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Watermelon Festivities Continue

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Staff Writer

Festival goers have already enjoyed the Kick-Off Dinner, and the 2014: Space Oddity, presented by MADCO on June 13, and the pageants, which included the Baby to Junior Miss, and Miss and Teen Miss Pageants, on June 14, and the Lunch Jams, hosted at Two Sisters...New Beginnings, on June 16, 17, and 18.

Festivities con-

tinue with the Woman's Club Luncheon and Fashion Show on Thursday, at noon, at the Monticello Opera House. The meal will be the famous Woman's Club chicken salad meal, and local ladies will model the many modern fashions provided by Wag the Dog. Tickets are \$12. Call Jaunita at 509-6152 for further information or to purchase tickets.

Early Friday morning, vendors will begin setting up their booths,

which will be open by noon.

Rotary will host its annual Watermelon Festival barbecue dinner sales, 5 p.m. until 8 p.m., at the Monticello Opera House. Tickets are available from any Rotary Club member for \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 12. Tickets will also be available at the door. Eat in or carry out is available. The meal includes Rotary's world famous barbecue Boston Butt, corn on the cob, secret recipe

baked beans, coleslaw, bread, iced tea and a wide variety of homemade desserts.

During the Rotary Barbecue, inside the Opera House winners of the baby photo contest, Capital City Bank Group Essay Writing Contest, Program Art Contest, Watermelon Carving Contest, and Pageant winners, will be announced.

At 7 p.m., MADCO presents 2014: Space Oddity, performed by Please See **FESTIVITIES Page 3**

Annual 4th Celebration Cancelled For This July

LAZARO ALEMAN
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The traditional Independence Day celebration and fireworks show won't be happening this July 4, although the expectation is that it will return next year — possibly bigger and better.

Pyrotechnic virtuoso Wallace Bullock, who has been orchestrating the annual event for nearly 30 years, last week confirmed its cancellation for this coming July 4.

Difficulties on both the fundraising and volunteer recruiting fronts apparently

doomed the celebration.

"It's true," a disappointed Bullock emailed the News on Wednesday, June 11. "No fireworks this year. Everyone wants to see it happen but no one steps up to the plate to help make it happen. Everyone wants to help but no one does. We could not stir up the financial or the work support to pull it off."

He added that for whatever reason, people simply weren't participating at the same levels as in previous years.

"We are looking for Please See **CANCELLED Page 3**



Photo courtesy of Dr. Anne Holt, June 14, 2014

Participants in the Sunrise on Wacissa paddling excursion took part in a two-hour exploration of the Wacissa River on Saturday morning, including a visit to the Blue Spring, a first magnitude spring. The event, a prelude of sorts to the Watermelon Festival, was sponsored by Georgia Ackerman, the Greater Red Hills Awareness Initiative and Tall Timbers Research Station & Land Conservancy.

Policy Review Workshop: Much Ado About Nothing

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After 2½ hours of discussing four policies at a recent workshop (Thursday evening, June 5), the Jefferson County School Board made only a few minor revisions, particularly to the previously controversial Attendance Outside the District of Residence Policy.

Tellingly, not a single parent attended the workshop, although a couple of board members acknowledged receiving emails on the latter policy. In brief, the policy that is set to experience the greatest change as a result of the workshop is the Disposal of School Property Policy.

Policy 2.110, titled Advertising, Promoting the Interest of Private Property, essentially came about because the district lacked guidelines as to how it could permit commercial advertisement on district properties.

Specifically, the issue came about when

School Superintendent Al Cooksey asked School Board Attorney Opal McKinney-Williams if and how the district could allow advertisements on the electronic sign installed not long ago outside the administration building on West Washington Street.

In researching the request, McKinney-Williams realized that no policy existed.

And as Cooksey expressed it at the workshop, the reason for installation of the sign, along with another that he plans to have installed outside Jefferson County Middle High School, is to permit commercial advertisement for the sake of raising revenues.

Policy 2.110 spells the types of advertisements that will be permitted on district properties and under what conditions they will be permitted, leaving the decision and contract negotiations to the superintendent's discretion, subject to board review and approval. Please See **WORKSHOP Page 3**

Voter Registration Is Easier Than You Think



Popping up all around Jefferson County, election signs herald the coming of election season. Get registered to vote today.

AMBER HOUSTON
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

With yard signs sprouting up faster than summer weeds, it's time to get out and register to vote.

Voter registration is easy: simply drop by the Supervisor of Elections' office or its website. Marty Bishop, Supervisor of Elections explains the process: "Come on by the office or online. You'll need to fill out a quick 12-question registration and hand it to my lovely secretary. She'll put it in the computer system, and verification will be mailed to you."

Bishop continues, "If you want to do it at home, simply drop by our website, fill out the same form, and you'll get the verification in the mail. See how easy?"

All registering voters need is their driver's license, unless they know their drivers' license number off the top of their head.

Now is the best time to register: by State law, voters can only register up until July 28 for the primary election.

To register or for questions, visit the Jefferson County Supervisor of Elections office at 380 W. Dogwood Street or call (850) 997-3348.

Long-Awaited Farm Bill Offers Assistance To Farmers

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The 2014 Farm Bill, though two years late, will offer much needed assistance to local farmers, provided they sign up in time.

This bill restored several USDA disaster assistance programs, including the Livestock Forage Disaster Program, the Livestock Indemnity Program, and the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program.

The Livestock Forage Disaster Program

offers assistance to farmers who suffered losses in grazing since October 2011 specifically due to drought or fire. The qualifications are that the county these farmers graze must have experienced D2 drought for eight or more consecutive weeks; D3 drought at any time; D3 drought for four consecutive weeks; or D4 drought for four weeks. The level of drought and duration will decide how much financial assistance will be provided.

Records show that Please See **FARM BILL Page 3**

Unknown Driver Wrecks Pick-Up

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Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) is seeking the driver of a pick-up truck, which wrecked a vehicle and left the scene over the weekend.

FHP reported that on June 14 at 6:54 a.m., a 2006 Ford F-350 was traveling northbound on Lake Road in the north lane, .25 miles north of Tecumseh Road.

The vehicle traveled onto the eastern shoulder of the road.

and continued traveling in a northerly direction. The vehicle rotated one quarter of a turn clockwise and struck a utility pole on the eastern shoulder, with its left front.

The vehicle came to rest facing northeast on the eastern shoulder of the road.

The driver failed to remain at the scene. The vehicle sustained \$15,000 damage.

FHP Trooper JD Smith was assisted on the scene by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office.



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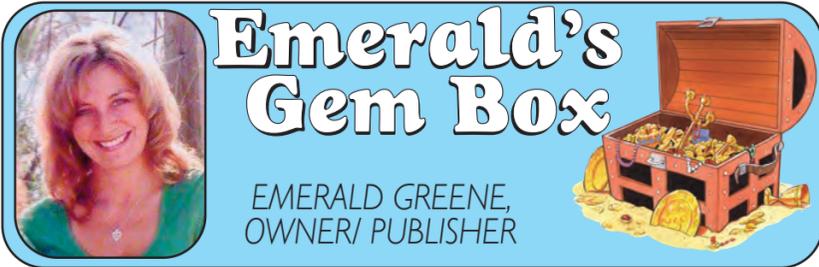
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Local Weather

Wed 6/18 93/70
Slight chance of a thunderstorm.

Thu 6/19 92/70
Partly cloudy, chance of a thunderstorm.

Fri 6/20 92/71
Isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.



Emerald's Gem Box
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New Watermelon Queens Crowned This Past Weekend



We (pageant directors) pose with the new 2014 Miss and Teen Miss Watermelon Royalty. Pictured left to right: Brooke Kinsley, Cheltsie Kinsley, Miss Watermelon Queen Caroline Yaun, Teen Miss Watermelon Queen Stephanie English, and me - Emerald Greene.

This past Saturday was the 2014 Miss, Teen Miss, and "Baby to Junior Miss" Watermelon Pageants. As I had stated in last week's column, I had the pleasure/honor of serving as the director of that pageant, along with the wonderful help of my two daughters, Cheltsie and Brooke. I couldn't have pulled the weekend (last two months) off without them.

I have had a wonderful time the last few weeks getting to know the seven girls that were vying for the crowns of Miss and Teen Miss Watermelon Queen.

Saturday morning during the fourth annual "Baby to Junior Miss" pageant, we crowned six new queens and two new kings. It is always so much fun to watch all the little girls with their pretty new dresses and new pretty "hair-do's" and listen at all the excitement in their voices.

Saturday evening's production went wonderful and I would like to say that I had as much fun as the girls did. It was then that we crowned our new 2014 Miss Watermelon Queen and Teen Miss Watermelon Queen.

I would like to send out congratulations to all our new queens/king: Baby Miss Queen, Sadie Prime; Infant Miss Queen, Harper McLeod; Mr. Infant Watermelon King, Rhett Raker; Tiny Miss Queen, Arianna Brown; Mr. Tiny Watermelon King, Dustin Boucher; Little Miss Queen, Maggie Walker; Young Miss Queen, Keagen Curry; Junior Miss Queen, Bailey

McLeod; Teen Miss Watermelon Queen, Stephanie English; and the Miss Watermelon Queen, Caroline Yaun.

A special thank you goes out to the area businesses that donated to the Watermelon Pageant:

** Gelling's Floral Design - All Queen's Flower Bouquets

** Capital City Bank - A Dry Erase/Tack Board for Teen Miss and Miss Winners

** Monticello Health & Fitness Center - 5 Free Tanning Sessions for Miss Winner

** Tupelo's Bakery and Café - \$15 Gift Certificate for Miss Winner

** Monticello News/Jefferson Journal - One Year e-pub Subscription for Teen Miss and Miss Winners

** Rosemary Tree Café - \$15 Gift Certificate for Teen Miss Winner

** Sorensen's Tire - Free Oil Change for Miss Winner

** Christine's Beauty and Barber Salon - Free Shampoo and Hair Cut for Miss Winner

** Stewart Heating & Cooling - \$25 to the Teen Miss and Miss Winners

** Katrina's Kitchens - \$10 Gift Certificate to the Teen Miss and Miss Winners

** Jefferson Country Club - Free Round of Golf for the Teen Miss and Miss Winners

** Stewart's Pharmacy - Free Bottle of Bio-freeze for the Teen Miss and Miss Winners

** Lisa Jackson with Beauty Control - Face Scrub for Teen Miss and Miss Winners

** Emerald Greene - Rhinestone Crown Pin for Teen Miss and Miss

Winners

Also, a thank you goes out to local businesses, and private citizens, that donated in other ways: Daryl Adams - emcee for the evening; Capital City Bank employees - score tabulators for both pageants; Rancho Grande - provided supper for the judges; The Brick House Restaurant - provided lunch for the Judges; Cliff Miller for handling our sound and music equipment; Michaela Metcalfe for being the back stage "runner"; and a special thank you to Nan Baughman for helping me throughout both pageants and just being there for me during the last few months of planning.

But, my biggest thank you goes to my daughters, Cheltsie and Brooke. I could not have done so much in such little time, without their help. Cheltsie taught the opening number dance and by far did so much work and kept me straight. In the next few years we will see her name as "the" director and I will then become her helper.

I hope everyone remembers that the Watermelon Festival and parade is this upcoming Saturday, June 21. Make plans to attend the parade and walk around downtown Monticello to enjoy all the vendors and entertainment that is lined up.

Make sure to pick up this coming Friday's Jefferson County Journal for the full story and all the pictures from the pageant.

Until then...see you around the town (or at the Watermelon Festival Parade.)

Searching For Ambrosia

Rose Klein
Guest Columnist



Copy Cat Cooking

One of the benefits (or downfalls) of studying food and working in a test kitchen is, no matter where I go to eat I am always analyzing the food. Now, before any of my friends read this and become paranoid about cooking for me (which has happened in the past), I promise you, I enjoy the food. I just want to learn how to make what ever it is I'm eating. Trying to pick out the flavors and particular spices used is like a game for me and if you happen to be eating out with me, I hope you will play along.

Copying food is something I have done professionally, but it is something I really enjoy doing at home. Developing a recipe to recreate a dish, when you're having to start with the finished product, can sometimes be tricky and may take a few tries to get it right. I don't get frustrated if this happens, to me, it becomes a challenge and my mind won't let it go until I get it right, or at least as close to right as I'm happy with.

That's the case of my latest "copy cat" food. I discovered Teriyaki Tofu at a downtown Tallahassee Japanese restaurant and have returned there several times just for that dish. When I finally decided to make this at home, I knew it wouldn't take too much for me to recreate because the food is so simple. It is fried tofu, with Teriyaki sauce drizzled over the top; very simple, but very delicious. The appearance of my at home version looked more like something you'd order from a sports bar instead of a fine restaurant, but the flavor was just as good, making it a successful recreation.

If you've never tried tofu, but are attracted to it's health properties, this could be a good experiment for you to try. Tofu is high in protein but low in calories and makes a good meat replacement for those trying to reduce their cholesterol or intake of meat. Tofu is bean curd, made much



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My version of Teriyaki Tofu is not as refined as what I have eaten at a restaurant, but I love it just the same. like cheese, and has a bland taste, which makes it perfect for taking on flavors of whatever you pair it with. In this case it will be Teriyaki sauce so make sure you have a good one. It took me a few tries, but I found a purchased one I really enjoy. Yes, you can make it, but I didn't. I coated my tofu pieces before frying with panko because I wanted some crunch, contributing to the "sports bar" appearance, but giving me the end result I wanted.

I used coconut oil to fry, which is okay if you keep the heat right under 350 degrees, because coconut oil will begin to smoke at that temperature (not a good thing). There are other oils that have a higher smoke point, but I had coconut oil and like the healthy benefits of it, so that's what I went with.

When I order this at the restaurant, it's served with steamed rice, broccoli and carrots, which is wonderful, but at home, I like rice and lightly stir-fried green beans. Experiment with this and see what you like. You could even fry up a few pieces and sneak them in beside someone's chicken nuggets, cheese sticks or fried mushrooms, now how fun would that be!

Letters To The Editor

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

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GOOD TRADE?

Well I guess Mr. Obama will have his way about Gitmo. He could not close Gitmo one way so he will close it another. He will trade all of the criminals back to Al-Qaeda.

Five of the worst cutthroat criminals in Gitmo were traded for the release of one American. Further investigation revealed that the one American was of questionable character. That, in fact, five years ago he had abandoned his post in

Afghanistan and been captured. Six American soldiers lost their lives looking for him. The soldiers that served with him believe he deserted his post and wandered off.

The investigation into exactly what the facts are continues. But let's look at the trade on its face. Should we negotiate with terrorists? We have never done so in the past. Should the President have consulted Congress? The law requires it. Does it make sense to trade one

American for five of the worst cutthroats in the history of the war with Al-Qaeda? It does not, unless you sympathize with the enemy.

I believe, unfortunately, that this President does not like the United States of America and wants to change it according to his beliefs. I do not believe that his beliefs are compatible with the best interests of this country and the best interests of a free and independent America.

Charles E. McClellan

Failed Jefferson County School System

Dear editor: The June 11, 2014 edition of the Monticello News included an article detailing the Jefferson County public school system's (continued) failure to provide a minimal education for the students unlucky enough to be enrollees therein.

Is there something in Jefferson County water that makes the students and teachers stupid? I think not. The Aucilla Christian Academy doesn't seem

to perform so poorly.

Taxpayers are on the hook for some \$15,000 a year for each student in the Jefferson County school system. What return are they getting for their "investment"?

Adding insult to injury, we now learn that "qualified students" will be fed year round by the public schools, all "free" of course. One supposes that includes bussing to and from the schools for the "free" breakfasts and lunches. If the

quality of feeding equals the quality of the education provided parents might need to think hard before signing-up for the "free" meals.

Perhaps it's time to admit that government-run schools are no longer viable in Jefferson County and spare the taxpayers by shutting down the system and letting parents find alternative means to teach their children.

Jack Shelley

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the Children's Theater group, and sponsored by Duke Energy and Turner Youth Foundation. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for teens, and \$3 for children ages 12 and under.

At 8 p.m., enjoy the seed-spitting contest at the Lotto Stage, located at the intersection of Cherry and Dogwood streets.

Also enjoy the Street Dance, featuring Bobby Kennedy.

Also at 8 p.m., in front of the Chamber of Commerce, have a ghostly good time with members of the Big Bend Ghost Trackers and special guest tour guide news channel 27 WTXL Anchor Jade Bulecza.

One out of every three homes or businesses in Monticello are presently haunted or have in the past experienced a haunting. Join in on this 90-minute ghost walking tour to some of the most haunted locations in downtown Historic Monticello.

You will learn not only the history of the town but also something of those said to still haunt the living.

The walking tours are \$15 for ages 13 to adults, \$12 for children ages 8-12 and children under the age of seven are free.

The 75-minute ghost hunt in the Old 1827 City Cemetery is also being offered, immediately following the tour. The ghost hunt is \$15. Those opting to take both will receive a discount.

Saturday is Festival

Day! Start the day off with a hearty breakfast at Farmers and Merchant's Bank drive through at 7 a.m. 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.

Then trot on down to the corner of South Water Street and West Washington for the start of the Kiwanis 5-K run at 8:15 a.m., and cheer on your favorite runners.

At 9 a.m., the vendor's booths will open. Find arts, crafts, household needs, knick-knacks, food, drinks, and of course adoptable pets, which need forever loving homes, and much, much more.

The parade begins at 10 a.m. with line-up on South Jefferson Street.

The 7th Annual Wally Bentley Car Show begins at 10 a.m. in the Farmers and Merchant's Bank parking lot. Judging will be at noon, after which, there will be a raffle drawing. Tickets are \$1 each for prizes or the cash pool. You must be present to win.

The Jefferson Arts Gallery Exhibit will open at 10 a.m. for browsers to come in, cool off, and enjoy the many artworks of local artists.

In case you missed the earlier perform-

ances, catch the children's theater, "2014: Space Oddity" at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for teens, and \$3 for children ages 12 and under.

Platform events will begin shortly after the conclusion of the parade, and will be held at the Lotto stage, located at the intersection of Cherry and Dogwood streets. Entertainment will include the TCC Jazz Band, Red Hill Cloggers, Hot Tamale, Daniel Harden and the Porch Lizards, and a BMX bike exhibition, which includes trick riding and jumps. There will be two shows, one at 12:45, and one at 1:45, plus there will be a drawing for a free BMX bike.

At the end of the day, the festivities wind down with the haunted ghost tour at 8 p.m., in front of the Chamber of Commerce. Join members of the Big Bend Ghost Trackers and special guest tour guide news channel 27 WTXL Anchor Jade Bulecza.

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Cancelled

ward to a larger and more productive event next year," Bullock wrote in closing. "Hopefully things will get better for everyone. I am as disappointed as anyone. I feel it's my responsibility and I've let a lot of people down, but I can't do it alone."

The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and others of the groups responsible for the fundraising effort conceded that contributions haven't been as forthcoming as in the past — possibly a lingering consequence of the recession. These groups say they will continue collecting donations, which monies will be deposited in specially

established accounts at Capital City and Farmers & Merchants banks in preparation for next year's event.

The veteran groups took up the fundraising responsibility for the event in 2010 with the aim of reestablishing the celebration after a two-year hiatus, following more than 20 years of consistent shows. The reason for the earlier cancellations, of course, was a lack of funding.

Indeed, almost since the onset, funding issues have plagued the event, a problem stemming from the enterprise's very nature.

A volunteer-driven event largely depend-

ent on contributions from businesses, government and members of the public for its realization, the funding has frequently been an iffy proposition until the last minute, when the threat of the event's cancellation spurs a rash of contributions.

It can cost upwards of \$20,000 for only the materials to put on a show, and then the different components must be assembled into specific fireworks — a time-consuming process. Not to mention the preparations for the actual show, a task that requires a couple of days and the involvement of countless volunteers.

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Farm Bill

Jefferson County meets all of these requirements, even within the period of February 2012 to the present. The program is legally capable of providing retroactive assistance all the way back to October 2011, though, and personal grazing times will vary. To determine personal eligibility, visit the Farm Service Agency eligibility calculator at droughtmonitor.unl.edu/fsa/FsaEligibility-County.aspx

The Livestock Indemnity Program covers livestock deaths due to blizzard, hurricane,

flood, wildfire, disease, or extreme temperatures. This past winter showcased extreme cold, and Jefferson County has been no stranger to drought since 2012. This program will help defray the cost of livestock deaths including turkeys, cows, chickens, buffalo, pigs, deer, elk, emus, horses, goats, sheep, ducks, llamas, and more.

According to the Farm Service Agency website, the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program "provides assis-

tance for livestock grazing, feed, and death losses; honeybee feed, colony, and hive losses; and fish feed and death losses. ELAP also covers losses related to expenses incurred to gather cattle for cattle tick fever treatment and, beginning in 2014, for losses related to the cost of transporting water due to an eligible drought."

An agent with the Farm Service Agency can assist local farmers with their personal eligibility and application process. To contact the Florida state office, call (352) 379-4500.

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proval. Likewise for field banners that the district allows advertisers to place at athletic facilities.

The superintendent's office is to work up an advertisement fee schedule for the board's review and approval.

For accountability purposes, all monies collected from advertisement will be deposited in a central district account for general use.

Policy 6.203, titled Regular Student Activity Sources of Receipts, largely supplements and complements the former policy.

Policy 6.203 spells out the legitimate enterprises that students and district staff may engage in to raise revenues, such as operating concession stands, holding fundraising drives and charging entrance fees for athletic events.

The one change was the addition of a provision establishing a student athletic participation fee, with the details and amount to be worked out and posted in the student handbook. Discussed was a possible \$100 fee, understanding that it in no way substituted for other incidental costs associated with particular sports and that parents would still be responsible for paying.

There also appeared to be no consensus as to whether the \$100 would constitute a one-time annual fee, no matter how many different sports a particular student played, or a fee per individual sport activity.

What the board did make clear, however, was that, as with the revenues from advertisements, the sports participation fees would also be deposited in a central district account for accountability reasons.

Policy 6.504 deals with the disposal of school property, as the title clearly states. The issue here is that the policy specifically states amounts and what the board may or may not do relative to the disposal of property.

Central to the discussion is the Old Howard Academy, the former all-black school here before desegregation. Members of the

African-American community want to acquire the property so that the historic building can be converted into a museum or community center.

As the policy now stands, however, the board would have to auction the building publicly and award it to the highest bidder.

School Board Member Sandra Saunders argued passionately for language that would allow the board to donate the building to the community.

The way the issue was left, McKinney-Williams agreed to rewrite the policy in a broader and more generic form, along the lines of the state statute and most other districts' policies on the issue. The revisions, in effect, would leave it to the board's discretion to decide what to do with surplus properties.

McKinney-Williams, however, couldn't emphasize enough that as a public entity charged with the public's trust, the board had a responsibility to do what was in the public's best interest, which typically meant getting the highest value possible for a property, or some equal consideration.

Policy 7.109, titled Attendance Outside the District of Residence, conceivably the most controversial of the policies, failed to evoke much discussion.

School Board Member Charles Boland reiterated his call for repeal of the policy, which request went unheeded, as before.

School Board Larry Halsey offered that his earlier attempt to revise the policy had been in the interest of tweaking and making it better, which attempt apparently had been misunderstood by both the board and public.

School Board Shirley Washington said the current policy did what it was supposed to do. It set the circumstances and conditions under which students could attend schools outside the district, provided they met the established requirements.

And Saunders reiterated her belief that, absent a policy, the board was essentially

throwing up its hands and saying, 'do what you will, we don't care'. Moreover, as a parent she had been faced with the dilemma of working in Leon County while her daughter had struggled through the problems of the school system here. She had not pulled her daughter out from the district and the latter had nonetheless done well academically and was now attending FSU, she said.

Her position was basically that if she had been able to do it, other parents should be able to do it also, she said.

School Board Chairman Phil Barker possibly best summarized the situation. As things stood now, Barker said, students who attended the research schools such as FSUS and FAMUS were essentially exempt from the policy, as the two schools' charters defined their districts as including Jefferson and other counties.

As for some other students, parents were finding a means of getting them into other district schools, whether by hook or crook, with some parents going so far as to falsify documents to make it appear that the child lived in other than Jefferson County, he said.

That left the hardship cases, undeniably the hardest to decide, he said. The way he saw it, the board could throw up its hands and allow Leon County to decide what students it wanted to take and it settled for the students Leon didn't accept, he said.

Or the board could continue to let the superintendent review each case and make a recommendation to the School Board that the latter could then vote it up or down.

Which effectively translated into leaving the policy as is.

A mildly frustrated Halsey had the last word. Could the board at least, for the sake of grammatical correctness, tweak the policy to the degree of correcting the wording "student process" to "student progress", as obviously had been intended, he said.

And with that one revision, the board was done with the policy.

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June 18, 25
StoryTime for ages baby to five, at the Jefferson County R.J. Bailar Public Library, in the community room, on Wednesdays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Call the library at 850-342-0205 for more information about books, songs, arts & crafts, and early literacy.

June 18, 21, 25, 28
Jefferson Arts will host 'Reflections of Jefferson County,' a members show, on display in the gallery from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays through the

wasend of July. See Jefferson County through the eyes of local artists as they share their views of this unique slice of Florida. From backyard flowers to historical buildings to landscapes and more, it's fun to see what other folks consider and find memorable. The Arts is located at 575 West Washington Street in downtown Monticello, 850-997-3311.

June 18, 23, 24, 25
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 18, 19, 25, 26
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 19, 26
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 Cha-cha, Salsa, and Meringue will keep you moving without twisting and turning those knee and ankle joints that just don't work like they used to. This class will give a fun cardiovascular and will work on balance. First class is free!

June 19, 26
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 19
Monticello Woman's Club Noon Luncheon and Fashion Show on Thursday at the Opera House. This Watermelon Festival fundraising event will be filled with doorprizes, raffles, a chicken salad and fresh fruit meal and lots of other surprises. For tickets contact President Jaunita Faircloth at 850-509-6152. Fashions from Wag The Dog Thrift Shop, will be modeled by volunteers

June 20, 27
Rotary will meet at 12 p.m. on Friday at the First Presbyterian Church, in the fellowship hall, for lunch, a meeting, program, and speaker. For questions or

comments, go to angelagracy@yahoo.com.

June 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 23, 30
Al-Anon meeting at 8 p.m. on Monday at the Anglican Church, 124 Jefferson Avenue in Thomasville. For more information go to www.al-anon.alateen.org.

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June 23
Alzheimer's and Dementia Support is held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. usually on the fourth Monday at First United Methodist Church in the Family Ministry Center on West Walnut Street in Monticello. A light lunch is provided and your loved one is provided respite care during the group meeting. This is a free monthly program. Call the Alzheimer's Project at 850-386-2778 for more information or 850-997-5545 for directions.

June 24
Jefferson County Shared Services meets quarterly at 9:30 a.m. on the last Tuesday of the month at the Jefferson County Bailar Public Library. Community residents and agencies are invited to attend these informational meetings about the goings-on in the area. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this very informative community meeting. This is an opportunity for agencies to share services. Agenda items include agency sharing and a Whole Child Technical Forum. For more information about these meetings, or to be a speaker at any of these meetings, contact Cindy Hutto, business manager, at cjhutto@healthystartjmt.org or 850-948-2741. (Community Agencies Working For Jefferson County.)

BBGT Haunted Tours June 20 And 21

FRAN HUNT
 Staff Writer

Come if you dare to the 90-minute haunted tour being presented by the Big Bend Ghost Trackers (BBGT) 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday, June 20 and 21 and see some of the most haunted destinations in Monticello, named "The South's Most Haunted Small Town" and learn of their histories.

Come along with Big Bend Ghost Trackers and special guest tour guide news channel 27 WTXL Anchor Jade Bulecza.

One out of every three homes or businesses in Monticello are presently haunted or have in the past experienced a haunting. Join in on this 90-minute ghost walking tour to some of the most haunted locations in downtown historic Monticello.

You will learn not only the history of the town but also something of those said to still haunt the living.

The walking tours are \$15 for ages 13 to adults; \$12 for children ages 8-12 and children under the age of seven are free.

Also being offered are the 75-minute mini ghost hunts at the Old 1827 City Cemetery. The prices for the mini ghost hunts are the same as

those of the haunted tours however; those opting to take both the cemetery tour/ghost hunt, there is a discount. The cemetery tour will commence immediately following the haunted tour.

As the evening descends into darkness you will embark upon the most exciting adventure of your life and travel into the unknown. You could see anyone from Monticello's haunted past at any second during the tour. So don't blink, you might miss it.

Those taking the tour are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes, bring their cameras, plenty of film, and be sure to bring some extra batteries because just before the spirits begin churning, they have a tendency to drain those in the cameras.

In past years, many have witnessed strange occurrences and taken many photos of orbs, ectoplasm and strange dark figures that go bump in the night. Don't be surprised when cameras pick up things not visible to the naked eye.

The tours are a fundraiser for the Chamber of Commerce and led by members of Big Bend Ghost Trackers. To make reservations call the Chamber at 997-5552 or Big Bend Ghost Trackers at 508-8109.



Mirka Recalls Compact Electric Random Orbital Sanders Due To Fire Hazard

This recall involves 5-inch and 6-inch Mirka CEROS compact electric random orbital sanders. The sanders are yellow and black with the Mirka logo on the front. A speed control lever is on the top of the sanders and a vacuum hose connector on the rear. The recalled sanders came with a carrying case, a 12-foot power cord, a DC transformer, a wrench, a multi-hole backup pad and assorted abrasives. The 5-inch sander is model CEROS 550. The 6-inch sander is model CEROS 650. Model names are on a white sticker on the back of the sander housing beneath the hand grip. The sanders were sold at various independent retailers and online at Amazon.com and Beavertools.com, for about \$500. The sanders can short-circuit, posing a fire hazard.

Consumers should stop using these units and unplug them immediately. Contact Mirka

Abrasives for a free replacement. To check the serial number on your sander against the recall list, contact Mirka Abrasives at (800) 843-3904 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or go online at www.mirka-usa.com and click on "Recall" for more information.

phil&teds Recalls Infant Car Seat Adaptors For Strollers Due To Fall Hazard

This involves phil&teds Travel System 26 (TS26) adaptors used to attach infant car seats to the following phil&teds stroller models: Classic, Dot, Explorer, Hammerhead, Navigator, S3 and S4. Compatible car seats include the Maxi Cosi Cabriofix, Maxi Cosi Mico, Maxi Cosi Pebble and Cybex Anton. The adaptors are two pieces of black plastic, one for the left side and one for the right side, that connect the stroller to the car seat. "TS26," "phil&teds," "L" for left, "R" for right and UPC "9 420015 7 4004" are printed on the adaptors. The adaptors can break, crack, or otherwise become unstable during use and pose a fall hazard for infants.

The adaptors were sold at baby product and specialty stores nationwide, and online at Amazon.com, Babiesrus.com, Diapers.com and phil&teds.com, from April 2013 through March 2014 for about \$40. For a free replacement, contact phil&teds toll-free at (855) 652-9019 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. MT Monday through Friday, or online at www.philandteds.com. Click on "Support," then "Upgrades and Recalls" for more information.

++ Obituary ++

JUDITH CAROL WRIGHT ROSS

Judith Carol Wright Ross, 71, died Monday, June 2, 2014.

Judy was a friend to all who knew her and was loved by many.

No services are planned at this time. Memorial Contributions may be made to Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd., Tallahassee, Fl. 32308

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Altrusa Initiates New Members



Newest Altrusa members Marianne Miller and Diana Witherell were initiated during the Thursday, May 8, 2014 meeting. Pictured from left to right are: Diane Freeman, Miller, Betty Messer, Witherell, and President Joyce Sealey Hrynciw.

Dorothy Miller Holds Book Signing This Weekend

In the 1970's a hippie commune existed in Jefferson County. This writers' colony, named Peckerwood, was built by one man and a rag-tag bunch of friends, hippies, stoners, and itinerants.

Together, they hand-built not one, but four beautiful homes in the woods of North Florida...for almost no money.

A book signing of this coffee table sized book is planned for 1 p.m. until 9 p.m., Friday, June 20 and 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., Saturday, June 21.

Look for the book display near Bush Baby at the corner of North Cherry and Pearl streets.

"I am looking forward to sharing this non-fiction book with my friends," said Dorothy Miller, who spent four years writing and publishing this book with co-author Larry Vickers.



Dorothy Miller will be signing her book 'Peckerwood' this Friday, June 20 and Saturday, June 21 at the corner of North Cherry and Pearl streets.

Best Dad Ever Awarded

DEBBIE SNAPP
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

Michael Linn received his Happy Father's Day gift on Friday, June 13, 2014 from Stewart's BP Bait & Tackle Shop.

He and his children Reese, Morgan, and Ryan went together to pick up his 33" combo reel and rod, a tub of worms, and a cricket bucket with 100 live crickets.

The children were as excited to win for him the ECP Publishing 'Who's The Best Dad Ever' contest as he was to win.

The children said of their dad, "Our dad is the best dad ever because he does awesome things with and for us."

"Thanks so much as the kids were so excited to surprise him," mentions mom, Cherri Linn.

Stewart's BP Bait & Tackle Shop, located around the Courthouse Circle, is open Monday



Michael Linn picking up his prizes from Stewart's BP with the children Reese, Morgan, and Ryan Linn.

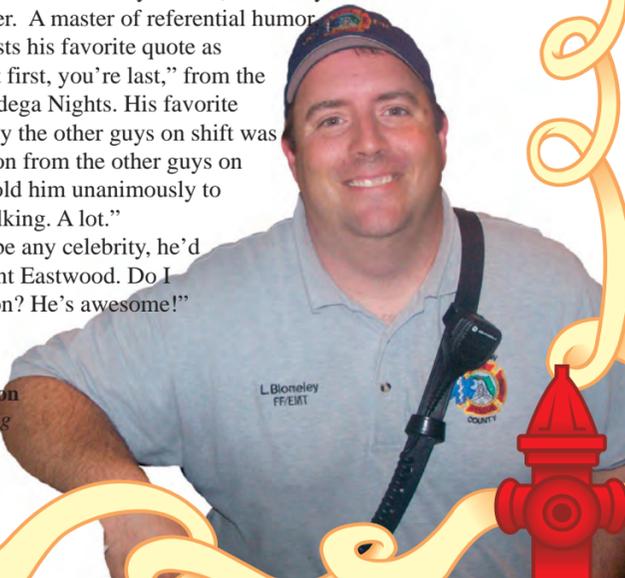
through Friday 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturday 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. It offers high quality flies and lures for any fishing trip. Great deals are offered every day.

The Monticello News staff is very proud of all the area fathers. Thank you also to all the children who sent in an entry form for their best dad ever.



Meet Your Local EMS: Lance Blomeley

Lance Blomeley is a 3-year Firefighter/EMT. A class clown of sorts, Blomeley is quick with a joke—whether they are good or not is the problem. If he could be any animal, Blomeley said it would be a honey badger. A master of referential humor, Blomeley lists his favorite quote as "If you ain't first, you're last," from the movie Talladega Nights. His favorite way to annoy the other guys on shift was a contribution from the other guys on shift, who told him unanimously to answer, "Talking. A lot." If he could be any celebrity, he'd choose "Clint Eastwood. Do I need a reason? He's awesome!"



Amber Houston
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

Around the Courthouse Circle

Want to be featured here?
Email us a picture of you around the Courthouse at Monticellonews@embarqmail.com



Photo By Debbie Snapp. Crazy Quilters, left to right: Georgie Joseph, Shirl Romaine, and Jane Davis. The Crazy Quilters meet every Wednesday at the library to chat and sew: the public is welcome to attend.



The Garden Circle project has bloomed! Local gardeners turned philanthropists last spring when they planted the walkway up to the public library in lovely flowers. A few months later, and these lovely blossoms are the fruit of their labors.



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



Dan Marion helps the Historical Society clean up the downtown parking lot beside the courthouse. Non-native Mimosa trees, weeds, and crepe myrtle overgrowth had taken over the flower beds in the parking lot.

CHURCH

CHURCH NEWS NOTES

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Sunday School.....10:00 AM
Sunday Worship.....11:00 AM
Children's Chapel.....11:00 AM
Sunday Evening.....6:00 PM
Wednesday Evening.....7:00 PM
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Sunday School.....9:45 AM
Sunday Worship Service.....11:00 AM
Choir Practice.....5:00 PM
Worship Service.....6:00 PM
Wednesday
Fellowship Meal.....6:30 PM
Prayer Meeting/Bible Study.....7:00 PM

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Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Study.....6:30 PM
Children's Church - Ages 4-6.....11:30 AM
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780 Second Street • Monticello • 997-4947
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Worship Services 2nd and 4th Sundays
Sunday Church School (every Sunday).....9:30 AM
Sunday Worship (2nd & 4th Sundays).....11:00 AM
Youth Worship (2nd Sunday).....11:00 AM
Wednesday
Prayer Meeting/Bible Study.....7:00 PM

NEW HOPE CHURCH OF GOD

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

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

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7369 Boston Hwy. Monticello
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Sunday Bible Study.....10:00 AM
Sunday Worship.....11:00 AM
Sunday Evening.....6:00 PM
Wednesday
Bible & Prayer Meeting.....6:30 PM

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4th Sunday Individual Outreach Ministry & Fellowship
3rd Sunday Holy Communion
Wednesday Evenings
Prayer Meeting.....6:30 P.M.
Bible Study.....7:00 P.M.

June 16-20
First Baptist Church of Lloyd will continue its Vacation Bible School from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. through 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-y creations, tantalizing eats, outdoor games, and dramatic story presentations. Register now at www.fbcloyd.com.

June 16-20
Elizabeth Baptist Church will continue its Vacation Bible School through Friday from 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 18-20
St. Rilla Missionary Baptist Church will host the Jefferson County Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Convention. On Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. the Welaunee MBC family and Rev. Pedro McKelvin will be in charge of the service. Co-host will be the Greater Fellowship MBC family and Rev. Dr. Melvin Roberts. On Thursday at 7:30 p.m. the Memorial MBC family and Rev. Dr. JB Duval will be in charge of the service. Co-host will be the Sweetfield MBC family and Rev. Ben Ransom, Jr. On Friday morning at 9 a.m. the official opening of the Sunday School Convention and Baptist Training Union will begin. Friday at 7:30 p.m. Education Night will be held with the Mt. Pleasant Ministries family and Rev. Charles Smith in charge of the service. Co-host will be the Junious

Hill MBC family and Rev. Ben Ransom, and the St. Rilla MBC family and Rev. James Mack.

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.

June 22
JCHS Class of 1984 30th **Reunion Worship Service**, remembering Rev. Jimmy Brookins, on Sunday at 9 a.m. at the old Jefferson County High School Auditorium. This is a special invite from CJ Hamilton.

June 22
Elizabeth Missionary

Central Church of Christ

US 19 South at Copper's Pond Road
850-997-1166
Phil Carter, Minister

Sunday Bible School.....10:00 AM
Worship Hour.....11:00 AM
Wednesday
Bible Study7:00 PM

Sweetfield M.B.C.

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Rev. Ben Ransom Jr. Pastor

Sunday School (1st & 3rd Sunday).....10:00 AM
Morning Worship (1st & 3rd Sunday).....11:30 AM
Bible Study Tuesday.....7:30 PM

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Student Pastor, Don Self

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

WEDNESDAY
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Baptist Church, located in the Dills Community, will celebrate its Church Anniversary on Sunday at 11 a.m. Rev. Tisdale and the St. Phillip AME Church family will be in charge of the service. Come celebrate another year of blessings. Dinner will be served after the service. Sis. Daisy W. King, program chairperson, 850-997-8848. Rev. Willie Webster, pastor.

June 22
First United Methodist Church and Katrina Richardson continue to host the Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University. This last meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Family Ministry Center, on Sunday evening. Learn how to take control of your family finances. Contact Richardson at 850-567-6451 for more detailed information.

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 con-

tact 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.

June 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.

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CHURCH

The Least Of These



Ana Melisa Cosigua Sicajau was brought to Porch by SESAN as a severely malnourished child. She is shown with her hard-working mother Alejandra

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat...”

[Jesus] will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ Matthew 25: 35 and 40.

Guatemala suffers from the world’s fourth (or fifth) worst chronic malnutrition rate (per UNICEF). For years, Porch de Salomon has helped combat this with over 25 families receiving monthly protein supplement (eggs, milk, and beans) as

well as with income development (when feasible).

Recently, a governmental agency, SESAN, approached us about partnering with them to help severely malnourished babies and children. Early childhood malnutrition inflicts life-long, permanent damage (both physical and mental) and cannot be remedied later in life.

Sadly, while these dedicated workers have the resources to find the worst cases, they have no food, money, medicine, or resources to give these babies.

Porch de Salomon has reached out, in faith, and accepted 18 of these young, vulnerable “least of these.” We have begun feeding these children (and, when necessary, their mothers) and providing medicine.

Here are three of these children:

SESAN brought Wilson Alfredo Tun Xep to Porch, from Caserio Paluam Nahuala, three hours from Panajachel. He suffers from chronic malnutrition. His parents died from AIDS; he and his 13 year-old sister live with their deaf/mute uncle. Wilson also has kidney problems. We are providing food, medicine and transportation to the doctor for Wilson.

Josue Danilo Morales Tax suffers from severe malnutrition. His mother, Maria (18), has mental issues and became pregnant with Josue as the result of a sexual assault. They are from the indigenous village of San Gabriel.

Ana Melisa Cosigua Sicajau was brought to Porch by SESAN as a severely malnourished child. She is shown with her hard-working mother Alejandra; she has three other children. Their father is an alco-

holic who abandoned this sweet and appreciative indigeneous family from El Tablon.

PLEASE consider funding one of these 18 cases; a \$60 monthly, tax-deductible donation will do that. Of course, we’ll gladly accept a lump-sum, annual \$720 donation. Please contact Lloyd (dlloydmonroe@gmail.com) or Rex 850.933.0344) with your “Yes!” or if you have questions or ideas. Gracias! We appreciate our friends and supporters in Jefferson County, FL!

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Josue Danilo Morales Tax and his mother, Maria (18) are from the indigenous village of San Gabriel. Josue suffers from severe malnutrition, and Maria has mental issues and became pregnant with Josue as the result of a sexual assault.

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ACA 3rd Grade Students Visit Challenger Learning Center



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Hands on activities are always the most fun to the students who visit the Challenger Learning Center, as Brewster Bass and Ryan Adams (Pictured left to right) found out.



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Caroline Taylor, Haylie McLeod, and Kenzie Key (pictured left to right) are shown as they enjoy their recent visit to the Challenger Learning Center, in Tallahassee.

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sue higher education and careers in these fields.

"We saw the movie Secret of the Cardboard Rocket and did many hands-on activities relating to space and

ended the visit with a picnic on the lawn at Kleman Plaza," said Aman.

For more information about the Center, visit challengertlh.com or, visit aucilla.org.

JCHS Class Of 1974 Class Reunion Scheduled For June 27 - 29

DEBBIE SNAPP
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

The Jefferson County High School Class of 1974 has scheduled its 40th Reunion for June 27 to 29, beginning with a fun day in St. Augustine on Friday.

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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 COURTHOUSE 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:

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The Rescue Of Itty Bitty

FRAN HUNT
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

During many times in our lives, many often come together to help in a time of need, especially in a very caring community, which is Monticello. The same can be said of those in our community when it comes to our furry little four legged friends.

Tuesday morning began like any other in the community, workers in the workplace conducting business, shoppers parking their vehicles, to patronize the local shops, pedestrians strolling the sidewalks, just a usual day, until...

A little before noon, Jennifer Oester was walking west on the sidewalk past Tupelos' to pick up her son, Chase, from First United Methodist Church, when she heard a strange cry. "I looked around and found the little cat in the drain (corner of West Washington Street and Olive Street). I told him don't worry Itty Bitty. I'll get you some help. I remembered seeing a deputy vehicle at Tupelo's, so I ran down and told the deputy about the cat. He came down and made a couple of phone calls," said Oester.

Meanwhile, while Oester was retrieving the deputy, Brenda Hall, had parked her vehicle near the area, and heard the little screams for help. She looked around, found the kitten in the drain and ran down to the *News office*. Once inside, she told staff, "I need help, there's a cat in the drain down there, there's a cat in the drain!"

Staff Writer Amber Houston, who is also a volunteer with the Monticello Volunteer Fire Department, told Hall, "I'm a fireman," and they walked down to the drain.

"There was no water down there, you could feel the heat coming out of the drain, so I went back to the office and fashioned a way to lower him water until we could get him out," said Houston.

Meanwhile, Staff Writer Debbie Snapp drove down to the scene, she saw the kitten in the drain and went looking for a piece of rope or something, then she eyed her scarf, grabbed it and drove back to the area. "I dropped one end of the scarf down there to him and he climbed right up."

That is when Houston returned with the water, and discovered that the kitten had climbed up to the grate. "He was hanging on with what little strength he had," she reported. Then she lowered her hands through the grate partitions to support the kitten, which was desperately trying to get out between the partitions, but was too big to fit.

Meanwhile, Oester and Chase, came to the scene and observed Houston supporting the kitten through the partitions.

Chase began giving the kitten water, dipping his fingers into the bag of water and giving it to the kitten, which was desperately lapping it up. Houston continued supporting the kitten and Chase continued watering.

Jennifer ran down to Tupelo's, who gave her a squirt bottle of water to give to the kitten, she returned and began giving him water with the bottle.



ECB Publishing photo by Debbie Snapp, June 10, 2014

This little Itty Bitty had fallen into the drain at the intersection of West Washington and Olive streets, and had been screaming for help.



ECB Publishing photo by Debbie Snapp, June 10, 2014

Kitten rescuers Amber Houston, left, and Raymond Clark, right, pose with the little rescued kitten.

Raymond Clark with Animal Control pulled up in his vehicle, observed the situation, grabbed a couple of pry bars and instructed those standing around and watching, that as the grate, which weighs 100 pounds, was lifted, for someone to grab the kitten. He then pried, and lifted the grate as Houston continued to hold on to the kitten through the partitions. The grate slipped and flipped sideways, as Houston continued to hold on.

Clark pulled the grate up more as Hall stepped forward and grabbed the kitten. Clark then pulled the grate out further so Houston could remove her hands and arms.

All bystanders had to make over the little one, which was shaking, but now saved, and safe.

"Who is going to take the cat," asked Clark.

"I will," replied Houston, who carried her back to the *News office*, where a towel was warmed in the microwave, to wrap her in and she was fed a portion of a can of cat food.

Within a couple hours of being nuzzled inside of a shirt, he had taken a nap and become much more active.

The little one is estimated at about four weeks old, and she was too big to come out on her own once supported and the only way she could have gotten in the drain is to have fallen in, so no telling how long she had been down there.

That episode has probably cost the little one one of her nine lives.

Many kudos to all of those involved in saving this little fur baby from what would have been a certain death.

AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

Drugs/Weapons Seized By JCSO

BILL BULLOCK

At the direction of Sheriff David C. Hobbs, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office (JCSO) carried out a series of operations in the town of Monticello, on the morning of June 11, 2014, with the goal of seizing drugs, weapons, and other evidence involving the illegal drug trade in the community.

During the operation (s) deputies, who were assisted by a team of Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) agents, searched three residences suspected of being used in the sale of illegal drugs.

The targeted residences were all surrounded and searched at the same time, in a coordinated action designed to seize as much contraband as possible.

Deputies and agents also arrested six individuals believed to be involved in the trade and more arrests will be forthcoming.

Quantities of cocaine, MDMA, marijuana, and synthetic marijuana



were seized at two of the locations, and weapons were also seized at one of the residences.

The raids were the result of a month-long investigation by Deputy Kevin Sears and Deputy Logan Wilcox, the investigators assigned to the JCSO Anti-Drug Unit by Sheriff Hobbs.

Sheriff Hobbs had received numerous complaints from concerned residents of the community, who asked him to help in dealing with the illegal drug activity in some of the residential locations.

Contact the JCSO at 850-997-2023 if you have any concerns about drug activity in your area.

ELECTRIC CITY WHEELS & GRINDS

DEBBIE SNAPP
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

Electric City Wheels & Grinds will open at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, June 18 at its location, 166 East Dogwood Street in downtown Monticello. Come see what it's all about... bike rentals and fresh ground Lucky Goat Roasted Coffee. Can you think of anything better to start your day?

Owner/Operator Margie Stern says her new business has been two years in the making, with the finding of a location, just the right vendors, and a few trustworthy employees. She's now ready to go; to introduce her business to the community.

The shop is not hard to miss; it's painted in hunter green and turquoise, with a



ECB Publishing Photo By Debbie Snapp, June 16, 2014.

Owner/Operator Margie Stern in front of her new establishment, Electric City Wheels & Grinds.

bright pink bicycle at the front door. Hours of operation will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

Come in for a good cup of java, hot dogs with all the trimmings, or have it your way with chili or slaw or salsa. Or, enjoy a piece of 'penny candy' for a dime. Have an Espresso, Latte, smoothie, ice cream float, ice cream soda,

old fashioned bottled soda, sweet treats, chips, and so much more.

Dine in at one of the stylish booths or tables. Enjoy the view of the streets painted on the walls, the hanging birdhouses, and other enjoyable sites.

To order ahead or for more information, call 850-997-2345. Java your ride today!

Workshop Provides Invaluable Opportunity For Volunteer Firefighters

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County volunteers and coordinators be warned: you'll regret missing the Recruitment and Retention Workshop.

Fire service and community leaders are encouraged to attend this workshop in Perry on June 21-22. Volunteer firefighters that are interested in the future of their department and local politicians that are interested in the future of fire protection in their jurisdiction should come.

Attendees will be able to learn about leadership challenges, management skills, identifying and communicating volunteer firefighter needs to the

entities that can fill them, retention and recruitment incentives and how to fund them, and the development and implementation of a local marketing plan.

These discussions will be tailored to the volunteer fire service but will certainly be useful in all aspects of one's business life. The kind of marketing, leadership, and communication strategies will be invaluable to the local volunteer fire department and to the representative who attends.

The best part is that the workshop is absolutely free: per diem expenses, lodging, and mileage/airfare will all be reimbursed upon completion of the workshop.

Contact (855) VOL-FIRE to register.

NW FL VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER WEEKEND RETENTION & RECRUITMENT WORKSHOP

JUNE 21-22, 2014

SATURDAY 9-5PM / SUNDAY 8-3PM

<p>HOTEL LOCATION:</p> <p>HOLIDAY IN EXPRESS 601 EVERETT WAY PERRY, FL 32348</p>	<p>TRAINING LOCATION:</p> <p>ALS TRAINING FACILITIES 4700 PROVIDENCE RD PERRY, FL 32347</p>
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- HOTEL ROOM BLOCK IS "VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER"
- RESERVE YOUR ROOM BY CALLING 850-584-3200

Fire service and community leaders are encouraged to attend this R&R Workshop. **There is NO COST to attend the workshop;** mileage/airfare, up to 3 nights lodging, and per diem for attendees will be reimbursed upon completion of the workshop. The R&R workshop is designed to facilitate open discussion about the local Volunteer Firefighter retention and recruitment issues, topics include:

- Leadership challenges & management skills
- Retention & Recruitment incentives and how to fund them
- Identifying and communicating your local volunteer needs
- Developing and implementing a local marketing plan

REGISTER AT NWFLVOLUNTEERFFWEEKEND.COM
OR CALL 855-VOL-FIRE TO REGISTER BY PHONE

SPACE IS LIMITED!

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