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LEWIS RECEIVES NATIONAL HONOR INDUCTED INTO CONSERVATION HALL OF FAME

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Longtime Jefferson County resident and first lady of agriculture Dorothy Lewis has added another honor to her long list of awards and recognitions — this time a national award.

Lewis, who with her family manages a cattle and timber farm off the Drifton Road near Aucilla, recently became the first Florida woman, and the third Floridian ever, to be inducted into the National Association of Conservation's "Conservation Hall of Fame".

The recognition came at the July 31-Aug. 2 southeast regional meeting of the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) in Orange Beach, AL, which Lewis attended with her two sons, John and David, and grandson, Wilson.

The recognition, according to Darrell Johnson, is bestowed

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Jefferson County SWCD board members pose with Dorothy Lewis in recognition of her award. Pictured from left to right are Buck Bird, Albert Thomas, Lewis (holding award), Mac Finlayson and Butch Edwards.

Johnston's Seeks Annexation In Effort To Expand Services

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Hal Bennett, owner of Johnston's Meat Market on West Washington Street, last week approached the Monticello City Council with a request that the city annex the property -- a necessary step in his plan to take the 85-year-old business "to the next level".

Or better yet, return to its roots.

Economic Development Director Julie Conley, who has been assisting Bennett with the expansion plan, said the first phase of the upgrade entails getting the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to certify the facility for the processing of livestock for retail sale to the public under Johnston's or the producers' label.

Conley explained that a requirement of the certification process was that the facility had to have an onsite treatment plant or that it be connected to an existing community sewer system. Hence, the request for annexation into the city.

She said the idea had been in the works for some time and had started with a group of local ranchers and producers who began exploring the feasibility of creating a cooperative and developing a mobile processing unit with a docking station at Johnston's that would allow for retail sale of their products. She said Bennett and the group had since met with legal and accounting experts and the Small Business Development Center, which had helped Bennett prepare a business plan and develop marketing strategies.

Bennett offered that the idea was one that he had been entertaining for years, starting with the upgrade of several years ago, when he modernized the facility and increased its services. He said the plan now was to carry Johnston's another step forward, a development that had the potential to add 10 to 15 jobs or more.

"I'm stepping it up to the next level," Bennett said. "We've considered a meat plant now; I'm trying to change it to a processing facility of grass-fed livestock. With the USDA ticket, it opens us to the world."

Councilman Tom Vogelgesang alone commented. He said he supported the proposal in principle, but he wanted everyone to approach the matter with eyes opened, so that no surprises would arise. He said his only concerns involved setbacks and buffer requirements and the compatibility of the processing operation with the surrounding properties.

The council advised Bennett to submit his pro-

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Scattered thunderstorms, espe-

cially in the afternoon. High around

80s and lows in the low 60s.

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A few clouds. Highs in the upper

80s and lows in the low 60s.

Sun
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Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper

80s and lows in the low 60s.

Mon
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A few clouds. Highs in the upper

80s and lows in the mid 60s.

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Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper

80s and lows in the mid 60s.

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Editorial

MARS AND HERSHEY SHARE A STRANGE SECRET

Have you ever wondered how certain products get their names? Take M & M's, for example. What do the two M's stand for? The answer will surprise you – and you will probably remember this story every time you eat M & M's in the future, just like you've noticed the arrow in the FedEx logo ever since someone first told you about it.

Last week my mother-in-law gave me a book, titled *The Emperors of Chocolate*, which tells the story of the Mars and Hershey chocolate companies. Naturally, when my bride of six months – who is convinced that chocolate is one of the four main food groups – heard that this week's story is about chocolate, she asked if this means that we will be going to Hershey, Pennsylvania, any time soon.

But I digress. Mars was founded by Forrest Mars, Sr., in 1920, while Hershey was founded by Milton Hershey in 1894.

The two companies are bitter rivals that, together,

control 95 percent of the candy market in the United States.

There are several interesting things about the Mars and Hershey chocolate companies – and the entire chocolate industry, for that matter. For example, at Mars, they are so focused on quality that millions of M & M's are thrown out every day simply because the M's are not applied properly. Yet when

Forrest Mars, Jr. and his brother and sister were growing up in the 1940's, their father never let them eat M & M's because he said they couldn't spare any of them.

Meanwhile, Milton Hershey founded the Lancaster Caramel Company in 1890, and had turned it into the nation's largest caramel company by 1900. He was at the top

of the business world when he sold it for \$1 million that year. Before he sold it, he had already discovered the opportunity that chocolate presented him, so he founded the Hershey Chocolate Company. His chocolate company was the first one to sell its products nationwide. Within a few years, he had built an entire town that would later become known as Hershey, Pennsylvania.

Both founders – Forrest Mars, Sr., and Milton Hershey – had to get away from their fathers before they became successful.

Milton Hershey's first two companies failed after his father interfered by trying to get the son to expand too fast.

Forrest Mars, on the other hand, was kicked out of his father's chocolate company when he interfered by trying to get his father, Frank, to expand his business. Both the elder Mars and the younger Hershey had failed in their first couple of business ventures.

But one of the more interesting stories about

the Mars and Hershey chocolate companies is what the M's stand for on the M & M's candy.

The two companies are bitter rivals. The Mars Company was run by Forrest Mars, while the Hershey Company was run by Milton Hershey's good friend, William Murrie, when Mars introduced M & M's to the public back in 1940.

It would make sense if M & M stood for Mars & Mars, which is what the Mars employees claim, but the truth is that one of the M's stands for William Murrie's son, Bruce. So, in reality, the brand name of M & M stands for Murrie & Mars. Or Mars & Murrie.

Why would Forrest Mars agree to name his hot new product after the son of the president of Hershey, his biggest rival?

The two companies were once dependent upon each other. Forrest Mars, Sr., recruited Bruce Murrie to work for him, and it made sense at the time to offer to name one of the M's after Murrie.

Plus, Hershey helped Mars design some of its machines, and it was the vendor that supplied the Mars Company with its chocolate.

You're still trying to figure out where the arrow is in the FedEx logo, aren't you? I'll give you a hint: It's between the "E" and the "x."

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CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH NOTES

SEPTEMBER 16

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 17

C.H. Henry Chapter #20 Order of Eastern Star, PHA, will host a Star Point Tea at 6 p.m. on Saturday in the old Howard Middle School auditorium. A \$10 donation is requested per person. For more information, contact Althera Johnson at 850-933-2012.

SEPTEMBER 18

Ford Chapel AME Church will observe its 159th church anniversary at 3 p.m. on Sunday. Greater Elizabeth MB Church of Lloyd will be in charge of the service. The public is invited to attend and worship with the church families on this joyous occasion. For more information contact Christine Ford, chairperson, at 850-408-8369. Rev. Emma Henderson, pastor.

SEPTEMBER 19

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 18

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church on the Thompson Valley Road will host its Anniversary Program at 4 p.m. on Sunday. Speaker for this annual celebration will be Dr. Melvin Roberts with Greater Fellowship MBC. Contact Tina Roberts at 850-997-2622 for more information and directions.

SEPTEMBER 19

Greater Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church Health Ministry will host a Food and Your Good Health workshop from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Monday at 690 Cypress Street. Learn more about: Why What We Eat Matters, Making Healthy Food Choices, Reading Food Labels, Recipes, Healthy Foods that Taste Great and more. Presented by Joanne Lopinske, RN, Big Bend Rural Health Network. For more information contact Elouise Livingston at 850-342-3389 or Rev. Gloria Cox at 850-879-4425.

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.

September 24

Salvation Army will present its 7th annual fundraising event 'You're in the Army', at 7 p.m. on Saturday in the Thomasville, GA City Auditorium. The musical group 'Chuck Wagon Gang' from Pigeon Forge, TN will entertain this year. Ticket cost is \$13 in advance and \$15 at the door. For ticket information, contact Salvation Army Commander Anita Howell at 1-229-200-9328 or Event Chairman Ervin Brock at 1-229-224-0773. Or, contact the Thomasville Visitors Center, 144 East Jackson Street, at 1-229-228-7977 or toll-free at 1-866-577-3600. Center hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 24

Gospel Music Spectacular at 7 p.m. on Saturday at Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park in Madison, FL. Featuring the Dixie Echoes, LifeSong and Heaven Sound. For more information about this event, call 850-464-0114 or visit www.lifesonggospel.com

OCTOBER 6

Faith Radio will host 'A Night Of Celebration' on Thursday, as it celebrates its 14th Anniversary. Special guests will include Comedian Aaron Wilburn and Singer Daniel Crews. This event is free and will be held at the 3131 Thomasville Road Baptist Church, beginning at 7 p.m. For more information contact Brenda or Scott Beigle at 850-201-1070 or listen to Faith Radio at 90.1 FM, 104.5 FM, 105.7 FM, 1070 AM or go to www.faithradio.us

OCTOBER 7

Big Bend Hospice will host the annual Joyful Noise Dinner/Concert/Silent Auction on Friday evening; doors open at 6 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 324 West Walnut Street in Monticello. Proceeds will benefit BBH patients in Jefferson County. The ticket cost is \$25 and may be purchased at bigbendhospice.org. For more information, contact Michele Brantley at 850-566-7491 or 850-997-2827. BBH is located at 205 North Mulberry Street.

OCTOBER 8

Tri County Ministries will host a musical concert on Saturday beginning at 6 p.m. at the Jefferson County High School in the auditorium. Guests will include: Apostle J.L. Cash, Prophetess Janice Lewis and Praise along with other local groups and choirs. For more information contact Apostle Marvin Graham at 850-212-7669.

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Lewis

on "individuals who have made significant contributions to the conservation movement."

Johnson is a district conservationist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

Widely known and respected by farmers and politicians alike, "Dorothy is often in the middle of agricultural happenings throughout the region," say those who know her.

"Whether it's serving on the Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Board of Directors, volunteering as a local Farm Bureau representative, working at the local voting station, or helping at school or church functions, Dorothy is always on the scene assisting wherever her talents are needed," they say.

The Lewises moved to Jefferson in 1963, after living seven years in Washington D.C., and they

quickly became integrated into the community fabric. Today, Lewis — along with sons, John, a veterinarian; and David, a professional forester — manage the productive family farm.

Additionally, Lewis has served on the Jefferson County SWCD since 1988. She not only serves as a SWCD board member, but also volunteers as the district's secretary and treasurer. Her duties in the latter capacity include performing numerous services for the clientele of the local NRCS and the Jefferson County SWCD.

Among Lewis' many achievements and functions since joining the Jefferson County SWCD board, the following are a few: winner of the Jefferson County Farm Family of the Year Award in 1989; SWCD secretary/treasurer from 1989 to the present; presenter at the annual Ecology Field Day from 1990 to the present; administrator of the Jefferson County Water Quality

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Cost Share Project from 1992 to 1995; representative of the Jefferson County SWCD at Farm Bureau's legislative receptions from 1995 to the present; current board member of the District 1 Association of Florida Conservation Districts, for whose events she also volunteers as a cook; and current member of the Board of Directors of the Jefferson County Farm Bureau.

In the past, Lewis has held the titles of president and vice president of Area 1 and 2 of the AFCD; served on the Suwannee River Resource Conservation and Development Council from 1990 to 2011; and been a Farm Bureau board member since 1980.

"The Jefferson County SWCD Board is extremely proud of Ms. Lewis' induction," said Mac Finlayson, chairman of Jefferson County SWCD. "Her volunteerism has been a true gift to Jefferson County for many years."

Principal

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making and that were beyond his control to correct in some instances.

What limited response came from Superintendent Bill Brumfield and other administration staff was that the budget hadn't been released to principals because final adjustments had yet to be made, pending a final count of the student population (It's expected that the count will reveal about 60 fewer students than projected, which will affect the state's per-pupil funding).

It was Chief Financial Officer Marsha Willis' response that the textbooks had been ordered as soon as the request had been received. Moreover, it was the observation of School Board Member Charles Boland that, had a principal been at the school all along, the delayed ordering of textbooks would likely never have happened.

As for the technological difficulties, Technical Support Services Director Orlando Burch said that the problems were being addressed and corrected as quickly as possible, given their complexities and time and personnel constraints.

Cooper's report, if nothing else, caught Brumfield off-guard. Brumfield said Tuesday he had been unprepared for Cooper bringing up the matter before the School Board, given that he and Cooper had had a lengthy discussion on the various issues just earlier and he had promised to investigate and addressed each.

"I thought we had resolved these issues," Brumfield said. "I told him I would check into them and take care of it. I was surprised when he brought it up at the School Board meeting."

He had, in fact, since learned that certain of the allegations were inaccurate or could be explained by mitigating circumstances, Brumfield said. But he hadn't gotten a chance to relate the information before Cooper had jumped the gun, he said.

There was no doubt that former JCM/HS Principal Dr. Rodney Ryan had left the district "in a lurch", Brumfield said. But the problems were being addressed and corrected as they were being discovered, he said.

He didn't, however, appreciate Cooper going over him and taking matters to the School Board that more appropriately should be addressed and resolved at the principal and superintendent level, he said. He said he planned to have a talk with Cooper and better explain the chain of command.

"I'm tired of being embarrassed," Brumfield said.

Park Development

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she would bring the downscaled version of the plan back to the council for review.

Per the presentation that committee member and landscape architect Winston Lee made to the council on March 1, when the council approved the submittal of the grant application, the \$200,000 was to be used to construct a series of trails of different difficulties across the high and lowlands on the property.

Actually, the state funding, if awarded, would have amounted to \$120,000, with the city required to provide the remaining \$80,000 in cash or in-kind contributions.

A breakdown of the \$200,000 showed that \$100,000 would go to create a 460-foot boardwalk trail with an overlook; \$60,000 would go to create a 3,000-foot pedestrian/jogging/exercise backbone trail; and \$6,000 would go to create 1,200 feet of bicycle off-road trails.

Additionally, \$7,000 would go to create 365 feet of strenuous nature trails; \$5,000 to acquire and install directional and nature interpretive signage; \$2,000 to purchase and install a trail water fountain; and \$20,000 for the surveying and professional fees.

The trail system was designed to be handicap accessible, in keeping with American Disability Act (ADA) requirements, as well as being accessible to small, motorized vehicles in the interest of law enforcement and public safety.

Per the terms of the \$200,000 grant that the state awarded the city in 2009 for the purchase of the 28-acre wooded property off Water Street, the city has until 2012 to develop the park. The property originally was owned by the school district.

Building Activity

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issued 41 and collected \$4,031.59. The permits break down into 52 for repairs and additions, two for commercial related activity, three for mobile home installations, and one for miscellaneous activity (sheds, signs, workshops or barns, etc.).

The valuation for residential permits was zero, compared with \$574,949 in July and zero in August 2010.

The commercial valuation was \$53,653, compared with \$139,850 in July and \$85,000 in August 2010.

And the valuation for other permits (a category that includes additions, re-roofs and non-residential structures) was \$170,103, compared with \$180,810 in July and \$282,334 in August 2010.

The Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Department issued 11 permits and collected \$1,720 in August, compared with nine permits and \$2,980.02 collected in July. In August 2010, the department issued 12 permits and collected \$2,237.50.

The planning department collected a total of \$220.04 in fire and ambulance impact fees in August, compared with \$193.04 in July. In August 2010, the department collected \$115.20 for the two impact fees.

Johnston's

posal to the Local Planning Agency (LPA) for review and a recommendation to the council.

Started in downtown Monticello as a grocery store and meat locker rental service by Alice

and Felix Johnston in 1926, the still family-operated business moved to its present location in 1943 and has since expanded and gained a loyal following among those who appreciate

fine meats and Johnston's unique and savory hickory-smoked sausages.

Bennett, who is married to Johnston's granddaughter, Becky, took over the family enter-

prise in 1999. He has since undertaken a major remodeling and renovation of the facility and expanded its offerings, among other improvements.

JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIME BEAT

ALL INFORMATION IS PRINTED AS TAKEN FROM THE JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

ALL SUSPECTS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY IN A COURT OF LAW

FRAN HUNT
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Terry Lane Brown, 38, of Tallahassee, FL, was sentenced in court September 7 to serve 30 days in the County Jail on the charge of driving while license suspended. Her remained in the County Jail September 15.

Raymond Charles Wagner, 33, of Panama, FL, was sentenced in court September 7 to serve 10 days in the County Jail and six months probation on the charge of driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was withheld and he remained at the County Jail September 15.

Ryan Anthony Barrett, 24, of Tallahassee, FL, was arrested September 9 and charged with driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$500 and he bonded out of jail the same day.

James Frank Robertson, 48, of Bayminette, AL, was arrested September 8 and charged with violation of probation on the charge of driving under the influence with great bodily harm and violation of probation on the charge of driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was witheld and he remained at the County Jail September 15.

Hollie Mary Herndon, 46, of Monticello, was arrested September 10 and charged with disorderly conduct; introduction of contraband into a county correctional facility; and possession of a controlled substance. A total bond pf \$5,250 was set and she bonded out of jail the following day.

Fredrick Reddick Corbett, 44, of Tallahassee, FL, was arrested September 9 and charged with the Leon County charge of reckless driving. He remained in the County Jail September 15 awaiting transport to Leon County to face charges there.

Pythis Pleas, 31, of Tallahassee, FL, was arrested September 11 and charged with grand theft of a motor vehicle. Bond was set at \$5,000 and he remained at the county Jail September 15.

James P. Shuler, 63, of Jefferson County, was arrested September 12 and charged with petit theft. He was released on his own recognizance the same day.

John D. McAuliffe, 44, of Boca Raton, FL, was arrested September 13 and charged with driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$500 and he bonded out of jail the same day.

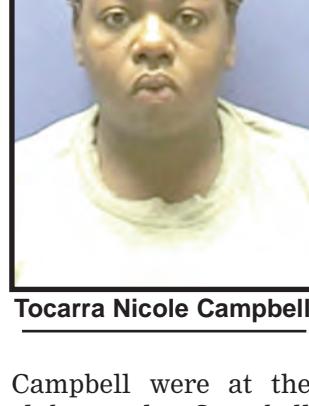
County Woman Arrested For Walloping Woman With Beer Bottle

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A Jefferson County woman was arrested last week on an outstanding county warrant for her involvement in an incident where she reportedly walleted a woman with a broken beer bottle.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office (JCSO) reported that on August 28, 2011 at 2:31 a.m., Tocarra Nicole Campbell, 28, of Jefferson County, cut a woman with a broken beer bottle at the J & B Club, located on the Ashville Highway.

According to the sworn written statement by the victim, she and



Tocarra Nicole Campbell

Campbell, telling her, "It's a shame you can't buy yourself a hot sausage."

That apparently made Campbell mad and she told the victim, "This not what you want." The victim said she walked away from the bar and Campbell hit her in the face with a beet bottler. The two began fighting and Campbell cut her on the left arm.

After the fight, Campbell left the club by unknown mode of travel.

The victim was transported to Capital Regional Hospital for treatment of her injuries by Jefferson County EMS.

Deputy Kevin Tharpe noted that according to the medical paperwork from capital region Medical center, the victim received multiple deep lacerations to the face and left bicep, forearm and wrist. The wounds to the forearm and wrist were serious enough that the doctor at the hospital encouraged her to see an orthopedic surgeon on August 29.

Campbell was arrested September 2 on an outstanding county warrant and charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon. Bond was set at \$25,000 and she remained at the county jail on September 8.

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Jefferson County Living



Boling And Gunnels To Wed

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

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

W. A. Pafford of Boston.

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

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



Tuten And Shannon Wed

Christopher Tuten of Monticello, FL and Shaughnessy Shannon of Fanlew, FL were married on Saturday, May 28, 2011 at the First Baptist Church of Lloyd. A reception followed at the Beau Turner Youth Conservation Center in Monticello.

Christopher is the son of Gary and Catherine Tuten and Kim Taylor of Monticello. He is the grandson of J.N., Jr. and Christine Tuten of Monticello and the late Raymond and Judith Jones of Monticello.

Shaughnessy is the daughter of Keith and Cindy Shannon of Tallahassee, FL. She is the granddaughter of George and Patty Shannon of Fanlew and W.A. (Sonny) and Helen Couver of Wacissa, FL.

Christopher and Shaughnessy both graduated with their Bachelors of Science in Animal Science from Florida A&M University. Shaughnessy is now in her second year at the University of Florida, College of Veterinary Medicine.

Christopher and Shaughnessy would like to thank their family and friends for making their wedding day very special.

Locals Relate As Leads In The Sound of Music

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Bethany Sheats feels a deep connection with Maria Rainer, the singing governess in The Sound of Music. The Tony award-winning musical based on a true story opened at the Monticello Opera House on Friday, September 9. Director Melanie Mays cast Sheats in the lead role of Maria, the sweet young postulant from Nonnberg, Abbey, who is temporarily sent to the



Jeff Whitty



Bethany Sheats

von Trapp family. "Maria determines to do God's will, no matter what may be," says Sheats. "She ends up finding out that His plan was so much better than her original one. Her inner joy and beauty shine through as she teaches the children to sing, dance and even reaches the Captain's grieving heart through music."

Jeff Whitty plays Captain Georg von Trapp, a retired Austrian Naval officer and widower. Set in the 1938 unification of Germany and Austria

(Anschluss,) the Captain is anti-Fascist, and he resolutely refuses to kowtow to Nazism. Whitty understands the position that the Captain finds himself in. "He is very patriotic about Austria," he says, "and a neighboring country wants to come in and change all of that." Maria comes into his life amidst this political environment and immediately undermines the sterile, yet efficient, military orderliness in his home. Instead, she teaches the children the basics of music and attempts to

know them as individuals, unknowingly crossing a line of a traditional governess.

Both Sheats and Whitty are residents of Jefferson County. Sheats teaches piano. "I have always felt great joy in singing," says Sheats, "and this musical is a wonderful opportunity to share that joy." Whitty is the choral director of Elizabeth Baptist Church in Monticello.

This family-favorite musical is Rodgers and Hammerstein's last collaboration in the golden age of musicals. It includes the popular songs "The Sound of Music," "My Favorite Things" and "Do-Re-Mi" among others.

The show runs Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons through September 25. Pre-show dinner or lunch is available for all performances by advance reservation. Show only tickets are also available. For ticket sales, call the House office at 850-997-4242, or visit www.MonticelloOperaHouse.org

ROTARY BUILDS WHEELCHAIR RAMP FOR LOCAL RESIDENT



When the Monticello Rotary and members of the First United Methodist Church were told that local resident Betty Russell was in need of a wheelchair ramp, they came together to meet the challenge. Volunteers pictured from left to right are: John Hrynciw, Angela Gray, Rex Ware, Tom Conley, Roger Stadin, Neill Wade, John Gebhard, Chuck Sarkisian, Tom Harmon, John Lilly, Rick Anderson and Ric Leedom. Not pictured are: Johnny Abron and Ron Cichon.

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Staff Writer

On Friday, September 9 and Saturday, September 10 volunteers constructed a wheelchair ramp at the home of Betty Russell. This was a joint project between the Monticello Rotary Club and First United Methodist Church.

Those volunteers included: John Hrynciw, Angela Gray, Rex Ware, Tom Conley, Roger Stadin, Neill Wade, John Gebhard, Chuck Sarkisian, Tom Harmon, John Lilly, Rick Anderson, Ric Leedom, Johnny Abron and Ron Cichon.

Russell says that she is very pleased. She now has a much easier time

getting in and out of her home.

This was an unusually large project for the Rotary, but with lots of folks pitching in, time passed rather quickly and the ramp was completed. The group enjoyed the camaraderie and fellowship during the two days, all in the name of "service above self."

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SEPTEMBER 16 - 25

The Sound of Music at the Opera House 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.

SEPTEMBER 16 - 30

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

SEPTEMBER 17

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.

SEPTEMBER 17

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.

SEPTEMBER 17

NFCC Green Industries Institute in Monticello will hold a 'Seed Starting' short course, Organic Gardening 101, on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Classes are open for registration at www.nfcc.edu/green-industries or mitchellc@nfcc.edu or 850-973-1702.

SEPTEMBER 17

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.

SEPTEMBER 17

Tunnels and Light, the Pipe Ceremony, the Telling and the Sacred Circle with Miesha Larkins from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday at One Heart Earth Center. The day will begin with the Talking Stick Sharing; arrive by 9:30 to register and to get settled in. A Pot Luck lunch will be served. One Heart Earth Center is located at 450 West Madison Street and is a 501 c 3 non-profit and tax-deductible. Go to oneheartearthcenter@embarqmail.com or contact Sallie Worley at 850-997-7373 for reservations and for more information.

SEPTEMBER 19

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 19

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 19

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

SEPTEMBER 19

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

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.

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

Jefferson Senior Citizens Center, 1155 North Jefferson Street, Monticello, FL 32344 or the Florida Sheriff's Boys Ranch, 2486 Cecil Webb Place, Live Oak, FL 32068-8365.

Mr. Baughman was a native of Muskegon, MI and had lived in Jacksonville, FL, Tampa, FL and Tallahassee, FL before moving to Monticello in 1989. He served as the Student Government President and played baseball in college at the University of South Florida. He served on the Board of Directors for the Jefferson County Education Foundation and the Jefferson Senior Citizens Center. He was a member of the Florida Association of Public Adjusters, and was of Methodist faith.

He is survived by his wife Nan Baughman of Monticello; two sons Adam Baughman of Honolulu, HI and Bryan (Holly) Baughman of Ft. Myers, FL; one daughter Lindsay Baughman of Ft. Myers; two sisters Sharon (Michael) Davis of Modesto, CA and Susan Durham of Baraga, MI; three grandchildren Paige, Riley and Jaelynn Baughman and three nieces.

Beggs Funeral Home Monticello Chapel, 485 East Dogwood Street, Monticello, is handling the arrangements for the family, 850-997-5612, beggschmonticello@embarqmail.com

Landscapes Of Loss

DEBBIE SNAPP
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Big Bend Hospice will sponsor a bereavement seminar for professionals and peer supporters that work with bereaved families from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday, September 23.

Counselors, mental health professionals, clergy, educators, nurses, health professionals, emergency responders, law enforcement, military personnel, funeral and nursing home staff are encouraged to attend.

This conference will provide expertise in supporting the bereaved as well as offering networking opportunities with other disciplines and service providers. It will provide professionals with useful and practical strategies to help clients and patients deal with grief. It is a unique opportunity to explore the best practice in bereavement as well as learning strategies for self-care.

There are three different tracks to choose from: a bereavement track, a spirituality track and a general interest track. Professional presenters will include: Dr. W. Shufford Davis; Rev. Nancy Dahlberg; Artist Steve Fox, Dr. Brenda Rabalais and staff from the Big Bend Hospice Pastoral Care, Bereavement and Music Therapy departments.

Nurses, social workers and nursing home administrators can earn 6.5 Continuing Education hours by attending this conference.

There is a registration fee of \$79, which includes breakfast and lunch. To register and for more information contact Lisa Baggett at 850-878-5310x433 or go to www.bigbendhospice.org.



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)

*OUR HEART SAYS THANK YOU
Thank you is not enough to express how we feel
The kindness that you showed was displayed so real
May the Lord forever keep you under the shadow of His wing
So when you call on His name your heart will rejoice and sing.*

Written By D. McDuffie, aunt of, Christopher E. Plummer

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 19

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.

SEPTEMBER 19

The Palmer Place Book Club will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday at the home of Abi Vandervest to discuss the book 'Daughter of Fortune' by Isabel Allende. If you have ideas for titles, or would like more information about this book club, call the library at 850-342-0205 or email to douwah-nadance@yahoo.com. Next meeting will be at Palmer Place on Monday, Oct. 24.

SEPTEMBER 20

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.

SEPTEMBER 20

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

SEPTEMBER 20

Jefferson County Republican Party will meet at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday at Willow Pond Farm. Contact Clyde Simpson at chairman@jeffersongop.com or 850-228-4400 for more information and to make reservations. Dinner is served at 6 p.m. at a cost of \$10 per person, with the net proceeds going to the REC.

September 21

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

SEPTEMBER 22

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

September 22

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.

SEPTEMBER 22

AA meetings are held weekly at 8 p.m. on Thursdays at the Christ Episcopal Church annex, 425 North Cherry Street. For more information call 850-997-2129 or 850-997-1955.

SEPTEMBER 23

The next AARP Safe Driving Class will be held on Friday, at the Jefferson County Bailer Public Library. The class, sponsored by Farmers & Merchants Bank, is scheduled to run from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with an hour for lunch. Snacks and drinks will be provided, with lunch on your own.

SEPTEMBER 24

AARP members participating in the class are asked to bring a \$12 check, made out to AARP, and their membership number. The cost for non-members is \$14. The charge is for the cost of workbooks and supplies used during the class. All class participants should bring their drivers license numbers so as to complete the certificates given at the end of the class.

Attendees should also check with their insurance companies, as most offer a discount up to three years for completion of this course.

To register and for additional information, contact Geoff Monge at 850-997-3694.

September 24

Covenant Hospice is sponsoring a one-day camp for bereaved children called Camp Monarch on Saturday, September 24. This will be held 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. 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 850-575-4998 or bobbie.massey@covenanthospice.org if you have any questions.

SEPTEMBER 27

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 Bailer 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 26

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.

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Longtime JCSO Team Member Diane Clark To Retire

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After an extensive history in Jefferson County since moving here in January 1982 and having years of service to both the county, state and residents of the county, Diane Rebozo-Clark, 65, is retiring from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office (JCSO), where she has worked for a total of 13 years as the Victim Advocate and Felony/Juvenile Clerk. Her final day with the department is September 30.

She was with JCSO from 1992-1997 and 2003-2011 and her responsibilities are numerous. "I advocate for the victims/witnesses of crime. I do on-scene crises intervention and process felony/juvenile warrants and arrests," she said.

Jefferson County Living

COUNTY NATIVE CASEY ANDERSON NOW FWC OFFICER



Pictured left to right: Assistant Executive Director Greg Holder, FWC Chairman Kathy Barco, Officer Casey Anderson, Major Mark Warren (head of the FWC's training section), and Col. Jim Brown (director of the FWC's Division of Law Enforcement.)

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Jefferson County native Casey Anderson, 21, a 2009 graduate of Aucilla Christian Academy has now officially become an officer with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC).

He attended Pat Thomas Law Enforcement Academy in Quincy, FL and underwent six months of vigorous training. He began his training in January and graduated on July 15 with his certification.

They had very intense training and Anderson recalled what the training entailed. "Training included learning the use of pepper spray and the taser and feeling the effects of what you may be doing to someone, combat training, shooting skills, physical training, study of Florida laws and requirements, ATV training, vessel training, reality based training and defensive tactics training," he said.

He does recall that some of the training



was painful and shocking, to say the least.

"The pepper spray and being tasered was the worst physical pain. But hours of studying I had to put in was definitely not one of my favorites either," said Anderson.

Upon his graduation Anderson was presented with a very prestigious award, the Roy R. Burnsed Jr. Memorial

Award. "I was very honored to receive this award. It is an achievement award named in memory of an officer who died in the line of duty in 2001," said Anderson.

He left Jefferson County July 30 and started his new career in Levy County as an FWC law enforcement officer. Anderson decided to become a FWC law

enforcement officer for one main reason, "I have always loved the outdoors. I grew up hunting and fishing," he said.

He recalled that though the training was rough and very serious, there was one funny episode. "Somehow the video of me being tasered ended up all over the Internet for everyone to laugh at," said Anderson.

Ward and Dr. Hunter's Office on Courthouse Circle and that is where David (Jefferson's County Sheriff) was born. When David was small, he used to stand up in the seat before they had seatbelts in cars, between me and Amos and look at the police cars with the lights and sirens and he used to say I'm going to drive one of those one day."

We had a Downtown Store across from the BP station and Winn Dixie was where the former Monticello Printers used to be," she recalled.

"Everything was so much cheaper then," Hobbs recalls. "I look at the prices of things now and say no, where I didn't used to really think about it that much," she concluded.

Listening to her reminiscing about the "good ol' days" and the way prices used to be sparked curiosity and the Internet was used to find out what the average price of different items were back in 1955 and it was a shock to say the least.

The following are some samples of what was found:

house, \$22,000; average annual income, \$4,137; a Ford car, \$1,606-\$2,944; pot roast, 43 cents per pound; eggs, 61 cents a dozen; milk, 92 cents per gallon; gas, 23 cents per gallon;

bread, 18 cents per loaf; postage stamps, three cents each; sirloin chops, 69 cents per pound; eggs, 61 cents per dozen; coffee, 93 cents per pound; half gallon of milk, 43 cents; 10-pound bag of potatoes, 53 cents; 6 1/2 oz. can of Sunkist tuna, 25 cents; 11 3/4 oz. package of Oreo cookies, 39 cents; pint of potato salad, 29 cents; 24-pack of Cracker Jack, \$1.49; half gallon of apple cider, 49 cents; 1 1/2 pound bag of gum drops, 29 cents; two bars of Ivory Soap, 29 cents; Mickey Mouse lunch box, 88 cents; Slinky, 88 cents; nylons, \$1 per pair; home permanent, \$1.50; and a baseball glove, \$9.95.

It's no wonder why people like to sit and remember the "Good Ol' Days!"



He considers the easiest part of the job being outdoors and he also found what his biggest challenge was. "Learning new information every day, on top of everything I learned over the past six months," he added.

FWC reported that the motto for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) Division of Law Enforcement, "Patrol, protect, preserve," was on the minds of 20 new officers July 15, 2011 when they graduated as the FWC's 16th officer class.

At a ceremony at the Florida Public Safety Institute, near Tallahassee, they pledged their efforts to patrol Florida's lands and waters and protect and preserve its people and resources.

Col. Jim Brown, director of the FWC's Division of Law Enforcement, mentioned how FWC officers are the first point of contact most people have with the agency.

"This privilege carries great responsibility," Brown said. "As they interact with the public, I know these new officers will uphold our values: integrity, professionalism, dedication and adaptability."

As FWC officers, they will patrol Florida's lands, nearly 54,000 square miles of it, as well as Florida's nearly 6,000 square miles of water.

"These officers will be protecting the 'Fishing Capital of the World' and one of the largest public hunting systems in the country," said FWC Chairman Kathy Barco, the guest speaker at the ceremony.

The new officers began their training in January. The beginning part of each FWC academy teaches recruits basic law enforcement information and skills.

"During the final eight weeks of each academy, we focus on the unique information and skills it takes to be an FWC officer," said Major Mark Warren, head of the FWC's training section.

The specialized training involves firearms proficiency, wildlife identification, vessel operation, defensive tactics, all-terrain vehicle operation, detection for boating and driving under the influence and a focus on state and federal wildlife and fisheries laws.

The graduates will now spend three months with a field-training officer and are

assigned as follows:

Rafael Almagro, Miami-Dade; Casey Anderson, Levy; Christian Ariza, Broward; Anna Baker, Brevard; Caralyn Cain, Duval; Nick Carman, Broward; Alexander Diaz, Miami-Dade; Richard Doricchi, Martin; Brian Ferguson, Pinellas; Jordan Fuscaldio, Brevard; Paul Godward, II, Palm Beach; Matthew Gore, Franklin; Brandon Lewis, Broward; Serdar Mert, Miami-Dade; Brian Norris, Charlotte; George Reynaud, Miami-Dade; Stuart Spoede, Lee; Austin Warne, Broward; Daniel Willman, Brevard; and Aaron Wise, Hillsborough.

So how does Anderson feel about leaving Jefferson County, the home where he was born and raised? "Bittersweet. I'm enjoying my new career but I miss my family, friends and my girlfriend, Dana Jane Watt."

When Anderson attended ACA, he was known as a comedic personality and he was also known to be very competitive, no matter the cost. One year during Spirit Week at ACA when the school was conducting their annual scavenger hunt, he actually jumped out of the stands, ran into the boys locker room and removed his boxer shorts because the item asked for was a pair of boxers. "I was an athlete at Aucilla and I guess you could definitely say I was the class clown. I like to laugh and make others laugh and yes I gave up my boxers for the scavenger hunt. I'm very competitive so I guess that is what you would call, 'taking one for the team,'" he quipped.

Anderson has been a member of the Calvary Baptist Church since he was very young and his hobby is sports. He has also served as a volunteer within the community. "I coached and umpired at the Jefferson County Recreation Department for various sports," he said.

While in Jefferson County and after high school graduation, his local jobs included working at Stewarts BP and Honey Lake Plantation.

His favorite quote is,

"The best way to get a man to do something is to tell him he can't." His favorite Bible verse is "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

Casey is the son of Demott and Mary Lynn Anderson and the brother of Cassi Anderson, all of Monticello.

Remembering The "Good Ol' Days"

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Many times the older people in different communities throughout the country will reminisce about the days gone by and what life was like back in the "good ol' days." County resident Betty Hobbs, 79, recently reminisced about her earlier days of living in Monticello.

Betty and her husband, Amos, moved to Monticello in June 1955. She recalls that the city was a lot different then than it is now.

"We had an A&P grocery store where Milady's is now. Harrison's Grocery was at Jackson's. There was a candy store on Cherry Street and I used to buy penny candy, peanut butter rolls from them. I love those things, but you can't get them for a penny anymore," she said. "Braswell's, a dry goods and clothing store, was in the building that is now the Farmers and Merchant's Bank annex building. FMB used to be in that block on Courthouse Circle where the Brick House Eatery used to be. (The first store which reads, "Bank" on the top of the face of the building.)

"We had McGayhee Auto

Parts across from the Monticello Police Department. Smith Grocery was where the Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall is now. Kelly's Grocery was where Gelling's Florist is now. Green's Seafood was on Railroad Street," she added.

"Dorothy Miller bought the Williams Seafood Store. We had a movie theater where Dee and Bill Counts opened an antique store. On highway 146 we had a drive-in theater," Hobbs said.

"In 1956 Amos worked the Bassett's Dairy Headquarters and he worked a lot of men there. Bassett's is now Walker's Dairy. On Easter Sunday, 1959 Wilma Bassett got Amos out of the field and said, 'You're having a baby.' Amos brought me to Dr.

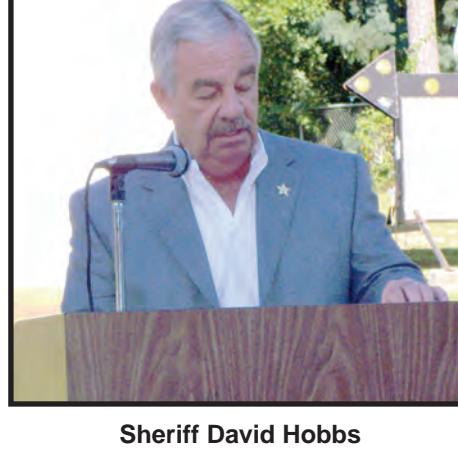


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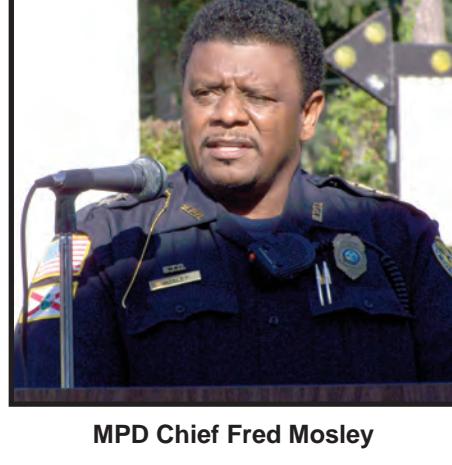
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Jefferson County Living

Speakers Recall 9/11 Attacks During Remembrance Ceremony



Sheriff David Hobbs



MPD Chief Fred Mosley



JCFCR Captain Ron Motter



JCMHS Principal Guy Cooper

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The JROTC 10th annual Observance of 9/11 was well attended last week and the JROTC Battalion was perfectly in time, keeping the program flowing steadily.

Many guests in the audience included Jefferson County Fire Rescue and EMS, County Sheriff David Hobbs, Police Chief Fred Mosley, area retired veterans and members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 251 and Ladies Auxiliary and JCMHS seniors.

Prior to the beginning of the program, the JROTC Color Guard posed the colors, led the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem.

C/2LT Ethan Hall then welcomed those in attendance. "Good morning faculty, students, staff and guests," she said. "We the Tiger Battalion would like to welcome you all to our annual 9/11 ceremony. Ten years ago on a morning similar to this morning, the unreal became the unimaginable."

The invocation was then offered by C/2LT Samantha Hamilton.

C/SGT Kayleigh Babb then spoke of 9-11-01. "The September 11 attacks (often referred to as September 11th or 9/11) were a series of coordinated suicide attacks by Al-Qaeda upon the United States on September 11, 2001."

"On that morning, 19 Al-Qaeda terrorists hijacked four commercial passenger jet airliners. The hijackers intentionally crashed two of the airliners into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, killing everyone on board and many others working in the buildings. Both buildings collapsed within two hours, destroying nearby buildings and damaging others," she continued.

"The hijackers crashed a third airliner into the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia, just outside of Washington, D.C. The fourth plane crashed into a field near Shanksville in rural Pennsylvania, after some of its passengers and flight crew attempted to retake control of the plane, which the hijackers had redirected toward Washington, D.C. There were no survivors from any of the flights," said Babb.

"In total 2,993 people, including the hijackers, died in the attacks. The overwhelming majority of casualties were civilians, including nationals of over 90 countries. In addition, the death of at least one person from lung disease was ruled by a medical examiner to be a result of exposure to dust from the World Trade Center's collapse. The United States responded to the attacks by launching a "War on Terrorism", invading Afghanistan to depose the Taliban, who had harbored Al-Qaeda terrorists and enacting the

USA PATRIOT Act," she added.

"Many other countries also strengthened their anti-terrorism legislation and expanded law enforcement powers. Some American stock exchanges stayed closed for the rest of the week following the attack and posted enormous losses upon reopening, especially in the airline and insurance industries. The destruction of billions of dollars worth of office space caused serious damage to the economy of Lower Manhattan," she concluded.

C/2LT Megan McClellan then introduced the first guest speaker of the day, Sheriff David Hobbs. "I remember the September 11, 2001 attacks like they were yesterday, just like many of you. I remember the feelings of that day; they went from being afraid, to sorrow for the victims, to anger. After sorting through all of those different emotions, I saw the unity of this country emerge. It didn't matter that we all had different problems. We were all united together towards same goal, to seek out and find out who was responsible for this. It not only affected New York, Washington DC and Pennsylvania, but it touched the entire world," said Hobbs.

"I remember seeing the broadcasts of all the destruction and death of our country and our citizens. I remember the recording of frantic calls that were made to loved ones from people who were about to die. And I watched the grief of countless families and friends who lost someone that day," he continued.

"I remember all of the unmatched bravery and courage of so many on display that day by ordinary people," said Hobbs. "We must not forget that this same enemy is preparing to attack this country as we speak this morning. They are a cunning, determined and ruthless enemy and we must not rest until they are destroyed. We must also continue to support our military. These brave men and women are on the frontlines all around the world protecting us."

"And our first responders, law enforcement, fire, and EMS, who are our first line of defense here at home are protecting us right now. May God bless the families of the victims of 9/11 and may God continue to bless this country," he concluded.

The second speaker of the observance was Jefferson County Fire Rescue Captain Ron Motter, who said, "It has been 10 years since 9/11, when the world watched as America was attacked. Yet it is like yesterday in my mind. So very vivid. So ingrained in the minds of so many. What has that done? It has made America even

stronger.

"As an American I am so proud that I live in this great country. Even at this sad time of remembrance, we are still a very proud country. From the military that defends this great land and the law enforcement and firefighters who give their all to serve and protect this nation," said Motter.

"America is the greatest country in the world. If there are any problems or natural disasters throughout the world, who is the first to step up to help no matter how big or small - America. Americans give their lives for so many others. I am so proud to be an American."

"This is not the first such terrorist attack on America. Although they may not be identical, but on December 7, 1941 Pearl Harbor was attacked in just a little different way than the September 11 attacks. Terror was used both times to try and defeat America, but no! America being the great nation it is steps up better and more proud than before. So what have I learned from September 11th? That I live in a very proud and wonderful country - The United States of America," he concluded.

The third guest speaker of the morning was Monticello Police Chief Fred Mosley, who recalled how September 11, 2001 affected him. "I remember the attacks of 9/11 like it was yesterday. I worked the night before, went home and was doing yard work and when I had finished, I went inside and saw on the news what had happened. I got sad for the many lives lost and the many people hurt. Then I became proud to see emergency workers including firefighters, EMS and law enforcement, as well as the people

going to the call to aid the victims in this tragedy. I began praying for the families. I also saw how everybody stood together. Color was not an issue. I saw a sense of brotherhood, neighbor helping neighbor and all coming together as family," said Mosley. "We as a nation rose in the midst of tragedy."

"Through all of this, Homeland Security came about and we are now trained as a school system, law enforcement, EMS and fire, to assure that this doesn't happen again. We have a saying, if you see it, tell it. Citizens are our eyes and ears. They are our first defense. I am so very proud to serve this community in the capacity that I do. I appreciate our school board, teachers and administrators

because they teach our future citizens how to protect themselves and us, because the learning starts right here," Mosley concluded.

The final speaker of the program was Jefferson County Middle High School Principal Guy Cooper, who said, "The Chinese General Sun Tzu stated that to deny the enemy battle is to defeat the enemy. America has taken the battle to the enemy and denied them battle on the sovereign grounds of this great country."

"9/11 is a repeat of the past that occurred on December 7, 1941 when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. History has recorded that the Japanese Admiral Yamamoto said he feared that the attack on Pearl Harbor had awakened a "sleeping giant". The "Sleeping Giant" was America with her mighty industry and uncompromising will power to overcome any challenge," he said.

"On September 11, 2001 the terrorist attacked this great country in the belief that we were weak and without the ability and will to strike back. As the country looked for answers after the attack, then President George Bush visited the World Trade Center site and stated, "I can hear you! I can hear you! The rest of the world hears you! And the people - and the people who knocked these buildings down will hear all of us soon!"

"And with that statement the Marines on Paris Island began to load up, the Navy in Norfolk Virginia began to disembark; the Bombers in Colorado began to rise to the sky. The Army troop deployments were in full throttle and the "Giant" had awakened to show the world once again that we are great," Cooper added.

"It doesn't matter if it was December or September; these are days we will remember forever. As I have no sympathy for the cowards who attacked this country on that infamous day, I do recall that regardless of skin color, race, religion or creed we as people known as Americans came together as one to defeat our enemy and I said then as I do now, God Bless America!"

C/2LT Shan Scott led the Moment of Silence and Michael Simmons played TAPS.

C/SGT Kyler Locke gave the closing benediction and the Color Guard retired the colors to conclude the ceremony.

The Silver Dome Chapter of the American Business Women's Association #1250 will meet on Tuesday, September 27 at the Old Town Cafe, 1415 Timberlane Road (Market Square) in Tallahassee. This will be the beginning of the new administrative year and the membership is looking to do new and great things. The group is looking into some new sites for its monthly meetings and hopefully will have something very soon. The meeting will start promptly at 6 p.m.

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help themselves and others grow professionally through leadership, education, networking support and national recognition.

The Silver Dome Chapter membership is now at 30. New officers have been elected. They are: Teresa Nix, president; Doris Maloy, secretary; and Carolyn Moore, treasurer.

Four of the chapter members will be attending the National ABWA Conference in Irving, Texas. They will be driving together to the conference; leaving on Sept. 20 and returning on Sept. 26. They will proudly represent the chapter when they are invited on stage to receive the Best Practice award from National for the Chapter.

The chapter newsletter was also selected for the National Newsletter competition. So, if all goes well, they will be collecting an award for their newsletter too.

To make reservations to the upcoming meeting and for any questions or concerns, contact Hospitality Chair Von Holmes at vonholmes47@yahoo.com or 850-893-2771 or 850-212-7373.

ABWA MEMBERS GO TO NATIONAL CONVENTION

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Sports

ACA OPENS FIRST GOLF MATCH WITH A VICTORY

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After nine years without a golf team and six years since Aucilla Christian Academy has had "The Lone Golfer" John Stephens, ACA now has a new complete golf team again and they have a very talented golf teacher and coach, David Jackson, who played professionally for ten years. The young athletes have played in their first matches already and kicked off the season with a victory, however, when play continued in the following matches, the young Warriors could not keep up the pace.

Coach Jackson explained that with the young teams, rather than playing 18 holes with a par 72, they play nine holes with a par 36.

In the match against Taylor County, September 6, Timmy Finlayson led the team in the first match with a score of 46, followed closely by Josh Funderburke and Austin Malloy who shot 47.

Rounding out the scoring for ACA was CC Collins with a 61 and Cole Davis with a 65.

The Warriors finished with a team score of 201, which was 28 shots better than Taylor County.

The Warriors did not play as well in their second match against Robert F. Munroe and North Florida Christian (NFC) September 12, losing to Both.

Monroe shot 163, followed by NFC with a 184.

The Warriors finished with a score of 214.

Austin Malloy shot a 45 and Josh Funderburke shot a 46 and both kept up their consistent play.

They were followed by Timmy Finlayson with 61; Ryan Rivera with 62 and Ty Chancy, who shot a 63.

Aucilla faces off against Madison County, Tuesday, September 20 at the Jefferson Country Club at 4 p.m.

Express Railroad Lake City 25-22

FRAN HUNT
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Staff Writer

The Sunshine Express railroaded Lake City last week for a 25-22 victory.

Lake City jumped out to a 4-0 lead but the Express quickly closed the gap to tie the game at 4-4 and the remainder of the day on the diamond rallied back and forth.

Calvin Holmes went four for four with seven RBI's and three homeruns.

Rodney Barnard went four for four with four RBI's and one homerun.

Karlon Blue went four for four with five RBI's and three homeruns.

Nick Russell went three for four with one RBI.

Jay McQue went three for four with two RBI's.

Frankie Steen went three for four with one RBI.

Chad Brook went three for five with one RBI.

Jarvis Atkins went three for five with three RBI's.

Kelvin Jones went two for five with one RBI.

Destiny Vangate went two for four.

Steven Dunlap went two for three with two RBI's.

ACA's Trent Roberts Earns NFFC Player Of The Week Honors

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Aucilla Christian Academy's Trent Roberts was selected as last week's North Florida Football Conference, North Division Player of the Week following the Warriors 42-12 loss to Oak Hall (Gainesville) on September 9.

The honor was voted on by coaches from John Paul II Catholic High School, Maclay School, Robert F. Munroe Day School, Rocky Bayou Christian School (Niceville) and ACA.

Roberts completed six of 12 pass attempts for 150 yards and two touchdowns as team quarterback and had two quarterback sacks and four tackles on the defensive side of the field for Aucilla Christian. Roberts also had a 34-yard punt average.

He is the second player to receive the division honor. Munroe quarterback Dustin Watson was the first recipient following a 20-13 loss to St. Francis Catholic High School, where he ran for 80 yards and one touchdown and threw for 130 yards and one touchdown.

ACA joined the North Florida Football Conference (NFFC) following its 2010 season. The 10-team conference established in December of 2010 and was developed in response to the new classifications and districts for the Florida High School Athletic Association.

"All the schools in the conference are either private or boarding schools, who wanted something different for the kids to play for. Some of the schools choose to play an independent schedule, so the conference membership allows those teams to compete for conference recognition and even a championship," said Jeff Malloy, the Director of Athletics for Oak Hall School in Gainesville who is serving as the conference "Commissioner" in its inaugural season.

The conference is made up of two divisions. The north division consists of ACA, John Paul II Catholic High School, Maclay School, Munroe Day School and Rocky Bayou Christian School.

The south division consists of Florida



winners of the two divisions will meet in a conference championship game the week the Florida FHSAA allows bowl games. Teams may also play schools from opposite divisions, although those games will not count in the standings.

Weekly, the conference will name Players of the Week in each division when a conference game is played. At the end of the season, a conference Coach and Player of the Year will be named, an all-conference team will be selected, and the conference will honor a team and individual sportsmanship winner.

"The sportsmanship part of the awards and recognition piece is so important to all of the members. We look forward to high quality competition and new rivalries all done with the spirit of sportsmanship at the forefront," said Malloy. "All of these players and coaches will be honored with either medallions or plaques and certificates. The championship game winner will receive a trophy which will be kept at their school until the next year's conference championship game."

School for the Deaf, Oak Hall School, St. Francis Catholic High School, St. Johns Country Day School and St. Joseph Academy.

"We ended up in a district that was pretty lopsided, but we still wanted to compete for some sort of postseason berth, so we decided on going independent and joining the NFFC was the best overall fit for our program," said ACA Athletic Director Mary Beth Bishop. "We are able to continue playing some of the teams that are regularly on our schedule and our rivalry games have even more at stake now, so there is a lot of excitement among the players, coaches and fans."

Schools are required to play each school in their division once. The

tackles.

Williams, Robert Compos and Keondre Parker each had three tackles.

Bellamy and Ivey each had four tackles.

Nicholas Branham had three tackles and one quarterback sack.

A host of young Tigers each had one or two tackles each.

The JV's face off against Wewahitchka Thursday, September 15 at 6 p.m., home.

JV TIGERS DROP SEASON OPENER

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of his young players. "They have a very good outlook for a team and they put on a really good show," he added.

The Tigers quarterbacks Azende Thompson had 66 passing yards.

Denijay Maxwell had 52 yards in passing.

Maurice Williams had one pass reception for 12 yards.

Delvontrez Bellamy had one pass reception for 41 yards and one touchdown.

Coach Lucius Wade said he was very proud

Tyrone Ivey had two receptions for 40 yards.

In rushing, Robert Williams had a total of 60 yards.

Bellamy had 35 yards rushing.

Thompson had 19 yards.

On the defensive side of the field, Ivey had one pass interception.

John Brooks had five tackles and one quarterback sack.

Thompson had five

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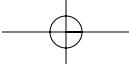
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Sports & School

ALONG THE TIGERS SIDELINES

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Along the Jefferson County Middle High School Tigers side lines during all games, both home and away, many fans have seen the colorful mascot and behind the players, the team ball boy and water girl.

The little guy seen on



Pictured from left to right Samiria Martin and Tre Brown

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If you are interested in signing your child (or children) up for the SES Free Tutoring and you have not received an application packet, contact Vicki Boland at the School Board office, 850-342-0100 or Edna Henry at Jefferson Elementary School, 850-342-0115 for an application and providers list directory.



The Musical Tale Of Peter Rabbit October 13 At NFCC

Award-winning Bits 'N Pieces Puppet Theatre is bringing its splendidious giant puppet musical The Musical Tale of Peter Rabbit to North Florida Community College's Van H. Priest Auditorium on Thursday, October 13. NFCC invites all area schools (public, private, or home school) in NFCC's district including Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee and Taylor Counties to attend. Reservations are required. Tickets are \$2 per person. To make reservations, contact the NFCC College Advancement Office at (850) 973-1653 or email ArtistSeries@nfcc.edu for more information. Reservation forms and more information are available on the NFCC website at <http://www.nfcc.edu/community-programs/childrens-theater>.

This larger-than-life musical tells the story of dapper, young Peter Rabbit believes he knows better than Mama Rabbit. Ignoring her warnings he is determined to go to Farmer McGregor's forbidden garden. Peter slips away from the drudgery of chores on a musical adventure to the paradise carrot patch. He's sure no harm will come to him as he gives in to the temptation of the farmer's prize vegetables. Peter not only gets a taste of fresh vegetables but also of life and the perils of trespassing.

Children will be delighted as they watch the thoroughly Scottish Farmer McGregor in hot pursuit of that rascal Peter Rabbit. Little Peter, played by live actress Holli Rubin, hops, scampers and finally eludes the towering farmer. Peter makes his way to safety aided by a cat-chasing dogfish but loses his brand new shoes and jacket. Sheepishly, he faces the music with Mama Rabbit and manages to save his own tail when he admits he's learned a valuable lesson - "It's better to be good than bad!"

Bits 'N Pieces Theatre has been creating original musical productions for more than 25 years. Headquartered in Tampa, Florida, the giant puppets ensemble spends most of the year on national tour while its classic hand puppets and marionettes perform year-round at Puppetworld in Tampa.

For more information about Bits 'N Pieces Puppet Theatre or to access The Musical Tale of Peter Rabbit educational activity guide, visit www.puppetworld.com.

The performance is sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs, and the Florida Arts Council.

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The City of Monticello, Florida, has tentatively adopted a budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012. A public hearing to make a FINAL DECISION on the budget AND TAXES will be held on

Monday, September 19, 2011

at 6:30 P.M.

at City Hall

245 S. Mulberry St., Monticello, Florida



the sidelines prior to all Tigers football games and practices, who is playing catch and proudly wearing his own Tigers jersey, is 10-year old Tre Brown who attends Jefferson Elementary School. He is the son of the "Uncommon" Tigers Head Football Coach Jeremy Brown and his

wife, Krissy and he serves as the ball boy for the Tigers.

Tre is responsible for keeping the football dry during the game, he also attends practice where he helps get the practice equipment on and off the field.

He loves everything about being a Jefferson County Tiger, the colors, the mascot but he especially loves being around the guys on the team. He constantly talks about the guys on team around the house, said Coach Brown.

"Tre and my daughter Katie think all the guys on the team are their brothers, my daughter is a huge Kenny Madison fan. Tre would wear a Jefferson County T-shirt everyday if his mom would let him!"

Tre already considers himself to be an "Uncommon" Tiger. He loves the positions of quarterback and wide receiver, so he is constantly playing catch at practice with Lenorris and Alphonso Footman.

"Although those guys are great players if Tre grows up and has the character and work ethic they have, I will be one proud dad," said Coach Brown. "I tell all the kids on the team that they never know who is watching them so they

better always be on their best behavior, most kids grow up having hero's they will never meet but luckily for my son, he gets to be around his hero's everyday. Man it's great to be a Jefferson County Tiger!"

Samiria Martin, a junior at Jefferson County Middle High School, serves the Tigers as the team water girl and has done so for the past two years. "I do it because I love all the coaches and football players. I love the Tigers," said Samiria.

"If females were allowed to play football I would play as a running back," she added. "I didn't just become a water girl, I became a part of a family," she added.

"I play basketball, I run track and I have been doing both since my sixth grade year. I placed second in the state in shot put last season but this year I'm going to train much harder and I am taking the gold home this year," she vowed.

While being active in school athletics she maintains a grade point average of 3.5.

Samiria attends Greater Fellowship Baptist Church and she is the daughter of Latonah and Sampson Martin.

The little guy seen on

BUDGET SUMMARY CITY OF MONTICELLO FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012

THE PROPOSED BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF MONTICELLO ARE 58.0 PERCENT LESS THAN LAST YEAR'S OPERATING EXPENDITURES

GENERAL FUND				SPECIAL FUND	WATER/SEWER FUND	TOTAL
General Fund	6.0000					
ESTIMATED REVENUES:						
Taxes:		Millage Per Thousand				
Ad Valorem Taxes	6.0000		534,000		534,000	
Sales and Use Tax			333,200		333,200	
Utility Service Taxes			146,000		146,000	
Franchise Fees			169,000		169,000	
Franchise Taxes			202,400		202,400	
Licenses & Permits			9,900		9,900	
Grants/Appropriations			1,122,400		100,000	1,222,400
Intergovernmental Revenues			167,000		167,000	
Charges for Services			267,000		1,053,768	1,320,768
Fines & Forfeitures			17,350			17,350
Miscellaneous Revenue			17,400		30,850	48,250
Internal Service Charges			10,000		2,000	12,000
TOTAL SOURCES	2,995,650		0	1,186,618		4,182,268
Transfers In	68,500			86,000		154,500
Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets	575,934			12,000,232		12,576,166
TOTAL REVENUES, TRANSFERS & BALANCES	3,640,084		0	13,272,850		16,912,934
EXPENDITURES						
General Government	424,379			978,643		1,403,022
Public Safety	681,091					681,091
Physical Environment	1,942,180					1,942,180
Transportation						0
Debt Services				182,975		182,975
Internal Services	1,000			11,000		12,000
Grants/Appropriations	15,500			100,000		115,500
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3,064,150		0	1,272,618		4,336,768
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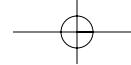
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GROWING OLD ROSES ORGANICALLY

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One Heart Earth Center will offer a program on 'Growing Old Roses Organically' at 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 24. The instructor for this educational program will be Pam Greenewald of Angel Gardens in Alachua, FL.

At 2 p.m. the day will continue with a program on 'Organic Gardening Basics'... back by popular demand.

Greenewald has a contagious enthusiasm for growing roses. She will teach participants the ease and joy of growing incredible old roses; pass out a four-page handout on the subject of roses; and have gorgeous old roses for sale.

She will also share new information gained from her summer trip to the European Gardens, including information from the well-known David Austin.

Visit her website at www.angelgardens.com beforehand to see just what she has in store for you, or call her at 352-359-1133 in advance to request her to bring specific roses.

Greenewald is also an avid worm lover, with 40+ years of gardening experience under her tool belt. Program topics will include: Why Raised Beds; No Till; Composting; Mulching; Planting; Touching On Permaculture; The Difference Between Organic And Synthetic Fertilizers; Gardening All Year Long In Florida; and some great tips for the novice, as well as the expert.

Pre-registration is required by September 20, though walk-ins are always welcome if there is room. Contact Sallie Worley at 850-997-7373 or email to oneheartearthcenter@embarqmail.com

Enjoy a lunch in town or bring a bag lunch... your day, your choice!

The Jefferson Journal Fish & Game Feeding Chart

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

*The Week of September 16, 2011 through September 9, 2011
Major Feed Times are marked by an asterisk (*)*

Friday, September 16	Saturday, September 17	Sunday, September 18	Monday, September 19
*3:30 AM 9:45 AM *4:00 PM 10:20 PM	*4:30 AM 10:30 AM *4:50 PM 11:00 PM	*5:20 AM 11:20 AM *5:40 PM 11:55 PM	*6:10 AM 12:20 PM *6:40 PM
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YOUTH HUNTING FIELD DAY SET FOR SEPT. 24

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) will host its Youth Hunting Field Day

on Saturday, Sept. 24, at Tall Timbers Research Station and Land Conservancy, north of Tallahassee.

It's no coincidence that this date happens to be National Hunting and Fishing Day, making the event a great opportunity for the entire family to come out and learn about hunting and fishing.

The FWC is partnering with Tall Timbers to put on this free, half-day event for interested kids of all ages and their parents. Advance registration is not necessary for the event, which runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Attendees will get to shoot at targets with bows and arrows, shotguns, rifles

and muzzleloading guns. Other activities include a hunting-dog demonstration.

Those who have taken the online hunter safety course can complete the required field activities at the event by registering at MyFWC.com/HunterSafety.

Also, participants are eligible for door prizes, including a youth hunt or a free week of summer camp in Ocala or at the Beau Turner Youth Conservation Center (BTYCC), near Tallahassee.

The BTYCC is part of the Florida Youth Conservation Centers Network initiative to create youth centers that will provide opportunities for young people and families to participate in outdoor activities and share experiences that strengthen connections

with and support for fish and wildlife conservation.

The Sept. 24 Youth Hunting Field Day sponsors and volunteers include the Future of Hunting in Florida, the National Wild Turkey Federation, Talquin Portable Restrooms, Ducks Unlimited, Jefferson Long Rifles, Tallahassee Bowhunters Association, Horse Creek Traditional Archery Club, Quality Deer Management Association, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Safari Club International, the Florida Forest Service, Dog Pond Kennels and Hard Labor Creek Plantation.

For more information on Youth Hunting Field Day, call 850-413-0084. For directions to Tall Timbers Research Station, go to www.talltimbers.org.

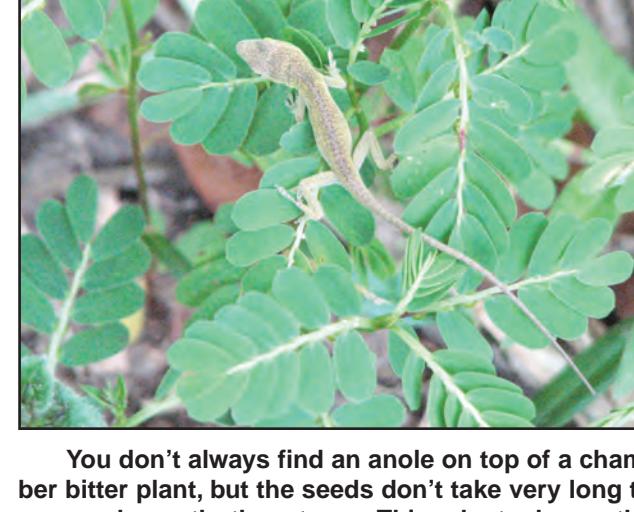
Chamber Bitter, Jackpot Or Just Another Pain In The Grass?

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Weeds really like to take advantage of a struggling lawn. When the grass stand suffers and thins, dormant weed seed jump at the opportunity. Nothing does it any better than chamber bitter. Most of the folks that call don't know it by that name. They just ask, "What's this plant that looks like a little mimosa tree growing in my lawn, pasture or flower bed?" In fact, one of the common names is mimosa weed. The small plant can be best identified by the alternate pairs of oblong leaves along its branches and the small round seeds along the underside of the branches.

The seeds germinate in very warm soil, and the plants don't usually appear before mid-summer. The seeds mature quickly and can be easily dislodged when the plants are pulled by hand. In small infestations, mechanical control may be sufficient. If the plant is only a pest in flowerbeds or gardens, thick mulch (two inches or more) can keep away the light required for seeds to germinate. In lawns, most small infestations rapidly turn into large infestations and chemical control may need to be added to the mix of mechanical and cultural control.

Hericide application can be either pre-emergent or post emergent, but neither guarantees total or permanent control. Atrazine



You don't always find an anole on top of a chamber bitter plant, but the seeds don't take very long to appear beneath the stems. This plant shows the sequence of blooms to seeds underneath the stem.

and isoxaben are the two preemergent compounds that can be used. Atrazine application will also control our old enemy burr weed when applied as a preemergent. Effective preemergent treatments can be made after grass

greens up and before the ground is warm enough for seed germination. Even after the first wave of weeds germinates, there will still be some control. However, your bang for the buck won't be as great as treating before any plants emerge. Be careful not to treat near desired landscape plants.

Post emergence treatments include atrazine in centipede and St. Augustine lawns and herbicides that contain 2, 4-D. All herbicide treatments are more effective on young plants, so early action is crucial. Glyphosate

(Roundup) and other non-selective herbicides can be used on chamber bitter, but remember to shield desirable plants from the herbicide. Non-selective herbicide use in lawns will kill your grass and create more opportunities for chamber bitter seed to emerge.

Remember to READ and FOLLOW the label on these and all herbicides.

So what's the jackpot option? If you can't control it, you might want to go for the gold.

Like so many weeds I've researched, chamber bitter has a reputation for medicinal properties.

Take heart! If chamber bitter escapes your time consuming, laborious, backbreaking efforts to control it, you can always switch to the time consuming, laborious, backbreaking work of collecting, processing and marketing it.

I'm guessing you'll go for the control option, and if you need additional information for that contact me at 850-342-0187. If you hit the jackpot in the medicinal herb business, a small commission would be appreciated.

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