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DRIVER KILLED; SON SERIOUSLY INJURED IN CRASH



FRAN HUNT
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A man was killed and his son seriously injured early Thursday morning after the vehicle they were in left the road and struck a tree.

The Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) reported that at 7:08 a.m., Thursday, September 8, Tommy C. Clifton, 51, of Hahira, GA, was driving a 2002 Ford E350 Van southbound on US-221, northwest of Lovett Road. In

the vehicle with him was his son, Thomas W. Clifton, 20, also of Hahira, GA.

For unknown reasons the vehicle crossed the center line, the northbound lane and entered the east shoulder.

The vehicle continued on the shoulder for 131 feet before the front of the vehicle struck a tree, knocking off the front driver's side tire.

After the impact the vehicle rotated around the tree counterclock-

wise approximately 90 degrees, coming to a rest facing east.

Tommy C. Clifton was pronounced deceased at the scene and transported to the Tallahassee Memorial Hospital Morgue after Jefferson County Fire Rescue extracted his body from the vehicle.

Thomas W. Clifton was seriously injured and transported to Archbold Memorial Hospital for treatment.

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ECB Publishing photos by Fran Hunt, September 8, 2011

(Inset) This is the driver's side of the E350 van cab where Tommy C. Clifton was sitting and killed when his vehicle left the road and struck a tree early Thursday morning. His son, Thomas W. Clifton, was seriously injured in the crash.

City Awarded \$6.2 Million For A New Treatment Plant

LAZARO ALEMAN
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City Clerk Emily Anderson this week was guilty of burying her lead, in terms of newspaper writing. Anderson happened to casually mention near the conclusion of the Monticello City Council meeting on Tuesday evening, Sept. 6, that a little presentation was being planned for the near future to acknowledge receipt of the USDA loan/grant.

Did she mean the grant and loan to construct a sewer treatment plant to replace the currently failing one?

Yes, the city had received word from the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development (RD) section, that it had been awarded \$6.2 million for the project, Anderson said. It was

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Commission To Set Priorities For Next Legislative Session

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The Jefferson County Commission received word last week that it's time to draw up the list of priority projects that the local lobbying group will pursue in the coming legislative session, scheduled to begin Jan. 10 because of the redistricting issue.

Dick Bailer, secretary of the Jefferson Legislative Committee, presented the request to the Jefferson County Commission on Thursday morning, Sept. 1. He said the prospects for funding weren't good, given the state's economic uncertainties. Still, the committee continued to operate under the premise that, if one didn't ask, one didn't receive, he said.

Bailer provided commissioners with a list of the previous year's priorities, several of which represented recurring needs, others of which went unfunded last year, and yet others for which the

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CITY ADOPTS TAX RELIEF FOR LOW-INCOME SENIORS

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The Monticello City Council on Tuesday evening, Sept. 6, adopted two ordinances that respectively give low-income senior homeowners a tax break on their property taxes and gives up the city's right to regulate firearms within its jurisdiction, in keeping with state law.

Ordinance 2011-03 grants low-

income senior citizens who own property in the city an additional homestead tax exemption of \$15,000, provided the applicant owns and resides in the home, is 65 years of age or older, and whose annual income does not exceed an amount that is calculated annually based on the Consumer Price Index. In 2010, for example, the amount was \$26,203.

The low-income senior

exemption, as the measure is commonly called, is in addition to the typical exemptions for homestead, blindness and widowhood. Jefferson County adopted a similar ordinance earlier in the year.

Exemptions can range from \$5,000 to \$50,000, but both the city and county chose to start at \$15,000 and see how the reduced revenues impacted their respec-

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Demolition Of Grants Office Building A Definite, Maybe



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After much debate on Thursday morning, Sept. 1, the Jefferson County Commission decided again to proceed with demolition of the former Grants Office building on U.S. 19 South.

The decision came amidst conflicting assessments from experts as to the building's viability and structural integrity and what it would take to renovate it.

County Coordinator Roy

Schleicher offered that it was the recommendation of the experts he had had evaluate the building that it would require "destructive testing" to truly evaluate the building's worth. Meaning that it would require removing boards and other materials to determine what was behind the walls and in the floor.

Schleicher asked the commission to take one of two actions: approve an in-depth evaluation of the building by

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MAN CHARGED WITH BURGLARIZING WAG THE DOG



Darryl D. Russell

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A county man was arrested last week and charged with the burglary of the Wag The Dog, which is run solely by volunteers who sell the donations made by residents to benefit the animals at the Jefferson County Humane Society shelter.

The Monticello Police Department reported that at 11:50 p.m., September 1, Officer Joshua Bullock was dispatched to an East Florida Street residence in reference to a suspicious person outside of the residence. The complainant described the suspect to be a black male wearing a white T-shirt and black pants standing outside her window, looking in at

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TALLAHASSEE MAN CHARGED WITH TRAFFICKING OXYCODONE

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A Tallahassee man was busted last week by Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Deputy Kevin Tharpe and K-9 Frodo and charged with trafficking Oxycodone.

Deputy Tharpe

reported that on September 2 he stopped a 1991 Volvo for speeding and he identified the driver as Anthony Robert Rogers, 33, of Tallahassee, FL. He informed Rogers why he stopped him and told him he was going to issue him a warning for

the violation.

While writing the warning citation, he engaged Rogers in conversation about his travel plans and he said that he and his friends had left Tallahassee earlier in the evening to go to Lake City, FL, to eat steak. The deputy asked

him where he ate steak and he replied, "At the steak house."

Deputy Tharpe then spoke with and identified the passengers and asked them where they were coming from and one said they were com-

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Anthony Robert Rogers

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Local Weather

Fri 9/9	87/64	Sat 9/10	89/65	Sun 9/11	89/67	Mon 9/12	89/67	Tue 9/13	89/66
Mostly sunny skies. High 87F. Winds light and variable.		Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 60s.		Cloudy with showers and thunderstorms.		Cloudy with showers and thunderstorms.		A few thunderstorms possible.	

Viewpoints & Opinions

United Way kicked off its fundraising year on September 1 with hundreds of attendees participating in a life-size Monopoly Game, which had some surprises and good times for all; making this the biggest and most spectacular kickoff ever attempted. There was a lot of enthusiasm, positivity and education happening all at the same time. This kickoff and campaign comes at a time when so many people need the community's help more than ever before. The campaign committees are aiming to meet that challenge...

together. If you have any questions, contact Roger Luke, vice-president of communications, at 850-414-0862 or 850-294-6755. Bill Colledge, campaign chairman, wishes to thank all for what you do to LIVE UNITED!

Local resident Robert Fountain is trying to locate Nelda Anderson, a friend from times past. Can you help him? If so, he can be contacted at 850-519-3946.

C.P. Miller, III invites the community to the 'First Free Gospel Explosion' to be held this Saturday, September 10 at the Jefferson County High School, in the auditorium, on South Water Street. The doors will open at 3 p.m. and the excitement will begin at 4

Deb's Notes

Drop A Note To

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p.m. Elder Donnie Graham, Jr will host this event; featuring Tony Vick and The Angels Of Joy, Minister FEBE and The Chosen Ones, The Chosen Disciples, The Thessalonians, The Cloud Singers, New Direction, New Season, Unity Choir and Minister Karen Washington and The New Shining Stars. This is a freewill event and donations are welcome. For more information contact Miller at 850-251-2194.

Jane Hand found a large sum of money recently at a local gas station and is anxious to return it to its rightful owner. If you are the person who lost this money, call her at 850-997-3392.

Do you have any information about the old schoolhouse in the

Limestone Community, or a picture? If you would please contact me at the News office, 850-997-3568.

Envision Credit Union is offering free academic calendars and other useful tokens to schoolteachers, school employees and educators. This planner presents 'Recipes for Success'... financial and personal recipes. To get one mailed to you, contact Leslie Smith at 850-942-9000x1056 or go to lsmith@envisioncu.com

Jerry Sutphin tells me that he's back to working since receiving his new heart. He's been feeling much better. Besides his pecan farming, he's been working with his transport service venture. He's a US DOT licensed and

insured transporter; equipped and qualified to transport most types of vehicles including cars, trailers, golf carts and the like. He's an experienced OTR driver of 12-years and is safety conscious over one million accident-free miles as the operator of an 18-wheeler. And, did you know... he's a retired law enforcement officer and was a Jefferson County commissioner!

Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce members will hold their annual dinner at the Monticello Opera House on Tuesday evening, September 13. Guest speaker will be Jerry Osteryoung. Besides the steak dinner and cash bar there will be awards given, plenty of networking and a fabulous evening of celebrating and honoring the hard working members. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. with cocktails. Reservations need to be made by Friday, September 9 to Chamber Director Melanie Mays at 850-997-5552. Tobacco Free Jefferson Partnership will sponsor this event.

Happy Birthday to Diane Freeman, Maddie Powell, Parker Powell and Hadley Revell! The very best wishes to you all.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 9
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.

SEPTEMBER 10
St. Margaret Catholic Church will host an 'indoors' Rummage Sale on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. The church is located at 1565 East Washington. Proceeds will benefit the 'Open Door Women's Clinic' for unborn babies and pregnant women. For more information contact the church at 850-973-2428; Fr. Viet Tan Huynh, pastor.

SEPTEMBER 11
Sweetfield Missionary Baptist Church will host its second annual Scholarship Awards Program on Sunday at 11 a.m. Guest speaker will be Evangelist Patricia Dixon Smith of Tampa, FL. For further information, contact Derry Williams at 850-644-7998.

SEPTEMBER 11
New Bethel AME Church will hold its Church Conference for this year on Sunday following the 11 a.m. Morning Worship Service. Rev. Jimmie F. Dickey, pastor, asks that all members attend.

SEPTEMBER 18
Casa Bianca Missionary Baptist Church Usher Ministry will celebrate its annual anniversary on Sunday at 3 p.m. The speaker for this occasion is Rev. Timbre Denmark, accompanied by the Beth Page Missionary Baptist Church family. Everyone is invited to come out and lift the name of Jesus.

SEPTEMBER 23, 24
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.

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

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Tocarra Nicole Campbell, 28, of Jefferson County, was arrested September 2 and charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon. Bond was set at \$25,000 and she remained at the County Jail September

8. Barry Wyche, 51, of Monticello, was arrested September 2 and charged with two counts of violation of probation on the charge of grand theft. Bond was withheld and he remained at the County Jail September 8.

Anthony Robert Rogers, 33, of

Tallahassee, FL, was arrested September 2 and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and trafficking illegal Schedule II drugs. A total bond of \$5,250 was set and he bonded out of jail the following day.

Darryl D. Russell, 43, of Jefferson County, was arrested September

2 and charged with resisting arrest without violence; petit theft and burglary of a structure. A total bond of \$11,000 was set and he remained at the County Jail September 8.

Pedro Pablo Murrill Funes, 31, of Jefferson County, was arrested September 2 and charged with driving under the influence and no valid driver's license. A total bond of \$1,000 was set and he bonded out of jail the same day.

Michelle Denise Zungia, 43, of Jefferson County, was arrested September 2 and charged with allowing an unauthorized driver operate her vehicle. Bond was set at \$250 and she bonded out of jail the same day.

Christopher S. Hall, 19, of Tamarac, FL, was arrested September 2 and charged with possession of paraphernalia. Bond was set at \$500 and he bonded out of

jail the same day.

Annie Eva Lagreco, 29, of Jefferson County, was arrested September 3 and charged with battery (simple). Bond was set at \$1,000 and she bonded out of jail the same day.

Synthia Ann Odoms, 29, of Jacksonville, FL, was arrested September 3 and charged with failure to redeliver leased property on an outstanding Duval County warrant for her arrest. Bond was set at \$10,003 and she bonded out of jail the same day.

Terry Lovon Giddens, 42, of Tallahassee, FL, was arrested September 3 and charged with driving while license suspended or revoked, knowingly. Bond was set at \$500 and he bonded out of jail the following day.

Alvin Jerome Keys, 45, of Jefferson County, was arrested September

3 and charged with violation of probation on the charge of trespassing after warning; violation of probation on the charge of improper exhibition of a firearm; and driving under the influence. A total bond of \$650 was set and he remained at the County Jail September 8.

Clint Eastwood Morris, 22, of Monticello, was arrested September 4 and charged with violation of probation on the charge of aggravated battery on a pregnant victim; and violation of probation on the charge of tampering with a victim or witness.

Earl Newbon, 54, of Monticello, was arrested September 6 and charged with violation of probation on the charge of felony fleeing or attempting to elude law enforcement. Bond was withheld and he remained at the County Jail September 8.

MAN BREAKS INTO EX-GIRLFRIEND'S HOME CHARGED

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A county man who broke into his ex-girlfriend's home was arrested and charged with burglary.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office reported that on August 20 at 8:29 p.m., Deputy Paul Peebles was dispatched to the East Clark Avenue Apartments in reference to a fight that had already occurred.

Upon arrival he made contact with the complainant who stated that she was involved in a fight with another female and when she came back to her apartment just before the fight occurred, she found her ex-boyfriend, Lornell Brantley Jr., 38, of Monticello, standing inside of her kitchen. She then said she saw the doorknob lying on the floor and told him to get out of her house.

The deputy then spoke with the complainant's sister, who stated that she came into her sister's house with

her and she saw Brantley standing in the kitchen and saw that he had broken into the house.

After speaking with the two women, Deputy Peebles saw the back door was missing the doorknob and it was lying on the floor. He went outside and observed that the doorknob had been dismantled and the door had been forced open.

While Deputy Peebles was taking statements about the incident from the two women, Brantley walked up behind the apartment and started yelling, "It was me, take me to jail."

The deputy asked Brantley what he meant and he said he broke into the apartment. The deputy asked why he broke into the apartment and he said that someone told him that his ex-girlfriend was inside with a guy and he (Brantley) was going to beat him up.

Deputy Peebles asked Brantley if he understood that he had

broken the law and he said that he did understand and he did not care that he would go to jail because, "It was no big thing."

Brantley was arrested, transported to the County Jail and charged with burglary of a structure and criminal mischief. Bond was set at \$15,000 and he remained at the County Jail September 7.

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Crash

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of his injuries.

Whether the crash was alcohol-related or not is pending. Both occupants of the vehicle were wearing seatbelts.

Assisting FHP on the scene were Jefferson County Fire Rescue, Ashville Area Volunteer Fire Department volunteers, and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office.

Burglarizing

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her.

Officer Bullock located a black male wearing similar clothing on North Railroad Street. Sgt. Richard Colson and Officer Bullock field interviewed the individual, identified as Darryl D. Russell, 43, of Jefferson County. Russell denied being at the residence. He was then released and was instructed to leave that area because of the reported incident.

At 2:45 a.m., September 2, Officer Bullock was patrolling west on Pearl Street when he observed Russell walking east on Pearl Street. As Officer Bullock's patrol vehicle came into view, Russell began to run.

The officer followed Russell into the parking lot of the Stokley Pecan House between Dogwood Street and Pearl Street. Upon exiting his vehicle, Officer Bullock ordered Russell to stop. Russell continued to run and Officer Bullock warned that he would taser Russell if he did not stop.

Russell then dropped a plastic box with money inside and then complied by lying on the pavement. The officer searched Russell's person and found a large amount of change and what appeared to be a mango fruit. Russell was arrested on the charge of resisting arrest without violence.

Russell was read his Miranda rights and the officer asked him where he got the box of money. He replied that he got it from Wag The Dog. Officer Bullock asked where he got the change from and Russell said he got it from Wag The Dog also.

Lt. Mack Norton and Officer Bullock then interviewed Russell at the County Jail. Russell admitted to being at the Florida Street residence, breaking into the Farmer's Market and the burglary at the Wag The Dog.

Russell was charged with resisting arrest without violence; petit theft and burglary of a structure. A total bond of \$11,000 was set and he remained at the County Jail September 8.

Commission

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funding was reduced.

Among the listed priorities were continuation of the funding for fiscally constrained counties, the reimbursement of lost revenues caused by Amendments 1 and 4 (the property tax reform and conservation easement

measures respectively), and the restoration of several road-assistance programs that specifically benefit small counties.

The commission indicated it would set its new list of priorities at its next meeting, scheduled for Thursday

evening, Sept. 15.

The board also reaffirmed Commissioner Danny Monroe as its representative on the legislative committee.

Composed of local elected officials from the city, county and the school districts, as well

as representatives of community organizations, citizens and a few former lawmakers and professional lobbyists, the group actively lobbies the Legislature on behalf of the county during the legislative sessions.

Low Income Seniors

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tive budgets, before deciding whether to raise the amount of the exemption in subsequent years.

In earlier presentations to the council that led to adoption of the exemption, Property Appraiser Angela Gray, who got the ball rolling on the issue, shared figures showing that the annual tax savings to city residents who quali-

fied for the exemption could range from \$30.50 to \$152.50 or higher; depending whether the exemption was \$5,000, \$25,000 or higher.

As for the potential annual tax revenues losses to the city, Gray said they could range from \$2,745 to \$13,724 or higher, again depending on the amount of the exemption.

Ordinance 2011-04 essentially entailed a housekeeping chore to keep the city current and compliant with state law.

The ordinance amends a previous ordinance that made it unlawful for persons to discharge air guns or slingshots within the city. Meaning that the city no longer has authority to regulate these activities.

The amendment is in keeping with legislation passed by lawmakers in the 2011 session that gives the state preemption over all local ordinances pertaining to the regulation of firearms and ammunition and prescribes penalties for local governments, elected officials and employees who violate the state preemption.

Treatment Plant

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such an extended process and the funding more or less a given that she hadn't really given the actual award much importance, she suggested.

Indeed. The USDA letter informing local officials that the city had been approved for a \$4,715,000 low-interest loan and a \$1,540,800 grant arrived July 22. But in fact, the council on June 23 had authorized a resolution that set the stage for award of the \$6,255,800 from RD.

As RD area specialist Mary Gavin explained it to the council at that time, adoption of the resolution constituted an obligation that did not incur immediate costs. Rather, the costs would come later, when the city closed on the loan, a step likely to take place a

year or more in the future.

The 40-year loan carries an interest rate of 3.3750 percent, with the first payment due on the Sept. 1 after the loan closing, and with subsequent payments due each Sept. 1 thereafter. The city's payments on the \$4.7 million loan are calculated to be \$222,030 annually.

A breakdown of the project's estimated costs shows \$4,950,000 going for the development of the treatment plant; \$20,000 for the fiscal agent; \$54,000 for legal fees; \$163,000 for interest; \$573,800 for engineering services; and \$495,000 for contingencies.

Part of the funding conditions require that, prior to the start of construction on the plant or the closing of the loan, the city must provide evi-

dence or certification that the sewer system is serving 1,075 residential and 218 commercial users.

Also as part of the RD loan requirements, the city must establish and fund a debt service reserve fund equal to 10 percent of the annual payment, or \$22,203 annually.

The city must maintain this reserve fund over the life of the loan, or until the equivalent of one annual installment has been reserved. This reserve is required to establish an emergency fund for emergency maintenance and repairs and debt repayment should the need arise.

Additionally, the city must deposit \$7,000 per year in an asset management reserve for short-lived assets.

The reason the existing plant is failing is because it was constructed defectively, according to engineers. Apparently, the builder failed to put in the necessary steel reinforcements in the structure's walls and no one at the time noticed the failure, with the result that the walls are now bowing and in danger of collapsing.

Trafficking

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ing from Orlando, FL. He said after spending the day there they traveled back and visited with family in Apopka, FL. He again asked if they had gone anywhere else and they said, "No."

After speaking to the vehicle occupants, Deputy Tharpe again asked Rogers where he had been and what he had done and he again gave the same answer. The deputy then asked him about anything illegal in the vehicle and he denied there being anything. He said he takes Oxycodone for his back but was none in there, only some empty pill bottles in the driver's side pocket.

Deputy told Rogers due to the inconsistencies in his and other passengers stories he was going to conduct a free air sniff of the exterior of the vehicle with his K-9. He then explained to the passengers in the vehicle what was going to happen. Utilizing K-9 Frodo Deputy Tharpe conducted

the sniff with the K-9 alerting on the rear side passenger door of the vehicle. The deputy had the occupants exit the vehicle.

Deputy Tharpe located two empty pill bottles with a white powdery residue located where Roger s said they would be.

He located behind the front passenger seat, in the pocket, a blue cloth Crown Royal bag, inside of the bag was two hypodermic needles and two spoons with burn marks on the bottom of them. Also inside of the bag was a single light blue in color pill with a "M" on one side and a 30 on the other side. The deputy noted that through training and experience he knew the pill to be Oxycodone 30 mg and the other items are used to "Freebase" the Oxycodone.

A further search of the vehicle and Deputy Tharpe found two small plastic bags underneath the back seat on the same side that K-

9 Frodo alerted on, with the same type of pills inside of them. The total weight of the pills was 27.1 grams.

The deputy then asked the occupants about the items and Rogers admitted, post Miranda, to all of the items being his. He said he had an addiction problem and the pills are for personal use. Deputy Tharpe noted that during the search of the vehicle he found Rogers phone and he had numerous text messages from a subject wanting to know when he was returning for another load.

Rogers was transported to the County Jail by Deputy Toby Ward and the car was turned over to one of the vehicle's occupants at Rogers' request.

Rogers was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and trafficking illegal Schedule II drugs (Oxycodone). A total bond of \$5,250 was set and he bonded out of jail the following day.



Central Church of Christ
US 19 South at Cooper's Pond Road
997-1166
Carl Desmartin, Minister
Sunday:
10 AM Bible School
11 AM Worship Hour
Wednesday:
7 PM Bible Study

Job 2:3-5
And the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil? He still holds fast his integrity, although you incited me against him to destroy him without reason."
(4) Then Satan answered the LORD and said, "Skin for skin! All that a man has he will give for his life. (5) But stretch out your hand and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face."

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

GATEWAY CINEMA 7

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229-226-6060**

**MOVIE TIMES
ARE GOOD THRU
Dates of
September 9 - September 15**

Shark Night (PG13)
Friday-4:20*7:20*9:55
Saturday-1:35*4:20*7:20*9:55
Sunday-1:35*4:20*7:20
Mon-Thurs-4:20*7:20
NO PASSES

Smurfs (PG)
Friday-4:10
Saturday-1:10*4:10
Sunday-1:10*4:10
Mon-Tues-7:15

Contagion (PG13)
Friday-4:05*7:10*9:30
Saturday-1:15*4:05*7:10*9:30
Sunday-1:15*4:05*7:10
Wed-Thurs-7:10
NO PASSES

Rise Of Planet Of The Apes (PG13)
Friday-7:15*9:45
Saturday-7:15*9:45
Sunday-7:15
Wed-Thurs-7:15

Spy Kids (PG)
Friday-7:05
Saturday-1:05*7:05
Sunday-1:05*7:05
Mon-Tues-7:05

Apollo 18 (R)
Friday-4:15*9:15
Saturday-4:15*9:15
Sunday-4:15
Wed-Thurs-7:05
NO PASSES

Creature (R)
Friday-4:25*7:25*9:40
Saturday-1:30*4:25*7:25*9:40
Sunday-1:30*4:25*7:25
Mon-Thurs-4:05*7:25
NO PASSES

The Help (PG13)
Friday-4:30*8:00
Saturday-1:00*4:30*8:00
Sunday-1:00*4:30*8:00
Mon-Thurs-8:00

Columbiana (PG13)
Friday-4:00*7:00*9:35
Saturday-1:25*4:00*7:00*9:35
Sunday-1:25*4:00*7:00
Mon-Thurs-7:00

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ALL TRI-COUNTY ELECTRIC MEMBERS ARE INVITED

WHAT: Tri-County Electric Cooperative's 71st Annual Meeting
WHEN: Saturday, September 17, 2011
WHERE: Van H. Priest Auditorium, North Florida Community College, Madison, Florida
TIME: Registration 9:00 a. m.; business meeting 10:00 a.m.

ENTERTAINMENT: Georgians, Valdosta, Georgia

GUEST SPEAKER: Carey Knowles, Southern Humorist & Storyteller, McRae, GA

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Remember 9/11/01 Celebrate America

DEBBIE SNAPP
 ECB Publishing
 Staff Writer

On this 10th Anniversary of September 11, 2001 plan to spend an hour with others in the community remembering that tragic day just ten years ago. Let's honor those who lost their lives, and recognize those who unselfishly gave their lives helping others.

This Sunday, September 11, 2011, come 'Celebrate America' from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Family Ministry Center at the First United Methodist Church. This gathering is not a religious or church affiliated event. It is organized by a small group of caring and concerned local individuals who love America and respect the freedoms we enjoy.

The program will begin with a Welcome from Rev. Ron Cichon; Invocation by Rev. Wayne Cook; the Reading of Proclamation by County Commissioner Stephen Fulford; Posting of Colors by the Color Guards of ROTC, First Responders, VFW and American Legion; and the Salute to the American Flag.

There will be Patriotic Singing; the reading of Monday/Tuesday by Diane and Clyde Simpson; and Guy Hood will offer 'I Was There,' his personal experience on that dreadful day.

Chaplin Len Dodson UNS (ret) will say a Prayer for the Nation; 'Let There Be Peace On Earth' will be sung in unison by all in attendance; local bagpipe performers will play during the Retirement of the Colors and ending with Taps.

We should remember 9/11/01. The national boundaries are not as clear as those of World War II. It is now ten years since the attack on the Twin Towers in New York City, the attack on the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. and the ill-fated plane bound for either the Capitol or the White House that was wrest from the hands of the hijackers and taken control by the passengers (all on board perished when the plane crashed in Pennsylvania.) We dare not forget those who did not have a choice to escape this attack. First responders, police, firemen, EMT's and ordinary citizens were responding to these targets on that day. Defying the odds, they heroically rushed to the scenes of carnage and tried to save as many lives as possible. We must not forget! We must remember these brave men and women who distinguished themselves in their selfless efforts." L. Dodson

An American flag should be displayed outside every home, apartment, office and store in the United States on this day. Every individual should make it their duty to display an American flag on this 10th Anniversary of one of our country's worst tragedies. We do this to honor those who lost their lives, their families and their friends on September 11, 2001. Keep in prayer those loved ones who continue to endure the pain, and those who today are fighting at home and abroad to preserve our cherished freedoms.

In the days, weeks and months following 9/11, our country was bathed in American flags as citizens mourned the incredible losses and stood shoulder-to-shoulder against terrorism. Sadly, those flags have all but disappeared. Our patriotism pulled us through some tough times and it shouldn't take another attack to galvanize us in solidarity. Our American flag is the fabric of our country and together we can prevail over terrorism of all kinds. God Bless You and God Bless America.

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PFC ANTONIO RAYNARD BELLAMY

FRAN HUNT
 ECB Publishing
 Staff Writer

Private First Class (PFC) Antonio Raynard Bellamy, 21, a 2008 Jefferson County Middle High School graduate of 2008, enlisted in the US Army in 2008 and has been serving his country since.

Since his military career, he has served one year in South Korea; one year in Texas; and he is currently serving in Afghanistan.

He is the son of Betty Jean Murray-Harris and stepson of Nathaniel Nicky Harris. His father is the late Edward Charles Bellamy.

He is the grandson of Rosa and Lewis Anderson, Flavous Murray and Loretha and LC Young.

He is the brother of Andria Bellamy, Edward Charles



Bellamy, Jr. and Kenneth Robinson.

May God keep him and all those that serve in the US Army, covered under the blood of Jesus Christ.

Sunday Of Silence At OHEC

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There is a Sunday of Silence held from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. every second Sunday of each month at One Heart Earth Center. It's a non-denominational time of stillness and reflection. The next day will be September 11. Consider spending this special day in silent remembrance. A meditation room, sunporch, gardens and Labyrinth await you.

Come before church, after church, spend a little time, or a day. Reservations would be nice, as to know just how much

food to prepare. A vegetarian lunch is offered at noon; served and eaten in silence.

Gentle Hatha Yoga will begin at 10 a.m. with instructor Joy Moore. Mats are provided. *Be still, and know that I am God: Psalm 46:10*

OHEC is located at 450 West Madison Street in downtown Monticello and is a non-profit 501c3 public charity. Donations appreciated and are tax deductible. For more information contact Sallie Worley at oneheartearthcenter@embarqmail.com or 850-997-7373

Remember 9-11-01



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Jefferson County
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STATEMENT BY SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY JANET NAPOLITANO

"As we approach the tenth anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, the safety and security of the American public remains our highest priority. While threats remain, our nation is stronger than it was on 9/11, more prepared to confront evolving threats and more resilient than ever before.

While there is no specific or credible intelligence that al-Qa'ida or its affiliates are plotting attacks in the United States to coincide with the ten year anniversary of 9/11, we remain at a heightened state of vigilance and security measures are in place to detect and prevent plots against the United States should they emerge.

Homeland security is a shared responsibility, and everyone plays an important role in helping to keep our communities safe and secure. We remind our federal, state, local partners, and the public to remain vigilant and to report any suspicious activity to local law enforcement authorities."

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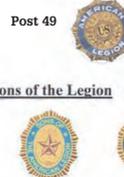


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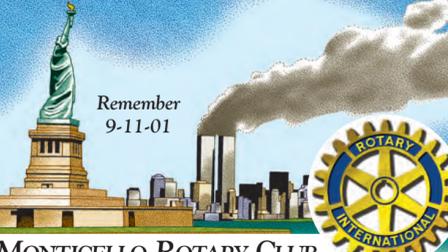
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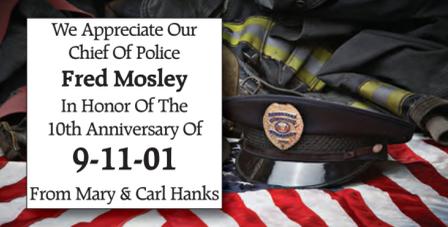
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We pray God's riches blessings upon each of you.

It's Time To Say Thanks

SEPTEMBER 9 - 25

The Sound of Music opens at the Opera House on Friday and will run Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons through the month. Pre-show dinner or lunch is available for all performances by advance reservation. Show only tickets are also available. For ticket sales or information visit www.MonticelloOperaHouse.org or call 850-997-4242. The Monticello Acting & Dance Co., under the direction of M&M Productions presents this musical. Don't miss this celebration of the 46th anniversary of the release of the movie that so many of us fell in love with growing up. It's based on the real life story of Maria Von Trapp, with comedy, sadness, love and the joy of music. The menu includes Pork Loin Weiner Schnitzel and Apple Strudel, all

catered by Carrie Ann & Co. Why not think about a VIP Overnight Travel Package and stay in a historic Bed & Breakfast? Call or email for details and reservations. Friday and Saturday doors open at 6:30 p.m. for the 7:00 dinner. For the show only door opens at 7:30 p.m. for the show at 8:00 p.m. Sunday the doors open at 12:30 p.m. for lunch served at 1:00 p.m. Show only door opens at 1:30 p.m. for the 2:00 p.m. matinee.

SEPTEMBER 10

Jefferson Arts will host a reception from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday in the Gallery, located at 575 West Washington Street, in downtown Monticello. The Swamp Buddha Sumi-e exhibit may be viewed through September 28. The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays, or by appointment. Call 850-997-3311 for more information. There is no charge and the gift shop will be open.

SEPTEMBER 10

Monticello Red Hat Scarlett O'Hatters will meet at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday at the Chamber parking area to carpool to the Tomato Cafe' in Havana, FL for lunch and a program. Come with your red hat decked for the 'football' season. Contact Dorris Uptain at 850-997-7774 so that she'll know you're attending.

SEPTEMBER 11

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SEPTEMBER 11

Remember 9-11-01 Celebrate America at 6 p.m. on Sunday at the First United Methodist Church, in the fellowship hall. Come together with others, as the community recognizes the 10th Anniversary of that tragic day in American history. This is a community event and has no religious affiliation.

SEPTEMBER 11

Camellia Garden Circle meets on the second Sunday at 2 p.m. Participants are asked to bring goodies to share. For more information contact Chairman Jane

Davis at jkdeercrossing@aol.com Each local circle is expected to provide small items (under \$10) for the Ways and Means table at the October 6 Fall Regional Garden Club Meeting. So, look through those drawers and jewelry boxes for a few nice things to sell and bring the items to this meeting. The items will be priced during the meeting. Participants will also be creating additional items to sell at this time.

SEPTEMBER 12

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

SEPTEMBER 12

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.

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

Jefferson Elementary School SAC and PTSO meetings for parents and community leaders will be held on Tuesday at 5 p.m. for SAC and 6:30 p.m. for PTSO, in the Media Center. Your attendance and support can make a difference during this school year. For more information contact Edna Henry at 850-342-0115.

PEDDLER'S MARKETPLACE WINNER



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Lynette Norris is the July Peddler's Marketplace raffle ticket winner. Her prize is a \$25 gift certificate to shop at The Peddler's Marketplace. To find out just what the shop has behind its doors, contact Margie Stern at mstern3409@aol.com

Obituaries

MARGARET RUDAKIEWICH

(1926 - 2011)

Margaret M. Rudakiewich, age 84, passed away on Sunday, August 28, 2011. A memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Monticello, FL.

She relocated from Cincinnati, OH in 1958 to St. Petersburg, FL and until recently she moved to Jefferson County, FL to be closer to her family. She retired after 20 years with Maas Brothers.

She is survived by her daughters Donna J. Wiehaus, Patricia A. Springer (Chuck) and Dianne L. Gallagher (Dave); five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband Erwin H. Wiehaus and her second husband Gregory Rudakiewich.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Boulevard, Tallahassee, 32308.

IRMA FARMER

Irma Fay Shield Farmer, age 85, passed away on Monday, September 5, 2011 in Tallahassee, FL. Family will receive friends from 3 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, September 10, 2011 at Beggs Funeral Home, 485 East Dogwood Street in Monticello, FL, 850-997-5612, beggsapalachee@embarqmail.com

A burial and family gathering will be held in Collinwood, TN at the McGlamery Cemetery in Wayne County.

She was a native of Graham Young County, TX, and lived in the states of Alaska and California before moving to Monticello and then to Tallahassee, in 2007. She retired in 1989 as a statistician for the Bureau of Research, Department of Labor in Tallahassee. She was a member of the Jefferson County Historical Society, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Daughters of the American Revolution, Jefferson County Keystone Genealogical Society and was of the Methodist faith.

She is survived by her sons Richard 'Butch' Farmer, Jr. (Liz) of Tallahassee and Chuck Williams (Darlene) of Havana, FL; six grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.



Thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending flowers, cards, generous donations and the many acts of kindness showed to us during this difficult time. We are eternally grateful to you all.

The Plummer Family
(Clifford and Joyce)

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North Florida Workforce

Meet Two of North Florida Workforce's Standout Professionals

By Lynette Norris
ECB Publishing

So far this year, North Florida Workforce is proud to honor two of its professionals as Employees of the Quarter. The first quarter honoree (January – March 2011) Judy Hentges, and the second quarter (April – June 2011) Julie Mendheim have been named. The Employee of the Quarter for July – September won't be announced until the end of the month.

Judy Hentges began her tenure at Workforce as an Administrative Assistant in 2008. She moved into her current position as career consultant a year later, where she now works with job seekers to help them overcome barriers to employment and assist them as they move toward self-sufficiency. She is able to remain professional and encouraging with her job-seekers no matter what kind of challenges pop up along the way during the course of things. She also contributes to her Workforce team, often commending them on a job well done.

Throughout the quarter she accepted .and was successful with difficult assignments, including assisting in training a new Career Consultant and building relationships with partner agencies and jobseekers. It is for all of these reasons that she was named Employee of the Quarter.

Her supervisor is Cindy Heffernan, Program Director at Workforce. Heffernan describes her as an employee who conceptualizes good ideas and who will assist other employees and even her supervisor when she is caught up on her own assignments.

Prior to working at Workforce, she worked at Fellowship Baptist Church for Seven Years. Her family moved to Madison from Naples.

Julie Mendheim came on board in May of 2010 as OPS, and by August she had become part of the customer service team. Her supervisor, Anthony Jennings, describes her as having the ability to learn and keep learning her job as she spends time one-on-one with jobseekers, taking ownership of her job and responsibilities.

One of her responsibilities is making presentations at probation and parole boards. She redesigned a probation and parole workshop and developed a couple of other workshops for resumes, job applications and mock interviews where job seekers learn what to expect in such situations.

When working with parolees and those on probation, Mendheim's approach integrates a series of life-skills into the goal of re-entering society: how to budget money, how to plan your day, how to avoid trouble spots and old temptations, how to set and reach goals, how to dress for success, how to use proper body language. Failure is a stepping-



Photo submitted

Julie Menheim, center, received recognition for Employee of the Quarter flanked by supervisor Anthony Jennings (left) and Executive Director Sherul Rehberg (right)



Photo submitted

Employee of the Quarter Judy Hentges, center, stands between Executive Director Sheryl Rehberg (left) and Program Director Cindy Heffernan (right).

stone in her approach, because of what can be learned from it.

It is more difficult for someone with a record to gain employment, but it can be done. It has been done.

"We make a difference in their lives and the lives of their families," said Mendheim. As a former stay-at-home mom, she can identify with being unemployed. "What more can I do to help them achieve their goals? My mission is to get as many of them employed as possible."

Julie Mendheim was a 2002 graduate of Madison County High School and a former Miss Madison County in 2001. She now has two children of her own, and knows the hardships of working moms, but clearly loves her job, helping other people find their own jobs.

"A lot of people, all they want is that one chance," she says. "Some of them come in here every day."

September is Workforce Development Month

By Lynette Norris
ECB Publishing

September is different things to different people, but in Florida, September is Workforce Development Month, formally acknowledging that the lifeblood of any economy is the people who perform the work to keep things running.

In North Florida, the Workforce regional office serves six counties: Madison, Jefferson, Lafayette, Suwannee, Hamilton and Taylor.

"Basically, anything we do for one county, we do for all six counties," said Diane Head, Employer Services Director for North Florida Workforce. That includes two offices, one in Madison and one in Live Oak, as well as two mobile career labs, 75 job seeker stations and 28 certified workforce professionals on staff, ready to help people establish careers and reach self-sufficiency.

Their work has already been recognized nationally. The United States Chamber of Commerce ranked the organization at the top of its list of success stories, and CNBC has announced that it ranks the state of Florida at the top in business environment because of the workforce system it has in place.

Statewide, Governor Rick Scott has recently signed a proclamation recognizing the importance of talented and willing workers as the key component of a vibrant and healthy economy and commending Workforce of Florida for what it has achieved in the 11 years it has been in existence. Its website, *Employ Florida.com*, has become the state's powerful online



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Executive Director of North Florida Workforce Sheryl Rehberg addresses the County Commission at its Sept. 7 meeting to present the proclamation naming September Workforce Development Month.

job matching tool and labor market information place, and is available free-of-charge, 24/7 to help people seeking jobs and employers seeking talent. As the organization's recent national recognition shows, it has become and continues to be a national model for other states.

Locally, Sheryl Rehberg has been visiting every one of the six counties in the North Florida Workforce area and asking local county commissions to adopt the same proclamation as Gov. Scott, in honor of the local Workforce professionals who are helping put Florida back to work.

When it comes to getting people back into the job scene and helping those already working achieve their maximum potential, North Florida Workforce works.

What Can North Florida Workforce Do For You?

By Lynette Norris
ECB Publishing

If You're Looking For Work:

A teenager looking for that first job is familiar with this commonplace Catch-22: most employers want to hire someone who has experience, but how can anyone gain any experience, if no one will hire anybody without experience?

For young people ages 16-21 who meet certain eligibility requirements, Workforce's Youth Services are there to help, from job searching to exploring career options to offering guidance on resumes and interviewing techniques. The iWork3 Youth Employment Program is a chance for young people to get the experience they need and earn the Florida Ready to Work Credentials that will make them more employable in the future. In Madison County alone, 17 young people completed the Program in Madison, and four completed the program in Jefferson County.

Veterans can turn to the certified specialists of North Florida Workforce to receive a Priority of Service, providing tailored programs, resources and referral services for the men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces. The staff at Workforce includes both a Local Veterans Employment Representative and a Disabled Veterans Outreach Program Specialist.

For all job seekers out of work and looking for employment, or those considering a career change, Workforce offers one-on-one assistance, as well as specific workshops on

interviewing skills, resume writing and dressing for success.

For those who need job training, Workforce offers training through the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). Job seekers will have to meet certain eligibility requirements, and may be also be required to provide documentation of those requirements.

The Resource Room is also available at no cost, with computers, printers, fax machines, copiers and ADA compliant software, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Workforce advises those who use the Resource Room to dress appropriately, as if they were going to a job interview, because sometimes employers visit for recruiting purposes. Should opportunity knock, job seekers will want to be dressed to open the door.

For jobseekers in Jefferson County who might be unable to travel to Madison, the Mobile Career Lab visits Monticello every second and fourth Wednesday at the Monticello First Baptist Church, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mobile Career Lab schedules are sometimes subject to change, so call the Career Center at (850) 973-WORK to verify.

If You're Looking For Workers:

If it's hard to find good help, or just hard to find the right help, or if a company just wants to upgrade the work skills of its current employees, Workforce can help with job-matching programs, Employed Worker Training (EWT) or On-The-Job Training (OJT) programs.

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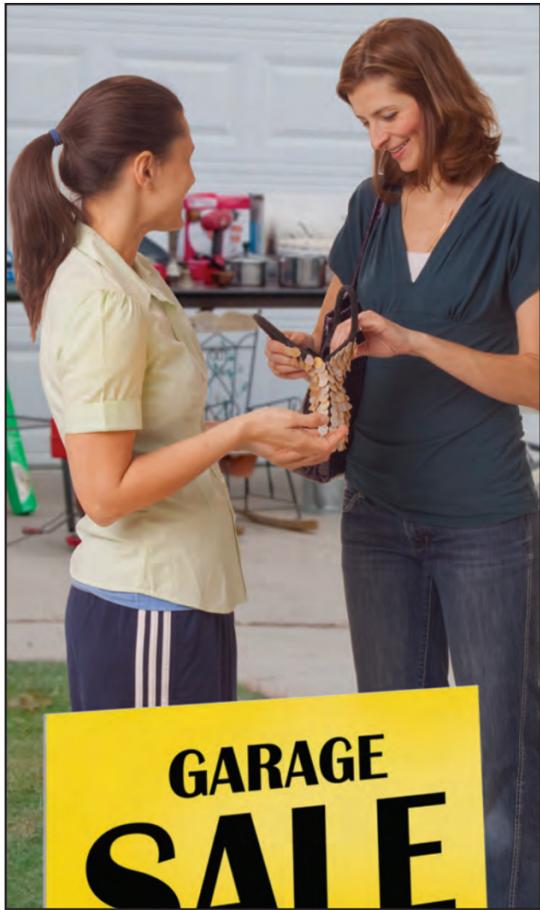
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A Region Ready to Work
145 Certified Ready to Work jobseekers throughout the region. (www.FloridaReadyToWork.com)

CHOICES: Career Decision and Education Consequences Seminar
530 Students region-wide received a drop-out prevention message from 21 business and community leaders

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Jefferson County Living



272-MILE GARAGE SALE SET FOR THIS WEEKEND

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ECB Publishing
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This is a reminder that the Flea Across Florida Yard Sale takes place this weekend, starting 8 a.m. Friday, Sept. 9, and running through 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11, at designated spots around town.

Sponsored locally by the Jefferson County/Monticello Chamber of Commerce, the three-day street bazaar is being billed as the longest yard sale in state history, stretching 272 miles from Live Oak to Pensacola.

Organized by the Live Oak Partnership and the Suwannee County Tourist Development Council — and inspired by like events across the country — the Flea Across Florida Yard Sale is intended as the first of what is planned to be an annual event and

will take place along the various communities along U.S. 90 from Live Oak to Pensacola.

In Monticello, according to Chamber of Commerce, the idea is to get as many vendors as possible to participate, whether they are professional sellers, businesses, civic and church organizations, or individuals who simply want to get rid of unwanted objects.

To sign up for a vendor space at one of the designated locations, groups or individuals should visit www.monticellojeffersonfl.com/home.cfm and click on the Flea Across Florida link for an application form or to register online. The cost of a vendor's space is \$35.

Possible locations for the event here include the Brahman Motel parking lot, the Ernest "Boots" Thomas Memorial Park, the First Baptist Church lot, the courthouse circle parking lot, and the St. Margaret Catholic Church parking lot. For more specific information, contact the chamber at 997-5552.

It is estimated that this initial event could bring between 200 and 1,000 people into the city each of the three days. Food vendors will be limited to service organizations such as the Kiwanis and Rotary clubs, as the idea is to encourage visitors to frequent the local eateries.

Expect vendors in the Flea Across Florida Yard Sale to sell everything from antiques, collectibles, old furniture and locally crafted items to the typical yard sale fare, and for the groups and individual to display "Official Yard Sale" signs.

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Jefferson County Living

Grants Available For Local Nonprofit Organizations

Jefferson County nonprofit organizations interested in doing a project that fosters an informed and engaged community now have an opportunity to receive financial assistance for such a venture.

The Community Foundation of North Florida announced this week that it is accepting applications from local nonprofit organizations for the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation Donor Advised Fund 2011 grant cycle, which has an

application deadline of 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19. The Knight Fund will invest \$124,000 before December 31 to projects that qualify.

A component of the Community Foundation, the Knight Fund was created in 2004 as a part of Knight's Communities Program, which aims to improve the quality of life in geographic areas where the Knight Brothers owned newspapers. Thus, because of the Knight-owned Tallahassee Democrat, Jefferson County is eligi-

ble for the funding, as are Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Jackson, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Taylor and Wakulla counties.

Per Knight Foundation's definition of "informed, engaged community," these are places where the greatest possible numbers of people have the opportunity to belong, care, and take action in their own true interests.

"Knight cares about local access news, and information - that's the informed part of the equation," states Debara

Jump, director of marketing and special projects for the Community Foundation of North Florida. "To Knight, community engagement means creating opportunities for ordinary residents to come together, deliberate and take action collectively to address public problems or issues that residents themselves define as important and in ways that they themselves decide are appropriate.

"Knight believes approaches that put residents at the center are

powerful ways to achieve social change, and that engaged communities are better places to live, work and play."

For more information about this funding opportunity, visit the Community Foundation's website at www.cfnf.org and click on 'nonprofits' and then 'Apply for a grant' or call Joy Watkins at 850-222-2899 ext. 104 or jwatkins@cfnf.org.

The Community Foundation of North Florida is a nonprofit

vehicle for charitable giving serving the 10-County Big Bend area by facilitating and promoting charitable giving and strengthening nonprofit organizations. The Foundation helps people give in perpetuity to their favorite charities and helps nonprofit organizations with grants, education and endowment building expertise.

MAINSTREET SPEAKER SERIES

DEBBIE SNAPP
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

The MainStreet Speaker Series will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, September 19, at the Courthouse Annex on South Water Street in Monticello. The public is invited to attend and encouraged to ask questions after the speaker's presentation.

The Speaker for this month's program

will be Ted Ensminger, director of sales for the Honey Lake Plantation Resort. Ensminger will present a slide show of this beautiful property, with a complete explanation of its amenities in a 20-25 minute talk, and a question and answer session afterwards. Get all your questions answered by the person who knows the property best!

The MainStreet Speaker Series is a

monthly program held on the third Monday. Program Manager Anne Haw Holt chooses the program presenters and topics for the informational value to the residents of Jefferson County. She can be contacted at 850-997-5110 or ahholt@ahholt.com for information on upcoming programs or if you are interested in a specific topic.

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The Week of September 2, 2011 through September 9, 2011
Major Feed Times are marked by an asterisk (*)

Friday, September 9 4:50 AM *10:55 AM 5:10 PM *11:20 PM	Saturday, September 10 5:30 AM *11:30 AM 5:45 PM	Sunday, September 11 *12:00 AM 6:20 AM *12:20 PM 6:30 PM	Monday, September 12 *12:30 AM 6:45 AM *1:00 PM 7:10 PM
Tuesday, September 13 *1:20 AM 7:30 AM *1:40 PM 7:50 PM	Wednesday, September 14 *2:00 AM 8:20 AM *2:30 PM 8:30 PM	Thursday, September 15 *2:50 AM 9:00 AM *3:10 PM 9:30 PM	Friday, September 16 *3:30 AM 9:45 AM *4:00 PM 10:20 PM

PLAN TO ATTEND THIS GREAT FALL EVENT IN SUWANNEE!

SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 1: Paddling, Nautical Swap Meet, Kid's Fishing Tournament, Yard Sale & Local Author Book Signing

You and your family are invited to attend a variety of entertaining and fun events on this September 30 - October 1 in the community of Suwannee, located at the heart of the Lower Suwannee Wildlife Refuge and the mouth of the famous Suwannee River. Anglers, boaters, paddlers, shoppers and avid readers will especially enjoy this unique celebration.

Paddling events start Friday morning with a guided trip to Odland Island, home of the original settlers in the area. Weather permitting, paddlers will continue to Cat Island, a deserted key at the mouth of the Suwannee River with white sand beaches. In the afternoon, paddle the

marked trails in the Lower Suwannee Wildlife Refuge and experience nature at its best. This 1.5-hour guided trip is perfect for beginners.

On Friday evening at 6pm the Suwannee River Chamber hosts a "down home" chicken and rice dinner with homemade desserts at the Suwannee Community Center. Liz Sparks, Recreation Planner for the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission and writer Doug Alderson ("Waters Less Travelled") will speak about the Big Bend Saltwater Paddling Trail. Doug and Liz will entertain with 'Tales from the Trail.' Laugh at their adventures and misadventures as they developed the map guide for the Big Bend Saltwater Paddling Trail in 2003. With true stories about local characters, threatening storms, and the



legendary 'black drum of Butler Island' this event will be highly entertaining. All welcome. (A \$5 donation for Suwannee River Chamber Scholarship Fund will be requested at the door.) Please email info@hiddencoast.net to reserve a seat.

On Saturday, October 1, there is a second opportunity to paddle the marked trails on the Refuge with a guide. All guided paddling trips are free (you must provide or rent your own equipment), but space is limited, so please reserve your place early for any of these trips by emailing

info@hiddencoast.net. Paddling events are part of the 2011 Hidden Coast Paddle with events in Cedar Key, Suwannee, Steinhatchee and Horseshoe Beach. For more information go online to www.hiddencoast.net.

Three more great events are planned for October 1:
Great Suwannee Nautical Swap Meet - Suwannee Marina, 10am-3pm

Buy or sell all things nautical: fishing tackle, nets, rods & reels, boats, kayaks, parts and accessories & art. Vendors: \$10.00 fee/register online, or

call 352-542-8369 to reserve your prime spot. Proceeds go to the Suwannee River Chamber Scholarship Fund. Suwannee Marina is located at 49 SE 903 Ave. (Canal Street), Suwannee.
1st Annual "Take a Kid Fishing" Tournament - 8am-3pm,

This is a wonderful opportunity to take a kid fishing. Attend the Captain's Meeting and a Calcutta Auction on Friday night at the Suwannee Community Center at 7:30pm after the Chamber dinner. \$20.00 tournament entry fee with trophies, gifts and prizes. Pre-

registration & information: Alan - 352-542-9159. Proceeds go to the Suwannee River Chamber Scholarship Fund.

Suwannee Yard & Bake Sale - Suwannee Community Center, 10am-3pm

Clean out your closets, bookshelves, tool shed, or attic — or just come and shop 'til you drop Suwannee-style! Yard sale items, bake sale, book signing by local authors, and more. \$10.00 / space. Registration & information: Cathy Edwards - 352-542-8389. Proceeds go to the Suwannee River Chamber Scholarship Fund.

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NFCC Foundation To Host Sporting Clay Shoot Oct. 1

Fundraiser to benefit student scholarships and college programs

The North Florida Community College Foundation is hosting a clay shoot fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 1 at Southwind Sporting Clays in Quitman,

Georgia. NFCC last held such an event back in 2008 and Foundation director Gina Rutherford hopes the return of the popular fundraiser will help raise plenty of money for student scholarships and provide much needed support of Foundation programs while offering a fun event to the community.

"We are excited to bring this popular fundraiser back," said Rutherford. "Participants really

enjoy the shoot. It's a day full of fun, giveaways, prizes, great food and competition."

Sign-in begins at 8 a.m. on Oct. 1. The event begins at 8:30 a.m. Participants can choose between two preferred shooting times - 8:30 a.m. or 11 a.m.

The deadline to register is Sept. 21. Four-person team entries are \$300 and individuals are \$75. Lunch is provided to all participants and awards given to the class winners.

The NFCC Foundation, Inc. is a separate, not-for-profit, IRS approved 501(c)(3) corporation chartered to acquire and receive gifts that support educational programs and help provide financially for the educational needs of NFCC students. For clay shoot registration forms or more information, contact the NFCC Foundation at (850) 973-9423 or email Foundation@nfcc.edu.

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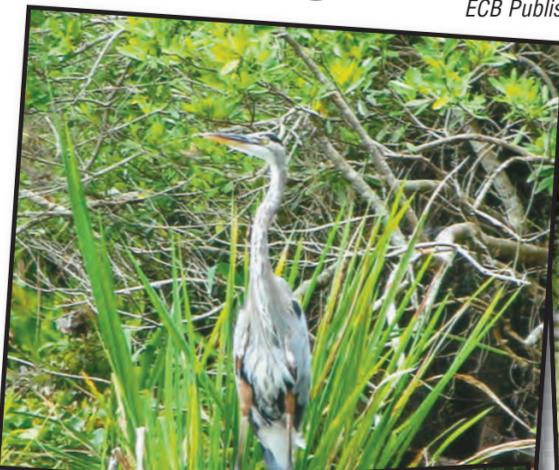
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Farm & Outdoors

Canoeing On The Wacissa River

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Organic Gardening 101 Series Continues At Green Industries Institute In Monticello NFCC Offers "Seed Starting" Short Course Sept. 17

There is a world of heirloom and hybrid vegetable varieties - Red Giant mustard greens, Champion collards, Di Ciccio broccoli - available for home gardens and North Florida Community College's Organic Gardening 101 series is just the place to learn what works best in our area. NFCC's Green Industries Institute in Monticello will hold a Seed Starting class through its monthly series Organic Gardening 101 on Saturday, Sept. 17 from 9 a.m. until noon. Like all the Organic Gardening 101 classes, the September class is only \$25 and is open for registration at www.nfcc.edu/green-industries.

Participants in this month's class will learn the benefits of starting their own transplants,

which include getting a head start on the winter season and choosing interesting hybrid and heirloom varieties sometimes not available locally. Sustainable Agriculture Programs Manager and course instructor Claire Mitchell will also demonstrate different seed starting techniques and go over troubleshooting tips for best results.

"Though some crops grow well in the fall when planted by seed, some vegetables need a head start before the shortened days and chill of winter," said Mitchell. "For these vegetables, it's best to germinate them in a protected space, and then move them outdoors when the weather and pest levels are better suited to plant health."

The Seed Starting class will

take place both indoors and out, and participants will have the opportunity to try out a seed starting method called soil blocking, which requires a special potting mix but doesn't use any plastic trays or containers. Participants will also be able to take home a few seeded soil block transplants for their garden at home.

Those interested in signing up for the September Seed Starting class or any upcoming Organic Gardening 101 short courses should email Claire Mitchell at mitchellc@nfcc.edu or call (850) 973-1702. More information, including a full list of upcoming courses, is available at www.nfcc.edu/green-industries.

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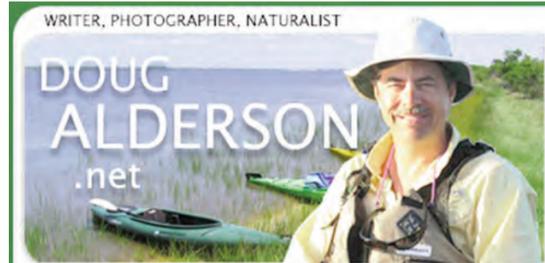
Month	Topic	Description
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September 17	Seed Starting	Don't depend on the nurseries to choose your veggies for you! Learn different techniques to grow your own starts.
October 15	Cover Cropping	Build up your soil with beneficial cover crops this winter.
November 19	Season Extension	Don't let winter keep you from growing. Learn about low tunnels and cold frames to become a four-season gardener.
December 17	Tools for the Small Farm and Harvesting Techniques	Learn which tools are best for small scale growing, and how to harvest and store your food for maximum freshness.
January 21	Warm Season Crop Planning	Get a head start on your spring garden. Grab your seed catalogs and you start planning.
February 18	Building Healthy Soil	Feed the soil, not the plant. Learn about composting and vermiculture, both are essential for healthy gardens.
March 17	Building Raised Beds with Micro-irrigation	Expand your garden with raised beds, and learn to install micro-irrigation to keep them watered.
April 21	Window Boxes and Container Gardening	Plant a garden, no matter how small. Get big results from small containers.
May 19	Organic Pest, Disease and Weed Control	Learn the signs of plant distress, and best practices for prevention and treatment.

Wild Florida Waters: A MUST READ FOR BEGINNING AND EXPERIENCED PADDLES ALIKE

Book Review by Rick Peffer

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Peffer is eco-guide and regional director for the Florida Paddling Trails Association.

Doug Alderson takes you with him as he paddles along many of Florida's treasured waterways. Experience Florida through his eyes combined with conversations and anecdotes with local residents from the Everglades, through the lakes and rivers of central Florida, down the lesser known Suwannee rapids, the swamps of Tate's Hell, his search for the Slave Canal, his five day trip down the 107 miles of the Apalachicola River and many coastal adventures.

Through Doug's personal observations and detailed descriptions and interactions with local residents along his travels, you get a real sense for not only the vast diversity of Florida's waterways but their history and significance to the areas past and present. I especially enjoyed Doug's description of the Crews family cabin on Lake Delancy where Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings penned some of the *Yearling* and *South Moon Rising*. I felt like I was sitting next to him on the back porch of the cabin overlooking the lake.

Following each adventure the reader is presented with critical information to include directions, access points, warnings and must know information for those who wish to experience paddling Florida's waters firsthand.

A must read for beginners and experienced paddlers alike.

For more information, log onto the author's website: www.dougalderson.net. *Wild Florida Waters* sells for \$14.95 and is available at Amazon and at select retailers.

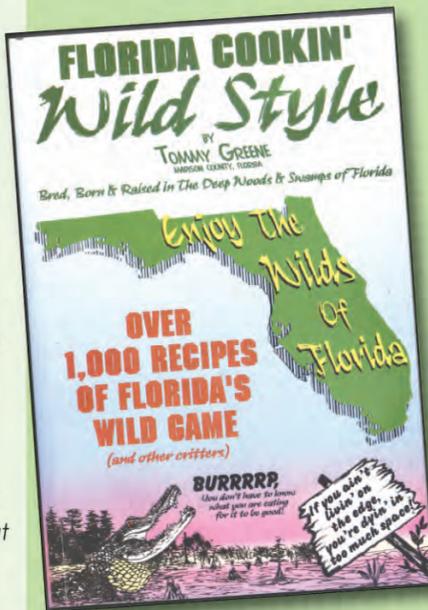
Upcoming book signing events include: The Wilderness Way at Wakulla Station on Sunday, 4-6 p.m. Sept. 11; Native Nurseries on Centerville Road in Tallahassee, 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17; and My Favorite Books at Market Square in Tallahassee 11-2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1.

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Legals

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NOTICE

The Wilderness Coast Public Libraries' (WILD) Governing Board will meet on Monday, September 12, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. at the Wakulla County Welcome Center on Coastal Highway 98 in Panacea, FL. The meeting is open to the public. For more information, please call (850) 997-7400.

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NOTICE

The following units have been seized for non-payment and will be sold at public auction under the authority of the Self-Storage Act section 83:805, Florida Statutes, on September 17, 2011, 10:00 am, at Monticello Mini Storage located at the corner of York and Railroad streets, Monticello, FL.

- Unit #58 – Tony Massey – household items
- Unit #10 – Martha Massey – household items
- Unit #13 – Jeanette Woodson – household items
- Unit #26 – Lakela Gabriel – household items

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REQUEST FOR BIDS FOR YORK STREET WATER TOWER PROJECT

The City of Monticello is seeking written, sealed proposals from licensed general contractors or licensed painting contractors with experience in painting elevated water towers for the following service:

Painting the interior and exterior of a 200,000 gallon elevated water tower 150 feet tall.

The project must be performed according to a set of specifications available from City Manager Steve Wingate at Monticello City Hall, 245 S. Mulberry Street, Monticello, Florida. A set of the last inspection report will be available with the specifications. All work, materials and processes must be in accordance with AMSI/AWWA D102-06.

The deadline for written, sealed proposals to be received at Monticello City Hall, 245 S. Mulberry St., Monticello, FL 32344 is 3:00 p.m. on September 30, 2011, at which time and place they shall be opened.

The City of Monticello reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and/or to waive any minor informalities or minor irregularities in the proposal process, in the best interest of the City.

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a contractor or structural engineer; or instruct staff to proceed with the demolition of the building to make room for possible construction of a \$272,000 building for the Solid Waste Department.

Commissioner Hines Boyd, a strong proponent of renovating the building if for storage purposes only, saw no point in hiring a costly structural engineer to assess the building. He posited that a structural engineer would no doubt find the 80-or-so-year-old building out of code compliance, a status that could well apply to a majority of the city's historic structures.

A more commonsense approach and one that most county residents would employ themselves, Boyd said, was to ask what needed to be done to make the building suitable for use.

Boyd offered the report of four certified local contractors who had examined the building and whose combined assessment was that it was savable and could be renovated for about \$15,000. Yes, the structure had some termite and water damage, but overall it was sturdy and its foundation solid, he said.

"The most compelling thing the four said was that it would cost most to demolish and haul off the building than to repair it," Boyd said.

Commission Chairman Stephen Fulford said he wasn't opposed to saving the building, provided it was inspected and shown to be mold-free.

Commissioner Betsy Barfield couldn't see why the commission was even discussing the issue, given that a previous commission had decided the building should be demolished and that the current commission had affirmed that decision at least once.

"Why do we keep beating this dead horse?" Barfield asked in exasperation. "I just don't understand it. We have one commissioner who repeatedly goes against the board's consensus and brings up the building again and again. It's really getting to be an issue."

The discussion of whether to demolish or renovate the building, and whether to renovate it for storage or as an office for the Solid Waste Department in lieu of a new building, went round and round in circular fashion, as Fulford has noted of previous discussions on this and other issues.

Boyd insisted that the building's renovation was not only doable, but that it was the fiscally responsible thing to do for the sake of the taxpayers. Others — commissioners, citizens and supporters of the Solid Waste Department — variously argued that the building's true status was knowable only by way of an in-depth evaluation; that even if it was determined to be salvageable, the building would have to undergo costly refurbishing and reconfiguration to be able to serve for offices; that no matter how much it was renovated, it would still be an old and inadequate building; and that, ultimately, the Solid Waste Department and the county merited better.

Barfield offered that what Fulford had said several months earlier about the construction of a new fire station for Fire Rescue had "struck a chord" with the board and was relevant and applicable to the current situation. That idea was that the board should focus on the future and build structures that would last and generate community pride.

Even so, momentum appeared to be building for approval of an in-

depth evaluation of the building, when that momentum suddenly and inexplicably stalled, as it often does in such discussions.

Monroe set the new direction when he decreed that the county was about to spend money again for an evaluation that followed a previous evaluation for a building that the commission had already voted to demolish. How many more evaluations and how much money was the county to expend on the building before making a final decision?

"It's an old building and when it's fixed it will still be an old building," Monroe said. "We keep spending money on a building that we decided to tear down. How long are we going to go on like this?"

Which prompted Barfield to share that insanity was repeating the same activity and expecting different results.

And off the discussion went on a new round, prompting a citizen to remark that he felt he was caught in a rerun of the movie Groundhog Day, where the protagonist is caught in a time loop.

Boyd finally conceded that the writing on the walls was fairly clear and that the commission appeared determined to demolish the building. He proposed a different idea: How about if the county put the building up for sale as it was?

"Let the market decide what it's worth?" Boyd said.

That idea went nowhere, however, and the board voted 4-1 to proceed with the demolition, which Schleicher promised would be imminent.

As of Thursday (Sept. 8), however, the building was still standing, and Boyd earlier alerted the *News* that a potential buyer was in the wings.

Stay tuned.

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School & Education

TRACEY KELLY NEW CNA/EMT

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Although commonly called a school nurse, in reality, she is not.

Tracey Kelly is the new CNA/EMT (Certified Nursing Assistant/Emergency Medical Technician) at Jefferson Elementary School. Her

official title at the school is Health Support Technician.

Kelly explained that altogether there are three health support

technicians stationed at the area county schools, who work under School Nurse Jackie Guyton, who travels back and forth between the schools.

"I work mainly at JES but when needed at one of the other schools, I travel there and step in as needed," said Kelly.

Her job responsibilities include administering first aid, screening of height, weight, hearing and vision and administering medications. Plus she does alot of record review.

"We check the students' files and if they have shots that are not up-to-date, I notify the parents, both by phone

and by letter," she said.

Kelly had worked with the Madison County Health Department for the past eight years and transferred over to JES. "I live in Lamont and working here is much closer to home than traveling back and forth to Madison," Kelly said. She went into the medical profession because she loves taking care of people and she became an EMT because she enjoys the excitement of not knowing what to expect from minute to minute and she likes helping people.



Tracey Kelly

"I love working at the school and all of the people here have been very welcoming and helpful. I have no complaints and feel right at home," she concluded.

Tracey and her husband Ritchie, have been married for 23 years this coming October.

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JOE BELLAMY NEW ACA BUS DRIVER

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Joe Bellamy, a Jefferson County native, serves at Aucilla Christian Academy as the new bus driver for the school.

He became interested in being a bus driver because he enjoys driving and working with children.

His main objective during the course of his duties is transporting the children to and from school and home safely, while maintaining a good report with the students, their families and his co-workers.

Bellamy describes himself as fun-loving, a good Christian, and an honest and giving person.

He considers his strong points to be his firmness, he's a good listener and he has a big heart.

Bellamy wishes to be remembered by the students as being patient, understanding and always truthful.

His hobbies include being a "junk" mechan-

ic, junk cars, his animal family, traveling, eating good food and having fun.

Bellamy and his wife, Jackie, have 10 children.



Joe Bellamy

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