mouth. The four wheelers started again and his haunches left the earth at a dead run. 0 to 60 couldn't touch him. That night around the fire tales were swapped with 'far-a-

diddle' embellishments that sent gales of laughter into the night. The dog stretched into the dust at his owner's feet, eyes closed, snoring just a bit. As darkness deepened, a well-worn shoe would rub against the battle scarred ears and Bubba would give a contented grunt. Somewhere outside the circle of light was a stir and the big yellow dog jumped up with a growl. Humans grew silent as Dan watched the stiff hairs rise along the back of his dog. "It's probably a raccoon." "Maybe a rabbit." "It's a coyote." Dan rubbed the dog's neck. "Do we need to take a look, Bubba?" The two walked to the ATV. The roar of the motor dwindled with distance. That was years

ago, Bubba, at 15 is no longer a perpendicular blu, out running men on machines and wayward heifers. He stretches out in the dust resting until he hears the four-wheeler's motor start. He stiff legs it to the machine and Dan puts the cigarette he carries in his mouth so he can heft him to the seat. They go to gather cattle. The ATV angling the herd where it is to go. Canting after a particularly obstinate piece of beef on the hoof, they get close and Bubba jumps off and nips at an agile heel. Pause, Bubba scrambles on and off they go. This is the story of a cow dog - lost. Coming by the grocery store to grab a steak for a much earned meal, Dan left his dog in the back of the truck and came out to find him gone. It's spring, nature calls; old and stiff he may be - but the dog answered. Three days Dan and Justin searched for him. More than just the frayed nerves of not knowing the whereabouts of the animal, is also wondering if he was gone for good with no goodbye. 15 faithful years friendship, loyalty and shared hardships make the loss so gut wrenching. So with dread of what we'd find, we put the word out to the town. "Have you seen?" "Did you hear?" "Has anyone reported." Our town rallied, and we followed their suggestions and rumors they heard until we had a clue. At Jimmie's Auto (tire) garage, we received hope. Yes, the dog had been there that morning until the air compressor startled him. He was headed out toward Boston Highway, (the way home). We called in our find and rode around the neighborhood to Carla's. She came out to greet us, scolding with concern because we missed seeing him asleep in the deep shade, because he was old, he had fleas and how dare we leave him in a truck. I had to hug

her soft heart that cared enough to defend an old stiff dog even as she informed us he was 15 if he was a day and didn't need to be working. Bubba came reluctantly to the strange car, put his right forepaw on the bumper and looked at us forlornly. "Yes, I'll help you in." He wagged a tail in thanks and we started home. Dan's big truck was rumbling down the long drive from the farmhouse when we pulled off Bassett Dairy Road. His face looked drawn as he rolled down the window. "You found Bubba?" I nodded toward the back of the Toyota. "Is he all right?" Tears choked my throat and I couldn't answer. We got out and opened the hatch as Dan's hesitant steps came closer. Bubba hit the ground at as close a run as he could get. He wiggled, waggled and rubbed up against his human. Dan drew in a deep breath and pulled the dog's tail in a show of affection as he berated him gently for getting out of the truck. Then he hefted him into the back of the Ford. "You can't take that dog to town without a collar." "I'm taking him home." He opened the door and looked back over his shoulder. "You don't put a collar on a cow dog." The big truck started, backed and headed up the long winding drive. Tears were washing through me, not just that Dan had Bubba home but about the way he came home. This town, this amazing little town, so full of big hearted people and loving kindness that it rallied to bring a happy ending for a tough, homely gray faced yellow cow dog and his grizzled cow man. This is a story about a cow dog, and all who helped get him back to the home on the hill, that he might stretch out by the fire and grunt contentedly as a well-worn shoe rubs gently behind his ear.

†† Obituary ††

DORIS JEAN POOLE BISHOP

Doris Jean Poole Bishop, 82, passed away on June 4, 2014 in Tallahassee, FL. Mrs. Doris was born in Greenville, FL. on February 29, 1932 to Marcus Perry Poole and Mittie Ellen Rogers. Mrs. Doris was the sister of Roy (Shirley) Faglie, Voncille (Franklin) Hightower and Betty (Kaiser) Oglesby. She was married to the late Mordaunt "Heedly" Bishop, Sr. Mrs. Doris worked as a homemaker, nurse and beautician. She was a member of the Silver Belles, past member of the Big Bend Hospice Board, Aucilla Booster Club, and had been very active in her church as a past Sunday School Teacher, Training Union Director, and Vacation Bible School teacher. She was also the oldest active living member of Central Baptist Church. Her greatest love in life, after her Savior Jesus Christ, was being

a mother and a grandmother. She and her beloved husband had three wonderful children: Mordaunt "Marty" Bishop, Jr. (Doris), Benjamin Dean "Benny" Bishop (Liz) and Tonya Ellen Bishop Roberts (Dave). They had 8 grandchildren together who affectionately called her "B": Mary Beth (Brett), Glen (Brittany), Matt, Colby (Laura), Trent, Rachel, Brittney (Kenny) and Jamie (Erik). They also had several nieces and nephews. Visitation for Mrs. Doris was held Friday, June 6, 2014, at Beggs Funeral Home, 485 E. Dogwood St. Monticello, FL. 32344. Funeral Service was held at Central Baptist Church, 625 Tindell Rd, Monticello, FL. 32344, Saturday, June 7, 2014, at 11:00 am. Burial followed the service at Bishop Cemetery, in the Bishop Woods, Aucilla, FL. Donations may be made to Central Baptist Church.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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June 11 Crazy Quilters meet from 1 to 3 p.m. in the community room at the Jefferson County Bailar Public Library every Wednesday. Anyone is welcome to drop by to sew, or to chat.
June 11, 12 Cardio Fitness at K&J's Fitness on Wednesday and Thursday at 6 p.m. at the old JCHS track/field off 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.
June 12 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. at 262 North Cherry Street. For schedule call 850-321-0036.
June 12 Girls Revival Fitness is making a difference at 4:30 p.m. on Monday and Thursday at 1065 South Water Street, at the American Legion Otto Walker Post 49. For more information contact Certified/Licensed Instructor Doris DeMauro Bishop at 850-591-0085 or doris@girlsrevival.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 Chacha, 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!
June 12 AA meeting 8 p.m. on Thursday at the Christ Episcopal Church

annex, 425 North Cherry Street. For more information call 850-997-2129.
June 12 Jefferson County Bailar Public Library will host the book signing of Doug Alderson, for his many writings, on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. His books include, Waters Less Traveled: Exploring Florida's Big Bend Coast; The Vision Keepers: Walking For Native Americans And The Earth; New Dawn For The Kissimmee River: Orlando To Okeechobee By Kayak; and Encounters With Florida's Endangered Wildlife. Sponsored by JCPL and MainStreet Monticello Florida.
June 13 Rotary will meet at 12 p.m. on Friday at the First Presbyterian Church, in the fellowship hall, for lunch, a meeting, program, and speaker. For questions or comments, go to angelagr@yaho.com.
June 13, 20, 27 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.
June 14 Scarlet O'Hatters will not meet at 11:30 a.m. on the second Saturday at a location of their choosing. Instead they will be attending the Monticello Woman's Club Watermelon Festival Noon Luncheon And Fashion Show on Thursday, June 19 at the Monticello Opera House. For ticket information contact MWC President Jaunita Faircloth at 850-509-6152. Contact Queen Mum Pat Muchowski at 850-997-0688 for information about the **Red Hat Society**.

AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

VBS Schedule



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June 16-18

Calvary Baptist Church, on the corner of Dogwood and Magnolia, is having VBS on June 16th, 17th, and 18th from 9am to 12pm. It is only 3 days this year but we have a lot planned. It is for ages 4-11. We are going to be learning about Moses and the Israelites as they journeyed to the "Promised Land" from Egypt. We will have arts and crafts, games, music, skits, snacks, and a daily Bible lesson.

June 16-20

First Baptist Church of Lloyd will hold Vacation Bible School from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Monday to Friday for children ages PreK3 to 6th grade. Kids love crazy, weird animals, the weirder the better. So, the globe has been searched for the most special, unique, rare, never-before-seen animals to help kids discover what Jesus' endless love means in their lives. Come sing and play through active learning, science creations, delicious food, outdoor games, and dramatic story presentations. Register now at www.fbclloyd.com.
Wacissa United Methodist will hold SonHarvest: Fruit of the Spirit all week from 6:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. This school is open to 3-13 year olds. The VBS will feature Bible study, skits, a music program, and crafts. To end the week with a bang, there will be a grand finale on Friday—a 'county fair' festival at Dude's Ranch in Wacissa where there will be pie eating, contests, and so much more. Parents are welcome at this fun Friday night extravaganza. No pre-registration is required: register at the door at the door. Questions? Call Teresa Tinker at (850) 933-8309.

July 11, 12, 13

Transforming Life Church will hold Blast Off! for kids from 5-12 years old. Blast Off begins Friday, July 11 at 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., continues Saturday, July 12 at 9:00a.m. to 11:30a.m., and concludes Sunday morning, July 13 at 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. During this time, kids will get an out of this world taste of Bible Points, adventures, singing, and crafts. Call 997-8527 to register and for details.

Is your church hosting a VBS? Contact Amber at (850) 997-3568 or monticellomedia@embarqmail.com to be included in the VBS calendar.

Winner!

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Travis Collins of Lloyd won tickets to Wild Adventures and sent his wife to claim them.

The two tickets included general admission and reserved seating for the Thomas Rhett and Rhett Akins concert at Wild Adventures Theme Park on June 7. ECB Publishing presented the contest and sends their regards to the Collins family and hopes they had fun. Congratulations to all the winners.

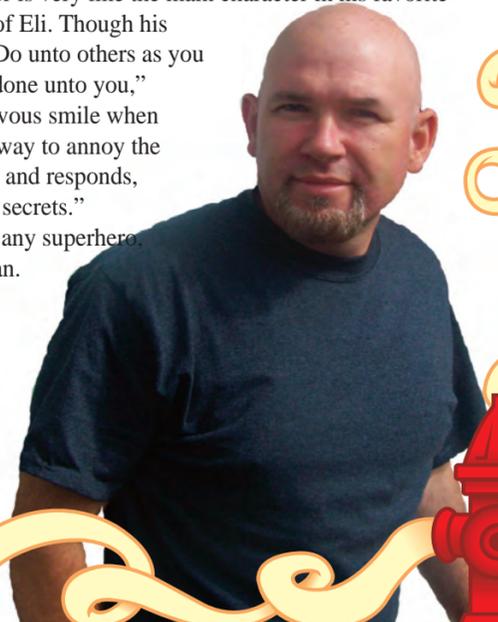


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Ron Motter

Ron Motter is a captain with 14 years of service at JCFR. Intelligent and capable, Motter is very like the main character in his favorite movie, The Book of Eli. Though his favorite quote is "Do unto others as you would have them done unto you," he gives a mischievous smile when asked his favorite way to annoy the other guys on shift and responds, "I can't give away secrets." If Motter could be any superhero, it would be Batman.

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Around the Courthouse Circle

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Courtesy Photo. Evelyn Holland, bedecked in pink, enjoys a ride in a pink limo. A friend of hers treated her to the limo ride and lunch. Was accompanied by a gaggle of school girls on this exciting lunch and shopping adventure to Tallahassee.



Sheila Slik teaches a Bible discussion class at the First UMC Monticello Vacation Bible School on Monday, June 9.



This picture could be you! If you are having summer fun, send in your pictures for submission to the Monticello News or tag us in your photos on facebook to be considered



Chase Oester shows off his picture of a whale. Oester got to do this craft and many other fun activities at the First UMC Monticello Vacation Bible School.

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Youth Worship (2nd Sunday).....11:00 AM
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Wednesday Evenings
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Bible Study.....7:00 P.M.

June 9-13
First United Methodist Church will hold its 'Gospel Lights SonTreasure Island' Vacation Bible School from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Monday to Friday; open to students through the fifth grade. Be ready to discover 'hidden treasures' about Jesus. Contact Director Julia Price 850-559-4784 for more information and to register.

June 9-13
Memorial Missionary Baptist Church will host its annual Revival Monday through Friday, at 7 p.m. nightly. The theme for this Revival is 'It's Not Over.' The Right Rev. Chris Burney of the Greater Saint Mark Primitive Baptist Church, in Tallahassee, will be the guest messenger through the week. The church is located at the corner of Martin Luther King Avenue and Second Street in Monticello. For more information contact Church Clerk Eunice Smith at 850-545-5814. Rev. Dr. J.B. Duval, pastor.

June 14, 28
StoryTime Ministry is held from 1 to 2 p.m. every other Saturday at the Jefferson County Bailar Public Library. For more information contact **First United Methodist Church** Ministry Chairman Barbara Hobbs at 850-523-1813.

June 15
First United Methodist Church and Katrina Richardson continue to host the Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University at 6 p.m. weekly in the Family Ministry Center. The nine-weeks of classes will be held on Sunday evenings. Learn how to take control of your family finances. Contact Richardson at 850-567-6451 for more detailed information.

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less love means in their lives. Come sing and play through active learning, science-y creations, tantalizing eats, outdoor games, and dramatic story presentations. Register now at www.fb-clloyd.com.

June 16-20
Elizabeth Baptist Church will hold its Vacation Bible School Monday through Friday beginning at 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. This year's theme, 'Agency D3 Discovery, Defend, Decide First Peter 3:15,' will keep the children very busy with lots of fun activities.

June 18
First Presbyterian Church will host EaglesWings, an outreach ministry serving the community, on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Volunteers are always needed to distribute food items and to donate non-perishable food items. Leave a message for JoAnne Arnold at 850-997-2252, or 850-997-1084, or go to eaglewingsmonticello@yahoo.com.

June 18
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.

June 19
Tri-County Ministries will host Farm Share every other Thursday beginning at 12 p.m. until the food supply is gone. Jefferson County residents may come to the Harvest Christian Center, at 1599 Springhollow Road, off Waukeenah Highway, to pick up a supply of garden vegetables and other fresh food items. For more information and to volunteer, contact Pastor Marvin Graham at 850-212-7669.

July 20
St. Rilla Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. James F. Mack, and First Lady Mack will sponsor a '100 Men' program be-

ginning at 5 p.m. on Sunday, at the church, 13 Barington Road. Attire will be black suits and gold accessories. The theme will be 'Boys to Men ~ Walking in Christian Faith.' Music will be furnished by the Gospel Tones of Tallahassee. Speaker for this special occasion will be a surprise. So, don't miss this spirit-filled program. For more information, concerns, or directions, contact church pastor James Mack at 850-997-7847, or 850-524-7785.

June 27
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.

June 27, 28
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.

July 5
Church of the Nazarene 'Clothing Giveaway' is held from 9 to 11 a.m. on the first Saturday of every month. For more information contact church pastor Rev. Clay Stephens at 850-528-5451.

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Central Church of Christ Welcomes New Pastor

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Central Church of Christ is home to the Carters now, a family of missionaries. The father of the family, Phil Carter, is their new pastor.

Energetic and plain-spoken, Phil is a breath of fresh air in a denomination that is dominated nationally by introverted, scholarly preachers. But where others excel at in-depth Bible study, historical perspective, and discussion, Phil is cut of a different cloth.

His sermons use every day language and PowerPoint presentations, and he is never one to be seen behind the pulpit. Church members have called him energetic and dynamic, despite that he is putting them outside of their comfort zones even from the starting gate.

Phil's first sermon series is on evangelism. He encourages building relationships, being kind to strangers, and inviting people to church. In his sermon on Sunday, June 1, he said, "I've met people and told them where I pastor, and they say 'really? I didn't know there

was a church over there.' We're going to build this church membership up."

In fact, Phil wants to build the church membership "like the founders of this church built the church—little by little, with patience and love." He said, "This church was built when four families, one of them the Loves, couldn't find a church that was kind and loving and accepting like they thought a church should be. So they started holding services and bible studies in someone's living room. Next they bought the land, and built the church, and planted the trees. Everything here, even the parsonage, was built with love."

Having been missionaries in over 11 different countries, Phil and the rest of the Carters are no strangers to evangelism. They hope to bring that expertise here and get the church more involved in the community. "I know how to break the ice," Phil said, with a mischievous grin. "In a lot of African villages, we'd pit one of our kids against one of theirs. Their fastest, nimblest, champion would compete with our kid in a fierce competition:



Amy and Phil Carter have moved to Monticello with their three children while Phil is the pastor at Central Church of Christ.

which kid could catch a chicken the fastest.

"It got people laughing and joking and really broke the ice. Evangelism is all about relationships, and we are really looking forward to building relationships here."

Please be sure to welcome Phil, his wife Amy, and his children, Ronin, Kai, and Ren. They can be seen around the community or at services at Central Baptist Church in Cooper's Pond at 11 a.m. on Sundays.

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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

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Mighty Monday—Ladies Bible Study.....6:00 PM

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Sunday Bible Study.....6:30 PM
Wednesday
Prayer Meeting.....6:30 PM
Youth Group.....6:00 PM
Choir Practice.....7:30 PM

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Wednesday Bible Study.....6:30 PM

"Save Our Sanctuary" Campaign One Brick at a Time

NAN BAUGHMAN
Trustee

The First United Methodist Church of Monticello announces the Save Our Sanctuary (SOS) campaign, One Brick At A Time. You are asking "How?"

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Your brick will make a difference in the Save Our Sanctuary Campaign.

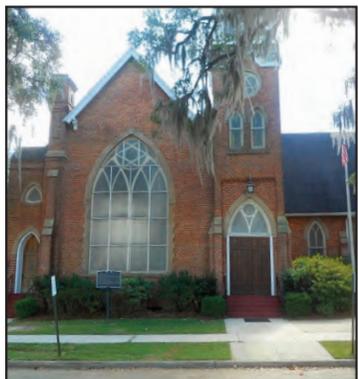
Each paver is 8"x4" and will be permanently installed in the walk area in front of the Chapel and office. Pavers will be offered at a cost of \$100 for the first paver and \$350 for a family block consisting of four pavers.

The funds collected as a result of this campaign will help to cover the costs associated with sealing the exterior of the Sanctuary thereby, saving our beloved structure from further damage due to exposure to the elements.

SOS fundraiser order forms are available in the Sanctuary, Church office, Family Ministry Center, or by visiting www.monticellofumc.org.

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SCHOOL

Wrapping Up The School Year

GLORIA COX
The end of another school year is here bringing excitement on one hand and perhaps some sadness on the other at leaving behind a year of great experiences, teachers and friends. All of this may be a little bittersweet for your child but here are a few ways you can help him/her to ease those end-of-school days blues.

Communicate and Connect

The days of school life your child has grown used to is about to come to an end. There may seem to be over enjoyment right now for free and easy days of summer, but more likely, there is probably some nervousness about leaving the school world. You can let your child know that there is no need to feel unhappy about school ending even though classmates may seem to be glad that school is ending. You can tell him/her a personal story about a time you were sad to leave school, or ask

your child to tell you what he will miss about being in school.

You can help your child keep in touch with classmates by asking about which friends he would like to keep seeing over the summer, and gather contact information for them. Before school is out, arrange some summer visits so that your child can look forward to seeing class friends weeks after school ends. If your child is attached to any of the teachers, have your child write an end-of-year thank-you letter or card, or create some other kind of remembrance. Working on the project will help your child feel connected to teacher, and the teacher will appreciate the idea of giving something that will last beyond attendance in class.

Celebrations and Closure

Jefferson Elementary and Jefferson Middle High Schools have both hosted many end-of-school activities and celebrations. Hopefully you have attended the functions with your

children and families so that your child can have a sense of closure and accomplishment. Don't forget to tell your child yourself how proud you are! If your child is graduating from elementary to middle school or finishing junior high, have a special celebration to commemorate the event.

Spend time remembering the year with your child. Consider making a scrapbook of memories or remembering and writing down some of the year's major events and accomplishments. To get started, have your child write a letter about what it is like to be finishing school now.

Finally, remember that it is very important to praise and encourage your child for all that he/she has learned and the changes made over the year. Stay tuned for more exciting news about our district's plans for summer learning activities for parents and students!

HAVE A HAPPY SUMMER!

Sorority Awards Scholarships To Area Students

SHARON G. BERRIAN

The Delta Kappa Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated recently awarded \$11,000 to several college-bound high school graduates and two university students.

The competitive scholarship is awarded yearly and based on several criteria including grade point average, community service, leadership experience, and a competitive essay.

"I am truly humbled to receive this scholarship. I think it is amazing that this sorority is investing in our future and helping us to achieve our future goals," said Nortory Mack, a Lincoln High School honor graduate who will be attending Florida A&M University on a scholarship.

An impressive scholar, Nortory has a grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale. She is also consistently on Lincoln High's honor roll and has been recognized by both the College Board and Duke Talent Search for her academic achievements. Nortory is also a member of the Mu Alpha Theta math honor society, International Thespian Society, and is active in track and field. She is also a Bright Future's recipient.

Nortory's Mom, Indy Mack echoed her gratitude. "We greatly ap-

preciate this scholarship," said Indy Mack. "This scholarship will help with books and other items that will make a positive difference in our daughter's life and the lives of the other recipients. Thank God for organizations like this that support the future of these young people."

"The Delta Kappa Omega Chapter is honored to celebrate the academic achievement of these deserving young scholars," said Carrie Gavin, Chairman, Scholarship and Awards Committee.

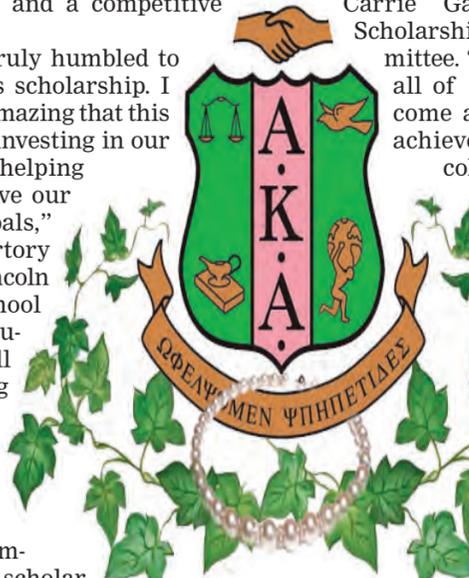
"We look forward to all of the great things to come as they continue to achieve in their respective colleges, universities and the communities where they will serve."

In addition to Nortory Mack, other recipients of the scholarship are: Hannah Acree,

Adrian DeMuth, Reyuana Gardner, Saikrishnapriya

Gunasegaran, Caitlin Harden, Justin Hover, Martina Kvitkovicova, Yu Liu, Kenya Lloyd, Shelby McCrackin, Markemia Peterson, Phong Pham, Deanne Roberts, Trey Warren and Keldrick Woodward.

FAMU Health Sciences student Shareese Leek was the recipient of the undergraduate scholarship. FAMU Biology/Pre-Med student Olabimpe Aishat Olayiwola was the recipient of the endowment scholarship.



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64th Annual Jefferson County Watermelon Festival Schedule Of Events

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• **June 13** - Kick-Off Dinner at Monticello Opera House, Fundraiser Dinner and Opening Night - 2014:Space Oddity presented by MADCO, 7 p.m. tickets available at the door or online. Dinner/Show and Show only tickets available. Festival tee-shirts and festival programs will be available. Show sponsored by MusicMasters, Duke Energy, and Beau Turner Youth Conservation Foundation

• **June 14** - Pageants, at the old Jefferson County High School, in the auditorium, 10 a.m. for Baby to Junior Pageant; 6:30 p.m. for Watermelon Queen and Teen Miss Pageant

• **June 16** - Lunch Jam at Two Sisters...New Beginnings, food by 4H, music by Carrie Cooley, Red Cross Booth

• **June 17** - Lunch Jam at Two Sisters...New Beginnings, food by Tiger Boosters, music by Hot Tamale

• **June 18** - Lunch Jam at Two Sisters...New Beginnings, food by Olive Baptist Church, music by Ric Edmiston

• **June 19** - Woman's Club Luncheon & Fashion Show at

Monticello Opera House, 12 p.m., tickets available at the Chamber, Honoring Barbara Hughes and Mark Kessler, Humane Society

• **June 20** - Vendor Load-In, Open by noon

• **June 20** - Rotary Barbecue Dinner at Monticello Opera House, 5 to 8 p.m. Announcing winners of: Baby Photo Contest, Capital City Bank Group Essay Writing Contest, Program Art Contest, Watermelon Carving Contest, and Pageant winners

• **June 20** - Children's Theater 2014:Space Oddity, 7 p.m. at Monticello Opera House, Monticello Acting & Dance Co., sponsored by MusicMasters, Duke Energy, and Beau Turner Youth Conservation Foundation

• **June 20** - Seed Spitting Contest at the Lotto Stage on the corner of Cherry and Dogwood streets, 8 p.m., sponsored by Duke Energy Sponsored by Gelling's Floral Design

• **June 20** - Street Dance at the Lotto Stage on the corner of Cherry and Dogwood streets, with Bobby Kennedy, sponsored by Duke Energy

• **June 20** - Ghost Tours from the Cham-

ber at 8 p.m.

• **June 21** - Watermelon Festival Day, Downtown Monticello Farmers & Merchants Bank Breakfast - 7 a.m. in the FMB parking lot Kiwanis 5K Melon Run - 8:15 a.m. starting at the Chamber:

Arts/Crafts and Food Vendors - beginning at 9 a.m. (or earlier for the early birds)

NEW! Paint Ball Target Shooting and WFSU Arts/Crafts Tent for kids

Parade - 10 a.m.

7th Annual Wally Bentley Car Show - 10 a.m. in the FMB parking lot

Jefferson Arts Gallery Members Exhibit - 10 a.m.

Children's Theater 2014:Space Oddity - 11:30 a.m. at the Monticello Opera House

Platform Events: TCC Jazz Band, Red Hill Cloggers, Hot Tamale, Craig Daniel Hardin and the Porch Lizards, BMX Bike Exhibition: trick riding and jumps, two shows at 12:45 p.m. and 1:45 p.m., plus a drawing for a free BMX Bike

• **June 21** - Ghost Tours from the Chamber at 8 p.m.

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2013 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report Jefferson Communities Water System, Inc.

We are pleased to present to you this year's Annual Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality of water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our water source is ground water from two wells. The wells draw from the Floridan Aquifer. Because of the excellent quality of our water, the only treatment required is chlorine for disinfection purposes.

In 2013 the Florida Department of Environmental Protection performed a Source Water Assessment on our system and a search of the data sources indicated no potential sources of contamination near our wells. The assessment results are available on the FDEP Source Water Assessment and Protection Program website at www.dep.state.fl.us/swapp.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact James R. Deal at (850)997-0314. We encourage our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled board meetings. They are held on the second Thursday of every other month at 7:00 p.m., 395 Water Mill Road, Lloyd. To check dates, please call our Member Service Office at (850)997-0314 or visit our website at www.jeffersonwater.com.

The Jefferson Communities Water System routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws, rules, and regulations. Except where indicated otherwise, this report is based on the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2013. Data obtained before January 1, 2013, and presented in this report are from the most recent testing done in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations.

In the table below, you may find unfamiliar terms and abbreviations. To help you better understand these terms, we've provided the following definitions:

Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

Initial Distribution System Evaluation (IDSE): An important part of the Stage 2 Disinfection Byproducts Rule (DBPR). The IDSE is a one-time study conducted by water systems to identify distribution system locations with high concentrations of trihalomethanes (THMs) and haloacetic acids (HAAs). Water systems will use results from the IDSE, in conjunction with their Stage 1 DBPR compliance monitoring data, to select compliance monitoring locations for the Stage 2 DBPR.

Maximum residual disinfectant level or MRDL: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum residual disinfectant level goal or MRDLG: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

"ND": means not detected and indicates that the substance was not found by laboratory analysis.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (µg/l): one part by weight of analyte to 1 billion parts by weight of the water sample.

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l): one part by weight of analyte to 1 million parts by weight of the water sample.

Picocurie per liter (pCi/L): measure of the radioactivity in water.

2013 TEST RESULTS TABLE

Radioactive Contaminants							
Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Radium 226+228 or combined radium (pCi/L)	Dec 09	N	0.8	ND-0.8	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits
Inorganic Contaminants							
Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Antimony (ppb)	Aug 12	N	0.2	ND-0.2	6	6	Discharge from petroleum refineries; fire retardants; ceramics; electronics; solder
Barium (ppm)	Aug 12	N	0.012	0.0053-0.012	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Beryllium (ppb)	Aug 12	N	0.1	ND-0.1	4	4	Discharge from metal refineries and coal-burning factories; discharge from electrical, aerospace, and defense industries
Chromium (ppb)	Aug 12	N	4.5	4.0-4.5	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	Aug 12	N	0.11	0.11-0.11	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories. Water additive which promotes strong teeth when at the optimum level of 0.7 ppm
Lead (point of entry) (ppb)	Aug 12	N	0.9	ND-0.9	0	15	Residue from man-made pollution such as auto emissions and paint; lead pipe, casing, and solder
Nickel (ppb)	Aug 12	N	1.0	1.0-1.0	N/A	100	Pollution from mining and refining operations. Natural occurrence in soil
Nitrate (as Nitrogen) (ppm)	Oct 13	N	0.44	0.43-0.44	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Selenium (ppb)	Aug 12	N	1.5	1.3-1.5	50	50	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines
Sodium (ppm)	Aug 12	N	3.8	3.8-3.8	N/A	160	Salt water intrusion, leaching from soil
Stage 1 Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products							
Disinfectant or Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL or MRDL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL or MRDL	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine (ppm)	Jan-Dec 13	N	0.72	0.6-0.8	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4.0	Water additive used to control microbes
Haloacetic Acids (five) (HAA5) (ppb)	Aug 12	N	7.69	0.67-14.7	N/A	MCL = 60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TTHM [Total trihalomethanes] (ppb)	Aug 12	N	0.51	0.22-0.8	N/A	MCL = 80	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Lead and Copper (Tap Water)							
Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	AL Exceeded (Y/N)	90th Percentile Result	No. of sampling sites exceeding the AL	MCLG	AL (Action Level)	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper (tap water) (ppm)	Jul-Dec 12	N	2.0	1 of 20	1.3	1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead (tap water) (ppb)	Jul-Dec 12	N	0.226	0 of 20	0	15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Jefferson Communities Water System is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- (A) Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- (B) Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- (C) Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- (D) Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- (E) Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

We at the Jefferson Communities Water System would like you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to insuring the quality of your water. If you have any questions or concerns about the information provided, please feel free to call any of the numbers listed.

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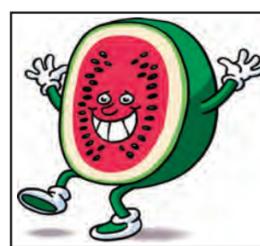
Mr. Watermelon Contest At Monticello Heath And Fitness Center

DEBBIE SNAPP
ECB Publishing
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Monticello Heath And Fitness Center will present its 5th Annual Mr. Watermelon Contest at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 19, at 760 East Washington Street.

The winner of this most prestigious event will receive a crown and will have a place of honor on the MHFC Watermelon Wall of Fame, along with all bragging rights and an appearance in the Watermelon Festival Parade on Saturday morning, June 21.

Sign up now and join the fun. Judging will be conducted by a qualified panel of women associated with MHFC. Refreshments and

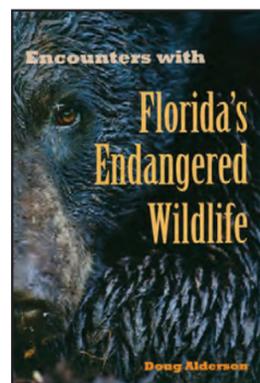
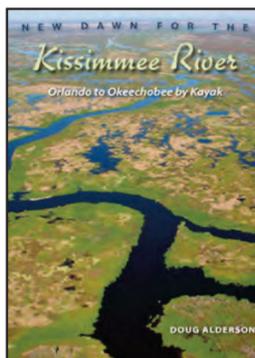


snacks to be served. Bring the family, bring a friend or several, to cheer you on to a win!

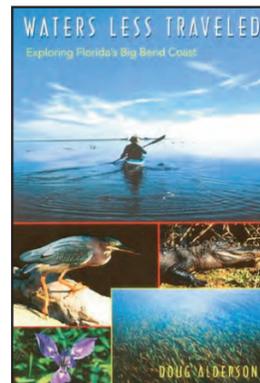
So, work out hard at your local MHFC, get that Speedo out of storage, and be ready to get cheered and ogled over. Entries are limited. If you want to compete, sign up now. Don't be later, or you will miss the winner of the Lose-2-Win-\$ contest receiving his award. Come find out who it is! Good luck to all.

Contact Owner/Operator Deborah D'Attile at 850-997-4400 for more details.

Doug Alderson Book Signing Thursday



Writer, photographer and Naturalist
Doug Alderson



DEBBIE SNAPP
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

MainStreet Florida, Inc. and the Jefferson County Bailar Public Library, on South Water Street in Monticello, will host a book signing with local author and historian Doug Alderson on Thursday, June 12, at 6:30 p.m.

Alderson is the author of several books, including 'Waters Less Traveled: Exploring Florida's Big Bend Coast', 'The Vision Keepers: Walking for Native Americans and the Earth', 'New Dawn for the Kissimmee

River: Orlando to Okeechobee by Kayak', and 'Encounters with Florida's Endangered Wildlife'.

Additionally, his articles and photographs have been featured in magazines such as Sea Kayaker, Wildlife Conservation, American Forests, Sierra, Mother Earth News, and Shaman's Drum.

The community is invited, and encouraged to attend this exciting time.

Refreshments will be served.

For more information contact MainStreet Project Manager Anne Holt at 850-576-0721 or ahholt@ahholt.com.

Woman's Club Benefit

Fashion Show

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AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

Dara Allen Wins Wild Adventures Tickets



ECB Publishing Photo By Debbie Snapp, June 3, 2014. Dara J. Allen won tickets from Monticello News, to Wild Adventures and reserved seating tickets to see the Thomas Rhett and Rhett Akins Concert on Saturday, June 7.

FMB Breakfast June 21

FRAN HUNT
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

The Farmers and Merchants Bank (FMB) Watermelon Festival Breakfast will be held from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m., Saturday, June 21 under the FMB drive-thru.

The menu will include scrambled eggs, bacon, grits, biscuits, coffee and orange juice.

The cost of the breakfast is \$5 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under.

Law enforcement, military, fire rescue/paramedics/EMS and Monticello city workers all eat for free. Spokesman Joe Anderson explained, "Usually the breakfast is only for current military personnel in uniform such as military band members who are participating in the parade, however, we certainly won't turn down anyone who has served; we honor their sacrifice."

Anderson said FMB personnel purchase, prepare, and provide the meals as a service to the community.

Farm Credit Invests In Florida Youth With FFA Donation

Florida's three Farm Credit associations have joined forces to contribute \$50,000 toward the new Florida FFA headquarters building in Gainesville to benefit the next generation in agriculture. The building will provide a permanent home for Florida FFA headquarters with funding opportunities open to FFA members, industry supporters, local FFA chapters and other interested parties.

"We are extremely pleased that Farm Credit has taken this bold step in securing its future and the future of nearly 17,000 FFA members by investing in the Building Our Legacy Campaign," said Gary Bartley, Executive Director of the Florida FFA Foundation.

"As an agricultural lending cooperative, we believe FFA is training our next generation of agricultural leaders today and we want to help foster the close relationship we have maintained over the years," said Rick Bitner, President and CEO of Farm Credit of Northwest Florida.

"This contribution is tangible evidence of Farm Credit's continued commitment to cultivating Florida's young, beginning and small farmers. FFA is one of our country's premier training grounds, utilizing agriculture as a teaching tool to develop this nation's leaders of tomorrow," said Richard Terry, Chairman of the Board of Farm Credit of Northwest Florida.

The new building is located on the campus of Florida Farm Bureau in Gainesville, and the design allows for several meeting rooms, state officer living quarters, a board room and office space.

The National FFA Organization (previously known as Future Farmers of America) has more than 587,000 student members preparing for more than 300,000 exciting careers in agriculture, agribusiness and related industries. The FFA mission is to prepare students for successful careers and a lifetime of informed choices in global agriculture, food, fiber and natural resources.

The three Farm Credit associations in Florida are part of the nationwide Farm Credit System created in 1916 to serve American farmers, ranchers, growers and rural homeowners. Farm Credit members share in their Association's profits through a patronage refund program. Since 1988, the refunds for Florida Farm Credit associations are approaching \$500 million, and have significantly lowered members' overall borrowing costs.

2013 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report Lamont Water System

We are pleased to present to you this year's Annual Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality of water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our water source is ground water from one well. The well draws from the Floridan Aquifer. Because of the excellent quality of our water, the only treatment required is chlorine for disinfection purposes.

In 2013 the Florida Department of Environmental Protection performed a Source Water Assessment on our system and a search of the data sources indicated no potential sources of contamination near our wells. The assessment results are available on the FDEP Source Water Assessment and Protection Program website at www.dep.state.fl.us/swapp.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact James R. Deal at (850)997-0314. We encourage our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled board meetings. They are held on the second Thursday of every other month at 7:00 p.m., 395 Water Mill Road, Lloyd. To check dates, please call our Member Service Office at (850)997-0314 or visit our website at www.jeffersonwater.com.

The Lamont Water System routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws, rules, and regulations. Except where indicated otherwise, this report is based on the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2013. Data obtained before January 1, 2013, and presented in this report are from the most recent testing done in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations.

In the table below, you may find unfamiliar terms and abbreviations. To help you better understand these terms, we've provided the following definitions:

Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

Initial Distribution System Evaluation (IDSE): An important part of the Stage 2 Disinfection Byproducts Rule (DBPR). The IDSE is a one-time study conducted by water systems to identify distribution system locations with high concentrations of trihalomethanes (THMs) and haloacetic acids (HAAs). Water systems will use results from the IDSE, in conjunction with their Stage 1 DBPR compliance monitoring data, to select compliance monitoring locations for the Stage 2 DBPR.

Maximum residual disinfectant level or MRDL: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum residual disinfectant level goal or MRDLG: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

"ND": means not detected and indicates that the substance was not found by laboratory analysis.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (µg/l): one part by weight of analyte to 1 billion parts by weight of the water sample.

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l): one part by weight of analyte to 1 million parts by weight of the water sample.

Picocurie per liter (pCi/L): measure of the radioactivity in water.

2013 TEST RESULTS TABLE

Radioactive Contaminants							
Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Radium 226+228 or combined radium (pCi/L)	Dec 09	N	0.8	N/A	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits

Inorganic Contaminants							
Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Antimony (ppb)	Aug 12	N	0.1	N/A	6	6	Discharge from petroleum refineries; fire retardants; ceramics; electronics; solder
Barium (ppm)	Aug 12	N	0.01	N/A	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	Aug 12	N	0.1	N/A	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories. Water additive which promotes strong teeth when at the optimum level of 0.7 ppm
Nickel (ppb)	Aug 12	N	1.5	N/A	N/A	100	Pollution from mining and refining operations. Natural occurrence in soil
Nitrate (as Nitrogen) (ppm)	Oct 13	N	0.21	N/A	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Selenium (ppb)	Aug 12	N	1.2	N/A	50	50	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines
Sodium (ppm)	Aug 12	N	3.4	N/A	N/A	160	Salt water intrusion, leaching from soil

Stage 1 Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products							
Disinfectant or Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	MCL or MRDL Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range of Results	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL or MRDL	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine (ppm)	Jan-Dec 13	N	0.75	0.6-0.8	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4.0	Water additive used to control microbes
Haloacetic Acids (five) (HAA5) (ppb)	Aug 12	N	24.3	N/A	N/A	MCL = 60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TTHM [Total trihalomethanes] (ppb)	Aug 12	N	4.48	N/A	N/A	MCL = 80	By-product of drinking water disinfection

Lead and Copper (Tap Water)							
Contaminant and Unit of Measurement	Dates of sampling (mo./yr.)	AL Exceeded (Y/N)	90th Percentile Result	No. of sampling sites exceeding the AL	MCLG	AL (Action Level)	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper (tap water) (ppm)	Jun-Sep 12	N	1.34	1 of 10	1.3	1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead (tap water) (ppb)	Jun-Sep 12	N	10	1 of 10	0	15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Lamont Water System is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- (A) Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- (B) Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- (C) Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- (D) Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- (E) Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

We at the Lamont Water System would like you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to insuring the quality of your water. If you have any questions or concerns about the information provided, please feel free to call any of the numbers listed.

AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

Happy Father's Day Benjamin Lamar



ECB Publishing Photo By Debbie Snapp, June 5, 2014.

DEBBIE SNAPP
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

Benjamin Lamar is the widowed father of Michael Lamar and is grandfather to "two beautiful girls," he proudly states. His son lives and works in Tallahassee.

When asked 'what one piece of advice would you give to your son' he was quick to say, "Don't let yourself get into a situation you can't get out of."

Father's Day gifts that he's enjoyed over the years have included dining out and clothing.

Benjamin spent his life in the footsteps of his father, working in the dairy industry, until a tumble with a horse left him with a broken thighbone and a permanent disability.

He was born to Robert and Alza Lee Smith Lamar on May 21, 1946, and has lived in Jefferson County all of his life. He is one of eleven siblings; five boys and six girls. He graduated from the local school system in 1968 and mentions that he does still enjoy the women! He also enjoys his pasture garden and being by himself.

He is a member of the Hickory Hill Missionary Baptist Church and spends most days at the Jefferson Senior Citizens Center.

Historical Simpson House Receives Official Marker



Valerie Dam receives a recognition marker for her historical Monticello Simpson House, ca 1910, on May 15.



Pictured from left to right are: Monticello City Clerk Emily Anderson, Charles Davis, Valerie Dam, Dana Anderson, Terri Dunn, Donna Skelton, Troy Avera, and Susan Rissman during the May 15 meeting of the Monticello Historic Design and Review Board.

On Thursday, May 15, during the Monticello Historic Design and Review Board meeting, Valerie Dam received a historic marker for the Simpson House at 1115 East Pearl Street to acknowledge its recent recognition by the Historic Design and Review Board and the Monticello City Council as an important historic building in Monticello.

The marker was presented by the Monticello Area Historic Preservation Association, Inc. (MAHPA) in recognition of the work of the Dams and their

willingness to voluntarily include it as a protected historic building in the community.

Built in 1910, the large two story home was purchased by Valerie and her husband, Bob about 10 years ago and has been carefully preserved to reflect that era.

At the same time, the Crew-Wideman home also received recognition as a historic Monticello structure.

The Monticello Area Historic Preserva-

tion Association will be providing similar markers at no cost to any home owner who voluntarily has their home designated as historic by the Monticello Historic Design and Review Board and added to the increasing number of buildings in the City.

Any building or structure 50 years old or older and in the city limits is eligible for consideration. Information may be obtained by contacting City Clerk Emily Anderson at 850-342-0153.

The application process is free and assistance can be provided to help if needed. In addition, MAHPA is willing to discuss with owners of downtown commercial buildings in the historic district, appropriate markers of modest size that indicate the original use and date of construction of the building.

For more information on markers or signs on designated historic commercial building, contact Tom Dunn at 850-997-6552.

Who's The Best Dad Ever

Think your dad is the best ever?

Then you won't want to miss out on the chance to nominate him in our Who's The Best Dad Ever Contest. To nominate your dad, simply fill out the form at the bottom of this page and submit it to the newspaper by noon Friday, June 13th. If you don't have time to bring it in you can also email your entry to Donna monticelloadrep@yahoo.com

We will then randomly pick a winner Friday the 13th at 1:00 p.m.

The winning dad will receive a 33 inch combo Reel and Rod along with a tub of worms and a cricket bucket with about 100 Crickets compliments of Stewarts Bait & Tackle.

We Thank you for your entry and we wish you the best of luck. To all the Proud Fathers out there HAPPY FATHERS DAY!

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Who's The Best Dad Ever

ENTRY FORM

Deadline for entries is 12 p.m., Friday, June 13.

Your Name: _____

Why is your Dad the best Dad ever?: _____

Your Father's Name: _____

Phone# _____

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ELECTRICIANS AND ELECTRICIAN HELPERS for Jefferson County area. Call Mathers Electric Company at 850-576-2342 6/11, 13, pd

Yard Sales

FAMILY YARD SALE Sat. June 14 7am - 4pm 1385 Florida Ave. Baby Items, Lots of Misc. Household. 6/11, 13, pd

YARD SALE Sat. June 14 9am - 5pm at 109 Carrdian Rd. off Hwy. 19 1 mi. South of St. line. Household Items, Furniture, Lots of Free Stuff. 229-403-4554. 6/11, 13, c

YARD SALE Sat. June 14 8am - 2pm at 153 Reichdorff Acres Rd. Ashville Hwy. past St. Margaret Church on left. Furniture, Tools, Bedding, Quilts, Misc. Household, Hand loading Equip., Dremel, Gun Cabinet, & Much More. 6/11, 13, pd

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NOTICE

The Jefferson County Housing Department announces approximately \$521,000 available through the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) program for fiscal years 2011/2012, 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 to be used for the following Local Housing Assistance Plan strategies: Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation and Homebuyer Purchase Assistance. Please note that funding for rehabilitation will only be used to support existing housing. The strategies are as follows:

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

Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Strategy
The purpose of this strategy is to provide repairs or improvements needed for safety and sanitary rehabilitation and/or correction of code violations. The maximum amount of SHIP funds that may be awarded per unit is \$40,000. The homeowner must claim homestead exemption and the home must be occupied by the owner in order to be considered for rehabilitation. Applicants are limited to assistance once every (10) years. Applications will be considered on a first come, first served basis. **Mobile Homes are not eligible for assistance.**

Any questions regarding the SHIP application can be addressed by calling GSG at (352) 381-1975. Please note that there is currently no SHIP Waiting List. All interested persons will need to initially apply or re-apply as previously received applications have not been archived. SHIP Applications will be available beginning **Friday, May 30, 2014** between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm, Monday thru Friday at the Jefferson County Building Department Office located at 445 W Palmer Mill Road, Monticello, Florida 32344, via online at www.meridiancommunitysolutions.com, or by calling (352) 381-1975. Applications are required to be **HAND DELIVERED ONLY** on **Monday, June 30, 2014** between the hours of 12 Noon, EST to 3:00 pm EST. No applications will be accepted before or after the designated time. Applications submitted via mail **WILL NOT** be accepted. Deliver applications to:
Jefferson County Building Department Office
445 W Palmer Mill Road
Monticello, Florida 32344
850-877-1908

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

Questions regarding the SHIP program and application process should be directed to Government Services Group, Inc., at (352) 381-1975. A FAIR HOUSING/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/HANDICAP ACCESS JURISDICTION 6/4,6,11/2014

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

IN RE: ESTATE OF ROOSEVELT HARLEY, Deceased.

File Number: 14-32-CP

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of ROOSEVELT HARLEY, deceased, whose date of death was April 28, 2014, is pending in the Circuit Court for Jefferson County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 1 Courthouse Circle, Monticello, Florida 32344. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is June 4, 2014

Attorney for Personal Representative: T. Buckingham Bird, Esq. P.O. Box 247 Monticello, Florida 32345

Personal Representative: Joan Kelly 321 Cats Paw Court Cane Ridge, Tennessee 37013 6/4,6/11,2014

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING:

The District Board of Trustees of North Florida Community College will hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the NFCC Board Room, NFCC, 325 NW Turner Davis Dr., Madison, FL. A copy of the agenda may be obtained by writing: NFCC, Office of the President, 325 NW Turner Davis Dr., Madison, FL 32340. For disability-related accommodations, contact the NFCC Office of College Advancement, 850-973-1653. NFCC is an equal access/equal opportunity employer. 6/11/14

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

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff, vs. MICHAEL HILINSKI A/K/A MICHAEL GEORGE HILINSKI, JR. A/K/A MICHAEL G. HILINSKI, JR. A/K/A MICHAEL G. HILINSKI, et al, Defendant(s).

CASE NO.: 33-2009-CA-000054 DIVISION:

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated May 27, 2014 and entered in Case NO. 33-2009-CA-000054 of the Circuit Court of the SECOND Judicial Circuit in and for JEFFERSON County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, is the Plaintiff and MICHAEL HILINSKI A/K/A MICHAEL GEORGE HILINSKI, JR. A/K/A MICHAEL G. HILINSKI, JR. A/K/A MICHAEL G. HILINSKI; DAMARYS HILINSKI; PERO MARTINEZ; AIDA MARTINEZ; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON BEHALF OF U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; LVNV FUNDING, LLC, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO SEARS; ATLANTIC CREDIT & FINANCE, INC., AS ASSIGNEE OF HOUSEHOLD BANK; CACH, LLC; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at NORTH DOOR OF THE COURT-HOUSE LOBBY IN JEFFERSON COUNTY, MONTICELLO, FLORIDA at 11:00AM, on the 3rd day of July, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

A TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND BEING A PORTION OF THAT PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 439, PAGE 6 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST, JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA AND RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 30 MINUTES EAST 303.00 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE RUN NORTH 60 DEGREES 00 MINUTES WEST 1625 FEET TO THE SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF THE LINE OF COUNTY ROAD 259, THENCE RUN SOUTH 36 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST (BEARING BASE) ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 210.00 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE RUN SOUTH 59 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 40 SECONDS EAST 579.49 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE RUN SOUTH 36 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST 421.12 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE RUN SOUTH 53 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 47 SECONDS EAST 58.22 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT, THENCE RUN SOUTH 58 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 36 SECONDS EAST 461.25 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE RUN NORTH 36 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST 437.13 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE RUN NORTH 59 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST 520.84 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. TOGETHER WITH A 30 FEET WIDE EASEMENT OVER AND ACROSS THE NORTHERLY 30 FEET THERE OF BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST, JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA AND RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 30 MINUTES EAST A DISTANCE OF 303.00 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE RUN NORTH 60 DEGREES 00 MINUTES WEST, A DISTANCE OF 1625 FEET TO THE SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD 259, THENCE RUN SOUTH 36 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST (BEARING BASE) ALONG SAID RIGHT AWAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 210.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING, RUN SOUTH 59 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 40 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 579.49 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE RUN SOUTH 36 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 30.20 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE RUN NORTH 59 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 579.49 FEET TO THE SOUTHEASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD 259, THENCE RUN NORTH 36 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 00 EAST, ALONG SAID RIGHT AWAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 30.20 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

TOGETHER WITH THAT 2005 CAVALIER HOME, BEARING AND RS NO. 06-E5147 TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 2005 CAVALIER MOBILE HOME LOCATED THEREON AS A FIXTURE AND APPURTENANCE THERETO: VIN# BL06GA0137214A AND BL06GA0137214B. A/K/A 6025 WAUKEENAH HIGHWAY, MONTICELLO, FL 32344

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on May 28, 2014.

Kirk B. Reams
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Sherry Sears
Deputy Clerk

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The Story Of Nine Cats Continues

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For those animal lovers who have read the stories in the Jefferson Journal about the nine cats in need of homes (March 28, 2014), and how they were all adopted by the same anonymous person (April 25, 2014) the story continues with an update on their new living style.

The person who adopted them wished to be known only as Still Anonymous. She said, “As an avid animal lover and rescuer, I have been captivated by the recent Jefferson County Humane Society articles in the Jefferson Journal about the nine cats that needed homes, and that they were adopted. So captivated in fact, that I am the anonymous person who opened her heart and adopted them.”

“I would like other animal lovers to see how these babies will be living for the rest of their lives in their special built cattery,” she said.

The cattery is a very unique and creative “kitty condo” with every comfort and need within their paws reach.

During the day the cattery is shaded, with ample amounts of sunshine first thing in the morning for the cats to sun themselves in.

It is attached to the barn on the property,

and the fully encircled, including the top, measures approximately 25 by 15 feet, and includes, cat walks, bend of trees to be used as both ladders to the upper cat walks and natural scratch posts, three litter boxes are on the outside, there are cat boxes to hide in, toys to play with, and all the love one could imagine.

The inside portion of the cattery measures 12 by six feet, and is heated and has air conditioning, each cat has his or her own bed, there are plenty of shelves for climbing, lots of fresh food and water, two litter boxes, scratch posts, and even cat treats.

The five cat litter boxes are cleaned twice daily. And the food and water are kept fresh.

Still Anonymous learned each cat and their names and personalities within a day’s time. “I love them all, it was so easy to do,” she reported. “I love feeding and caring for them, I even love cleaning the litter boxes,” she said.

The cats, ages from about two years to 12 years old, all run and play as if the kitten in them has been released. Just watching them prance and play about the cattery is such a joy to behold. They are very content and loving felines.

And they have the comfort of neighbors.



ECB Publishing photos by Fran Hunt, May 9, 2014
Sing-Sing struts the yard of the cattery.



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Joey and Sing-Sing enjoy the upper level cat walk of the cattery.

Next to them is a second cattery with a colony of eight cats, which were rescues from Gadsden County.

So now, not only do Joey, William, Bubba, Skitty, Jasmine, Ebony, Kit-Kat, Sing-Sing, and Heidi have their forever homes, they are content, and once again, young at heart.

“I’m not a hoarder,” said Still Anonymous. “I can properly take care of all my animals. They are happy, and they are healthy.” She added that some may think it was cruel to keep the cats in an enclosure, but quite the opposite is true.

“Some time ago, with the original colony of eight, an assistant left the inner door of the cattery open. I was on the porch watering flowers and happened to look over, and half the cats were out. I went to get them back in, when I got up to them, some were screaming to get back inside and the others were climbing the wire to get back inside.

They were frantic to get back in. It is their safe place,” she recalled. “They were terrified. They love their environment. It is not cruel.”

A special kudos goes out to Frank Bennington, who dropped what he was doing and custom built the cattery so the cats could be adopted and leave the shelter in a timely manner. That kudos came from Still Anonymous. “He worked very hard to get the cattery ready so the cats could get out of the shelter. Now, they are very social, and very happy.” The cattery took him approximately eight hard days of labor to complete.

Kudos still goes out to Still Anonymous for adopting them all and wishing them to stay together.

So, what is the main motivation of Still Anonymous? “The hope that someone will step in and pay it forward when my time comes to leave this world,” she concluded.

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Financial Focus... What Can Vacations Teach You about Investing?

Summer is almost here — which means it’s officially vacation season. You may be looking forward to “getting away from it all,” but, as you know, vacations actually require a fair amount of planning. And it might surprise you to learn that some of the efforts required for successful vacations can impart some valuable lessons in other areas of your life — such as investing.

Here are some vacation-related moves that you may want to transfer to the investment and financial arenas:

Secure your home. If you’re going on vacation for a week or so, you may need to take some steps to safeguard your home: stopping your mail and newspaper, putting on a timer to turn on lights, alerting your neighbors that you’ll be out of town, and so on. But while it’s important to secure your home today, you will also want to help ensure it will be there for your family in the future, should anything happen to you. That’s why you’ll want to maintain adequate life and disability insurance.

Know your route. If you are driving to your vacation destination, you will want to plan your route beforehand, so that you can avoid time-consuming delays and detours. And to reach your financial goals, such as a comfortable retirement, you will also want to chart your course — by creating an investment strategy that is designed to help you work towards those goals based on your specific risk tolerance, investment preferences and time horizon.

Keep enough gas in the tank. As you set out on a road trip, you need a full tank of gas in your car, and you’ll have to keep refueling along the way. And to “go the distance” in pursuing your financial goals, you will need to have sufficient “fuel” in the form of investments with reasonable growth potential. Without a reasonable amount of growth-oriented vehicles in your portfolio, you could lose ground to inflation and potentially fall short of your objectives — so, over time, you may need to “refuel” by reviewing your portfolio and rebalancing if necessary.

Protect yourself from getting burned. If your vacation plans include a stay at the beach, you’ll need to protect yourself and your family from the hot sun — so make sure you’re all using sunscreen. When you invest, you can also get “burned” if you are not careful — especially if you are inclined to chase after “hot” investments. By the time you hear about these so-called sizzlers, they may already be cooling off, and, even more importantly, they just might not be appropriate for your goals and risk tolerance. Instead of becoming a “heat-seeking” investor, focus your efforts on building a diversified array of quality investments appropriate for your needs. If you only own one type of financial asset, and a downturn hits that asset class, your portfolio could take a big hit. But by diversifying your holdings, you can help reduce the effects of volatility. Keep in mind, though, that diversification, by itself, can’t guarantee profits or protect against loss.

As we’ve seen, some of the same principles that apply to creating a vacation may also be applicable to your investing habits. So, put these principles to work to enjoy a pleasant vacation — and a potentially rewarding investment experience.

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