



KWIKY MART ROBBED, MAN ARRESTED



Jefferson County Journal photo by Fran Hunt, May 12, 2010



● Crime scene tape was strung across both entrances at the Kinsey's Kwiky Mart in Aucilla following an armed robbery Wednesday afternoon. The suspect apprehended was William Evans, pictured left.

FRAN HUNT
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Just a few hours after an armed robbery had taken place in Jefferson County, deputies had their suspect tucked away in the Jefferson County Jail.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office reported that at 1:29 p.m. on Wednesday, May 12, Warren Kinsey, owner of the Kwiky Mart located at 7613 East Washington Street in Aucilla, reported being robbed at gunpoint.

Crime scene tape was strung across both
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Felix Joyner Seeks Reelection To District 4 Commission Seat



Jefferson County Commissioner Felix "Skeet" Joyner announced this week he would seek reelection to the District 4 County Commission seat.

Skeet is part of the fourth generation of Joyners to live in Jefferson County. He has more than 35 years of experience as an independent business owner with his company and cattle farm in Lloyd. He also serves on the Board of Directors of a local bank in Jefferson County.

Skeet has always taken an active role in community service. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Monticello and Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce and is a past board member of the Jefferson County Kiwanis Club and past President of the Jefferson County Babe Ruth League. He currently sponsors a girls' softball team and is an active member of First Baptist Church of Lloyd.

In these times of recession and rising cost of government, our county needs proven leaders with a record of experience and accomplishments both in business and in office. Our country and state are going through tough financial times, yet Jefferson County is currently in excellent financial condition and Skeet's leadership and experience have been an integral part of this. During his 12 years in office and serving three times as Chairman, the county has been able to reduce your property tax millage rate twice (from 10 mills to the current rate of 8.3 mills) while at the same time increasing county services.

Skeet believes that experiences and education will make a difference in this election. He was the 1st certified county commissioner to serve in Jefferson County and the only commissioner to graduate from Local Government Leadership Training offered through the State of Florida. He has seven years of experience serving on the Planning Commission in Jefferson County; six years experience serving on the Appalachian Regional Planning Council; four years of experience serving on the Board of Directors of the Florida Association of Counties; six years serving on the Board of Directors of the Small County Coalition; and two years experience serving on the State Rural Caucus as Chairman. Skeet also has extensive experience lobbying the United States Congress and the Florida Legislature.

Skeet pledged eight years ago to bring Jefferson County to the forefront in the Florida Legislature and did so by establishing the Jefferson County Legislative Committee, which has been recognized by state leaders as the very best rural county lobbying team in the state of Florida. Our county has benefited tremendously from these lobbying efforts, resulting in more than \$20 million in road paving projects, the funding of the new government complex, the acquisition of the headwaters of the Wacissa River, many recreation grants, and most importantly, the passing of the Fiscally Constrained Legislation, which Skeet was one of the state leaders on. This piece of legislation will provide our county with more than \$700,000 a year for the next 10 years.

Our county continues to need strong, experienced leaders on the County Commission, such as Skeet. With a proven track record and devotion to Jefferson County, he has pledged to continue this type of leadership for the next four years.

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School Board Rejects Latest A-Building Bid

Ball Back In County's Court

LAZARO ALEMAN
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The month-by-month negotiations between the Jefferson County Commission and the Jefferson County School Board over the lease of the A-Building hit another snag Monday evening, May 10, with school officials rejecting what was supposed to be the commissioners' final offer.

Even so, the School Board left the door opened, instructing its negotiator to return to the commission with a modified version of the latter's proposal.

By respective 3-2 and 4-1 votes, the School Board rejected the commission's offer of a 20-year lease/purchase of the building at \$2,000 monthly with the first two years to be paid upfront, and countered with the same terms, minus the purchase option.

Now it's up to the commission to decide the next step, which it will likely take up at its meeting on Thursday evening, May 20.

The major sticking point of at least two of the School Board members who voted against the commission's offer had to do with the additional...
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High School Awarded \$500,000 Solar System

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Jefferson County Middle High School (JCMHS) is one of 90 Florida public schools selected to participate in the SunSmart Schools E-Shelter (Emergency Shelter) program, administered by the University of Central Florida's Florida Solar Energy Center (FSEC).

The award entails the installation of a 10,000-watt solar array system with battery backup on the school grounds. Additionally, the school will benefit from other aspects of the program, including teacher training and access to energy saving information.

SunSmart Program Manager Susan Schleith informed JCMHS Principal Dr. Rodney Ryan of the

award via letter on April 29.

"We are pleased to inform you that your school has been selected as one of the finalists in the program," Schleith wrote. "Upon completion of a successful visit to your facility by our FSEC engineering and emergency management team to confirm site suitability, your school will be fully accepted into the program."

That visit has already taken place and the school has been accepted, School Superintendent Bill Brumfield told the *Journal* on Wednesday, May 12.

Brumfield said the 10-kilowatt solar electric system, worth an estimated \$500,000, would be used to provide power to the cafeteria and gym, which facilities alone currently cost

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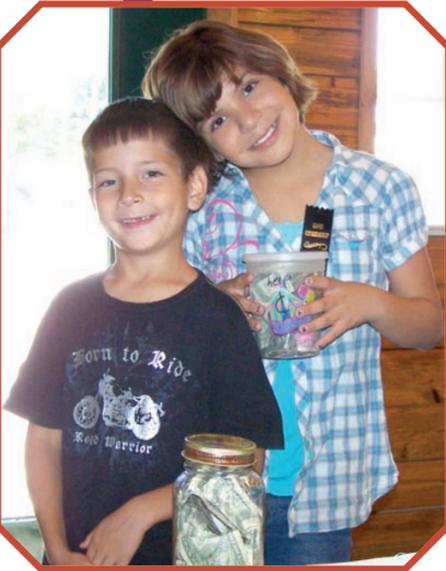
Teams of Jefferson County residents will gather at the Jefferson High School Track on Water Street on Friday, May 14, at 6:00pm for an overnight relay against cancer. Relay For Life is a family-oriented team event where participants can walk relay-style around the track and take part in fun activities off the track. Teams can include coworkers, club members...
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Jefferson Journal Photo

By Debbie Snapp, April 27, 2010.

Jefferson Elementary School students traveled to the downtown businesses collecting donations for the Jefferson County Relay For Life event and cancer research.



OLD JAIL HERE MAY YET BECOME A TOURIST STOP

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If you think Monticello's public architectural gems are limited to the courthouse, Opera House and A-Building, think again. Although of humbler origin and stature, the old jail on Dogwood Street has now attracted the attention of preservationists and economic/tourism development proponents.

And unlike the tortuous negotiations surrounding the lease of

the A-Building, the expected lease of the old jail to the Main Street Program may be as easy as one, two three.

On Thursday morning, May 6, the Jefferson County Commission instructed County Attorney Buck Bird to draw up an agreement giving the Main Street Program a 25-year lease of the historic brick building, with the understanding that the organization will seek grants and other fund-

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Local Weather

Fri 5/14	89/67	Sat 5/15	89/68	Sun 5/16	87/67	Mon 5/17	84/67	Tue 5/18	85/66
Partly cloudy. High 89F. Winds SSE at 5 to 10 mph.		Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 60s.		Isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 60s.		Partly cloudy, chance of a thunderstorm.		Scattered thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the mid 60s.	

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Did You Know?



Grizzly bears have remarkably stretchy bladders - they can go for up to three weeks without urinating.

COMMUNITY

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ARE THE ROADSIDE MOWERS BROKEN?

by Hines Boyd

No issue gets more attention from a County Commissioner than our county's roads. Commissioners constantly receive questions, requests, and complaints regarding roads.

This time of year, there are always questions about roadside mowing. One citizen recently asked, "Are the roadside mowers broken?" No, the county mowing crews began work last week, in the northwest part of the county. It will take them about one month to complete the countywide mowing cycle.

Why did the mowers wait until May to start? They were waiting for the clover and ryegrass to seed out.

You may have noticed that during the cold months many of our county roadsides remain green, thanks to the ryegrass growing there. By late February, large sections of these roadsides turn into a beautiful red carpet of Crimson Clover. It's the "ugliness" of late April—if you think of tall ryegrass and maturing Crimson Clover that way—that gives us the beauty of the winter and early spring.

Italian Ryegrass and Crimson Clover are both cool season annuals. The entire plant dies after completing seed production at the end of its annual growing season. Both plants depend on this year's seed to make next year's crop. Mowing those seed heads before they mature would soon turn our roadsides into a dull brown during the winter months.

David Wright, an agronomist at the IFAS Agricultural Research Station in Quincy, offers another reason for maintaining the roadside Crimson Clover stands. Clover is a legume which produces nitrogen in its root system. As it dies, Crimson Clover slowly releases about 60 pounds per acre of nitrogen into the surrounding soil. The bahia grass growing there during the warm months uses that nitrogen to maintain a healthy, attractive stand. Thus fertilization of roadside grass is usually not required, thanks to

the clover. Mowing consumes only a small part of our County Road Department budget. Here, 28 employees maintain 553 miles of roads (2/3 of them unpaved) on an annual budget of \$2.0 million—our second largest budget item, next to law enforcement. Our road department budget and size compare favorably to surrounding rural counties. Madison County maintains 687 miles of roads with 30 employees and a budget of \$2.1 million. Hamilton County keeps up 530 miles of roads with a staff of 31 and a budget of \$2.4 million. Taylor County maintains 546 miles of roads with 24 employees and a budget of \$1.9 million, though only about 1/2 of its roads are unpaved.

Most counties get the vast majority of their road department funding from local gas taxes. Jefferson doesn't have the advantage of large interstate truck stops like Madison, Hamilton, and Gadsden Counties or the large number of stations like Leon. Thus, about 25% of our road department budget comes from general revenue funds, mostly ad valorem tax dollars. (So here's a challenge to residents to buy gas locally—rather than paying for our neighbors' roads—and a challenge to local gas merchants to keep gas prices competitive with surrounding counties.)

By far, our biggest road department expense is the maintenance of unpaved roads. These roads require regular grading and repair to meet the expectations of the citizens who live on them. Yet, our road crews are in a constant battle with Mother Nature. Not only is there the day-to-day challenge of maintaining drivable dirt roads, but over time many of these roads gradually erode away. You've probably notice the steep ditch banks on some of our decades-old rural roads. These roads, usually on slopes, have simply washed away.

There are 366 miles of dirt roads in Jefferson County. At up



to \$1,000,000 per mile, we obviously can't pave many of them. So Road Superintendent David Harvey has been experimenting with ways to stabilize these unpaved roads to improve drivability and reduce routine maintenance costs.

One promising technique involves applying a 6 to 12 inch base of limerock, then layering loose asphalt millings on top of the limerock base. The loose asphalt millings can be graded to maintain a smooth driving surface. The ditches and road sides are stabilized with sod or natural vegetation so that they don't require grading which could damage the road surface. Because the county has its own limerock mine, this technique costs only about \$60,000 per mile and seems to be working well, even after four years in one location.

Much of Jefferson County's rural character comes from its country roads. So maintaining well them is more than just a matter convenience.

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Debi's Notes

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Your household could be selected! The Florida Department of Health (DOH) with assistance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is currently conducting the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) survey in this area. This annual survey will provide the DOH with important information about health behaviors and conditions. About half of all deaths in the United States are caused by preventable behaviors, such as not getting enough physical activities; eating a high-fat, low fiber diet; using tobacco; abusing alcohol; and not getting recommended health screenings and immunizations. Information from the BRFSS survey will be used to determine priority health issues and identify populations at highest risk for illness, disability, and death, which allows prevention efforts to be targeted to where they are needed most in our communities.

Secretary George Sheldon, with the Department of Children and Families, has asked each of the Department's twenty circuits to engage community partners in discussions that will help to shape the direction the department should pursue over the next five years. At 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Wednesday, May 26

you are invited to participate in a Circuit 2 Community Partners Strategic Planning meeting, which will provide a platform for cross-departmental discussion and for gathering of ideas that will help departments better serve clients and help the Circuit meet community needs with reduced resources. At the beginning of the meeting, you will hear a brief overview of the departmental outcomes from the 2010 Legislative Session and become familiar with some of the Circuit's initiatives that are aligned with the state strategic plan. You will be asked to help us identify where there are gaps and deficiencies. The meeting location will be at the Leon Human Services. Contact Community Relations Manager Nicole Stookey at 850-488-0568 or nicole_stookey@dcf.stat.e.fl.us

The Chamber Spring Fling held on Friday evening, April 30 at the Monticello Opera House, was quite the success. Those attending the event enjoyed a taste-testing of food samples from the area's fine dining establishments, that are also proud Chamber members. Debi Jordan entertained the guests with guitar music and a variety of songs. This event was to encourage residents to "dine-in" and

Jefferson County.

Celebrate Memorial Day by honoring a fallen soldier the traditional way, as a remembrance of those who have given their lives in service. Create a collage. Go to usmemorialday.org to find historic Memorial Day post cards, photos, and quotes from presidents and others to add to your family creation. Then, give it to a friend or family member who has lost that loved one. The shared work of art will show what you value.

Want to take a cheap vacation or road trip? According to my recent AARP magazine... "factory" tours are fun and often free! Unlock the mysteries of manufacturing for thousands of American products, from cookies to cars, by checking out www.factorytoursusa.com The site provides details on more than 500 tours listed by state or industry.

Did you know that you can now purchase Girl Scout Cookie Ice Cream at your local grocery store? It's put out by Edy's and is in the ice cream section. Edy's offers Samoa, Tagalong, and Thin Mint flavors.

See you tonight at the Jefferson County Relay For Life weekend event beginning with the Survivor Celebration/Victory Lap at 6 p.m. at the old high school track on Tiger Lane.

Thought Of The Week

The heaviest thing you can carry is a grudge...

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Church News Notes

If you would like to place your upcoming Church Event in this listing please call Debbie at 997-3568.



MAY 15
118th Anniversary Gospel Fest 5 p.m. Saturday at Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, with Rev. Charles Beasley and the Chosen Vessels from Clayton, AL; Rev. JD Sapp and the Angelic Voices from Jacksonville, F; Chosen Disciples, Evangelist Patricia Huewitt, Heaven Bounded, Kendrick and the Evanettes, Mother Graham and the Gospel Joy Singers, New Direction, The Thessalonians, and the Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church United Voices. For more information and directions contact Claudia Campbell at 904-708-4776 or the church at 850-575-2739. Rev. Stanley Walker, Sr., pastor.

MAY 15-16
Musical program hosted by the Casa Bianca Missionary Baptist Church Choir will begin at 7 p.m. on Saturday; with an invitation to all choirs, soloists, and youth

groups to come help celebrate this joyous occasion. The Choir Ministry Anniversary will end with a worship service at 11 a.m. on Sunday. Ford Chapel AME Church, with Pastor David Hall, will be in charge. Tobbie Berrian III, pastor/teacher Casa Bianca MBC.

MAY 16
Homecoming Celebration 11 a.m. Sunday at Young Reaper Missionary Baptist Church in Greenville, FL., Alford Bennett, pastor.

MAY 19-20
Three-Night Revival at Welaunee Missionary Baptist Church every evening at 7 p.m., beginning on Wednesday, and continuing through Friday. Guest speaker will be Rev. Shirley Washington. Rev. Herbert Thomas, pastor, and the church family invite the community to attend this uplifting experience among fellow Christians. Come witness the Spirit of the Lord,

and receive a blessing. For more information or directions contact Pastor Thomas at 997-4517.

MAY 22
Cody Pentecostal Holy Church youth ministry will host a carwash at the Monticello News parking lot on Saturday morning; beginning at 8 a.m. Community support is needed and appreciated. All donations will help to send the youth to National Talent Quest in July 2010. The Outreach Team of Cody PHC will be giving away free water and lemonade during the Watermelon Festival in June. Church groups are planning now for the "July 4th Freedom and Friends Fest" to be held on Sunday, July 4.

MAY 22
Fourth Saturday Gospel Sing will be held 7 p.m. on Saturday, at Lamont United Methodist Church. Fellowship and refreshments will follow the

evening of music. Call the church at 997-2527 for more information.

MAY 29
Car Wash hosted by the Church of the Nazarene Youth Group will be held on Saturday morning in the Monticello News Parking lot. Rev. Tim Hildreth, pastor.

MAY 30
The Stewart Board of the Saint Phillip African Methodist Episcopal Church will sponsor a 5th Sunday Worship Service at 3 p.m. The community and friends are invited to attend and worship together in the name of the Lord. Guest speaker will be Rev. Leroy Colston, pastor of New Saint John AME Church in Tallahassee. Men attending are asked to dress in black, with white shirts, and red or black ties. Ladies attending are asked to dress in white. For more information call 850-877-2479, after 2 p.m. Host pastor is Rev. JW Tisdale.

What To Look For At Relay For Life...

BLOODMOBILE will be in attendance and accepting blood donations from 4:00 pm - 8:30 pm on May 14th. All those who donate blood will receive a free beach towel.

PARSON'S POSSE will have two dinner choices at 7:00pm consisting of:
•1) Chili, Crackers, and Coke for \$3.00 or
•2) Chili, Pimento Sandwich, and Coke for \$5.00. They will also be serving breakfast on Saturday morning at 5:30am and will have: A breakfast casserole, Juice, and a Bagle for \$5.00.

JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL will be selling gently used hard-back and paper back books for kids and adults under our tent at Relay. Books will be available for sale from the beginning of Relay to the end.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST



"Fla. Dept of Transportation needs to follow a particular school bus, whose driver exceeds the speed limit (inside the city limits) on a daily basis. I have clocked this bus doing 50 mph, in the 25 mph zones, on 19 N. and 90 W. The tag ends with 898. I dont think the Jefferson county school board can afford a lawsuit, or a bunch of hurt children. This is not the only speeding school bus either."

"This stinger is to recognize Compassion within our Community. As we all know, things are hard enough with the failing Economy, jobs being scarce Etc. Just last week, on top of everything else...the oven died. As you can imagine, that's an expense that didn't fall on welcome ears. But the incredibly understanding folks at Badcocks were there to help. Not only did they offer friendly financing, but were willing to postpone the down payment, as they knew times are tough. Kudos, as an example of people working together in times of need. We could all learn something, a little kindness goes a long way."

CHURCH will have food for sale at relay from 6 p.m. until they sell out. They will be serving:

- Hamburger or Hot Dog for \$3.00;
- Fresh Home Cut Fries for \$2.00;
- Coke, Diet Coke or Water for \$1.00;
- Combo: Hamburger or hot dog, fries & drink for \$5.00.

HAYLEY'S ANGELS will sell Nachos until they run out:

- Cheese Nachos - \$2.00
- Chili/Cheese - \$3.00
- BBQ Pork/Cheese - \$3.00
- Sweet Tea - \$1.00

Saturday morning they will also be holding a yard sale at their campsite.

SASSY CHIC will be selling "Sassy Sweets" at their bake sale.

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH will sell:

- Brownies, Rice Krispie Treats, and Cookies - \$1.00
- Chilled Canned Soda - \$0.75
- Chilled Bottle Water - \$1.00
- Glow-in-the-Dark apparel (necklaces, face stickers, bouncy balls, frisbees) - \$1.00 to \$2.00

BRYNWOOD CENTER will be selling food and chance drawing tickets for:

- Fried Oreos and Fried Snickers bars for \$1 each.
- Round-up Chips and Dip for \$2.50.

They will also have a chance drawing for a 32 inch flat screen TV, DVD player, and iPod. The winner will be announced at the Relay.

Going on Now, but will end at Relay...

Friday, May 14 - End of the raffle ticket sale for two beautiful hand painted window, by First United Methodist Church. The herb garden window measures 40x28 and the heart and flowers window measures 36 x 28.

Each window is a separate drawing, with separate tickets, and the tickets are

\$5.00 each or 5 tickets for \$20.00. 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! Saturday, May 15 - End of the 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 attend-

ing the relay event is great fun!

There will also be a 50/50 Raffle going on. Tickets are \$5.00 each and the winner will receive 50% of ticket sales. Tickets will be on sale until 9:00am Saturday, May 15th. Winner does not

Relay For Life Entertainment Schedule

TIME	STAGE ACTIVITY	LOCATION
Friday, May 14		
6:00 PM	Opening Ceremony	Stage
6:30 PM	Survivor Ceremony & Lap	Stage/Track
7:00 PM	Jefferson Elementary 4th Graders - "Blast from the Past" - Highlighting events and music through the years from the 1920's-current.	Stage
7:15-8:00 PM	ENCORE	Stage
7:15-8:45 PM	Mike McCall, Chief Meteorologist from WCTV, our celebrity judge, selects best campsite and food being sold at Relay.	Campsites
7:15 PM	Team Captain Lap	Track
7:30 PM	Team Pictures Begin.	Campsites
8:00 PM	Jefferson Elementary 4th Graders - "Blast from the Past" - Highlighting events and music through the years from the 1920's-current.	Stage
8:15 - 9:00 PM	ENCORE	Stage
9:00 PM	Luminaries Ceremony & Lap	Stage/Track
10:00 - 12:00 PM	19 South	Stage
10:00 PM	Game: I'm a Chubby Bunny	Track
11:00 PM	Mr. Relay Pageant	Stage/Track
Saturday, May 15		
12:00 AM	Karaoke	Stage
1:00 AM	Hula Hoop Lap - hula hoop around track	Track
2:00 AM	Game: Bubble Gum Hunt	Track
2:15 AM	Pajama Lap - wearing phi's	Track
3:00 AM	Scrabble Laps/Game	Track
3:30 AM	Game: Shave the Balloon	Track
4:00 AM	Red Light/Green Light Lap	Track
4:30 AM	Game: Keep it Up	Track
4:45 AM	Karaoke	Stage
5:00 AM	Chicken Dance Lap	Track
5:15 AM	Game: Bucket Head	Track
5:30 AM	Karaoke	Stage
5:45 AM	Party Hat Lap	Track
6:00 AM	Bed Head Lap	Track
6:15 AM	Game: Defying Gravity	Track
6:30 AM	Game: Separation Anxiety	Track
6:45 AM	Game: Caddy Stack	Track
7:00 AM	Yard Sale Begins	Campsites
	Reverse Lap	Track
8:00 AM	Red Hills Cloggers	Stage
8:30 AM	Game: Dizzy Mummy	Track
9:00 AM	Old Relay Shirt Lap	Track
9:30 AM	Red Hills Cloggers	Stage
10:00 AM	Game: Frozen T-shirt Contest	Track
10:30 AM	Hands-free Cake Eating Contest	Track
11:00 AM	Team Parade - all teams make banner - take lap together	Track
11:15 AM	All chance drawings will be held on stage	Stage
11:30 AM	Closing Ceremonies	Stage

Jefferson County Living

Sorority Enjoys Variety Of Meetings



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Beta Sigma Phi Sorority members pictured from left to right Betty Messer, Emily Walker, Velinda Williams, and Linda Roberts create their own "Hallmark" cards during the February meeting.



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Beta Sigma Phi Sorority members, pictured from left to right: Lee Anderson, Jean Folsom, and Alice Sander.



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Beta Sigma Phi Sorority members Kathy Shepard and Mary Frances Grambling.



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Beta Sigma Phi Sorority members Mary Ann Van Kleunen and Carolyn Hayse.



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Beta Sigma Phi Sorority member Cindy Chancy was the hostess for the February meeting.

DEBBIE SNAPP
Jefferson Journal
Staff Writer

Sorority members enjoyed the special program in April, presented by local resident and guest speaker

Debbie Bailey, aka "The Bird Lady." She is leading

the push to inform Jefferson County about its privilege of being the one county on the entire "Whooping Crane Route for Operation Migration," that is always going to be included each year. This is due to the fact that they stop here with the flock the night before continuing onto St. Marks Refuge.

She shared about Operation Migration, a nationwide program to help endangered whooping cranes each year to St. Marks, Florida. This program was started a few years ago by two men in Michigan, and is funded by volunteers. For those members more computer savvy she gave the online address: www.operationmigration.org for the history and daily updates on the route the birds followed.

What is so extraordinary about the whole thing is that the abandoned eggs are gathered each year, hatched, and from the moment of birth, volunteers dressed up in whooping crane outfits train the birds, to bond with them. Then they are lead south by the same volunteers dressed up like



Photo Submitted

Beta Sigma Phi Sorority members Carolyn Wright and Peggy Day.

birds, leading the flock in an ultra light plane. This way the birds are taught the route so they can repeat it each year. If this is not done, the birds would not migrate and they would probably die out. The whooping cranes are the largest birds in American, standing over five feet tall at maturity. Many school children participate in the migration each year by funding a mile or two. For those who don't know anything about Operation Migration, contact Bailey, she's got lots to tell. She is passionate and very knowledgeable about the subject. She may be reached at 997-4764, or email her at bailyd24@dish mail.net

Velinda Williams was hostess to this Tuesday, April 13 meeting held at the Jefferson County/Monticello Chamber of Commerce. In other Sorority news, members have been enjoying a variety of meetings during this 2010-year.

Connie Boland hosted the Jan. 12 meeting, with 11 members in attendance at the Chamber once again. The program was given by Boland on "Charitable Giving," and how to tell legitimate charities from those that aren't good. The group shared their own favorite charities and told why they chose them. The Hospice Raffle was won by Velinda Williams, a hand painted pizza cutter and a cheese spreader created by the "Gifts of Love Corporation."

Carolyn Wright and Mary Frances Grambling hosted the Jan. 26 meet-

ing. 17 members were in attendance for a dinner of Mexican Soup and tossed salad, prepared by Grambling. A variety of pastries were served for dessert. Wright presented the program for the evening: "Whom would you like to talk to from the Past?" Everyone shared their "who and whys" and joined in the presentation. Carolyn Cheshire won the Hospice Raffle; it was a beautiful bird feeder.

On Feb 16 the Sorority met at the Wacissa United Methodist Church for its annual Pancake Dinner. Emily Walker was the hostess for the meeting. It was a nice time of fellowship and a chance to catch up with the friends from the Wacissa area of the county.

14 members were in attendance to the Feb 23 meeting, hosted by Cindy Chancy at the Chamber. Chancy served her delicious Key Lime Cake along with chips and dip, and a selection of cold and hot drinks. The Hospice Raffle was won by Linda Roberts, and the gift was candles and candle holders. The program was about J.C. Hall, founder of the Hallmark Stores. Chancy shared his history and how he came to launch this company. She noted some interesting facts about the company, like, how it progressed over the years, some of its purposes, and the charities it supports now. Then, Chancy showed the group some of her own card creations, and showed the members how to make a simple card of their own. All enjoyed the presentation and Sorority members learned a few new things.

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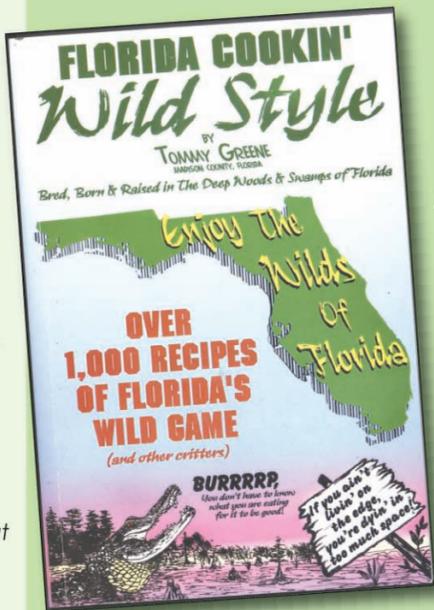
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

May 14, 15, 28, 29
4th Annual Master Goat and Sheep Program hosted by FAMU and held at the Research and Extension Center in Quincy, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. This four-day training will include classes in production, financial and legal risks for small ruminant producers, herd health management, nutrition and pasture management, reproduction and breeding and marketing, and much more. Hands-on training will be provided. This program is designed for beginning and advanced small ruminant producers. For training material, meal, and event information contact Joy Dixon at 850-875-8555, or joyl.dixon@famuedu

May 14-15
Jefferson County Relay for Life at the old County High School track on Tiger Lane beginning at 6 p.m. Friday and continuing until noon on Saturday.

May 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 14, 17
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 15
Road CRU Car Club meets 5 p.m. every third Saturday on North Cherry Street in front of the Rare Door restaurant, in downtown Monticello. There will be a 50/50 drawing and lots of door prizes. Everyone is welcome to join the activities and see some awesome cars. Contact Ray Foskey at 997-0607 for more information.

May 15
The Dixie Community Center will sponsor the Opry every first and third Saturday from 7 to 10 p.m. Each Saturday will feature a different band. For more information and directions contact Kenneth Price at 229-263-7231 or 229-263-7383.

May 15
Girl Scouting is fun, and builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. Join Junior Troop 150, girl's ages 8 to 12, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month at the Greenville United Methodist Church to learn more about Girl Scouts. For more information contact co-leaders Janice and Sean Carson at 948-6901, or contact the Girl Scout Council of the Florida Panhandle, at 386-2131.

May 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 17
J.O.Y. Club (Just Older Youth) meets 6 p.m. on the third Monday at Lamont Baptist Church to enjoy Christian fellowship. Call 997-4006 for more information.

May 17
Magnolia Garden Circle meets at noon on the third Monday of the month for a meeting and program. Contact Cindy Chancey at 997-3039 for more information.

May 17
Emancipation Day Parade Monday on South Jefferson Street to the Martin Luther King Center.

May 17, 24, 31
AA women's meetings are held on Mondays at 6:45 p.m.; AA and Al-Anon meetings follow at 8 p.m., at the Christ Episcopal Church Annex, 425 North Cherry Street. For more information, call 997-2129 or 997-1955.

May 17, 24, 31
AA meets 7 p.m. every Monday at Waukeenah United Methodist Church for fellowship. Meetings are open to all. For more information, contact Rev. Ralph Wrightstone at 997-2171.

May 17, 24, 31
Boy Scout Troop 803 meets 7 p.m. every Monday at The Eagles Nest on South Water Street. For more information, contact Scout Leader Paul Wittig at 997-1727 or 997-3169.

May 18
Taoist Tai Chi™ in Monticello Is having a potluck get-together for all past, present and

future students 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday at Christ Episcopal Church Fellowship Hall, 425 North Cherry Street. Bring a dish and a friend, or just come for the friendly socialization. For information, contact Tom Morgan at 850-224-5438.

May 18
Mothers Of Pre-Schoolers (MOP) meet 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the third Tuesday of months September through May at the First United Methodist Church. This program is geared toward early pregnancy to kindergarten mothers. And, will offer a light breakfast, speaker, and a Christian-based program with topics such as CPR training, love language in the family, and etc. There will also be creative activities just for moms. A childcare will be provided: Volunteers are needed to sit and play with the children. Contact Heather Boyd at 997-1041 for more information.

May 18
Jefferson County Humane Society Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday at the Jefferson Arts Gallery, 575 West Washington Street. For more information visit www.jchs.us or contact Teresa Kessler, secretary, at teresa@kesslerconstructionllc.com

May 18
Jefferson County Parent Involvement Meeting will be held 6:30 p.m. in the District Office on Water Street, near the Public Library. Planning for the future of our Children, will be discussed.

May 18
Jefferson County Lions Club meets 1 p.m. on the first Tuesday and 5 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the Rare Door Restaurant, in the meeting room on North Cherry Street. For more information contact Lion Debbie at 997-0901, leave message.

May 18, 25
AA classes are held every

Tuesday at 8 p.m. for those seeking help. The classes are held at the Harvest Christian Center, 1599 Springhollow Road. Contact Marvin Graham, pastor, at 212-7669 for more information.

May 18, 25
Overeaters Anonymous meetings are held weekly at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays at Waukeenah United Methodist Church. This is a free group meeting, and is open to the public. For more information contact the church at 997-2527.

May 18, 25
Taoist Tai Chi Beginner Class every Tuesday 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Christ Episcopal Church, in the fellowship hall, 425 North Cherry Street in Monticello. Improve your health, balance, and flexibility with no special physical requirements. All ages are welcome. For more information contact 850-224-5438.

May 19, 26
Monticello Kiwanis Club meets every Wednesday at noon at the Jefferson Country Club on Boston Highway for lunch, program, and a meeting. Contact President Katrina Walton at 510-9512 for more information.

May 19, 26
Employment Connections Career Coach Mobile Lab is in the area on Wednesdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. across from the First Baptist Church in Monticello. Services include job search, resume assistance, assessments, and labor market information. For more information, contact Diane Head at 973-2672, 973-6497, or headd@nfwdb.org

May 18
Jefferson County Republican Party will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday at Willow Pond Farm. Contact Clyde Simpson at chairman@jeffersongop.com or 228-4400 for more information and to make reservations. Dinner is served at 6 p.m. at a cost of \$10 per person, with the

net proceeds going to the REC. For those who have not attended a meeting, this is an excellent time to begin. For those who have put off the inevitable "right thing" to do... switch cards are available. Don't miss it... bring a friend.

May 20
Cub Scout Pack 808 meets weekly 7 to 8 p.m. on Thursday. For more information contact Cub Master Greg Wynot at 997-5366.

May 20
AA meetings are held weekly at 8 p.m. on Thursday at the Christ Episcopal Church annex, 425 North Cherry Street. For more information call 997-2129 or 997-1955.

May 20
The Savvy Senior monthly outreach program, sponsored by Capital Health Plan, will begin at noon on the third Thursday at the Monticello Opera House. This free monthly program is for older adults who want to learn more about creating and maintaining healthy, happy, and active lifestyles. Dr. Lazar will present a program on "What You Need to Know About Your Eyes as You Age." Bring a bag lunch. For more information and to make reservations call 850-523-7333. Some things get better with age.



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Altrusa Bunny Love

DEBBIE SNAPP
Jefferson Journal Staff Writer

Altrusa Monticello held its "Bunny Love" for residents residing in the area nursing homes on the morning of Saturday, April 3. Their first stop was at Crosslandings Health & Rehabilitation Center and second stop was to the Brynwood Center.

This is the third year Altrusa members have performed this service for the residents at both locations. "It is truly a heartwarming experience to see faces light up and smiles come across faces that have not seen smiles in a very long time. This was a wonderful and fun experience," remarks member Nan Baughman.

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Arrested

entrances at the establishment and no one was allowed to enter or leave the area until deputies could question witnesses and collect evidence. Additional deputies strategically scoured and surrounded the area.

Kinsey told deputies that a masked unknown black male entered the store and pointed a handgun at him and demanded money. Kinsey gave the suspect an undisclosed amount of cash. After receiving the money, the suspect ordered Kinsey at gunpoint, to the back room of the store.

Once Kinsey was in the back room of the store the suspect exited the building. After the suspect exited Kinsey was able to get out of the

back room and to the front of the store and write down the tag number displayed on the suspect's black vehicle.

Kinsey provided deputies with the tag number, a description of the vehicle and suspect who robbed him. Deputies discovered that the vehicle was registered to William Joshua Evans, 21, of Greenville. Deputies put out a BOLO (be on the lookout) to Madison County and forwarded the information they had gathered.

Jefferson and Madison deputies then proceeded to Evans' Petit Springs Loop residence and surrounded it. Evans was inside his residence and agreed to go to the Madison

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County Sheriff's Office, for an interview about the case.

He was read his Miranda rights and he reportedly admitted to committing the robbery at the Kwiky Mart. He was booked into the Madison County Jail and immediately turned over to Jefferson deputies for transport to the Jefferson County Jail.

Evans was charged with armed robbery with a firearm and false imprisonment. Bond was withheld and he remained at the County Jail as of press-time on May 13.

Deputies retrieved both the money stolen during the robbery and the handgun that was used.

A-Building

tion of the purchase option.

"Was the sale even an option?" Chairwoman Sandra Saunders asked incredulously more than once.

Clerk of Court Kirk Ream's initial visit to the School Board on the proposed lease and his alleged representation to the latter that a \$4,000 monthly fee was doable continues to percolate.

"If he wasn't speaking for the commission, the commission shouldn't have sent him," Saunders said. "It's misleading."

Both negotiator Ken Hollingsworth and School Board Member Marianne Arbulu argued that what Reams might have said, or not said, was irrelevant. Reams may well have been expressing an opinion, they said. But the County Commission's was the only offer on the table and it was the one that the School Board needed to consider.

The issue wouldn't go away completely, however.

"I remember we stood outside after the meeting and I said \$4,000 and Kirk and a commissioner said 'That's not bad. We can go along with that'", School Board Member Shirley Washington said, a point she has repeatedly made before. "Then somewhere or other some commissioners decided that they weren't doing that. But \$2,000 a month's a slap in the face."

It was a point that Washington emphasized.

"I feel \$2,000's a steal," she said. "The commission feels we're gullible for money. They think that they can just take the building and give us what they want. That's one of the oldest of 10 school buildings in the country. For them to pay \$2,000 monthly for 20 years and own it, that's giving it away. If you think of all the building that we have given to them, and now they want us to give them this one too, I think it's a slap in the face."

Jail

ing to restore the structure.

Dr. Ann Holt, director of the Main Street Program, made the request. But the proposal had the obvious support of Southern Music Rising, the Chamber of Commerce and the tourist and economic development councils, judging from the representatives of these organizations who accompanied Holt.

As Holt explained it, the idea is to seek state and federal monies to renovate the building, in keeping with the community goal of attracting tourists and development here.

Holt related that the jail particularly intrigued her because her doctorate dissertation had been on the old convict lease system, which involved the leasing of prisoners to private companies for a fee.

She called the jail unique, saying that the only other one of its kind existed in Taylor County and that one was in private hands.

Holt said her group envisions converting part of the downstairs and the entire upstairs into a museum. She said the upstairs cell area would be kept intact, with the

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School Board Member Ed Vollertsen was one of two board members to argue for accepting the commission's offer. Arbulu was the other.

"I think a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush," Vollertsen said. "This gives us \$48,000 upfront and over a 20 year period we get \$480,000. It would be a shame not to take this offer and to let that school building deteriorate. As it is, we're paying insurance and maintenance on the building. We don't have the money to maintain it. I think this is an opportunity. If you say no, you might as well let the building fall down."

School Board Member Charles Boland returned to his idea of putting the building up for sale. But more notable, he took strong exception to what he alleged to be the misrepresentations of certain commissioners that the building was crumbling.

"The building is in sound condition except for two stairwells," Boland said a little heatedly. "Certain commissioners are putting it out in the news that the building is crumbling. But they need to get their stuff straight."

Boland went on to mock and berate the commissioners for their stewardship of the Wacissa River property, stewardship being a concept that commissioners have often applied to the School Board in terms of the latter's oversight of the A-Building.

In Boland's telling, the commission paid \$500,000 for a 10-acre parcel on the Wacissa River, which parcel the county then had to augment with a land swap plus give up another four acres elsewhere because the original parcel didn't contain what the county officials had thought it contained.

"That's good stewardship?" Boland said. "They say they can't give us \$50,000 but they can buy land without surveying it. So don't talk about being good

stewards. A few county commissioners are being bullheaded because they don't think we deserve anything better. But don't talk about being good stewards when you buy land without even knowing what the boundaries are."

Arbulu tried to inject reason back into the discussion.

"We need to take emotion out of this," she said. "Our property, the County Commission's property, it's all the taxpayers' property. It's different when you're doing taxpayers to taxpayers. Our objective shouldn't be to make the most money because it's all the taxpayers' money. It's hard to play poker when you've got no money and the other guy knows it. I think the taxpayers want this thing to happen. We don't have the wherewithal to do anything with the building. I make a motion to accept he commission's offer."

Which motion Vollertsen seconded.

It was readily obvious how the vote would go, however.

Saunders continued to have a problem with the purchase option, which she felt the commission had arbitrarily tagged to the negotiations.

"When I'm negotiating, I like to negotiate on what I'm negotiating," Saunders said. "I don't like to see something slap me in the face. Nowhere was there ever talk of purchasing the building. It was never discussed. I know they would do a great job renovating it. But we never talked about purchasing it."

Washington agreed.

"I'm not saying I don't want the commission not to have it, but \$2,000 a month is a slap in the face," she said.

And Boland had already expressed his opinion rather strongly.

The surprise, if any, was that the board then turned right around and voted 4-1 to continue the negotiations, with Vollertsen the lone vote.

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exception of a few authenticating features that would be added to enhance the overall historical experience.

To the best of longtime residents' recollections, the Dogwood Street jail remained active until the late 1960s, with the

sheriff and his family residing downstairs and the prisoners kept upstairs. Since the 1970s, the building has served as the elections office; and for a time in the 1980s, the fire and ambulance services used part of the building.

Solar System

the district between \$8,000 and \$10,000 monthly in electric bills. He said the new system should cut these energy costs by half.

The new system is expected to provide power to the gym during outages for the continued operation of lighting, communications and essential medical equipment when the gym is used as an emergency shelter. During normal operations, the system is expected to offset electricity costs to the school and reduce greenhouse gases.

Funding for the \$10 million state program came from federal stimulus monies. The 90 selected schools repre-

sent 45 of Florida's 67 counties. They were selected from the 213 applications submitted.

The program ranked the schools based on their demographics, emergency shelter needs, partnerships and renewable energy education and outreach plans.

Brumfield said he and his administration have been pursuing alternative energy systems for some time now. He said the effort started with an approach to Senator Bill Nelson and Congressman Allen Boyd's offices and proceeded from there. He said the district heard about the SunSmart E-Shelter program via email at the last minute

and just managed to get the application in before the March 12 deadline.

Meanwhile, he continued working with the Governor's office in an effort to get additional energy efficient equipment installed at the high school, he said.

The next step for the installation of the solar system at the high school entails the selection of the contractor, which the University of Central Florida will handle. The university expects to select the contractor by mid June.

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Relay

bers, family and friends and have gathered donations prior to the event and many of whom will continue to raise funds throughout the Relay event.

"We are excited to have Mike McCall, Chief Meteorologist from WCTV, attending our Relay again this year and some of our local favorites on stage," says Dana Lastinger,

Entertainment Chair. "Mike McCall will be serving as our celebrity judge as he samples the food and enjoys the decorations at the team campsites, based on this year's theme. He and two other local judges will be selecting the best campsite and the best cuisine at Relay. The local entertainment includes ENCORE, 19 South, the Red Hills Cloggers, and the

4th grade students from Jefferson Elementary, performing a special program focusing on highlights from the 1920's-current as they celebrate the theme of Relay, "Blast From the Past, Blasting Out Cancer."

Dana Lastinger goes on to say that "community excitement is building for Mr. Relay. I have received many phone calls inquiring about the details of the pageant and how participants can help keep it "G" rated."

The Survivor Lap will take place at 6:30pm when cancer survivors, anyone who has ever heard the words "You have cancer" will lead the first lap of Relay For Life to celebrate their victory over cancer. This special celebration lap will be followed by a caregiver lap, where the caregivers are invited to join the cancer survivors on the track and together they enjoy another victory lap.

The public is also invited to attend the Luminaria Ceremony, which will take place after sundown. To honor the community's cancer survivors and to remember those lost to the disease, all Relay for Life participants will circle the track rimmed with glowing luminarias. Luminarias will be on sale at Relay for \$5.

Fundraising continues all during Relay For Life. Specific fundraisers are included in the Relay For Life section of this paper. Please come and support our efforts to raise money to fight cancer! There are options from delicious food to chance drawings for a flat screen TV and a yard sale and breakfast on Saturday morning.

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Question Of The Week

What's your take on this offshore oil spill situation?



ROCKY GAVINS

"I know we need the oil, but I see an ecological nightmare coming from it."



TIM TOOLTIME

"It's gonna take a lot of money away from Florida."



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"We should not be drilling off the Florida shores."



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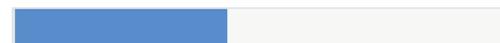
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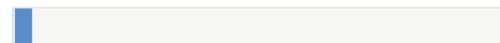
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EMANCIPATION PARADE MONDAY

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Jefferson Journal
Staff Writer

It has been 145 years since slaves were freed in North Florida. Emancipation for the slaves came May 20, 1865 and Monticello's 10th annual Emancipation Parade will be held May 17, 2010, beginning promptly at 10 a.m.

The Emancipation Day festivities will follow the parade at the Dr. MLK Community Center located at 1420 1st Street, Monticello. There is never a fee to enter the parade as a unit, however, if groups could not obtain an application, MLK President Charles Parrish advised those groups to show up one hour prior to the start of the parade.

Through an agreement with the School

Board, the third Monday of May, district schools are closed so students can participate in the parade and festivities. Food will be available for donations. That food includes; hot fried fish dinners with a drink, for \$4.50; fish sandwiches for \$2.50 and chicken dinners for \$4.50.

Fellowship and historical information will be shared with those attending pertaining to the emancipation of the black slaves in Jefferson County and Parrish advised Nims Band from Tallahassee will be on hand for entertainment, as well as the Jefferson County Middle High School Band and the JROTC Color Guard will be posting the colors. There will also be displayed arts and crafts,

which reconstruct those years of the black slaves of Jefferson County obtaining their freedom.

"Freedom is not free," said Parrish. "Come one, come all. Take part in this histori-

cal event and take a part in the history of America."

The annual parade and festivities are held to commemorate Emancipation Day, which got its beginning on

January 1, 1863 when the Emancipation Proclamation was issued by President Abraham Lincoln declaring all slaves in the United States, then in rebellion, to be given their inde-

pendence. Slaves in Jefferson, Leon, Gadsden, and Madison counties were freed two years later on May 20, 1865, 145 years ago. For further information contact Parrish at 997-3760.

Watermelon Festival Baby Photo Contest Deadline May 28

FRAN HUNT
Jefferson Journal
Staff Writer

It's that time of year again for county parents to show off those precious baby photos.

Watermelon Festival Baby Photo Contest Chairman Angela Gray reminds everyone that entries for the contest are due Friday, May 28 at noon. Applications are available at www.watermelonfestivalfl.com.

Applications, an 8x10 color or black and white photo with the \$10 application fee can be turned in at Jackson's Drug Store, Monticello Florist or the Chamber of Commerce.

The photos are judged in six age categories: Newborn to 5 months; 6-12 months; 1 year; 2 years; 3 years; and 4 years. There will be a girl and boy winner in each age category.

All contestants must be full time residents of Jefferson County (no exceptions). Last year's baby contest winners are not eligible for this year's contest.

Judging will be completed by Monday June 14. The contestant winners will be notified by phone no later than Tuesday, June 15.

Awards will be presented at the Watermelon Festival

Street Dance on Friday, June 18.

Parents of the winning babies will be responsible for organizing and decorating a float for the parade on Saturday, June 19.

For more information or questions contact Angela Gray at 997-0302; Jackson's Drug Store at 997-3553; Monticello Florist and Gifts at 997-4342; and the Chamber of Commerce at 997-5552

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RFL Survivor Reception And Dinner

DEBBIE SNAPP
Jefferson Journal Staff Writer

Jefferson County Relay For Life Event Chairperson Ann Hatcher welcomed a room filled with cancer survivors, caregivers, and friends to the Survivor Reception and Dinner; hosted by the American Cancer Society and meal prepared and provided by the Monticello Woman's Club.

She introduced County ACS Staff Partner Christina Downer to the audience; and thanked the teams and team captains in attendance for their support this year. She also called on cancer survivor Mike Holm to offer a prayer for the meal and for the evening event.

Upon arrival to the evening event cancer survivors and caregivers were given t-shirts and lapel pins, and registered for the 18-hour Relay for Life event to "Blast Out Cancer" on Friday beginning at 6 p.m. through and Saturday noon. Big Bend Hospice volunteers managed the table, helping with the registering and

giving out gifts and trinkets.

RFL Survivor Chairperson Nancy Whitty announced that the cancer survivors would walk the first lap on the high school track at 6 p.m. Friday evening, celebrating their victory over the dreaded disease, and kicking off the 18-hour walk. The survivors were also given instruction about the weekend event and told where the Survivor Tent will be located.

She then introduced the entertainment for the evening... the Jefferson Elementary School 4th grade students, performing skits with information and dance routines from the 1950s, 1960s, 1970s, and 1980s. She introduced the teachers after the routines. They included Twynetta Howard, Terri Clark, Sharico Parrish, and herself.

Door prizes were donated by area businesses.



Jefferson Journal Photo By Debbie Snapp, May 11, 2010.

Upon arrival to the Survivors Reception and Dinner, cancer survivors and caregivers were given t-shirts and lapel pins, and invited to register for the 18-hour Relay for Life event to "Blast Out Cancer." Pictured from left to right seated are: Big Bend Hospice volunteers Barbara Culbreath, Dr. Lettie White, Helen Braswell, Barbara Moody, and Tom McGough, helping Maurey Beggs and Ginger Howell with registration. Standing are: RFL Chair Ann Hatcher, left, and ACS Staff Partner Christina Downer, on right.



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Hula Hooping to a 50s tune for a cancer cause is JES 4th grader Brianna Neely, during the County Relay For Life Survivors Dinner.



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Even the youngest of friends were invited to the Relay For Life Survivors Reception to honor cancer survivors and caregivers on Tuesday evening. Mary Crim, Mt. Morilla Missionary Baptist Church Team Captain is pictured here sitting with Christina Lastinger.



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Monticello Woman's Club members prepared and served dinner for the County Relay For Life Survivors Reception at the Monticello Opera House on Tuesday evening, May 11, 2010. Pictured from left to right are: Betty Bard, Jan Wadsworth, Cricket Edwards, Ethel Strickland, Edith Adams, and Kitty Brooks. Linda Ricke and Nancy Stover are not pictured.



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JES 4th grade students dance to the 80s hit song "Thriller" during the Tuesday evening Survivors Dinner for the County Relay For Life.



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RFL Survivor Chairperson Nancy Whitty introduced the 4th grade teachers to the audience after the student's completed their entertainment, ending the County Relay For Life Survivors Reception and Dinner. Pictured here from left to right are: Twynetta Howard, Terri Clark, Whitty, and Sharico Parrish.

JES RAISE \$5348.94 FOR CANCER RESEARCH

DEBBIE SNAPP
Jefferson Journal Staff Writer

Jefferson Elementary School students, parents, teachers, and staff went on a three-week mission to help make "change" for cancer.

Pre-K through 5th grade students brought pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, and cash to help support Relay For Life, which will be held this Friday, May 14, at the old high school track in Tiger Lane.

The "change" competition began the second week in April and continued for three-weeks. The students were challenged to raise as much as they could for their homeroom class. The three classes that raised the most money received the following:

Ms. Barnhart's 5th grade class received a Pizza Party for winning first place by raising \$694.21 for cancer research.

Mrs. Davis' 2nd grade class received an ice cream party for winning second place by raising \$591.40 for cancer research.



Jefferson Journal Photo By Debbie Snapp, May 11, 2010.

Jefferson Elementary School students are excited about raising \$5348.94 toward cancer research. The students were invited to perform 1950s, 60s, 70s, and 80s routines for the County Relay For Life Survivor Reception on Tuesday evening at the Monticello Opera House.

Mrs. Barkers' kindergarten class and Ms. Parrish's 4th grade class tied for third place by raising \$331.00 for cancer research.

The goal of the school was \$2000... a goal they exceeded by raising a total of \$5348.94.

The students, parents, teachers, and staff worked with pride and togetherness towards a common goal to raise money for such a worthy cause.

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NATIONAL POLICE WEEK: Honoring Our Law Enforcement Officers

FRAN HUNT
Jefferson Journal
Staff Writer

With May 9-15 being Police Week, it's time to remember all of those officers who sacrifice so much for those residing within the community.

It's not hard for city and county residents to see that the crime rate in both the city and county has significantly decreased. It is through the continuous efforts of both deputies and police and their willingness to eagerly work side by side, which ensures residents their safety and peace throughout the community.

In recognition of Police Week this week, it warrants a closer look at those at the helm of the two departments, Sheriff David Hobbs, and Chief Fred Mosley.

Together they serve as the links that bind the two halves of the chain of justice that serves as the strength of Jefferson County and Monticello.

Both eagerly credit the efforts of their personnel for the continuous success of those departments.

Throughout the years in their respective law

enforcement careers, Hobbs and Mosley have continually been visible and accessible by the community. They have always been very respected and also very well loved by those in the community throughout their careers, as they presently continue to be.

They have made many changes to better their departments in serving the community and they meet regularly on a weekly basis to discuss different city and county issues.

Both agree that any problems of the county are also those of the city, and vice versa. Hobbs and Mosley agree, "We are a joint effort in law enforcement in the community, we may be two separate agencies, but we both have the same goals, to reduce crime and promote public safety."

On a similar note, Hobbs very much enjoys working side by side with Mosley and Mosley feels the same about working with Hobbs. Together they serve the community as brothers in law enforcement, safety and protection.



Kevin Tharpe K-9 Deputy and K-9 Frodo a.k.a. "Leader of the Pack"



Monticello Police Department

The 2010 Monticello Police Department pictured from left to right: Reserve Officers: Timothy Hightower and David Frisby, Cpl. Brandon Abbott, Cpl. William Lowery, Cpl. Alkota Byford, Patrol Officer Jennifer Jackson, Patrol Officer Brent Parramore, Sgt. Richard Colson, Lt. Mack Norton, Captain Roger Murphy, and Police Chief Fred Mosley.

School & Education

ACA Seniors Celebrate May Day

FRAN HUNT
Jefferson Journal
Staff Writer

The Annual Aucilla Christian Academy May Day Program was held May 6. Directed by music teacher Debby Demott, the event included all elementary grades presenting songs and dances to entertain the May Day Queen, and her court, introduced with their escorts.

As the music began, the May Day Court and their escorts took their places in the center of the gymnasium.

Kalyn Brown, the daughter of Brenda Brown of Monticello, was escorted by Brandon Dunbar, the son of LeAnn Dunbar of Greenville.

Ashley Evans, the daughter of Marc and Pamela Evans of

Greenville, was escorted by Zach Waters, the son of Keith and Debbie Waters of Waukeelah.

Kayla Haire, the daughter of Arnold and Judy Haire of Lee, FL, was escorted by Jacob Pitts, the son of Beth Fulford of Lovett, FL.

Jessica Hunt, the daughter of Dennis and Cindy Hunt of Perry, was escorted by Koal Swann, the son of Wendy Raulerson of Perry.

Ashlyn Morgan, the daughter of Scarlet and David Morgan of Perry, was escorted by Daniel Ward, the son of Charlie Ward and Sylvia Guidry both of Monticello and Wilson Lewis, the son of John C. and Mary Alice Lewis of Madison.

Sydney Plummer, the daughter of Patrick Plummer and Kathryn McLeod of Quitman, GA was escorted by Jake Walker, the son of John Walker and Mary Liz Riley both of Monticello and Seth Whitty, the son of Jeff and Nancy Whitty of Monticello.

Samantha Roberts, the daughter of Eileen and Sam Roberts of Monticello, was escorted by Tyler High, the son of JD and Leslie High of Perry and Clay Fulford, the son of Nicole Rodenberry and Ernest Fulford, both of Monticello.

Marissa Snodgrass, the daughter of Rob and Alicia Beshears of Perry, was escorted by Joe Mizell, the son of Stacey and Daryl Adams of Aucilla.

Brooke Stewart, the daughter of Ben and Kim Stewart of Madison, was escorted by Lane Fraleigh, the son of Jay and Donna Fraleigh of Madison.

Dana Watt, the daughter of Cathy and Richard Watt of Monticello, was escorted by Alex Dunkle, the son of David and Cindy Dunkle of Perry and by Ryan Barclay, the



Photo Submitted

Traditionally, the father of the Queen crowns his daughter, and not to break from tradition, Patrick Plummer was called out of the audience to crown his daughter, Sydney.

son of Kevin and Leslie Barclay of Greenville.

Katlyn Watts, the daughter of Greg and Cindy Watts of Pinetta, was escorted by John Stephens, the son of Debbie Stephens of Monticello and Ryan Pritcher, who is the son of Ronnie and Darlene Pritcher of Greenville.

The May Day Queen was chosen by the senior class. Traditionally, the father of the Queen crowns his daughter, and not to break from tradition, Patrick Plummer was called out of the audience to crown his daughter, Sydney.

Following the introductions and photos, the Queen and her court were asked to take their seats so the elementary students could entertain them with an evening of fun and festivity.

Serving as the announcer for the event was ACA Principal Richard Finlayson. "This evening our students would like to present God with a special gift; the gift of Worship. This will be expressed many ways tonight, some through songs, dances, art and most importantly their hearts. Our students' smiles are abundant and their faces glow as they sing praises to God! From the very youngest K4 to the oldest 6th grader, your heart will be blessed as "God's Kids Worship," he began.

The students began the program by singing "Rise Up and Praise Him."

"Because Jesus came

for you, glorifying His wonderful name!

"Jesus is our strength, our treasure and our precious jewel," said Finlayson. "He picks us up when we fall into sin, and he fills our cups with His love. Jesus is our most worthy Lamb of God. Please enjoy Mrs. Aman's third grade class as they worship through motions and art, showing us that Jesus is our all in all.

Following their performance, Finlayson continued, "God's love is a beautiful thing, and we can see His love all around us. Just look at the skies, the earth, and here tonight, in our children. Watch as our students pay homage to a loving and beautiful God!"

The students then sang the song, "Beautiful One."

"The day you are born Jesus is with you through every move, every breath and every step you take. Ms. Brenda's fourth graders will remind us how Jesus is the thread that binds, from kindergarten through twelfth grade. Aucilla Christian offers a unique opportunity to weave God's grace into our education providing a strong foundation to support each student's future.

"The fourth grade performance is directed towards the seniors as they embark on their future. Think back to kindergarten and journey through each grade and how God worked in your life to bring you where you are today. Your faith has been planted; God will be with you every move, every breath and every step you take," said Finlayson.

The fourth graders then sang the song, "Every Move I Make."

Finlayson continued, "May Day is celebrated as a spring festival in many countries. It became a favorite holiday in medieval times with many quaint customs; people gathered flowers to decorate their homes

and churches; boys serenaded sweethearts; bouquets of flowers were fastened to doors as gifts and villagers chose a king and queen.

"The most popular custom was decorating and winding the May Pole with brightly colored ribbons. It looks simple, but our 5th graders have practiced many times to accomplish this 'easy' look. At this time, we would also like to thank 5th grader, Jackie Walker's grandmother, Patricia Moncrief for making our new May Pole streamers! 'Round and 'round they go, where it stops nobody knows!"

The students illustrated their May Pole winding skills, which were taught to them by PE teacher Dan Nennstiel during physical education classes.

"Whether you are a student at Aucilla now or an Alumnus who graduated from ACA in years past, the colors of blue and gold hold a special meaning for you. Our students sing of these colors in our Alma Mater, written in 1977 by students to inspire our ACA Warriors," said Finlayson.

Audience members were asked to stand and listen to the sixth graders as they played the ACA Alma Mater (Blue and Gold) on the tone chimes, and once played through, the audience and students were asked to sing along as the music continued.

"Lord, there is none like You. At the sound of Your name, mountains will bow down and the seas will roar. Your name brings comfort, joy, shelter and strength. Tonight, watch as our children worship and praise God singing and signing, "Shout to the Lord."

Concluding the program, the fifth graders again illustrated their expertise in May Pole Winding by unwinding the May Pole.

Demott added that the kids did a fantastic job.

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Dobson Makes NFCC Dean's List

North Florida Community College

released the Dean's honor roll naming students with high academic achievement for the spring 2010 term. Jefferson County student Chelsea Dobson made the Dean's list.

Students earning a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.79 are eligible for the Dean's honor list. Students must take at least 12 credit hours during the semester or, as part-time students, complete a 12-credit hour segment during the term.

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School & Education

JCMHS Hosts First Middle School Prom

FRAN HUNT
Jefferson Journal
Staff Writer

Jefferson County Middle High School hosted the first middle school prom ever held at the school, Saturday April 24.

Spokesperson Regina Crews reported that approximately 55-60 seventh and eighth grade students gath-

ered in the cafeteria for the event, all dressed formally in their Sunday best.

Students were treated to hors d'oeuvres, drinks and music provided by DJ Baby-T (Amos Wright).

The students enjoyed visiting, dancing and eating during the event.

Crews reported that the cafeteria was beautifully

decorated with colorful balloons, the table tops were decorated with colorful balloons as centerpieces and Crews said there was silver paper in the middle of the floor, which resembled a pool.

"The kids all had a great time," said Crews. "We're going to try to make this an annual event."



Above, Briana Graham poses for a photo during the 2010 JCMHS Middle School Prom.



Cody Little and Stephanie Alday are all smiles as they stop for a candid moment during the first annual Middle School Prom at JCMHS.



Cody Little and Adam Peirce take a break from dancing to strike a pose for the camera during the 2010 JCMHS Middle School Prom.



Olivia Iskander, Allaura Peirce, Nicole Little and Taylor Clemens attending the 2010 JCMHS Middle School Prom.

NFCC Offering "Kids in College" Summer Camps

North Florida Community College is offering a variety of Community Education classes this summer including over 30 fun and educational summer camps for children. Twenty-six "Kids in College" camps are being offered on the NFCC campus in Madison and five are being offered in Taylor County. Age appropriate camps are open to children as young as completed grade K-4 all the way up to ninth grade.

"We are excited to offer a wide selection of Community Education classes and summer camps this year," said Suzie Godfrey, NFCC Community Education coordinator. "The summer camps can fill up quickly, so I encourage parents to register their children early during camp registration on May 15." said Godfrey.

Camp registration will be held at the NFCC Student Center (NFCC Campus - Bldg. 9) on Saturday, May 15 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration takes around 20 minutes and parents should bring their child's current insurance card.

Camps topics range

from educational based campus such as "Journey to Space," "Crazy Over Computers," "Art Adventures," and "Munchie Math" to summer fun camps such as "Water Works," "Summer Scrapbooking," "Musical Adventures," "Cheer Leading Camp," and more. Older students, grades 5th-9th, should check out NFCC's "Health Scholars Camp," "Computer

Camp," and "Fun in the MUD."

The NFCC "Kids in College" camps begin in June. A complete course listing is available at www.nfcc.edu (key word: Community Education) or <http://www.nfcc.edu/community-programs/community-education>. For more information, contact Suzie Godfrey at (850) 973-9453 or orgodfreys@nfcc.edu.

NFCC Honors Outstanding Students

North Florida Community College celebrated its outstanding students April 8 at the Fine Arts Auditorium in an honors night ceremony led by NFCC President John Grosskopf and Dean of Academic Affairs Dr. Sharon Erle. The ceremony paid tribute to outstanding students for the 2009-2010 academic year. NFCC faculty and staff announced each award recipient as Grosskopf presented them with plaques and certificates.

Jefferson County resident Charles Pitts was named Religion Student of the Year and Mathematics Student of the Year.

McKinnley Workman of Tallahassee, Fla. was selected as the 2009-2010 Liberal Studies Student of the Year. Workman is a dual enrollment student. She is the president of NFCC's Astronomy Club and spends much of her time



volunteering at NFCC's Green Industries Institute in Monticello, Fla. She is also a member of the Sentinel Rocketeers and Phi-Theta

Kappa Honor Society.

This year's Friend of the College recipient was Delores Jones, of Madison, Fla., for her continued support of NFCC's many programs, including her active membership on NFCC's Advisory Board for the Minority Leadership program.

"Delores Jones has consistently remained plugged into what is happening at the college and made viable suggestions about improvements to NFCC," said President John Grosskopf.

Photo Submitted
Jefferson County resident Charles Pitts receives awards at NFCC Honors Convocation.

A weekly column written by the school teachers of Jefferson County

This Week's School Bell
Written By
Brenda Brown
4TH GRADE TEACHER - AUCILLA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

"I'm bored. There's nothing to do. What are we going to do today?" Get ready; it is inevitable that kids will get bored over the summer. You will hear these words much too often. There are many adventures that students can go on all summer which first require the TV to be turned OFF. Activities that will keep their minds sharp and ready for the next year are endless. Students work very hard all year long, and summer is a time to relax and recharge, but it is also the perfect opportunity to give your child an academic boost. Give your child "The Winning Edge" with the following suggestions.

My best students over my 13 years of teaching have been the ones who have a knowledge and appreciation for music. So, pick up a guitar, learn to play a recorder or the harmonica or the piano —anything to get music into them. The discipline and rhythm they learn from music is essential in every academic area. Reading is so important. READ, READ, READ this summer. Go to the library and check out books of all kinds. Read to your kids; listen to books on tape; have your child read to you. Books can even be downloaded onto ipods. Keep them reading!

As a fourth grade teacher, I have learned that one skill that many students lose over the summer is the memorization of their multiplication tables from 1 to 9. I am certain that they mastered it in third grade. Each grade level has basic facts that are critical to success in the upcoming year. If you have a child entering the grade below, remember the skill listed next to their grade and drill all summer. It only takes about 5 minutes to do 100 facts. Your teacher next year will thank you — I promise.

Entering Kindergarten - Count 1 - 100 (count things, M

& M's, crackers, anything). Make up stories as you count and take some things away.

Entering First Grade - Count by 2's, 3's, 4's, 5's, and 10's.

Entering Second Grade - Practice addition and subtraction facts 1 - 10.

Entering Third Grade - Practice addition and subtraction facts 1 - 20.

Entering Fourth Grade - Practice multiplication facts 1 - 9.

Entering Fifth Grade - Practice division facts 1 - 10.

Entering Sixth Grade - Practice multiplication of fractions.

Keep this basic foundation fresh all summer long!

While it is very important that students keep their academic skills sharp, it is just as important to relax and enjoy the break. So, go fly a kite, grow a garden, take a long walk, read the nutritional facts on cereal boxes, fly paper airplanes, blow bubbles, make tie dye articles, look at old baby pictures, learn to can and freeze vegetables, make stepping stones or make your own ice cream (use plain yogurt instead of the cream add vanilla and honey and your favorite fruit - DELICIOUS).

There are many safe websites with fun and educational activities. Try the following:
www.kidsturncentral.com
www.akidshheart.com (this website has both education and spiritual activities for all ages)
www.momswhothink.com.

There are so many more. The internet is a world of information where you can find science experiments, play games, get tips for playing your musical instrument—the list goes on and on.

Have fun learning, relaxing, and maintaining knowledge this summer with the TV off.

Most of all enjoy your kids, they do not stay young long and they truly are a gift we only have for a very short time.

Martin Graduates FSU

County native Melissa Martin graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor's of Science degree from Florida State University, May 1, 2010.

She has been accepted into the graduate program for Communication Sciences and Disorders.

Martin is a 2007 graduate of Aucilla Christian Academy and the daughter of Jeffrey and Lisa Martin; and the granddaughter of Pat Steinhorst, Carolyn Martin and the late Tommy Martin, all of Jefferson County.



Melissa Martin

Young Graduates Flagler

Angela Dyal Young, graduated from Flagler College in Tallahassee with a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education, Certified K-6th Grade.

The ceremony took place May 9, 2010, at Lee Hall Auditorium located on FAMU campus.

Young was recognized as an Honor Graduate, Summa Cum Laude, with a 4.0 grade point average.

She is a 2004 graduate of North Florida Christian School and received an Associate of Arts degree from Tallahassee Community College in 2007.

She is the daughter of Donna Dyal Mahoney and Harold Dyal of Lloyd. She is the granddaughter of Betty Dyal of Brynwood Center in Monticello, the late Clarence Dyal of Lloyd, Eva Cline of Southern Living Center in Madison and the late Hugh Cline, Sr. of Tallahassee.

She celebrated her graduation with a trip to the Bahamas with her husband Judah Young and other graduating friends from Flagler College.



Angela Dyal Young

Jefferson Residents Make NFCC President's List

North Florida Community College released the President's honor roll naming Jefferson County residents Ross Everett and Byron Love with high academic achievement for the spring 2010 academic term.

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Yard Sale

Porch Moving Sale - Monday, May 31 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 535 South Mulberry Street. 5/14,21,28,c.

Saturday 5/15/10 - 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. 1.8 miles past Country Club on Boston Hwy - Follow signs! 5/14,pd.

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Pageant Dresses

Children's Dresses...

•Size 3 - white long dress, worn as flower girl dress, sequin/beadwork all on bodice, sequin/beadwork/appliques on bottom, built in crinoline. - \$50

•Size 4 - off white dress, worn as flower girl dress, lace work around bodice, pretty lace work at bottom, cap sleeves - \$25

•Size 7-8 - off white dress, worn as a flower girl dress, overlay of lace over entire dress, probably knee to calf length - \$25

•Size 8 - white, long dress, lace around neck with decorative bodice - \$25

•Size 16 - white long pageant gown, cap sleeves, white sequin work across entire bodice and sleeves, buttons around neck with circular cut-out on back, beautiful gown- \$100

Teen dresses..

•Size 7-8 - Kelli green gown, lace overlay - \$40

•Size 8 - red gown, sequin/bead work around bodice - \$50

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JEFFERSON COUNTY ROAD DEPT. is accepting applications for Truck Driver with class A CDL Florida Drivers License. Must have experience with dump trucks, equipment hauling low-boy, backhoe, loaders. Have some leadership abilities. No criminal record. Prefer high school grad or GED. Applications accepted until May 14, 2010, 5:30 P.M. Previous applicants need not re-apply. Call the office for any further information, 997-2036. Pick up applications at the Road Dept. office or the courthouse. 4/30,5/5,7,12,14,c.

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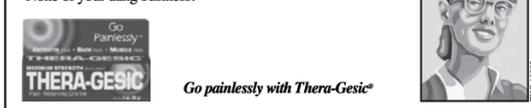
TWO- black/white longhair collie/spaniel type dogs on Bassett Dairy Road near Frank Lacy Road, Friday May 7. Call 863-632-2559. Very friendly dogs. 5/12,14,19,21,nc.

Lost

DOG- Yellow Lab, female. Ashville Hwy., Silver Lake Rd area. Call 997-0185. 5/5,12,c.

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LEGALS

Jefferson County Program Administration Services Community Development Block Grant and Other Related Programs

Jefferson County requests proposals from individuals or firms to provide services for grant/loan funded projects for community development, economic development, and disaster recovery. The County has applied for a \$197,111 2008 Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery grant through the Florida Department of Community Affairs. Funds under this program must be used to repair damage to homes impacted by Tropical Storm Fay. The County also anticipates applying for a FFY 2009 or FFY 2010 Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Grant up to \$700,000 under the Housing, Neighborhood or Economic Development categories. Proposers may submit for one or both CDBG programs and each program will be procured and contracted for separately. Additionally, Jefferson County may seek other similar funding sources through various community development programs available to support housing, infrastructure and other economic development priorities of the County for which services by the selected individual or firm may be requested at the discretion of the County Commission on an ongoing basis. Additional information concerning the proposed services being requested and the ranking criteria to be used to evaluate the proposals may be obtained from **Lola Hightower, Housing Liaison, by Fax 850-342-0225 or email lhightower125@aol.com.** An original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals, marked "SEALED PROPOSAL FOR GRANT SERVICES", must be received by 4:00 p.m. on May 28, 2010, at the Jefferson County Grants Department, Attn: Mrs. Lola Hightower, Housing Liaison, 445 West Palmer Mill Road, Monticello, FL 32344. Jefferson County supports Equal Opportunity Employment, Fair Housing and Providing Handicapped Access. 5/14/2010,c.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that the School Board of Jefferson County, Florida, located at 575 S. Water Street, Monticello, Florida 32344 will receive bids for the sale of the following described property owned by the School Board of Jefferson County, Florida: Property Appraiser Parcel ID Number: 00-00-00-0210-0000-0470 Lot 210 X 210 in E1/2 of SW1/4 of LOT 47 Barwicks ADD PT of DB K P 217 (Chestnut/RR/Green Streets)

This property is being sold "as is" and no representations are made or implied as to zoning, access, or its suitability for any intended or specific purpose. The parcel is situated in the City of Monticello, Florida in Jefferson County, Florida. This property is has a legal binding 25 year lease with the Greater Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church for \$1.00 per year until November 30,2028. The purchaser must honor the lease agreement.

All closing cost associated with this sale are at the purchaser's expense, including any necessary property survey. Bids will be publicly opened at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 27, 2010 in the conference room at the district office, 575 S. Water Street, Monticello, Florida. No bid will be opened if received after 2:00 p.m. on May 27,2010. Please mark the envelope: "Chestnut/RR/Green Streets Parcel - Bid Opening 2:00 p.m. May 27, 2010."

Assistance with viewing this property or further information may be obtained by calling the School Board Office at 342-0100. The School Board of Jefferson County reserves the right to reject any or all bids. By: Sandra Saunders, Chairperson Jefferson County School Board William Brumfield, Superintendent Jefferson County School Board 5/12,14/10,c.

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LEGALS

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 ASSETBACKED 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).

Kahane & Associates, P.A.
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5/7, 14/10, c.

INVITATION TO BID
Exterior Renovations to the Jefferson County Courthouse
Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners

Riley Palmer Construction Company, Inc. CGC 1507645, the Construction Manager, is accepting proposals from qualified Trade Contractors for the referenced project. Sealed bids for the following work will be accepted until 2:00 PM, Monday, May 31, 2010 at Riley Palmer Construction Company, Inc., 567 West Washington Street, Monticello, FL 32344. Bids will not be opened and read aloud but will be published following review by Jefferson County.

Bid Package Number & Description
BP-07a - Shingle Roof Replacement
BP-07b - Flat Roof Renovation
BP-09a - Painting & Joint Sealants

Bid Packages and Bid Documents will be available on Monday, May 17, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at Riley Palmer Construction Company, Inc., 1208 Hays Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301. Please contact Sutton Webb at 850-528-6565 or s.webb@rileypalmerconstruction.com for availability and pre-qualification requirements. A Pre-Qualification form is available at www.rileypalmerconstruction.com and must be submitted with your bid proposal.

A non-mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Thursday, May 20, 2010 at 2:00 PM at the Jefferson County Courthouse, Monticello, Florida. Meeting will begin on the South lawn.

Riley Palmer Construction Company, Inc. reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive informalities in the best interest of Jefferson County.

5/14,19,21,c.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is here by given that the School Board of Jefferson County, Florida, located at 575 S. Water Street, Monticello, Florida 32344 will receive bids for the sale of the following described property owned by the School Board of Jefferson County, Florida:

Property Appraiser Parcel ID Number: 25-2N-4E-0000-0500-0000 E1/2 of SE1/4 in E1/2 of SE1/4 (Parcel ID lists as 3.91 acres with existing building structure. However the western most 85 feet x 376.5 feet corner is being advertised for sale separately, approximately .735 of an acre, leaving 3.175 acres with building structures)

This property is being sold "as is" and no representations are made or implied as to zoning, access, or its suitability for any intended or specific purpose. The parcel is situated in the City of Monticello, Florida in Jefferson County, Florida.

All closing cost associated with this sale are at the purchaser's expense, including the necessary property survey to extract this parcel from the original parcel.

Bids will be publicly opened at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 27, 2010 in the conference room at the district office, 575 S. Water Street, Monticello, Florida. No bid will be opened if received after 2:00 p.m. on May 27,2010. Please mark the envelope: "W. Washington Street Parcel- Bid Opening 2:00 p.m. May 27, 2010."

Assistance with viewing this property or further information may be obtained by calling the School Board Office at 342-0100.

The School Board of Jefferson County reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

By: Sandra Saunders, Chairperson
Jefferson County School Board
William Brumfield, Superintendent
Jefferson County School Board

5/12,14/10,c.

NOTICE

In accordance with Florida Statute a public auction will be held on June 14, 2010 at 9 a.m. for a 1995 Chevy Truck blue in color.

VIN 1GCGC33F4SF003992.
Monticello Towing, 16 Lonnie Rd.
Monticello, FL 32344 997-0607.

To be sold as is for towing and storage charges.
5/14/2010,pd.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is here by given that the School Board of Jefferson County, Florida, located at 575 S. Water Street, Monticello, Florida 32344 will receive bids for the sale of the following described property owned by the School Board of Jefferson County, Florida: Approximately 85 feet (east/west) on US Hwy 90 (W. Washington Street) by 376.5 feet (north/south) along west property boundary line of:

Property Appraiser Parcel ID Number: 25-2N-4E-0000-0500-0000 E1/2 of SE1/4 in E1/2 of SE1/4

This property is being sold "as is" and no representations are made or implied as to zoning, access, or its suitability for any intended or specific purpose. The parcel is situated in the City of Monticello, Florida in Jefferson County, Florida.

This property is has a legal binding 25 year lease with the Jefferson County Teacher's Credit Union for \$1.00 per year until March 7, 2029. The purchaser must honor the lease agreement. Additionally, the Jefferson County Teacher's Credit has a "right of first refusal" included in the lease.

All closing cost associated with this sale are at the purchaser's expense, including the necessary property survey to extract this parcel from the original parcel.

Bids will be publicly opened at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 27, 2010 in the conference room at the district office, 575 S. Water Street, Monticello, Florida. No bid will be opened if received after 2:00 p.m. on May 27, 2010. Please mark the envelope: "W. Washington Street Parcel - Bid Opening 2:00 p.m. May 27, 2010." Assistance with viewing this property or further information may be obtained by calling the School Board Office at 342-0100. The School Board of Jefferson County reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

By: Sandra Saunders, Chairperson
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5/12,14/10,c.

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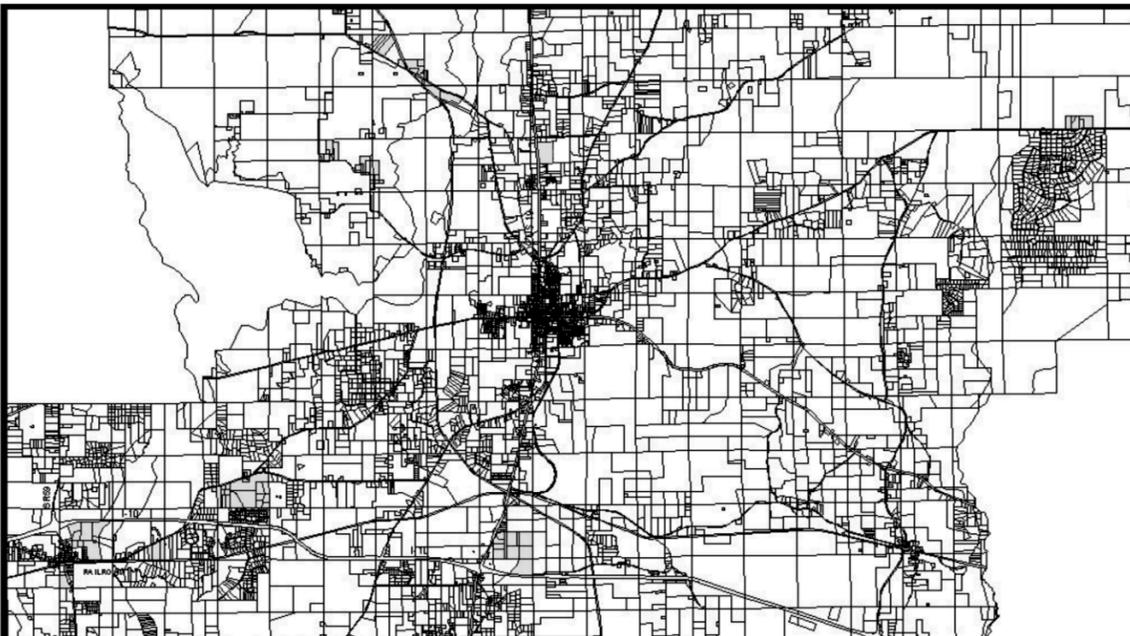
LEGAL NOTICE

PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING: COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENTS

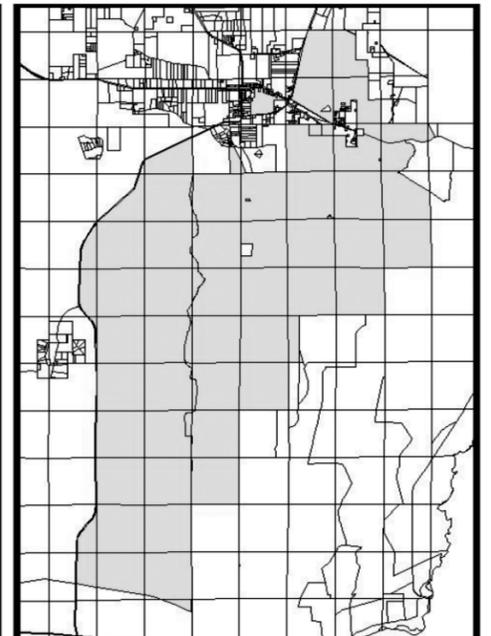
The Jefferson County Planning Commission will hold its regular monthly meeting and a Public Hearing regarding the recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners for approval and adoption of the Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) Comprehensive Plan Amendments and the Future Land Use Map Amendments on June 10, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. **THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE COURTHOUSE ANNEX LOCATED AT 435 WEST WALNUT STREET IN MONTICELLO, FL.** The meeting may be continued as necessary.

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

NORTHERN COUNTY AREAS



WACISSA AREAS



More Detailed Maps and descriptions of the proposed map changes (including a list of the parcels to be changed) are available on the Planning Department page at <http://www.co.jefferson.fl.us> or at the Planning Department Office at the above address.

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The Jefferson Journal Fish & Game Feeding Chart

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 14, 2010 through May 20, 2010
Major Feed Times are marked by an asterisk (*)*

Friday, May 14	Saturday, May 15	Sunday, May 16	Monday, May 17
6:10 AM *12:20 PM 6:30 PM	*12:40 AM 7:00 AM *1:20 PM 7:30 PM	*1:55 AM 8:00 AM *2:25 PM 8:40 PM	*3:00 AM 9:10 AM *3:30 PM 9:45 PM
Tuesday, May 18	Wednesday, May 19	Thursday, May 20	
*4:00 AM 10:20 AM *4:30 PM 10:50 PM	*5:10 AM 11:20 AM *5:30 PM 11:45 PM	*6:00 AM 12:10 PM *6:25 PM	



Southern Extreme Bullriding This Weekend

FRAN HUNT
Jefferson Journal
Staff Writer

Southern Extreme Bullriding and cowgirls open barrel racing will be hosted this weekend at Natural Bridge Trails Arena and Campground in Fanlew.

Natural Bridge Trails Arena and Campgrounds is located off CR-59 in Fanlew. Turn off CR-59 to Fanlew Road and follow the roadway all the way to the end where Natural Bridge is located.

The event will be held May 14 and 15. Gates open

at 5 p.m. and bullriding competition begins at 8 p.m. Concessions and vendors will be on the grounds selling hotdogs, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, fries, onion rings, barbecue, chips, drinks and the like, as well as trinkets and collectibles. Tickets for a 50/50 raffle will also be sold for \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Tickets are \$10 each night for adults, \$5 for kids ages 9-12 and kids 8 and under will be admitted for free.

The bullriding prize will be \$1,000 added money and the prize for the cowgirls barrel racing will be a \$500 added money prize. Payout will be Saturday night with slack runs held both nights.

Bull Announcing and Clowning will serve as the announcer and Bubble Gum Bob will be the rodeo clown for

the event. Renegade Rodeo Company will be bringing in the bulls, the shoots and seating for 1,000 spectators.

Sponsors for the event include; Tallahassee Dodge, Chrysler, Jeep and Ram; Seminole Auto; Big Bend Tire; Monticello Car Quest; Amber Waves; Jimmy's Auto; Chicken Delite; Harper Revell Heating & Air; Badcock & More of Monticello; Rancho Grande; J&M Pools; Jefferson Farmers Market; Ali's Strawberry Shakes; Waukeenah Fertilizer; Pro Bank of Tallahassee; JW Smokehouse Grill; Corley's Corner Miniatures; Kirk Reams; M&L Brake and Alignment; Steve Walker Realty; Design Cycle; Coney Island Dog Cart; Tommy Surles Insurance; 104.1 FM Gulf 104, who will also have radio personalities on hand during the event; Good Morning Mattress; Andrew's Pressure Washing; 94.9 TNT radio; Amazing Mail Solutions; Wendy and Shawn Yarbrough Horse Trainers; and Hicks Farm & Feed.

For further information or to enter to compete, call 997-2905.

NATURAL RESOURCES PRESERVED AT DIXIE PLANTATION

The Suwannee River Water Management District (District) commends the Geraldine Livingston Foundation for its commitment to protect water resources at the Dixie Plantation over the last 10 years.

A total of 8,901 acres of land on the plantation are protected under a conservation easement purchased by the District for \$2.3 million 10 years ago.

The conservation easement perpetually protects 4 miles of river frontage on the Aucilla River and about 2,000 acres of undisturbed cypress forest in the river's floodplain. Under the easement, the land will remain in its natural state and condition.

The Dixie Plantation - which hosts field trials, trail riding and other

events - is managed primarily to enhance wild game habitat and forestry. The plantation is located near Greenville.

"We appreciate the Geraldine Livingston Foundation's commitment to resource protection over the last 10 years," said Joe Flanagan, the District's director for land acquisition and management. "The conservation easement continues to be an excellent example of the compatibility of sustainable forestry and watershed protection for the Aucilla River."

A conservation easement is a perpetual agreement that leaves the basic ownership and management of property with the private landowner but permanently restricts development and prohibits the alteration of wetlands.

USDA Announces Assistance Program For Orchardists And Nursery Tree Growers

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today said that orchardists and nursery tree growers can begin applying for benefits under the Tree Assistance Program, which was authorized in the 2008 Farm Bill. Signup begins Monday, May 10, 2010, at local Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices. "This program helps our orchardists and nursery tree growers replant and get back on their feet after natural disasters," said Vilsack. The Tree Assistance Program (TAP) provides help to orchardists and nursery tree growers who produce

trees, bushes and vines for commercial purposes, to replant or rehabilitate trees, bushes and vines damaged or destroyed by natural disasters.

The 2008 Farm Bill expanded eligibility to include Christmas tree and nursery tree growers that were ineligible under prior legislation. Trees grown for pulp or timber or not grown for commercial purposes are not eligible. To be eligible for TAP, producers must have suffered more than a 15 percent death loss due to the natural disaster after adjustment for normal mortality. TAP is a cost-reimbursement program, with payments covering

up to 70 percent of replant costs and 50 percent of pruning, removal and other salvaging costs for replacing or salvaging damaged trees.

Producers can receive assistance for up to 500 acres of trees, bushes or vines. Producers must also have purchased a policy or plan of insurance under the Federal Crop Insurance Act or Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program, or for 2008, obtained a waiver of the risk management purchase requirement through the buy-in provision. Eligible losses must have occurred on or after Jan. 1, 2008, and before Oct. 1, 2011. For more information on the new TAP program, please contact your county FSA office or the website at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/tap>.

The Farmer Takes A Wife

Tracie Fulford Guest Columnist



If you've been reading my column for awhile you know that although I have 11 animals and 2 fish in my jurisdiction, I still don't consider myself to be an animal person. The older I get, the more I realize that there are things in life that if one is not exposed to them as a child, it is quite difficult to get accustomed to them as an adult. I wasn't very adventurous as a child. I've never been a risk taker. I was afraid of dogs until I got one when I was 22. I admit it, I was a pretty sheltered young lady. But thanks to the farmer-hubby, I've backpacked to 13,000 feet in Wyoming, killed snakes, raised a calf from a bottle and eventually milked her, and learned that most noises in the night are just that-noises. I've come a long way, baby.

I still have a few things on my list of what I'd like to be able to do independently. Not for my own glory, but to help out the farmer. I'm

usually content to stay inside and tend to the youngens. But I've learned that helping out with the little things can save him a lot of time and free him up to do other more important and difficult things that I have absolutely no business learning how to do. These are the days of planting on the farm. These are long days for the farmers. In order for us to have milk in the morning, Bittersweet cannot spend the night with his Mama. I know the last thing farmer-hubby wants to do when he gets home is feed and wrangle the animals into their respected pens for the night. But he's the one who has to do it because it involves trickery and deceit and you have to be inside the pen with all the livestock in order to accomplish the task. You can probably imagine how I feel about all that.

Last night was going to be an especially late night for the farmer, so I said to myself, "Self?

What's a good lookin' person like yourself doin' in a place like this?" Ok, that isn't what I really said, but my Grandfather used to say that all the time and everyone thought it was funny. What I really said to myself was, "Self? Why can't you try to separate the animals tonight? All it involves is food and a little luck. You've watched the farmer do it for 3 months. Now go out there and just do it." Well I went out there alright. And lady luck was not on my side. That rascal of a calf wouldn't leave his Mama's side, the goats tried to steal the food from me before I could get it to their bowl, and the Mama cow ate her ration before I even began to separate anyone. The farmer makes it look so easy. I made it look so hard. If my 7 year old daughter had still been awake, I would have been able to do it. Well, she would have been able to do it. I would have simply supervised and slammed the gate when she said so. But alas, I had to send the text to the farmer that said, "I tried to separate the animals. Failed. Sorry." And his reply, "Thanks for trying." He was probably chuckling to himself envisioning me out there.

I am not quick, I am not wise to the ways of working animals. I don't know that I ever will be, either. I am awkward and fearful and overall out of place in that pen. But I try! I try to overcome the awkwardness. I haven't given up...tonight is yet another opportunity to add a new trick to my bag.

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