



## Plans Taking Shape For A National Conference Here Idea Is To Put Monticello On Map Nationally

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Monticello in the coming year may well play host to a conference featuring regionally and nationally renowned experts in the fields of archeology, geoarchaeology and paleontology, among other disciplines.

The conference, tentatively scheduled for several days in October 2012, would take place at the Monticello

Opera House and would include scholarly lectures, panel discussions, displays of artifacts for public viewing, and possibly guided tours to the Aucilla and Wacissa rivers.

The event would be videotaped for intended airing on the Public Broadcasting System and for other promotional and distribution purposes. It could also well attract national media coverage, given the caliber of some of the proposed speakers.

The brainchild of Dr. Ann Holt, program manager for Main Street Monticello, the conference is tentatively titled "First Floridians: First Americans Conference."

So far, confirmed speakers include Mary Glowacki, Florida state archaeologist; Dr. Kenneth Sassaman, professor of Florida Archaeology at the University of Florida; Lee Newman, paleobotanist/archaeologist with Pennsylvania State University; Dr. Neill

Wallis, assistant curator in archeology at the Florida Museum of Natural History; and Dr. Michael Waters, director of the Center for the Studies of the First Americans at Texas A&M University.

Dr. Waters, who was recently featured in a *New York Times* article, is expected to lead a scientific team to the Aucilla River in the near future in search of early man's presence in the area.

The several speakers' con-

firmations thus far are no small accomplishment on the part of Dr. Holt, considering that certain of the names only surfaced at a brainstorming luncheon session that she hosted at the Rare Door Restaurant on Thursday, Nov. 17.

Attendees at that noon gathering included Jim Dunbar, president of the Panhandle Archaeological Society;

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## Derrick Jennings Doing Musically For The Kids

### HOMEGROWN MARCHING BAND PUTS BEAT ON UPBEAT



Members of the Community Marching Band pose on the steps of the Martin Luther King Center, where they rehearse evenings. Derrick Jennings is second from right in the last row.

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When Jefferson County Community Marching Band Director Derrick Jennings approached the Monticello City Council recently to

talk about his music program, the refreshingly surprising thing about his presentation was that it wasn't a lead-up to a plea for money.

Jennings simply wanted to share with the council and audience

members his program's success so far.

A Monticello city employee who works in the water department, Jennings has taken it upon himself — in his spare time — to create, fund and guide a group

of musically inclined young people who range in ages from 10 years and up.

"Anyone who wants to join the group is welcome," Jennings says.

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## Roberts, Wade Pre-Qualify For School District Races

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Two more individuals have signaled their intention to seek public offices, both in school district races.

Dr. Melvin Roberts, head of human resource for the Jefferson County School District, pre-qualified for the office of school superintendent on Nov. 14. Dr. Roberts is the fourth person thus far to indicate an intention to seek the office.

Carolyn Loggins-Wade, meanwhile, pre-qualified on Monday, Nov. 29, for the District 4 School Board seat. She is the second person to pre-qualify for this race.

Other persons who have pre-qualified for the school superintendent office are District 4 School Board incumbent Marianne Arbulu, Jefferson Elementary School Principal Valarie Thompson and

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## ARBULU IS NEW CHAIR OF JC SCHOOL BOARD

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Jefferson County District 4 School Board Member Marianne Arbulu is the new chair of the board.

District 5 School Board Member Charles Boland became the vice chair, putting him in line for the chairmanship next year.

The School Board chairmanship is rotated annually in numerical order of the five districts.

Arbulu accepted the chairmanship gavel from outgoing District 3 Chairwoman Shirley Washington in a brief ceremony on Tuesday evening, Nov. 22. Handing over the gavel, Washington noted that she had "accepted the office with pride and released it

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Outgoing School Board Chairwoman Shirley Washington, right, hands over the gavel to new Chairwoman Marianne Arbulu.



School Board Chairwoman Marianne Arbulu, presents a plaque and yellow flower to outgoing Chairwoman Shirley Washington in appreciation of the latter's leadership during the last year.

## OPEN HOUSE AT CHRISTINE'S BARBER & BEAUTY SALON

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Christine's Barber & Beauty Salon is now open at its new location at 230 West Washington Street. Christine and husband, Bobby Williams, will host an Open House from 5 to 7 p.m. this Friday, Dec. 2, with light refreshments.



The business has been in operation in the downtown area for 25+ years; a fixture in the community. The shop caters to women, men and children and offers a variety of services such as cutting and styling hair, shampoos, perms and coloring. The establishment moved to its present location for the convenience of its clientele. In town this location is easier to find and makes for a day of shopping and dining for the customers.

Regular business hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. To make an appointment, call the shop at 850-997-4767 or stop by on Friday evening and meet the owners.

Christine's Barber & Beauty Salon is a welcoming site in the downtown Monticello area. Drop by during its Open House from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2.

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**Local Weather**

<b>Fri</b> 122 69B	Sunny skies. High 69F. Winds NE at 5 to 10 mph.	<b>Sat</b> 128 78B	More sun than clouds. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	<b>Sun</b> 12A 72B3	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 50s.	<b>Mon</b> 125 76B2	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the low 50s.	<b>Tue</b> 126 70A2	Few showers. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 40s.
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# Viewpoints & Opinions

## CHURCH NEWS NOTES

**DECEMBER 2**  
Memorial Missionary Baptist Church Missions Ministry will host a fish fry on Friday beginning at 11 a.m. at the church location MLK @ Second Street. A donation of \$5 is requested for sandwiches and \$7 for dinners including mullet or brim, baked beans and potato salad.

**DECEMBER 2**

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 Monticello.

**DECEMBER 3**  
Cody PHC Family Yard Sale 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Proceeds will be directed to needy families in the area for Christmas. 3862 Tram

Road.

**DECEMBER 3**  
Jefferson County Union Number One will sponsor a benefit program event at 6 p.m. on Saturday at the Welaunee MB Church in an effort to raise financial support for the rebuilding of the Holy Ghost Revival Center Sanctuary. If you cannot attend, donations may be sent to: HGRC, c/o Elder Herbert R. Thomas Sr., Chairman, P.O. Box 1222, Monticello, FL 32345. For more information contact Thomas at 850-997-4517 or 850-570-8122.

**DECEMBER 3**  
Sweetfield Missionary Baptist Church will host a Fall/Winter Holiday Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday at 3679 Old Lloyd Road. This is a fundraiser for the church building fund. Vendors will display crafts from all over the state of Florida. Foods will be available for purchase.

The community is invited to come out and join in the fun and festivities, and shop, shop, shop! And, as an added bonus, there will be door prizes. More vendors are needed; there is a vendor fee. For more information about this event contact Derry Williams at 850-644-7998 or 850-345-4731.

**DECEMBER 8**  
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.

**DECEMBER 11**  
New Bethel AME Church Sons of Allen will observe its Annual Prayer Breakfast at 8 a.m. on Sunday. Speaker will be Rev. Clifford Hill, pastor of Mt. Olive AME and Union Branch AME churches. For more information, contact Chairman Eric Shields or Pastor Jimmie F.

Dickey at 850-997-6929.

**DECEMBER 16, 17**  
Second Harvest Food Program, together with the churches of New Bethel AME, Elizabeth MB, Hickory Hill MB, Mt. Pleasant AME and Philadelphia MB, will provide food to anyone needing assistance including the needy, infants and the elderly. This is done monthly with distribution from 9 to 10 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 6:30 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 this program.

**DECEMBER 18**  
Sunday of Silence will be held from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. every second Sunday of each month at

One Heart Earth Center. It's a non-denominational time of stillness and reflection. A vegetarian lunch is offered at noon; served and eaten in silence. Gentle Hatha Yoga will begin at 10 a.m. with instructor Joy Moore. Mats are provided. OHEC is located at 450 West Madison Street in downtown Monticello and is a non-profit 501c3 public charity. Donations appreciated and are tax deductible. For more information contact Sallie Worley at oneheartearthcenter@embarqmail.com or 850-997-7373.

**DECEMBER 21-23**  
Winter Revival At First Corinthian First Corinthian Church will hold its Winter Revival at 7 p.m. Wednesday through Friday at 955 Lemon Street in Monticello. For more information on how you can be involved, contact Rev. John Jones, pastor, at 850-445-0076.

**Deb's Notes**

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Now that the Thanksgiving holiday is over are we all ready for something more Christmassy? Well, come to downtown Monticello and delight in the festive trees at the Opera House. The Monticello Garden Club Circles each decorated a Christmas tree and are they ever beautiful! Most are decorated with natural décor, newly created and from past years. If you are interested in becoming involved in the local garden club, contact Camellia Garden Circle Chairman Jane Davis at 850-997-4320.

Thank you Ruth Blake, on the Old St. Augustine Road, for doing your part to recycle. Ruth bags her old newspapers and has them brought back into town to be put in our recycle bins.

Through this holiday season the Salvation Army will have local volunteers 'bell ringing' in front of the Winn Dixie and Fred's stores. Donate to those less fortunate this year and enjoy that 'feel-good' feeling. Contact Community Coordinator Georgiana Barker at 850-342-4694 to volunteer your time or to make a donation.

The Whole Child 'Healthy Smart Day' event will take place on Tuesday, March 27, 2012. There will be a variety of screenings performed during the event and the Whole Child Bus will be unveiled. The next planning meeting for this event is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Thursday, December 15. If you are interested in attending, contact Tonya Bell at tbell@healthystartjmt.org or 850-253-5355. She also encourages everyone to check out the Whole Child Profile website at www.tricountywholechild.com If you need assistance with this, or have questions or concerns, contact her. She says that plans are underway for the 'Boys-to-Men-Lock-In' event, which will be held in Taylor County this 2012 year, on March 9 and 10. Last year's event was a huge success in Jefferson County. She encourages everyone to come out and participate as a vendor or donate your time.

Annie Joe Martin, with the Department of Children and Families, reports that her job description has changed. She is now working in 16 counties and reports that drug testing for cash assistance has ceased and those that failed their test will be refunded the cost. She also encourages all clients to set up a 'My Access Account', as doing so will cut recertification time in half.

Edna Henry mentions again that November was Parent Involvement Month; she hopes the 'News' readers read and enjoyed the articles for parents that ran each week. She also mentions that there is free after school tutoring offered to students who are in the 'free and reduced lunch program'; select students will also be given free backpacks, fully stuffed with supplies. Contact her at 850-342-0115 for information on how to sign up.

Deveda Bellamy, the Minority AIDS Coordinator with the Leon County Health Department, reports seeing a high incidence of STDs in the 50+ age group and also more gay relationships in the 19-34 age group.

Nicole Stookey, with the Department of Children and Families, reports that April 2012 will be 'Child Abuse Prevention Month' and her agency will be doing the 'Pinwheels for Prevention' again. She needs feedback on Pinwheel events.

The annual Christmas Party for Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce members will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, December 13. Bring a canned goods donation to the party, for distribution to a local food pantry, to help those in need during the holiday season. There will be no general member business meeting in December due to the annual Christmas Party. There is a Board of Directors Meeting during the day of December 13, at noon.

The Chamber Business Expo is scheduled for Saturday, January 21, 2012 at the Monticello Opera House. Vendors will be contacted with information regarding setup, time of the expo, price of booths and activities. Tickets to the general public will be sold for the event.

The Chamber is also organizing a business seminar to be held on Friday, January 20, 2012. Be an early bird and receive a discounted price if you book before January 6, 2012! Watch for more details in the weeks to come. Call Chamber Director Melanie Mays at 850-997-5552 to reserve your space today.

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## Conference

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Barbara Hines, a professional archaeologist with the Florida Public Archaeology Network, whose mission is to promote the conservation, study and public understanding of Florida's archaeological heritage; and Tom Pertierra, chief executive of Southeastern PaleoAmerican Survey, Inc. (SEPAS), a nonprofit company based in nearby Greenville that provides direct support and logistical management to public archeology excavation projects.

Others there were Ed Green, Earl Hoover, Jack Carswell and David Ward.

The impetus for the session was the positive response that Dr. Holt received to her letter of intent to the Florida Humanities Council, from which she is seeking a \$10,000 grant for the project. Dr. Holt is seeking an additional \$10,000 from other organizations for a targeted total of \$20,000.

"The people of Jefferson County and their children have to be made

to realize the value of what they have here," Dr. Holt said, explaining the genesis of her idea.

The discussion at the Rare Door Restaurant on Nov. 17 was lively, informal, informative and undeniably productive. Areas covered included how to make the conference sufficiently academic to attract the big name scholars who would in turn attract national attention, yet not make it so esoteric that it would exclude or turn off the general public, given the latter's crucial role in the protection and preservation of the area's natural, cultural and historical resources; how to bring attention to these precious resources without overly exposing or exploiting them and in the process causing their unintended degradation; and how to capitalize and build on the conference's momentum and convert it into an economic development opportunity.

A sampling of the discussion follows.

"If you diversify too much, you hurt yourself," Pertierra offered at one point. "You lose the scholars. The hook that will get people in the door is the archaeological question of the peopling of the Americas."

He conceded that his was a bias view, given that he and others at the table had more than a passing interest in the topic. Still, it was his recommendation that the conference focus on the peopling of the Americas, which he said was the burning question in the archeological world. Such a topic, he said, was sure to attract partici-

pants and spark interest on both sides of the debate, as adherents of the old and new schools of thoughts on the question sparred with each other on the issue.

The old theory holds that the peopling of the Americas occurred via the Bering Strait from Siberia. But new evidence is surfacing, and Waters is at the forefront of these discoveries, that the peopling of the Americas was earlier than previously believed and that it may have occurred via the coasts, particularly the Atlantic rim.

"The old timers are like accolades that can't let go of the old religion," Pertierra said of some adherents of the old theory.

Dunbar noted that excavated sites on the Aucilla ranked among the oldest in North America and put man's presence in the area as far back as 14,500 years ago.

"It's gotten enough national attention that scholars are willing to come here," he said. "We would be able to give them an answer to the best of our knowledge, even as the story is un-

folding."

Someone suggested that the thing that would attract visitors after the conference was if the community created a permanent interpretative center here.

"That's what we've done in South Carolina with the Topper Site," Pertierra said.

The Topper Site is one of several in the eastern U.S. producing evidence that humans were living in the western hemisphere during the last Ice Age.

Hines noted that it was important to get the general public involved,

as it would then serve as an advocate for preservation and protection of the natural, cultural and historical treasures.

Carswell wondered, "How does the county exploit this asset for economy development and not destroy it?"

Dunbar offered that if done right, exposure didn't necessarily have to lead to degradation or destruction of the asset.

"If done the right way, tourism won't stomp a good thing to death," he said. "There's an approach to make something approachable but not loved to death."

## Derrick

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The percussion section of the Community Marching Band takes up a pose on the grounds of the MLK Center on the south side. Derrick Jennings is on the extreme left, standing.

The youths regularly rehearse evenings and weekends at the Martin Luther King Center and Clifford Brown Park on the south side of town. The band is ever ready, willing and able to perform at local and area functions upon request.

It must be noted, however, that Jennings has higher ambitions for the kids. His goal ultimately is to have the group perform at the Martin Luther King Parade in St. Petersburg, the Citrus Bowl Parade

in Orlando, and the Capital One Bowl in Jacksonville, among other statewide venues.

"It would be good publicity for Monticello," he says simply.

For the time being, however, he is satisfied to groom the kids musically and have them perform at local and area functions.

The group, for example, recently played at the Veterans' Day celebration in nearby Greenville. And Jennings was talking of approaching Main Street Monticello to have the group play at the coming Christmas celebration.

No formally trained music teacher, Jennings has played the tuba and other instruments since middle school, which he attended here. What's more, he has a knack for communicating and working with kids. And he felt that a need existed in the community for a music program outside the schools.

Jennings says the idea for the community marching band came to him when he noticed that many kids who were musically talented weren't participating in the school band program. When he asked the kids why, the response was typically that they just didn't want to do it, Jennings says.

"Basically, they wanted to do things other than perform at football games," he says. "It came into my head then, why not create my own music program. The idea came to me to create a band of our own that could play for any event and that could serve as a source of general entertainment in the community."

After talking it over informally with several of the youths, Jennings called a more formal meeting at the Jefferson County Bialar Public Library. That meeting set the stage for the formulation of the program, which he initiated last November. Today, the program numbers more than 50 participants, including a dance squad that his wife teaches and that performs to the band's music.

"We had a lot of drummers at the start," Jennings says. "Once we got drums and we started beating them, that created publicity and attracted others."

Jennings recently started a recorder section and provided the participants with recorders so that they could practice at home. The recorders, he says, are to teach the kids about articulation, tone structure and other musical principles that they can then apply to clarinet and saxophone.

Jennings purchased the recorders on his own, as he plans to purchase the clarinets and saxophones eventually, as the finances allow. He's exploring possible grants and other funding sources to help with the expenditures. For the time being, however, he is funding the endeavor solely on his own.

"Before I ask for any money, I like to show what we have and what we can do," he says.

The limited funding explains why the group presently consists of a percussion section essentially. Jennings points out that, realistically, \$500 or more for a drum set and other fancy equipment is not some-

thing the kids or he can afford. But \$100 to \$130 for a base drum, \$77 to \$150 for a snare drum, and \$135 to \$230 for a tenor drum is doable. And indeed, played with spirit as the percussionists do, the drums provide a powerful, rhythmic and compelling sound all their own.

The youths typically practice evenings, seven days a week. Jennings says he tried to cut back on the days at one point and the kids raised an outcry, convincing him to keep the seven-day schedule.

"If it keeps them in a good place for hours at a time, why not do it?" he says.

Notwithstanding the kids' enthusiasm, Jennings admits that the schedule takes a toll on his time, especially after a full day of work. But it's something he enjoys doing and that benefit the kids, he says.

"It goes back to my musical roots," Jennings says. "It's something I love doing. It's also something I can do to give back to the community, and it's good for the kids."

The program, he says, gives the kids a focus other than the street, and it also provides them with an opportunity to discuss their problems.

"We talk and they tell me about their problems at school and home," Jennings says, noting that the program is helping the kids be more engaged and active at home and school.

"I constantly get feedback and good reports from parents and others," Jennings says. "I hear that all the kids talk about is the band."

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# Jefferson County Living

## Chambers And Adrianse Win Wedding Weekend

Hotel Duval, a style icon and the first and only boutique hotel in Tallahassee, FL and Rowland Publishing's Tallahassee magazine partnered together for The Exquisite Beginning Wedding Giveaway. The bridal contest provided engaged couples the chance to win the wedding of their dreams. Alana Chambers and Paul Adrianse were announced as the lucky couple on Sunday, October 16, during The Reveal ceremony at Hotel Duval. The deserving pair was over-

joyed with emotion as they were congratulated by a group of their family and friends. This winning couple will begin planning an all-expense-paid wedding to take place on Sunday, April 22, 2012, at Hotel Duval. Every aspect of the wedding will be donated to create this once-in-a-lifetime experience, including invitations, venue, catering, photography, flowers, cakes, wedding dress, bridesmaids dresses and formalwear, music, invitations, limo and even the honeymoon.

Chambers is a Tallahassee preschool teacher and Adrianse works in construction. Adrianse popped the question after two years of dating. While planning their wedding to take place in May 2011, they experienced a family tragedy that halted wedding plans. In March, Chamber's father suffered a heart attack and massive stroke. The incident caused many physical obstacles and the couple decided to postpone the wedding until they could celebrate their matrimony with her father. Chambers told her father she would not get married until he could walk her down the aisle.

While her father was in rehab, Chambers and Adrianse along with other family members began repairs and making her father's home easier for him to navigate with a wheel chair and walker. Since Adrianse works in the construction field, he took charge and worked long hours to help his bride-to-be's family. The home renovations were completed in time for her father to enjoy once home from rehabilitation.

"I always knew that Paul was perfect for me," said Alana Chambers, "but when he guided and helped my family through this difficult time, I knew he was one of the most giving and loving individuals I

would ever meet."

"The most important part of our wedding is being able to share the day with our families," says Adrianse. "I owe Alana the wedding of her dreams and am so humbled to be able to have this experience at Hotel Duval with our family there," said Paul Adrianse.

The bride and groom-to-be will work with a dream team of Tallahassee wedding partners for designing every detail of their wedding. Sponsors making this event possible include Hotel Duval and Duval Signature Events, John Gandy Events, Emerald Grande Resort, Silver Sands Shops in Destin, Shula's 347 Grill Tallahassee, Capital Valet, She Boudoir Photography by Kira Derryberry, Pure Platinum Band, Connie Duglin Linen, Randi Buchanan & Company Makeup Design, Top Hat Limo and Sedan Services, Kay Meyer Photography, Missy Gunnels Flowers,



Teri Smith Photo, Woodland Fields Photography, Vocelle's Bridal Shop, Silver Lining Linens, Flowers By Darin, Green Peridot, The Golf Club at Summerbrooke, Karmanos Printing, Hilly Fields and Robert's Jewelers. Alana is the daughter of Sukie and Charles Chambers of Monticello, FL and Paul is the son of Renee and Steve Adrianse of Denver, CO.

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## Pavlik Weds Walker



Ryan Pavlik and Jennifer Walker were married on Saturday, September 10, 2011 at her family's farm in Waukeenh, FL. Their families attended and all enjoyed a brunch before the couple left for their honeymoon in New York City. Jennifer is the daughter of T.B. and Renee Walker of Waukeenh. Ryan is the son of Roger and Aare Pavlik of California and Bill and Mary Davidson of Michigan. The bride and groom both work for Brown and Brown Insurance, he in Monticello and she in Tallahassee. They will make their home in Jefferson County, FL.

## Coping With The Holidays Workshop

Realizing that the holidays can be an emotionally difficult time for those who have suffered the loss of a loved one, the Covenant Hospice Bereavement Department will be providing a free workshop to help. The workshop will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 7 at the Covenant Hospice

branch office, located at 1545 Raymond Diehl Road, Suite 150 in Tallahassee. The workshop will include tips on coping strategies for the holidays, normal grief reactions, developing a holiday plan, ideas for remembering loved ones and how to support children through the holidays. This free workshop is open to the public. Light refreshments will be served and those who attend will receive mate-

rial and literature compliments of Covenant Hospice. If you are interested in attending this very special workshop, contact Bobbie Massey at 850-575-4998 or 850-701-0133 to make a reservation. Covenant Hospice is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing comprehensive, compassionate services to patients and loved ones during times of life-limiting illnesses.

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# Jefferson County Living

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### DECEMBER 2

'Around the Downtown Christmas' event from 4 to 9 p.m. on Friday, sponsored by Main Street Monticello Florida. The streets will be filled with vendors, music, holiday smells of sugar and spice and lots of neighbors and visitors will be shopping and browsing the shops. Purchase a 50/50 Raffle ticket! All the stores will be open and sharing treats, Santa will be available for photos at the Wirick/Sim-

mons House and there will be vendors with crafts and food. The local eateries will be open as well. There will be carolers, music and musicians all around the streets and there will be lots of friends and neighbors to meet and greet. Plan to join the festivities. Call 850-445-1390 or go to mainstreetmonticellofl@yahoo.com to get more information. It will be opening night for the live nativity of Bethlehem of Monti-

cello, on the South Water Street grounds of First United Methodist Church and just in walking distance, on West Washington Street, Christine's Barber & Beauty Salon is holding an Open House.

### DECEMBER 2-11

Tallahassee Little Theatre, 1861 Thomasville Road, Tallahassee, presents the production of Irish playwright Conor McPherson's 'The Seafarer,' Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Contact the Box Office at 850-224-8474 for ticket information. This is most certainly a Christmas play, but one not for the wee ones. The plot moves to a quixotic and clever conclusion. It will keep audiences wondering

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### DECEMBER 3

Community Flea Market at the Recreation Park, 1380 Mamie Scott Road, beginning at 8 a.m. Spaces are limited. Contact Park Manager Mike Holm at 850-342-0240 or 850-519-6640 for more information.

### DECEMBER 3

Dixie Community Center in historical Dixie, GA is open on the first and third

Saturday nights for an evening of music and dancing with live local bands. Free line dance classes begin at 5:30 p.m. with the fun to follow at 7 p.m. For more information contact Kenneth Price at 1-229-263-7231.

### DECEMBER 4

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

### DECEMBER 5

VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post 251 meets 6:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month at Memorial MB Church. Contact President Mary Madison at 850-210-7090 for more information.

### DECEMBER 5

Sons Of The American Legion (SAL) meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month in the Otto Walker Post 49 on South Water Street in Monticello. For more information contact District III Commander Buddy Westbrook at 850-997-2973.

### DECEMBER 5

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

### DECEMBER 5

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.

## How Does Your Car Fit?

The Jefferson Senior Citizen Center and the Florida Department of Elder Affairs will host a CarFit program from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 8, at the First United Methodist Church, in the Family Ministry Center. There is no charge and the community is invited to attend. This program is especially for helping mature drivers find their perfect fit. This new safety program for motorists checks how well a driver and their personal vehicle work together.

Come witness the launch of this first-of-its-kind program that could make a lifesaving difference to both older drivers and their loved ones. Developed through collaboration among the American society on aging, AAA, AARP and the American Occupational Therapy Association, CarFit is the first program to offer older adults the opportunity to check how their personal cars 'fit' them.

Trained professionals will lead older drivers through a 12-point checklist with their vehicle, recommend car adjustments and adaptations and offer community specific resources and activities that could make their cars 'fit' better or enhance their safety. An occupational therapist also will be on hand to provide information to older drivers on how to maintain and strengthen driving health. Reporters will be able to interview mobility experts, older drivers and shoot footage of this event.

People over 65 are the fastest-growing population in the United States. By 2030, one in five drivers will be age 65 or older, which means there will be more than 30 million older drivers on our roads. Because of their fragility, seniors have the highest crash death rate per mile of everyone except teenagers.

For question about this program, contact JSCC Director Bobbie Krebs at 850-342-0242x221 or JSCC Fiscal Officer Diane Fincham at 850-342-0242x237.

## CHRISTMAS AUCTION AND HOLIDAY CAKES

### DEBBIE SNAPP

ECB Publishing Staff Writer

The Monticello Woman's Club will hold its annual Christmas Auction at noon on Tuesday, Dec. 6 in its clubhouse on East Pearl Street. Members will bring in a wide variety of handmade gift items for the auction, maybe even a few fresh baked goods! The cost of this monthly luncheon is just \$6 or bring a covered dish meal item. The public is invited to attend this event. What a great opportunity to purchase those hard to get Christmas presents!

The Holiday Cake Sale is still underway and there are quite a few cakes still available. The



cost of the cakes: 1-pound \$8, 2-pound \$16 and 5-pound \$38. These cakes may be purchased from any club member, or contact MWC President Ethel Strickland at 850-997-3382. The members will also have a booth setup downtown during the MainStreet Christmas event on Friday evening, Dec. 2.

Club members will be selling raffle tickets for two handmade crocheted scarf and hat sets; one in Gator colors and the other in Seminole colors. The tickets are \$1 each and the winning tickets will be pulled during the Chamber Trade Fair in January 2012.

Let's get decorating for the Christmas Season! The MWC is hosting its annual 'Best Decorated House' contest. The

judging will be held on Dec. 20 and the winners will win a monetary gift. Participants need to be inside the city limits and will need to contact Strickland to inform her of the name and address of the resident. So, let's light up Monticello!



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Sunday- 12:55-3:05-5:15-7:25  
Mon-Thurs-7:25

**Breaking Dawn (PG13)**  
Friday- 5:00-7:30-10:00  
Saturday- 12:00-2:30-5:00-7:30-10:00  
Sunday- 12:00-2:30-5:00-7:30  
Mon-Thurs-7:30

**Muppets (PG)**  
Friday-4:10-7:10-9:40  
Saturday-1:15-4:10-7:10-9:40  
Sunday-1:15-4:10-7:10  
Mon-Thurs-7:10  
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**Happy Feet Two (PG)**  
Friday-4:00-7:00-9:30  
Saturday-1:05-4:00-7:00-9:30  
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**Immortals (R)**  
Friday-4:25-9:50  
Saturday-4:25-9:50  
Sunday-4:25  
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**Tower Heist (PG13)**  
Friday-7:15  
Saturday-1:15-7:15  
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**Arthur Christmas (PG)**  
Friday- 4:05-7:05-9:25  
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Sunday-1:30-4:05-7:05  
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## Obituaries

### JOHN TATEM

Mr. John Allen Tatem, age 85, a contractor with the Duval County School Board, passed away on Saturday, November 26, 2011 in Monticello, FL.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 3, 2011 at Beggs Funeral Home Monticello Chapel. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, December 2, 2011. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Covenant Hospice.

Mr. Tatem was born in Cleveland, OH. He was a resident of Jacksonville, FL until 1995, when he made his move to Monticello. He retired from the Duval School System where he worked as a contractor installing flagpoles. He was a WWII veteran serving in the Navy. He was a member of the Lloyd Baptist Church and also attended Souls Port United Pentecostal Church in Tallahassee, FL. He was a proud member

of the VFW and the American Legion Post 49.

Mr. Tatem is survived by his wife of seven years Mrs. Margaret Tatem; three sons John Tatem Jr. (Ann) of Hilliard, FL., Major Timothy Tatem (Cimma) of Washington, DC and William Sever (Cindy) of Twining, MI; three daughters Rebecca Feagle of Kenai, AK, Patti Miracle (Dave) of Jacksonville and Cindy Scott (Mitch) of Jacksonville; two step-sons AC Ledington of Tallahassee and Ernest Ledington (Kelly) of Tallahassee; two sisters Thelma Hess (Paul) of Orlando, FL and Caroline Ard of Hilliard; 28 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Tatem is preceded in death by his parents John and Cora Tatem, first wife Mrs. Wanda S. Tatem, one sister Elizabeth Deanders and her husband Don Deanders of Monticello.

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# Jefferson County Living

## Community Thanksgiving Dinner

DEBBIE SNAPP  
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The Community Thanksgiving Dinner held on November 24 in the Family Ministry Center of the First United Methodist Church was quite the success. Over 200 residents, family and friends dining in and 300 dinners were prepared for takeout and delivery or for pickup.

There were more than enough volunteers to handle the annual event but everybody found enough to do to keep them busy. Volunteers began their day in the early morning until way after 2 p.m.



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# Jefferson County Living

## ALTRUSA SUPPORTS OUR TROOPS THROUGH THE SOS PROGRAM



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Altrusa Governor Beverly Hardy asked recently for each club to adopt a military person who is assigned to combat duty. Altrusa member Julia McBee offered the name of United States Army serviceman Mike, from Tallahassee,

FL. His troop requested some personal items while serving in Afghanistan. So, the club members took up a collection for Support Our Soldiers (SOS,) from which a supply of socks were purchased and packaged up for shipment to Mike's troop overseas and out in the field. Altrusa Member

Julia McBee is SOS volunteer coordinator.

Guest speaker at the Thursday, Nov. 10 meeting of the Altrusa of Monticello was Molly Lord, community partnership director for The Early Learning Coalition of the Big Bend Region. She spoke to the membership about the services her agency provides to support early literacy and language development for preschool children.

The Early Learning Coalition supports families as they help their child develop early literacy skills by providing them with quality children's book and family literacy education. Through the "My First Books" program a new or gently used children's book is given to each family who visits one of five ELC Service Centers. During that visit, ELC staff members help parents identify various ways they can support their child's literacy development at home.

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Director of the Early Learning Coalition Molly Lord, center; was speaker to the Nov. 10 meeting of the Altrusa of Monticello. Pictured with her are: Altrusa President Linda Benedict, left; and Diane Freeman, Altrusa of Monticello program co-chair, right.

funds to purchase new quality children's books, become a partner and donate new or gently used children's books. For more information, contact Lord at 850-385-0504.

And, as a last note, one may have noticed the new Altrusa logo, the WAVE; designed to be reflective of the Altrusa brand which is based on clarity, flexibility and inclusion. As you look at the logo, you will see that the image is the letter 'A' standing for Altrusa.

This Altrusa business meeting was the last meeting for this 2011-year. The next meeting will be held at noon, on the second Thursday, Jan. 12, 2012 at the Jeffer-

son Senior Citizen Center. For more information, contact Altrusa President Linda Benedict at 850-997-0137 or Diane Westbrook at 850-997-2973.



Altrusa of Monticello members prepared a shipment of much needed socks for the Support Our Soldiers (SOS) program. Member Julia McBee is SOS volunteer coordinator.

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# School & Education

## FAMU CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT OPERA HOUSE



FAMU Concert Choir will be performing a Christmas Concert sponsored by Progress Energy at the Monticello Opera House on December 3.

**DEBBIE SNAPP**  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

The award-winning FAMU Concert Choir will travel a short jaunt down the road to perform in the historic Monticello Opera House this Saturday. Thanks to partial funding from Progress Energy tickets are lower than normal. This is the first time the FAMU group will have performed in the hall, but hopefully not the last. Executive Director Lisa Reasoner exclaims, "We're thrilled to have this talented choir performing in the grand theater. The sound should be fabulous!"

A pre-concert dinner is available by advance reservation. Doors for dinner open at 6:30 p.m., dinner is served at 7:00 p.m. and the concert begins at 8:00 p.m. Discounts are offered for Opera House Members, FAMU Alumni, Seniors, Students and children and groups of ten or more. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.MonticelloOperaHouse.org](http://www.MonticelloOperaHouse.org) and further details may be obtained by contacting the Opera House at 850-997-4242.



### JES STUDENTS HELP ROTARY FEED RESIDENTS IN NEED

Monticello Rotary President John Lilly and member Angela Gray picked up canned food items collected by the Jefferson Elementary School students to be used in gift baskets and donated to area residents in need. Pictured from left to right are: J.O.Y. member and JES Math Coach Linda Butler, PTO Vice President Miranda Gillyard, Gray and Lilly. The JES students collected enough goods to fill 25 Thanksgiving food baskets this year and there was plenty left over to restock the shelves for the Eagles Wings Food Pantry.



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# School & Education

## 4-H Tropicana Public Speaking Contest

**DEBBIE SNAPP**  
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The 4H Tropicana Public Speaking Contest is designed to give fourth, fifth and sixth grade students experience in the preparation and delivery of a speech. Typically,

there is an elementary school competition for fourth and fifth grade students and a middle school competition for sixth grade students.

The contest starts at the classroom competition. Classroom is the teacher's responsibility.

The teacher may select the winner or invite others to judge. Other methods appropriate for a particular classroom may be used. Winners are selected based upon the highest number of accumulated points from the suggested judging sheets provided by

Tropicana. Classroom Competition Awards are: a blue ribbon to the first place classroom speaker; a red ribbon to the second place classroom speaker; and a white ribbon to the third place classroom speaker.

First, second and third place classroom winners advance to a school competition. Teachers may coordinate the school competition in any way they choose. In the school competition, first, second and third place winners from the classrooms are selected based upon the highest number of accumulated points on the suggested judging sheet provided by Tropicana. Students will receive the following awards for School Competition: a gold medallion to the first place speaker; a silver medallion to the second place speaker; and a bronze medallion to the third place speaker.

First, second and third place speakers from

each school present their speeches at the County Competition which is coordinated by Jefferson County 4H. Winners are selected based upon the highest number of accumulated points from the suggested judging sheets provided by Tropicana. Students will receive the following awards for County Competition: A blue walnut plaque to the first place speaker; a red walnut plaque to the second place speaker; a white walnut plaque to the third place speaker; and a green walnut plaque to the fourth place speaker for honorable mention. Parents, teachers and friends are invited and encouraged to attend.

The program is coordinated and underwritten by Tropicana and administered into the school system by Jefferson County 4H. 4H solicits the direct support and involvement of school administrators and teachers. 4H also works directly with teachers and

organizes the program at the county level.

The 4H Tropicana Public Speaking Program meets the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards (Common Core) for English Language Arts; Speaking and Listening (S.L.) for grades four, five and six respectively; and this program also assists teachers in helping their students achieve required benchmarks that are assessed by the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) and Florida Writes Test.

The following schools participating were: Jefferson Elementary School, Aucilla Christian Academy, Jefferson Middle/High School and Jefferson Home School Students.

The County Wide Contest will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 8 in the Jefferson Elementary School Media Center.

To learn more about this exciting program, contact 4H Director John Lilly



4H Tropicana Public Speaking Winners for ACA Ms. Falk and Ms. Whitton 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom Division pictured from left to right are: Abby Reams, first place for 'Living with Cystic Fibrosis'; Dawson Bishop, second place for 'My Poppa: The Great Inventor'; and Carl Hall, third place for 'Nature's Only Dragon'.



4H Tropicana Public Speaking Winners for ACA Ms. Hughey 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom Division pictured from left to right are: Maggie Mall, first place for 'Maggie in the Middle'; Carley Ondash, second place for 'New School'; and Megan Schofill, third place for 'The Great Sport Called Softball'.



4H Tropicana Public Speaking Winners for ACA Mr. Cruces 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom Division pictured from left to right are: Cannon Randle, first place for 'God's Love and Christianity'; Camryn Grant, second place for 'All About Walt Disney'; and Grace Rouse, third place for 'My Brother Gabe'.



4H Tropicana Public Speaking Winners for JES Ms. Whitty 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom Division pictured from left to right are: Jackie Beat, first place for 'Baking'; Amya Keaton, second place for 'The First Lady'; and Ayianna Bradley, third place for 'Fatherless Children'.



4H Tropicana Public Speaking Winners for JES Ms. Parrish 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom Division pictured from left to right are: Allen Washington, first place for 'My Hilarious Grandma'; Tristan Craig, second place for 'Marine Corps'; and Ny'Qeria Alexander, third place for 'The History of the Chocolate Chip Cookie'.



4H Tropicana Public Speaking Winners for JES Ms. Nether 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom Division pictured from left to right are: Mickayla Courson, first place for 'Before the Reality Comes the Dream'; Kendra Brooks, second place for 'Help the Homeless'; and Tron Nealy, third place for 'Diabetes'.



4H Tropicana Public Speaking Winners for JES Ms. Barnhart 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom Division pictured from left to right are: Jakayal Meeks, first place for 'How To Reach Your Goals'; Mark Prevatt, second place for 'Jupiter'; and Audrey Ragin, third place for 'Child Abuse'.



4H Tropicana Public Speaking Winners for JES Ms. Moxy 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom Division pictured from left to right are: Assyria Schuler, first place for 'How Tobacco Kills'; Tahja Chavis, second place for 'A Different Time A Different World'; and Tavoris Tice, third place for 'I Love My Dad With All My Heart'.



4H Tropicana Public Speaking Winners for JES Mr. Pridgen 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom Division pictured from left to right are: Collier Spinoso, first place for 'Ghandi'; Talya Roach, second place for 'Luis Alavarez'; and Kayla Burns, third place for 'My Greatest Influence'.

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<b>Friday, December 2</b> *5:20 AM 11:25 AM * 5:40 PM 11:55 PM	<b>Saturday, December 3</b> *5:55 AM 12:05 PM *6:20 PM	<b>Sunday, December 4</b> 12:30 AM *6:30 AM 12:45 PM *6:55 PM	<b>Monday, December 5</b> 1:10 AM *7:10 AM 1:20 PM *7:30 PM
<b>Tuesday, December 6</b> 1:50 AM *7:50 AM 2:00 PM *8:15 PM	<b>Wednesday, December 7</b> 2:30 AM *8:30 AM 2:40 PM *8:55 PM	<b>Thursday, December 8</b> 3:10 AM *9:20 AM 3:30 PM *9:40 PM	<b>Friday, December 9</b> 3:55 AM *10:00 AM 4:10 PM *10:30 PM

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Rain refreshes the land and nourishes the green landscape but as houses, stores, schools, roads and parking lots spread and natural tree cover is lost, so is the absorbing effect of vegetation and soil. The welcome rain becomes costly storm water runoff. Without the benefit of trees and vegetated infrastructure, waterways are polluted as oils, heavy metal particles and other harmful substances are washed away. Fish and wildlife suffer, drinking water becomes expensive or impossible to reclaim, property values are reduced and our living environment is degraded.

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ters. It's never too late for municipalities, homeowners, businesses and schools to plant abundant trees to retain more water on site, enhance percolation into the soil, reduce the expense of pipes and treatment plants and protect environmental quality. For more information including an interactive version of these, visit [arborday.org/stormwater](http://arborday.org/stormwater)

\*Leaves- break the force of falling rain and reduce soil erosion. They retain 2 to 7 percent or more of the water produced by a short downpour allowing it to slowly evaporate back into the atmosphere.

\*Treeless Parking Lots- are unsightly, add to storm water runoff and are a source of heat that is not only uncom-

fortable but increases air pollution.

\*Treeless Streets- deprive the community of social benefits and ecological services. Following storms, water rushes along the street sides.

\*Asphalt Playgrounds- are unnatural places for children to play, contributing to a disconnect with nature. The solid surface also prevents rain from slowly re-charging groundwater, instead adding extra volume to runoff.

\*Treeless Homes and Yards- reduce property values, increase energy costs and allow rainfall to rush into gutters.

\*Erosion-Prone Rivers- eat away at adjoining property, destroy fish habitat and fill in reservoirs and waterways with silt.

\*Compacted Lawns- without trees are not only less appealing, they often can't soak up heavy rains fast enough. Excessive runoff flows across sidewalks and down driveways and streets.

\*Overwhelmed Sewage Systems- can lead to untreated sewage being swept into waterways. Upgrades are expensive, adding to local tax burdens.

\*Well-Landscaped Parking Lots- can be designed to slow storm runoff and beautify the community. They cool parked cars, reducing evaporated gasoline that contributes to air-polluting ozone. Tree shade also adds longevity to paved surfaces.

\*Tree-lined Streets- retain large volumes of rainfall, reducing and cleansing runoff. They also increase property values, encourage shopping and business, reduce air pollution, calm traffic and lower noise levels.

\*Nature Explore Classrooms- at schools can be combined with

nearby community gardens and natural areas to serve as neighborhood parks. Their unpaved surfaces increase rain-water retention as they provide nature-rich play and learning spaces for children.

\*Shaded Homes and Tree-filled Yards- make urban life more pleasant and provide practical benefits such as lower heating and air conditioning costs and increased re-sale values. The tree canopy is also a major contributor to storm water runoff reduction.

\*Riparian Buffers- consisting of trees and shrubs along waterways slow flood waters, reduce erosion, cool the water for fish and filter harmful runoff from adjoining land.

\*Rain Gardens- hold water onsite, reducing wasteful runoff and providing moisture for tree roots and flowerbeds. They also filter chemicals draining from walks, driveways and streets.

\*Manageable Storm Water Runoff- results from abundant trees,

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## Producers Urged to Vote In County Committee Election

Mark G. Demott, executive director of USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Jefferson County, reports that county committee elections are in progress. He says ballots were mailed to eligible voters and completed ballots must be returned by mail or to the local FSA offices by Dec. 5.

"I strongly recommend that producers vote

because county committee members play a huge role in the FSA, especially at the county level," Demott said. "County committee members make decisions on how federal farm programs will be administered locally."

County committee members are elected by their peers and serve as the representative voice for agriculture producers in the county. They are responsible for communicating with the USDA to ensure that national programs are adapted to fit local needs. County committees are also responsible for making decisions on issues such as commodity loans and payments, conservation programs, disaster assis-

tance programs and emergency programs.

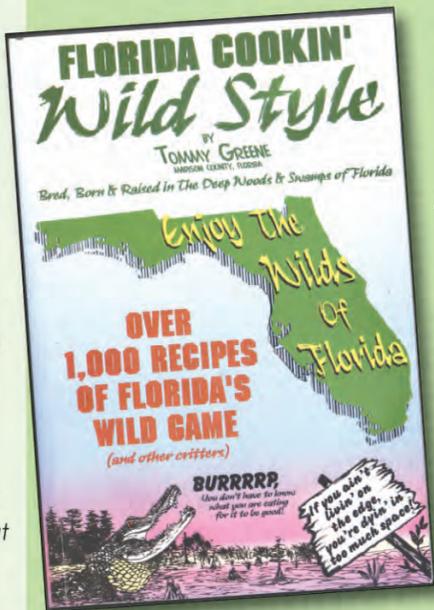
Demott encourages minority and female producers to serve as county committee members in the future. It is important that the county committee is comprised of members who reflect the demographics of the local agriculture community, he said.

Farmers and ranchers who participate in FSA programs are eligible to vote. If eligible voters do not receive a ballot by mail, one will be provided by the local USDA Service Center. Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked no later than Dec. 5. New county committee members will assume their role and related responsibilities on Jan. 2, 2012.

For more information on county committees, view the FSA website at [www.fsa.usda.gov/elections](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections) or visit a local USDA Service Center.

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# Farm & Outdoors

## Introduction To Sustainable Agribusiness AT NFCC

The New Year will bring a new course to North Florida Community College - Introduction to Sustainable Agribusiness (AEB 1004) is set to begin Jan. 9, 2012 with the start of NFCC's Spring Term 2012.

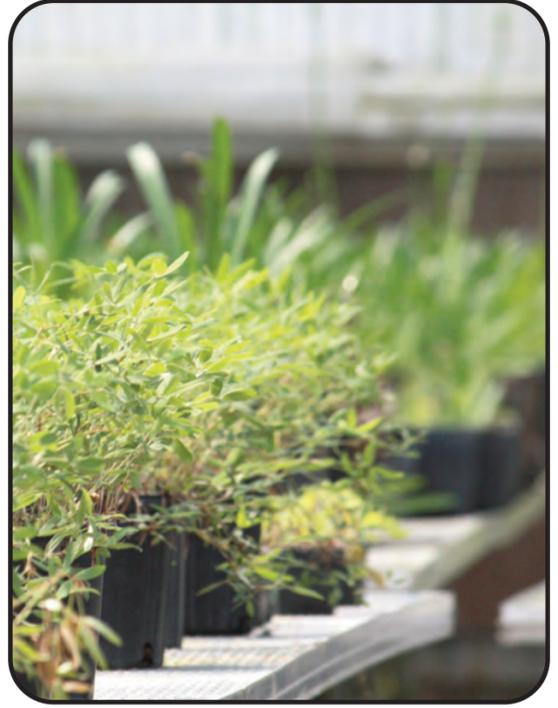
The elective three-credit-hour course, offered Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30-4:45 p.m., will provide an introduction of agribusiness fundamentals and applications from a sustainable small business

management perspective. "Agribusiness has been the backbone of this region for decades," said instructor Patricia Garner. "Tremendous interest in sustainable agribusinesses of all types is growing across the country with many community colleges offering new programs. Building on the excellent business program NFCC currently has, I hope we can attract additional students interested in agriculture. It seems like a

natural fit." The course explores sustainable agribusiness using real farm case studies. Site visits to regional, sustainable agribusinesses are planned as well as guest speakers to bring additional expertise to the learning experience. The class is designed to meet the needs of those already interested in agriculture as well as those new to agriculture and wanting to understand small business management. "Given the number

and economic contribution of agribusiness to our six-county region, this class is a great beginning point for NFCC to gauge the interest and need to teach additional classes in sustainable agribusiness," said Garner.

For more information on NFCC's new agribusiness class, please contact Patricia Garner at garnerp@nfcc.edu <mailto:garnerp@nfcc.edu> or (850) 973-1702.



## Sustainable Farming Workshops at NFCC's Green Industries Institute

**Dec. 3: Attracting Bats for Farm and Garden Pest Control**  
**Dec. 10: Mushroom Log Production**

North Florida Community College's Green Industries Institute is offering workshops on sustainable farming topics useful to large-scale growers and home gardeners. Classes are taught by local experts, educators, and professionals, whose knowledge and experience make these workshops valuable to any grower.

Two workshops are being offered in December at NFCC's Green Industries site in Monticello.

### ATTRACTING BATS FOR FARM AND GARDEN PEST CONTROL

Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011  
 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Cost: \$35, cost includes a bat house to take home.

Instructor: Dr. Holly Ober- Assistant professor in the department of Wildlife Ecology and Con-

servation at the University of Florida at the North Florida Research and Education Center in Quincy

### Workshop Description

Dr. Ober will provide instruction on building bat houses for participants to take home, as well as introducing some basic information about bats in our region, including:

- What kind of bats live in North Florida/South Georgia?
- How do bats benefit people and how can we attract them?
- Which insect pests do bats consume?
- Where to place and maintain a bat house

### MUSHROOM LOG PRODUCTION

Saturday, Dec. 10, 2011  
 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Cost: \$40, cost includes a mushroom log to

take home.

Instructor: Clay Olson - UF/IFAS County Extension Director, Taylor County Extension

### Workshop Description

Growing mushrooms is a fun and delicious project that most everyone can do at home. Taylor County Extension Agent Clay Olson will make sure you get off on the right foot during this workshop, which will cover:

- How to inoculate logs and care for them during the spawn run
- Different strains of Shiitake
- What to expect during fruiting
- What is the process for drying and marketing
- Hands-on time to make inoculants for home.

More workshops are planned for 2012. They include an Intermediate Beekeeping Course (se-

ries): Jan. 28 - Colony Management, Feb. 3 - Pest Management and Feb. 11 - Quality in Honey Production; The Right Tool for the Right Job: Equipment & Tools for Small-Scale Farming on Feb. 25; Florida Friendly Fruits on March 24; and Attracting Birds for Pest Control on March 31.

Registration forms are available online at <http://www.nfcc.edu/green-industries/sustainable-farming-workshops>. Advance registration is required. For more information or to register for the Sustainable Farming Workshops at Green Industries, contact Claire Mitchell at (850) 973-1702 or [email mitchellc@nfcc.edu](mailto:mitchellc@nfcc.edu).

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

11/25, 12/2/11, c.

**NOTICE**

The JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD announces a Regular Board Meeting to which the public is invited. The meeting will be held at the old administration building located at 1490 W. Washington St., on Monday, December 12, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. Agendas may be picked up at the District Office at 575 S. Water St., Monticello, FL Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. A copy of the school board packet is available for review at the District Office. The school board agenda and support materials can be found on their website at www.edline.net/pages/jcsb.

12/2/11, c.

**SRWMD GOVERNING BOARD MEETINGS**

On Tuesday, December 13, 2011, the Suwannee River Water Management District's Governing Board will meet at 9:00 a.m. at District Headquarters, 9225 County Road 49, Live Oak, Florida 32060. The meeting is to consider District business and conduct public hearings on regulatory and land acquisition matters. A workshop will follow the Board meeting.

On Monday, December 27, 2011, at 1:00 p.m., a Tentative Intermediate Governing Board Meeting will be held at District Headquarters in Live Oak, Florida. Public should check the District website or contact the District to confirm that the meeting has not been cancelled or rescheduled.

All meetings, workshops, and hearings are open to the public. 12/2/11, c.

## Arbulu

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with dignity.”

Arbulu presented Washington with a plaque and a yellow flower in expressed appreciation of the latter's chairing of the board during the last year.

“It was a tumultuous year,” Arbulo said. “I appreciate your

leadership and strength.”

Arbulu said her goal as chair in the coming year would be to have an effect on students' achievements through policy making.

“I'm going to bring us educational workshops and opportuni-

ties for discussions to create good policies so that the students progress,” Arbulo said.

She led the board next through a brief business meeting that resulted in a series of appointments or reappointments of the various board members to committees.

## Races

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Glover Jones.

Former two-term school superintendent Phil Barker is seeking the District 1 School Board seat, and Larry Halsey recently pre-qualified for the District 4, School Board race.

The only individual to pre-qualify thus far for a non-school district race is Stephen Walker.

He is eyeing the District 5 County Commission seat.

Pre-qualification allows candidates to begin their campaign accounts, name campaign managers and begin soliciting donations. It also serves as notice to citizens and other potential office seekers of the individual's intention to run.

Qualification is when candidates formally and officially commit to running. Qualification is set for June 4-8, with the primary and general election set for Aug. 14 and Nov. 4, 2012, respectively.

The constitutional offices up for election next year are Clerk of Court, County Judge,

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come on out and join us for the a great weekend here in Perry at the Forest Capital State Park December 9th and 10th for the best in blues...BBQ and so much more! Blues music by blues legend Joey Gilmore, Johnny Marshall, Franc Robert & the Boxcar Tourists, Swinging Harpoon, Alibi and much more!! For more information call the Chamber at 850-584-5366 or go to [www.southernpinesblues.com](http://www.southernpinesblues.com)

**FREE ADMISSION** - Southern Pines Blues & BBQ Festival promises to be the best show you'll find in the area. Thousands will turn out for a day filled with great BBQ, blues music, BBQ competitions, the John Boy & Billy Grilling Sauce Contest, Kids-Que Competition (ages 6-15), awesome food, arts and crafts, antique car show, Kid's Corral Play area and much more. Did we say BBQ?? There will be more BBQ than you can ever imagine and then some! People's Choice portion (from 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday) allows festival goers to sample over 35 different kinds of BBQ pulled pork for only \$5.00 per person!

The festival will also feature the official Triple Crown BBQ Championship event where finalists from Alabama, Florida and Georgia compete for the Triple Crown prize. In addition to the annual Triple Crown event, there will be a Triple Crown OPEN BBQ Competition (Open to all), the Backyard Division and the John Boy & Billy Grilling Sauce Contest. The winner of the John Boy & Billy Grilling Sauce Contest will win a guitar signed by John Boy & Billy themselves and the winner of the Triple Crown OPEN BBQ Competition & Backyard Division can win CASH Prizes and bragging rights!

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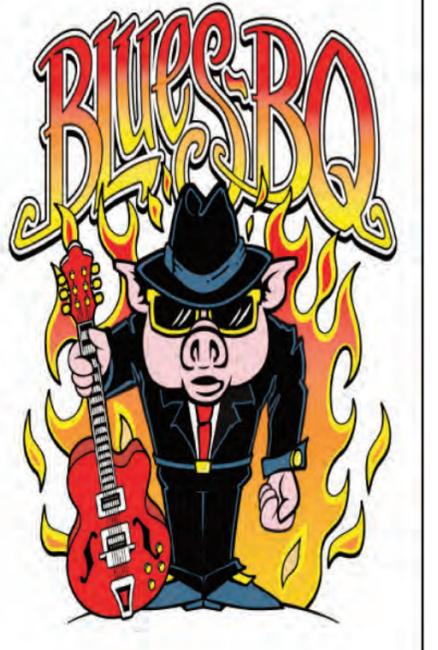
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