

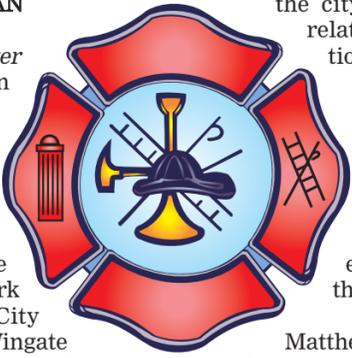


CITY & COUNTY TO ADDRESS TWO THORNY FIRE PROTECTION ISSUES

ONE IS LIABILITY; OTHER IS COST

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The Jefferson County Commission was generally receptive to a draft interlocal agreement worked out between Fire Rescue Chief Mark Matthews and City Manager Steve Wingate that seeks to correct a long-standing disparity issue between



the city and the county relative to fire protection.

County officials, at least, have long seen it as a disparity issue. The question is whether city officials will prove equally receptive to the idea.

The issue, as Matthews explained it to the commission, is that fire protection is presently funded 100

percent by county residents via the annual fire assessment. Yet during the last fiscal year, which he said represented a typical period, 23 percent of the fire calls received by his department were in the city, he said. The fiscal year runs Oct. 1 through Sept. 30

The interlocal agreement he and Wingate were proposing wouldn't resolve the problem entirely, Matthews said. But it would resolve the issue of liability and hopefully represent a first step to—
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COUNTY CRIME RATE DOWN

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Following the same trend as the past several years in Jefferson County, the crime rate has gone down again and the cleared rate has once again gone up for the first six months of 2011.

According to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, in the first six months of 2010, in Jefferson County, the total crime index (crimes committed) was 175. During the first six months of 2011 the total crime index was 145. These figures show that the overall crime has decreased 17.1 percent in the first six months of 2011. The breakdown of the county shows that the crime index for the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office fell 23.9 percent, while the crime index for the Monticello Police Department rose 43.8 percent; thus giving the county the 17.1 decrease for the percentage changed.

There were no murders in 2010 or 2011; there was four forcible rapes in 2010 and one in 2011; three robberies in 2010 and one robbery in 2011; 76 aggravated assaults in 2010 and 37 aggravated assaults in 2011; there were 49 burglaries in 2010 and 59 burglaries in 2011; there were 31 larceny cases in 2010 and 39 larceny cases in 2011; and 12 motor vehicle thefts in 2010
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SECOND VISIONING FORUM REPORTEDLY WELL ATTENDED

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About 40 people reportedly attended the second of two forums conducted by an FSU study team to solicit residents' input about the kind of community they want to see Jefferson County become in the future.

This second forum, held at Memorial Missionary Baptist Church

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on 2nd Street on Monday evening, Oct. 24, was conducted by graduate students of the FSU Department of Urban and Regional Planning and followed the same format as the earlier one held at the Monticello Opera House.

Participants were asked to perform a series of exercises designed to reveal the types of development that they would like to see occur in Jef-

erson County, as well as the types they wouldn't like to see occur.

One exercise, for example, had participants rate a series of projected images from least to most desirable, depending on the participant's reaction to the images, which ranged from shots of rural scenes to suburban residential neighborhoods to congested
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Text Your Crime Tip To Jefferson County Sheriff's Office

JEFFERSON COUNTY CITIZENS CAN NOW SEND TEXTS AND WEB TIPS TO REPORT A CRIME

Mobile phone users across Jefferson County now have the ability to provide anonymous crime-fighting tips through the power of anonymous text messaging and WebTips. The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and CrimeReports, the industry leader in law-enforcement tip management software and web applications, have joined together to provide this service, which allows citizens to send anonymous tips by sending a text message from a mobile phone or online.

The popularity of text messaging has created a significant opportunity for the public to assist law-enforcement agencies fight crime. The ability for any citizen who owns a mobile phone to assist in crime solving is of great importance to communities globally. By Utilizing TipSoft from CrimeReports, information can be anonymously received and

securely replied to with complete confidence. The service was built specifically to allow text-messaging informants to remain anonymous by encrypting the text messages and routing them through several secure servers,

protecting the personal details of the informant. TipSoft SMS also allows law enforcement to respond by text message to the originating cell phone without ever knowing the identity of the individual who left the tip. The user's information is always given an alias and a unique ID before being sent. This secure application allows the tipster and the investigator to have two-way dialog while keeping the user's identity completely anonymous.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office encourages everyone to report information about any illegal activity such as unsolved cases, vandalism, theft, the sale and distribution of drugs, wanted
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SHERIFF JEFFERSON COUNTY



EERIE EVENTS!
A Ghostly Guide to Area Halloween Happenings
Friday, October 28, 2011

- 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. JES Carnival
- 5-8 p.m. · First Baptist Church Festival
- 5-8 p.m. · Monticello Main Street Halloween Haunting
- 7:30 & 9:00 p.m. · Ghost Tours
- 8 p.m. · Edgar Allen Poe's Raven @ Opera House



Halloween Family Night
Saturday, October 29, 2011

- 9:00 a.m. - 6 p.m. · Bethel A.M.E Festival
- 6-9 p.m. · Boo Fest @ Recreation Park
- 7:30 & 9:00 p.m. · Downtown Ghost Tours

Monday, October 31, 2011

- 9:00 a.m. · JES Parade
- 6-8 p.m. · Winn Dixie Treat-or-Treat



SPOOKTACULAR COSTUMES
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State's Unemployment Rate Shows Slight Improvement

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Florida's jobless rate dropped a fraction of a percentage point to 10.6 percent in September, after being stuck at 10.7 percent for the three previous months.

Meanwhile, in Jefferson County, the jobless rate remained steady at 8.9 percent; and in Madison County, it

dropped a fraction of a percentage point, from 12.6 percent in August to 12.5 percent in September.

Florida's jobless rate was 1.5 percentage points higher than the national rate, which was 9.1 percent for September.

These latest unemployment statistics — released by the Florida Department of Eco-

nomic Opportunity (DEO) on Friday, Oct. 21 — show that the state had 976,839 unemployed persons in September. All the same, the state had 7,253,900 jobs, representing a gain of 93,500 jobs compared to a year earlier, with leisure and hospitality the industry gaining the most jobs (+58,500).

The DEO now combines the state's eco-

nomic, workforce and community development efforts under one roof with the stated aim of expediting economic development projects and fueling jobs creation.

"Today's numbers are a strong signal that Florida is doing the right things to rebound from difficult economic times," DEO Executive Director Doug Darling is quoted saying. "But our

job is far from over with 977,000 residents still unemployed. We must continue our efforts of coordinated economic development to create jobs and ensure our workforce is skilled and ready to be matched with employment opportunities."

The statistics do not reflect those individuals who have given up looking for work or who are

underemployed.

For Jefferson County, the 8.9 percent represents 595 jobless persons out of a labor force of 6,665, compared with 585 jobless persons out of a labor force of 6,568 in August. In September 2010, the comparable figures were 659 jobless persons out of a workforce of 6,745, when
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Viewpoints & Opinions

THRU OCTOBER 28

St. Phillip AME Church began its Fall Revival on October 26 at 7 p.m. Evangelist Steven Andrews of Bonifay, Florida is guest speaker for the nightly Revival. For more information and directions, call the church at 850-997-4226 or 850 291-6938. Rev. JW Tisdale, pastor.

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.

OCTOBER 29
Bethel AME Church invites the community to be a part of its Harvest Fall Festival Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the church location, 410 East York Street. Enjoy craft booths, food/snack booths and activity booths. Volunteers are always welcome. For more

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information call 850-997-6651 or email to adams.sabrina90@yahoo.com

OCTOBER 29
Springfield AME Church will host a 'Hallelujah Fest' from 4 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, in an effort to keep children safe during this Halloween Season. The public is invited to attend. Parents are encouraged to bring their children. There will be food and fun for all. For questions or directions contact the church at 850-997-5400. Rev. Stefon McBride, pastor.

OCTOBER 29
Bethel AME Church Harvest Fall Festival is set for Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 410 East York Street. The annual event will be held on the property of this historic landmark. Come enjoy the food, fun and games. This event is committed to delivering a quality experience for both vendors and patrons. Rev. Helen L. Johnson Robinson, pastor.

OCTOBER 30
First United Methodist Church will host a Piano Concert with Pianist Eddie Rothmel at 3 p.m. on Sunday in the Sanctuary. This is free and open to the public.

OCTOBER 30
Greater Fellowship MBC 5th Sunday Night Gospel Sing, 6:30 p.m. All choirs, solos, duets, groups and dance ministries are welcome. Call 850-508-0715 for more information.

OCTOBER 30
Memorial Missionary Baptist Church will host its 5th Sunday Fellowship Program on Sunday, beginning at 11 a.m. at the church location on the corner of Martin Luther King Avenue and Second

Street. Guest speaker will be Rev. Roosevelt Hardy of Metcalf, GA and guest choir will be from Ford Chapel AME Church in Monticello. A Spaghetti Dinner will be held after the Sunday Morning Worship at 2 p.m. The cost is \$5.50 and is sponsored by the Usher Ministry. For more information call 850-878-9613. Moderator JB Duval, pastor. Sister Teresa Duval, chairperson.

OCTOBER 30
Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church will host a Sistah's Sunday featuring Guest Speaker Elder Jennifer E. Pollock with the Tabernacle Church of Christ Written

In Heaven. The 'In Sync With Pink' service will begin at 11 a.m. The church is located at 410 East York Street. Rev. Helen L. Johnson Robinson, pastor.

THRU NOVEMBER 16
Philadelphia MBC, on Fulford Road, is hosting the Union #2 Jefferson County Ministers, Deacons and Home Mission Society that began on October 26 with Union Bible Study. The local program will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and will continue at 11 a.m. on Saturday with a Union Leadership Conference. Sunday School will be at 9:45 a.m. and Union Sunday Worship Service will begin at 11 a.m.

THRU NOVEMBER 16

Understanding and Interpreting Dreams Series will be offered over the course of five consecutive Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. hosted by Transforming Life. The community is invited to come and learn the principles of biblical dream interpretations. The church is located in the Lloyd area at 1206 Springfield Road. For directions, call 850-997-8527 or visit online at TransformingLifeChurch.com for more information.

NOVEMBER 3
Bible Study every Thursday at the Lloyd Woman's Club, at 7 p.m. Join with Elder Linda Ross for an evening of Christian faith. For more information contact her at 850-322-3424.

Letters To The Editor

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

CATCHING THE 'GULF WIND'

I don't know how my fascination for trains began, but ever since I could remember, I had been drawn to their mystique. I like tracks, switches, sidings and depots. I like everything associated with trains. So, in November of 1952 when my father came home and said we were going to the Georgia-Florida football game on the 'Gulf Wind', I was beside myself.

For a nine-year-old train buff, this first ride was the trip of a lifetime. My aunt and uncle lived in Jacksonville and we would stay with them. My uncle would meet us at the station on Saturday morning and take us back to the station on Sunday afternoon for our trip back home.

The Georgia-Florida football game was played on the first Saturday of November in Jacksonville for as long as I could remember. My father had played for Florida in the game in the early thirties and had only missed this game while in the service during World War II.

We had to catch the 'Gulf Wind' at Drifton, FL. Drifton is located at mile marker 772 on the Seaboard Air Line Railroad, 25-miles east of Tallahassee, and 138 miles west of Jacksonville. Four miles north of Drifton is Monticello, FL, which was connected by a spur line. Drifton was a whistle stop for the 'Gulf Wind', scheduled to pass through Drifton at 6:20 a.m. daily.

My father would not purchase the tickets until Friday afternoon because he was concerned that the station agent would forget to issue stop orders with the Tallahassee agent if he bought the tickets early in the week. His ticket cost was \$6.40 and my ticket was \$3.20 because, under 12 was half fare.

I guess that I finally got to sleep the night before because Mama woke us up at 5:30 a.m. to get us to Drifton, which was 11

miles south of our house. It was a cold morning for North Florida as there was a good coating of frost all around and on the old loading platform that was attached to the depot. It was very quiet and still. The sun had not yet begun to break the morning calm. Being as excited as I was, I could not wait in the car. I had to stand outside and wait along the track and try to hear the 'Gulf Wind' coming. Papa would tease me and say stuff like, "I sure hope that they haven't forgotten about us." Anyway, about ten minutes after seven, the flashing headlights of the E-7 diesel locomotive appeared around the distant curve and my heart began pounding with anticipation.

The conductor brought the train to a stop about 12 feet from where we were standing, dropped the loading step, and welcomed us aboard. The train was warm and had that warm train smell that trains still have today. Our car was full but there were two seats left for us. On the back of the seats in front of us, the chair doilies had L&N sewn on them.

The 'Gulf Wind' was a Louisville and Nashville train that connected the Southern Pacific's 'Sunset Limited' between New Orleans and Jacksonville. The L&N pulled the train from New Orleans to River Junction, 45 miles west of Tallahassee. The Seaboard pulled her from River Junction to Jacksonville. In those days the engines were changed every time the train changed railroad lines.

Dawn was just starting to break over the Florida flat woods as we settled into our seats. It would take about two hours and twenty minutes before we would arrive in Jacksonville.

After about 30 minutes, a mess steward walked through announcing that breakfast was

now being served in the dining car. After waiting for the train out in the cold morning, we were hungry. We were seated in the dining car by the chief mess steward and given our menu card upon which we were to mark our selections. The tables in the car were immaculate. The silver, china, glasses, and napkins were in perfect order. There was a fresh flower in a silver vase next to the window. This was the first time I had ever seen a finger bowl that was also on the table. We filled out our order cards and shortly steaming bacon, eggs, grits, and toast were served. Papa had a cup of hot coffee and I settled for a glass of fresh Florida orange juice.

About the time we started eating, we crossed the historic Suwannee River. The train slowed to cross the river bridge but soon resumed speed. We slowed as we went through Live Oak and made one final stop at Lake City, 60 miles west of Jacksonville.

The train had to back into the terminal at Jacksonville. In 1952 Jacksonville was served by the Atlantic Coast Line, the Southern Railroad, the Seaboard Air Line and the Florida East Coast railroad. All trains backed into the station except the Florida East Coast. The Florida East Coast went straight past the station and crossed the St. Johns River on a bridge that was close to the old Acosta Bridge that was used by automobile traffic.

There were 26 terminal tracks. We backed in somewhere near the middle probably on track 10 or 11. We began walking toward the main terminal along with at least 300 fellow passengers. Down at the end of the track near the gate on an elevated platform was my Uncle Harlan.

He loudly called my father's name 'Leo'. My fa-

ther answered, 'Harlan' as loud as he could. When all the other passengers heard these two shouting, they cheered.

We made it to the game that began at 2 p.m. I don't remember who won the game that year but it was a good game.

My uncle got us back to the station for the trip back on Sunday. We pulled out of the station at 5 p.m. and Mama met us back at Drifton at 7:20.

We caught the train for the next four years for this annual Georgia-Florida event. While it was fun and still exciting, those subsequent trips could not duplicate that first trip in November of 1952.

Max Bilinski



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Mark 1:9-11

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. (10) And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. (11) And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

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

Deb's Notes
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Alonzo Hardy hinted to me that he plans to spend Sunday afternoon, Nov. 13 in Metcalf, GA. The Metcalf Heritage Society has invited Elmer Horne, Jr., of Tallahassee, FL to tell his stories about the Metcalf community, dated from the 1920s to the 1950s... with lots of pictures and surprises. The program, 'Metcalf Remembered', will begin at 3 p.m. at the Metcalf Friendship Baptist Church, located at 1034 Hancock Street in Metcalf. Horne is an acclaimed journalist, full of wit and charm, who will give a charming and delightful presentation. Refreshments will be provided at this complimentary event and no tickets are required. Horne has graciously offered his hospitality at his rose garden (on the right as you enter Metcalf, on Hancock Street) before or after his presentation. Just browse and walk among the roses. This is promised to be a great time for all.

Melissa Watson, Capital Area Community Action Agency, reports that her agency has been experiencing cutbacks. The agency is now closed on Fridays. The agency is working with Pilgrim Pride to help clients with employment issues and with GEDs. The agency is also looking at a program that will help clients to purchase a vehicle. They are also trying to 'Adopt a Family for Christmas'. She says the Weatherization Program will continue. For more information contact her at 850-997-8231 or 850-544-1638.

Monticello Police Chief Fred Mosley reports that the department is working on building a 'foot patrol' in various neighborhoods. The department is also working with the probation office to apprehend offenders. The department will soon be conducting welfare checks on the elderly and working with the Ministerial Association to help transients who pass through the area. Chief Mosley has informational handouts on tips as well as Florida Statutes regarding weapons for anyone interested. He makes himself available to answer questions on various topics including individual and child safety tips to weapons and firearms. Contact him any time at the MPD or call 850-342-0150.

Elder Linda D. Ross contacted me just recently to invite me to join with her and to tell me "It truly feels good to be back 'home' in Monticello again. I am so excited for what God is about to do in our town. I believe that healing and change is about to take place in Monticello and that the people have been patiently waiting on God. As the Israelites cried out and He heard them and sent Moses, so has the cries of the people come up before God to bring them out! Now is the time for the spirit of Bondage to be released in Monticello and we walk in the Liberty of the Spirit of God! I look forward to working with you and the Monticello News in future endeavors."

Megan Powell reminds me that October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. She says that one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her life, but thanks to improvements in treatment and early detection, millions of women are surviving breast cancer today. The Archbold Women's Center has been hosting a series of informative and fun events for women during the month October.

Jefferson County Lions Club Yard Sales are held on the first Saturday of each month in the Monticello News parking lot. Be sure to stop by to browse the booths and possibly find the treasure you've been looking for. Or, perhaps you have a few treasures you'd like to sell... For just a \$10 donation to the Lions Club you can set up your own booth. If you're anything like me, you'll go home with more than you brought! Hope to see you there.

Have a happy and safe Halloween and don't forget to do your 'Trick-Or-Treating' at Winn Dixie on Monday night. Candy, treats and surprises will be given out in all the departments (dairy, meats, pharmacy, floral, produce, deli, seafood, service desk, checkout.)

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ward a full resolution of the long-standing disparity problem, he said.

The intent of the agreement, Matthews explained, was to have the city assumed liability for the risks posed to his department's personnel and equipment when it responded to a city fire, both on the way to and from the fire, and while on the scene.

"Right now, the county assumes all liability if something happens on a city fire," Matthews said.

County Attorney Buck Bird underscored that the way the agreement was worded, it called for the city officials to declare how much liability insurance it carried for such situations, and county officials would then decide if the amount was satisfactory or if it needed to be increased.

"Basically, we'll keep doing what we've been doing but we would have a written document saying that the city assumes liability for anything that happens going to, or leaving, or during a fire," Matthews said.

He added that city officials had yet to see the agreement. But once they did and plugged in the insurance numbers, the agreement would be returned to the commission for another review and hopefully approval.

"This takes us one step closer to a formal agreement with the city," County Coordinator Roy Schleicher said. "If you agree to this, the next step is to take it to the Monticello City Council for its approval."

This raised the second key issue as county officials see it: that of city residents essentially getting free fire protection at the expense of county residents.

Commission Chairman Stephen Fulford raised the point.

"The next issue is how the city will reimburse the county," Fulford said. "Right now we're in a situation

where county resources are paying for fire protection and 23 percent of it is going to the city, which is not paying."

He noted that by law, the fire assessment not only could not be used for anything other than fire protection, but the assessment had to be fair, equitable and distributed proportionately. Which was not the case when a certain segment of the population — i.e. city residents — were not paying the assessment, although they were benefiting from the service, he said.

"I don't think we have a choice when we're dealing with an assessment," Fulford said of the need to address the problem. "Some citizen can make the argument that it's not a proportionate distribution of the assessment now."

What's more, if city residents paid their share of the fire assessment, it would reduce the amount of the individual assessment for county residents, someone else noted.

Matthews distinguished between mutually reciprocal agreements, such as the ones his department had with surrounding counties' fire departments, wherein the signers agreed to provide assistance in special circumstance, and his department's relationship with the city, "where we provide the primary service."

He noted that, yes, the city had a volunteer fire department, which the county funded in part. But only a couple of the city's volunteer firefighters were certified to enter burning buildings and these worked during the day. So typically, whenever a fire call came during the day, and many times even at night, his department was the primary responder, Matthews said.

The commission agreed to the idea of the interlocal agreement, but

they made a point of underscoring that the issue of reimbursement was one that also needed to be pursued. The Monticello City Council is expected to take up the interlocal agreement at its meeting on Tuesday evening, Nov. 1.

A brief note here on the city and county's long history in the area of fire protection. In the 1980s, the city had a paid fire department and the county contracted with the city for fire protection in the unincorporated areas. But the relationship was a difficult and contentious one, characterized by much friction and bickering between city and county officials.

About 1989 or 1990, the city disbanded its paid fire department and went to an all volunteer fire department, a move that the paid firefighters contested as union busting and fought and won in the courts, forcing the city to reimburse them for lost pay and also pay the legal fees. The city, however, got to keep its volunteer fire department.

In the interim, the county established its paid fire department, in conjunction with the various satellite volunteer fire departments. To fund the fire protection service, county officials adopted the annual fire assessment. City residents, however, were exempted from the assessment, a decision that county officials have revisited periodically to no advantage.

It remains to be seen how city officials will respond to this latest proposal. In the past, however, when county officials have raised the issue, city officials have argued that paying the assessment would represent double taxation. It's been their prevailing argument in the past, at least, that city residents are also county residents and they already pay for fire protection via their property taxes.

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persons or crimes that are being planned in the schools or the community at large.

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Unemployment

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the unemployment rate was 9.8 percent.

For Madison County, the 12.5 percent translates into 881 jobless persons out of a labor force of 7,024, compared with 882 jobless persons out of a labor force of 6,988 in August. In September 2010, the comparable figures were 855 jobless persons out of a labor force of 7,265, when the unemployment rate was 11.8 percent.

Monroe County continued to have the state's lowest unemployment rate at 6.7 percent, followed by Liberty County at 6.9 percent; Walton County at 7.1 percent; Okaloosa County at 7.3 percent; and Franklin County at 7.8 percent.

Hendry County continued to have the state's highest unemployment rate at 17.6 percent, followed by Flagler County at 14.6 percent; Indian River County at 13.7 percent; Hernando County at 13.5 percent; and St. Lucie County at 13.4 percent.

The DEO reports that 41 of Florida's 67 counties experienced double digit unemployment in September, compared with that 42 in August.

Visioning

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cityscapes.

Based on the information gathered at these forums, the FSU team will produce a vision plan that is intended to guide the community's future growth. The plan 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.

Economic Develop-

ment Director Julie Conley, who attended both forums, said the turnout for the second forum was good and reflected a different crowd from the first. Which was good, as it would provide a more diverse community response, she said.

Conley said the next step was for the students to analyze the gathered data and write up their findings, which they would then discuss among themselves and with their professors for

purposes of feedback and to ensure that the project remained on track.

Next, the group would write up their findings and recommendations in a draft plan, which document they would circulate among county officials and other key stakeholders

for the purpose of soliciting more feedback.

The group would then complete the project and submit the final report to the community by mid January 2012, she said.

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	Cheese & Salsa	Baked Beans	Broccoli	Sweet Potato Tots
	Corn or Black Beans	Cole Slaw	Fruit	Fruit
	Fruit	Fruit Cobbler	Hot Roll	Milk
	Tues., Nov. 8	Wed., Nov. 9	Thurs., Nov. 10	Fri., Nov. 11
Popcorn Shrimp	Beef Tips	Chick Burger	Salisbury Steak	 <p>Veteran's Day No School Today</p>
Cheese Grits	Baked Rice	Salad Choices	Creamed Potatoes	
Cole Slaw	Green Beans	Fruit	Peas & Carrots	
Fruit	Fruit	Milk	Hot Roll	
Hushpuppies	Biscuit		Milk	
Milk	Milk			

Mon., Nov. 14	Tues., Nov. 15	Wed., Nov. 16	Thurs., Nov. 17	Fri., Nov. 18
Pizza	Chicken & Rice	Sausage Dog	Roast Turkey with Dressing	Cheeseburger
Carrot & Celery Sticks with Dip	Greens	Sweet Potato Tots	Creamed Potatoes	Lettuce & Tomato
Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Green Beans	Oven Fries
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Peas & Carrots	Fruit			
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Southwest Chicken Flatbread	Ham Carbonara	Taco over Chips		
Salad	Broccoli	Lettuce, Tomato & Cheese		
Fruit	Apple Smiles	Whole Kernel Corn		
Milk	Hot Roll	Fruit		
	Milk	Cinnamon Roll Milk		

Jefferson County Living

JCSO Now Has Second K-9 Officer And Dog

FRAN HUNT
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office now has a second K-9 officer, Investigator Logan Wilcox and K-9, Ricky, on the force.

As of August 31 Investigator Wilcox has been teamed up with Ricky, a two-year old pure black lab, which is the first dual-purpose dog that the department has had in about 10-12 years. "Ricky is used as a drug sniffing dog and for tracking," said Wilcox. "In the past two months, I have utilized Ricky about three times for tracking and he has also been used to find drugs for Florida Highway Patrol, FWC, JCSO and the Monticello Police Department about 50 times."

Ricky was born in Canada and trained at Southern Coast K-9 Incorporated as a dual-purpose dog. All of his commands are given to him in German.

"We worked for three weeks together at the school," said Wilcox. "The first two weeks we worked on finding drugs together then we had to get certified through room searches, vehicle searches and area searches, all within a particular amount of time and you can't miss one." He knows when his dog has found something. "Ricky has a passive point and looks right at what you're looking for," Wilcox added.

Investigator Wilcox then explained how a dog's nose was the animal's livelihood in the de-

partment. "A dog can distinguish scents," he said. "Where you would walk into a room and smell a pot of chili cooking, the dog can smell the individual ingredients such as the chili powder, onions, beans and tomatoes." According to the American Kennel Club, a dog's sense of smell is 100,000 times stronger than a human's. It is said that dogs have two billion olfactory receptors, versus 40 million in humans.

"We worked on short tracks and long tracks. We also had someone run and then let the track age to get the dogs trained properly," said Investigator Wilcox. "They are taught to track through grass, woods, tall and low vegetation, concrete and asphalt. The dogs can actually pick up the scent of the skin cells which humans are losing all the time and they can tell by the scent of the cells how close they are to the person," he added.

Wilcox said one of the main factors for working together during the three-week training period, is the bonding process between the officer and the K-9. "The



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Jefferson County Sheriff's Office second K-9 officer Investigator Logan Wilcox and his partner K-9 Ricky.

Sheriff's Office with Deputy Kevin Tharpe and Frodow. We train with Wakulla CI and Jefferson CI in tracking. We train whenever I see an opportunity for training and take the opportunity."

"We are going to start working with the county schools giving demonstrations in tracking and drugs. Kevin already does that. He will actually go to the schools and look for drugs and he has made a few arrests. We have had some parents call us to have us do their house and their kid's vehicles for any suspected drug use. We have found some weed and paraphernalia," Investigator Wilcox said. "Ricky gets rewarded with his tennis ball for finding drugs and paraphernalia, and gets a Vienna sausage or a treat for tracking."

He said he has a family dog at the house and told of how the two became acquainted before he brought Ricky home. "My wife, Erin, brought our yellow lab, Dakota down to the school while we were training and they met there. I became interested in Ricky when I saw him because I had a black lab which died. The two dogs get along fine but Dakota is older and she tolerates him, but she is quick to let him know that she is the Alpha in the house and she doesn't let him run all over her."

"A dog's career depends on the dog, normally they work as officers for about seven to eight years of age and then they are retired from the force. I love Ricky, he is a good dog and when he is retired I want to keep him as part of the family," concluded Wilcox.

dogs are trained to protect the officers," he said. "We are together 24 hours a day and seven days a week, so we have to be close.

"We work the Interstate and the county in search of drugs. Once there was a young girl who was going to be Baker Acted and she threatened to kill herself. Ricky is trained to track missing children, Alzheimer's victims and anyone who needs to be found. He also tracks criminals and suspects," Investigator Wilcox said.

"Ricky still has a lot of puppy in him, real hyper, but he is eager to please people," he added.

Investigator Wilcox told of his desire to be-

come a K-9 officer. "I've been with JCSO for five years. I started out as a patrol deputy, then I went to the drug unit as an investigator and I saw the value of a dog within the drug unit, so I showed an interest in being a K-9 officer and asked Sheriff Hobbs about getting a second drug dog for the department," he said. "When Ricky was purchased he began his training in Canada at about six weeks old then we went to Southern Coast K-9 and trained together. We're going back in November for additional training."

He said that training is a continual process. "We train every Monday with the Leon County

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Sunday- 1:30•7:05
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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 mstern3409@aol.com or 850-210-4097.

OCTOBER 28

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

Trick-Or-Treat at Winn Dixie in Monticello from 6 to 8 p.m. on Halloween Monday. Children should come dressed in costume for a special treat from the friendly staff in all the store departments.

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.

OCTOBER 31

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 31

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.

NOVEMBER 1

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.

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 Commerce 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. Lunch will be provided by Covenant Hospice in recognition of National Hospice Month.

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 down-

town Monticello. (No meeting in August) Become a member! Get involved! Be there!

NOVEMBER 2

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 Rob Beshears at 850-997-5054 for more information.

NOVEMBER 3

Caring Tree Program of Big Bend Hospice will host a Teen Retreat on Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Bradley's Pond in Tallahassee. Youth between the ages

of 12 and 18 from Jefferson and surrounding counties that have experienced the death of a loved one can join in a day of grief support and sharing. A light breakfast, lunch and complimentary sweatshirt will be provided, and there will be a prize drawing at the end of the day. Teens will be transported to and from Big Bend Hospice to Bradley's Pond. This event is a free community service of Big Bend Hospice. Call 850-878-5310x706 or email to caitlin@bigbendhospice.org or visit www.bigbendhospice.org for more information and to register.

Obituaries

JOHN L. ALLEN, SR.

John L. Allen, Sr. age 91, passed away on Tuesday, October 25, 2011, in Monticello, FL. The family will have a memorial service at 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 29, 2011 at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 645 Ashville Highway in Monticello.

Mr. Allen was a native of Spartanburg, SC and had lived in San Francisco, CA before moving to Monticello in 1954. He served his country in the Army during WWII and received a pur-

ple heart. He attended the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Monticello.

Mr. Allen is survived by two sons John L. Allen, Jr. of Lloyd, FL and Jack (Barbara) Carswell of Monticello, FL; two grandchildren Eddy (Sherry) Carswell of Lloyd and Jeffery (Phariby) Carswell of Tallahassee, FL; one great-grandson Josh Carswell of Monticello; three sisters Ruby Mae Scruggs, Janie Yamrick and Lizzy Edmonds; two brothers Roy Allen and David

Allen; three nieces Susan Laseman of Lloyd, Louise Grimes and Betty "Bob" McCauley; and brother-in-law James Gadsden of Lloyd. John's natural and extended family are from the South Carolina area.

John was preceded in death by his beloved wife Ida Gadsden Allen, who passed away in 2004.

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

RALPH GRANGER

Ralph Granger, age 80, passed away on Monday, October 24, 2011, at his home in Tallahassee, FL. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 29, 2011, at the Cody Pentecostal Holiness Church, with burial at Broom Sage Cemetery in Cody, FL. Family will receive friends on Friday, October 28, 2011, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Beggs Funeral Home, 3322 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, 850-942-2929, beggsapalachee@embarqmail.com

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Boulevard, Tallahassee, 32311 or to the Cody Pentecostal Holiness Church Building Fund, 3812 Tram Road, Monticello, FL 32344.

Ralph was a native of Limestone, FL and lived in Leon County for 60 years. He was a member of Cody Pentecostal Holiness Church. He retired from the Florida Department of Transportation after 33 years of service; he then drove for Sheffield Logging for 22 years. He enjoyed working around the homestead, hunting and fishing and spending time with family... especially his grandkids and great-grandkids.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Reba Tindell Granger; sons Mike Granger (Merica) and Gary Granger (Tonya), both of Tallahassee; a daughter Diane Beane (Victor) of Woodville, FL; a brother George 'Dick' Granger of Woodville; grandchildren Scott Granger (Laura), Jennifer Carey (Tim), Justin Beane (Rachel), Travis Beane (Marci), Sarah and Faith Granger; and six great-grandchildren. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends.

BELINDA WHEELER

Belinda Doster Wheeler, age 62, passed away on Saturday, October 22, 2011 in Tallahassee, FL. Funeral Services were held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, October 25, 2011 at the Southwood Baptist Church in Tallahassee, with burial at the Roseland Cemetery in Monticello, FL. Family received friends from 9 to 10 a.m. prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Lighthouse Children's Home, 7771 Mahan Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32309.

Belinda was a native of Quincy, FL., living most of her life in Tallahassee. She graduated from Leon High School and was a very active church member at Southwood Baptist Church. She loved helping people, working as a children's advocate with the Guardian Ad Litem at the Department of Children and Families. She worked for three Governors, Bob Graham, Lawton Chiles and Jeb Bush. She was a foster parent and a volunteer for the Tallahassee Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

She is survived by her husband John Wheeler; two sons Michael Wheeler (Vicki) and Tom Wheeler (Amy) both of Tallahassee; two daughters Amy Elizabeth Wheeler of Atlanta, GA and Brittany St. John (Matt) of Lake City, FL; her parents Ernest and Maxine Adams Doster; two brothers Russell Doster (Diane) of Havana, FL and Leslie Doster of Arlington, VA; and six grandchildren Abigail, Avery, Zachary, Alyvia Wheeler, Anya St. John and Sophia Rose.

Beggs Funeral Home Apalachee Parkway Chapel in Tallahassee is handling the arrangements for the family: 850-942-2929, beggsapalachee@embarqmail.com

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Happy 100th Birthday

Eunice Wooten Hamilton

In Honor and recognition of the 100th birthday of Eunice Wooten Hamilton, there will be a festive reception from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 29, at the Brynwood Center Health & Rehabilitation on Highway 19 South in Monticello.

Her children Hilda, Bettye, Orrin (Carolyn) and Edna cordially invite all relatives and friends to drop by for a visit, enjoy some refreshments and help to make this momentous occasion a very special event. We hope to see you there!

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Florida's budget was the greatest challenge the legislature faced this past session; we dealt with many critical financial issues. Unlike the Federal Government, the State of Florida, by constitutional requirement, must have a balanced budget every year before the legislature can end session. This forces our state to be fiscally responsible, and to deal with our problems rather than delay finding solutions. It also allows us to plan more deliberately going forward and to protect the future of all Floridians. We must run our state budget based on how the changes we make will affect Floridians and their future opportunities.

The \$69.7 billion adopted budget cut spending in many areas that will touch all of our lives. Many of us did not vote for the budget because we could not agree on the necessity for some of the cuts. There were too many cuts to: education, state employee benefits, rural health departments, nursing homes, Medicaid reimbursement, rural hospitals, the state court system, and privatization of our prison systems. Items may be excellent public policy, but may not be the thing to do, due to current economic conditions. The budget is a difficult and contentious process; no different from cutting our own personal budget.

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 - Assists, promotes, and enhances economic opportunities in the state's rural communities, with advisory council membership including rural communities.

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Jefferson County Living

Altrusa Preview Party *Sin, Sex and the CIA*



Altrusa of Monticello members and their guests will preview 'Sin, Sex and the CIA' on Thursday, Nov. 3 at the Monticello Opera House. On Sept. 8 the Altrusa Preview Party was held for the play 'The Sound of Music.'

DEBBIE SNAPP
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

On Thursday, Nov. 3, Altrusa of Monticello will present a special preview of the Opera House Stage Company production of, "Sin, Sex, and the C.I.A." The evening will begin with complimentary hors d'oeuvres and refreshments at 6 p.m. at the Monticello Opera House and the show will follow in the upstairs theatre at 7 p.m.

The play consists of a bumbling agent, a sultry state department under-secretary, an ex-Marine, a mysterious neighbor, a television evangelist and his innocent secretary. Are they really who they say they are? Does anybody know what's going on here? And why does that deer want to be a comedian?

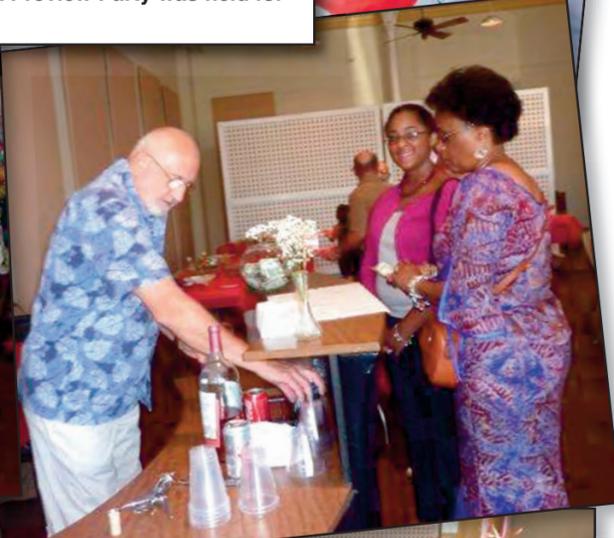
Ticket cost is \$20 per person and may be purchased from any Altrusa member, or by contact-

ing Jan Williams at 850-728-1867.

Altrusa of Monticello is a civic organization focusing on literacy and education. Proceeds from fundraising events support annual scholarships, the Jefferson County Bailer Public Library, Jefferson Senior Citizens Center, local food pantries and the Opera House. Members have also participated in

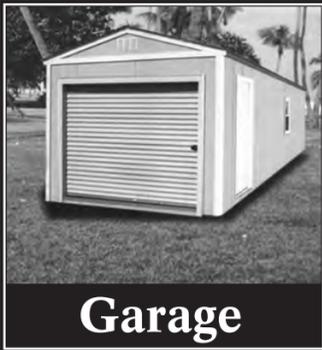
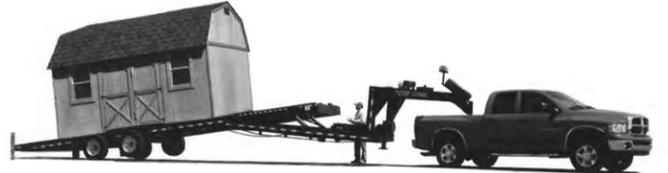
numerous volunteer activities including reading programs at the Jefferson Elementary School and adult literacy classes at the Library.

New members are always welcome at the noon luncheon meetings on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at the Jefferson Senior Citizens Center. For more information contact Dianne Westbrook at 850-997-2973.

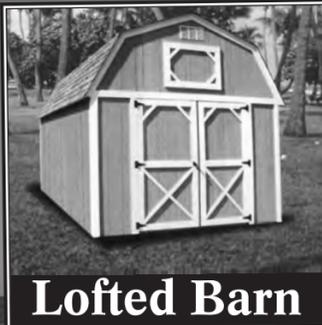


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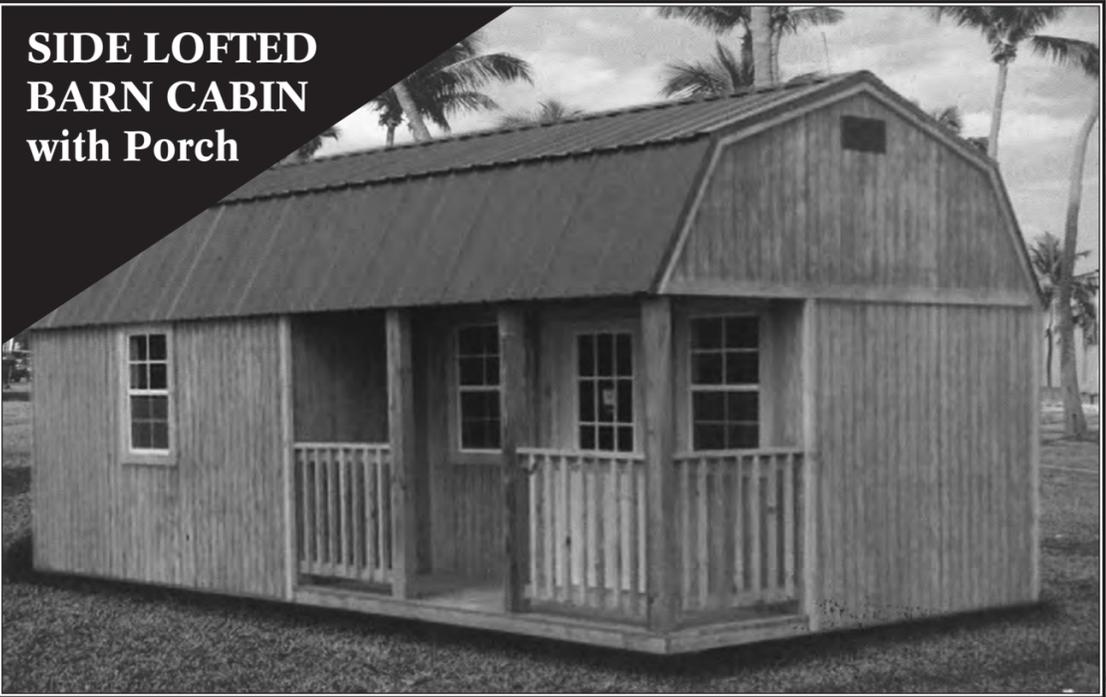
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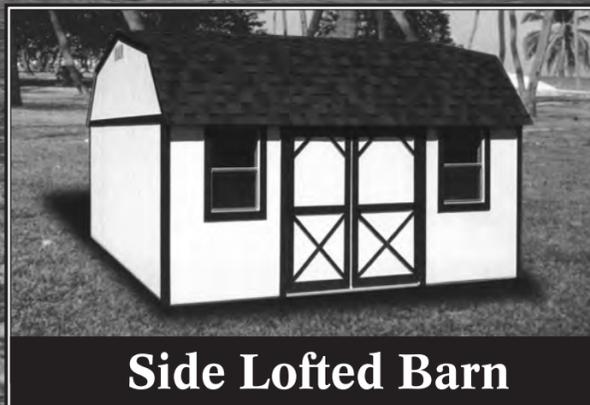
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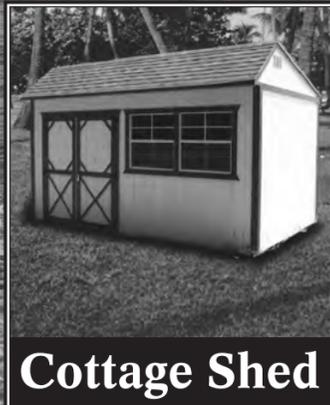
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Third Annual Boo Fest This Weekend!

FRAN HUNT
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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 kiddie 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. "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 illness or injury by providing finan-

cial and emotional support," she added. "We offer support to families, allowing parents to spend less time thinking about their financial worries and more time concentrating on the most important thing, their child!

"Our goals are to offer care packages to our families containing items such as: pre-paid gift cards for gas, long-distance phone cards, grocery stores and eventually an apartment close to the hospital where the child has medical treatments," Tracie said. Hayley's Angels is a family-first non-profit charity raising spirits and funds to support those who need it most.

"When Hayley came into our lives we were forever changed. We never knew how to love so unconditionally until then. She was both beautiful on the outside and, more importantly, on the inside," she added.

"She joined the angels in Heaven on February 8, 2006, at the tender age of ten, after battling a pontine glioma brain tumor for 10 1/2 months. She taught us true courage during her illness," Tracie concluded.

Drs. Carey & Jones Dental Office Hosts Halloween Candy Buy Back Third Year In A Row

Join Drs. Carey & Jones Pediatric and Orthodontic dental office for their 3rd Annual Halloween Candy Buy Back!

This event will be held on Tuesday, November 1, 2011 at Drs. Carey & Jones' Tallahassee location at 1272 Timberlane Road from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. As in years past, children bring in leftover candy in exchange for cash and prizes such as gift certificates for free meals at local restaurants, toothbrushes and fun giveaways. There is also a drawing for a free Sonicare Kid's electric toothbrush. The deal is \$1 for every pound donated. Accepting all types of candy including chocolate. All candy must be wrapped. All that pesky unwanted yumminess will be sent to our troops in harm's way to put a smile on their faces!

To create an even bigger smile, write a letter of thanks and bring it with your candy to tell our military heroes how much you appreciate them.

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HALLOWEEN HAUNTING FRIDAY

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A 'Halloween Haunting' will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday, October 28 with 'Trick-Or-Treating' around the downtown Monticello area. MainStreet Monticello will also sponsor its '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, president of Main Street of Monticello, at 850-210-4097 or mstern3409@aol.com

Community groups, organizations, churches and the area businesses have all been asked to participate in this annual community event, as a way to give back to their community every year. This will be the third year, with over 300 children and families turning out for the event.

This annual event started out with just the downtown merchants participating, but with Stern now in charge, she felt it would be a great community builder to have all of the non-profit groups participate this year. So far, the Monticello Woman's Club is on board, and the City Hall, the Police Department, the Kiwanis Club, the Masonic Lodge and the Rotary Club have been invited, as well as other downtown merchants.

The non-profit groups will be set-up around the downtown area passing out candy to the children and families; so, keep watch because most will be dressed in costumes. Photographers will also be out and about taking pictures for the following *Monticello News* articles showing everyone's support.

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1:00 PM	History of Boston
2:00 PM	Barbeque Cook-off / Chili Cook-off
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6:00 PM	Band in Watt Park

*** Sunday, October 30 ***

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Chamber After 5



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Enjoying a taste of lamb and goat stews during the Chamber Business After 5 are from left to right: Rebecca and Katherine Hogg, Full Moon Apiary, Suzanne Peary, After 5 chairman, and host Fred Golden, of Golden Acres Ranch. The attendees were also offered a slice of fresh baked Mayhaw cake.



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Chamber Business After 5 at Golden Acres Ranch brought in several curious members and their spouses to walk the acreage and admire the free roaming chickens, goats, sheep, cats and a few other penned animals. Pictured from left to right are: Bobbie Golden, Dean Gordon and Chamber President Julie Conley. A baby goat was born during the event to the surprise of the hosts and to the amazement of the guests.

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The Chamber Business After 5 was held on Tuesday evening Oct. 18 at Golden Acres Ranch. Hosts Bobbie and Fred Golden provided refreshments and information about sustainable living. To learn more about organic growing, visit the website at <http://www.goldenacresranch-florida.com>

Bobbie also writes a weekly newsletter. Check out the website and sign up to get on her e-newsletter list to receive notices of future events and happenings on the ranch and in Jefferson County.

Remember to support local food growers and ranchers.

SIN, SEX AND THE CIA

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The Opera House Stage Company will present the farce 'Sin, Sex and the CIA' on Friday and

Saturday, Nov. 4, 5, 11, 12, 18 and 19 and Sunday, November 13 at the Monticello Opera House.

It's a 'Get Smart meets James Bond' kind of a play. A rookie CIA

agent, a sexy state department staffer, a televangelist and his innocent secretary are all confined to a mountain cabin safe house for secret negotiations with the Chagosians, a small but important oil producing country.

Some of the characters are impostors; and, worse yet, others are exactly who they seem to be. Romance, intrigue, mistaken identities and a fair amount of slapstick combine for an evening of crowd-pleasing comedy.

Dinner will be available before the show by advance reservation. The doors open at 6:30 p.m., dinner is at 7:00 p.m. and the show begins at 8:00 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13, pre-show lunch is offered by advance reservation before the matinee. Doors open at 12:30 p.m., lunch is served at 1:00 p.m. and the show begins at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$35 for dinner and the show, or \$15 for the show only, with discounts for members. Further information or reservations call the office at 850-997-4242.



Pictured from left to right: Main Street Board Member Gordon Dean with Capital City Bank President Bill Gunnels offering a check for \$3400 from the Capital City Bank Foundation to MainStreet project Manager Anne Holt and Mainstreet Board member John Lily. This money will assist in renovation of the old jail building at 380 West Dogwood Street.

CAPITAL CITY BANK SUPPORTS MAINSTREET MONTICELLO

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The Capital City Bank Foundation recently made a generous donation of \$3400 to MainStreet Monticello Florida for the renovation of the old jailhouse. This support from Capital City Bank is the first big success in raising the funds needed to turn the historic building into

the 'Old Jail Museum'.

The purpose of restoring the old building is to attract visitors to Monticello and to provide additional traffic for local businesses. This would be a tremendous boost for the downtown businesses and for the Jefferson County economy.

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Sheriff Addresses Kiwanis

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Jefferson County Sheriff David Hobbs addressed the Monticello Kiwanis on Wednesday, Oct. 19 updating the membership on the every day operation of the Sheriff's Department. He spoke briefly about the website and the automatic updater for the site. "Whenever an issue arises that the public needs to know, you will find it here. Be sure to check back often to see what's new at www.jefferson-countysheriff1.com," he adds.

Jefferson County is comprised of an area of 637 square miles and is the only county in Florida to border both the state of Georgia and



the Gulf of Mexico. Currently, there are approximately 15,000 citizens in the county. The Sheriff's Department provides 24-hour law enforcement service to the citizens and various enterprises within its boundaries. The Sheriff's Office consists of deputies, correctional officers, communication officers, administrative staff and the office of Emergency Management.

Monticello is the county seat of Jefferson County. The Sheriff's Office is located at 171 Industrial Park in Monticello. For more information call 850-997-2523.

AUDITIONS FOR CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR SUNDAY

Auditions for the M&M Productions of 'Christmas Spectacular' will be held on Sunday, October 30 at the Jefferson Arts Gallery, 575 West Washington Street. Audition times for adults and teens will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. and for children age eight and over, 2 to 3 p.m. Only a few children under age eight will be used for this production.

The show is scheduled to appear on December 9, 10, 11, 16, 17 and 18 with a preview to be held on Thursday evening, December 8, for an invited audience.

Rehearsals for 'Christmas Spectacular' will begin on Tuesday, November 1 and will continue on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. Tech week is set for December 4 through 8.

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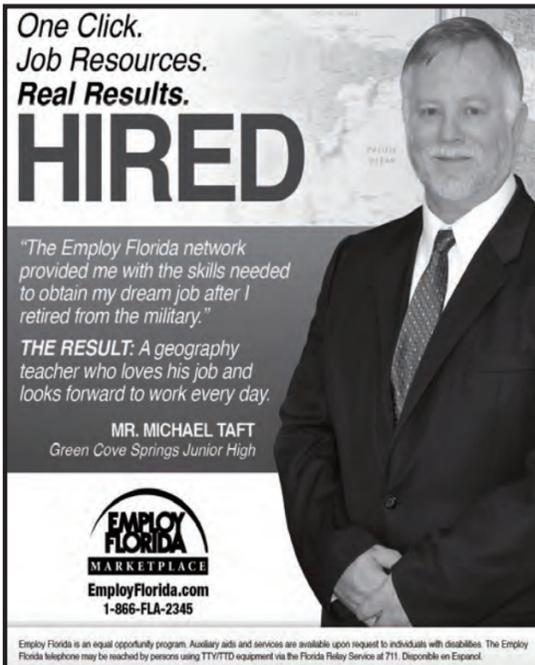
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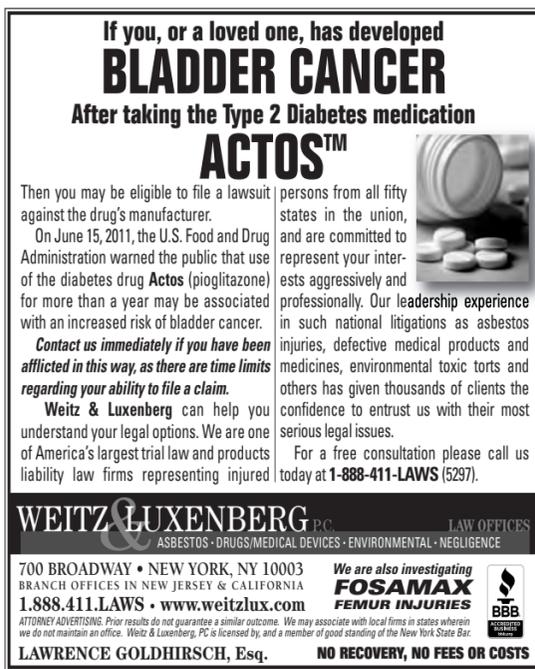
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NOTICE

The Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners is now accepting applications for appointments to the Jefferson County Planning Commission. Applicants must be residents of Jefferson County. The Planning Commission meets on the second Thursday of each month. The term of appointment is three years and there are currently three vacancies. The Planning Commission is a ten member entity that makes recommendations to the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners relating to growth management and land use issues which includes amendments to the Jefferson County Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code. The Planning Commission also conducts public hearings to review certain types of land development proposals. Applications will be accepted through November 30, 2011, and may be obtained by contacting the Office of the Jefferson County Coordinator at 345-0287.

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NOTICE

The Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners is now accepting applications for appointment to the Jefferson County Code Enforcement Board. Applicants must be residents of Jefferson County. The Code Enforcement Board is a new entity in Jefferson County and there are currently seven vacancies. The regular meeting date of the Code Enforcement Board has not yet been determined. The Code Enforcement Board has primary responsibility for conducting fact finding public hearings to determine violations, and making assessments of penalties for violations, of various locally adopted codes, including but not limited to, the Land Development Code. Applications will be accepted through November 30, 2011, and may be obtained by contacting the Office Jefferson County Coordinator at 345-0287.

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NOTICE

The Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners
Jefferson County Board of County Commission is now accepting applications for a volunteer to sit on the Jefferson County Parks Advisory Board. Applications may be picked up at the County Coordinators Office, located at 450 W. Walnut Street, Monticello Florida, 32344 850-342-0287. All application must be submitted by noon Monday, Nov 21, 2011.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF File No. 11-66-CP
Division Probate

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.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is October 21, 2011.

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Crime Rate

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compared to eight motor vehicle thefts in 2011, thus far.

In 2010 the cleared rate (cleared is the percentage of cases where there were arrests and convictions) was number two in the state with 54.9 percent. So far in 2011, Jefferson County again remains at number two with a cleared rate of 62.1 percent.

In Madison County, in 2010 the total crime index was 348 in the first six months of the year and in 2011 the total crime index was 291 for the first six months of the year, which shows a 16.4 percent decrease in crime.

There were no murders in 2010 or 2011; there were three forcible rapes in 2010 and two forcible rapes in 2011; there were nine robberies in 2010 and four robberies in 2011; there was 66 aggravated assaults in 2010 compared to 58 aggravated assaults in 2011; there were 100 burglaries in 2010 and 82 burglaries in 2011; there were 159 larceny cases in 2010 and 137 larceny cases in 2011; and there were 11 car thefts in 2010 and eight vehicle thefts in 2011.

In 2010 Madison County has a percentage cleared rate of 41.1 percent, however, in 2011 the percentage cleared rate had decreased slightly to 38.1 percent.

In Leon County in 2010 the total crime index was 5,996 and in 2011 the total crime index had climbed to 6,840, showing an increase in crime by 14.1 percent. In 2010 there were eight murders and in 2011 there were 10 murders in the first six months of the year; in 2010 there were 70 forcible rapes and in 2011 there were 50 forcible rapes; in 2010 there were 231 rob-

beries compared to 311 robberies in 2011; there were 692 aggravated assaults in 2010 and in 2011 there were 693; in 2010 there were 1,498 burglaries compared to 1,991 burglaries in 2011; there were 3,299 larceny cases in 2010 and 3,576 larceny cases in 2011; and there were 189 motor vehicle thefts in 2010 and 209 vehicle thefts in 2011.

In 2010 the percentage cleared in the first six months was 24.0 and in 2011 the percentage cleared was down slightly to 23.2 percent.

In Taylor County: in 2010 the total crime index was 292 and in 2011 the total crime index was 278, which illustrates a 4.8 percent drop in crime; in 2010 there were two murders in the first six months and in 2011 there was one murder; in 2010 there were 12 forcible rapes and in 2011 there were nine forcible rapes; in 2010 there were five robberies compared to four robberies in 2011; aggravated assault remained the same as last year with 70; in 2010 there were 73 burglaries and in 2011 there were 96 burglaries; in 2010 there were 117 larceny cases and in 2011 there were 81 larceny cases; in 2010 there were four vehicle thefts and in 2011 there were eight vehicle thefts.

In 2010 the percentage cleared was at 56.2 percent, however, in 2011 the percentage cleared was down to 47.1 percent.

Following is a comparison of the best percentage cleared rate in the state and the worst percentage cleared rate, in the state, in the first six months of the year.

The best percentage cleared rate in the state in the first six months of the year was once again

Union County. Union had a total crime index of 89 in both 2010 and 2011; there was no change, no murder either year; in 2010 there were three forcible rapes and there were no forcible rapes in 2011; there were no robberies in 2010 or 2011; in 2010 there were 17 aggravated assaults and in 2011 there were 16 aggravated assaults; in 2010 there were 34 burglaries and in 2011 there were 35 burglaries; the larceny cases remained at 34 in 2010 and 2011; and in 2010 there was one auto theft compared to four auto thefts in 2011. Union County's percentage cleared rate in 2010 was 56.2 percent and in 2011 the percentage cleared rate was 68.5 percent.

The worst percentage cleared rate in the state in the first six months of the year was Jackson County. Jackson had a total crime index of 655 in 2010 and 661 in 2011, showing an increase of 0.9 percent in crime; in 2010 there were two murders and in 2011 there was one murder; in 2010 there were 13 forcible rapes and in 2011 there were 12 forcible rapes; in 2010 there were 11 robberies and in 2011 there were two robberies; in 2010 there were 103 aggravated assaults and in 2011 there were 83 aggravated assaults; in 2010 there were 134 burglaries and in 2011 there were 124 burglaries; in 2010 there were 371 larceny cases and in 2011 there were 417 larceny cases; and in vehicle thefts in 2010 there were 21 and in 2011 there were 22 vehicle thefts. In 2010 the percentage cleared rate was 25.2 percent and in 2011 the percentage cleared rate was down to 12.1 percent.

As a whole, Florida has seen a slight decrease

in crime and also in the percentage cleared rate. In 2010 the total crime index in the state was 381,050 and in 2011 the total crime index was 373,347, which illustrates a two percent decrease in crime. There were 487 murders in 2010 and in 2011 there were 472; there were 2,696 forcible rapes in 2010 compared to 2,682 forcible rapes in 2011; there were 12,784 robberies in 2010 and in 2011 there were 12,228 robberies; in 2010 there were 35,146 aggravated assaults and in 2011 there were 34,107 aggravated assaults; in 2010 there were 81,488 burglaries and in 2011 there were 80,170 burglaries; in 2010 there were 227,618 larceny cases and in 2011 there were 224,779 larceny cases; and in 2010 there were 20,871 motor vehicle thefts and in 2011 there were 18,902 motor vehicle thefts. In 2010 the percentage cleared rate was 24.6 percent and in 2011 it was down slightly to a percentage cleared rate of 24.5 percent.

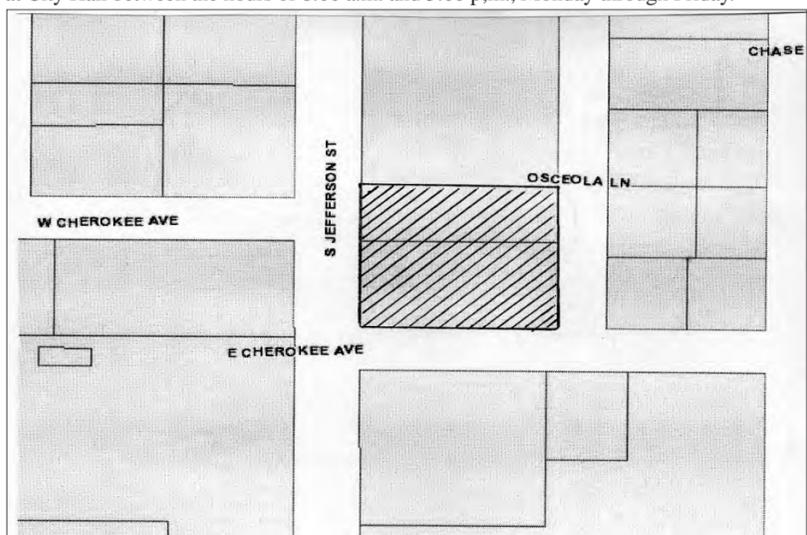
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON APPLICATION FOR CITY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT AND APPLICATION FOR REZONING

The City of Monticello Local Planning Agency will conduct a public hearing for purposes of review of an Application for Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map Amendment and an Application for Rezoning for the following city property:

180 S. Jefferson Street (Parcel No. 00-00-00-0310-0002-0270) and a portion of an adjacent parcel to the North (Parcel No. 00-00-00-0310-0002-0110)

The proposal seeks to amend the City Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map from Business/Residential to Commercial and seeks to amend the City Zoning Map from Business/Residential to B-2/Business Highway.

The public hearing will be held on November 8, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at Monticello City Hall, 245 S. Mulberry Street, Monticello, FL 32344. Interested persons may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the applications. The applications may be inspected at City Hall between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.



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Lois Howell-Hunter
Jefferson County
Tax Collector



Jefferson County will open 2011 Tax Roll for collection of property taxes on November 1st

Tax Collector Lois Howell-Hunter certified the Tax Roll October 25, 2011 and will mail Tax Bills November 1st. The Tax Collector's office will begin the collection of property taxes and tangible personal property taxes at that time. Tax payers can mail in payments, pay in person, or pay via the website www.jeffersoncountytaxcollector.com

Paying property taxes early has some benefits. There is a 4% Discount if paid by the end of November; 3% Discount if paid by the end of December; 2% Discount if paid by the end of January and a 1% Discount if paid by the end of February.

"I am proud to continue to offer a partial payment method this year to tax payers who want to make partial payments November through March". There are fees associated with making partial payments, but it is necessary to cover the expense of providing this service.

Installments are also available again. Those interested in this option should file an application with the Tax Collector by May 1st of the year in which the taxes are assessed. After submission of an initial application, a taxpayer is not required to submit annual applications as long as the taxpayer continues to elect to prepay taxes by installments.

Florida Statute 197.122 states that all owners of property are charged with the duty of knowing the amount of taxes due and paying them before the delinquency date. This means that failure to receive a tax bill will not relieve anyone from paying taxes or subsequent penalties which occur on April 1st when taxes become delinquent. If anyone does not receive a tax bill, contact our office or visit our website to get a copy.

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The Week of October 28, 2011 through November 6, 2011
Major Feed Times are marked by an asterisk (*)

Friday, October 28 *1:55 AM 8:10 AM *2:30 PM 8:45 PM	Saturday, October 29 *3:10 AM 9:20 AM *3:40 PM 9:50 PM	Sunday, October 30 *4:20 AM 10:20 AM *4:40 PM 10:55 PM	Monday, October 31 *5:10 AM 11:20 AM *5:40 PM 11:55 PM
Tuesday, November 1 *6:10 AM 12:20 AM *6:40 PM	Wednesday, November 2 12:55 AM *7:10 AM 1:20 PM *7:30 PM	Thursday, November 3 1:45 AM *7:50 AM 2:10 PM *8:10 PM	Friday, November 4 2:20 AM *8:30 AM 2:40 PM *8:55 PM

SRWMD DESIGNATES FOUR BASINS AS WATER RESOURCE CAUTION AREAS, MOVES FORWARD IN WATER SUPPLY PLANNING PROCESS

The Suwannee River Water Management District (District) is one step closer to developing a plan to meet water demands in areas of critical concern.

The District's Governing Board on Oct. 11 designated the Alapaha River Basin, Upper Suwannee River Region, and Upper and Lower Santa Fe river basins as water resource caution areas. The District's 2010 Water Supply Assessment designated those areas as water supply planning regions last December, and under chapter 62-40.520(2), Florida Administrative Code, the District is required to designate those areas as water resource caution areas within a 12-month period.

The designation means that groundwater sources in those areas are not adequate to meet fu-

ture needs over a 20-year period and that regional water supply plans are needed to find water sources to meet demands. The designation also means that the District will initiate water supply planning in those regions and will prepare one or more regional water supply plans.

The District is required under Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, to develop regional water supply plans for areas where groundwater sources are not adequate to meet future needs over a 20-year period.

The District's 2010 Water Supply Assessment addressed declining groundwater levels in the northeastern portion of the District due to regional withdrawals. These areas include parts of Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Gilchrist,

Hamilton, Suwannee, and Union counties.

"These declining levels are predicted to impact river and spring flows in certain areas over the next 20 years," said Carlos Herd, District water supply project manager.

The District has begun to identify strategies to offset projected water resource impacts. On Oct. 11, the governing board approved a measure to allow the District to seek funding assistance for a study to find ways to recharge the Upper Floridan aquifer. The District will also expand its reclaimed water program and employ water conservation measures to help recover groundwater levels and prevent additional water resource impacts.

The District is also

preparing an update to its regional groundwater flow model in order to better predict water resource impacts that may occur from groundwater withdrawals. The District continues development of minimum flows and levels (MLFs) to determine the amount of water that can be removed from the natural system without causing significant harm to the resources and the ecology.

The District is working with the St. Johns River Water Management District in its water supply planning process to address



These regions were designated as water resource caution areas on Oct. 11.

concerns over declining groundwater levels that are affecting both districts. Both districts and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection entered into an interagency agreement in September, which requires the districts to coordinate on water use permitting and water supply planning activities when proposed withdrawals may contribute to impacts across district boundaries.

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WOODY BRUSH CONTROL

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Woody brush control? Think 'timely' not 'fancy'. Kudzu is the poster child for invasive species in the South. It was introduced to control soil erosion and it worked. After it covered all the red clay gullies it started on pine trees, fences, houses and has been accused of threatening slow moving livestock and children.

That may be a slight exaggeration, but kudzu isn't the only non-native plant that is a problem in Jefferson County. Several woody species including chinaberry, Chinese tallow (popcorn tree), silverthorn, paper mulberry, Chinese privet, mimosa, tung tree, coral ardisia and nandina have the potential to infest fence lines, pastures, yards, woodlands and rights of way. They displace native species and some are toxic to livestock. Most of

these plants produce large numbers of seed. These seed germinate exceedingly well and have no natural enemies.

The first and most important step in invasive species control is the same as controlling any other pest, recognition and identification. If you see an unknown plant that's starting to get out of hand, send us a photo-



Paper Mulberry untreated and twelve days after a basal bark treatment, like sasafra, paper mulberry has three different leaf shapes.

of privet, china berry, Chinese tallow or other woody brush may require heavy equipment, chain saws or industrial size spray rigs, but there's a couple of smaller scale solutions for scattered invasives. These include foliar spraying of herbicides, the cut stump treatment and the basal bark treatment. All of these use the herbicide triclopyr, which is available at lawn and garden stores as well as farm chemical suppliers. Formulations range from



eight percent active ingredient to sixty-four percent. It is not a restricted use pesticide, but read and follow the label explicitly!

Foliar spray requires the most equipment. You need a sprayer large enough to cover the foliage of the plant. If your shrubs are very large or very plentiful, this can get to be the kind of job that gets delayed. The cut stump treatment requires immediate application of a solution of triclopyr that is at least eight per-

cent active ingredient. (Waiting more than 30 seconds can significantly reduce herbicide intake.) This method has the advantage of immediately removing the offending shrub. When Leon county Master Gardener Glynn Mayne spoke to the Water Street Park committee last week, he suggested a three person team, one to hold the bush out of the way, one to cut it down, and one to spray the stump. If you've ever tried to get just one person in your household to go out and cut down bushes, I suspect you might be pessimistic about finding three folks. However, the method does require only a small volume of spray and a quart spray bottle or small paintbrush suffices as the herbicide applicator.

My favorite is the basal bark treatment. It works best on plants less than six inches in diameter, but if you're also the type who looks for the most damage for the least work, you'll like it. It requires the use of a higher concentration of triclopyr; I used Remedy Ultra and mixed it with basal oil at one part herbicide to three parts basal oil. Shake well and simply spray the entire lower twelve to eighteen inches on all sides. The concentrated herbicide will move through the bark and kill the plant. Control is slower than the cut stump treatment method but no less effective.

This should get you started on controlling invasive species on your land. Learn to identify these plants and stop them before they spread. If you'd like additional information on controlling woody brush or the identification and control of other invasive species, please contact me at dillardjed@ufl.edu or call the office at 850-342-0187.

graph or bring in leaves, fruit, flowers or a whole plant. Early identification of a few young plants allows you to use the simplest of control methods, the shovel or hoe. If you see a plant that you like and want to transplant it, make sure you know what it is before you bring it in. Tropical soda apple was once sold in nurseries in South Florida and now has spread throughout the state.

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