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FIRE RESCUE GETS GO-AHEAD FOR NEW STATION AT MARTIN ST.

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It was a hard-fought battle — one that a tenacious Commissioner Hines Boyd engaged in to the very end — but after eight or so months of debate, the commission finally voted 4-1 to give Fire Rescue the okay to pursue construction of a new fire station across the road from the present site.

The design plan for the station has yet to be drawn and the money for its construction definitively identified, but the board's decision at least settled the question of where the new station will be located, an issue that commissioners had debated on and off since January.

Fire Rescue Chief Mark Matthews noted, when he raised the matter on Thursday, Aug. 4, serious consideration of a replacement fire station, dated from a Jan. 3 workshop, had been heavily discussed, but the necessity of a new station had been around for years.

Matthews next presented a brief history of the project since the January workshop, citing the numerous discussions held on the issue, the research accomplished, the options presented to the commission, and the further research done on top of the original research, which brought the matter to the present moment, he said. He then introduced consultant engineer Alan Wise, of Preble-Rish Inc., which is on contract to the county.

Wise offered that after reviewing the various potential sites for a fire station (including the current site), and assessing the desirability of each in terms of its zoning, access, wetlands considerations and land-use designation, among other variables, the top choices were the current location and the Martin Street site, which formerly served as a maintenance yard for the Florida Department of Transportation.

Given that the Fire Rescue operation would have to be relocated during the construction phase if the

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JC DISTRICT HIRES MANAGEMENT TEAM TO HELP IMPROVE SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

TEAM STARTS ITS WORK ONSITE ON MONDAY, AUG. 22

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The Jefferson County School Board this week signed a one-year contract with a Kentucky-based academic management team that is expected to help transform Jefferson County Middle/High School (JCM/HS) from a low to a high performing school.

Educational Directions LLC (ED), which is scheduled to begin its work at the school on Monday, Aug. 22, is charging \$225,000 for its service, with the money to come from a federal grant.

Gloria Heath, the district's federal program specialist, said the \$225,000 would come from the \$759,000 School Improvement Grant (SIG) that the district received earlier this year. She said the district was fortunate to have the SIG funding and to be able to use a portion of it for the service. Otherwise, the district would have had to absorb the cost, she said.

The ED contract calls for an initial \$25,000 down payment, with the balance to be paid monthly over the year.

Heath said the district's decision to go with the management company was driven by the Florida Department of Education (FDOE). She explained that by state requirement, a school that fails to make improvement and

move out of the intervention phase within a given time period under the differentiated accountability plan must choose one of two options: convert to a charter school or go with an external management company. She said the district opted to go with the management team.

He said the work had proven so successful in turning around low performing schools that, upon his retirement, he had decided to start a consultant company and use his experience and expertise to help turn around low performing schools and school districts across the country.



In his presentation before the School Board on Monday evening, Aug. 15, Dr. Joe DeSensi, founder of Educational Directions, explained that his organization's program evolved from his work as an educator with the Kentucky State Department of Education, when he was helping turn around low performing schools that the state had identified as being in decline or in crisis.

"We look at test scores, demographics, size of the school, student population and such, and we decide what model would best fit the situation and have an impact on test scores," Dr. DeSensi said.

He said no single or simplistic method existed to improve school performance and student grades.

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Operational Problem At School Irks New Principal To No End

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When students return to Jefferson County Middle/High School (JCM/HS) on Monday, Aug. 22, they are likely to find themselves in a sweltering sweatbox, given the absence of air conditioning in the buildings.

Chief Financial Officer Marsha Willis informed the Jefferson County School Board on Monday evening, Aug. 15, that the replacement

a/c units that the board had approved as an emergency purchase a week or so earlier, and that were supposed to have been installed before the start of school, hadn't yet been installed. Likely, it would be sometime next week before the two units were installed, she said.

The announcement prompted Jefferson County Middle/High School Principal Guy Cooper to express his strong sentiment on the

matter.

Cooper said it was unconscionable that the a/c units hadn't already been repaired and that no sense of urgency appeared to have pro-

pelled a resolution of the problem.

He noted that he and his staff had been suffering the lack of air-

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Cooper declined to name names, but he offered a possible answer. "Follow the bullet back to where it came from and chop off the head," he said.

COUNTY REAPS \$9,000 PLUS IN LIEU OF TAXES PAYMENTS

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A representative of the Suwannee River Water Management District (SRWMD) recently presented the Jefferson

County Commission with a check for \$9,223.41, the same amount as last year.

George Cole, newly installed on the SRWMD Board of Directors, presented the check to Clerk of Court Kirk Reams on

Thursday, Aug. 4, on behalf of the district.

Steve Minnis, SRWMD director of governmental affairs, explained that the check came compliments of the payment in

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COUNTY HEARS STATE'S FIVE-YEAR PLAN FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS HERE

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The Jefferson County Commission recently heard a report on the state's plan for road improvement projects here during the next five years.

Keith McCarron, with the Apalachee Regional Planning Council (ARPC), presented the report on behalf of the Florida Department of Transportation

(FDOT) on Thursday, Aug. 4. The task is one that McCarron performs annually here and in several other counties.

McCarron explained that the roadwork plan resulted from the FDOT's various consultations with the 67 counties and innumerable municipalities in the state.

He said the number of projects fluctuated from year to year, but the plan gave a good indication of the state and coun-

ty roads that the FDOT was targeting for improvements five years out. He said the current plan covered the period from 2012 to 2016.

Among the state and county roads that the plan identifies for resurfacing and/or other improvements during the next five years are the east and westbound rest areas on the interstate; the section of Gamble Road from US 27 to I-10; U.S. 27 from west of CR-

259 to west of U.S. 19; and a section of Watermill Road.

McCarron said the plan also addressed the extension of the sidewalk along U.S. 90 on the west side of town and that attention was being given to the landscaping along U.S. 90, particularly the crepe myrtle trees, many of which were disappearing.

"We're going to identify..."
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Viewpoints & Opinions

CHURCH CALENDAR

AUGUST 19

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

AUGUST 21, 26, 28

Memorial Missionary Baptist Church will host its Pre-Anniversary Program for Pastor Moderator JB Duval at 3 p.m. on Sunday with Rev. James Harvey and the Rebecca Missionary Baptist Church of Thomasville, GA and the Holy Light Missionary Baptist Church of Havana, FL congregations rendering the service. The celebration will continue at 7 p.m. on Friday with Rev. Artis Rambo and the Sweetfield Junior Choir rendering the service. At 11 a.m. on Sunday, Rev. Lucius Wade and the Holy Ghost Revival will render the service. The celebration will conclude at 3 p.m. on Sunday with Rev. Dr. IL Mulling and the First Baptist Church of Thomasville rendering the service. For more information contact Sis. Betty Russell at 850-997-4251 or Sis. Barbara Rambo at 850-274-9001.

AUGUST 21

Mt. Ararat AME Church will celebrate its annual Pastors Appreciation Program for Rev. Margaret Brown at 11 a.m. on the fourth Sunday. The church is located off Waukeenah Highway. Rev. Lucius Wade and the Holy Ghost Revival Center will render the morning service. Call 850-980-2726 for more information about the service.

AUGUST 21

Mt. Zion AME Church, 2009 Barrington Road in Lloyd, will host its 8th Pastoral Anniversary for Rev. Edward R. Scott, II at 3 p.m. on Sunday.

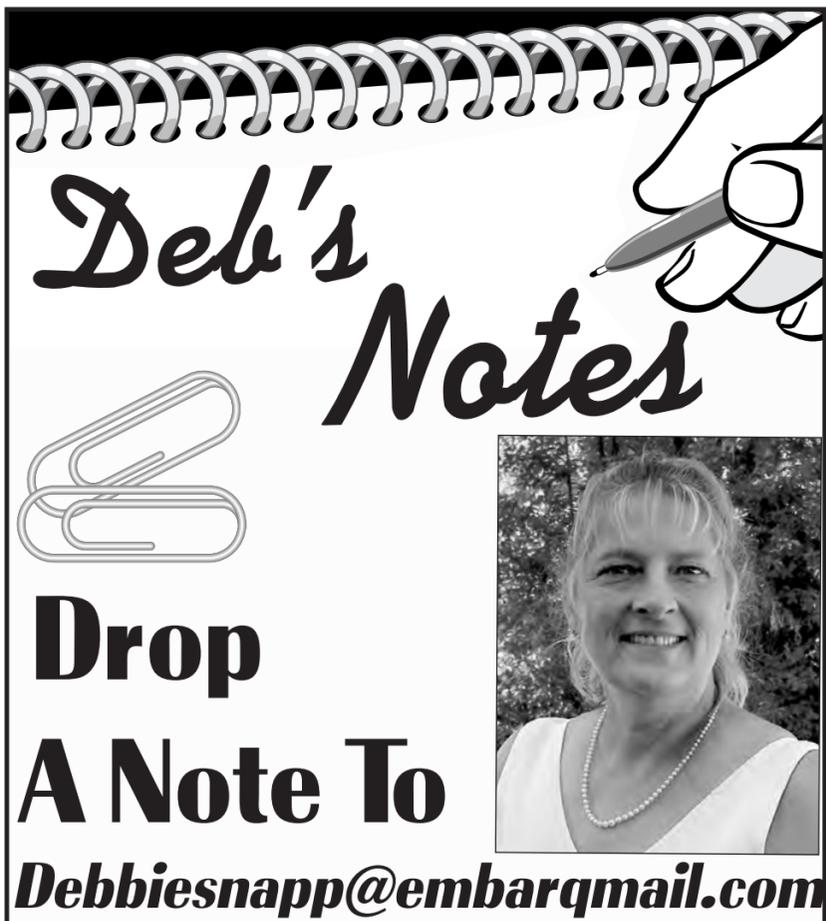
Guest Speaker will be Minister Patrick Scott of Tallahassee. The St. Phillip Youth Choir will render the music. Come praise the Lord and celebrate with the church family. For more information call 850-997-5356.

AUGUST 26 AND 27

USDA Commodities Food Program and Second Harvest Food Bank have joined with New Bethel AME, Elizabeth MB, Hickory Hill MB, Mt. Pleasant AME and Philadelphia MB churches to provide food to anyone needing assistance including the needy, infants and the elderly. This is done monthly with distribution from 8 to 9 a.m. usually on the fourth Saturday at the New Bethel AME Church located at 6496 Ashville Highway. Volunteers are also welcome to come on Friday evening at 6 p.m. to help bag the food packages. Contact Nellie Randall at 850-997-5605 or 850-997-6929 to volunteer or for more information about the program.

SEPTEMBER 24

Covenant Hospice will sponsor Camp Monarch, a one-day camp, for bereaved children on Saturday, at the Beau Turner Youth Conservation Center in Monticello. The camp is open to any child ages five to 15 that has experienced the loss of a loved one. Activities will include nature and wildlife exploration, fishing, arts and crafts and more. Lunch, snacks and transportation will be provided. Check-in begins at 9:30 a.m.; activities begin at 10:00 a.m.; the day concludes at 3:30 p.m.; and pre-registration is required. Contact Bereavement Specialist Bobbie Massey at bobbie.massey@covenanthospice.org or 850-575-4998 if you have any questions.



Deb's Notes

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Job Openings

Lighthouse of the Big Bend has three positions open for direct service staff to assist individuals who are visually impaired or blind in their pursuit of independence, to anyone who may be interested and who qualified. The deadline for applicants is August 26. Brief descriptions and complete job descriptions may be found at www.lighthousebigbend.org or contact Executive Director Barbara L. Ross at bross@lighthousebigbend.org

Project REAL (Relate, Engage and Learn) is a coaching and mentoring grant that was recently awarded to Kids Incorporated. It is designed to improve teachers' skills in the areas of child assessment, teacher-child interactions and working with children from diverse backgrounds. Participating teachers receive T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood scholarships and personalized career guidance to assist them in furthering their formal education through college coursework and a c a d e m i c degree/credential paths. Data is collected to determine if this coaching model is successful in improving teacher quality, enhancing child outcomes and promoting career development of EHS teachers.

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, "Beginning June 28, 2011 all cribs manufactured and sold, including resale, must comply

with new and improved federal safety standards. The new rules, which apply to full-size and non full-size cribs, prohibit the manufacture or sale of traditional drop-side rail cribs, strengthened crib slats and mattress supports, improve the quality of hardware and require more rigorous testing. The details of the rule are available on CPSC website at www.cpsc.gov/businfo/fr11/cribfinal.pdf The new rules also apply to cribs currently in use at child care centers and places of public accommodation. By December 28, 2012 these facilities must use only compliant cribs that meet the new federal safety standards."

Kids Incorporated is looking for a pediatric nurse to provide consulting services to include annual health and medication administration training for Early Head Start childcare center staff. The pediatric nurse will also provide medical consultations and assistance with the development of individual health plans when requested by staff. The consultant will be required to participate with the Health Services Advisory Committee, which meets several times a year. For more information or to submit a resume, contact info@kidsincorporated.org

Tony 'GG' Jackson celebrated his birthday on Sunday, August 14 with his wife LaKayhia, daughter Iesha and sons Tony, Tearrius, Tarlon and Tavon. A party was

held on the following Wednesday at the Little Angels In Training Center with the staff and children. Everyone enjoyed pizza, cake, ice cream and some 'water slide' fun.

A very happy birthday to James Gadsden! He was born on August 19, 1913 in Cairo, GA. His family moved to Lloyd, FL soon after his birth. He's been a farmer all his life and continues to live in the same house, since his move to Jefferson County 98 years ago.

STINGERS

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"As you know, a utility trailer was stolen. Last week at two separate times, two different people came out to my business for a quote on a 6' x 12' trailer and a 6.5' x 14' trailer. The quotes were \$1390.00 and \$1635.00. My problem is that the county bought a 6' x 12' trailer, as I have been told, for \$2050.00. The trailer was not bought from anyone in the county, OR the state. It was bought in Georgia. They don't pay taxes in this state. I've been in various businesses in this county since 1958 and pay taxes, service fees, etc. Now, I expect a public explanation for what went wrong. This is a sad way to conduct county business."

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Do not ask the Lord to guide your footsteps if you are not willing to move your feet.

Letters To The Editor

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

National Debt

What is the dumbest thing you can do if you have to much debt? Does it matter if you are talking about an individual or the U.S. Government? If you can't service your existing debt, why would you purposely create more family red ink (debt). Every U.S. citizen currently (as of 8-15-2011, at approx. 3:00 pm), owes \$46,836 as their share of the \$14.6 trillion of the National Debt, and this doesn't include the recently passed debt ceiling bill.

A family of four people currently owes as their share of the debt, a whopping \$187,344.

If you doubt these amounts, just type in debt clock on Google and click. As a matter of fact, please take some time and study this real time clock.

If this scenario was about a Sunday drive and you purposely drove your car into a pool of mud, not realizing it was quick sand, and got the front tires stuck up to the front axle, you wouldn't keep going and hope that your car would somehow defy the laws of physics and miraculously float across this danger.

I don't know about you, but my children

don't have a spare \$46,836 to kick in to pay for Washington's tax and over-spend party. We are not taxed too little, they are spending too much.

What will you tell your children and grandchildren when they get old enough to ask, why didn't you try to stop the squandering of our future?

Steven Rissman

THANK YOU

This is a thank you to the Journal and Senior Staff Writer Lazaro Aleman for coverage of the May 16, 2011 Jefferson County Historical Association meeting.

As speaker that evening, I appreciate Aleman's concise yet complete review of the Goodwood story. I laughed out loud at his apt : talked at length: reference to a twenty

minute talk that lasted 45 minutes. It must have been the moonlight and magnolias.

Please send copy to subscribe to the weekly JC Journal, L Aleman's report was sent to me by my good friend and tireless Jefferson County advocate Gretchen Avera.

Sincerely
Eric R. Clark

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Taxes

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lieu of taxes (PILT) program.

Created by the Florida Legislature in 1999, the aim of the PILT program is to lessen the impact of revenue losses to rural counties when state-owned lands are removed from the ad-valorem tax rolls.

"Since land owned by the district is tax exempt, PILT funds offset the loss of tax revenue when the district purchases property for flood control, water quality, water supply and natural resource protection," Minnis explained.

The legislation initially required that the districts make the PILT payments for a 10-year period that was slated to end in 2009. Three or so years ago, however, the Legislature amended the law so that counties would continue to receive the funds until their populations reached 150,000.

The change meant that the majority of counties in the SRWMD saw increases in their PILT revenues in 2010, given that the taxes were reinstated for properties that had earlier fallen off the program because of the original 10-year cap.

Collectively, in fact, the 11 counties within the SRWMD received combined PILT revenues of \$326,314 last year, compared with \$177,012 the previous year. For Jefferson County, the increase was \$9,192.52, from the \$30.89 received in 2009 to the \$9,223.41 received last year and again this year.

The records show that the SRWMD owns a combined 5,762 acres in Jefferson County, which acreage has a taxable value of \$5,609,790 and would pay about \$90,675 in property taxes under the agricultural classification, or about 10 times more than the PILT check.

The district uses the land for flood control, water quality, water supply and natural resources protection.

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conditioning for weeks, and it told on their energy levels at the end of each day, he said. But come Monday and the start of school, there would be 500 bodies packed into the school, with temperatures in the 90s and the heat index at 105.

It presented a management problem at the least, Cooper said. Try and explain to 500 kids why the a/c wasn't working, he said. They didn't care about transportation logistics or ordering delays or missed schedules or excuses, he said. They cared only that the heat was stifling and extremely uncomfortable, he said.

Cooper said he had made his views known to Willis, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Kelvin Norton and Superintendent Bill Brumfield. He would come right out and say it, he said. He attributed the problem to a systematic bureaucratic breakdown, and the problem

needed to be traced to its root and uprooted, he said.

It was easy to make decisions in an air-conditioned environment when the outcomes of those decisions were inconsequential to the decision makers, Cooper said. But he found the lack of urgency surrounding the issue disturbing, he said.

Where had the breakdown occurred? School Board Member Marianne Arbulu asked. Cooper declined to name names, but he offered a possible answer:

"Follow the bullet back to where it came from and chop off the head," he said.

Transportation and Facilities Supervisor Freddie Hightower said he felt compelled to respond.

"Those are strong words from a strong man, and I feel I must give a slight rebuttal," Hightower said.

He pointed out that he had done everything within his power to do. He had ordered the a/c units and explained to the company representative about the urgency and had received assurance that they would be

installed before the start of school, Hightower said. But it had to be remembered that the units were being shipped from New York and that the district was dealing with a corporation, he said.

In light of the delay, however, he had done his duty and called back the company representative, he said. But when dealing with a corporation, there was only so much a person could do and no more, he said.

Hightower said when he had expressed disappointment and outrage with the delay, the company spokesperson had responded that the district's wasn't the only problem the company had to deal with. Hightower said the representative told him that a/c units broke down across the country and the company moved its products as fast as was possible.

"That was his last line to me," Hightower said. "I couldn't punch him. I just asked him to expedite it."

That was good and fine, Cooper said. But he noted that the a/c units had been broken since before he came to the

school, and no one had felt a sense of urgency to repair them earlier.

He said that since assuming the JCM/HS principalship, he had inspected the buildings and made note of many things that hadn't been properly maintained.

"But I can't accept excuses for common-sense things that weren't implemented," Cooper said, referring to the a/c units.

A self-described sleeping giant who only reacts when a stone is tossed in his pond, Cooper is not shy about speaking his mind or expressing his views.

He first showed that trait during his consideration for the JCM/HS principalship, when a representative of the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) unintentionally slighted his achievements at a school at which Cooper had previously been a principal.

He demonstrated the trait again barely three days into his new job as JCM/HS principal, when he became aware of former staff practices at the school that in his words constituted malfeasance.

Fire Rescue

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current site was selected, Wise said it made more sense, "from a construction point of view", to go with the Martin Street site.

Which was more or less what Wise and Matthews had recommended from the start of the discussions some eight months back, and what Boyd so adamantly opposed, arguing that the current site was more than adequate and that construction of new station at a new location would be a needlessly wasteful expenditure. Commissioners John Nelson and Danny Monroe, for their part, immediately expressed support for the Martin Street site, as did Commissioners Betsy Barfield and Stephen Fulford eventually. But Boyd remained adamant that the existing site be kept in the mix.

He disagreed that construction at the present site would require the demolition of the existing buildings and the relocation of the operation, he said. Boyd asked that the board at least allowed for the submission of an alternative construction proposal, meaning a modular building — another of the major points of contention between Boyd and his colleagues on the issue since the start.

"I like to bring back a proposal that gives us a feasible option and that will be cost effective," Boyd said.

County Coordinator Roy Schleicher sought to

head off what he saw as a continuation of the debate that the board had been engaged in for the last eight months. A decision was needed for one particular site, he said. Otherwise, the engineer couldn't design a site-specific plan, he said. And absent the design of a plan, the staff and engineer couldn't proceed to the next step and seek funding the project, he said.

"If we have two sites, we can't go forward with the plan," Schleicher said. "If the decision is to consider two parcels, we're back to step one. We've been down this road before. We need a decision on one site."

In the meantime, he added, the Fire Rescue personnel continued to be housed in an inadequate facility.

Boyd conceded that the majority of the board appeared determined to build a new fire station at a new location. He asked, however, that the board not close the door completely on the option of a modular building at the existing site.

"We've beaten the hair off that dog," Barfield said, referring to the many debates the board had already had on the issue.

Boyd returned to his argument that construction of the type of building that Matthews advocated would deplete the fire trust fund. Depletion of the trust fund, in fact, has at been at the basis of his opposition to the project since the start.

Boyd doesn't deny that the department's present facility is inadequate and that the personnel need better housing, but he believes that the problem can be remedied less expensively, with some renovation to the existing building and the addition of a modular building.

"We owe it to the citizens to give them another option," he said.

Otherwise, he asked, how did the board propose to pay for the \$1 million or so that the new building would cost?

"We don't know what it's going to cost until we have a site," Schleicher said. "Then we'll decide how we'll pay for it. We've already identified potential sources, but they say, come back when you have a definite site and a plan."

Wise added that a \$750,000 grant had already been identified and that there was a good likelihood that the county would qualify for it, but first the design plan had to be drawn. He and staff were sensitive to the financial concerns and they would clearly lay out the options at every step of the process and curtail back the plan if need be, he said.

Fulford finally put an end to the discussion. He noted that a majority of the board was committed to the pursuit of a new station and it was time to move forward with a decision. At which point, he called for the vote.

Road Improvements

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tify funding for experts to work with the county staff to see what can be done," McCarron said the U.S. 90 landscaping.

As for the potential duplication of efforts between the ARPC and the Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency (CRTPA), of which Jefferson County is now a member, McCarron said the two's roles were being studied. He said it was possible that Jefferson County would no longer have need of the ARPC's services in the area of transportation.

Still, he noted, the CRTPA worked on the development of broad, long-range transportation plans that aimed at creating integrated regional multimodal transportation networks capable of supporting sustainable development patterns and promoting economic growth

in the future, whereas the ARPC focused on narrower, shorter-term local projects.

And don't forget that the ARPC also provided assistance with growth management, Developments of Regional Impact projects, Comprehensive Plan amendments and extra-jurisdictional conflicts, he said. So the 11 ARPC would still be around and serving a need, he said. But certainly, its role would change now that the county was part of the CRTPA, he said.

Commissioner Hines Boyd's last words to McCarron were to remind the latter to keep in mind that Jefferson County residents didn't want traffic lights. Boyd urged McCarron to think of traffic circles as control devices whenever he thought of Jefferson County's transportation needs.

School District

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Improvement required a customized plan and hard work and effort on the part of the school staff and the students.

He said sustainable school improvement required a combination of 'best practice' strategies that were determined by identified student needs and student-driven data. Educational Directions, he said, took a situational and holistic approach to the systemic reformation of schools.

Dr. DeSensi said a team headed by Dr. Robert Knight would be assigned to JCM/HS beginning Monday, with team members spending varying amounts of time at the school, assessing and monitoring the situation. He said the team would review scores, do a baseline study, identify and red flag causal and structural problems, develop strategies, and work with the teachers and administrators to correct the identified problem areas and change the school culture, among other things.

Dr. DeSensi said that beginning in September, his group would provide monthly reports to the School Board and the FDOE on the program's progress. He said it should be evident by December how well the program was working.

"If the program is not working by December, we would change whatever was not working," Dr. DeSensi said. "We don't hesitate to change people if something is not working, and we expect you to make changes on your side of the equation if something's not working."

He said if a teacher or administrator weren't doing what the team expected, the discrepancy would be

pointed out to the individual in writing and the expectations made clear. He said if the expected changes didn't come about within a week, the team would bring the matter to the School Board.

"If the expected changes aren't met, we will talk to you about it," Dr. DeSensi said.

He said the management team would conduct a battery of diagnostic tests in reading, writing, math and science to establish a baseline and determine and analyze the causal and structural issues and why student performance was breaking down.

"We try to isolate the primary causal issues for each student," Dr. DeSensi said.

He said student engagement would also be gauged by observation, based on five-minute integrals that would identify the viable learning cycles.

"The academic review team will identify how many kids are off-task during every five-minute cycle," Dr. DeSensi said.

Ultimately, his group couldn't change student performance; the staff and administration had to do that, he said. But what his group would do was to help the staff and administration identify and solve the problems and carry out goals of the program.

Dr. DeSensi wouldn't guarantee that the school would be an "A" school by the end of the year. But he suggested that it was a strong possibility, if the staff and administration faithfully followed the dictates of the program. For the proof of it, he offered statistics, citing numerous schools across the country that had made tremendous gains under the program.



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Jefferson County Living

Chamber After 5 At The Monticello Opera House



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Paul Michael and daughter Kayla, on left, visit with Suzanne and Tim Peary, on right, during the Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber Business After 5 on Tuesday evening, at the Monticello Opera House.



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Enjoying the camaraderie of the Tuesday evening Chamber After 5 event at the Monticello Opera House are: pictured left to right, Lisa Reasoner, Ron Cichon, Melanie Mays and Eleanor Hawkins.

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The Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber Business After 5 was held on Tuesday evening, August 16 at the Monticello Opera House in the downstairs ballroom. 100+ were in attendance to the affair that was held from 5 to 7 p.m. Attendees enjoyed tours of the establishment and light refreshments were served by Carrie Ann & Co., Catering. An update on the 2011-2012 season schedule of performances and activities was shared, including 'The Sound Of Music' on Sept. 9-11, 16-18, 23-25; and a 'Patsy Cline Tribute' on Sept. 30. The Monticello Opera



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Visiting during the Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber Business After 5 on Tuesday evening are: pictured from left to right, Todd Randall, Paul Nahoom, Linda Schrader and Terri Dunn. The gathering was held this month at the Monticello Opera House.

House is a private, self-supporting non-profit corporation. It acts as the civic center for Jefferson County. The two story building houses a banquet/meeting facility on the ground floor, a historic theatre on the second floor and a picturesque garden just a few short steps out the back door. The "Perkins Block" was built in 1890 by an enterprising Monticello businessman named John

H. Perkins. This handsome building included three first floor bays housing Perkins mercantile interests: a general store and sewing machine shop, a hardware store and a farm implement supply store. In addition, Perkins built a stable behind the building from which horses, mules and wagons were sold. The second floor of the Perkins Block included a large foyer and an opera house boasting

unparalleled acoustics and the largest stage in the region.

The Monticello Opera House continues to serve Jefferson County and surrounding areas, and is truly fulfilling the original dream of John Perkins. The theater echoes with music, laughter and the sound of applause as young and old alike enjoy a wide range of perform-

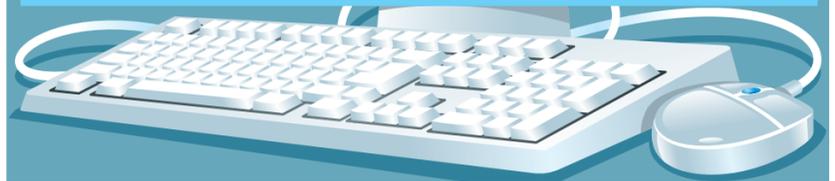
ances. Become part of its history by becoming a member today. MOH Director Lisa Reasoner and board members mingled with the guests offering membership information and applications, encouraging all to join this great addition to the community.

Library Computer Camp

DEBBIE SNAPP
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

The Jefferson County Bailor Public Library will host a 'computer camp' the week of August 24-26. Learn computer basics as well as setting up an email account, Microsoft Word and Internet safety issues such as password protection and protecting your online identity. Classes will be taught by Wilderness Coast Librarian Carly Peary from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Space is limited so call now at 850-342-0205 to register. Come out and visit the new lab. Help is available with E-govern-

ment forms and resumes, and this room is also available to customers needing an extended time on the computers to do such things as online courses. And, meet the new part-time Lab Coordinator Lenese Colson. She is a doctoral student at Florida State University, and brings a wealth of experience to the library. The library is bursting with new titles. If you have not been to the Library in a while plan to come in and see what's available. The staff looks forward to your visit. Call for days and hours of operation to Library Director Kitty Brooks at 850-342-0205.



HUMANE SOCIETY DOG WASH SATURDAY

FRAN HUNT
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

Humane Society volunteers are calling all dirty dogs (and in this weather, HOT dogs), to come to get their furry little companions refreshingly squeaky clean at the Society's downtown Monticello Thrift Shop, Wag the Dog, located at 315 North Jefferson Street. A \$5 donation benefits the animals at the local shelter. Mark your calendars. The "Dog Wash" crew will be waiting for you from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. on the following Saturdays: August 20, rain date of August 27. September 17, rain date of

September 24. To volunteer to serve on the "Dog Wash" crew contact Caroline Kempton at 850-556-3900. In related Humane Society news, find out how you can support a local certified organic farmer, Margie A. Cole and the shelter animals at the same time. "Things are hopping here at Holly Hill Farm," said Cole. "The greenhouse is full of vegetable seedlings that we will be bringing to market in September and October. "Each Thursday I'll send you a detailed list of varieties and prices for that week. In the meantime, here's a 'general list' of what we will have:

arugula, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, cilantro, collards, dill, kale (lacinato and curly), lettuces (leaf, butterhead and romaine), mustards (reds, greens, mizuna, tatsoi), parsley, spinach, and Swiss chard." "Our retail sales will take place at two Monticello locations, Tupelo's Bakery & Cafe and Wag the Dog Thrift Store. Just north of the Monticello Post Office, with a portion of our sales going to the Jefferson County Humane Society," she added. "During September and October we will be at Tupelo's on Fridays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., and at Wag the Dog on Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. "Two exceptions to this schedule are: Saturday, October 15, we will be at Tupelo's; Friday, October 28, we will be at Wag the Dog. "As always, we grow everything we sell and all our plants are certified organic. Feel free to call (850) 509-1768 or email cole32344@yahoo.com if you have any questions. I appreciate your business and look forward to seeing you all in September," Cole concluded.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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
Alzheimer's and Dementia Support Group is held 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the fourth Monday of every month at First United Methodist Church in the Family Ministry Center on West Walnut Street in Monticello. A light lunch will be served. This is a free monthly program. Call the Alzheimer's Project at 850-386-2778 for more information or 850-997-5545 for directions.

AUGUST 22
Al-Anon meetings are held at 8 p.m. every Monday at the Anglican Church, 124 Jefferson Avenue in Thomasville, GA. For more information go to www.al-

anon.alateen.org
AUGUST 22
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 23
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 23
Silver Dome Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday at the Old Town Cafe, 1415 Timberlane Road in Tallahassee. The evening will include a business meeting, a program speaker and a meal consisting of salad, vegetable, bread, drink and choice from four entrees. Plan to attend this monthly dinner meeting. For more information contact Von Holmes at 850-893-2771 or 850-413-1638.

AUGUST 23
Triple L Club (LLL) will meet 10:30 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday at First Baptist Church Monticello. A program speaker, potluck lunch, and good Christian fellowship will be provided. Contact President Ethel Strickland at 850-509-9445 for more information.

AUGUST 24
Monticello Kiwanis Club meets every Wednesday at noon at the Jefferson County Club on the Boston Highway for lunch, a program, and a meeting. Contact President Jessica Corley at 850-997-2591 for more information.

AUGUST 24-26
Library Computer Camp at the Jefferson County

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AUGUST 25
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 Nellie Thomas at 850-997-5605 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the fourth Thursday for an appointment in the Dills Community area, at the Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church. 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 29
Martin Luther King Community Center meets 6 p.m. on the last Monday of each month at the MLK Center. Contact Charles Parrish at 850-997-3760 for more information.

AUGUST 30
The Jefferson County Shared Services, an entity of the Healthy Start Coalition of Jefferson, Madison & Taylor Counties meets at 9:30 a.m. on the last Tuesday of each month at the Jefferson County Bailar Public Library. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this very informative community meeting. This is an opportunity for agencies to share services. For more information about these meetings, or to be a speaker at any of these

meetings, contact Cindy Hutto, business manager, at cjhutto@healthystartjmt.org or 850-948-2741.

SEPTEMBER 1
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 Annette Wilson at 850-997-4104 for an appointment from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the first Thursday at Union Hill AME Church. 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.

SEPTEMBER 2
Ashville Area Volunteer Fire Department meets 6:30 p.m. on the first Friday of each month at the fire station. Contact John Staffieri at 850-997-

6807 for more details.

SEPTEMBER 4
VFW Post 251 meets 5 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month at the Learning Center on Marvin Street for a meeting. Contact Commander Ned Hill at 850-339-5524 for more information.

SEPTEMBER 6
Monticello Woman's Club meets on the first Tuesday of every month at noon at the clubhouse on East Pearl Street for lunch and a meeting. Contact Club President Ethel Strickland at 850-997-3382 for more information.

SEPTEMBER 7
Jefferson Arts Gallery business meeting is held on the first Wednesday of the month from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., in the gallery at 575 West Washington Street in downtown Monticello. (No meeting in August) Become a member! Get involved! Be there!

SEPTEMBER 8
Altrusa of Monticello meet for a noon luncheon and program meet-

ing at the Jefferson Senior Citizen Center on the second and fourth Thursday. For additional information about Altrusa and its upcoming events contact President Linda Benedict at 850-997-0137. Anita Ashworth, vice president; Maurey Beggs, secretary; and Jane Vollertsen, treasurer. Directors are: Andie Jerger, Helen Love and Susan Whitson.

SEPTEMBER 8
Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation Board will meet at 11:30 a.m. on the second Thursday of the month in the Jefferson County Extension Office conference room. Dorothy P. Lewis, secretary/treasurer, reports the meeting is open to the public.

SEPTEMBER 12
Big Bend Horseman's Club meets at 7 p.m. on the second Monday at Green Industries Institute for a brief program and meeting. This is an open horse club for all breeds. Everyone is welcome. Go to www.bigbendhorse.com for more information.

SEPTEMBER 13
American Legion Post 49 meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month for a business meeting and program at the Otto Walker Post on South Water Street. Contact Commander Paul Klug at 850-997-3603 or Adjutant Ron Slik at 850-997-8103 for more information.

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If tears could build a stairway and memories a lane, we would walk right up to heaven and bring you to your earthly home again. Always know there are no goodbyes wherever we are. You'll always be in our hearts.



We miss you so much.

*With all our love,
Your children you call your own, Willie Jr, Shirley, Sandra, Wayne, Farnita and the entire Branham Family*

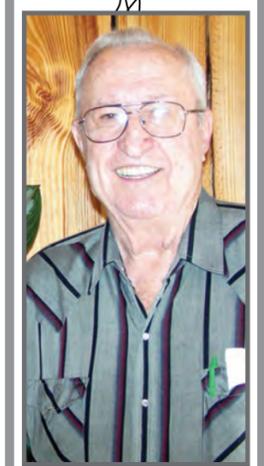
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Thank you, to all of you for the love, support, comfort, calls, visits, food, thoughts and prayers during the illness and passing of our Dad, Husband, Brother and Friend.

A special thank you to Betsy Maloy, Harry Brumbley, Mike, Dina, Heather James and Kathy Phillips.

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Saturday-1:30-4:15-7:05-9:40
Sunday-1:30-4:15-7:05
Mon-Thurs-4:15-7:05
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Smurfs (PG)
Friday-7:00
Saturday-1:10-7:10
Sunday-1:10-7:00
Mon-Thurs-7:00

Fright Night (R)
Friday-4:10-7:15-9:45
Saturday-1:20-4:10-7:15
Sunday-1:20-4:10-7:15
Mon-Thurs-4:10-7:05
NO PASSES

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

Spy Kids (PG)
Friday-5:25-7:40-9:50
Saturday-1:05-3:15-5:25-7:40-9:50
Sunday-1:05-3:15-5:25-7:40
Mon-Thurs-5:25-7:40
NO PASSES

30 Minutes or less (R)
Friday-4:25-9:35
Saturday-4:25-9:35
Sunday-4:25
Mon-Thurs-4:25
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
Mon-Thurs-4:05-7:10
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The Help (PG13)
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MONTICELLO CONSISTORY #331 ADVANCES TWO FREEMASONS TO THE 32ND DEGREE

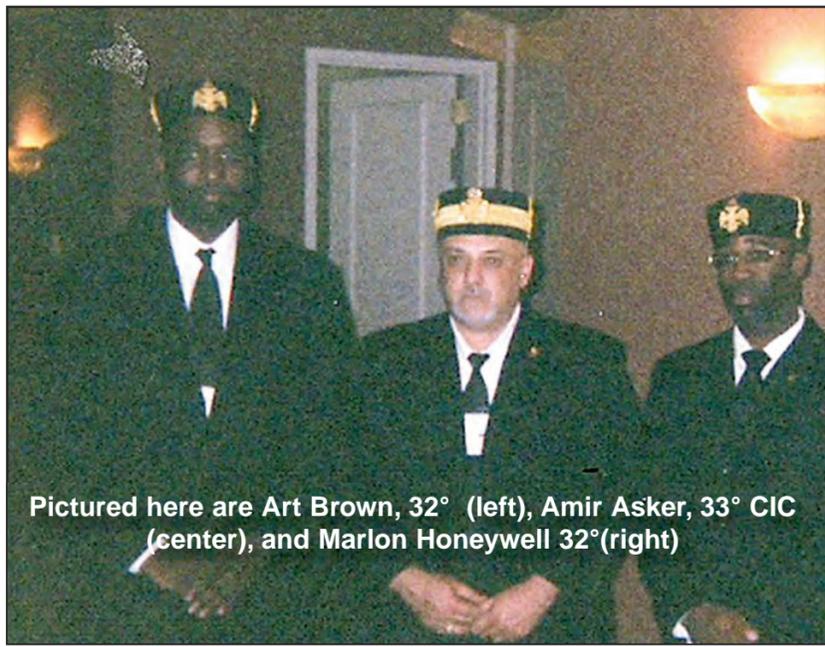
On Saturday, July 23rd, 2011, Art Brown and Marlon Honeywell were advanced to the 32nd degree of Freemasonry at the annual workshop of The Florida Council of Deliberation in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

Natives of Ocala and Madison, Florida respectively, Brown and Honeywell were selected by Monticello Consistory #331 in December 2010 to begin the arduous process of receiving the Scottish Rite Degrees, which are optional and additional for advancement in the Masonic fraternity. Traditionally, conferring of degrees 4-31 is performed by individual Consistories (chapters) within the State of Florida. However, the 32nd degree, known as Prince of the Royal

Secret, must be administered by the Florida Council of Deliberation once a year.

Annually, officers are elected by each class, composed of candidates from every Consistory in the state of Florida. Candidates are encouraged to demonstrate proficiency by participating in a private exhibition showcasing Masonic knowledge of Scottish Rite Degrees 4-31. Marlon Honeywell, Interim Associate Dean of Florida A&M University's College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences and member of J.R.E. Lee, Sr. Lodge # 422, F & AM PHA, was elected President of the 2011 Colonel Carl L. Adams, Sr. Class. "It was truly a humbling experience and an honor to be elected to represent the 76 members of my class as President. It is something that I will always remember and cherish," said Honeywell.

Ironically, Honeywell was not the only member of Monticello Consistory



Pictured here are Art Brown, 32° (left), Amir Asker, 33° CIC (center), and Marlon Honeywell 32°(right)

to be elected President. Two years ago, Jerome Harris, was elected President of the 2009 Albert R. Cobb Class.

Monticello's two candidates represented the only consistory, in the state of Florida, to succinctly and simultaneously demonstrate proficiency as part of the exhibition, which received a standing ovation. This stellar performance impressed the

hundreds of workshop attendees and Monticello Consistory members' pride was at a zenith. "It took us approximately six months to master all of the information required. We studied religiously and met every Tuesday to review what we learned," said Brown, Manager of Outpatient Rehabilitation services at Tallahassee Memorial

Health Care and Past Master of Solomon Lodge #6-S, F & AM PHA - one of the oldest and most respected lodges in the State of Florida.

Monticello Consistory #331 has a rich tradition of being among the elite Consistories in the State of Florida. Many members of this Consistory have served in various leadership capacities throughout the Masonic

order. To continue such a legacy, the overarching belief of Monticello #331 and specifically, of Commander in Chief Amr Asker 33°, is that the focus of membership should always be quality over quantity.

The goal is to make good men better through instruction, fellowship, charity, and service to the community. "We teach men that life is a journey and a constant struggle to become the best that they can be and that they should always strive to assist others. It is not until we learn to consistently see the good in others and lend a helping hand to those in need that we have truly mastered the teachings of Scottish Rite Masonry. The mission of our Consistory is to provide Masonic instruction on a scholarly level and provide members with tools to become Masonic educators. The objective of every meeting is to ensure that members learn something new. Our consistory is the institute of masonic knowledge," said Asker.



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Come and worship with us! (John 4:24)

DEBBIE SNAPP
ECB Publishing Staff Writer

During the August 9 meeting of the Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce a slate of proposed officers and directors was placed and the election of officers and directors will take place at the annual dinner on Tuesday evening, September 13. The nominating committee consisted of Gordon Dean, Frank Blow and Nan Baughman.

The PROPOSED slate of officers and directors are: for president, Julie Conley; vice-president, Marianne Arbulu; treasurer, Sandy Patterson;

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CHAMBER BUSINESS NEWS



ECB Publishing Photo By Debbie Snapp, August 9, 2011. Pizza Hut prepared and served the meal at the Tuesday afternoon Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce Business Meeting. Pictured here from left to right are: and Jeannie Tucker, Ronda Flowers Sandra Patterson.

Russell was in attendance. He is owner/operator of 'Pro-Mobile Detailing.

Continuing with items of interest... on Saturday, August 20, don't miss the Kickin' Kool Karaoke Party beginning at 8 p.m. at the Monticello Opera House. Music is provided by Big Bob's Music Machine, with a list of over 60,000 songs. There is no cover charge, but there is a cash bar, and light food items will be made available for sale. 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. Call the Opera House at 850-997-4242, or send email to office@monticellooperahouse.org

During the weekend of September 9, 10, 11 Monticello will be

involved in the Flea Across Florida, a Chamber sponsored event and fundraiser. Want to be part of the longest yard sale on Highway 90 from Live Oak to Pensacola? Get ready to shop or sell all of your 'precious' treasures. Vending space is available from the Chamber for \$35 for all three days, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Watch the Chamber website at www.monticellojeffersonfl.com to sign up for your vending space, to rent official signs, and for opportunities to advertise. Interested in helping? Contact Chamber Director Melanie Mays at 850-997-5552. More details will follow as the date comes near. This event could bring thousands of visitors to our community. Members' help is needed.

On September 10, Swamp Buddha Sumi-e will be on exhibit at the Jefferson Arts. A reception will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday in the

Gallery and the exhibit will remain open through September 28. Jefferson Arts Gallery is open every Wednesday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., or by appointment by calling 850-997-3311. Visit its website at www.jeffersonartsgallery.com Ask about its free art classes for Jefferson County residents from July 2011 through June 2012, sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs, the Florida Council on Arts and Culture and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Again, plan to attend the annual dinner at the Monticello Opera House. Vote on the proposed changes to the by-laws and elect your new officers. Guest speaker will be Jerry Osteryoung. There will also be an awards ceremony, steak for dinner, networking and a fabulous evening of celebrating and honoring our hard working members.

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Sports

Sunshine Express Win Past Two

FRAN HUNT
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When the Sunshine Express softball team faced off against MC Low last Sunday, the Express doubled the Low for a 12-6 victory. MC Low jumped out to take a 4-1 lead but the Express came back hard, took the lead back and maintained it throughout the game. Jarvis Atkins went four for four with one RBI. Calvin Holmes went three for three with two

RBI's. Mario Rivers went three for three with four RBI's and two home-runs. Destiny Vangate went three for three with three RBI's and two homeruns. Zeke Gillyard went two for four. Kelvin Jones went two for four. Chadrick Brooks went two for four with one RBI. Rodney Barnard went two for four with two RBI's. Jay McQue went two

for three. Karlon Blue went one for three. Nick Russell went one for three. Coach Roosevelt Jones named Vangate as the game MVP. In the second game the Sunshine Express downed Barwick for an

18-12 win. The Express jumped out to a 4-3 lead and kept the edge throughout the entire game to cinch the victory. Vangate went four for four with eight RBI's and two home-runs. Jones went three for

four with one RBI. Barnard went three for four with three RBI's. Jay Jay went three for four with one RBI. Holmes went three for four with one RBI. Blue went two for four with one RBI and a homerun.

Brooks went two for four with one RBI. McQue went one for three. Coach Jones named Vangate as the game MVP. The Express face off against Live Oak, 4:30 p.m., Sunday, there.

Jefferson Warriors Head Into The Battle Of The States August 20

FRAN HUNT
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The Jefferson County Warriors semi-pro football team has a big game coming up this weekend at Death Valley. The Warriors who are presently 8-1 on the season will be squaring off against the South Georgia Noles, presently an undefeated 9-0 on the season and first place in the region.

When the two teams faced off previously in the season, the Noles dished out a 30-28 loss for the Warriors.

The game against the Noles will be Saturday, August 20 with 7:30 p.m. kickoff at Death Valley. It will be The Battle Of The States and Homecoming for the Warriors so all Jefferson Warriors fans are urged to attend and cheer their favorite semi-pro team to victory.

For more information please contact Coach Andre Williams at 1-229-225-7404 or Coach Gemika Ivey at 1-229-377-2546.

The Jefferson County Warriors traveled to Jacksonville, FL to play the Florida Falcons August 13, those game statistics are forthcoming.

The Warriors were coming off a 48-14 victory over the Pensacola Scorpions August 6, prior to the game against the Falcons.

In the second week of play during the season, the Falcons and the Warriors met up and the Warriors won, 18-14.

The Warriors offense was led by quarterback Deon Graham and wide receiver Tay Bennett. The two have combined for 12 touchdowns and over 1,300 yards passing in eight games prior to going in against the Falcons.

Warriors' defense was led by defensive end Antonio Ivey and defensive tackle Jermaine Collins. The defense has only allowed 24 points during the entire season.

Roster Released For JV Warriors

FRAN HUNT
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As athletes continue to ready for the quick-upcoming football schedule, the roster for the Aucilla Christian Academy junior varsity football team has been released.

The JV Warriors include ninth graders Austin Bishop, Timmy Burrus, Ricky Finlayson, Hunter Handley, Eric Hutsell, Nick Roberts and Bryce Sanderson; eighth grader Jake Edwards; seventh graders Daulton Browning, Joe Hannon, P-Cole Harrell, Kade Holden and John Walker; and sixth graders

Hunter Key, Jake Pridgeon and Joe Walton.

Serving as the head coach this year is Derrick Burrus and assistant coaches include Mike Bentley, James Burkett and Gordon Darnell.

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.



COACH NENNSTIEL GIVES UPDATES ON ACA CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS

FRAN HUNT
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With the fast approaching beginning of the new school year and young athletes preparing vigorously for a new season, Aucilla Christian Academy Cross Country Coach Dan Nennstiel has provided an update for the boy's and girl's cross country teams.

The preliminary rosters have been released for both teams. Running for the girls this year are ninth graders Sarah James and Caroline Yaun; eighth graders Taylor Copeland, Megan Giddens and Sarah

Tharpe; seventh graders Skylar Dickey, Stephanie English and Sarah Riley; and sixth graders Camryn Grant and Ria Wheeler.

Running for the boys will be eleventh graders Jay Dickey, Jay Finlayson and Sammy Ritter; tenth grader Braden Mattingly; ninth graders Ricky Finlayson and Carson Nennstiel; eighth grader Sam Hogg; seventh graders Donnie Kinsey, Traynor Barker, Chaz Hamilton, JT Harp and Gatlin Nennstiel; and sixth graders Timothy Finlayson, Cannon Randal and Brandon Slaughter.

The season schedule

will be forthcoming.

"We're really excited about the season. We're coming off of the best boys and girls team we have had in history from last year," said Nennstiel. "The boys team is real strong and the girls are working on replacing three strong runners that we had last year. There's going to be a lot of hard work ahead, but the outlook for the year is promising."

In cross country-related news, the teams will be having a car wash in the parking lot of the Monticello News, Saturday, August 20 from 8 a.m. until noon. The cost of a quality car

wash is a donation to the team. All proceeds collected will go toward the costs that the team endures during the course of the season.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Pursuant to the by-laws of the Jefferson County Economic Development Council, Inc., a Florida corporation, notice is hereby given that said corporation will hold its annual meeting on Monday, September 12, 2011, at 9:00AM, in the Courthouse Annex, 435 West Walnut Street, Monticello, Florida. For more information, please contact the EDC at 850-997-7999 or jcede@embarqmail.com.

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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 shieling, front and back. Specifications may be picked up at the County Road Dept. Bids may be package or seperate. 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.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP and MEETING OF THE NORTH FLORIDA BROADBAND AUTHORITY OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

The North Florida Broadband Authority ("NFBA") announces a workshop and meeting of the NFBA Operations Committee that all interested persons are invited to attend. The NFBA is a legal entity and public body created pursuant to the provisions of Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, and an Interlocal Agreement among Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Putnam, Suwannee, Taylor, Union and Wakulla Counties and municipalities of Cedar Key, Cross City, Lake City, Live Oak, Monticello, Perry, White Springs and Worthington Springs, Florida. The NFBA's Operations Committee workshop will be held August 24 and 25, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. at the 1500 Mahan Drive, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Tallahassee, FL the Operations Committee meeting will be held at 11:00 a.m. on August 25, 2011; at the same location. The NFBA's Operational Committee workshop is to review the NFBA Business Plan and afterwards general business will be conducted. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the NFBA with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding or have any questions please contact Faith Doyle, Clerk to the NFBA Board at (877) 552-3482 or (407) 629-6900 at least one (1) business day prior to the date of the meeting.

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

CAPITAL CITY BANK,
Plaintiff,
v.
JAMES E. MERCER, JR., et al,
Defendants.

CASE NO. 11-47-CA

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that KIRK B. REAMS, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Florida, will on the 15th day of SEPTEMBER, 2011, at 11:00 a.m. at the Jefferson County Courthouse in Monticello, Florida, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Jefferson County, Florida, to-wit: Parcel I.D. #R07-2N-5E-0130-0000-1310

Lot 131 of Springdale Pecan Subdivision as per map or plat thereof as recorded in the Public Records of Jefferson County, Florida, in Plat Book "A", subject to any existing road right of ways and easements.

Together with an ingress-egress easement over the East 20 feet of the South 100 feet of Lot 132, Springdale Pecan Company Subdivision. The purpose of this easement is to connect the Northeast corner of Lot 141, Springdale Pecan Company Subdivision to the existing county maintained road, which lies adjacent to and East of Lots 132 and 145, whether accurately described herein or not.

LESS and EXCEPT:

Begin at the Northwest corner of Lot 131 of Springdale Pecan Subdivision as per map or plat thereof as recorded in the Public Records of Jefferson County, Florida and run North 88°54'51" East, along the North boundary of said Lot 131, 58.39 feet to a point, thence South 00°06'53" West 8.84 feet to a point, thence South 86°16'39" West 272.86 feet to an iron rod, thence South 02°22'35" West, 13.30 feet to an iron rod, thence South 86°14'21" West 244.38 feet to a point, thence North 01°58'03" West 46.08 feet to the Point of Beginning.^

pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in a case pending in said Court, the style of which is as set out above, and the docket number of which is 11-47-CA. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of said Court, this 10th day of August, 2011.

KIRK B. REAMS
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Jefferson County, Florida

By: Sherry Sears
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The Week of **AUGUST 19, 2011** through **AUGUST 26, 2011**
Major Feed Times are marked by an asterisk (*)

Friday, August 19 *5:10 AM 11:20 AM *5:30 PM 11:40 PM	Saturday, August 20 *5:50 AM 12:00 PM *6:20 PM	Sunday, August 21 12:30 AM *6:40 AM 12:50 PM *7:10 PM	Monday, August 22 1:20 AM *7:30 AM 1:30 PM *7:50 PM
Tuesday, August 23 2:10 AM *8:20 AM 2:30 PM *8:40 PM	Wednesday, August 24 2:55 AM *9:10 AM 3:20 PM *9:30 PM	Thursday, August 25 3:40 AM *9:55 AM 4:10 PM *10:20 PM	Friday, August 26 4:30 AM *10:40 AM 4:55 PM *11:10 PM

Hunting Season To Begin Soon On SRWMD Lands

Hunting will soon begin on nearly 100,000 acres of Suwannee River Water Management District-owned lands. Deer, hog, turkey and small game hunting is available on limited days from September-March.

Hunting on these lands is managed by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission as Wildlife Management Areas

(WMAs). The following is a list of areas available for hunting:

- Big Shoals: Hamilton County
- Cypress Creek: Hamilton County
- Holton Creek: Hamilton County
- Little River: Suwannee County
- Troy Springs: Lafayette County
- Twin Rivers: Madison County

- Mallory Swamp: Lafayette County
- Steinhatchee Springs: Lafayette, Dixie and Taylor counties
- Lower Econfina: Taylor County
- Middle Aucilla: Jefferson, Madison and Taylor counties
- Aucilla: Jefferson and Taylor counties
- Log Landing: Dixie County
- Devil's Hammock: Levy County

•Santa Fe Swamp: Bradford County
Holton Creek is a mobility impaired hunting area. It is closed to the public during hunt dates, except

to persons hiking the Florida Trail. Persons using WMAs are required to have appropriate licenses, permits and stamps. For more informa-

tion contact the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at 386.758.0525 or visit the website at www.myfwc.com.



Mt. Gilead, part of the Middle Aucilla WMA, provides hunting opportunities in Jefferson, Madison and Taylor counties.

94.9 TNT AND BUD LIGHT PRESENT... REDNECK RODEO: BIKES & BULLS

NORTH FLORIDA FAIRGROUNDS AUGUST 19TH AND 20TH

Redneck Rodeo: Bikes & Bulls will be held on Friday, Aug. 19 at 5 p.m. and on Saturday, Aug. 20 at 4 p.m. at the North Florida Fair Grounds in Tallahassee, FL.

There will be action-packed Bull Riding, dare-devil free style Moto-Cross featuring the Ives Brothers Globe O' Death, exciting first-class Barrel Racing, the Car Crushing Beast, thrilling Monster Truck rides, food and drinks/beer vendors and much more.

Be there to catch all the action as two-time World Champion Ross Hill and his Fearless Bull Fighters risk life and limb to save the Cowboys (and each other) from the heads, horns and hooves of their dangerous adversaries in the arena, while the riders battle for some serious cash, buckles and top honors.

(NOTE: no animals will be harmed)

Plus, a free concert both nights, featuring GAC Nashville Winners 'One Night Rodeo'. The cost is \$15 for all ages and free to kids eight and under. Purchase tickets at: Monticello News, Tractor Supply in Tallahassee, Tractor Supply in Thomasville, GA, Capital City Harley Davidson in Tallahassee, Wireless Advantage in Crawfordville, FL and online at www.949tnt.com.

RIDERS/RACERS WANTED:

*Barrel Racers- Open to all guys and gals interested in running for at least \$500 added each night. Paying back with 4-digit format if over 70 entry's, 3-digits if 69 and under. Performance will start at 7 p.m. but trailers will be allowed in the gates at any time.

*Bull Riders- Entry

fee is \$100 and take your shot at the \$1000 prize money, with the possibility of more money added each night. For more information, contact CJ at 615-336-4313.

Directions to the fairgrounds: From Interstate 10, take exit 199 and go south on Monroe Street for nine miles. The fairgrounds are located at the intersection of Monroe Street and Paul Russell Road, just two miles past the Capitol building.

For vendor information, call 850-422-3107. For Bull Riding and Barrel Racing information call 229-224-6320.

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