



FIRST VISIONING FORUM DRAWS ABOUT 50 PEOPLE

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About 50 or so city and county residents braved the inclement weather on Tuesday evening, Oct. 18, to attend the first of two scheduled forums designed to solicit public input on the kind of community that participants envision Jefferson County becoming one day.

This first forum, held at the Monticello Opera House, was conducted by graduate students of the FSU Department of Urban and Regional Planning and headed by Professor Melissa Saunders. The department is charging Jefferson County \$20,000 to conduct the study and produce a Land Use Vision Plan — a document in-

tended to guide this community's growth through the foreseeable future.

Saunders, in her enthusiastic introduction to the audience, compared planning to spring cleaning, saying it was a process that had to be repeated periodically in order to keep it viable and relevant.

"Planning is a living, vibrant activity," Saunders said. "Its purpose is to figure out a successful action plan for the community and check it every once in a while to see if it's working. It's a document that's built on an understanding of the past, so that we can figure where we're going in the future."

The forums, she said, were designed to get participants to

relate pertinent and relevant information about the community, its history, what its residents wanted to see happen in the future, and what they didn't want to see happen. Which information her group "would professionally digest" to come up with the action plan, she said.

Members of the audience, which included numerous elected officials from the city, county and school district, were asked to participate in various exercises designed to elicit their views on the types of developments that were desirable or inimical to them, as well as reveal their current shopping and recreational patterns, among other information.

One activity, for example,

asked participants to identify on an area map where they lived, worked, shopped and played by the placement of color-coded sticky circles in the appropriate areas, with yellow indicating place of residence; blue, workplace; red, preferred shops; and green, recreational places.

Another exercise had participants register their gut-reaction to a series of 104 images projected on a screen, the images ranging from shots of rural scenes to suburban residential neighborhoods to congested cityscapes. Participants were asked to score the images on a scale from least to most desirable.

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JCM/HS Band Director Resigns

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Michael Simmons, the music teacher and band director at Jefferson County Middle/High School (JCM/HS), is the latest to resign the school district, with his departure raising the possibility of legal consequences.

Simmons resigned effective last Thursday, informing School Superintendent Bill Brumfield of his decision via a letter. Brumfield, however, declined to comment on the cause of the resignation on Wednesday morning, Oct. 19, saying the matter had the potential to go into litigation.

Brumfield said a representative of the area teachers' union had already communicated to the district that the organization planned to pursue legal action.

Brumfield would only say that Simmons had been with the district two years and that he was the bandleader and director at the middle and high school.

"I'm sorry, but I can't comment at this time," Brumfield said.

JCM/HS Principal Guy Cooper also declined to comment.

"It's a personnel matter I can't speak on," Cooper said.



ECB Publishing Photo By Debbie Snapp, Oct. 18, 2011

Former Congressman Allen Boyd accepts an award from Florida Library Association President Gloria Colvin, given to him in appreciation of his efforts on behalf of public libraries.

Former Congressman Recognized For Staunch Support Of Libraries

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Former Congressman Allen Boyd may well be out of the public eye nowadays, but that doesn't mean

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Senator Montford Speaks to Rotary

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Monticello Rotary Club welcomed Senator Bill Montford to its October 7 luncheon meeting. He was invited to speak to the group by Rotary member and School Superintendent Bill Brumfield. He began with a few funny stories before getting 'into the meat' of his program.

Montford grew up in north Florida. Education and community service have always been a part of his life. He's proud of his 40+ years as a public school teacher, principal and superintendent, county commissioner, and CEO of the state superintendent's association. He made a career in education and is a proud member of several educational organizations. It's through education that he came to know Brumfield, and they've continued their good relationship to this day.

He talked briefly about school budgets and the language barriers in the schools. He noted that rural districts have a unique challenge; losing just a few students means loss of parental support, reduction in the budget and loss of jobs. The budget is always a concern. This year, the budget is short \$2 billion dollars but there are 32,000 more students... and the free and reduced lunch program is up 50 percent. Though decisions will have to be made.

He says he chose to run for Florida Senate District 6 because there is much work to be done in the Florida Legislature. His desire is to make a difference in the lives of the people in the 11 counties he represents. If the redistricting comes through in January, his district will include all of Jefferson and Madison counties and a bit of Leon County.



ECB Publishing Photos By Debbie Snapp, Oct. 7, 2011.

Senator Bill Montford was invited to speak to the Monticello Rotary Club during its Friday afternoon luncheon meeting.

He presented the upside and downside of the immigration issue. The up being 'labor' and the down being 'taxpayers.' He also touched briefly on the issues of: Medicaid, no-fault insurance, unemployment and the

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MAN CHARGED WITH ATTACKING GIRLFRIEND

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A county man was recently arrested and charged with strangling his girlfriend.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office reported that on September 28 Deputy Paul Peebles was dispatched to the Sheriff's Office in reference to a fight, which had already occurred.

Upon arrival, Deputy Peebles made



Michael Christopher Johnson

contact with the complainant, who stated that she was involved with a

fight with her live-in boyfriend, Michael Christopher Johnson, 39, of Jefferson County. She said she was leaving for work and Johnston yelled at her to come back. She said she turned around and went back and when she did he reached into her car grabbed her keys and went into the house.

She said she followed Johnston into the house and when she had gotten inside he said she had taken something

from him and he threw something at the back of her head and pushed her on the bed several times. The victim said she kept asking for her phone and keys and he said he didn't care about them, spit in her left eye, grabbed her by the neck and she said she could not breathe and felt like she was going to pass out. She said as he had her around the neck he punched her in the back

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Monticello Park Committee member David Ward operates a tractor at last Saturday's trailblazing workday.

PARK COMMITTEE CLEARS TRAILS AT PROPOSED PARK

Another Cleanup Set This Saturday

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The Monticello Park Committee is wasting no time in implementing the first steps of an action plan designed to satisfy the contractual obligations imposed by the \$200,000 grant that the city received several years ago and that allowed for purchase of the Water Street property — a site slated one day to become an ecological park.

On Saturday, Oct. 8, committee members, along with city employees, cleared several hundred yards of trail through the wooded property with the use of a tractor and backhoe, according to Councilwoman Idella Scott, the committee chair.

Scott said the cleared trails, on what will be the park's south side, extend all the way to the creek that

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MAN CHARGED WITH THREATENING VICTIM WITH GUN

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A local man was arrested last week on an outstanding county warrant for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office reported that on March 16, 2011 Deputy Martin Grogan was dispatched to the "Projects" apartments in reference to gunshots being fired.

Upon arrival the deputy saw a black male fitting the description of

a person firing the shots. He was wearing an FSU sweater with matching shorts and yellow shoes as described. Officers from the Monticello Police Department assisted in taking the man, later identified as Shraze Jerome Hills, 26, of Monticello, into custody.

Deputy Kevin Tharpe obtained a written statement from the complainant, who stated that Hills had followed her while carrying a silver handgun with a brown handle. She said that she was walking

next to the apartments when Hills approached her.

She reported that Hills said, "Once we hit this corner (indicating the corner of the apartment building) there will not be a witness to what I am going to do." The complainant said the statement frightened her and that Hills followed her into her apartment and pointed the handgun at her, saying "I am going to shoot you and if I miss I am going to stab you."

She said she saw



Shraze Jerome Hills

some people on the porch and she stopped at that point. Hills, still follow-

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Viewpoints & Opinions

CHURCH NEWS NOTES

October 21
Tent of the Holy Guests offers prayer for the sick and a special scripture message every Friday at 7:30 p.m. The Tent is located at 295 West Palmer Mill, in downtown Monticello.

October 21, 22
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.

October 22
Cody Pentecostal Holiness Church Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, beginning at 4 p.m. at 3812 Tram Road. This year there will be a Chili Cookoff, jungle jump, cotton candy, prizes, games, food, fun and lots of good Christian fellowship. All free to everyone.

October 23
Union Bethel AME Church in the Boland Community invites the public to its annual Fall Fellowship Service on Sunday at 4 p.m. Rev. Issac Manning, pastor of Beth Page Missionary Baptist Church along with his congregation will be in charge of the service. Contact Sis. Edna Henry for additional information at 850-997-3202. Rev. Clarence Little, Jr., pastor.

October 23
Mt. Zion AME Church, on the Barrington Road, will celebrate its 31st Anniversary and Homecoming on Sunday beginning with Church School at 9:30 a.m. and Morning Worship Service at

11:00 a.m. All are invited to this time of Christian fellowship. Speaker will be Pastor Rev. Dr. Edward Scott II. The St. Phillip AME Choir and Ushers will render the services. Dinner will be served following the service.

October 23
Children's Day at Cody Pentecostal Holiness Church begins at 11a.m. on Sunday at 3812 Tram Road.

October 23
Memorial Missionary Baptist Church Senior Choir will celebrate its 51st Anniversary at 3 p.m. on the fourth Sunday. Rev. George Proctor and Gethsemane MB Church will be in charge of the service. The community is invited to attend this evening of praise and worship. Those unable to attend are asked

to pray that the program will be blessed. Rev. JB Duval, pastor and moderator. For more information call 850-997-2712.

October 23
Casa Bianca Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate its annual Men and Women Day on Sunday beginning at 9:30 a.m. with School Sunday and continuing with Morning Worship at 11 a.m. Your presence is requested to come and help to lift the name of the Lord. Pastor J.W. Tisdale and the St. Phillip AME Church of Monticello will be guest pastor and congregation. Contact Burnette Thompson at 850-997-4484 for more information. Rev. Tobbie Berrian III, pastor/teacher

October 27

Wilburn and Wilburn and LifeSong will be in concert on Thursday at Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park in Madison, FL. The concert will begin at 7 p.m. For more information contact Bryant Thigpen at 850-464-0114, or visit www.lifesonggospel.com

October 28
First Baptist Church Fall Festival will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday with fun, food and fellowship, in the parking lot behind the fellowship hall. There will be fishing games, face-painting, goodie bags, hay rides, hot dogs and drinks... and all at no charge. Just bring the kids, visit, eat and have some good, clean Halloween fun. For more information contact the church at 850-997-2349.

Drop A Note To
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Cindy Hutto, Healthy Start JMT, tells me that DJJ will be hosting the second annual Trauma-Informed Care Day event on Tuesday, Nov. 1 from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. at the Museum of Florida History, R.A. Gray Auditorium, 500 South Bronough Street, in Tallahassee. Tonier Cain, spokesperson on trauma-related issues and the subject of the award winning film 'Healing Neen' will serve as the keynote speaker. Her compelling life story detailing her brutal and abusive childhood and the impact on her early adulthood dramatically illustrates the resilience of the human spirit and the need for Trauma-Informed Care. A brief ceremony will follow proclaiming the official day. The effects of trauma are felt by people everywhere regardless of age, race, ethnicity, socio-economic status, gender and workplace. Trauma-Informed Care is an approach to engage those with histories of trauma, to recognize the symptoms and acknowledge the role it has played in their lives. By understanding the vulnerabilities and triggers of trauma survivors, services can be designed to be more supportive and the re-traumatizing can be avoided. Seating is limited. Register at gayla.marc@djj.state.fl.us

volunteers are always needed at the schools. Background checks are required for all applicants. If you would like to volunteer contact her at 850-342-0115.

Donna Hagan, Jefferson Whole Child Coalition, notes that Healthy Smart Day has been scheduled for March 27, 2012. During the event the Whole Child Express will be unveiled.

Glover Jones is working with My Literacy, a nonprofit website promoting literacy. Check it out at www.myliteracy.com

Deveda Bellamy announces that October 30 is "Take a Loved One to the Doctor Day." So, keep that in mind!

Kristin Jackson, Jefferson County Extension Office, announces that her agency will give away two free tickets to the North Florida Fair and two free 4H bus passes for transportation to the fair. Deadline for your entry is November 1. For more information, go to Jefferson@mail.ifau.fedu

Sandy Porras-Gutierrez, Department of Children and Families Access Program, says the department began replacing the old EBT Benefit Security Cards on April 18 with a new design card. Clients can request a new card by calling 1-866-430-8999 or 1-888-356-3281. Her agency is always looking for Community ACCESS Partners. Contact her at sandra_porras-gutierrez@dcf.state.fl.us for more information.

Derylene Proctor and Jennifer Brown, Jefferson County Healthy

Start, reported that the Parents as Teachers program is underway in Jefferson County and the agency is looking for partners to participate. The agency also had a very successful car seat/booster seat giveaway recently. The Parents as Teachers program meets monthly from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Nicole Stookey, Department of Children and Families, reports that November is National Adoption Month. The agency is in need of foster homes.

Nicole Jordan says that her agency, Healing Transitions Creative Counseling for Children and Families, serves seven counties, offers many services and accepts referrals. She can be contacted at 850-322-0041 or nicole.jordan@healing-transitions.com

Tonya Bell encourages the community to check out the Whole Child Profile at www.tri-countywholechild.com. The website is very user friendly and easy to maneuver. If you need assistance or have any questions contact her at tbell@healthystartjmt.org or 850-253-5355.

Sue Loftis, Children's Home Society, offers to distribute information from area agencies in her agency's newsletter, which reaches over 700 families. You can contact her at 850-921-0330 or susan.loftis@chsfl.org

JEFFERSON COUNTY HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM NOTICE TO BIDDERS

A. NOTICE TO BIDDERS:

Sealed bids will be received until 2 p.m. on the 15th day of November, 2011, for the replacement of two (2) homes in the CDBG program.

B. General Instructions to Bidders:

1. Quotations:

- a. All prices shall include all labor, supervision, materials, equipment and services necessary to do a workman like job.
- b. Only firm bids will be accepted. Only one (1) bid may be submitted for each house.
- c. Bids prices must be itemized on the submitted bid form or the bid will be rejected.

2. Insurance: Before any bid can be accepted, a Certificate of Insurance must be attached to this bid or on file with the Housing Rehabilitation Program. The Certificate must list the Local Government, as a party to be notified ten (10) days before cancellation or expiration of the policy.

3. Legal Compliance: The bidder shall be familiar with all federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations that in any manner affect the work. Ignorance on the part of the bidder will in no way relieve him from responsibility for compliance with all said laws, ordinances, rules and regulations.

4. Right of Rejection: The owner, in cooperation with the Local Government, reserves the right to reject any one bid or all bids, to waive any informality in any bid, and to award the bid in the best interest of the Local Government and the Owner. Bids that are more than 15% higher or lower than the Housing Rehabilitation Specialist's cost estimate will not be accepted.

5. Pre-Bid Conference: Bidders or their representatives are required to attend an on-site meeting. Failure to attend the meeting will result in automatic bid rejection, unless a waiver is approved by the Local Government.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The MANDATORY conference for this job will be held:

Date: November 1, 2011 Time: 11:00am

Start Location: Jefferson County SHIP Office – 445 W. Palmer Mill Rd. - Monticello, FL

6. Bids Submitted: Address all bids to Jefferson County SHIP Office. The bids shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the markings "CDBG SEALED BIDS" and Not to Be Opened until 2:00 p.m. November 15, 2011.

If hand delivering bids the address is: See Below

If mailing bids the address is: Jefferson County SHIP Office
445 W. Palmer Mill Road
Monticello, Florida 32344

7. No contractor or subcontractor may participate in this work if ineligible to receive federal or state funded contracts.

8. No contractor will be issued more than two (2) Local Government funded contracts simultaneously, unless ability to perform is proven. Three (3) contracts is the maximum for any contractor.

9. Federal equal opportunity, civil rights, lead base paint, Section 3 requirements, and record retention requirements are applicable to work performed on this job. Minority participation is encouraged.

10. Financing of the work will be provided, in whole or in part by the Housing Rehabilitation Program. The Local Government will act as agent for the owner in preparing contract documents, inspecting, and issuing payments. However, the contract will be between the owner and contractor. Bids, work performed and payments must be approved by the owner and the agent.

Jay Moseley
Housing Rehabilitation Specialist

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Congressman

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he doesn't reenter the political arena when programs dear to him are threatened.

Which explains why Florida Library Association (FLA) President Gloria Colvin on Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 18, presented Boyd with a framed certificate in appreciation of his efforts on behalf of the restoration of state aid to public libraries during the last legislative session.

Boyd, it seems, accompanied Wilderness Coast Public Libraries (WILD) Director Cheryl Turner to the capitol during the latter days of the 2011 legislative session in an attempt to convince his former colleagues to support library state aid, which the lawmakers were threatening to zero out for the third consecutive year.

As it turned out, the lawmakers at the very last minutes of the session again agreed to restore state aid and increased it to \$21.3 million, \$100,000 more than the previous year. Had the funding not

been restored, public libraries across the state — including the local library — would have been forced to cut hours, lay off staff and reduce services, among other drastic measures.

Boyd, in his brief comments after receipt of the award, downplayed his contribution, saying he had merely met with various of his former colleagues and mentioned the importance of maintaining the state funding to libraries in order to secure the federal matching funds. He did, however, acknowledged that knowing how the system worked, he had concentrated his efforts on the Senate side and on the appropriations chairman in particular.

What good his conversations with the various lawmakers had done, he didn't know, he said. But what he did know was that the funding had been restored some time after.

Boyd praised libraries for their part in helping turn poten-

tially wayward kids into productive members of society with the many programs and services they provided.

"Thank you for the work you do," he said.

Turner, for her part, praised Boyd's commitment to libraries and noted that his standing among his former colleagues was greater than he represented.

"It was like being with a magnet being with Allen," Turner said of their joint visit to the capitol. "He couldn't go two feet without all these people coming out to greet him — Democrats, Republicans and lobbyists alike."

Boyd served in the Florida House of Representatives several terms before moving on to the U.S. House of Representatives in Congress. He was a strong supporter of state aid when in the Florida Legislature and is largely credited for the creation of WILD. While in the Congress, he supported federal funding for state libraries.

Visioning

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The evening's activities concluded with a table mapping exercise and individual group discussions at the various tables set around the room.

Based on the information gathered at these forums, the FSU team will eventually produce a roadmap to guide the community's future growth. The roadmap will, among other things, identify where development should be promoted, where it should be limited or discouraged, and provide specific land-use policies to help convert the vision into reality.

The next visioning forum is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24, at Memorial Missionary Baptist Church on 2nd Street.

Park Committee

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traverses the 28-acre property.

She said the group of volunteers and city employees additionally cleared two areas where old picnic tables were located. And the group also identified and partially cleared an exiting trail that runs alongside the creek.

Of interest to the group was the discovery of a huge poplar tree that Scott has asked forester Michael Humphrey to measure, in case the tree warrants special protection.

The committee has scheduled an invasive plants cleanup for this Saturday, Oct. 22, beginning at 9 a.m.

By the terms of the \$200,000 state grant that the city received in 2007, it is obligated to develop the property to a certain extent by July 30, 2012.

The park committee recently submitted to the state an action plan that proposed to accomplish certain steps to satisfy the state's requirements by the deadline. These steps, which state officials gave the nod to, included purchasing and installing playground and exercise equipment and putting up identification and education signage, as well as completing several exercise and walking trails.

Attacking

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of the head with his fist and said he would kill her.

She said she tried to leave through the side door but she could not get the door unlocked fast enough so she ran to the front door and she could not get it unlocked fast enough either.

The complainant said Johnston picked her up by the neck and threw her into a table and the love seat. She said she found her broken key on the floor of his closet and she went outside to get in the car.

She said while she was walking to the car he was getting some papers out of the glove box and pushed her into the car, causing her to hit her head on the door frame. She said at some point Johnston grabbed her by the hair and broke her hair clip.

The victim said he would not give her phone to her so she could call for help or call her boss. She said he also would not give her keys back to her and said he would throw her stuff in the yard.

The victim gave Deputy Don Barfield a sworn written statement and Deputy Peebles went to the house to talk to Johnston. Barfield also photographed the victim's injuries, including some marks on her neck.

Deputy Peebles made contact with Johnston at the residence and asked about the incident. He said that they did not get into a fight, they just argued about the bills. He insisted that no one hit anyone but when the deputy asked him to give a sworn statement about the event, he said he did not want to get the complainant into any trouble.

The deputy noted that Johnston had a small cut on his right hand with fresh blood on it and Deputy Peebles asked him how he got it. Johnston said he was unsure of how he got it but it must have happened the night before. The deputy noted that Johnston also had some small scratches on his back and some blood on his right palm, which the deputy photographed.

Johnston was arrested and charged with felony domestic battery by strangulation and tampering with a victim. A total bond of \$30,000 was set and he remained at the County Jail October 21.

Man Charged

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ing, also stopped. When he looked away she said she ran into someone else's apartment and that is when she heard gunshots outside of the apartment.

A short time later she saw Hills in custody. She identified Hills as the man who threatened her with a handgun and the man she believed to be the one shooting the handgun after she got away from him.

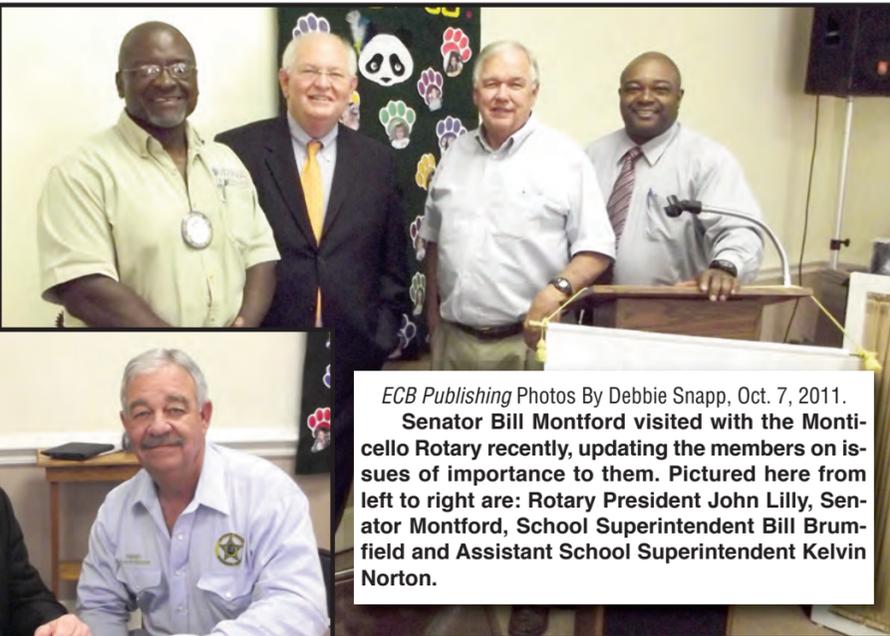
Hills was arrested October 14 on an outstanding county warrant, transported to the county jail and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Bond was set at \$50,000 and he remained at the county jail October 20.

Montford

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privatization of prisons... an issue that doesn't set well with him.

To contact Senator Montford go to montford.bill.web@flsenate.gov, or contact his Tallahassee office at 850-487-5004.



ECB Publishing Photos By Debbie Snapp, Oct. 7, 2011. Senator Bill Montford visited with the Monticello Rotary recently, updating the members on issues of importance to them. Pictured here from left to right are: Rotary President John Lilly, Senator Montford, School Superintendent Bill Brumfield and Assistant School Superintendent Kelvin Norton.



ECB Publishing Photos By Debbie Snapp, Oct. 7, 2011. At left, Senator Bill Montford, left, visits with County Sheriff David Hobbs, right, after speaking with the Monticello Rotary Club.

GATEWAY CINEMA 7

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MOVIE TIMES ARE GOOD THRU
Dates of

October 21 - October 27

Footloose (PG)
Friday- 4:05-7:10-9:50
Saturday-1:05-4:05-7:10-9:50
Sunday-1:30-4:15-7:10
Mon-Thurs-7:10
NO PASSES

DOLPHIN TALE (PG)
Friday- 4:15-7:05-9:40
Saturday-1:30-4:15-7:05-9:40
Sunday-1:30-4:15-7:05
Mon-Thurs-7:05

Courageous (PG13)
Friday-4:00-7:00-9:45
Saturday-1:00-4:00-7:00-9:45
Sunday-1:00-4:00-7:00
Mon-Thurs-7:00

Real Steel (PG13)
Friday-4:20-7:20-10:10
Saturday-1:35-4:20-7:20-10:10
Sunday-1:35-4:20-7:20
Mon-Thurs-7:20

Three Musketeers (PG13)
Friday-4:10-7:15-9:55
Saturday-1:15-4:10-7:15-9:55
Sunday-1:15-4:10-7:15
Mon-Thurs-7:15
NO PASSES

Paranormal Activity 3 (R)
Friday- 5:20-7:30-9:35
Saturday-1:10-3:15-5:20-7:30-9:35
Sunday-1:10-3:15-5:20-7:30
Mon-Thurs-7:30
NO PASSES

The Thing (R)
Friday- 4:25-7:25-10:00
Saturday-1:40-4:25-7:25-10:00
Sunday-1:40-4:25-7:25
Mon-Thurs-7:25
NO PASSES

All new high back seats and even more renovations on the way!

THIRD ANNUAL BOO FEST OCTOBER 29

FRAN HUNT
ECB Publishing Staff Writer

Hayley's Angels, an organization created in the memory of Hayley Grantham after her passing, will be hosting the third annual Boo Fest, 6 p.m., Saturday, October 29 at the Jefferson County Recreation Department, located at 1380 Mamie Scott Drive.

The Halloween fundraiser consists of a haunted hayride with two trailers available so there will be no long lines, beginning at 7:30 p.m., a kiddy

train ride, also known as "The Boo Train," inflatables, a costume parade at 7 p.m., carnival games, including a wide variety of toss games such as toilet paper toss, ring toss, baseball toss and ring toss, food, drinks, Halloween music and more.



"We are asking members of the community to support our cause by attending the fundraiser and/or by volunteering," said Hayley's mom, Tracie Grantham. "We are looking for groups such as youth groups, businesses, churches, sports groups, etc, to provide a game booth and prizes for the patrons of the event or by performing a skit for the haunted hayride. Potential volunteers should call Tracie at 251-7946.

Tickets are \$10 each and they include entry to all attractions, including the haunted hayride, the Boo Train, inflatables and games, an unlimited amount of times, or \$5 for the haunted hayride only. Children three years old and younger are free. See the coloring contest on page 9A for your chance to win a free ticket to this year's event.

"We would like to bring the community together for a good cause and to help a charity that was created in memory of a young, loving member of our community, said Tracie. "Our mission, is to reduce the burden on families who have a child(ren) with a critical

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Wednesday:
7 PM Bible Study

Mark 1:4-5
John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.
(5) And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

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Jefferson County Living

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

OCTOBER 24

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

OCTOBER 24

Palmer Place Book Club will be back at Palmer Place for its Monday meeting, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., to discuss the book 'The Paris Wife' by Paula McLain; from the point of view of the first wife of Ernest Hemmingway. If you have questions, call the library at 850-342-0205 or Abi at 850-997-4607.

OCTOBER 24

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

OCTOBER 24

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.

OCTOBER 25

AA classes are held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. for those seeking help. The classes are held at the Harvest Christian Center, 1599 Springhollow Road. Contact Marvin Graham, pastor, at 850-212-7669 for more information.

OCTOBER 26

Monticello Kiwanis Club



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meets every Wednesday at noon at the Jefferson Country Club on the Boston Highway for lunch, a program, and a meeting. Contact President Rob Beshears at 850-997-5054 for more information.

OCTOBER 26

Domestic Violence Awareness Month will be recognized with a Flag Staking Ceremony at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, on the Courthouse Lawn, around the Courthouse Circle. The community and especially public officials are invited and encouraged to attend. This event will be conducted to represent the 24+ Domestic Violence calls placed to local law enforcement to date. The mission of Refuge House is to provide direct services to battered women, their children and sexual assault survivors as well as to eliminate conditions in society that allows such violence to continue. For assistance, call the local Outreach Office at 850-342-3518. Someone is in the office on Wednesdays. For an emergency dial 911 or call the hotline at 1-800-500-1119. And, for Madison Outreach call 850-973-4144.

OCTOBER 27

You may qualify for assistance through the Capital Area Community Action Agency Weatherization Assistance Program. The program reduces heating and cooling costs by improving the energy efficiency of the home. Contact Nellie Thomas at 850-997-5605 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the fourth Thursday for an appointment in the Dills Community area, a t

the Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church. 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.

OCTOBER 27

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

OCTOBER 28

Monticello Jamboree begins at 7 p.m. every Friday evening at 625 South Water Street, just three blocks north of the American Legion Otto Walker Post 49. For questions or concerns contact Curtis Morgan at 850-933-8138 or Bobby Connell at 850-445-0049. There are doorprizes, cold soft drinks and snacks.

OCTOBER 28

Rotary meets at 12 p.m. on Friday at the First Presbyterian Church in the fellowship hall for lunch and a meeting with a program and speaker. Contact President John Lilly at 850-342-0187 for more information.

OCTOBER 28

'Halloween Haunting' will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday, with 'trick-or-treating' around the downtown area. MainStreet Monticello will sponsor 'Dogwood Street of Terror'. To participate in the decorating of Dogwood Street, or if you want to dress as a scary creature for the event, contact Margie Stern at 850-210-4097 or mstern3409@aol.com

OCTOBER 28

Winn Dixie in Monticello will host 'trick-or-treat' in all its departments on Monday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. Don't forget to bring those ghosts and goblins by for a special treat from the friendly staff at Winn Dixie.

Spend an evening with Edgar Allan Poe, presented by the Monticello Opera House, on Friday evening at 8 p.m. Let this master macabre storyteller and his compatriots make your hearts race and your skin crawl with tales of 'The Telltale Heart,' 'The Raven' and 'Mask of the Red Death'. Refreshments will be available before and after the readings. \$8 for adults, \$6 for Opera House members and \$4 for children under age 16. Discounts are available for Ghost Tour participants. Come out dressed... and make a 'spooktacular' of yourself!

OCTOBER 29

Fall Window Painting at One Heart Earth Center 10 a.m. on Saturday. Instructor Janet Moses will also help participants with a Fall Harvest Cornucopia basket, supplying the pumpkins, corn, grapes, gourds, sunflowers, apples and pears. Windows, paint, brushes, patterns and also instructions if needed will also be supplied. Just bring yourself and maybe a painting smock or big shirt. Space is limited. So, RSVP to OHEC at 450 West Madison Street in Monticello, or call Sallie Worley at 850-997-7373, or email to oneheartearthcenter@embarqmail.com

OCTOBER 31

Winn Dixie in Monticello will host 'trick-or-treat' in all its departments on Monday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. Don't forget to bring those ghosts and goblins by for a special treat from the friendly staff at Winn Dixie.

OCTOBER 31

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.

NOVEMBER 1

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

NOVEMBER 1

Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Com-

merce General Membership Meeting is held at noon on the first Tuesday of each month. The meeting includes lunch and a program. For more information visit the Chamber Website at monticellojeffersonfl.com or call 850-997-5552.

NOVEMBER 2

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

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JEFFERSON COUNTY HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM NOTICE TO BIDDERS

A. NOTICE TO BIDDERS:

Sealed bids will be received until 2 p.m. on the 15th day of November, 2011, for the replacement of two (2) homes in the CDBG program.

B. General Instructions to Bidders:

1. Quotations:

- All prices shall include all labor, supervision, materials, equipment and services necessary to do a workman like job.
- Only firm bids will be accepted. Only one (1) bid may be submitted for each house.
- Bids prices must be itemized on the submitted bid form or the bid will be rejected.

2. Insurance: Before any bid can be accepted, a Certificate of Insurance must be attached to this bid or on file with the Housing Rehabilitation Program. The Certificate must list the Local Government, as a party to be notified ten (10) days before cancellation or expiration of the policy.

3. Legal Compliance: The bidder shall be familiar with all federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations that in any manner affect the work. Ignorance on the part of the bidder will in no way relieve him from responsibility for compliance with all said laws, ordinances, rules and regulations.

4. Right of Rejection: The owner, in cooperation with the Local Government, reserves the right to reject any one bid or all bids, to waive any informality in any bid, and to award the bid in the best interest of the Local Government and the Owner. Bids that are more than 15% higher or lower than the Housing Rehabilitation Specialist's cost estimate will not be accepted.

5. Pre-Bid Conference: Bidders or their representatives are required to attend an on-site meeting. Failure to attend the meeting will result in automatic bid rejection, unless a waiver is approved by the Local Government.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The MANDATORY conference for this job will be held:

Date: November 1, 2011 Time: 11:00am

Start Location: Jefferson County SHIP Office - 445 W. Palmer Mill Rd. - Monticello, FL

6. Bids Submitted: Address all bids to _Jefferson County SHIP Office. The bids shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the markings "CDBG SEALED BIDS" and Not to Be Opened until 2:00 p.m. November 15, 2011.

If hand delivering bids the address is: See Below

If mailing bids the address is: Jefferson County SHIP Office
445 W. Palmer Mill Road
Monticello, Florida 32344

7. No contractor or subcontractor may participate in this work if ineligible to receive federal or state funded contracts.

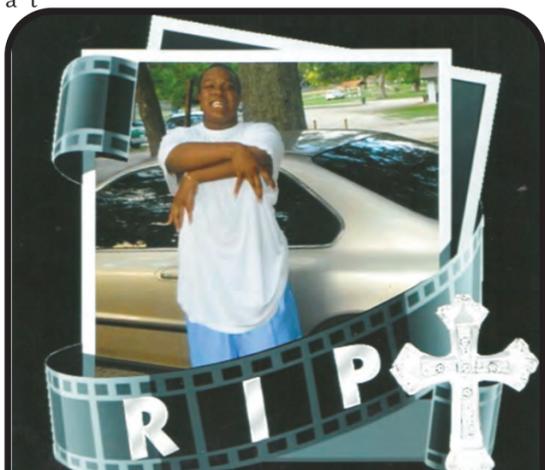
8. No contractor will be issued more than two (2) Local Government funded contracts simultaneously, unless ability to perform is proven. Three (3) contracts is the maximum for any contractor.

9. Federal equal opportunity, civil rights, lead base paint, Section 3 requirements, and record retention requirements are applicable to work performed on this job. Minority participation is encouraged.

10. Financing of the work will be provided, in whole or in part by the Housing Rehabilitation Program. The Local Government will act as agent for the owner in preparing contract documents, inspecting, and issuing payments. However, the contract will be between the owner and contractor. Bids, work performed and payments must be approved by the owner and the agent.

Jay Moseley
Housing Rehabilitation Specialist

October 17, 2011
Date



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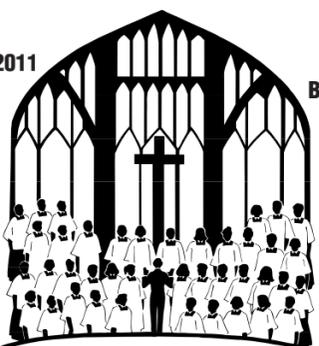
Blessed be... the Father of mercies
and God of all comfort.
2 Corinthians 1:3

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Dad, Mom and Family*

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Saturday,
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Jefferson County Living

Remembering The Good Ol' Days

FRAN HUNT
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

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 Franklin Hightower, 73, recently reminisced about his earlier days of living in Monticello.

He was born in 1938 in Wacissa, where he attended grades one through eight in the school. "The classrooms were large and the heat was old coal or wood-burning stoves," said Hightower.

"The really big thing then when you lived in Wacissa was to come to town on Saturday night to watch a movie," recalls Hightower. "All you needed in your pocket back then was a few quarters. We had to catch a ride into town with one of our (his teenage male friends) parents and if we didn't we would rig up a log truck that belonged to a friend's family. It had no tail-lights on it and we would hang red handkerchiefs on the back of it and head into town to watch a movie in the log truck," said Hightower.

"After the movie was over all the kids would get-together at Drawdy's Drive-In Restaurant and talk and listen to the car radio while the carhops took our orders and brought the food out to us" said Hightower. "They didn't wear rollerskates here, they did that in big cities like Tallahassee.

"The girls wore the big hoop skirts. The dress code was alot different in the olden days. The girls didn't wear anything revealing or skin tight.

"The News office was a Texaco filling station and bus stop. There was a meat company run



Franklin Hightower

by Mr. Clark in Opera House and there was also a TV shop upstairs and where Jan Rickey's office is now was the Monticello Post Office," said Hightower. The police department didn't have the cars or communications (radios) like they have now. They had telephones on poles outside of the station and the poles were all over town. Running out to the pole was how they had to answer the phone. When the phone rang, it rang all over town.

"We had Jones Candy Company, Smith Grocery And Tackle Company was where the Presbyterian Church fellowship hall is now, behind that was the mule and horse stable.

"There was a Downtown Store across from the BP station and Winn Dixie was where the former Monticello Printers used to be," Hightower recalled. "There were three car dealerships, a Ford tractor company, a downtown theater and a drive-in theater. All the businesses were full and thriving.

"There was no Interstate, that flow of traffic we have today

all used US-27," he said. "The only paved street in town was Waukeenah Street.

"When I was in high school when the fire whistle blew the young boys would all run into the heart of town to catch the firetruck and put out the fire. We even jumped out the windows to get to the truck quickly. Everybody was working together," said Hightower.

"When there was political talk-ins (forums), everybody turned up. They would auction cakes and there was good homecooking. It wasn't anything like it is today," said Hightower. "The politicians would mingle and not talk just politics, they would be discussing hunting, fishing and other things with the people," he added.

"On Mondays we used to have a sale for farmers to sell their animals such as hogs and cattle at the old cattle yard on Water Street. It was a big thing for all the farmers to come together and talk. Us young boys used to like to watch them," said Hightower.

"When we got older, we had to work in the watermelon fields from early in the morning until late at night," he said. "All the boys worked in the fields, either for Butler Walker, Franklin Floyd or Ben Buzbee and we made \$3 a day.

"When the watermelons were not in season I operated and worked at the store in Wacissa owned by Mr. and Mrs. Loren Walker. We sold groceries to the community and I would deliver the groceries to people's homes. They treated me just like I was one of their own boys," concluded Hightower.

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

ANNUAL BOYD FAMILY CHARITY DINNER SUNDAY

FRAN HUNT
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

The annual Boyd Family Charity Dinner is slated for Sunday, October 23 at the Boyd Sod Farm, located one mile north of Ashville on US-221, look for the signs.

Join Allen Boyd and his honorary co-hosts, Commissioner of Agriculture Adam Putnam, Senator Bill Montford, Representative Leonard Bemby, Representative Michelle Rehwinkle Vasilinda and Representative Alan Williams during the family-oriented charity fund raising event.

The charity event includes activities such as the dove hunt, which sees some 130 hunters every year. The minimum donation per individual is \$50 for the hunters. Hunters must bring a valid Florida hunting license and plugged gun. The daily limit on dove is 12 birds. Dove hunting begins at 1 p.m.

Plenty of slots are still available for the dinner and skeet shoot, along with many other family-oriented activities, including the 4-H archery range, fishing, hayrides, bonfires and more.

Everyone is welcome to attend the event and bring his or her families along.

The donation to attend the dinner, complete with drinks and skeet shoot and all other activities other than the dove hunt is \$25 per person.

Shooters in the skeet shoot will be provided with shells and shotguns. St Marks Powder provides the shells, shotguns and instructors for the event. The skeet shoot begins at 2 p.m. and ends at 5 p.m.

Posey's Restaurant in Panacea, owned and operated by Noah Posey, will be donating the food for the event below cost and the meal will include shrimp, cat fish, cheese grits, hush puppies, cole slaw and sweet iced tea. Dinner will be served from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m.

"It will be a fun day with plenty to do for the kids," Boyd said. "It will be a beautiful afternoon with the temperature in the mid 70's but it will be cooling down in the evening, so bring as jacket," Boyd added.

All proceeds will go to Big Bend Hospice. "We are more than happy to be able to help them out this year," Boyd said.

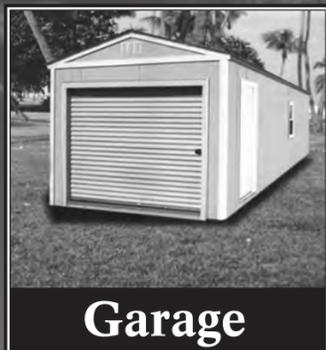
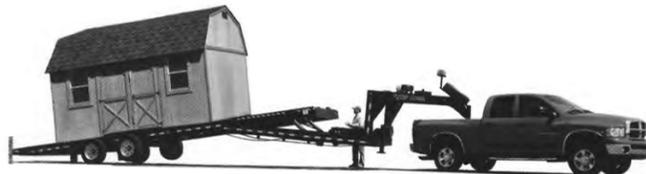
When Boyd started this event about 14 or 15 years ago, it raised about \$12,000. It remains just as popular every year. Last year, the event raised \$110,000 for the Capital Area Healthy Start Coalition, down slightly from the \$118,000 the previous year. Also, last year they had about 450 people out there all together, this year, they expect about 500 or more.

This event is just one way the Boyd family can give back to the community and also show their great appreciation of all their support over the years.

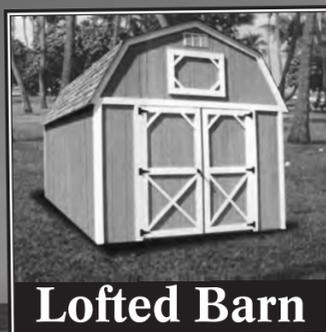
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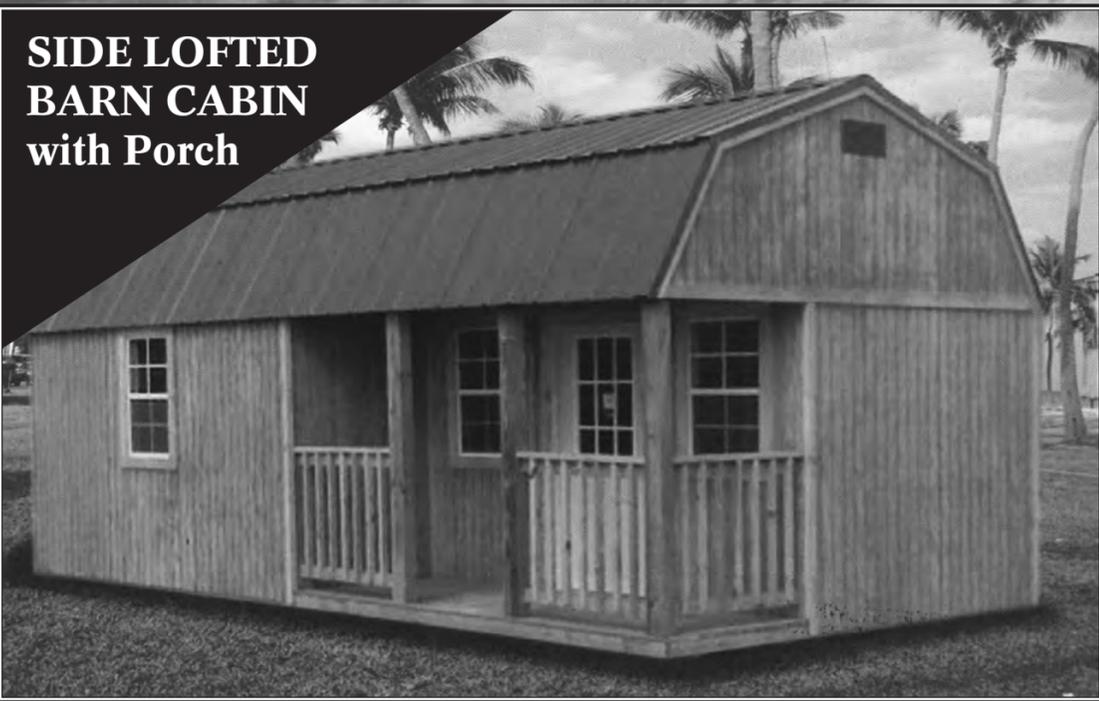
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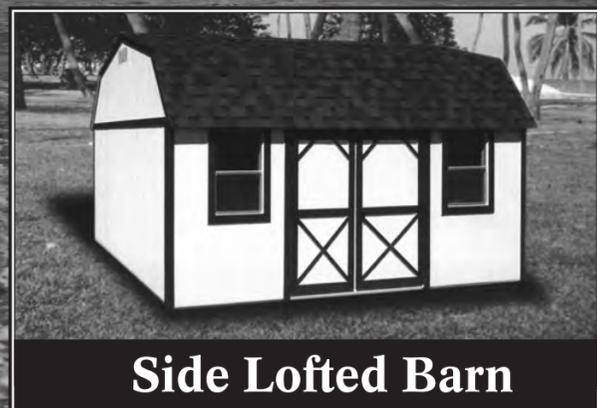
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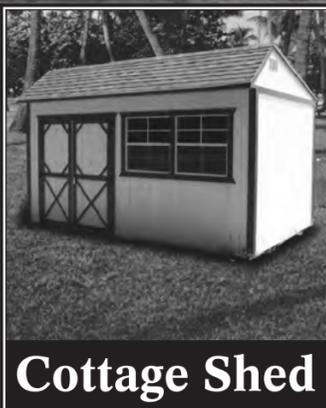
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Joshua Douglas Stanley, 27, of Tallahassee, FL, was arrested on an outstanding Leon County warrant charging him with violation of probation on the charge of driving while license suspended or revoked second offense; driving while license suspended or revoked habitual; possession of cannabis less than 20 grams; and possession of paraphernalia. He was turned over to Leon County authorities the following day to face charges there.

Cedric Jones, 38, of Monticello, was arrested

October 12 and charged with two counts of writ of attachment out of Leon County. He was turned over to Leon County authorities the same day to face charges there.

Mary Hagan, 23, of Jefferson County, was arrested October 12 and charged with writ of attachment for nonpayment of child support. Bond was set at \$600 and she bonded out of jail the same day.

Johnny Gilley, 50, of Jefferson County, was arrested October 12 and charged with writ of attachment for nonpayment of child support. Bond was set at \$750 and he bonded out of jail the

same day.

Vincent Gentle, 45, of Tallahassee, FL, was arrested October 12 and charged with writ of attachment. Bond was set at \$1,000 and he bonded out of jail the same day.

Tamar Louise Smith, 21, of Monticello, was arrested October 12 and charged with petit theft retail. Bond was set at \$250 and she bonded out of jail the same day.

Willie Ann Smith, 50, of Tallahassee, FL, was arrested October 12 and charged with petit theft retail. Bond was set at \$250 and she was released October 17 and given time served.

Marcus Larry, 22, of

Monticello, was arrested October 13 and charged with violation of probation on the charge of sale of a controlled substance; violation of probation on the charge of possession of a controlled substance; and violation of probation on the charge of on the charge of possession of contraband in a county facility. Bond was withheld and he remained at the County Jail October 20.

Philip Matthew Payne, 21, of Jefferson County, was arrested October 13 and charged with possession of marijuana less than 20 grams. Bond was set at \$1,000 and he bonded out of jail the same day.

Jacob Colby Burnett, 21, of Greenville, FL, was arrested October 13 and charged with possession of marijuana less than 20 grams. Bond was set at \$500 and he bonded out of jail the following day.

Shraze Jerome Hills, 26, of Monticello, was arrested October 14 and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Bond was set at \$50,000 and he remained at the County Jail October 20.

Matthew Bowman, 32, of Jefferson County, was arrested October 14 and charged with burglary of a conveyance un-

armed; two counts of fraud/illegal use of credit card; petit theft; and violation of probation on the charge of petit theft. A total bond of \$4,500 was set and he bonded out of jail the same day.

Ronald Graham, Jr., 23, of Jefferson County, was arrested October 14 and charged with violation of probation on the charge of driving under the influence. Bond was withheld and he remained at the County Jail October 20.

Robbi D. Silvan, 38, of Daytona Shore, FL, was arrested October 14 and charged with driving while license suspended or revoked knowingly. Bond was set at \$500 and he bonded out of jail the following day.

Ashley Ann Adams, 25, of Port Orange, FL, was arrested October 15 and charged with grand theft. Bond was set at \$1,000 and she remained at the County Jail October 20.

Toderick Shunard Williams, 24, of Jefferson County, was arrested October 17 and charged with the local charge of do-

mestic battery and three Leon County charges including felony battery with one prior; no valid driver's license; and violation of probation on the charge of battery. A total bond of \$11,500 was set, including \$10,000 on the Jefferson County charge and \$1,500 on the Leon County charges. He remained at the County Jail October 20.

Richelle Margette Robinson, 35, of Tampa, FL, was arrested October 17 and charged with driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Bond was set at \$500 and she bonded out of jail the following day.

Michael Lee Brueckner, 46, of Tallahassee, FL, was arrested October 18 and charged with violation of probation on the charge of felon with a gun; violation of probation on the charge of fleeing a law enforcement officer with no regard; and violation of probation on the charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Bond was withheld and he remained at the County Jail October 20.

Seniors' Economic Struggles Continue This Holiday; Santa Program Provides Assistance

Be a Santa to a Senior, the popular campaign that has delivered 1.5 million gifts to needy seniors throughout North America during the past seven years, again is helping older adults cope in tough economic times.

The area office of the Home Instead Senior Care network, the world's largest provider of non-medical in-home care and companionship services for older adults, and NHC Home Care, have teamed up together for this year's project. They will be working with Elder Care Services, Inc., Jefferson County Senior Citizens Center, Wakulla County Senior Citizens, Dept. of Children & Families/Adult Services, Alzheimer's Project, Lake Ella Manor Apartments, Casa Calderon Apartments, Georgia Belle Dickinson Apartments, Bethel Towers Apartments, Eden Springs Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, River Chase Care Center, Magnolia House, Gadsden County Senior Citizens, Wal-Mart and Sam's Club to provide gifts and companionship to seniors who otherwise might not receive either this holiday season.

"Many older adults continue to struggle in a down economy, particularly those who live alone with no family nearby to help provide resources," said Scott Harrell, owner of the Home Instead Senior Care office serving Leon, Gadsden, Wakulla and Jefferson Counties along with the Panhandle.

Seniors have faced a trying year amid the threat of Social Security payment delays as part of the debt-ceiling debate. What's more, seniors have lost almost one-third (32 percent) of their buying power since 2000, according to the *Annual Survey of Senior Costs* from The Senior Citizens League (TSCS).

That's where *Be a Santa to a Senior* can help. Before the holiday season, the participating local nonprofit organizations will identify needy and isolated seniors and provide those names to the local Home Instead Senior Care office. Christmas trees, which will go up in Super Wal-Mart at 5500 Thomasville Road and Sam's Club at 3122 Dick Wilson Blvd. in Tallahassee, NHC Home Care at 3034 Coastal Highway in Crawfordville and at the Quincy location at 860 Strong Road on Nov. 14 through Dec. 19, will feature ornaments with the first names only of the seniors and their gift requests.

Holiday shoppers can pick up an ornament, buy items on the list and return them unwrapped to the store, along with the ornament attached. "We hope holiday shoppers will open their hearts to those seniors who have given so much to make our community a better place," Harrell said.

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 10/21/11, c.

NOTICE OF NFBA TRANSITION COMMITTEE MEETING
 The North Florida Broadband Authority ("NFBA") announces a meeting to which all interested persons are invited. The NFBA is a legal entity and public body created pursuant to the provisions of Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, and an Interlocal Agreement among: Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Putnam, Suwanee, Taylor, Union and Wakulla Counties and municipalities of Cedar Key, Cross City, Lake City, Live Oak, Monticello, Perry, White Springs and Worthington Springs, Florida. The meeting will be held at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, October 19, 2011 at the Offices of the Suwanee River Water Management District, 9225 County Road 49, Live Oak, FL 32608. The meeting agenda will be posted to the NFBA website HYPERLINK "http://www.nfba-fl.org" www.nfba-fl.org approximately 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting. The NFBA Transition Committee will address general transition issues of the NFBA. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the NFBA with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing special accommodations or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding, or if you have any questions regarding this meeting, please contact the Clerk to the NFBA Board at (321)246-0059, at least 24 hours prior to the date/time of the meeting.
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NOTICE
 Upcoming AANF Board of Directors & Advisory Council Meeting. The Area Agency on Aging for North Florida, Inc. will hold a meeting of its Board of Directors & Advisory Council, Thursday, October 27, at 10:30 a.m., EDST. An Agenda will be available upon request. The meeting will be held at the Area Agency on Aging for North Florida, Inc.; 2414 Mahan Dr. Tallahassee, Florida 32308. The meeting is open to the public.
 10/21/11, c.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA
 Case No: 11-62-CP

IN RE: ESTATE OF ED WILSON, Deceased.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: Carolyn Shack, 1040 E. 7th Ct., Panama City, FL 32401; Tonya Norron, 291 Oakview Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32305; Ulysses Wiggins, Jr., 11 Abby Lane, Rochester, NY 14622; Dennis Wiggins, 4671 Culver Road, Rochester, NY 14622; Steve Miller, P.O. Box 384, Wacissa, Florida 32361; Vivian Yvonne Washington, 2340 Old St. Augustine Rd., Monticello, FL 32344; Fred Wilson, Jr., 1846 Rodeo Court, Tallahassee, FL 32311; Lois Gavili, 509 Emory Court, Tallahassee, FL 32310; Christell Williams, P.O. Box 512, Perry, Florida 32347; Willie James Wilson, 1846 Rodeo Court, Tallahassee, Florida 32311; Joan McNeil, 291 Oakview Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32305; Mary Wiggins, 11 Abby Lane, Rochester, NY 14622; Suzette Wiggins, P.O. Box 617444, Orlando, FL 32861-7444; Dwayne Wiggins, 223 Avenue, N.E., Winter Haven, FL 33884; Arthur Miller, Jr., 10651 SW 172nd Street, Perrine, Florida 33157; Maggie Hall, 4 Eden Court, Sickleville, NY 08081; Jean Madison, 7408 Hickock Court, Tallahassee, FL 32311; Willie C. Robert, P.O. Box 512, Perry, Florida 32347; Edith Wilson, 1340 Susanna Street, Monticello, Florida 32344; Alphonso McNeil, 291 Oakview Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32305; Kenneth Wiggins, 11 Abby Lane, Rochester, NY 14622; Donovan Wiggins, 8601 Anderson Mill Rd., Apt. 1734, Austin, Texas 78729; Mary Miller, P.O. Box 384, Wacissa, Florida 32361; Alice Miller, 10651 SW 172nd Street, Perrine, Florida 33157; Johnny Wilson, Jr., 8704 Thornbrook Terrace Pt., Boynton Beach, FL 33473; Vickie Williams, 2313 Tupelo Terrace, Tallahassee, FL 32303; Mammie Lee Ervin, P.O. Box 512, Perry, Florida 32347; JoAnn Stubb Myers, 19725 Bergenfield Dr., Land O Lakes, Florida 34628; Joe Brown and Tillie Brown, P.O. Box 403, Tallahassee, Florida 32315.

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has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to T. Buckingham Blvd, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 247, Monticello, Florida 32344, on or before October 21, 2011, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorneys or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or Petition.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on this 21st day of September, 2011.
 KIRK REAMS, Clerk of Court
 By: *[Signature]*
 Deputy Clerk

9/30,10/7/14/21/11,c.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA
 PROBATE DIVISION
 File No. 2011 CP 67
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IN RE: ESTATE OF THOMAS RAY REEVES, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of Thomas Ray Reeves, deceased, whose date of death was March 16, 2011, is pending in the Circuit Court for Jefferson County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 1 Courthouse Circle, Monticello, FL 32344. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

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The date of first publication of this notice is October 14, 2011.
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 Attorney for Patricia Ann Reeves
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA
 PROBATE DIVISION
 File No. 11-66-CP
 Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF EDWIN THOM RUMBERGER a/k/a E. THOM RUMBERGER Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of EDWIN THOM RUMBERGER a/k/a E. THOM RUMBERGER, deceased, whose date of death was September 7, 2011, is pending in the Circuit Court for JEFFERSON County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 1 Courthouse Circle, Monticello, FL 32344. The names and addresses of the personal representatives and the personal representatives' attorney are set forth below.

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Friday, October 21 2:20 AM *8:20 AM 2:30 PM *8:45 PM	Saturday, October 22 3:00 AM *9:10 AM 3:20 PM *9:30 PM	Sunday, October 23 3:50 AM *9:50 AM 4:00 PM *10:20 PM	Monday, October 24 4:30 AM *10:40 AM 4:50 PM *11:10 PM
Tuesday, October 25 5:20 AM *11:30 AM 5:40 PM *11:55 PM	Wednesday, October 26 6:10 AM *12:20 PM 6:30 PM	Thursday, October 27 *12:50 AM 7:10 AM *1:20 PM 7:30 PM	Friday, October 28 *1:55 AM 8:10 AM *2:30 PM 8:45 PM




FLORIDA FARM BUREAU HONORS OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS, CELEBRATES SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Orlando, Fla. – A fine balance of well-deserved award announcements and policy development engaged more than 500 members at Florida Farm Bureau’s 70th Annual Meeting, held Oct. 6 through Oct. 8, at The Peabody Hotel in Orlando. Members also participated in a variety of workshops and business sessions at the event. Many attendees reported that the meeting was one of the best of its kind.

President John Hoblick, State Board Members Are Re-Elected

Voting delegates unanimously re-elected Florida Farm Bureau President John Hoblick to serve another term in office. A Volusia County fern producer, Hoblick has held the post since 2006. Jerry Davis of Santa Rosa County, Henry McCrone of Calhoun County, Rod Land of Lafayette County, Dalton Dawdy of Duval County, Brad Etheridge of Levy County, Wilton Simpson of Pasco County, Mark Byrd of Orange County, Ron Wetherington of Hillsborough County, Mark Soddors of Palm Beach County and Mark Wilson of Miami-Dade County were re-elected as members of the state board of directors.

Wilson, Bryan hon-

ored with the Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award

Roy M. Wilson Sr., president of the Gilchrist County Farm Bureau and former member of the Florida Farm Bureau board of directors, and the late Myron Bryan, former president of the Alachua County Farm Bureau and also a former state board member, received Florida Farm Bureau’s highest honor. They were named recipients of the 2011 Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award. This award recognizes a lifetime of service on behalf of Farm Bureau and Florida agriculture.

Legislator Of The Year Awards

Florida Farm Bureau recognized three state lawmakers for their outstanding leadership and support of production agriculture. Sen. Gary Siplin (D-Orlando), chair of the Senate Agriculture Committee, Rep. Leonard Bemby (D-Greenville), member of the House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee, and Rep. Steve Crisafulli (R-Merritt Island), chair, House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee, each received the 2011 Florida Farm Bureau Legislator of the Year. The three legisla-

tors were introduced at an Oct. 7 luncheon.

Young Farmers And Ranchers, Speech Contest Awards

Members of the Young Farmers and Ranchers program assume major roles at the state annual meeting, giving them an opportunity to demonstrate their range of skills and accomplishments. Jason and Olivia DeVane earned top honors in the YF&R Achievement in Agriculture Award competition. The DeVanes manage their family’s citrus operation in Polk County. This honor spotlights young farmers and ranchers who have excelled in their farming/ranching operations and have proven their leadership capabilities. The DeVanes received a 2011 Chevy Silverado 1500 Crew Cab courtesy of Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company and an expense-paid trip to the 2012 American Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii to represent Florida in the national YF&R competition.

James and Sara LeFils, Marion County beef cattle and peanut producers, and Jeff and Kelly Willis, who raise beef cattle and help manage a family-owned livestock market in Columbia County, were finalists in the Achievement Award competition.

Clay and Erin Archey of Seminole County captured the Excellence in Agriculture Award. The couple received the award based upon their involvement in agriculture, leadership

ability, involvement and participation in Farm Bureau and other organizations (such as civic, service and community groups). The Archeyes earned a \$1,200 cash award and an expense-paid trip to the 2012 American Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in Honolulu. They will represent Florida in the national YF&R competition.

At the YF&R Discussion Meet competition Jacob Raburn of Hillsborough County captured the top award for his ability to contribute toward problem solving and his cooperative attitude while exchanging ideas and information with his colleagues at the event. He received \$500 and an all-terrain vehicle courtesy of Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company. Raburn will also compete in the national Discussion Meet in January.

Alexandra Morneau, a Union County FFA member, won the Youth Speech Contest with a captivating address that showcases her graceful poise and solid research.

American Farm Bureau President Delivered An Address

During an address delivered at an Oct. 7 breakfast session, American Farm Bureau President Bob Stallman noted that Florida Farm Bureau has reached its membership recruitment goal for the current year. “It is a vote of confidence from your members – in the representation you provide and services you offer,” Stallman said. A Texas beef cattle and rice producer, he urged members of Congress to avoid cutting farm bill programs disproportionately compared to other budget items. Less than one-half of one percent of the federal budget is devoted to farm programs. A radical cut in farm spending will

not solve the government’s debt problem or the nation’s economic challenges, Stallman pointed out.

Pat Cockrell Lifetime Achievement Award Established

A new award, announced at the President’s awards banquet on Oct. 7, has been established in memory of Pat Cockrell, who passed away earlier this year. He was a 35-year veteran of the Florida Farm Bureau staff and leader in this state’s agricultural industry. His widow, Janice, accepted the inaugural award on his behalf at the meeting. In future years the award will recognize long-term, superior service to Florida Farm Bureau.

Yf&R, Women’s Leadership Selected

Kelvin Moreno of Miami-Dade County was elected chair of the Florida Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers Leadership Group. Ginny Paarlberg of Madison County was selected as chair of the Florida Farm Bureau Women’s Leadership Committee; Sarah Carte of Suwannee County was selected as vice-chair. All three will serve on the Florida Farm Bureau state board of directors. Sue Dauphin of Bay County and Brenda Land of Lafayette County have joined the Women’s Leadership Committee as members representing Districts 1 and 2, respectively.

Commissioner’s Environmental Leadership Award

The 2011 Commissioner of Agriculture’s Environmental Leadership Award recipient is Alto Straughn of Alachua County. A watermelon and blueberry producer; Straughn has been a pioneer in developing innovative production strategies that conserve water resources and im-

prove productivity. The award also salutes his many years of collaboration with researchers at the University of Florida’s Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

Team Player of the Year

Hal Arve, a Farm Bureau agent in Miami-Dade County, earned the Team Player of the Year award. His work with all divisions of Farm Bureau, other agents and insurance policyholders made him an exemplary honoree. Arve has offered exceptional service on behalf of the organization for many years.

FBACT Award

George McAdams of Bay County took home the FBACT Award for his work in grass roots advocacy. He has been a stalwart participant in efforts to contact state and federal officials about policy issues that affect farming and ranching.

Certified Crop Advisor Award

Gary England, a UF/IFAS Extension agent in Sumter County, received the Certified Crop Advisor Award. In his nomination letter, Kelly Rice, president of the Sumter County Farm Bureau, expressed his appreciation for England’s work, noting that he routinely assists farm producers “in adapting practices that improve efficiency and profitability, while minimizing impacts on the environment.”

Newsperson of the Year

Florida Farm Bureau has named Christina Veiga, a reporter for The Miami Herald, as its 2011 Newsperson of the Year. Dade County Farm Bureau president Larry Dunagan noted that he nominated her because of her willingness to learn about production agriculture and her fairness in reporting on local farm topics.

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Florida Farm Bureau Names Rep. Bemby Legislator Of The Year

Florida Farm Bureau has recognized State Rep. Leonard Bemby (D-Greenville) with the 2011 Legislator of the Year award. He received the award at a luncheon held during Florida Farm Bureau’s 2011 Annual Meeting at The Peabody Hotel on Oct. 7.

In making the presentation, Florida Farm Bureau President John Hoblick expressed appreciation for Bemby’s work in support of production agriculture and the people who make it a successful economic engine in our state. Bemby has provided exceptional leadership in addressing a number of state policy issues that affect farmers and ranchers.

“Representative Bemby, we thank you for your good efforts on behalf of Florida’s farm families,” Hoblick said. “We look forward to working closely with you in the future.”

During the luncheon, Florida Farm Bureau also recognized Rep.

Steve Crisafulli (R-Merritt Island) and Sen. Gary Siplin (D-Orlando) with Legislator of the Year awards.

