



COMMISSIONER FILES COMPLAINT AGAINST A COUNTY DEPARTMENT



Betsy Barfield

ASKS SHERIFF TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGED WRONGDOING

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Failing to get satisfaction from the Board of County Commissioners or County Coordinator Roy Schleicher to her complaint of alleged wrongdoing by Road Department personnel, Commissioner Betsy Barfield filed a formal

complaint with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department on Wednesday, Aug. 3.

In the complaint, Barfield's alleges the theft of rocks from the Road Department's yard by department personnel for use on a private road off South Salt Road on July 19.

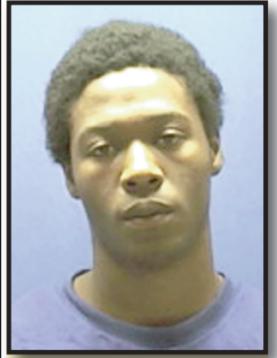
Barfield informed

Commission Chairman Stephen Fulford via a memo on Aug. 4 that she felt it was her sworn duty to report the incident to law enforcement in order to bring the problem to light. She said she wanted the Road Department investigated by an outside source, the implication being that the board and

coordinator weren't doing their jobs and were giving the Road Department a free pass in the process.

Barfield first raised the issue of the alleged rock theft at the County Commission meeting on Thursday evening, July 7.

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Ladarius R. Gentle

COUNTY MAN CHARGED WITH BURGLARIZING TAX COLLECTOR'S RESIDENCE

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A Jefferson County man was arrested this past weekend and charged with burglarizing the residence of the county tax collector and selling some of the stolen items to a pawnshop.

On January 13, 2011, Jefferson County deputies were dispatched to the home of the county tax collector in reference to a burglary and stolen property.

Upon arrival deputies spoke with the tax collector.

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School Board Gets A New Attorney



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By Laz Aleman
New School Board Attorney
Opal McKinney-Williams.

BIRD RECOGNIZED FOR 30+ YEARS OF SERVICE

contract at the start of its regular meeting on Monday evening, Aug. 8. Immediately after, McKinney-Williams took her seat on the board, replacing Attorney Buck Bird, who served more than 30 years in the position and who was presented with a plaque in appreciation of his many years of service by School Board Chairwoman Shirley Washington.

McKinney-Williams earned a Bachelor of Science in criminal justice at FAMU in 1998 and her law degree at FSU in 2002. The firm's website describes her as specialist in governmental law, with an emphasis on K-12 education, business bankruptcy, litigation, and Florida campaign finance compliance.

She is said to have represented clients in state circuit



Chairwoman Shirley Washington presents Attorney Buck Bird a plaque recognizing his 30+ years of service to the Jefferson County School Board.

and appellate courts throughout the state and before the federal district and bankruptcy courts. She is also accorded expertise on school-related issues, such as student discipline, attendance, employment, ESE, and public records law compliance.

McKinney-Williams told the School Board in her Aug. 1 interview that it would be her

job to assist the board in ensuring that the school system operated wisely, effectively and properly.

"Our job is to help you do what you do," McKinney-Williams said. "We like to provide corrective counsel to avoid problems before they come."

She said it was her firm's goal to provide the school board with the best possible legal representation.

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FINALLY, COUNTY OFFICIALS ACT ON ROCK MINE ISSUE

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Months of lively and sometimes contentious debate over what to do with the county's rock mine finally culminated last week with the Jefferson County Commission taking a series of small steps designed to give officials a better idea of whether to sell, lease, or continue to operate the 100-acre site.

After more than an hour of back and forth on Thursday morning, Aug. 4, the commission gave mining expert

Randy Hatch, of Hatch Enterprises, the okay to sell surplus boulders from the mine to a government agency via the state contract.

The commission also contracted with Hatch to prepare a plan and budget for the more efficient operation of the mine; organize and oversee an initial dynamite blast at the site to determine the quality of the deeper buried rock materials; and help develop a solicitation, or Request For Proposal (RFP), for the possible lease of the mine to a private contractor —

should the county decide to go that route.

The series of actions finally got commissioners off dead center, where they had been stuck for months while debating what to do with the mine. Even so, commissioners still hold different opinions on what ultimately should be done with the facility, with Commissioners Hines Boyd and Betsy Barfield representing the dueling points of view.

Boyd sees the mine as a valuable resource that the county should keep; and he sees Hatch

as eminently qualified to guide the county to a greater and more efficient use of the facility. Boyd further argues that the mine's increased production would allow for the implementation of an innovative program that he proposes would allow for the chip-sealing of 10 miles of dirt roads annually.

Barfield sees the mine as a bottomless money pit that the county would do better to sell and use the money instead to buy its road-building materials in the open market. She

thinks the operation is inefficient and will always be so. As for Hatch, she doesn't necessarily discount his expertise or qualifications, but she has questioned the commission's choice of him, absent consideration of other experts and options.

Somewhere in the middle, Commissioners Chairman Stephen Fulford, John Nelson — and Danny Monroe to a degree — have argued that board needs more information before making a decision.

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BOSTON, GA WOMAN ARRESTED FOR FORGING AND GRAND THEFT

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A Boston, GA, woman was arrested earlier this week and hit with several charges including forgery and grand theft.

The Monticello Police Department (MPD) reported that on May 4, 2011 at 6:51 p.m., Sgt. Richard Colson and Officer William Lowery were dispatched to the Winn Dixie on South Jefferson Street in reference to a possible fraudulent check.

Upon arrival, they made contact with the store supervisor in the parking lot. With two adults, including Yolanda Larry, 37, of Boston, GA, and a juvenile standing with him.

The complainant stated that while examining the check in the amount of \$224.09 that Larry had written to pay for some groceries, he noticed that the account number on the check had been altered by scratching a number off of the Magnetic Ink Recognition line at the

bottom of the check.

The signature on the check had also been signed in such a way that it was obviously meant to conceal the account number as well. Since Larry had also paid for other groceries with a check for \$595.90, he had examined that check and the account number had also been altered in the same way.

He also stated that before receiving the check of \$224.09, Larry had tried to leave the store without paying for the shopping cart of gro-

ceries.

The name on the checks for which the checked belonged, was



Yolanda Larry

that of the juvenile, who was also present.

The juvenile said she didn't know why the checks had been altered.

Larry, the other adult and the juvenile all stated that Larry had filled out the checks at the request of the juvenile.

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Eddie Wilson

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A Tallahassee man was arrested last week and charged with grand theft of an automobile.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office reported that on August 3 at 3:49 a.m., Deputy Paul Peebles stopped a beige Ford F-150 extended cab pickup truck for an inoperable driver's side headlight at the intersection of Mississippi Street and Mamie Scott Drive. The traffic stop was recorded by Deputy Peebles's in-car camera.

At the time of the traffic stop the vehicle registration was negative for any wants.

At approximately 5:07 a.m., Deputy Peebles was dispatched to a Lake Road residence in reference to a stolen truck with the same tag number as the truck the deputy had stopped earlier that morning.

Upon arrival, he spoke to the complainant about the truck. The complainant explained that the truck was owned by Eddie Wilson.

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Viewpoints & Opinions

CHURCH CALENDAR

AUGUST 10-12

Bethel AME Church officers and members invite you to three nights of explosive praise and worship services as they honor their Pastor Rev. Helen Johnson-Robinson, beginning at 7 p.m. and nightly, for her seven-years of devoted and committed service to the church and the community. Speakers for this auspicious occasion will be: on Wednesday, Rev. Anton G. Elwood, senior pastor at New Mt. Zion AME Church of Tallahassee; Thursday, Rev. Julius Tisdale, senior pastor at St. Phillip AME Church in Monticello; and on Friday, Pastor Jarvis Alls of New Birth Christian Center in Quincy. Put on your shouting shoes. They'll be looking forward to seeing you. For more information and directions contact Althera Johnson at 850-933-2012. The church is located at 410 East York Street in Monticello.

AUGUST 10-12

Mt. Pleasant Ministries of Capps, Florida is hosting a three-night revival beginning on Wednesday through Friday, evenings at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Timbre J. Denmark of Tallahassee, is Evangelist for this event. She is an ordained minister, anointed and appointed by the Almighty God. She is also founder/president of 'Simply Timbre Ministries, Inc' and a graduate of Jefferson County High School Class of 1982. She is married and has four sons. Come expecting a mighty move of God through His anointed servant. Charles G. Smith, Sr. is pastor of Mt. Pleasant Ministries, located at 9472 South Jefferson.

AUGUST 11 AND 14

Springfield AME Church will hold its Pastor Appreciation Celebration beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, with guest speaker Rev. Leroy Colston and the St. John AME Church family of Tallahassee. The celebration will continue at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, with guest speaker Rev. Gilbert Connelly and the Aucilla Circuit Church family of Monticello. *Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.* 2 Timothy 2:15 KJV. The officers and members would consider it a privilege for you and your congregation to come worship with the church family for their Pastor's Appreciation Celebration. If you can't attend, your prayers would be greatly appreciated. The church is located at 1732 Piney Woods Road in Monticello. For more information go to springfieldame@embarqmail.com or call 850-997-5400. Bro. Barry G. Graham, chairperson; Rev. Stefon McBride, pastor.

AUGUST 12

Tent of the Holy Guests offers prayer for the sick every Friday at 7:30 p.m., and a special scripture message. Scripture topics will be discussed. The Tent is located at 295 West Palmer Mill, in downtown Monticello.

Deb's Notes

Drop A Note To

Debbiesnapp@embarqmail.com

The Monticello Opera House will introduce a new event on Saturday, August 20 called 'Kickin' Kool Karaoke Party'. Music will be provided by Big Bob's Music Machine and will offer a list of over 60,000 songs. And, to make things even more interesting, you can enter the 50/50 Singing Contest for just \$5. Entrants are judged and first prize wins 50 percent of the entry fees. A portion of the judging will be based on crowd appeal, so bring all your loud-mouthed enthusiastic friends; they could help push you over the top for the win. You don't have to sing to enter, nominate a singer by putting \$5 and their name in the pot... even if they do sound like a mad cat. Doors open at 7 p.m. and close at 11 p.m. There is NO cover charge. There is a cash bar, and light food items available for sale though. The Monticello Opera House is a non-profit organization.

Elizabeth Baptist Church has a wonderful group of teachers that go to the Brynwood Center on Sunday mornings to teach. There is an opening on the fourth Sunday. If this is something you would like to do for one Sunday a month, contact Jerry Teasley at teasley_jerry@yahoo.com. The nurses usually get the residents together for the lesson. The group begins at 10 a.m. and is finish at 10:30 a.m. Just in time to get to Morning Worship Service.

Naomi and Don Helle, newspaper carriers for the Tallahassee Democrat, tell me they saw deer running last week in the wee hours of the morning, in downtown Monticello, near Branch Street.

Join the WFSU Kids Club for fun. It's a great way for your family to really get involved, and it offers educational information for parents and fun PBS items for the kids. The club was created for families that appreciate the difference PBS Kids programming makes in their lives. To join visit online at wfsu.org or call WFSU member services at 1-800-322-9378x351.

Nellie Kay Akins celebrated her birthday on Monday, August 8 with her husband Jerome, her son Jerrod and daughter-in-law Tieshia, and her grandchildren Ma'Khya Mo'Nique and Jamiyha Janae. They enjoyed dinner together at a local restaurant.

And, a very Happy 50th Birthday to Derry Rivers Williams.

Letters To The Editor

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

KABUKI OF THE INEVITABLE

Well, the great debt-ceiling debate has resolved itself into a program that no one likes. This was inevitable. The left was never going to like anything that even looked like a compromise on their ability to throw other people's money into the wind; Tea Partiers were never going to like anything that even looked like a compromise on their ability to constrict Congress' ability to throw other people's money into the wind.

But we knew this was going to happen - both sides were going to dig in their heels, and like a bunch of eight-year-olds, stick out their lower lip for the cameras, and call each other names. This would go

on until the very last minute, at which point, they would cobble together some horrible bill that shoved the real work onto future presidents and Congresses. Ho hum.

Yes, I know, they're calling for yet another committee to draw up plans for an up-or-down vote in both Houses (under the pain of ruinous cuts in defense and Medicare.) How like Congress to toss the hot-potato to as yet unnamed short-straw holders, threatening to damage the nation if they don't do what these guys were supposed to do in the first place. And President Obama, apparently forgetting that to be the adult in the

room, one has to actually be in the room, is gently chastising participants for not raising taxes, just to be fair (as though taxpayers had any hand in creating this mess.) "We can't balance the budget just by cutting spending," he says, as though the debt isn't entirely a creature of willy-nilly spending.

At any rate, have a seat, take a deep breath and enjoy a vodka ... we have until September 30 when the current fiscal year ends, meaning there are less than sixty days to re-argue everything we've been listening to for the last sixty days. Enjoy.

Russ Durham,
Monticello FL

FAIREST & EASIEST

Like all users of the Jefferson Communities Water, I just received a letter stating that an increase of over 100 percent facilities fee was going into effect two days before the letter arrived and believe it or not they used the line fairest and easiest in their description of the rate increase. As a user of this service living on a fixed income I don't agree at all! What's fair about an increase from \$17.00 a month to \$38.50 to a person who goes out of their way to conserve precious water resources and reward the people who waste water in these dry conditions. My total bill for the last month was \$22.76 and only \$5.76 was for the water I used. Is this a good message to the large water wasters who will only go on wasting water? When there is no incentive to save water is this good public policy? Did their cost double? I doubt it. My next bill will be \$44.26 for the same usage and I don't find anything fair about that and yes it is easy for them, all they have to do is rake in the money. Usage fees have always been the fairest way to charge people for services and I certainly don't feel sorry for the people who waste our resources. If their bills are too high then they need to cut back, which is a good thing, I believe this is the mood our country is in now. How do you cut back when the amount charged for a resource is less than a percentage of the charge you pay? Hey let's let the power and phone company charge huge fees up front for their product and then see what happens! And I guess I must include that for me there is no other place to get my water from, so you see how fair this is. Shame on Jefferson Communities Water! If my usage charge was doubled it would be a modest increase and one that I would have paid with a

regret but knowing that nothing ever stays the same, and the guy who has a \$100.+ current water bill would be trying to SAVE water and I don't think the people at Jefferson Communities Water would argue that is a bad thing.

Ron Dill,
Monticello, FL

Below is a copy of the increase letter:

August 1, 2011
Customers of the Jefferson Communities Water System:

We have not increased rates for several years and our costs of operating the Water System have gone up, just like the bills in your homes and businesses. Our fuel and electricity costs more, our regulatory fees have gone up substantially, and costs for parts and tools and labor have increased.

Please know that the Board of Directors, all water customers just like you, discussed how to increase our income to cover these costs with the least impact on the citizens of Jefferson County. First, we looked at every thing in our budget and took measures to reduce our expenses where we could. Next, we discussed raising the per gallon rate for water usage and decided that would hurt larger families the most - those that are already hurting the most under the current recession. It would inhibit people from using water for daily tasks like washing clothes and watering gardens. It was decided that an across-the-board fixed amount would be the fairest and easiest for our customers to budget for:

Therefore, effective August 1, 2011, your facilities fee will increase by \$21.50 a month - about 72 cents a day.

The Board also established a six-month amnesty period for those of you that signed up to use water and have not begun to do so. Until December 31, 2011, if you fall into this category, all of your fees and late charges will be waived if you call the Member Services Office at 997-0314, have a meter installed, and begin using water.

Also, until December 31, 2011, anyone that wants a new water service (tap) can call the office for an estimate of cost and we will charge the customer only what it costs the Water System to install (labor and parts) - we are waiving the system impact fee.

As customers of our Water System, there are things you can do to help us keep costs down:

-If you notice a water leak or know of someone using water that is not paying for it, call our Member Services Office and report it. (When the office is closed, phone calls are forwarded to an emergency number.)

-If you have neighbors that are not using water, encourage them to become customers

-If you know of someone whose well has gone out, tell them to call our office for an estimate on getting a water service. It could be less expensive than putting in a new well.

Please remember that the Water System continues to provide you with a safe, dependable source of water. The water is regularly treated to prevent harmful bacteria and tested to detect other chemicals and substances that might infiltrate the groundwater. With storms and hurricanes at this time of year, you are guaranteed to have water at your home and business even if you have no electricity.

MPD ASSURING PEDESTRIAN SAFETY. GREAT HEADLINE AND ARTICLE. LONG PAST DUE.

Now I haven't checked the Florida Drivers Handbook but..... aren't there also laws about parking in designated No Parking and Handicap areas, parking on the wrong side of the street, parking certain distances from corners and fire hydrants, parking all day in 30 Minute Parking Only zones and

We could also use some housekeeping. There are street signs so dirty that they are not readable. There is vegetation growing in easements that block a driver's view trying to make a left or right turn. There are Stop signs that can't be seen until you are right on them because of tree limbs hanging over them.

These issues jeopardize the safety of drivers, passengers, and pedestrians.

Bobbie Golden

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STINGERS

"Sorry to hear three of the most knowledgeable planning commissioners are resigning all due to the personal agendas of the Planning Official and the County Commissioners. The public understands your frustration with this group. We don't get any respect either."

Thank You District 3

I, Adreaunna L. Brown, wish to extend a big (Thank You) to District Three and Ms. Shirley Washington for awarding me a scholarship. It will aide in meeting some of my financial obligations required to pursuit a career in medical assisting and nursing. Again, Thanks for your kind generosity. Sincerely,

Adreaunna L. Brown

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Grand Theft

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by GEM Land Company and that the complainant uses the vehicle as a work truck around the plantation.

During the investigation Eddie Wilson, 43, of Tallahassee was developed as a suspect.

The deputy pulled up Wilson's driver's license and Department of Corrections photographs and positively identified him as the driver of the stolen truck. He also checked on Wilson's driver's license status, which showed that his license had been suspended.

Wilson was arrested at 2 p.m. the same day and charged with grand theft of a motor vehicle and driving while license suspended or revoked. A total bond of \$20,000 was set and he remained at the County Jail August 11.

Burglarizing

tax collector who said that subjects broke into her residence and took several electronic items as well as several items of jewelry.

The electronic items included four flat-screen televisions. The value of all the items stolen was approximately \$19,862.88.

The investigation revealed that on the same day of the burglary, Ladarius R. Gentle, 22, of Jefferson County, and three other subjects pawned jewelry fitting the description of some of the stolen jewelry from the tax collector's residence.

The following day, Gentle's brother pawned jewelry also.

The victim was allowed to view the jewelry and she positively identified it as some of the jewelry stolen from her residence.

One of the other three subjects denied involvement or knowledge of the burglary but admitted to pawning the jewelry.

He said on the following day of the incident, he rode to the pawnshop with

Gentle and the other two subjects and one of the other subjects had the jewelry in his possession. According to him that other subject passed it out to the others to pawn. He said one of the other subjects told him that the subject with all of the jewelry did not have his identification with him at the time, but the subject who didn't have his identification came back and pawned more after he got his identification.

The subject who reportedly had all of the jewelry said he got all of the jewelry from an unknown person in Leon County.

The deputy spoke with Gentle via telephone and even though he agreed to arrive at the Sheriff's Office for an interview, he did not.

After receiving information that Gentle stole two flat-screen televisions and sold one or both for \$2,000, investigators went to the residence of the witness.

Investigators arrived

at the residence of the person who reportedly bought the television/s and he said that on January 14, Gentle and one of the other subjects arrived at his residence with two flat-screen televisions. Gentle was trying to sell one and the other subject was trying to sell the other. The witness said he purchased the one Gentle had and the other subject attempted to solicit him to also purchase the other one, but he did not.

The witness said that sometime after he made the purchase he was told that Gentle and the other subject had burglarized the tax collector's home, the residence of a female

subject who passed away, and the home of someone who lived off of Lott Road.

The Sheriff's Department is in fact, investigating burglaries fitting the aforementioned description.

The television was confiscated from the witness and shown to the tax collector. She identified it positively as one of those stolen from her residence.

The approximate value of the recovered jewelry and television is \$2,805.

Gentle was arrested August 6 on an outstanding Jefferson County warrant for his arrest for the Jefferson County charges of violation of probation

on the charge of reckless driving; violation of probation on the charge of carrying a concealed weapon; violation of probation on the charge of driving while license suspended or revoked; violation of probation on the charge of giving a false name to a law enforcement officer; burglary of a dwelling and grand theft. He also had an outstanding Leon County warrant for his arrest on the charges of dealing in stolen property and giving false information to a pawnbroker. Bond was withheld and he remained at the County Jail August 11.

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Forging

She then spontaneously uttered that she hadn't done anything wrong that wasn't wanted of her.

The complainant called Sun Trust, the bank that the checks were drawn, and found out that the account had been closed.

Larry, the other adult and the juvenile then went to MPD to give sworn statements. Sgt. Colson obtained a sworn written statement from the complainant as well as the receipts from the transaction and the list of groceries.

Upon arrival at the station, they were read their Miranda rights.

Prior to interviewing the juvenile, another check was found in the checkbook that had been partially filled out. It was made payable to Cato's, a clothing store in Thomasville, GA. It was dated May 3, 2011 and signed but there was no amount written on the check. There was also some information written at the top of the check, as well as the information for the two checks written to the Winn Dixie. The information appeared to be a phone number, an address and a GA driver's license number for the juvenile, however, after closer examination, the addresses all had different street names, none of which belonged to the juvenile. Also the driver's license number had a wrong digit and the phone number, which was written on all three checks, did not belong to the minor, the other adult or Larry.

The location of the number in the driver's license number written on the checks was actually scratched off of the juvenile's license. The incorrect number was written on all of the checks. It also appeared that the number scratched off of the juvenile's license, was deliberate, as it looked like great care was taken to only scratch off that particular digit.

The juvenile stated that her aunt (Larry) had called her on May 3 and told the juvenile that they were going grocery shopping the following day. The juvenile stated that Larry then asked her if she still had her checkbook and she replied, "yes." The juvenile added that Larry asked her if her account was closed and she said, "no", but Larry responded that it didn't matter.

Larry stated that she was at home on May 5 and the other adult and the juvenile called her to

come to Monticello with them to go grocery shopping. Larry stated that she wrote the checks for the juvenile at her request and had no knowledge of the altered account numbers.

The second adult stated that she and the juvenile had picked up Larry and drove to Monticello to buy groceries. She then said that Larry had written the checks and as they were leaving, they were confronted by the Winn Dixie employees. She said that she believed that there was not enough money in the account to pay for the groceries, but that when the checks were returned, she would pay for it then. She then said that she did not know about the altered account numbers.

The juvenile was re-interviewed and shown the erroneous information on top of the checks that was discovered, as well as the number scratched off of her driver's license. After further questioning, the juvenile requested to give a new statement and admitted to having knowledge of the incident and that she knew that the account was empty. She said that about a week prior to the incident Larry told her that she could show the juvenile how to write checks without getting caught. She said that during that past week or so, Larry had attempted to pass some of the juvenile's checks at several businesses in Thomasville, but that none of the attempts were successful. Those businesses included Hibbet's Sports, Shoe Department and Cato's. The juvenile stated that the first time that the checks went through was at the Winn Dixie and that Larry had her checkbook and license and that Larry must have scratched the numbers off the checks and the license. The juvenile then stated that Larry had told her to lie about having been practicing writing checks in the car while going to the police station.

Larry was re-interviewed and requested to write another statement and admitted to writing the false information on top of the checks in order to prevent the juvenile and the other adult from being contacted in the event of the checks being returned. Larry also insisted that she hadn't altered the account numbers and that it must have been the juvenile.

On May 7

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Investigator Jennifer Jackson and Sgt. Colson went to three locations in Thomasville, accompanied by Officer Daniel Powers of the Thomasville Police Department. They first went to Cato's, where they spoke with one of the employees who remembered Larry trying to pay for a layaway but the check had been declined. She positively identified Larry from a photo and she stated that there was a younger female with her and she identified the juvenile as well from a photo. The employee stated that Larry paid for a layaway of \$35.78 with a check and it went through because of the small amount. She said that Larry had tried to pay for another layaway of \$209.38, but was declined. She said that Larry filled out the checks and passed them. Cato's was able to give them copies of the \$35.78 check and copies of both receipts, one of which had been signed by Larry.

At Hibbet's Sport, which is in the same shopping plaza as Cato's, they spoke with a witnesses who also remembered two black females that tried to pass declined checks. She identified Larry and the juvenile and stated that they came in on Wednesday, April 20 and tried to purchase a couple pairs of shoes, but their check was declined. She said they returned the next day and tried again, stating that they had spoken with the bank and fixed the problem. The witness said that on both days the juvenile passed the checks.

At the Shoe Department, they spoke with the manager, who remembered an incident earlier in April that a black female had tried to pay with a check but it was declined. She recognized Larry from the photo but couldn't remember the date. She stated that Larry tried to purchase five or six pairs of shoes, buy when the check was declined, she only bought one. She was able to provide a copy of a receipt log for a similar transaction on April 30, which was the date that she thought it happened on.

Larry was arrested August 8 on an outstanding Jefferson County warrant for her arrest and charged with forging bank bills; uttering forged bills; giving worthless bank checks and grand theft. A total bond of \$7,500 was set and she bonded out of jail the same day.

JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIME BEAT

ALL INFORMATION IS PRINTED AS TAKEN FROM THE JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.
ALL SUSPECTS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY IN A COURT OF LAW

FRAN HUNT

ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

Zanterian Breon Macon, 19, of Monticello, was arrested August 2 and charged with burglary of a conveyance and petit theft. A total bond of \$12,500 was set and he remained at the County Jail August 11.

David Wayne Amerson, 21, of Jefferson County, was arrested August 2 and charged with violation of probation on the charge of burglary of a structure and violation of probation on the charge of grand theft. Bond was withheld and he remained at the County Jail August 11.

Derek Borders, 32, of Jefferson County, was arrested August 2 and charged with retail theft under \$100. Bond was set at \$2,500 and he bonded out of jail the same day.

Vangela Robinson, 36, of Jefferson County, was arrested August 4 and charged with obtaining unemployment compensation by fraud. Bond was set at \$1,500 and she bonded out of jail the same day.

Eddie Wilson, 43, of Tallahassee, was arrested August 4 and charged with grand theft of a motor vehicle and driving while license suspended or revoked. A total bond of \$20,000 was set and he remained at the County Jail August 11.

Charles Menard, 56, of Jefferson County, was arrested August 5 and charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor; aggravated child abuse; and delivery of a controlled substance. A total bond of \$8,000 was set and he bonded out of jail August 10.

Robert Lionel Jones, 47, of Lake City, FL, was arrested August 5 and charged with two counts of violation of probation on the charge of grand theft of an automobile. Bond was withheld and he remained at the County Jail August 11.

Melvin Woodson, 22, of Tallahassee, FL, was arrested August 5 and charged with driving while license suspended or revoked; possession of marijuana; possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell; and theft of a bicycle, less than \$300. A total bond of \$6,500 was set and he bonded out of jail August 8.

Ladarius R. Gentle, 22, of Jefferson County, was arrested August 6 on the Jefferson County charges of violation of probation on the charge of reckless driving; violation of probation on the charge of carrying a cancelled weapon; violation of probation on the charge of driving while license suspended or revoked; violation of probation on the charge of giving a false name to a law enforcement officer; burglary of a dwelling and grand theft. He also had an outstanding Leon County warrant for his arrest on the charges of dealing in stolen property and giving false information to a pawn broker. Bond

was withheld and he remained at the County Jail August 11.

Gerard Antonio Hanks, 19, of Monticello, was arrested August 7 and charged with burglary of a conveyance and petit theft. Bond was withheld and he remained at the County Jail August 11.

Michael A. Livings, 43, of Andalusia, AL, was arrested August 7 and charged with failure to appear on the charge of driving under the influence without damage, injury or death. Bond was set at \$1,013 and he remained at the County Jail August 11.

Alfonso Reed, Jr., 33, of Monticello, was arrested August 7 and charged with battery (domestic) and criminal mischief under \$200. A total bond of \$10,000 was set and he remained at the County Jail August 11.

Marvin Curtis Mincer, 28, of Panama City, FL, was arrested August 8 and charged with violation of probation on the charge of possession of a controlled substance on an outstanding Bay County, FL warrant for his arrest and the Jefferson County charge of driving while license suspended. Bond was withheld and he remained at the County Jail August 11 awaiting transport to Bay County to face charges there.

Anthony L. Newbon, 42, of Jefferson County, was sentenced in court August 8 to serve 120 days in the County Jail on the charges of felony fleeing and attempting to elude law enforcement and driving while license suspended. He remained at the County Jail August 11.

Rebecca Shiver, 20, of Monticello, was arrested August 8 and charged with driving under the influence with serious bodily injury; drug equipment possession and possession of alcohol by someone under the age of 21. A total bond of \$8,000 was set and she bonded out of jail the same day.

Yolanda Larry, 37, of Boston, GA, was arrested August 8 and charged with forging bank bills; uttering forged bills; giving worthless bank checks and grand theft. A total bond of \$7,500 was set and she bonded out of jail the same day.

Tamara Samuel, 35, of Boston, GA, was arrested August 8 and charged with grand theft principal of the first degree. Bond was set at \$2,500 and she bonded out of jail the same day.

Algier Varshawn Bess, 31, of Monticello, was arrested on an outstanding Madison County warrant charging him with violation of probation on the charge of burglary of a structure and violation of probation on the charge of grand theft, third degree. He was transported to Madison County the same day to face charges there.

Jefferson County Living

2-1-1 Big Bend Volunteer Orientation Schedule

DEBBIE SNAPP
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2-1-1 Big Bend, the area's leading hotline provider for 24-hour confidential counseling and support, will host its volunteer training orientations beginning on Tuesday, August 30. These meetings provide an inside look at the agency's comprehensive training.

Volunteers are trained to provide free, short-term crisis counseling and referrals for Helpline 2-1-1, the Parent Helpline, Lifeline and the Oil Spill Distress Helpline.

Classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and on one Saturday for eight weeks, totaling 75 hours of training. Classes are free with only a small fee for materials. This is a great opportunity for students, retirees and professionals who want to serve their community in a unique and meaningful way. Participants

need only attend one of the following orientation schedules.

*6 p.m. Tuesday, August 30 at the B.L. Perry Public Library, 2817 South Adams Street, in the Meeting Room.

*6 p.m. Thursday, September 1 at the Leon County Public Library, 200 West Park Avenue, in Room A.

*1 p.m. Tuesday, September 6 at the TCC Student Union, 2nd Floor, Student Support Services/Career

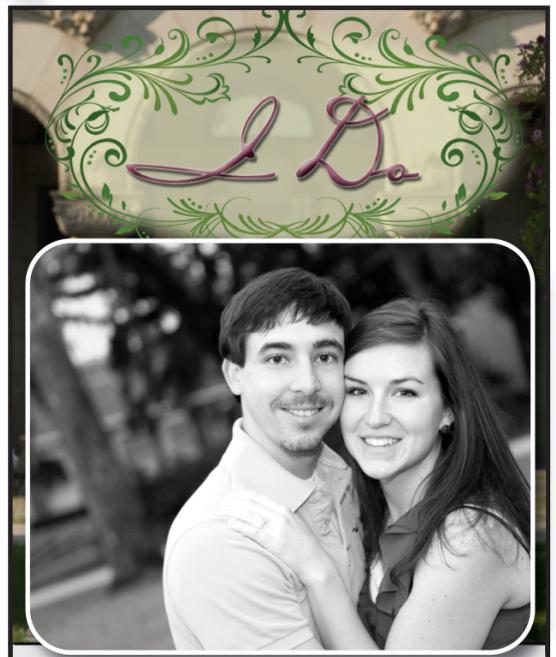
Center.
*7 p.m. Tuesday, September 6 at the FSU Psychology Building, 1107 West Call Street, in Room A204.

2-1-1 Big Bend answers more than 40,000 calls each year through its six-hotline programs. The regional 2-1-1 helpline program assisted more than 24,000 callers last year. Thousands of people seeking help for unemployment, utilities, food, housing and mental

health concerns.

Anyone can dial 2-1-1 in the eight-county Big Bend area for someone to talk to when it may be difficult to talk to friends or family. For more information about the agency or volunteer opportunities contact the Coordinator of Volunteers at 850-617-6309, or volunteerco-ord@211bigbend.org or visit www.211bigbend.org

2-1-1 Big Bend is a United Way Agency.



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ECB Publishing Photo By Debbie Snapp, August 4, 2011

The FUELPERKS pump has been dancing around the local Winn Dixie store for a couple of weeks now promoting the Winn Dixie/Shell Oil FUELPERKS program. Disguised in the pump costume is Winn Dixie Bagger Cody Kelly. Other disguised employees have been Cashier Keli Dollar and Customer Service Lead Ray Hill, also with New Hope Church of God.

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Winn Dixie and Shell Oil have your solution to the high gas prices. Just last week they introduced the new FUELPERKS program, right here in Monticello.

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THANK YOU

One of the key principles of revival is a combined effort in prayer. When we pray we are causing our lives to intersect with God and in the moment that we meet with God something amazing happens; He pours Himself into our lives. This is why prayer is so absolutely essential in a revival. We had a wonderful "God Show Us Your Glory" Revival with the fellowship of Rev. Clarence M. Jackson III, First Lady Dee Jackson, Rev. Charles G. Smith Sr, members of Mt. Pleasant Ministries, members of Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church, other church affiliations, our families and friends and all of you, our Mt. Morilla Church family. Thanks for your participation and may God be glorified in your lives. Baptism will be announced. Visit www.mountmorillambchurch.com for other events and updates.

Rev. Louise Wallace,
church pastor

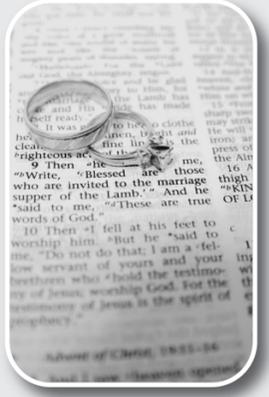
Boling And Gunnels To Wed

Casey Gunnels of Monticello, Florida and Claudia Boling of Pace, Florida will exchange wedding vows at 4 p.m. on Saturday, September 24, 2011 at the First Baptist Church of Lloyd, in Lloyd, Florida.

Casey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gunnels of Monticello. He is the grandson of Mrs. Tommie Vick and the late Lee Vick of Boston, Georgia and Mrs. Ellen Gunnels and the late Woodrow Gunnels of Tallahassee, Florida and the great-grandson of Mrs. Katie Pafford and the late W A Pafford of Boston.

Claudia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman C. Boling II of Pace. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Prieston Jones of Trenton, Florida and Mrs. Marshall Hebert and the late Francis Hebert of Navarre, Florida and Norman Boling of Greensboro, South Carolina.

All family and friends are invited to attend this special day.



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Girl Scouts Celebrate 100 Years

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August means "back to troop" season for area Girl Scouts and the Girl Scouts of the Florida Panhandle (GSCFP) are looking for volunteers. This year is going to be special, because on October 1 Girl Scouts will start the celebration of the 100th year of Girl Scouts!

Volunteers are valuable to the GSCFP, and men and women, over the age of 18 are needed to be positive role models for the girls. There are a wide variety of ways to volunteer including becoming a Troop Leader, planning fun events and activities, or to host workshops for other volunteers. Volunteers make a lasting impression by helping build girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place.

GSCFP works in close partnership with all volunteers to deliver information and support needed to help girls unleash their potential. As a part of this commitment, GSCFP offers flexible schedules for in-person

and online workshops for all volunteers, assisting them in developing their skills and learning about the Girl Scout Program.

No matter the volunteer position, Girl Scout volunteers gain valuable job experience, hone leadership skills, participate in the community and empower and inspire girls to change the world.

For more information, for specific questions, or to learn more about the current volunteer needs in the Florida Panhandle, contact Rosanne Kelly at 1-888-271-8778 or rkelly@gscfp.org or visit www.gscfp.org

The GSCFP invites girls from kindergarten to twelfth grade to join the adventure and empower themselves through courage, confidence and character, to make the world a better place.

Currently, the council serves 6,024 girls and 1,980 volunteers across 19 counties of the Florida Panhandle. The GSCFP is a United Way Agency.

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Sunday-1:30-4:15-7:00
Mon-Thurs-4:15-7:00

Smurfs (PG)
Friday-4:25-7:05-9:35
Saturday-1:10-4:25-7:05-9:35
Sunday-1:10-4:25-7:05
Mon-Thurs-4:25-7:05
NO PASSES

Crazy Stupid Love (PG13)
Friday-4:10-9:55
Saturday-4:10-9:55
Sunday-4:10
Mon-Thurs-4:10

Rise Of Planets Of The Apes (PG13)
Friday-4:35-7:35-10:15
Saturday-1:35-4:35-7:35-10:15
Sunday-1:35-4:35-7:35
Mon-Thurs-4:35-7:35
NO PASSES

The Change Up (R)
Friday-7:15
Saturday-1:05-7:15
Sunday-1:05-7:15
Mon-Thurs-7:15
NO PASSES

30 Minutes or less (R)
Friday-5:30-7:40-9:50
Saturday-1:20-3:25-5:30-7:40-9:50
Sunday-1:20-3:25-5:30-7:40
Mon-Thurs-5:30-7:40
NO PASSES

Final Destination 5 (R)
Friday-4:05-7:10-9:30
Saturday-1:15-4:05-7:10-9:30
Sunday-1:15-4:05-7:10
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NO PASSES

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AUGUST 13
Monticello Red Hat Scarlett O'Hatters will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday for lunch and a 'Back-To-School' program, at The Mays House. Come dressed accordingly. Doors will not be open before 11:30 a.m. Contact Maggie Shofner at 850-997-2447 for more information.

AUGUST 15
The Book Club will meet on Monday to discuss the book 'Blue Diary' by Alice Hoffman. Member Abi Vandervest will make a list of books to pick from for the September meeting. If you have any good titles to recommend, share them with her. If you have any questions or concerns contact her at douwanadance@yahoo.com

AUGUST 15
Historical Society General Meeting is held at 7 p.m. on the third Monday, at the Wirick-Simmons House.

AUGUST 15
MainStreet of Monticello, Florida General Membership

Meeting is held at 5 p.m. on the first and third Monday of every month at the Cherry Street Commons on South Cherry Street. Contact Dan Schall at 850-251-3878 for more information. For more information about upcoming Main Street Speaker Series contact Anne Holt at 850-997-5110 or ahholt@ahholt.com
Come to hear about updates and projects that MainStreet has been working on.

AUGUST 15
AA women's meetings are held on Mondays at 6:45 p.m.; AA meetings follow at 8 p.m., at the Christ Episcopal Church Annex, 425 North Cherry Street. For more information, call 850-997-2129 or 850-997-1955.

AUGUST 16
Succession Planning and Asset Protection Workshop, presented by Bill Gunnels and Larry DiPietro of Capital City Bank, at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday. Free to Chamber members; lunch provided. Reserve seating by noon on

Friday, August 12 to 850-997-5552.

AUGUST 16
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 850-212-7669 for more information.

AUGUST 16
Jefferson County Humane Society Board of Directors meeting is held 6:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday at Wag The Dog Too. For more information visit www.jchs.us or contact Teresa Kessler, secretary, at tereasa@kesslerconstructionllc.com Monetary support may be posted to: P.O. Box 954, Monticello, FL 32345.

AUGUST 16
Jefferson County Republican Party will meet at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday at Willow Pond Farm. Contact Clyde Simpson at chairman@jeffersongop.com or 850-228-4400 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.

AUGUST 16
Classmates of the Howard Academy Class of 1970 will gather together for an afternoon of fun on Saturday, from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Greenville/Madison Multipurpose Center located at 1376 SW Grand Street, in Greenville. If you are interested in attending this event, contact Cherry Hall Alexander at 850-591-8694. The cost of the catered meal is just \$10. Come and enjoy the camaraderie, and share your memories with others. "Let's pick up where we left off on last year's celebration," invites Alexander.

AUGUST 17
Monticello Kiwanis Club meets every Wednesday at noon at the Jefferson Country Club on the Boston Highway for lunch, a program, and a meeting. Contact President Jessica Corley at 850-997-2591 for more information.

AUGUST 18
The CHP Savvy Senior monthly outreach program, sponsored by Capital Health Plan, will begin at 12:15 p.m. on Thursday at the Jefferson County Bailar Public Library. This free monthly program is one in a series of lunch and learn programs for older adults who want to learn more about creating and

maintaining healthy, happy, and active lifestyles. The program will be presented by Mary Goble, MSN RN and hosted by Anna Johnson Riedel. Bring a bag lunch; drinks will be provided. For more information about this program and to make reservations call 850-523-7333.

AUGUST 18
You may qualify for assistance through the Capital Area Community Action Agency Weatherization Assistance Program. The program reduces heating and cooling costs by improving the energy efficiency of the home. Contact Rev. George Smith at 850-997-6114 for an appointment from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the third Thursday at First Baptist Church of Lloyd. Homes in Jefferson County are needed for weatherization. Or, contact Pat Hall or Melissa Watson at 850-997-8231 for additional information, and other services currently being offered. This is free to the client.

AUGUST 18
Jefferson County Lions Club meets at 1 p.m. on the first Tuesday and at 5 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at the Rare Door Restaurant, in the meeting room on North Cherry Street. For more information contact Lion Debbie at 850-997-0901,

leave a message.
AUGUST 20
Dog Wash from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at Wag the Dog benefiting the Jefferson County Humane Society. To volunteer, contact Carolyn Kempton at 850-556-3900. A \$5 donation is suggested. Future dates include 9/17.

AUGUST 20
Every third Saturday of the month the Jefferson County Bailar Public Library will offer a basic introductory computer class from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the computer lab. For more information contact Library Director Kitty Brooks at 850-342-0205.

AUGUST 20
Road CRU Car Club meets at 5 p.m. every third Saturday on North Cherry Street in front of the Rare Door restaurant. There is 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 850-997-0607 for more information.

AUGUST 20
Dixie Community Center, in historical Dixie, GA, is open on the first and third Saturday nights for an evening of music and dancing with live, local bands. Free line dance classes begin at 5:30 p.m. with the fun to follow at 7 p.m. For more information contact Kenneth Price at 1-229-263-7231.
AUGUST 22

OBITUARIES



JAMES MILLS

James Gerald Mills, age 75, of Tallahassee, FL., passed away on Monday, August 8, 2011.

Born January 25, 1936, in Soperton, GA., he was a son of the late Elex Stephen and Vernessa Dale Whittington Mills. He was a market manager with Pantry Pride for 26 years. He loved to hunt and fish, as well as play and tell jokes. He was one that never met a stranger. He loved riding a tractor, which brought back memories of life on the farm.

He is survived by his wife Barbara A. Mills; his son James R. Mills; his daughter Sondra Darnell; grandchildren James T. Mills, Jordon Mills and Brandon Darnell; great-

grandchildren Haylie Mills, Sydney Jarrell and Luke Jarrell; brothers Junior Mills and Stanley Mills; and sisters Melba Spivey and Helen Davison.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers, Billy Mills and Robert Mills.

The funeral service was held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, August 11, 2011, at the Abbey Funeral Home, 4037 North Monroe Street in Tallahassee, with interment in the Tallahassee Memory Gardens. The family received friends from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 10, 2011 at the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at www.abbeyfh.com 850-562-1518.

JOHN HENRY SCOTT

John Henry Scott, age 65, a Tallahassee resident and Live Oak native, went home to be with his Savior on Monday, August 8, 2011. Before moving to the Tallahassee area nine years ago, Mr. Scott had been a longtime resident of Miami, FL where he was a school resource specialist in the Miami-Dade School District. John was a combat Army veteran, having served in Vietnam. He was also a devout member of the Mt. Zion AME Church in Lloyd, FL.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, August 13, 2011 at St. Phillip AME Church, U.S. 27 South in Monticello. Burial with military honors will be held at the Oakfield



Cemetery. Viewing-visitation will be held on Friday, August 12, 2011 from 3 to 8 p.m. at TILLMAN OF MONTICELLO (850-997-5553.)

John's love and memory will be forever cherished by his devoted wife of 41 years, Rosebud Hughes Scott and his son John Corey Scott, both of Tallahassee, FL; sisters Nellie Brown, San Diego, CA and

Frances Manker of Live Oak, FL; along with numerous other relatives and friends.

He was predeceased by his father John Scott; mother Nellie Lawrence Scott; brothers John Calvin Scott and Dewey Ford; and his sis-

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Sports

7th Annual Free Haircuts Saturday By Sam Madison, Jr.

FRAN HUNT
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Just in time for the beginning of the new school year, Jefferson County native Sam Madison Jr. will be conducting his seventh annual free haircuts Saturday beginning at 7 a.m., August 20. The haircuts begin at 7 a.m. and will be done on a first-come, first-served basis for Jefferson and surrounding counties students in grades Pre-K through 12.

The haircuts will be done by Barber Don G., who has been performing the cuts for Sam since 2004 and Barber "Wolf" Norton, who joined the team in 2008. The haircuts will take place on the south side of town at Norton's Barbershop, located at 960 First Street and the corner of Lemon Street, five blocks northwest of the former Howard Middle School.

Parents are requested to accompany Pre-K through fourth grade children.

As is tradition, one haircut recipient will receive a backpack of school supplies. The 29th haircut recipient will be the winner this year. The number 29 is the jersey number Sam wore for the nine sea-

sons that he played with the Miami Dolphins and he was twice named All-Pro and played in four Pro-Bowls.

Last year's winner was haircut recipient number 22, which was Sam's jersey number that he wore in his first year with the New York Giants, but he converted back to the number 29 when that jersey number became available in his second year.

He chose the number 22 that first year because it was his jersey number that he wore when he played for the FAMU DRS Baby Rattlers grid-iron squad.

At FAMU High, he was recognized as an All American High School player, just one of his many accolades and accomplishments. On September 25, 2008 at the Annual Sam Madison Classic, his alma mater honored his achievements by retiring his jersey number.

Sam regrets that again this year he will not be present for the haircuts because again, he will be in St. Louis helping the Rams cadre of young cornerbacks for his former defensive coordinator, Steve Spanguolo, the Ram's head coach.

For additional information about the haircuts contact Mary Madison at (850) 210-7090.



ACA JV FOOTBALL SCHEDULE RELEASED

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With the start of the new school year and football season very close Aucilla Christian Academy has released the schedule for the junior varsity Warriors.

JV action begins against Maclay Middle, 6 p.m., September 1, away; Valwood Middle, 6 p.m., September 8, home; Brookwood Middle, 6 p.m., September 15, away; North Florida Christian Middle, 6 p.m., September 22, home; Florida High Middle, 6 p.m., September 29, home; and the season

wraps up against Oak Hall Middle, 6 p.m., October 6, there.



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Sports

Aucilla Cheerleaders Attend Camp In Orlando

KRISTIN FINNEY

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Whoever says cheerleading isn't a sport has never attended a serious cheerleading camp. The Aucilla junior varsity and varsity squads attended their annual cheerleading summer camp in July. Camp this year was at Fellowship Of Christian Cheerleaders in Rosen Shingle Creek Resort, Orlando.

The girls attended cheer, stunt and dance class every day. During these classes the girls were taught new cheers, stunts and dances, and were also able to improve the skills they already have. After classes each night the girls had to go to evaluation. Between classes they had a brief, five-minute water break then were straight back to work.

The leaders of the camp awarded a handful of girls from the entire camp, which consisted of eight squads from all over the state, with All Stars awards. Four girls from Aucilla received All Stars awards; they were Kinzi Mattingly, Brooke Kinsley, Sunnie Sorensen and Jenny Jackson.

The girls from Aucilla won several awards. JV won the Home Cheer Competition and 2nd place in the overall camp championship. Varsity was a finalist in the camp championship.



Photo submitted

The girls from both squads are seen with their awards. In the back row left to right: Kelsi Reams, Kate Whiddon, Kinzi Mattingly, Emma Witmer, Gaige Winchester, Lauren Demott, Hadley Revell, Brooke Joiner, Christiana Reams and Elizabeth Cone. Middle row left to right: Cali Burkett, Kayla Fulford, Brooke Kinsley, Victoria Brock, Pamela Watt, Sunnie Sorensen, Shelby Witmer, Stacie Brock and Caroline Schwab. Front row, left to right: Stormie Roberts, Faith Demott, Jackie Walker, Jenny Jackson, Ramsey Sullivan, Dena Bishop and Kirsten Reagen.

Kinzi Mattingly won the Jump Jam competition for the best jumps of all the JV cheerleaders attending camp. Other finalists in the JV division were Jenny Jackson and Emma Witmer. Jump Jam Finalists in the Varsity

division were Sunnie Sorensen, Stacie Brock, and Brooke Kinsley. Finalists in the camp Tumble Jam competition from JV were Cali Burkett, Jenny Jackson, Kinzi Mattingly and Kate Whiddon.



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The four All Stars from Aucilla are seen with their awards. From left to right: Kinzi Mattingly, Brooke Kinsley, Sunnie Sorensen and Jenny Jackson.

JCMHS CONDUCTING VOLLEYBALL TRYOUTS AUGUST 22

FRAN HUNT
ECB Publishing Staff Writer

Jefferson County Middle High School (JCMHS) will be conducting volleyball tryouts, Monday, August 22 beginning at 3:30 p.m.

All interested young ladies are asked to meet at the JCHMS gymnasium at that time.

For further information please contact Coach Sabrina Douglas-Coates or Valarie Thompson at 342-0115.

TIGERS FOOTBALL SCHEDULE RELEASED

FRAN HUNT
ECB Publishing Staff Writer

With the fast coming of the football season, the coaches and players are working hard and gearing up, fans anxiously await the thrill of the action on the field and excitement in the air.

The schedule has been released for the varsity Jefferson County

Middle High School Tigers, and the Tigers can't wait to hit the field and start hitting their opponents again this year.

All game times are at 7:30 p.m., unless otherwise specified.

Gridiron action begins against Florida High, August 26, home; Bay High, 8:30 p.m., September 2, away;

Madison County High, September 9, home; Godby High, September 16, away; East Gadsden, September 23, home; and Wakulla High, September 30, away.

Branford High, October 7, away; Taylor County, October 14, home; Mayo High, October 21, home; October 30 is an open week; Hamilton County

High, November 4, away; and wrapping up the regular season the Tigers square off against North Florida Christian, November 11, away.

November 18 is round one; November 25 is round two; December 3 is round three, which covers District and Regional play; and December 9 is the State Championship.

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STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE PERMIT

The Department of Environmental Protection gives notice of its intent to issue an environmental resources permit for Monticello Pines PUD Phase I, number 33-0277209-002-SI, to Monticello Plantations, LLC, c/o Clay Thompson, Vice President of Sierra Properties, LLC, as Manager for Monticello Plantations, LLC, at 509 Guisando De Avila, Suite 200, Tampa, Florida 33613.

The purpose of the permit is to authorize construction of a 133-lot residential subdivision, including, roadways, common areas, and a stormwater management system, on approximately 129.6 acres of a 420.8 acre site. Stormwater treatment will be provided via six wet detention facilities. Post-development discharge rates will be controlled.

The project will be located on the west side of U.S. Highway 19, approximately 1,500 feet south of Cherokee Avenue, south of the City of Monticello, in Jefferson County, Florida.

Based on all the above, and with the application of general and limiting specific conditions of the permit, the Department has reasonable assurance the project, as proposed, fully meets the environmental resources stormwater treatment requirements of Chapter 62-346, Florida Administrative Code, and will not harm the environment.

A person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's action may petition for an administrative proceeding (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57 of the Florida Statutes. The petition must contain the information set forth below and must be filed (received by the clerk) in the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000.

Because the administrative hearing process is designed to re-determine final agency action on the application, the filing of a petition for an administrative hearing may result in a modification of the permit, or even a denial of the application.

Accordingly, the applicant will not commence construction or other activities under this permit until the deadlines below for filing a petition for an administrative hearing, or request for an extension of time, have expired.

Under subsection 62-110.106(4) of the Florida Administrative Code, a person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's action may also request an extension of time to file a petition for an administrative hearing. The Department may, for good cause shown, grant the request for an extension of time. Requests for extension of time must be filed with the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, before the applicable deadline. A timely request for extension of time shall toll the running time period for filing a petition until the request is acted upon. If a request is filed late, the Department may still grant it upon a motion by the requesting party showing that the failure to file a request for an extension of time before the deadline was the result of excusable neglect.

In the event that a timely and sufficient petition for an administrative hearing is filed, other persons whose substantial interests will be affected by the outcome of the administrative process have the right to petition to intervene in the proceeding. Intervention will be only at the discretion of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 28-106.205 of the Florida Administrative Code.

In accordance with subsection 28-106.111(2) and subparagraph 62-110.106(3)(a), Florida Administrative Code, petitions for an administrative hearing by the applicant must be filed within 21 days of receipt of written notice. Petitions filed by any persons other than the applicant, and other than those entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3) of the Florida Statutes, must be filed within 21 days of publication of the notice.

Under Section 120.60(3) of the Florida Statutes, however, any person who has asked the Department for notice of agency action may file a petition within 21 days of such notice, regardless of the date of publication.

The petitioner shall mail a copy of the petition to the applicant at the address indicated above at the time of filing. The failure of any person to file a petition for an administrative hearing within the appropriate time period shall constitute a waiver of those rights.

A petition that disputes the material facts on which the Department's action is based must contain the following information:

- The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known;
- The name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner; the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests are or will be affected by the agency determination;
- A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the agency decision;
- A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate;
- A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts that the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action;
- A statement of the specific rules or statutes that the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action; and
- A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action that the petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action.

A petition that does not dispute the material facts on which the Department's action is based shall state that no such facts are in dispute and otherwise shall contain the same information as set forth above, as required by Rule 28-106.301, Florida Administrative Code. Under Sections 120.569(2)(c) and (d) of the Florida Statutes, a petition for administrative hearing must be dismissed by the agency if the petition does not substantially comply with the above requirements or is untimely filed.

This action is final and effective on the date filed with the Clerk of the Department unless a petition is filed in accordance with the above. Upon the timely filing of petition this order will not be effective until further order of the Department.

This permit, when issued, constitutes an order of the Department. The applicant has the right to seek judicial review of the order under Section 120.68 of the Florida Statutes, by the filing of a notice of appeal under Rule 9.110 of the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure with the Clerk of the Department in the Office of General Counsel, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399-3000; and by filing a copy of the notice of the appeal accompanied by the applicable filing fees with the appropriate district court of appeal. The notice of appeal must be filed within 30 days from the date when the final order is filed with the Clerk of the Department.

Requests for review before the Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission and served on the Department within 20 days from the date when the final order is filed with the Clerk of the Department.

The application for this permit is available for public inspection during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for legal holidays, at the Northwest District Tallahassee Branch Office, 3800 Commonwealth Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399.

NOTICE OF JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMUNITY TRAFFIC SAFETY TEAM MEETING

One or more Jefferson County Commissioners and one or more Monticello City Council Members may be present at a meeting of the Jefferson County Community Traffic Safety Team. The meeting will take place on August 16, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. at the Office of the County Coordinator, 450 W. Walnut and is open to the public.

8/12/11.c.

NOTICE OF MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP

The Monticello City Council will conduct a budget workshop on Tuesday, August 23, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will take place at City Hall, 245 S. Mulberry Street. For more information, contact City Clerk Emily Anderson at 342-0292.

8/12/11.c.

INVITATION TO BID

The Jefferson County Road Department will accept bids to be turned in by the 25th day of August 2011 at 9:00 a.m. for the purchase of (1) one 15' batwing mower, protective chain shielding, front and back. Specifications may be picked up at the County Road Dept. Bids may be package or separate. The Jefferson County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all Bids. Bids shall be turned in to the Jefferson County Road Department office and then taken to the Jefferson County Coordinators office, opened there and read aloud.

8/12,17,19/11.c.

NOTICE

The School Board of Jefferson County announces a Workshop on **Thursday, August 18, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.** at the Old Administration Building located at 1490 W. Washington Street, Monticello, FL. The subject of the workshop is: School Board Policies. An agenda and its supporting documents may be viewed at the District Office located at 575 S. Water Street, Monticello. The agenda may also be viewed by visiting the District website at www.edline.net/pages/jcsb.

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NOTICE

The School Board of Jefferson County will hold a Special Meeting on **MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2011 AT 6:00 P.M.** The meeting will take place at the Old Administration Building located at 1490 W. Washington Street, Monticello, FL. An agenda of the meeting may be viewed at the District office located at 575 S. Water Street, Monticello, FL, or by visiting the District website at www.edline.net/pages/jcsb.

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School Board

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approach to be proactive in providing counsel to the board, superintendent and staff.

"Time spent to avoid trouble is never wasted," McKinney-Williams said.

She said her services would include providing general advice and counsel; doing periodic reviews of district policies; and making presentations on pertinent legal topics to the instructional staff, the administrators and the district leadership team as necessary.

She would also provide the board with legal representation in instances when situations escalated to the point of litigation, she said.

Per the contract that the board approved, the district will pay McKinney-Williams an annual retainer of \$24,000 for 15 hours of monthly legal advice and counsel on a host of issues affecting the School Board and district. These issues include subpoenas and court orders; Sunshine law and public records compliance; and personnel and budget matters.

Separate and apart from the retainer, the district will pay an hourly rate for a host of other legal services, including time over and above the allotted 15 hours monthly; attendance at board meetings, workshops and collective bargaining negotiations; preparation and/or review of contracts, agreements and resolutions; and preparation of formal opinion letters.

The amount of the hourly rate will depend on the professional level of the person at the firm doing the particular work or research, with the rate set at \$165 for attorneys; \$100 for associates; and \$50 for law clerks.

Bird announced his intention to step down as School Board attorney on May 9, saying that he felt the times called for an attorney who had more specialized knowledge of school district issues. It was Bird's recommendation that the law firm of Ausley and McMullen would make a good choice for his replacement.

Rock Mine

Specifically, their basic argument has been that before deciding whether to keep or sell the mine, the quality of the facility's untapped materials and the operation's cost-effectiveness and other unknowns must be determined.

The dynamite blasting that the board authorized on Aug. 4 is designed both to re-supply the Road Department's depleted inventory of rock materials and give answers to the quality of the deeper buried materials and other questions.

The reason for commissioners' preoccupation with the mine at present is that the site has been stripped of most of its easily mined surface materials and the county lacks the equipment or the expertise to get at the deeper buried materials. It's Hatch's contention that to make the operation more productive and efficient and get at the deeper buried and higher quality materials, the county will have to dynamite and it will eventually have to purchase additional equipment.

Commissioners' dilemma is that they don't want to invest additionally in the facility, without first knowing the mine's cost effectiveness and the quality of its deeper buried materials.

Hatch — and Road Superintendent David Harvey before him — have told the commission that the facility represents a virtual gold mine, insofar as its

capacity to provide the county with sufficient road-building materials for its own use and for sale to adjacent counties. Hatch has also expressed his confidence in the higher quality of the deeper buried materials, and he has offered to help make the facility more efficient and productive. Lastly, he has offered to act on behalf of the county as an agent to negotiate the sale of excess rocks to other government entities.

"I can help you turn the mine into a revenue raising enterprise," Hatch has often said.

In support of his assertions, Hatch recently made the commission aware of a request from the Division of Parks and Recreation for the purchase of 4,000 tons of boulders, which abound at the county's mine. The boulders, in fact, are strewn across acres of the property and are unusable in their present form, given that their large sizes prevents them from being put through the county's crusher for use as lime-rock on roads. But the boulders are just the right size for the shore reinforcement of a seaside park in Jacksonville.

Hatch said the sale of a portion of the boulders at the rock mine would serve two purposes. One, it would remove what were basically obstacles that would have to be removed anyway to create space and make the site more productive; and two, the sale would bring the county

needed revenues.

He said such requests for boulders were not uncommon. And once other government entities learned of the availability of the boulders here via their listing on the state contract, similar requests for purchases would pour in.

"Once you're listed on the state contract, you'll start getting bids and then the pressure will really build," Hatch said. "I think you can safely assume that everything that the mine produces, including the boulders, has a value and a use somewhere."

One thing the commission didn't want to do, however, was to get involved in the delivery of the boulders. Thus, after declaring the boulders surplus, the board authorized Hatch to negotiate a price of between \$5 and \$20 a ton with the Division of Parks and Recreation for the sale of the materials and arrange for their transportation to Jacksonville as part of the deal, for which transaction Hatch would receive a 10-percent commission on the sale. As for Hatch's fee for the consultant work that he is to provide the county, that rate was set at \$40 per hour.

Hatch has called the county's facility a "boutique mine", offering that long-term, when the site is completely excavated and all that remains is a large body of water; it will make a fabulous recreational lake for county residents.

Commissioners

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21, asking that the board take action against Road Department Superintendent David Harvey.

"I feel that the Road Department superintendent should be terminated," Barfield said.

When her call for a special hearing to evaluate Harvey's performance failed to get her colleagues' support, Barfield dropped the matter; but her extreme frustration was evident.

"I wonder how long the board is going to let this problem fester," she said.

In her Aug. 4 memo to Fulford, Barfield stated that after reconsidering the lack of action by the commission and the coordinator on the matter; she had decided to take the issue to the Sheriff and possibly the State Attorney's office.

"This is another incident of poor management on the part of the road superintendent," Barfield wrote in the memo. "Is this a culture at the Road Department that employees can steal from the citizens and get slapped on the hand for bad behavior? Where's the accountability to the citizens?"

As Barfield relates the incident, a citizen approached her on July 20 with two videos showing a Road Department dump truck emptying rock on what appeared to be a private road off South Salt Road.

"I thought we were not using county resources to help private citizens?" Barfield wrote in an email to Schleicher on the same day. "Maybe this is not a private road? Possibly, I am incorrect? Possibly, everything is paid for and this is a legal use of county resources. Please advise me."

Barfield says Schleicher and Assistant Coordinator John McHugh investigated the allegation, affirmed the placement of county rock on a private driveway, and reported that the responsible individuals had been disciplined. Specifically, one employee had been suspended two weeks without pay and the second made to pay for the rocks deposited on his driveway.

Barfield says when she pressed Schleicher to report the incident to the Sheriff's Department, the later declined, saying the situation had been handled internally. It was at that point that she had decided to file the complaint with the Sheriff's Office, she says.

Sheriff David Hobbs confirmed on Wednesday, Aug. 10, that Barfield's complaint had been duly filed. He said his department had created an official report on the incident, as Barfield had requested. But his department was not investigating the incident nor was it pursuing criminal charges, Hobbs said. He said he was satisfied the situation had been handled effectively by the superintendent and coordinator.

Harvey, who was home on the day that his employees dumped the rock on the private driveway, says the incident resulted from a misunderstanding that was compounded by miscommunications. Harvey says the employee whose driveway the rocks were dumped on was retiring, and when asked at his retirement party what he wanted as a retirement gift, he had expressed a desire to have a truckload of rocks dumped on his driveway.

Harvey says the employees were supposed to have a collection to get up the money to buy the rocks. Which the employees did, after the fact, and which accounted for the restitution. But in the interim, certain of the employees had gotten overenthusiastic and had acted on their own, he says.

Had he been in the office on the particular day, the proper paperwork would have been filed and the rocks wouldn't have been dumped on a private driveway, Harvey says.

"Historically, we don't allow Road Department employees to put anything on private driveways," Harvey said. "We follow the proper channels and procedures. If they had asked, I would have said 'no'. We would have first done a work order and the material would have been dumped off the private property. But they (employees) jumped the gun."

Barfield has had her sights on Harvey since coming to office, and she has accused the latter of insubordination and disrespect at least twice previously.

In the Aug. 4 commission meeting, Commissioner Hines Boyd proposed, as a possible solution to Barfield's complaint, the joining of the Road and Solid Waste departments into a Public Works Department, so that Harvey could concentrate solely on road building and maintenance. That idea, however, went nowhere; and even Schleicher, who had originally proposed the idea a year or so earlier, discounted it as ultimately unproductive.

Schleicher instead proposed an alternative solution, which the majority of the board supported. That idea was to provide the department heads with additional management and public relations training.

"We have good department heads but only one or two have been educated as managers," Schleicher said. "When David was hired in 2002, he was asked to build roads, operate equipment and supervise crews. I think we all now see that we're dealing with a whole new realm of management and that our people need education and training. We need to give our people a fair chance to become managers in 2011. We're asking more of our department heads than they are able to give because they're not ready."

Schleicher asked that he and McHugh be allowed six or so months to work with the department heads and bring them up to speed insofar as management and public relation practices. Then, if a department head didn't meet expectations, the board would have cause to act, Schleicher said.

Otherwise, he said, it was the advice of the county's labor attorney, that, absent giving department heads the appropriate management tools to do a more effective job, the county was setting itself up for legal problems if it terminated a department head.

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Tuesday, August 16 *2:45 AM 8:55 AM *3:10 PM 9:20 PM	Wednesday, August 17 *3:30 AM 9:40 AM *3:50 PM 10:00 PM	Thursday, August 18 *4:20 AM 10:30 AM *4:40 PM 10:55 PM	Friday, August 19 *5:10 AM 11:20 AM *5:30 PM 11:40 PM




Sustainable Community Gardening At GII

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Green Industries Institute representative Patricia Garner was on hand Tuesday, August 9 at the Courthouse Annex promoting the upcoming 'Sustainable Community Gardening' training courses, offered specifically for those interested in gardening sustainably with a group.

This can include individuals employed by schools, non-profits, and churches, or volunteers involved with such organizations. This course is also an ideal primer for an individual looking to start a neighborhood community garden, or improve member involvement at an existing garden.

Participants who complete this course learn the skills to not only grow the plants in the garden, but how to organize people to form a successful, meaningful garden organization. The course covers two full days of material. The first day focuses on the community organizing aspect, with a set of workshops based on the American Community Gardening Association curriculum 'Growing Communities. Participants will work in groups to learn how an organization builds community, not dependency; how to map potential partners and allies in their communities; and how to go through a step-by-step process of starting a successful organization.

The second day introduces participants to the

basics of planning and maintaining an organic garden. Topics include crop planning, crop families, crop rotation, seed starting, composting, pest and disease control, weed control, and cover cropping. A portion of the class is dedicated to the hands on experience of designing a preliminary crop plan with planting schedules.

To register and for more information about this and other courses, contact Garner at 850-973-1702 or go to www.nfcc.edu/green-industries

Seed Starting will be held September 17 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Organic Gardening classes will be held monthly on the third Saturday. For more information on these classes go to mitchellc@nfcc.edu or call 850-973-1668.

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Green Industries Institute representative Patricia Garner talks to the public about Organic Gardening programs offered at the school. On display are some of the vegetables grown during the college courses.




CREPE MYRTLES MAKE A WELCOME ADDITION TO MONTICELLO

ECB Publishing Photo By Debbie Snapp, June 22, 2011. The City of Monticello planted four Crepe Myrtle trees in town, on West Washington Street, with financial help from Progress Energy employees. City Manager Steve Wingate says the city will also maintain the trees. Progress Energy Representative Gaye Hanna, on left, presented a check to Steve, on right, as part of its Arbor Day Program.

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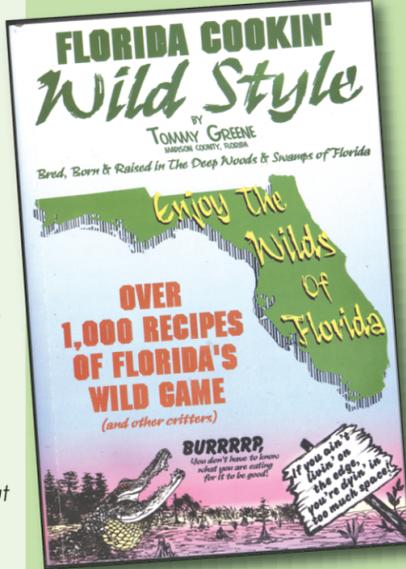


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