



CITY APPROVES TWO LAND-USE CHANGES



Actions Set Stage For Large Retail Store On US 19 South

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The Monticello City Council on Tuesday night, May 4, approved two separate land-use changes that open the way for a large retail store to locate on a 2.37-acre parcel on South Jefferson Street that is presently a grassy field with numerous canopy trees.

The council's first action amended the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) of the city's Comprehensive Plan, redesignating the parcel bordering S. Jefferson Street/US 19 on the east and Seminole Avenue on the south from mixed-use business/residential to commercial. The council's second action changed the parcel's zoning from mixed-use business/residential to B-2 business highway.

The council also, as part of its deliberations, removed from consideration an adjoining .49-acre parcel that was included in the original application but that belongs to a different owner who has indicated no plan to develop the property at present.

The council's three actions in effect set the stage for construction of a 12,500-sq.-foot building on the site, which footage the former land-use designations restricted to a maximum of 7,500 sq. feet. The developer plans to put a Dollar General discount retail store in the building.

The council's vote in favor of each of the changes came despite neighboring property owners' opposition to the project and followed a workshop that the council members held in April to familiarize themselves with the proposal. Part of the reason for the workshop was because the Local Planning Agency (LPA), which normally reviews such proposals first and makes recommendations to the council for approval or rejection, failed to reach a decision on this particular project on March 9, deadlocking 2-2.

The developer's presentation to the City Council on Tuesday night varied little from the presentation made to the LPA, with the exceptions of the more detailed drawings presented to the council and the inclusion of several plan revisions suggested by either citizens, planners or city officials at the earlier hearings.

Gerry Dedenbach, a certified planner from
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Monticello ARC to Close this Summer

By M.K Graves
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The Monticello ARC, which stands for Association of Retarded Citizens, is slated to close on June 30.

This week, staff and service recipients learned that a new building is now being renovated in Madison to meet the growing needs of the center.

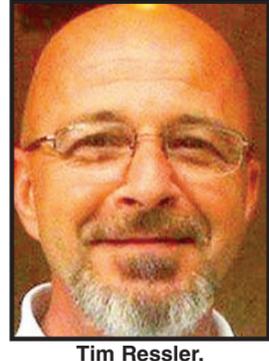
At this time, 10-13 clients attend the Monticello Adult Day Training Center each day. By this summer,

they will be transported via Big Bend buses, to Madison.

Tim Ressler, ARC's executive director for Madison and Jefferson County, is orchestrating a large scale renovation of the Haire Furniture building, located by the railroad track on South Range Street, in Madison.

This will bring the total number of clients, after the consolidation with Monticello, to approximately 40 per day.

ARC's Madison



Tim Ressler, ARC executive director

office, in the Harvey Greene Industrial Park, will be retained, but the Adult Training Center, a

room too small for clients now attending, will be used as a conference center on Commerce Avenue.

What did Ressler like about the Haire Furniture building when it became available for sale? "It's just a big square box," he said.

With the help of local partners and prisoners working hard to create the new Adult Training Center, it is expected to become a showcase for the community.

Ressler was particu-

larly thankful for NFCC drafting instructor, Lauri Newton, and her drafting students. They presented ARC with a building plan within one week of hearing about the renovation project.

He also complimented the prisoners who have been doing a splendid job knocking down walls, putting up ceilings and paint, paint, painting.

The ADT center's interior will feature a
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Library Again Spared Legislators' Budget Ax

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Although not exactly celebrating the fact just yet — the state budget's not a done deal until the governor signs off on it — Jefferson County Library Director Kitty Brooks is 99.9 percent certain that the local library's state funding has been restored in full.

"We're going to get the full funding," Brooks said on Monday, May 3, adding, "The Governor has been quoted as saying that state aid to libraries is immune from his veto."

The state aid to the local library

forth."

The legislators' back-and-forth movement on the issue reflected the intense political and other pressures being exerted on them by both organized and grassroots lobbying efforts mounted by libraries, their partners and sympathetic members of the public, who made their opposition to the proposed cuts known via emails and phone calls and in some cases, personal contacts.

Had the legislators not restored the funding, Brooks said, the local library would have been hard put to continue its current level of service.

"We would have had severe limitations," Brooks said.

Among the possible effects, the library would have had to reduce hours and days of operation and possibly even had to reduce staff, she said.

"It's really devastating for small communities," Brooks said of such funding cuts. "Large library systems get hurt, but they have other libraries. If they lose five out of 30 branches, they still have 25. But we're all there is here."

She finds it ironic that it's during hard economic times such as the present, when people turn to libraries for their sources of information, entertainment and community, that funding for libraries tends to go away.

"Nationally, the trend is for funding to go down during hard economic times," she said. "But that's when library services go through the roof." She notes that the dependency on library services is particularly critical in small communities, where residents not only rely on the library for books, videos and DVDs, but also to do online research; get income tax, unemployment and health-related information; take computer and other
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amounts to about \$120,000 for the coming fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1. The county must then provide the rest of the funding that makes up the library's annual budget. The amount of the state aid is based on a complex and arcane formula that takes into account, and builds upon, local governments' contributions to their own libraries.

Until late weeks, state aid for the Jefferson County Library, as well as for other public libraries across the state, was uncertain at best. Normally funded statewide to the tune of about \$21 billion annually, the Legislature started the 2010 session by slashing the state funding for libraries to zero.

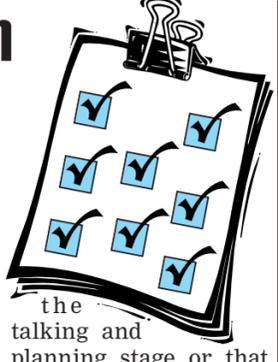
"I call it the whiplash," Brooks said. "It was zero, then it went to \$21 million for all 67 counties, then it was something else. It kept going back and

Commission May Start Keeping A To-Do List

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County officials may begin keeping a centralizing list of pending and ongoing projects and other activities as part of an effort to become more organized and systematic in their approach to effective government.

Then again, the list may go the way of other ideas and projects that have never gone beyond
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the talking and planning stage or that have been quietly dropped or forgotten following the initial ballyhoo.

Phil Calandra, an oil company executive who retired here and occasionally volunteers his expertise on behalf of the community, proposed the idea to the
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Building Activities Pick Up A Little Bit

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Building activity here picked up a little during April, but whether the uptick is a one-time thing or an indication of an improving situation is the question.

"My prediction is that it's an aberration," Building Inspector Wallace "Bubba" Bullock said on Wednesday, May 5, acknowledging that his is a proclivity for pessimism.

But yes, there was a small if noticeable increase in the housing starts in April, he said. The question he couldn't answer, however, was whether the increase was due to the incentive programs that the federal government was promoting to stimulate the economy, the typical rising of

the sap of housing activity in the spring, or the beginning of an improving economy.

"Will it weather the test of time?" Bullock asked of the uptick. "We'll just have to wait and see".

Of noteworthiness, the new houses being built are of a more practical
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Jefferson County Property Appraiser Angela Gray

"So while there appeared to be a valiant effort by legislators to get this item on the ballot in November, the recapture rule remains in place and homestead property owners should brace themselves for a 2.7% increase in assessed value this fall," Gray emailed the Journal on Monday, May 3.

QUIRKY PROPERTY TAX RULE IS STILL IN EFFECT

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Jefferson County Property Appraiser Angela Gray is alerting homestead property owners to prepare for a 2.7 percent increase in assessed values come the fall.

For those familiar with the recapture rule, it only needs to be stated here that lawmakers failed to eliminate the quirky rule in the just-concluded legislative session and so it still applies. For those unfamiliar with the rule, it essentially assures annual increases in the taxes of homesteaded properties otherwise protected by the Save Our Homes Amendment and notwithstanding declining market values. But first, a few words on the fate of the four bills that sought to amend Florida's Constitution to prohibit automatic increases in the assessed value of a homestead property if the fair market of the latter decreased. In brief, all four measures died in committees.

"So while there appeared to be a valiant effort by legislators to get this item on the ballot in November, the recapture rule remains in place and homestead property owners should brace themselves for a 2.7 percent increase in assessed value this fall," Gray emailed the Journal on Monday, May 3.

The little known and often misunderstood recapture rule can be interpreted as an attempt by Florida officials to thwart the full benefits of the Save Our Homes Amendment, which Florida voters approved in 1992 and which basically caps the increase in the assessed value of homestead property to three percent annually, or the National Consumer Price Index (CPI), whichever is lower.

Three years later, in 1995, then Governor Lawton Chiles and his Cabinet, at the behest of the Florida Department of Revenue, approved the recapture rule,

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Fri 5/7 89/67
Mainly sunny. High 89F. Winds SSW at 5 to 10 mph.

Sat 5/8 86/61
Slight chance of a thunderstorm.

Sun 5/9 83/61
Plenty of sun. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 60s.

Mon 5/10 83/66
Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 60s.

Tue 5/11 86/66
Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the mid 60s.

Viewpoints & Opinions

Pictures from the PAST



Dairy Days winners accepting their awards on June 8, 1984 are pictured from left: Peggy Stevens, Joan Shaw, and Barbara Hampton.

Dare to Live Without Limits

By Bryan Golden



Life's Lessons from Your Mother

Your mother tried to teach you some valuable lessons. Moms have a unique ability to impart essential wisdom. Unfortunately, most of us were too young to really appreciate their value. Mother's Day is a great time to review the following advice you got when you were a kid.

Get your work done before you take a break. Then you can relax and have a good time.

Stay in school.

If you don't get an education, your opportunities will be limited. Don't drop out of school. The more you learn, the more you benefit.

Sticks and stones will break your bones but names will never hurt you.

It doesn't matter what other people say. Don't allow others to upset you. There will always be mean people. Don't pay attention to them.

Don't waste your time.

Time goes by very fast. Don't wait to pursue your dreams.

Be thankful for what you have.

There are many who are not as fortunate as you. Be grateful for your home and family. It doesn't matter what someone else has.

Don't complain.

Whining is annoying. If you have something to say, say it. If you complain all the time, no one will want to listen to you.

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Deb's Notes

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Nicole Stookey and Necia Little, with the Department of Children & Families, visited with the members of the Jefferson County Community Coalition recently speaking to them about the Circuit 2 Five-year plan as submitted to the Child Abuse Prevention & Permanency Council (CAPP) for incorporation into the Governor's five-year plan to prevent child abuse. Stookey as the primary author of the plan highlighted the Circuit's intentions to promote adoption as well as primary and secondary prevention strategies. These included a focus on expanding existing efforts in the community and focusing on children in the "difficult to adopt" category. Feedback from the discussion included: the need to re-define "abandonment," especially as a rural child neglect issue. Generational teen pregnancy in the rural communities creates the norm situation in which teen mom leaves baby in the custody of grandmother, or great-grandmother, only not to release any legal guardianship. Grandmother subsequently does not have permission to seek medical care, benefits for the child, or any other matter concerning school enrollment, and the like. This creates a legal nightmare concerning the child and some strategies need to exist to provide more legal assistance from DCF in this growing epidemic. Lutheran Social Services of North Florida is looking for

donations of Pentium 4 or greater desktops and laptops as well as usable parts and supplies. The Computer Refurbishing and Technical Assistance program supplies computers to any not-for-profit human service agency or their income qualified client(s). This program has recycled over 600 computers since 2007, reducing the amount of electronic trash sent to the landfill while providing a high-value educational experience for FSU College of Information students participating in Project SPARTA. The refurbished equipment from this invaluable program can help close the economic divide that frequently affects the academic performance of a student. Consider assisting those less fortunate while keeping computer equipment out of the landfill. For additional information about making a tax-deductible donation to this invaluable program, call 575-4309. The next Ability 1st disaster preparedness meeting is Tuesday, May 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. And Debbie Bass says that it is still not too late to get your registration in. This is not training. It is an opportunity for those who serve the elderly and the disabled to come up with a disaster plan to make sure that our customers/consumers are taken care of in case of a horrible disaster like the ones seen in recent years. Ability 1st is simply facilitating the meeting. It will be very specific to the individual counties and programs,

as they will be doing much of the planning. Lunch will be provided, but you must register. If you have any questions call Executive Director Judith Barrett at 850-850-575-9621X101, or register online at www.ability1st.info The County Humane Society is in need of volunteers to work any time, and day. The only requirement is that you have to be at least 18-years of age. Director Tony Nativio says they need some fence work done. Also, volunteers to help with the cats and dogs. Contact him at 342-0244; leave a message if no answer. Help your community and feel good about yourself. Happy Mother's Day on Sunday, to all those mothers out there! This has always been one of my favorite holidays... whether I'm giving to my mother or receiving from my children.

MOTHER'S DAY TRADITIONS FROM AROUND THE WORLD...

Chinese family names are often formed (begin) with a sign that means "mother". It's a nice way of honoring their moms long past. Japan's Imperial family traces their descent from Omikami Amaterasu, the Mother of the World. Hindu scripture credits the Great Mother, Kali Ma, with the invention of writing through alphabets, pictographs and beautiful sacred images. George Washington once said, "My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual and physical education I received from her." Native American Indian women have long been honored with the name, "Life of the Nation" for their gift of motherhood to the tribes. Mother's Day is now celebrated in many coun-

tries around the world. Australia, Mexico, Denmark, Finland, Italy, Turkey, Belgium, Russia, China, Thailand, all have special celebrations to honor Mothers, but not in the same way or on the same day as the United States. In the Bible, Eve is credited with being the "Mother of All the

Living." Mother Earth is also known as "Terra Firma". That title is a Latin translation of some lines from one of the Greek poet, Homer's, greatest poems. 81 percent of women 40 to 44 years old are mothers. In 1980, 90 percent of women in that age group were mothers. Buddha honored mothers when he said, "As a mother, even at the risk of her own life, loves and protects her child, so let a man cultivate love without measure toward the whole world." The Ancient Greeks celebrated Mother's Day in springs, like we do. They used to honor Rhea, "mother of the gods," with honey-cakes and fine drinks and flowers at dawn. Sounds like the beginnings of the Mother's Day tradition of breakfast in bed! The Greek word "meter" and Sanskrit word "mantra" mean both mother and measurement.



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Jefferson County Living

PROJECT LIFESAVER ACTIVE IN COMMUNITY

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According to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), as many as 2.4 to 4.5 million Americans currently have Alzheimer's disease, which is an irreversible progressive brain disorder that destroys memory and intellectual function.

Over a period of years, the disease leads to the complete loss of cognitive function and a long period of dependency. Experts estimate that nearly 60-percent of individuals with Alzheimer's disease will wander at some point during the eight-year progression of the disease... many of them, repeatedly.

The incidence of Alzheimer's disease is expected to rise significantly as the nation's population ages and life expectancies lengthen, and given that almost 80-percent of dementia care is provided in the home by family caregivers, in the years to come, Alzheimer's disease and related dementias will pose immense financial, physical and emotional challenges

for growing numbers of American families and their communities.

Nationwide, over 1,000 law enforcement agencies are members of Project Lifesaver, which boasts an average find-time of 30-minutes, nearly 2,000 successful searches to date, and a 100 percent success rate.

Thanks to Sheriff David Hobbs, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department is a member of Project Lifesaver.

Since the national average for standard search and recovery missions is nine hours, this high program efficacy dramatically cuts taxpayer dollars spent on search and rescue, frees up officers for other assignments, and saves lives.

Project Lifesaver depends upon the support of the community. Project Lifesaver's goal is to provide the benefits of the program to all in need regardless of their ability to pay. Funding for the organization comes from private donations and grants from government, cor-

porations, and charitable foundations.

Jefferson County has been fortunate enough to have received grant money to help fund this project, and will continue to seek grant money to expand Project Lifesaver and keep it functioning.

Donations from concerned groups and individuals have also been received. County agents are aware of the financial burden on families with Autistic children and Alzheimer's patients so they are making every effort to provide the tracking bracelets and support free. They have been able to accomplish this by the support and generosity of the citizens and the community.

The local Project Lifesaver program is partnering with the

Alzheimer's Project, and First United Methodist Church, hosting a support group for local caregivers on the fourth Monday morning of each month from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., in the Family Ministry Center on West Walnut Street in Monticello. A light lunch is served. This is a free monthly program, and respite care for your loved one is provided.

Help Project Lifesaver make the community aware of this wonderful program. To make a donation, request a speaker, to enroll a loved one, or if you just have a question about the program, contact Program Director, Nan Baughman at 850-556-7279, or P.O. Box 853, Monticello, FL. 32345, or Sbaugh8307@aol.com.

Gulf War Veterans Recognized By American Legion

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American Legion and Ladies Auxiliary will meet at 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday, May 11 for a business meeting and a program at the Otto Walker Post 49 on South Water Street.

Members and their guests will recognize and honor local Gulf War veterans with personal stories and other information shared.

Memorial Day preparation will be planned and discussed at this meeting time also. Memorial Day is Monday, May 31 this year, and a breakfast and celebration with a guest speaker and pertinent information will be made available. The morn-



ing service will be followed to the local cemeteries for flag placement on the graves of the military deceased.

Contact Commander Buddy Westbrook at 997-2973 or Adjutant Ron Slik at 997-8103 for more information about the American Legion meetings.

Big Bend Ghost Trackers Upcoming Events

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Residents are asked

to join the nationally acclaimed Big Bend Ghost Trackers for a "Weekend Ghost Tracking Seminar," May 28-30 at the historic 1872 John Denham Bed & Breakfast, located at 555 West Palmer Mill Road in Monticello, the "South's Most Haunted Small Town."

John Denham Bed & Breakfast was named one of the "Ten Most Haunted" by USA Today and also named one of "Florida's Fabulous Bed and Breakfasts" and "Best In The South" by Inn Traveler magazine.

The cost is \$175 per person with double occupancy.

Participants will learn the what, why, when and where of ghost hunting, ghost photography, recording voices of the dead, psychic communication, and have the opportunity to go on a real ghost hunt in the old 1827 cemetery.

Those taking the tour are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes, bring a flashlight and perhaps insect repel-

lent, 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.

Check in for the event will be conducted at 3 p.m., Friday, May 28 and from 6:30 p.m. until 7 p.m., guests will have the opportunity to meet and mingle with members of the Big Bend Ghost Trackers (BBGT). Dinner around the campfire with true ghost tales will be held Friday night from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m.

The Saturday session will consist of the what, when, why and where of ghost hunting techniques and a lunch break on your own will be from noon until 2 p.m. so participants can browse local shops for unique treasures and take in the many historical sights.

Saturday afternoon will be a morning review where participants will learn of tools of the trade, electronic voice phenomena, ghost photography and spirit communication.

A light supper will be provided in the evening. That night, guests will participate in the famous historic Monticello ghost tour and learn of the city's haunted history and even get some very unique photographs in the process, as well as the cemetery tour and

ghost hunt, after which, certificates and door prizes will be awarded.

Sunday morning breakfast will be served and photos of the event will be shared, after which, is checkout time.

To make reservations contact Pat at 997-4568 to reserve a spot for the event.

Also in upcoming BBGT news, this year BBGT will be running their famous haunted tours on Friday and Saturday night of the Watermelon Festival, June 18 and 19.

Two tours will be conducted nightly at 8 p.m. and at 8:30 p.m. Residents and visitors are invited to come along, if they dare, for the 90-minute walking tour to some of the most haunted buildings in Monticello.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for children and children under the age of six years are free. Just like their annual October tours 50 percent of all proceeds will be going to the Chamber of Commerce as a fundraiser for them. "We are real excited about working with the Chamber for the Watermelon Festival tours," said BBGT Founder Betty Davis. "As always BBGT believes in giving back to the community."

To make reservations call Mary Frances Gramling at the Chamber of Commerce at 997-5552 or Big Bend Ghost Trackers at 508-8109.

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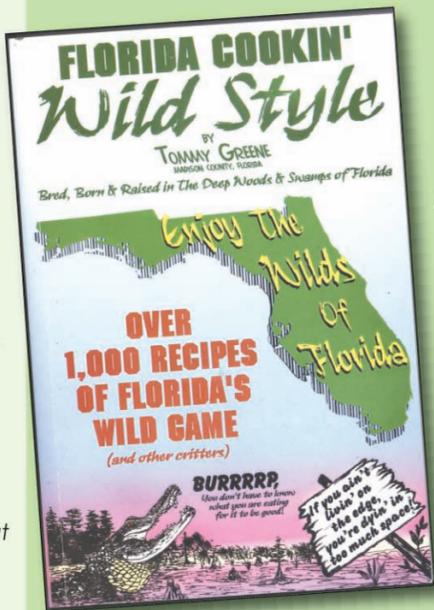
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MAY 7
SWAT (Students Working Against Tobacco) meeting 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. Friday at the Jefferson County Public Library on South Water Street in Monticello. "STAND UP to the tobacco industry or this year another 438,000 people will permanently...LAY DOWN! Find out how you can rise up and help stop the tobacco industry from callously taking our money and our lives year after year.

MAY 7,8,14,15,21,22
"Wheel of Murder," an interactive murder mystery dinner theater show, will be presented by The Opera House Stage Co. Friday and Saturday at the Monticello Opera House. Game show contestants competing for "glamorous prizes," and big money start keeling over on the air, and the audience is invited to identify the "perp." Is it the game show host, whose ratings are slipping badly? The ill treated announcer? The air headed wheel turner? Or, one of the contestants? The doors open at 6:30 p.m.; and dinner starts at 7:00 p.m., with acts of the play alternating with courses of dinner. Tickets are \$35 for dinner and the show, or \$30 for Opera House members. Reservations are needed. Call 997-4242.

MAY 7
Ashville Area Volunteer Fire Department meets 6:30 p.m. on the first Friday of each month at the fire station. Contact Fire Chief John Staffieri at 997-6807 for more details.

MAY 7
Lose weight for your health at Restored Glory Christian Center, 1287 South Jefferson Street, in the Winn Dixie plaza, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. weekly on Mondays and Fridays. Contact Pastor Yon at 997-7722 for more information.

MAY 7
Curtis Morgan and the Country Music Jamboree will celebrate 10-years of music and fun at the American Legion Post 49, on Friday evening, beginning at 7 p.m. Join with others in the community for and evening of good music, fine singing, dancing, snacks, soft drinks, and fellowship with friends. The American Legion Hall is located on South Water Street in Monticello.

MAY 8
Opening reception 2 to 4 p.m. for "Works from the Figure Studio," a new exhibit on display through the month of May at the Jefferson Arts Gallery, 575 West Washington Street 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.

to 2 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays. For more information call 997-3311.

MAY 8
Aucilla Christian Academy "On Broadway" dance recital 3 p.m. Saturday at the Monticello Opera House. Tickets will be available at the door for \$3; students are free. Ballet and jazz with music from the most popular Broadway shows performed by 47 students in grades K4 to 12th.

MAY 8
Jefferson SHARE registration 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday at Central Baptist Church in Aucilla, on Tindell Road, and at the Jefferson County Public Library on South Water Street. Jefferson SHARE registration will be held 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday at the Jefferson County Public Library on South Water Street. The cost of the Starting Point Basic Package is \$20. This food package feeds 1-2 persons for 4-5 meals. The cost of the Family Value Food Package is \$24 and feeds 3-4 persons for 5-meals. Contact Martha Creel at 445-9061 or Leslie Blank at 556-5412 for more information. A volunteer is someone who is paid with a smile and a thank you!

MAY 8
Red Hats will meet at 11:30 a.m. on the second Saturday at the Chamber of Commerce for a light lunch and fellowship. Contact Edee Johnson at 728-0161 or Dorris Uptain at 997-7774 for more information.

MAY 8,13,15,20,22,29
GED Prep Classes at Harvest Christian Center, 1599 Springhollow Road, 6 to 8:30 p.m. on first, second, and third Thursdays; and 12 to 3 p.m. on Saturdays. Classes are free with a certified instructor. Individual help is available, small class sizes, and work at your own pace. Materials and snacks will be provided. Transportation provided if needed. Contact Gloria Graham at 850-322-8737 for more information.

MAY 8
On this Mother's Day weekend, join One Heart Earth Center as it celebrates all women, Mothers, the Earth Mother, and the Divine Feminine. Sacred Circle with Miesha Larkins will be held 10 a.m. Saturday.

Participants will enjoy a potluck luncheon, native wisdom, storytelling, talking stick, and a water ceremony honoring special women in our lives. Share poetry by or about women, prayer flags for release of suffering, and add decorations to the Divine Feminine crystal tree. Bring a crystal or something shiny to honor the Divine Feminine, and be thinking of a poem if you would like to share. Larkins will be available for private sessions after lunch including Totem Animal Retrievals and other modalities. Request a private appointment when you RSVP for the Sacred Circle. Larkins

comes from Mystic, Georgia. She's a pipe carrier, Reiki Master, wife, mother of three children, and much-loved teacher. She embraces living a life of service, and has been a vital part of One Heart Earth Center since it's beginning. Mark your calendar for this special occasion of learning, sharing, bonding, and fun.

MAY 8
An indoor garage sale will be held at Monticello Christian Academy, 1590 North Jefferson Street, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. This fundraising event is hosted by the students and their families, as well as school staff and friends.

Lots of household items, televisions, appliances, clothing, tools and outdoors/yard items, and so much more will be for sale. Everything will be priced to sell... or name your price! Come browse the facility and help the children raise funds for upcoming school related functions. To make a donation call the school at 997-6048.

MAY 10
Wilderness Coast Public Libraries' (WILD) Governing Board will meet 1:30 p.m. Monday at the Wakulla County Public Library Public Meeting Room in Crawfordville, 4330 Crawfordville Highway. For more information call 997-7400.

MAY 10,24
Masonic Lodge #5 meets 6:30 p.m. for a light meal and 7:30 p.m. for a meeting and program on the second and fourth Monday of the month at the Hiram Masonic Lodge, 235 Olive Street in Monticello. Contact Roy Faglie at 933-2938 for more information.

BABY'S FIRST BIRTHDAY

Jamiyah Jane Akins will celebrate her first birthday on Saturday, May 8, 2010 with family and friends in a party atmosphere.

She is the daughter of Tieshia and Jerrod Akins of Monticello, FL; the granddaughter of Nellie Kay and Jerome Akins of Monticello; Willie Tolbert of St. Petersburg, FL and Priscilla and Anthony Barnes of Monticello. She has one sister, Ma'khya Mo'nique Akins.



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++ Obituary ++

VERSIE MAE BRAMLETT COOK

Versie Mae Bramlett Cook, age 56, passed away April 29, 2010 in her home in Lamont, Florida, surrounded by her family.

Funeral services were held Monday, May 3, 2010 at Beggs Funeral Home at 11:00 a.m. with interment following at Sardis Cemetery. The family received friends Sunday, May 2, 2010 from 4 to 6 p.m., at Beggs Funeral Home Monticello Chapel, 485 E. Dogwood Street, Monticello, Florida.

Ms. Cook was born in Jacksonville, Florida on July 22, 1953. Shortly afterwards, her family returned to Wacissa, Florida where she grew up.

Ms. Cook is survived by one son, Bobby Cook Jr. of Cross City, Florida; and two daughters, Laura Elizabeth Little (Kevin) and Mary Singleton (Jeffrey) of Lamont, Florida; six grandchildren, Nicole, Cody and Zachary Little, Levi and Devin Singleton and Tonya Cook, all of Lamont, Florida; her mother, Pearl Adlena Jones of



Lamont, Florida; her father, Malcolm Bice Bramlett (Evelyn) of Wacissa, Florida; two sisters, Linda Elizabeth Branch (Alton) of Lamont, Florida and Elena Renee Clark (Glenn) of Blounstown, Florida; one brother, Michael Elden Bramlett (Melissa) of Wacissa, Florida; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Tonia Mechelle Cook, her grandparents Versie Mae and Nicholas Bice Bramlett and Laura Elizabeth Tillis; and one brother, Allen Bice Bramlett; and one very special cousin Janet Hall.

Our Mother is the Sweetest

Our mother is the sweetest and
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than angels can recall.
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but passionately young,
playful as a kid, yet wise
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a bubbling, laughing spring
that runs through all like liquid light
and makes the mountains sing.
Love Nicole, Cody, Zachary and Tonya



My Baby Girl

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It's him I thank each day I wake
for blessing me with all your love.
The sunshine in my morning
and the bird that sings my song,
In this life when I am troubled through God
it's you who keeps me strong.
The wind beneath my wings
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Ressler even thought about noise control. Beautiful fabric canopies will hang from valances as "noise catchers," he said.

An outdoor courtyard will be fenced in with a glider, thanks to Randy Littleton, who sold ARC a piece of property between two buildings. Many others

Library

classes; and often use its rooms for meetings.

If legislators could see the high level of client traffic that the local library saw on a daily basis and the constant use of the facility's computers by people who otherwise wouldn't have Internet access, the lawmakers might better understand and appreciate the library important function in a small

Property Tax

which sought to minimize the amendment's impact by applying specifically to homestead properties assessed at less than their full market value: i.e., properties protected by Save Our Homes.

The rule instructs property appraisers to raise the assessed value of these homes up to the three-percent cap, even if home values have stayed the same or decreased during a given year.

The anomaly virtually went unused and unnoticed until the onset of the current recession, when property values plummeted. Lo and behold, innumerable homeowners across the state suddenly found their property taxes going up, at the same time that the market values of their properties

Commission

Jefferson County Commission on Thursday, April 15.

Calandra noted that a great many of the assignments and activities that the board made or approved during meetings often went nowhere, only to resurface weeks or months later when the frustrated board member or citizen who had initially raised the issue raised it again. The solution, he suggested, was to devise a tracking procedure that would allow the board to monitor the status of pending projects and activities on a regular basis.

Calandra offered the formulation of a list as the simplest of solutions. The list — it could be called an action tracker or tickler file if one wanted, he said — could contain such information as who originated the idea and when, who was supposed to carry out the assignment, when the activity was supposed to be completed, and when it was actually completed. That way, not only the officials, but also citizens and others who were concerned about or interested in particular issues could track the progress of the proj-

in the community have provided insight into the building's possibilities.

Ressler says a grand opening fundraiser will be announced in July to invite the community to see the new ARC center.

Right now his "wish list" includes financial gifts to renovate bathrooms and plumbing, donated shipping scales, art supplies and vehicle and property donations, which qualify for a tax write off.

Business owners with jobs who need to be

community, Brooks said. "I would offer an invitation to any legislator to spend a couple of hours in the library," Brooks said. "They would see that this place is hopping."

Of particular concern to her, she said, is the fact that this is the second year in a row that legislators have targeted libraries for drastic funding cutbacks.

stagnated or actually dropped.

The recapture rule, in fact, is doing precisely what it was designed to do, proponent say, arguing that it's only fair that local governments recapture the savings that homestead homeowners accumulated during the economy's booming years when the market values of their properties were climbing though the ceiling and their taxes were capped. The recapture rule, moreover, continues to work until a property's assessed value reaches its market (just) value.

"It is actually the Save Our Homes cap at work in a declining market," Gray explains.

Fair as some may consider the recapture rule, however, for property owners who have

ects, he said.

As an example, Calandra cited a recent personnel policy workshop where commissioners had taken up 10 or so action items. Absent a tracking device, it would be difficult to ensure follow-up of any of the items, he said.

"It would eliminate assignments being made and nothing happening and citizens then coming back and saying later, 'what happened?'" Calandra said.

The officials generally applauded the idea.

"Although not a lists' person myself, I think it's a good idea to get things done quicker and more efficiently," Commissioner Stephen Fulford said.

County Coordinator Roy Schleicher agreed the idea was a good one, but wondered where the list would reside, noting, "If everybody's responsible, nobody's responsible."

Calandra said it would be up to the commission to decide who should be responsible for maintaining the list. But it seemed to him that it would best reside with Clerk of Court Kirk Reams, who was already charged with

done may also contact ARC.

"We have accumulated some debt," said Ressler. He is optimistic that the local community will help ARC to continue to be good stewards at their new building.

ARC serves clients with intellectual and developmental disabilities, cerebral palsy, spina bifida, epilepsy and other medically involved needs. The phone number is 973-4614.

And the expectation is that next year will be even worse.

Indeed, the word from those in the know is that library funding will be on the cutting block again in the next legislative session, with the budget situation not expected to get better any better until the economy improves two or so years out from now.

been hammered by the recession and who have seen their property values decline, the rule adds insult to injury.

Gray is appreciative of the fact, especially given that even if her office lowers property values for the coming year, it will not necessarily lower property taxes for most of Jefferson County's homeowners, unless the city, county and other taxing authorities also lower their millage rates. And guess who will likely catch the brunt of the homeowners' ire if their taxes go up?

"We received many phone calls in 2009 when the increase was only .01 percent," Gray says. "I can just imagine the calls we'll field this fall if the taxes go up 2.7 percent."

keeping the minutes and other records.

The only questioning of the idea came from Mark Glisson, a county resident and former employee of the Florida Department of Environment Protection. Speaking from what he called personal experience, Glisson warned that such lists had a tendency to take on lives of their own, with the maintenance of the lists becoming more important than their contents after a while.

"Next thing, you're being asked, have you accomplished the list, not have you done the items on the list?" Glisson said.

Calandra countered that the idea was not to create bureaucracy, but rather to create transparency and accountability.

"If it become onerous, throw it out," he said of the list.

The way it was left, it appeared that it was more or less left to Reams to develop and maintain the list in coordination with Schleicher, with the status of the listed items to be reported as part of the minutes of meetings.

Land Use

Gainesville, FL, largely spoke for developer Brian Crawford, of Lake City, FL. Dedenbach enumerated the several concessions that he said the developer was willing to make for the sake of allaying the expressed concerns of neighboring property owners and some officials.

Among the cited concessions: the street access to the store would be directly opposite Capital City Bank, instead of nearer Seminole Avenue as originally indicated; the air-conditioning and heating systems would be on the south side of the building and would be screened; trees, shrubs and other vegetative buffers would be planted both to landscape the site and shield the building and ancillary structures; and the lightning and signage would be minimal and automatically dimmed at night for the most part.

The developer also agreed to limit construction on the acreage to the 12,500-sq.-foot building; to restrict the site's impermeable surface to a maximum of 35 percent even though the code allows 75 percent; to keep a few of the existing canopy trees; and to allow the land-use to revert to its earlier designation, should the retail store fail to materialize for whatever reason.

"We're as good as our word and we will abide by what we say," Dedenbach said more than once of the developer's promises, a sentiment that Crawford echoed.

Keith McCarron, a senior planner with the Apalachee Regional Planning Council (ARPC), reviewed the plan on behalf of the city.

Like Dedenbach, McCarron largely repeated his earlier assertions, again underscoring that although the present land-use designation allowed commercial activity, the new designation would allow much more intense commercial development.

The point was not lost on the officials, who attempted to address the

Building Activity

size — ranging between 1,500 and 2,500 sq. feet — rather than the 5,000 sq. feet and over houses being built a few years ago, he said.

Still going strong too, Bullock reported, were additions, repairs and renovations, activities that he says tend to go up during hard economic times.

And indeed, the April report issued by the Jefferson County and City of Monticello Building Inspection and Contractor Licensing Department on Tuesday, May 4, shows that 46 of the 55 issued permits were for repairs and additions, with five going for new residential constructions, one for a mobile home, and three for miscellaneous activities such as sheds, barns and workshops.

The report indicates that the combined 55 permits issued by the city and county generated \$9,161.22, compared with the \$5,554.05 generated by the two's 38 permits in March.

In April 2009, the city and county issued a combined 43 permits and collected \$8,850.49 in fees.

The April figures break down into eight permits for the city and 47 for the county, with the former collecting \$929.40 in fees and the

potential problem by requesting that the developer and property owner provide written assurance that if the proposed project failed to materialize, the property would revert to its previous land-use status. The central concern here was voiced by Mark Wirick, a citizen who described himself as not having a dog in the fight. Wirick reminded the council that it was approving a land-use change, not a Dollar General store per se. Meaning that whatever might happen to the store in future, the commercial designation would remain, possibly allowing for a level of commercial activity in the future that the community might now want there.

But how to guard against such a vague and future possibility was the question that the officials couldn't adequately answer. The best they could do was to follow the advice of McCarron and City Attorney Bruce Leinback and insist on the written commitment from the developer and property owner insofar agreeing that the land-use would revert to its former status if the proposed project didn't come to fruition.

In general, however, McCarron found the project acceptable, in terms of its suitability to the site, its compliance with the appropriate land-use and other regulations, and its compatibility with the surrounding uses, provided that the landscaping and buffering elements were implemented "and the applicant followed through on his commitments."

The several neighboring property owners who attended the hearing were mostly the same who had attended the earlier hearings and pretty much voiced the same concerns, although it appeared that their opposition was a little more subdued this time around. The few who spoke cited the potentials for increased traffic, lighting, noise

and other activities of the business that would disrupt and mar the quality of life in their residential neighborhood, which abuts the subject property.

But perhaps Mike Clayton best articulated the neighbors' objection, which essentially boiled to not wanting the development in their backyards.

"You can put lipstick on a bulldog but it's still a bulldog," Clayton said. "Plain and simple, we don't want to see increased traffic in our neighborhood."

The bottom line, Clayton said, was that there were better-suited places for the retail store in town and he and his neighbors didn't want the business in their neighborhood.

Which prompted Councilman Tom Vogelgesang to ask in mild exasperation — in effect tipping his hand insofar as his, if not the council's, general thinking on the issue — what it was that Clayton would like to see on the site, given that the present land-use designation already allowed for commercial buildings of up to 7,500 sq. feet.

Clayton's initial off-the-cuff remark was that a funeral home would be quieter and thus preferable. But a moment later he offered more seriously that condominiums or other such residential units would be more compatible with the area and preferable.

The council itself didn't take long to discuss or decide the issue, once the developer and his representatives and members of the public had had their say over a period of 1½-hours. In relatively rapid succession, the council voted 5-0 to remove the .49-acre parcel from consideration and voted 4-1 both to amend the FLUM and rezone the property. Councilwoman Idella Scott was the dissenting vote.

latter collecting \$8,231.36. In April 2009, the city collected \$3,332.55 for 14 permits and the county collected \$5,517.94 for 29 permits.

The report shows the valuation for residential permits was \$746,351 in April, compared with \$337,637 in March and zero in both February and January. It was \$337,299 in April 2009.

The commercial valuation was again zero in April, the same as it was in March. With the exception of February, when the commercial valuation was \$72,000, this category has been zero since

October 2009. It was \$270,912 in April 2009.

And the valuation of other permits (a category that includes additions, re-roofs and non-residential structures) was \$428,127 in April, compared with \$201,456 in March. It was \$703,519 in April 2009.

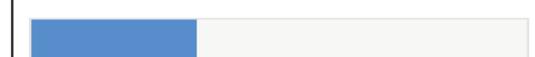
Meanwhile, the Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Department issued nine permits in April and collected \$5,648.85, compared with 16 permits and \$6,005.66 collected in March. The department issued 20 permits and collected \$5,517.58 in April 2009.

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Jefferson County Living

Library Book Club Reading Little Bee

Abi Vandervest



since the library hours were cut back. Palmer Place has been such a lovely place to meet!

We would like to do a review of our first year of our book club, by asking those who joined us to rate the titles (1=poorest and 10= highest,) as well as asking if other titles by this author had been read and how it compares with those if yes. Our list includes: July: A Thousand Splendid Suns (K. Hosseini,) August: The Shack (Wm Young,) September: The Last Town on Earth (Thomas Mullen,) October: South of Broad (Pat Conroy,) November: Back Roads (Tawni O'Dell,) December: Olive Kitteridge (Elizabeth Strout,) January: The Nine (Jeff Toobin,) February: Keepers of the House (Grau,) March: The Art of Racing in the Rain (Garth Stein,) April: A Great Deliverance (Elizabeth George,) May: Little Bee, and June: (whatever that is.) These titles have certainly got me into reading other books by these authors!

As always, we discuss the selection of our next title from 6 to 6:30 p.m., you are invited to come just for this if you'd like, and from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. we discuss the book of the month. We look forward to seeing new faces and reading new authors.

The Library Book Club will be meeting a week early this month. As the book selected is not especially long, we hope it will not keep you from getting it read in time. The book is Little Bee by Chris Cleave. The library has the book and in MP3 audio. We had heard so many people say it was a book worth reading, so we wanted to find out if we agree. We will be meeting again at Palmer Place and the date is Monday, May 10.

It was suggested that we select a biography or memoir for our June title, so we would appreciate any input for titles. You can call the library at 342-0205, or email me at avandervest@juno.com with ideas or questions. Our meeting for June should be the day of Summer Solstice, June 21, and you'll be able to look for the posted notice of location and title at Tupelo's Bakery, or the library. Let me just say thanks to Diane for being our hostesses these three times

Monticello Phlockers Donate \$300

DEBBIE SNAPP
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At the April social of the Monticello Phlockers a representative from the Jefferson County Refuge House was in attendance to accept a \$300 check from the group. She also passed out literature and spoke briefly about the agency and clients she represents.

Earlier this year the Monticello Phlockers chose three charities to give to. They are: the Monticello



Jefferson Journal Photos By Debbie Snapp, April 13, 2010. The Monticello Phlockers meet at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the Brick House Eatery. Singer/Guitarist Debi Jordan, on left, has become a regular to the gatherings, and Phlocker Tiffanie Hoolie, on right, enjoys the evening of fun.



The Monticello Phlockers donated \$300 to the Refuge House for needs in the Jefferson County area. Pictured from left to right are: Head Phlocker Brenda Wilfong, Refuge House Agent Shelia Combs, and Phlocker Barry Kelly.

Opera House, the Jefferson Senior Citizen Center, and the Jefferson County Humane Society. A 50/50 drawing is held every month to help raise funds for the selected charities.

The Tallahassee Phlockers were in attendance during the April meeting. The Phlockers brought with them their "bucket o' booze" to raffle for their Relay For Life event. The Monticello Phlockers were very generous.

The Monticello Phlockers meet monthly at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday at the Brick House Eatery. The next gathering will be May 11. For more information contact Brenda Wilfong at bebeconch@yahoo.com

Caroline, Or Change Coming To Monticello Friday

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With the help of local sponsors, Jefferson County Middle High School (JCMHS) is pleased to announce the Community Celebration of the Performing Arts Fundraiser; the exciting Broadway musical "Caroline, or Change." The show runs May 7-9. JCMHS students, faculty, staff and administrators will be treated to this special production on the morning of May 7.

This show is a must see for all. The show is open to the public at 8 p.m. on May 7 and 8, and at 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 9, at 575 S. Water St. (old JCHS auditorium).

"Caroline, or Change" is a beautiful story about all of us, everyone. Set in the south in 1963, the story centers on the interactions of two American families;

one Christian, one Jewish; one poor, one middle class, and the families' efforts to confront the universal and inescapable power of "change."

The orchestra features professional clarinetist Brian Denk, whose Broadway credits include the original Fiddler on the Roof with Zero Mostel and the original The King and I with Yul Brenner. Denk has also performed with actors Robert Goulet, Howard Keel and others in South Florida.

From the very beginning, the music captivates and keeps you intrigued throughout the play with an exciting mixture of sounds from 1960's Motown, the "girl groups," jazz, classic opera, gospel, Jewish Klezmern delta blues and a hint of Latin.

The Friday, May 7 show at 9:30 a.m. will be preceded by a memorial awards presentation in honor of

two students; Charrelle Ervin and Zachary Eidson.

The Jefferson County Health Department will also deliver a very special message about one of Caroline's themes, the effects of tobacco use.

"Caroline, or Change" is beautifully directed and produced, with music masterfully directed by Charlie J. Toomer. Tickets are now on sale, \$13 for adults and \$11 for students and senior citizens. Call 997.3555 for further information.

Sincere thanks to community sponsors; Jefferson Youth Council, Jefferson County Teachers Credit Union, Tommy Surles Insurance Agency, Dr. Wesley Scoles, Lee Lewis of Gulf Coast Lumber & Supply Company, Lois Hunter, Jefferson County Tax Collector, Dr. Joe Webster of Webster Surgical Group, Buck Bird, Jack Carswell and Margaret Levings.

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PLANTATION RELAY TEAM ROCKIN' FOR A CURE

FRAN HUNT
Jefferson Journal
Staff Writer

All 15 employees at the 32,000+ acre Avalon Plantation are members of the Relay For Life team, whose theme is the Rockin' 50's and Rockin' For A Cure.

Recent fundraisers conducted by the group have been very successful. Recently, the team conducted a trail ride at the plantation, in which approximately 78 riders attended, raising some \$1,200 to find a cure for cancer.

An ongoing fundraiser is the sale of Boston butts. Each butt weighs approximately 6.5 -7 pounds, is tender and flavorful, and feeds about 10-15 people. Johnston's will be preparing the butts.

The tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased from Relay team members. Pick up for the butts will be Saturday, May 8, just in time for Mother's Day, 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Johnston's. \$10 of each ticket sold will go to the Relay team, which sold the ticket.

The team members who could be interviewed for this article, all gave touching and



Jefferson Journal photo by Fran Hunt, May 4, 2010

Avalon Plantation Relay For Life team members, whose theme this year is "Rockin' For a Cure", include, front row pictured left to right, Perry Lastinger, Betty Howell, Linda Campbell and Debra Russell; and back row, pictured left to right, Robert Andrews, Jason Freeland, Amy Taylor, Frank Purvis, Ed Arnette and Helen Flyte.

heart-warming reasons for being a member of the team. As each team member answered, other team members would applaud and often throw in a "Thank God."

Team member Perry Lastinger said, "There are so many people in our day-to-day lives affected by cancer and the American Cancer Society is a great organization. I just want to be a part of finding a cure for

this terrible disease."

Betty Howell added, "I just love helping out in any way I can and this is a very worthwhile cause to raise funds for."

Team member Linda Campbell said, "I just love being able to help out in any way I can and being a member of the Relay team is an honorable cause."

Team member Debra Russell added, "I am a cancer survivor of two

years," to an eruption of applause and "Praise God's" from her team members.

Team member Robert Andrews also had a personal note, "My mother is a cancer survivor," he said to an eruption of applause from his fellow team members.

Jason Freeland added, "We are all very fortunate to be here and I just wanted to do something to help out with

finding a cure to increase the chance of others being here as well."

Team member Amy Taylor said, "I like to help out anybody I can and this is a great way to help others who really need it."

Frank Purvis added, "Cancer that has affected my family and friends every day, all my life. I just want to be a part of finding a cure so others

don't have to go through battling or experiencing a loved one who is battling cancer."

Team member Ed Arnette is a team member with another personal story about being affected by cancer. "My wife is a cancer survivor," he said, again applause erupting from the others within the group.

Helen Flyte added, "My life has been touched by family and friends who were dealing with the battle against cancer to one aspect or another. I want to be a part of helping find a cure through further research."

Lastinger added that the team held a fish fry as a final fundraiser during the Relay For Life event last year and they would probably do the same this year the night of the event, Friday, May 14.

He also reported that Avalon Plantation team members, Jason Freeland and Ed Purvis, who are members of local bands Encore and 19-South, would be performing the night of the Relay and that all of their time was donated toward the cause of finding a cure for cancer.

Rick Bender Is A Man Without A Face

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Staff Writer

Back on April 14, the Jefferson County Health Department's, Tobacco Prevention Program hosted a tobacco education presentation featuring Rick Bender, known as the "man without a face," inspiring local Jefferson County Middle/High School and Aucilla Christian Academy students not to chew tobacco.

Bender used his terrible experience with chewing tobacco to increase youth awareness of the hazardous health effects tobacco causes. Health effects including the fact that more deaths are caused each year by tobacco use than by all deaths from human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), illegal drug use, alcohol use, motor vehicle injuries, suicides and murders combined. According to the Federal Drug Administration, 2010.

Bender was born in California in 1962. He now resides in Kentucky. At the youthful age of 12 he started using spit tobacco, more commonly known as chewing tobacco. Several things influenced him in its use; the biggest was the game of baseball.

In March 1989 he was diagnosed with cancer, caused by his use of spit tobacco. He underwent his first of four surgeries shortly thereafter to remove the cancer. He lost 1/3 of his tongue, 1/2 of his jaw, 25 percent of his right arm, and almost lost his life during the surgery. He fights the affects of his tobacco use still today.

Since his last surgery in June 1990, he has

devoted his life to educating others about this tobacco product across America. "If I can get one individual each day to quit using, or never starting tobacco, maybe it will save their life and make the second chance at life that I have received worthwhile.

During his presentation he described several different cancers including lung, larynx/voice box, oral cavity/mouth, tongue, and lips, pharynx/throat, esophagus/tube connecting the throat to the stomach, stomach, pancreas, cervix, kidney, and bladder just to name a few.

Young people are much more likely to use candy and fruit flavored tobacco products than adults, and tobacco industry documents show that companies have designed these cigarettes with kids in mind. According to the Federal Drug Administration, 2010. For example, one tobacco company suggested creating a honey-flavored cigarette to

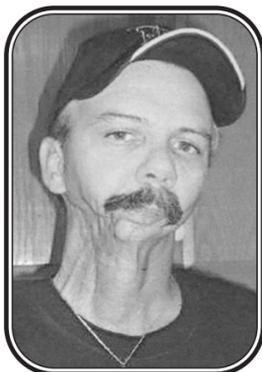


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Rick Bender, the man without a face.

attract teenager who like sweet products. According to the Federal Drug Administration.

According to the Federal Drug Administration, scientists have found that many kids think flavored tobacco products are safer and less addictive than regular tobacco products. This is not true. All tobacco products contain nicotine, one of the addictive chemicals that make it so hard to quit using tobacco. Smoking any kind of

tobacco product increases your risk of developing serious health problems, including lung cancer, heart disease, and emphysema.

Tobacco products that you don't smoke, like snuff and chewing tobacco, have also been shown to cause gum disease and cancers of the mouth. According to the Federal Drug Administration.

This presentation was a preventive measure to increase youth awareness of the harmful health effects of tobacco, prevent initiation, and encourage youth who currently use tobacco products to stop. Students were provided cessation information from the Florida Quitline, 1-877-U-CAN-NOW.

To find more information on cessation classes, contact Tobacco Prevention Specialists Chastity McCarthy, and Marianne Arbulu at 342-0170X2101 or; chastity_mccarthy@doh.state.fl.us

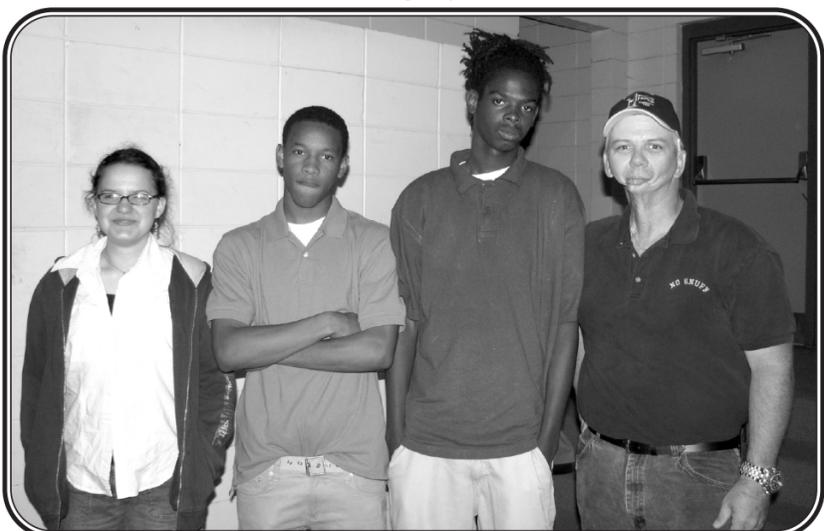


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Jefferson County Middle/High School students pictured from left to right are: Breanna Haugen, Dontavius Hampton, James Ford, with Rick Bender, the man without a face.

RELAY FOR LIFE UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, May 7 - Spaghetti dinner with Parson's Posse from 5-7pm at Hiram Lodge #5 located at 235 N Olive Street in Monticello. For \$8 you will enjoy spaghetti, salad, garlic toast, dessert, and tea. New information - "We will have 30's music, checkers, horse shoes and bingo. We have also added ice cream to our cobbler and plan to be in period dress." Dine in and take-out are available. What a great way to enjoy dinner!

Saturday, May 8 - End of the Boston butt sale with the Jefferson County relay teams and Johnston's Meat Market. Go ahead and pay for your meat ticket now. Then simply pick up your slow smoked Boston butt at Johnston's Meat Market on May 8 (the day before Mother's Day) from 11:00am - 3:00pm. It would be an easy and delicious addition to your Mother's Day meal. The cost is \$25 for the Boston butt, with \$10 of every sale going to the American Cancer Society. To purchase your meat ticket, please contact one of the local relay teams or Perry or Dana Lastinger at 508-2174. If you are a captain of a team that would like to participate and have not received your tickets, please contact Dana at the number listed above.

Raffle tickets for two beautiful hand painted windows are being sold by First United Methodist Church. Please see the pictures attached to this e-mail. The herb garden window measures 40x28 and the heart and flowers window measures 36 x 28. Over the next few weeks they will be displayed at Farmers & Merchants Bank, Edenfield's Hardware, Milady's Shop, Jacksons Drug Store, and others as they are coordinated. Each window is a separate drawing, with separate tickets, and the tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 tickets for \$20.00. Tickets to win these beautiful windows will be available with each merchant, at the office of the First United Methodist Church (325 Walnut Street; phone 997-5545) and through Helen Braswell, who can be reached at 997-4604. Get your tickets now and hope to win when the winning raffle ticket is drawn at the Relay for Life Event on May 14. You don't have to be present to win, but attending the relay event is great fun!

Chances to win a beautiful hand crocheted slate blue afghan by the team from Capital City Bank. Chances are \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5 and are available through any CCB associate. A picture of the afghan is attached to this e-mail. Raffle tickets for the afghan will be on sale until the Relay for Life Event on May 15. You don't have to be present to win, but attending the relay event is great fun!

May 11 - Cancer Survivor Dinner at the Monticello Opera House at 6:00 pm. Please call Christina Downer at 297-0588 ext 3704 to notify her of your intentions to attend.

MAY 14-15 RELAY FOR LIFE!! The fun begins at 6:00pm on the 14th, with the Survivor Lap, and continues until noon on the 15th. The Lumnaria Ceremony will be at 9:00pm. If you would like to purchase a luminaria, the order form is attached. The bloodmobile will be in attendance and accepting blood donations from 4:00pm - 8:30pm on May 14th. All those who donate a blood unit will receive a free beach towel.

What to look for at Relay For Life... Parson's Posse will have two dinner choices of chili, crackers, and coke for \$3.00 or chili, pimento sandwich and coke for \$5.00. They will also be serving breakfast at their campsite on Saturday morning and will have breakfast casserole, juice, and a bagle for \$5.00.

Jefferson County Living

Look Good Feel Better

JORDANA OSBORNE
Facilitator and Area Trainer

Look Good Feel Better is a wonderful program that changes lives and helps make survivors! It is a free, national service program which is designed to help women cancer patients learn to cope with the appearance-related side effects of chemotherapy and radiation treatments. Patients are taught techniques to help restore their appearance and self esteem through the use of makeup, wigs, scarves and other accessories.

Jordana Osborne recently returned from Chicago where she became certified as a Look Good Feel Better Area Trainer. She says, "Three years ago I received a letter from the American Cancer Society about this wonderful program and their need for volunteers. At a time when I was looking for a way to

use my skills, I knew this program was the best way for me to give back to patients who had been touched by cancer. Watching these brave women in their journey through recovery, and how much support Look Good Feel Better provides for each of them makes me know "It is far better to give than receive." I am also excited about recruiting and certifying new licensed volunteers in our area. I am so honored to be a part of this program of the American Cancer Society."

It is important to provide education about Look Good Feel Better. Every patient undergoing treatment should be made aware of this class and all of the tools available to them while they are undergoing treatment. All this is available, free of charge! Currently we have three licensed, certified volunteers facilitating the Look Good Feel Better



program. We have one session per month. A class size between 6-10 patients, with two facilitators, allows each person to receive personal attention. Each patient in the program receives one complementary makeup kit in their group session.

Look Good Feel Better is a joint, cooperative program developed by three collaborators: The Personal Care

Products Council Foundation, The American Cancer Society, and The Professional Beauty Association/National Cosmetology Association. Each of these organizations plays a different role in the program and raise funds in their own way to support it. Look Good Feel Better is non-medical and does not promote medical or psycho-

logical claims or interference with medical treatment in any way. The program is also salon and product neutral. We do not promote any specific cosmetic product, manufacturer, salon, service or supplier.

If you could benefit from the services offered by Look Good Feel Better or are interested in becoming a volunteer for this program, please contact Caroline Miller, with the American Cancer Society, at 850-297-0588 ext. 3702.

Join us at Relay For Life on Friday May 14 & 15.

Donate Blood at Relay For Life, Get A Free Beach Towel!

Do you want a free beach towel? Am I crazy to even ask? Who doesn't like getting something free? All you have to do is save up to three lives on May 14 at Jefferson County's Relay for Life. What?! Sounds like a lofty thing to do, right? It's easier than you think. The Southeastern Community Blood Center is inviting you to "Dive in and donate blood." To receive your free beach towel, all you have to do is walk onto the bloodmobile parked at Jefferson County's Relay for Life, next to the Jefferson County High School track on May 14 from 4:00 - 8:30pm, roll up your sleeve, and donate blood.

If you would like to reserve a donation time, you can contact Marianne Goehrig at marianne.goehrig@gmail.com or 219-0722.

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School & Education

Area Parents Discuss Importance Of Parental Involvement In Children's Education

FRAN HUNT
Jefferson Journal
Staff Writer

To spark parental interest in becoming involved with the local schools and taking an active part in their children's educations, several area parents were asked to discuss the importance of parental involvement in their children's educations and about the importance of attending meetings at the schools and taking an active role in education of their children.

County parent Terri Long was the first to address the subject. "As a full time working parent of two children in Jefferson schools (JES and JCMHS), I was asked my thoughts on the importance of education and how parent involvement plays a key role in the education of a child," she said. "Wow, very empowering subjects and deep questions that can be thought of in many different perspectives. I'll try to put into words, based on my experience in Jefferson County, my perspective of education and parent involvement."

"Just a quick background: I have two sons, one in JES (1st grade) and one in JCMHS (6th grade). Currently both are doing well in school. This wasn't always the case," added Long. "I am not a perfect parent. Actually I am pretty tough on my kids because I know without what is known as a 'good education', their life as adults will be more difficult."

"Don't get me wrong. I also believe that education goes well beyond schoolwork,

tests and grades. Education is also about building confidence to make decisions, to face what life has to offer and to accept all of life's successes and failures," she said. "Having my children become students that enjoy learning will lead them to become lifelong learners and in the process, I hope, become productive and 'educated' adults."

"I believe the concept of 'education' begins at home and when your children are infants. They are constantly learning. As parents, we are their first and most important teachers in life. It is our love for our children that drive us to try to keep them happy, healthy and safe," Long added. "We want the best for our children in life. That continues when our children enter school. It becomes more complicated at that point. All children are different. Some children may excel, some will struggle and other children will just get by, grade by grade. Sometimes I had felt that the 'standards' wanted to measure my child as a 'square' when he wasn't exactly square, but more rectangular."

"In other words he wasn't exactly on track with how the state required elements defined he should be. I soon learned that helping with homework wasn't enough. That's when I became more involved as a parent," said Long. "I began talking to anybody who was around, including teachers, guidance counselors, principals and I asked questions because no question is a dumb ques-

tion," she said. "I basically became my child's advocate. Being an involved parent helped me, help my children. The more questions I asked and the more involved I became and the more I learned."

"I became aware of rights of all students, including those who may have a learning disability and continued asking questions. I am glad I started asking questions, and to be truthful, I have never stopped asking questions," she added. "I have attended various parent organizational meetings including Parent Involvement, PTO, SAC and attended numerous School Board meetings and workshops, when I could. I phone and email my children's teachers with questions."

"This has helped me understand the school system with respect to the various roles and where the responsibilities lie. Guess what? This has helped me identify who to ask the questions I have, regarding the education of my children," Long said. "Sometimes I get an answer, sometimes the questions brings up more questions, but I feel that if I have a question, there must be more parents out there that have the same or similar question," she continued.

"In the beginning of my children's education, there were many times I did not feel I had any control or input into their educational process. This scared me! After starting to ask questions, I learned more about the educational system, after that

I asked more questions and became more involved, all of which made me feel empowered," she added. "Then an incredible thing happened. Other people were asking me questions and for my opinion! I was asked for suggestions on various issues within the school district. I finally had some sense of control of my children's education."

"I would encourage all parents of all students to become 'involved parents'. Don't be afraid to ask the questions or to voice an opinion or to make suggestions. Communicate with your child's teachers. They are the educators on the front line! Attend various meetings, if you can. The school district staff wants the same as us, the best education for our children," Long concluded.

Alyce Branham added, "Well, it is a parent's responsibility to be involved in their children's education. If parents were involved, they would know more about what is happening during the course of a regular school day," she said. "They would be aware of any situations their child could be having in the classroom that would affect his/her progress, or with someone on campus."

"Interaction with the school allows parents to have conversations with teachers, which keeps parents knowledgeable about their child's homework, special projects, advance classes, their child's behavior and so much more," she said. "Parents, please get involved and commit

yourselves to your child and the school system you send them to every day. Being involved demonstrates your devoted interest to your child," she concluded.

"I am elated for the opportunity to express my thoughts relating a parent's involvement in their children's education," said Nicky Seaton, a parent of CARE Charter School of Excellence. "Being a young lady who grew up and was educated in this system, I noticed the progressive downgrade of education in my county. Therefore, I delegated myself to be 100 percent actively involved in my kids' educations," she said.

"I realized immediately being involved entailed quite a lot, which naturally made me second-guess my decision," Seaton added. "However, knowing my kids could graduate from high school could be presented the highest honor of valedictorian, gave me the vigor needed to fulfill the dream for my kids."

"So, determination set in to make every open house to present my concerns and expectations of my child's teacher and visa-versa," she said. "I realized that in order for my kids to have a successful year, this would be a mandatory action."

"I made myself readily available for conferences, PTO meetings and unscheduled visits and responded promptly to positive and negative daily news reports," Seaton said. "When the situations arise, I would contact the teacher for more detailed information about the issue."

"Another passionate topic to me was the prompt completion of in-school and homework assignments, studying for pop-quizzes, weekly and semester tests and most importantly, reading daily. By the words penned by President Barack Obama in his proclamation for Charter Schools, 'In the 21st century, a world class education is our best avenue to prosperity.'"

"I experienced humanly moments of exhaustion and this is common, especially with more than one child," Seaton added. "Nevertheless, I refuse to leave my kids education in the hands of anyone other than myself! Parents need to realize that involvement in itself, is an ongoing assignment."

"When the bus leaves my residence, I immediately begin to prepare afternoon assignments for my kids, in addition to their daily work," she said. "This reinforcement tool further enhances my child's knowledge and skills. This has proven successful over and over and not to brag or boast, but they have excelled beyond measure and maintained exceptional academic standards since pre-kindergarten. I know if I can do it, every parent can do it. Our children are our most valuable investment," she concluded.

To get involved at the schools as a mentor, volunteer or concerned parent, call JES at 342-0115 or JCMHS at 997-3555 and ask how you can be a part of helping better education for our children.

NFCC Students Explore Colleges And Careers At C3 Education And Job Fair



NFCC employee Tara Orlowski assists NFCC students, left to right, Caleb Tuten (Madison); Kristi Hathcock (Perry); Amy Stalnaker (Madison); and Kim Butler (Greenville) with registration at NFCC's C3 "Colleges, Careers, and Connections" Education and Job Fair in the NFCC Student Center in April.



Representatives from Madison County District Schools were on hand to talk with NFCC students about career opportunities during the event.

North Florida Community College's Career Resource Center held its first C3 "Colleges, Careers, and Connections" Education and Job Fair in April providing NFCC students with a unique opportunity to connect with four-year colleges and universities and potential employers all in one location, the NFCC Student Center. The event, coordinated by NFCC's Career Recruitment Specialist Kim Halfhill, was very successful with 90 stu-

dents pre-registering and an additional 83 registering on-site at the event. "We look forward to making this an annual event for NFCC students," said Halfhill.

The Career Resource Center is designed to provide students with the tools needed to transition from college to career. The center is funded in part by North Florida Workforce funds provided through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Four-year schools participating in the education and job fair were Florida A&M University, Florida State University, The Baptist College of Florida, Savannah College of Art & Design, Saint Leo University and Thomas University. Area businesses participating included Workforce, Florida Army National Guard, North Florida Medical Centers, Madison County Community Bank, the US Census Bureau, Madison County School Board, the US Army, US Navy Recruiting Office, and Apalachee Center, Inc.

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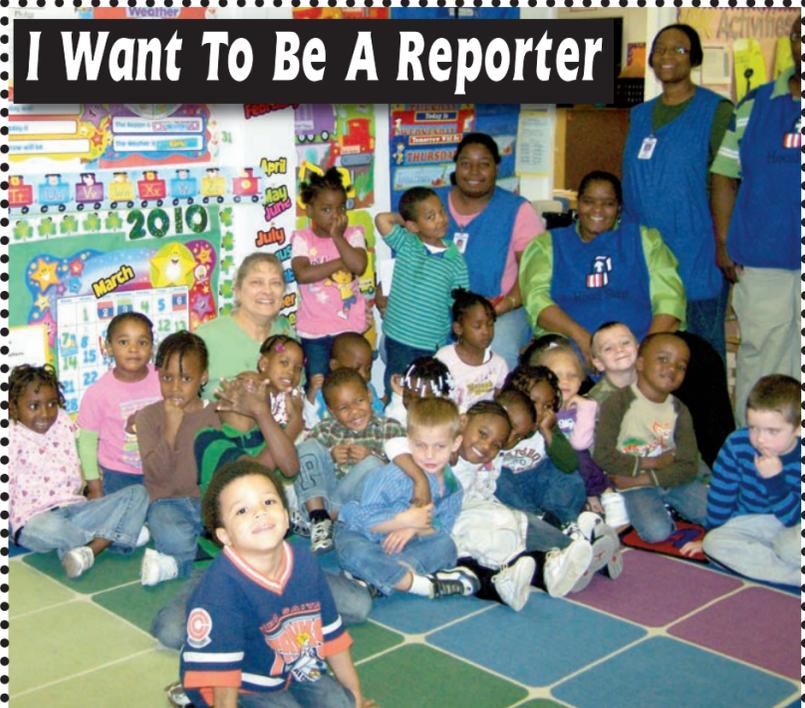
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School & Sports



I Want To Be A Reporter
 At the Jefferson County Head Start, an affiliate of Capital Area Community Action Agency, the students learn about the many different jobs that will be expected of them when they grow up and become "movers and shakers and leaders of their community." Recently the students were introduced to the field of publication, and what is expected of a news reporter. Local news reporter Debbie Snapp of the Monticello News gave them the ups and downs of the career. The students, the Head Start staff, including Georgia Lamar, teachers assistant, Frazie Bennett, teachers assistant, Alice Peck, teacher, Lawanda Jones, teachers assistant, and Ophelia Mutch, center director, and reporter Debbie Snapp are pictured here in no particular order.

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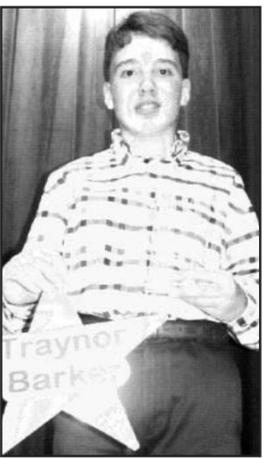


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 In the 4th and 5th Division at the 4-H District III Tropicana Public Speaking Contest 4-H Member Traynor Barker received honorable mention.

DEBBIE SNAPP
Jefferson Journal Staff Writer
 The 4-H District III Tropicana Public Speaking Contest was held on Thursday, April 29 at the Perry Paige Auditorium, on the campus of Florida A&M University. Youth from Jefferson, Madison, Taylor, Gadsden, Gulf, Liberty, and Leon counties participated in this event.

4-H member Traynor Barker received honorable mention in the 4th and 5th Division at the 4-H District III Tropicana Public Speaking Contest. 4-H member Felix Serna received honorable mention in the 6th Division.

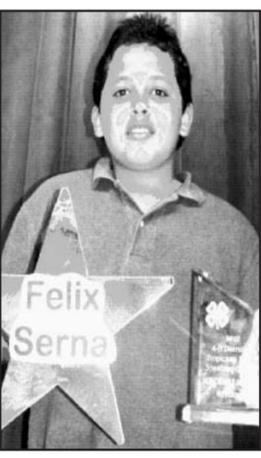


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AG LITERACY DAY AT ACA



Picture Submitted
 Joel Love, with the Florida Department of Agriculture, read the 2010 Ag Literacy book "Green Florida Farms" with the first and second graders at Aucilla Christian Academy students.

DEBBIE SNAPP
Jefferson Journal Staff Writer
 First and second graders at Aucilla Christian Academy observed Ag Literacy Day on Thursday, March 25. Joel Love, with the Florida Department of Agriculture, shared the 2010 Ag Literacy book entitled "Green Florida Farms" with the students in the classes of Tonya Roberts, Debbie Stephens, Debbie Love, and Shona Whiddon. Love discussed farmers using various practices to preserve water by irrigating smarter and better. He also introduced new terms to the students, which included "contour" farming, "no-till" farming, "hydroponics" gardening, and "biomass." Many of the

products Florida farmers produce were also discussed. Students were treated with plastic "Got Milk?" cups, coloring books, and bookmarks to take home.

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Area Teachers Recognized By Their Peers

DEBBIE SNAPP
Jefferson Journal Staff Writer
 Some time ago the community was asked to write an essay about their favorite teacher, in an effort to show just how much that teacher was appreciated. Posters explaining the essay contest rules and reasons were placed at several business locations around town, and completed essays were to be dropped off at the local Winn Dixie store service desk.

The essays have been collected and read, and the teachers winning gift cards for Winn

Dixie and Publix are as follows: Janet Cook, Jefferson County Middle/High School; Connie Swiggard, Little Angels; Marilyn Youtzy, CARE Charter School; and Lakaysha Wideman, Jefferson Elementary School.

The organizers of this essay contest wanted to recognize the teachers that do so much for the community and for the children. And that's why during Teacher Appreciation Week for the past few years, Affordable Business Communications has encouraged this contest

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WARRIORS DROPPED 9-1 IN DISTRICT FINAL

FRAN HUNT
Jefferson Journal Staff Writer
 The Aucilla Christian Academy varsity Warriors baseball team ended the overall season 14-9-1 after dropping the District Championship against John Paul II, 9-1, April 29.

The Warriors went in knowing that depending on how play went the game could go either way because the Warriors lost the first regular season game against John Paul, 4-1 and won the second, 7-6. Coach Ray Hughes reminded that though the Warriors did not take the title this year, they have won six District titles in the past eight years.

Being the number two seed in the district, the Warriors were given a bye for their first night of tournament competi-

tion, April 25. The evening of April 29 in the District Championship game,



the Warriors were defeated and the season, officially over for Aucilla.

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Legal Request For Bids

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of "AMALY ENTERPRISES" located at 70 White Oak Dr. N. Monticello, FL 32344, in the county of Jefferson, in the City of Monticello, Florida 32344 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Monticello, Florida this 5th day of May, 2010 signed: Bradford W. Locke
5/7/10,c.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING EVALUATION AND APPRAISAL REPORT TRANSMITTAL

The Jefferson County Board of County Commission will review and make a decision regarding the adoption and transmittal of the Evaluation and Appraisal Report Addendum to the Department of Community Affairs pursuant to Section 163.3191, Florida Statutes. Interested parties may present their concerns at the Jefferson County Board of County Commission meeting on May 20, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the Jefferson County Courthouse Annex located at 447 W. Walnut Street in Monticello, Florida 32344. The meeting may be continued as necessary.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, TRANSMITTING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS THE COUNTY'S ADOPTED ADDENDUM TO EVALUATION AND APPRAISAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 163.3191, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
5/7/2010,c.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 33-2009-CA-000112

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR ABFC 2006-0PT2 TRUST, ABFC ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-0PT2
Plaintiff,

vs.
JERRY A. HANCOCK; RITA H. HANCOCK; WATHA E. WARD A/K/A WATHA E. ARD; HIAWATHA FARMS HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY;
Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated April 14, 2010, and entered in Case No. 33-2009-CA-000112, of the Circuit Court of the 2ND Judicial Circuit in and for JEFFERSON County, Florida. WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR ABFC 2006-0PT2 TRUST, ABFC ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-0PT2 is Plaintiff and JERRY A. HANCOCK; RITA H. HANCOCK; WATHA E. WARD A/K/A WATHA E. ARD; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; HIAWATHA FARMS HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC; are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash AT THE NORTH DOOR OF THE COURTHOUSE., at CLERK OF COURTS, MONTICELLO IN JEFFERSON County, FLORIDA, at 11:00 a.m., on the 8th day of July, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:
LOT NUMBERED TWO (2) OR HIAWATHA FARMS SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK B PAGE 88 IF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF, JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim with 60 days after the sale. Dated this 29th day of April, 2010.

Kirk B. Reams
As Clerk of said Court
By Sherry Sears
As Deputy Clerk

This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2.065 In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to provisions of certain assistance. Please contact the Court Administrator at Clerk Of Courts, Rm.10, Monticello, FL 32344, Phone No. (850)342-0218 within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice or pleading; if you are hearing impaired, call 1-800-955-8771 (TDD); if you are voice impaired, call 1-800-995-8770 (V) (Via Florida Relay Services).

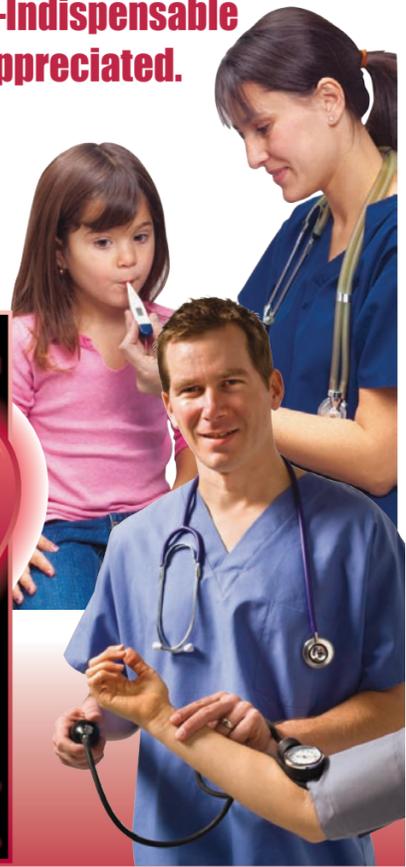
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NATIONAL NURSES WEEK

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NATIONAL NURSES WEEK RECOGNIZES CAREGIVERS



Left to Right: Nita Fico-Allied Health Programs Director, Carol Rykard-RN Instructor, Julie Walden-RN Instructor, Kathy Fields-PCT Instructor, Shirley Haynes-PCT Instructor Assistant, Brandi Browning RN Instructor, Dana Leggett-RN Instructor. Faculty missing from picture: Julie Townsend-RN Instructor, LaFrenchie McCreary-LPN Instructor, Tiffany Strickland-LPN Instructor.

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English nurse, Florence Nightingale set the standard for great nursing: she managed a military field hospital, investigated Indian rural life to improve sanitation and was a math whiz using pie charts to show statistics on the benefits of proper care.

National Nurses Week is May 6 through May 12, coinciding with Nightingale's birthday. "It was set up as a way to establish recognition for nurses," said Nita Fico, director of Allied Health Programs at North Florida Community College.

Madison and the surrounding areas is a Health Manpower Shortage Area, which is why North Florida Community College is partnering with 17 different sites locally. "It's like a diving board," said Fico.

Students spend roughly half their time in clinical settings to experience Public Health, Obstetrics, Pediatrics, Mental Health and specialty areas such as the Madison Abilities Resource Center (ARC). It gives them hands-on experience and a better idea of how they want to manage their careers.

"We want our Allied Health Program and the

community to work together to meet the needs of both," said Fico, who oversees the RN Program, Licensed Practical Nurse Program and Patient Care Technician Program at North Florida Community College.

At least 80 students per year graduate from the Allied Health program. "I always tell students there are multiple opportunities in nursing," said Nico. The phone number is 973-1600 for information on upcoming classes.

As for nursing pioneer, Florence Nightingale, she died peacefully in her sleep at age 90 in 1910.

DEBBIE SNAPP
*Jefferson Journal
Staff Writer*

Covenant Hospice will honor the work of its registered nurses to provide compassionate hospice and palliative care to individuals facing end-of-life issues during this year's National Nurses Week, celebrated annually May 6 through 12 throughout the United States.

This year, the American Nurses Association has selected "Nurses: Caring Today for a Healthier Tomorrow" as the theme for 2010.

Covenant Hospice nurses are specially trained in pain and symptom control techniques that help to alleviate the suffering often associated with a life-limiting illness. They make regularly scheduled visits, provide patient and family education, skilled patient care, and are available

on a 24-hour per day on-call basis for emergencies.

Annually, National Nurses Week begins on May 6, marked as RN Recognition Day, and ends on May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, founder of nursing as a modern profession. During this week, nurses at Covenant Hospice will be honored by the non-for-profit organization.

Traditionally, National Nurses Week is devoted to highlighting the diverse ways in which registered nurses, the largest health care profession, are working to improve health care.

From bedside nursing in hospitals and long-term care facilities to the halls of research institutions, state legislatures, and Congress, the depth and breadth of the nursing profession is meeting the expanding health care needs of American society.

Jefferson County Health Department

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How to use: the major and minor feeding times for each day are listed below. The major feeding times are the best for the sportsman and last about 2 hours, the minor feeding times can also have good success, but last only about 1 hour.

The Week of May 7, 2010 through May 13, 2010
Major Feed Times are marked by an asterisk (*)

Friday, May 7	Saturday, May 8	Sunday, May 9	Monday, May 10
2:20 AM	2:00 AM	2:40 AM	3:20 AM
*8:30 AM	*8:10 AM	*8:40 AM	*9:10 AM
2:30 PM	2:20 PM	2:50 PM	3:30 PM
*7:45 PM	*8:20 PM	*9:00 PM	*9:40 PM
Tuesday, May 11	Wednesday, May 12	Thursday, May 13	
4:00 AM	4:30 AM	5:20 AM	
*10:00 AM	*10:40 AM	*11:30 AM	
4:00 PM	5:00 PM	5:45 PM	
*10:20 PM	*11:00 PM	*11:55 PM	



Two National Wildlife Refuges Offer Special Hunts

This fall, Northwest Florida offers some special deer and wild hog hunts at St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) and a unique "big-game" hunt on the island of St. Vincent NWR.

The application period for these hunts begins 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 4, and continues through 11:59 p.m. Thursday, June 10.

There are two archery hunts, two general gun hunts and one mobility-impaired gun hunt on St. Marks NWR, which covers 60,000 acres in Wakulla, Jefferson and Taylor counties. Five-day archery hunts for white-tailed deer and wild hogs take place Nov. 9-13 in the Panacea Unit and Nov. 2-6 in the Wakulla Unit. There are 200 available permits for each hunt at \$15 each.

The two general gun hunts are both three days long and take place on the area's two units - Wakulla (Dec. 10-12) and Panacea (Dec. 17-19). There are 175 permits available for the Wakulla Unit and 80 for the Panacea Unit. These per-

mits cost \$15, if you are drawn.

The three-day mobility-impaired gun hunt is for hunters certified by the FWC as mobility-impaired. It takes place on the Panacea Unit Dec. 11-13, and 15 permits are available - again, \$15 if drawn.

For hunters looking to rough it a bit more and go after some truly big game, the 12,490-acre, undeveloped barrier island of St. Vincent NWR in Franklin County is where the hunt's on for the enormous, imported sambar deer. These reddish-brown deer, which are actually in the elk family, are native to Southeast Asia and were introduced on the island in 1908. They can measure 6 feet tall at the shoulder and weigh more than 700 pounds.

You also can harvest wild hogs on this hunt, but it must be with bows or muzzleloaders. Hunters with a Disabled Crossbow Permit may use crossbows.

The primitive-sambar deer/wild hog hunt takes place Dec. 2-4, and there are 200 permits available,

costing \$25. Hunters who drew this hunt last year aren't eligible to apply this year.

The bag limit on sambars is two (male or female), and there is no bag limit on hogs.

You can get to St. Vincent Island only by boat. If you don't have one, you can contact the local chamber of commerce for a list of boat captains who will ferry you to and from the island for a fee.

The island has no electricity, and generators are not allowed, so it's all about primitive camping for three days. Hunters may have a small campfire, but only using wood they take with them or dead wood they find on the ground.

Take a bicycle, unless you plan to walk everywhere. If you do harvest any game, however, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service staff will pick up you and your animal in one of their trucks. That's the only way you're catching a ride in a motorized vehicle, unless you're a disabled hunter. Those hunters receive special accommodations and

transportation to and from their hunting spots.

Sambar deer feed on aquatic vegetation, so you're not likely to find them in drier, upland habitat. It's best to set up in marshes.

Shooting hours for this hunt end at 3 p.m. each day.

All of the above-mentioned hunt permits are nontransferable. An adult must accompany permit holders under age 16 on all of these hunts, but that person may not hunt. Mobility-impaired hunters can bring one guest who may hunt, but both hunters must share a single person's bag limit.

Up to five hunters can choose to apply as a

group. To apply as a group, one person must first apply as group leader, indicate the creation of a group and enter the hunt choice for the group. The group leader receives a group number (prints on receipt), which group members must have. Each group member must then submit a \$5 application and indicate the group number.

To apply, fill out the 2010-2011 NWR worksheet at MyFWC.com/Hunting, select text under "Limited Entry Hunts" and enter the four-digit hunt number for the requested hunt date. Submit completed applications at www.fl.wildlifelicenses.com, county tax collectors'

offices or retail outlets that sell hunting and fishing supplies, through 11:59 p.m. June 10.

The FWC issues these permits by a random drawing that takes place in early August. You may apply only once for each hunt. The application fee is \$5. If you submit your application at a license agent or tax collector's office, be sure to get your worksheet back from the clerk, along with your receipt.

You can check the results of the drawing online at MyFWC.com/Hunting; click on "Limited Entry Hunts" and look for the link "Check Permit Availability and Drawing Results."

TRUCK KILLS MAMMOTH BEAR HERE; CARCASS CAUSES WRECK

A black bear killed by what was likely a semi-trailer truck on April 23 in Jefferson County may be the third-largest bear ever recovered in Florida.

A large vehicle apparently struck the 600-pound male bear around 11 p.m. on U.S. 27, two miles west of the

"I tried to weigh the bear on our scale, but it only goes to 500 pounds, and he bottomed out the scale," Bailey said. "Then, I thought about the fertilizer plant in Waukeena. They weighed my truck with the bear, and then without it."

Lamont community. A truck driven by Teresa Anderson, of St. Petersburg, then struck the bear in the roadway, causing her truck to wreck.

Neither Anderson nor her passenger, Goliath Davis, was injured, according to the Florida Highway Patrol. Efforts to reach Anderson were unsuccessful.

Donald Bailey, a bear-response agent with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), had to use a winch and lift-pole apparatus to get the bear in his truck. His attempt to get the bear's weight required some ingenuity, however.



Bailey said the bear appeared to be in excellent condition. He said it had no tags or marks to indicate it had ever been caught before.

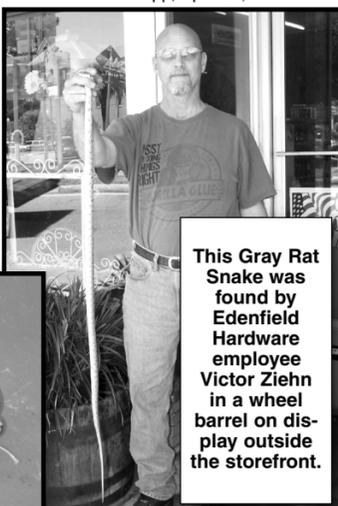
"This is the time of year when bears are active and moving," said Dave Telesco, the FWC's bear program coordinator. "Motorists should drive carefully, particularly at night, in areas of the state where bear sightings are common."

In 1945, a 635-pound bear was killed in Volusia County during the bear-hunting season. And in 1988, a vehicle in Collier County killed a 624-pound male bear.

Watch For Snakes!



Edenfield Hardware employee Wes Bell will take this Gray Rat Snake home, adding to his collection. The snake was found hanging out by the storefront display.



This Gray Rat Snake was found by Edenfield Hardware employee Victor Ziehn in a wheel barrel on display outside the storefront.

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Jefferson Journal Photos By Debbie Snapp, April 29, 2010



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FWC Sets Public Hearings On Proposal Affecting Deer Hunting

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) will hold 14 public meetings throughout the state to receive input from Florida hunters on proposals affecting deer hunting.

Nine of the meetings will be about potential changes to hunting season dates on wildlife management areas (WMAs) to align them with recent changes to the state's hunting zones. The remaining five will cover the possible implementation of a deer-harvest reporting system as a tool to further develop future harvest management goals.

The FWC wants to collect as much public input as possible to see if changes are needed before formally presenting the rule proposals to the Commission. If approved by the Commission, the changes could take effect as early as the 2011-2012 hunting season.

The meeting in this area to discuss possible changes to WMA hunting season dates will take place Thursday, May

13, at the Tallahassee Automobile Museum, 6800 Mahan Dr. in Tallahassee. The meeting regarding the proposed deer harvest reporting system will be Tuesday, June 8, also at the Tallahassee Automobile Museum.

All meetings will be from 6 to 8 p.m. (local time). They will follow a "town hall" format, with FWC staff making a presentation, followed by a public question-and-answer session with FWC staff. After the group discussion, the public will be able to address individual FWC staff members on a one-on-one basis.

Anyone requiring special accommodations to participate in the workshops should advise the FWC at least five calendar days before the workshop by calling 850-488-6411. If you are hearing- or speech-impaired, contact the FWC using the Florida Relay Service at 800-955-8771 (TTY) or 800-955-8770 (voice).

For more information, contact the FWC's state deer coordinator, Cory Morea, at 850-410-0656, ext. 17256 or by e-mail at Cory.Morea@MyFWC.com.