



COUNTY TO GET NEARLY \$600,000 REIMBURSED

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Property Appraiser Angela Gray had good news to share on Wednesday morning, Jan. 4, relative to the reimbursements that Jefferson County will receive

from the state in compensation for lost tax revenues caused by Amendments 1 and 4.

Per Gray, and according to the 2011-12 final distribution figures just released by the Florida Department of Revenue (FDOR) for fiscally constrained counties, Jef-

erson County is expected to receive nearly \$600,000 in combined reimbursements.

"The good news is that Jefferson County taxpayers saved \$537,568 as a result of Amendment 10. Please See **REIMBURSED** Page 3

Councilwoman Idella Scott Is Monticello's New Mayor

AUSTIN REPLACES BUTLER ON COUNCIL

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Monticello has a new mayor, vice mayor and slightly reconstituted City Council as of Tuesday evening, Jan. 3.

The new mayor is Councilwoman Idella Scott, who was unanimously elected by her colleagues following a nomination process that saw her as the only nominee.

Councilman Tom Vogelgesang was next unanimously elected vice mayor, after Coun-

cilman George Evans declined the nomination, citing his job in Tallahassee and thereby potential unavailability during critical evening meetings here.

Finally, Councilwoman Linda Butler stepped down from her Group 5 council seat, making way for newly elected Councilman Gerold Austin to take his place on the council.

Capping the events, outgoing Mayor John Jones presented the **Please See MAYOR** Page 3



ECB Publishing Photos by Laz Aleman, Jan. 3, 2012
Outgoing Mayor John Jones hands the gavel to incoming Mayor Idella Scott.



Angela Gray

JEFFERSON COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER ANGELA GRAY SEEKS REELECTION

Jefferson County Property Appraiser Angela Gray announces she will seek reelection in 2012 to a second term.

"I love working for the people of Jefferson County and I want to continue doing so," Angela Gray stated. "I am pre-filing to be reelected to this position and with God's help and the people's continued prayers and support, I'll get the privilege of representing the citizens for four more years."

During her first four-year term, Gray has implemented procedures and policies that have benefited the community. These include Automatic Homestead Exemption and Agricultural Classification renewals; New Website with current news and data; Tax Roll certification to the Tax Collector to allow Tax Bills to be mailed November 1st; and implementation of Military Deployment and Low-Income Senior Citizen Exemption.

Gray has also been proactive in getting news and information out to the public regarding the Property Assessment process and new laws and regulations through various speaking engagements, newspaper articles, brochures, mailings with TRIM notices, and the Website. The office is also publishing an annual report to the public that has received tremendous positive feedback.

Professionally, Gray has earned her designation as a Florida Certified Appraiser by attending and passing at least four mass appraisal courses and serving in office for at least two years. She is a member of the Florida Chapter of IAAO and Florida Association of Property Appraisers, where she has served as a Director and Treasurer.

Locally, Gray is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Farm Bureau, Legislative Committee and Monticello Rotary Club. She supports and is involved in the Jefferson Elementary PTO, School District Parent Involvement Committee, United Way, Relay for Life, Refuge House, Salvation Army Bell Ringers, Big Bend Hospice Annual Dinner, Tiger Touchdown Club, Coach Pitch, Soccer, MLK Parade, Humane Society's Barktoberfest, and the Watermelon Festival Baby Photo Contest.

Gray worships in many churches throughout the community and calls Wacissa Pentecostal Holiness her home church. She has been married to her husband Sean for almost 20 years and they have two children ages 17 and 7.

Political advertisement paid for and approved by Angela Gray, Democrat for Property Appraiser



City officials honor outgoing Councilwoman Linda Butler for her years of service. Pictured from left to right are Police Chief Fred Mosley, City Clerk Emily Anderson, council members Tom Vogelgesang, George Evans, Butler, John Jones and Idella Scott, City Manager Steve Wingate and City Attorney Bruce Leinback.

Simpson Acquires Apron Factory Building For New Shipping Dock BUSINESS MARKS 110TH YEAR

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If you've wondering about the ongoing activity at the former Apron Factory/Flea Market on US 19 South, it's Simpson Nurseries personnel readying the giant building for use as the nursery's new shipping dock.

As Simpson owner Fred Beshears explains it, the purchase of the 50,000+ sq. foot building and surrounding 10 acres is part of the continuing effort to upgrade and keep the business viable. He says the large building will allow Simpson to meet customers' growing demand for

plants to be delivered on wheeled, multi-shelved racks.

By customers, Beshears is referring to garden centers at Lowes, Home Depots, Wal-Marts and countless other retail stores throughout Florida, Texas, the Southeast and as far north as New Jersey.

Beshears says the retail stores' preference for racks stems from cost cutting and convenience considerations. Whereas it requires numerous store employees and extensive time periods to unload potted plants individually from delivery

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Road Dept. Utility Units Bring Unforeseen Benefits

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Given the flack that he received over the recent purchase of two multi-utility vehicle (MUV) units for trash pickup alongside highways, it's understandable that Road Department Superintendent David Harvey is proclaiming the unintended benefits of the two units.

Case in point, within hours of being contacted about a lost set of keys on the Boston Highway, one of the MUV crews spotted the lost keys while picking up trash alongside the highway and was able to return the keys to owner, according to Harvey.

And soon after, another MUV crew found a lost billfold on Whitehouse Road.

"We may be doing more than just

picking up trash," Harvey said. "The MUVs are paying dividends right off the bat."

In November, Commissioner Betsy Barfield severely criticized Harvey for purchasing the two MUVs outside the established procurement policy.

Namely, Harvey purchased the units separately on the same day, thereby remaining under the \$10,000

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Local Weather	Fri 1/6	71/47		Sat 1/7	74/53		Sun 1/8	73/54		Mon 1/9	71/48		Tue 1/10	71/47	
	Mainly sunny. High 71F. Winds SW at 5 to 10 mph.			Clouds giving way to sun. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the low 50s.			Few showers. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 50s.			Morning clouds followed by afternoon sun.			Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 40s.		

Viewpoints & Opinions

CHURCH NEWS NOTES

JANUARY 6

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.

JANUARY 7

Nazarene Church will host a clothing giveaway from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday at 1590 North Jefferson Street.

JANUARY 8

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church will hold an Ordination Service for Minister Emanuel Brockman, Sr and Minister Quinton Brockman at 3 p.m. on Sunday. Rev. Isaac Manning, Jr will officiate along with the congregation of Bethpage Missionary Baptist Church. Contact Rev. Cassandra Brockman at 850-997-3308

for more information.

JANUARY 8-11

Elizabeth Baptist Church will host a revival featuring 'The Keffers' live in concert at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. The Revival will begin at 11 a.m. on Sunday and will conclude with a 7 p.m. service on Wednesday. For more information contact Marie at 850-997-8758.

JANUARY 8

Sunday of Silence will be held from 8 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.

JANUARY 12

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.

JANUARY 15

The late Martin Luther King Jr will be recognized and honored with a Sunday Service on his birthday at the MLK Community Center. Many Americans honor the civil rights leader's legacy by engaging in volunteer activities.

JANUARY 27, 28

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.

COLIN ROLFE SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED



The Opera House Stage Company announces the establishment of the 'Colin Rolfe Scholarship for the Arts', which will assist individuals of all ages to study the art form of their choice.

Amounts ranging from \$100 to \$500 will be available to adults and children to study music, singing, dance, acting, writing, painting or sculpture. "Applicants may plan to attend a college or university, or they could take private les-

sons," says Jack Williams, chairman of the Opera House Stage Company.

While anyone in the Big Bend Area may apply, extra consideration will be given to young people, those who have participated in the arts (especially at the Monticello Opera House,) those with modest means and residents of Jefferson County.

The Board of the Opera House Stage Company decided to establish the scholarship after dear friend and fellow actor Colin Rolfe passed away in February of 2011. Colin loved acting and theater in all of its aspects... from playing the lead to building the set. He always said he just "loved being part of the Opera House family." His first role, as Victor Laszlo in "Casablanca," came when he was 62-years-old. He took piano lessons for the first time at age 68.

"That's the reason this scholarship is open to people of all ages," adds actor/director Jan Williams, "Inspiration can come at any age."

Applications will be accepted twice a year and the current deadline is January 31, 2012. For more information, or to obtain a copy of the application, email to Sittinonaporch@yahoo.com or call 850-997-4010 or 850-728-1867.

Drop A Note To
Debbiesnapp@embarqmail.com

I've got a message from Claire Olson that I'd like to share with you: "Dear Tupelo's Customers, as the year comes to a close, I'd like to take the opportunity to thank you for your continued support of such a unique small business in our town and ... to say goodbye. I have sold my half of the business to my business partner, Kim Davis, and will be shifting my focus and energies completely to my children's education, my family and my next adventure. I have been so proud of what Kim and I have done with this business over the past four years. We have had such fun, amazing, bizarre times. I have earned my MBA with this adventure. However times change, people change, circumstances change and really as John F. Kennedy is famous for saying, "The one unchangeable certainty is that nothing is certain or unchangeable." There have been some very, very special people whom I have grown to love over the years... and I'd love to mention your names and recall all our history together here but it might not be the place (it's true folks...Tupelo's had a wild side at one time!) and it might take too long, so just know who you are and that I will see you at dinner or over a glass of wine. I want to thank the farms and my friends from the foodie days and from the Slow Food Tallahassee days who have helped me make my business successful with their advice, products and support: lovely Louise and Farmer Herman at Turkey Hill Farm; truly wonderful farmers and educators Dennis and Alica at Full Circle Farm; one of my best buddies Alan Boyd who is a farmer in heart and soul and who always inspires and loves me when I need it most; Rick and Amy at Heavenly Homestead; Tony and Becky at Full Moon Apiary; all the boys up at Sparkman's Dairy; Jessica at Sweetgrass Dairy; the coolest cowboy this side of the Mississippi and an incredibly authentic man Will Harris at White Oak Pastures; the calm beauty of Ms. B at O'Tooles Herb Farm; and the continual support of the folks at KBH in Thomasville... I sure hope I haven't forgotten one or two of you guys but if so forgive me! I hope this new year brings each of you peace and happiness. Thank you again. I have really enjoyed owning Tupelo's Bakery & Cafe. I wish it and Kim all the best, HYPERLINK "mailto:coonbottomgirl@yahoo.com" coonbottomgirl@yahoo.com"

Maggie Shofner closed Maggie's Beauty Shoppe the end of December 2011. Here's her message to you: "To all my clients, past and present, for your business and friendship, I thank you and wish you all a wonderful New Year filled with God's blessings, love, health and good hair days!"

Karalyn Brumbley, owner of Amber Waves Beauty Shop, tells me that she has moved her business to the corner of Washington and Olive streets. This may or may not be a permanent move. I guess time will tell.

The Girl Scout's 'Run For The Cookies 5K Run and One Mile Walk/Run is scheduled for Saturday morning, February 11 at TCC, 444 Appleyard Drive in Tallahassee. The event benefits the Girl Scout Council of the Florida Panhandle. For questions and more information call 850-386-2131 or go to HYPERLINK "http://www.gscfp.org" www.gscfp.org

Hope to see you out and showing your support at the JCMHS Tiger Champions Parade this Saturday morning at 11 a.m. Sounds like lots of fun.

Jefferson County Lions Club members will be holding their monthly yard sale from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday in the Monticello News parking lot. Hope to see you there too!

Red Hats will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 14 at The Mays House on East Washington for a lunch catered by Carrie Ann & Co. Reservations will need to be called in on Monday so if you plan to attend this voting meeting contact Mary Connell at 850-997-2772 or Irene Evans at 850-997-3724... NOW! Members will elect a new Queen Mum.

Give Thanks

The family of the late Ben Washington, Sr are grateful to each of you for your calls, cards, floral arrangements, food, visits and prayers all which have served as sources of strength for us.

We extend special appreciation to Mr. Al Hall and the Tillman Funeral Home staff for their courteous and professional service, New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church and Rev. Alonza Fudge, New Bethel AME Church and Rev. Jimmie F. Dickey, Old Greenville AME Church and Rev. Connelia Frances, Postell Mortuary in Orlando, FL, Brenda Washington Henry of Tallahassee, FL, Pete Carpenter, John Milton, Northside Church of Christ and Minister Donald Johnson and Dr. Mack David.

We pray God's richest blessings upon each of you, the Washington Family.

The Jefferson County Utility Coordinating Committee will meet at 9:00 a.m. January 11, 2012, at the Jefferson County Road Department, 1484 South Jefferson Street

NOTICE

James T. Brown, Jr, MD will no longer see patients at the Gerry Medical Clinic, located at 555 North Jefferson Street, Monticello, Florida, effective January 15, 2012. Patients may request copies of medical records prior to this date by calling the office Monday through Friday during normal business hours at 850-997-2511. After this date, they may obtain their records from John D. Archbold Memorial Hospital, Medical Records, 900 Cairo Road, Thomasville Georgia, 31792 or call 229-227-5050.

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Reimbursed

1 and \$56,458 as a result of Amendment 4," Gray said. "The even better news is that Jefferson County will be reimbursed the full 95 percent tax loss and is slated to receive a check from the Florida Department of Revenue for approximately \$564,000 later this month."

Amendment 1 allows homeowners to claim a second homestead exemption and a \$25,000 tangible personal property exemption, among other reductions intended to relieve some of the burden of property taxes.

Amendment 4, commonly known as the conservation amendment, exempts from property taxes those lands that are put into permanent conservation easements; in exchange, property owners give up all development rights.

Amendment 4 also allows lands that aren't in permanent conservation easements, but that are being used for conservation purposes, to be taxed according to the latter use.

Gray noted that the 2011 Legislature appropriated \$25 million for distribution to fiscally constrained counties to offset reductions in their property tax revenues resulting from the Amendment 1 revisions to Article VII of the Florida Constitution.

"These provisions include the \$25,000 additional homestead exemption, the \$25,000 tangible personal property exemption, homestead portability, and the 10 percent assessment increase limitation on non-homestead property," Gray explained. "Additionally, \$537,000 was appro-

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riated for the impact of conservation lands."

Gray credited both the lawmakers in Tallahassee — particularly the four who represent Jefferson County — and the lobbying efforts of the Jefferson Legislative Committee for the returned monies, pointing out that the county received \$181,807 in reimbursements in 2008, \$472,489 in 2009, and \$542,999 last year.

"The passing of Amendments 1 and 4 resulted in cheers from most taxpayers, while at the same time a gasp for breath from small county governments like Jefferson County," Gray said. "Knowing that fiscally constrained counties like Jefferson will be reimbursed up to 95 percent of this tax loss is a sign of relief to county officials."

Simpson

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trucks and then arranging them in the proper fashion for display purposes, it's quicker and requires only a few store employees to roll the racks off the trucks and push them to the appropriate store space for display, Beshears says. The plants, moreover, can be displayed right on the racks.

Store customers then select the plants right off the racks, and when the racks are emptied, Simpson retrieves and replaces them with newly loaded ones, making for a more convenient and less labor-intensive process for the stores.

Beshears says the racks have been in the industry about five years, but their use really expanded about three years ago, and stores now are more and more demanding their use.

"The racks cut the store's labor costs," Beshears says. "They allow the plants to be rolled off the trucks much faster and easier. The stores don't have to handle the pots individually and they can display the plants right on the racks."

What the new building does is it allows Simpson more efficiently to meet the demand for racked products. Specifically, Beshears says, the building's five loading doors, spacious dimensions and all-weather environment permits multiple trucks to be loaded simultaneously in any weather.

Simpson's shipping season typically runs January through June, with 70 percent of the activity occurring in the first four months of the year. During peak shipping times, the business loads about 10 semi trailers daily.

Founded in 1902 by brothers C.A. and Richard Simpson, the nursery is a local institution that celebrates its 110th anniversary this year.

Mayor

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Judge Bobby Plaines administers the oath of office to the newly elected officials. Pictured from left to right are Plaines, Police Chief Fred Mosley, City Clerk Emily Anderson, and councilman members John Jones, Idella Scott and Gerrold Austin.

gavel to Scott and presented a plaque to Butler in recognition of her four years of service to the city. Judge Bobby Plaines then administered the oath of office to the group of newly elected and reelected officials.

Taking the oath were Police Chief Fred Mosley, City Clerk/Treasurer Emily Anderson and council members Austin, Jones and Scott.

In her parting words to the council and general public upon relinquishment of her seat, Butler called herself a statesperson, not a politician, and she praised the council for its numerous accomplishments during the last four years, including several decisions that previous councils had avoided, she said.

Butler called education one of her passions,

and she urged the citizenry to get involved with the schools and support not only the Tigers in their hour of winning the state football championship, but to volunteer and help the students in general — particularly the younger ones — to achieve academically.

Scoring touchdowns was an accomplishment worthy of celebrating, but it didn't get at the

greater need to improve school grades and the overall educational system here, Butler said.

She lastly urged her colleagues not to remove the ban on the sale of alcohol on Sundays if the issue came before the council for a vote, saying God was her other passion, Sunday was the Lord's day, and people already had six days to consume alcohol as things stood presently.

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Library Receives Computers



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The Jefferson County Bailar Public Library received 12 computers and monitors on Tuesday, January 3, from the Jefferson County Courthouse and Clerk of Courts Kirk Reams.

The courthouse computers are rotated out every five years in order to keep updated with the latest technology.

Library Director Kitty Brooks was very excited about the donation, as the library is in need of the newer models. "Five will be put in the kids work room for sure," she said. "The others will also be placed right away in other areas."

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Above, The Jefferson County Bailar Public Library is in receipt of 12 used computers and monitors thanks to the rotation program of the Jefferson County Courthouse. Library Director Kitty Brooks and WILderness Coast Central Administrator Pat Gilleland were available to accept the very generous donation from Clerk of Courts Kirk Reams and Johnnie Abron, IT Director for the Courts. From left to right are: Abron, Gilleland, Brooks and Reams.

At left, Four-year-old Azari Stephens enjoys the computers in the kids workroom at the Jefferson County Bailar Public Library.



Road Dept.

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threshold that requires the prior approval of the county coordinator and County Commission. The combined cost of the two units was \$10,100.

Which raised the question of whether Harvey had intentionally separated the two purchases to circumvent the policy or if he was merely following a generally condoned practice.

Barfield's was the former argument. Harvey, on the other hand, argued that department heads were supposed to make purchasing decisions. And he disagreed that the two MUVs should have been acquired as a single purchase, he said.

Notwithstanding Barfield's call for demotion of Harvey, a majority of the board supported Harvey.



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Jefferson County Living

BOYZ TO KINGS PROGRAM



Boyz To Kings Role Model Tharron Robinson, right, recognizes participant Zamaury Page for his fine efforts in the BTK program. His mother Tarnisha Thompkins is on left.



A few Boyz To Kings participants come together for a group photo.

The Boyz to Kings (BTK) family was established in 2010 as a support system for the community, its young men and the parents. "We all know the price is high when our youth enter into a juvenile facility," says former Juvenile Residential Program Director Merv Mattair. "I saw it first hand.

"When we as a community come together and use preventive methods,

the chances of our youth entering into the system because of their stealing from neighbors, fighting, dropping out of school, etcetera is slim.

"We as a community often talk about it taking a village to raise a child," he continues. "So we decided to stop talking about it and create that village. It's something special when a kid knows that 20 more sets of eyes are watching

them and knowing that somebody cares about them. This kind of caring gives that kid a reason to please someone, to make someone proud of them. Every kid has a role model and that role model could be you."

The Boyz to Kings family comes together to perform certain community tasks, take trips, play sports, hear speakers and much more. The next event will be a trip to see the movie 'Courageous,' on Saturday, January 7. There are 20 slots for

this family event and seven role models, with three open slots for youth ages 10 to 17.

Zamaury Page takes the spotlight at this time for earning the highest GPA (3.3) in BTK for the first term. He received \$40 for his efforts and praise from his mother Tarnisha Thompkins, father Bobby Thompkins and role model Tharron Robinson for staying on track.

To have questions answered about the BTK program, contact Mattair at 850-673-1003.

Blood Drive At Health Department



In recognition of National Blood Donor Month, the Jefferson County Health Department will host the Southeastern Community Blood Center Bloodmobile from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Monday, January 9.

The Bloodmobile will be stationed in the JCHD parking lot, in full view from Highway 90, at 1225 West Washington.

Receive a 'Born To Give' donor tee-shirt and enter to win a 4GB Xbox 360 w/Kinect and a 16GB WiFi Apple iPad2.

Make donating blood your New Years resolution because donating blood helps your health. Giving blood will change lives, starting with your own. Becoming a regular blood donor is not only healthy for your body, but also provides you peace of mind and makes a vital difference in the lives of others. You don't have to be a super hero to give blood... you'll just feel like one.

Some of the benefits you will receive when you donate blood are: a blood pressure, pulse, iron count, temperature and cholesterol checkup; a lower risk of heart attack and stroke; assurance that blood will be there when you or your loved ones need it most; and knowing each blood donation may save three lives in your community.

Donating blood takes about 45 minutes.

For local information or to make an appointment contact Ramona Kinsey or Alice Sander at 850-342-0170x222. Contact the Southeastern Community Blood Center at 850-877-7181 or scbcinfo.org if you have any questions about donating blood.

Humane Society Bombarded With Puppies

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Since the two stories came out in the news last week, one about the five puppies saved from euthanasia and nine of a litter of 17 puppies, all of which needs homes, apparently some in the community have misunderstood the stories altogether.

With 14 young puppies at the shelter and trying to get them adopted, the last thing the shelter needed were more puppies, but that is exactly what they got.

Since the news stories came out, they have received a litter of two, a litter of three and a litter of seven puppies to now have 26 puppies all needing homes.

"I don't know if people think we are a puppy mill or what," said Shelter Director Nancy Baker. "But we need to educate them. We are not trying to adopt puppies. We are trying to adopt them out. We are trying to get these puppies homes not advertising to get more in."

So if you need a new start to the New Year, come to the shelter, choose a puppy, bring a new puppy home and give him a family to love.

For further information, contact the shelter at 342-0240.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JANUARY 6

Ashville Area Volunteer Fire Department meets 6:30 p.m. on the first Friday of each month at the fire station. Contact John Staffieri at 850-997-6807 for more details.

JANUARY 6

Monticello Jamboree begins at 7 p.m. every Friday evening at 625 South Water Street, just three blocks north of the American Legion Otto Walker Post 49. For questions or concerns contact Curtis Morgan at 850-933-8136 or Bobby Connell at 850-445-0049. There are doorprizes, cold soft drinks and snacks.

JANUARY 7

Quilt and Fiber Arts Exhibition at the Jefferson Arts beginning with a reception on Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. All are welcome to attend. The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays, or by appointment, and is located at 575 West Washington Street, in downtown Monticello. Call 850-997-3311 for more information. There is no charge and the gift shop will be open.

JANUARY 7

JCMHS Team Tiger Parade 11 a.m. Saturday at the Monticello Post Office. Anyone interested in helping the coordinators of this special event should contact Marianne Arbulu at 850-528-5758.

JANUARY 7

Lions Club members will hold a yard sale from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday in the Monticello News parking lot. To make a do-

nation or to rent a space (\$10 donation) contact Lion Jane at 850-997-3392 or just come by on Saturday and setup or drop off.

JANUARY 7

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.

JANUARY 7

A book signing with author RJ Friedman is scheduled for Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Wag The Dog Too thrift store, 235 North Jefferson in downtown Monticello. 'Bobby the Bowler and the Fearless Five' is the newest children's book release for Friedman. The cost of the book is \$12.95 and a portion will be donated to the Jefferson County Humane Society. T-shirts will also be available for sale. Wag The Dog thrift stores are staffed solely by volunteers and benefit the JCHS. For more information call 850-997-2138.

JANUARY 8

We Remember Tribute event, hosted by the Big Bend Hospice for donors of the Tree of Remembrance will be held on Sunday at Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Boulevard in Tallahassee starting at 2 p.m. One by one each name will be read aloud and a bell, from the 'USS Constant' Navy Minesweeper from the 1950's to early 1990's,

will be tolled in honor of each life. For those who cannot attend, you can watch the event on the BBH Website www.bigbend-hospice.org where it will be streamed live. It will also be posted later as a video on the website for family and friends to view. For more information contact Connie Palmer at 850-878-5310.

JANUARY 8, 9

Monticello Acting & Dance Co announces auditions for 'The Fantasticks' on Sunday, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and on Monday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.; be prepared to sing, dance and act. There are roles available for six men and two women. Callbacks will be announced at a later date and the show will run from Friday, March 30 through Sunday, April 1. Director/choreographer/music director for this showing is Melanie Mays.

JANUARY 9

Blood Drive in the parking lot of the Jefferson County Health Department, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Monday. Receive a 'Born To Give' shirt and enter to win a 4GB Xbox 360 w/Kinect and a 16GB WiFi Apple iPad2. Contact the Southeastern Community Blood Center at 850-877-7181 or sbcbinfo.org for more information.

JANUARY 9

Big Bend Horseman's Club meets at 7 p.m. on the second Monday at Green Industries Institute for a brief program and meeting. This is an open horse club for all breeds. Everyone is welcome. Go to [horse.com for more information.](http://www.bigbend-</p>
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JANUARY 9

The Palmer Place book club will meet on Monday at The Palmer Place; the book will be 'The Widower's Tale' by Julia Glass. The evening will begin at 6 p.m. For questions call Abi Vandervest at 850-997-4607 or email to douwahnadance@yahoo.com

JANUARY 9

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

JANUARY 9

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.

JANUARY 10

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.

JANUARY 10

American Legion Post 49 meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month for a business meeting and program at the Otto Walker Post on South Water Street. Contact Adjutant Ron Slik at 850-997-8103 for more information.

Remembering The Good Ol' Days

FRAN HUNT
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Staff Writer

Many times the older people in different communities throughout the country will reminisce about the days gone by and what life was like back in the "good ol' days." County resident, Robert Fountain, 76, recently reminisced about his earlier days of living in Jefferson County.

Fountain was born and raised in Jefferson County on Texas Hill. He left the county when he was 22 years old and he returned in 2003.

His mother's family, Charlie and Lyle Reed came to Jefferson County in 1900, from Rockford, IL and his father's family came to Jefferson County in 1928 from Georgia. His mother, aunt and uncle were born in Jefferson County.

Fountain's family owned a Texaco service station on the west side of North Jefferson Street at Texas Hill and they owned a Gulf station on the east side of North Jefferson Street, right across the street from the Texaco station. With the Gulf station they also had a restaurant, motel and mobile home park. "John Wayne stayed with us in the motel in the late 1930's," said Fountain.

"My great grandfather provided building materials and my grandfather brought handmade bricks from the north side of Lake Miccosukee by ox cart for the First Baptist Church, where it still stands today," he added.

"Jefferson County, in my youth, furnished 80 percent of the world watermelon seeds," recalled Fountain. "We lived out Ashville Highway, which was a dirt road then and we had a farm where we farmed watermelons. We worked for \$1.25 a day from sunup until sundown," he said. "We would tote the watermelons to the rows and when we got far enough ahead of the crews, we got to load a truck and bring them into town. We would bring the watermelons into the New Monticello train station and one time we (Fountain and a crew of high school and junior high boys), decided we would bombard some mailboxes. We took out about eight or ten mailboxes with those watermelons. We were the only ones on the east side of town who raised watermelons so it was very obvious who did it. We had

to pay for and put up those mailboxes," said Fountain.

"Where Nobel's Subdivision is now, belonged to my Uncle Jack, who farmed corn, cabbage and sagebrush. A couple companies would buy the sagebrush to make brooms out of," recalled Fountain. "When the sagebrush was ready for harvest Uncle Jack warned cousin Tommy and I not to go out there with matches. Well, we went out there with matches and the next thing we knew, we had a fire that burned the entire 20-25 acres of sagebrush completely out. Well, we took care of handling that crop and Uncle Jack took care of us for destroying it.

"I had an old motor scooter and the old post office was in the west side of the Opera House. It had big double doors. One day I came into town to get my mother's mail and the brakes didn't hold. A lady saw me coming and opened both doors and I skidded through the post office all the way to the back doors before I got stopped," he said.

"My cousin Tommy had a '48 Mercury," said Fountain. "He had rigged spark plugs on the back in the dual exhaust and when he flooded the carburetor the car would blow blue flames out the back end. Needless to say, the police were not happy with that.

"At one time I had a '46 Crosley that I bought with money I saved from War Bond stamps," he recalled. "I was coming from school one day and Tommy and I were in a race. I rounded the courthouse and I hit North Jefferson and he came out on Pearl Street. I looked over at Tommy and kind of nya-nyaed him. A car had pulled out in front of the school bus ahead of me and the bus had to stop suddenly in front of me and I ran up under it," he said. "Mr. Clark got out of the bus and came around. He saw that my hood was damaged and asked if I was hurt. I told him I was okay, he saw that there was no damage to the bus, so he got back on the bus and drove off.

"In our restaurant, every year Uncle Jack had all of the legislators come out for a big barbecue for them before the session opened," recalled Fountain. "We always had a couple of beef and a couple of hogs at a time and they had to barbecue for 24 hours on the homemade barbecue. We would go out



to the north side of Lake Miccosukee with cross cut saws and cut down some nice sized oaks to use for the barbecue. Tommy and I enjoyed going out there to the barbecue while it was cooking, to help Cak Bailey, David Williams and Robert Barnes." He added that his Uncle Jack loved to fish and was always hosting fish fries for the church.

"We lived on a farm at Silver Lake. Dad worked for Monticello Electric on the graveyard shift. He would come home, work the farm, take a nap and basically start all over again," said Fountain. "We grew cotton, watermelon, corn, peas, beans and okra," he added. We had no electricity or running water. We had an outhouse, a small house and a barn. My dad rigged a gas motor to pump water to the barn for the horses, cows and mules.

"My dad bought a mule from Steve Walker's livestock barn. We didn't know who owned the mule before we did, but whoever it was had abused it and it wouldn't let anyone but me put a halter on it," said Fountain. "I was in the third grade and everyday before school they would lead the mule to the porch where I would put the halter on it and then they would work the mule all day. When they were finished, after school every day I would have to take the halter off. I rode that mule all over the farm using a croker sack for a saddle and when he got tired of me riding him he would find a low-hanging branch and off I would come. I called him Pet.

"We had a Jersey milk cow I called Daisy. We brought her with us when we moved. Every day, twice a day I would milk her. She got to where she would not let her milk down unless I sang to her. The family didn't believe it until they actually saw me milking her and her refusing to let her milk drop unless I sang to her. If you would turn on the radio, she'd get out of the

barn, she wanted nothing to do with it. She only wanted me to sing to her and it didn't matter what I sang.

"During the war my cousins Jackie and Virginia were Junior Air Wardens. They would ride up to the shack where JCKC is now and Tommy and I would go with them on our bicycles. North Jefferson was only two lanes then. We would watch for planes to go over for them to call and notify them, which way they were going, etc.

"Virginia was an excellent cook. She won an all-expense paid trip during the war to Chicago, through 4-H. She gave a 4-H demo on canning food and preserving it," said Fountain.

"One day when we were about eight or nine years old, Tommy and I were at the service station and we had double-barrel pop guns. A plane flew over and we shot our guns at it. We were told not to shoot our guns at the planes because we would shoot them down and then they would come looking for us and get us. A couple of hours later that pilot came walking down the road dragging his shoot behind him it scared Tommy and I to death because we were afraid that we shot that plane down.

"In the early 50's during the war, when it got close to the end of watermelon season we would load up a load to two of watermelons and bring them by the Texaco station and give out watermelons when people gassed up their vehicles. When the colored folks came into town on Saturdays to shop, we would give them as many watermelons as they wanted to take with them," he recalled.

"My Uncle Luther was awarded the Jefferson County Farmer of the Year once or twice for his conservation practices on his dairy farm," said Fountain. "My dad was called Uncle Bob by almost all of the Jefferson County teenagers into the '70's and 80's. He had a mechanic shop behind the motel and would fix their cars for them for free or for just the parts.

"One time, we had a new 1951 Chevy and I had wrecked it a couple of times. The third time it was wrecked, I was teaching my girlfriend Jeanette, who is now my wife, how to drive and she ran into a big pine tree with it. We got it fixed. I

was standing by the curb at the station and they backed the car in and parked it. It was windy and I threw a couple of cherry bombs. One of them rolled up the hood to the windshield of the car and it blew the windshield out. My dad came home for lunch and my mother told me that I had to tell him what I had done. I walked into the kitchen and told him I had something I had to show him. He followed me to the door looked out and saw the car and said, 'If you can't tear it up, you're going to blow it up.' My dad was a real good man. I'm surprised he never killed me," he added.

"Uncle Jack leased a farm out at the northeast end of the county," said Fountain. "There was no water so Tommy and I would get some 55-gallon drums and load them on the truck we called 'Rag Doll.' It had no doors, wood for running boards, wood across the front for a bumper, wood across the hood to hold the hood down and had a wood box on the back. We drove out to the creek and loaded those 55-gallon drums with five-gallon buckets. When we got finished, Tommy was driving. I started to get in and he started to pull off. I told him it was a good thing he didn't pull off or I would have shot him. I had my

.22 rifle with me. He told me to get out. I got out and he drove off and left me. I shot and hit the back side of the cab of Rag Doll with bullets," Fountain said.

"It's really amazing that we didn't kill each other and lived to the age we are now, with all of the things we did," Fountain concluded.

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

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Jefferson County Living

Daughtrey Quilts For Others

A Special To ECB Publishing From The Tallahassee Democrat
MERRY ANN FRISBY

Linda Daughtrey inherited some quilt pieces from her grandmother. She enjoyed sewing and made three quilts for her children when they were young. She did not know that this simple sewing would structure her departure from this life.

Eight years ago she learned that she had breast cancer and "I hit the floor. But the Lord brought me through that. I thought, 'What can I give back for that grace?'" Today Linda's life will be cut short by multiple cancers but for the last eight years she has been repaying that grace in a unique combination of faith and sewing.

Linda makes prayer quilts for the Wacissa United Methodist Church. Rather than cropping the strings on the lap quilts, she leaves the strings long. Then the quilts are placed on the altar rail of the church. Each quilt is dedicated to someone who needs prayer, often struggling with some illness.

As people kneel to pray for the afflicted person,



Linda Daughtrey's hands have made many quilts for those in need of prayer.

they tie a knot in one of the long quilt strings. When the quilt goes to its owner, there is a tactile representation of each personal prayer said for them. The struggling person can feel each knot and know that a prayer request was said for them.

Tactile representation of prayer is an ancient tradition. Before many people

could read, prayer knots and beads were widely used to assist illiterate worshippers to keep track of their prayers. The practice likely started in medieval monasteries and was common in the late middle ages.

The prayer cord is traditionally worn around the waist of monks and nuns and other religious practitioners. The first written history of prayer cords is recorded in the year 600 when Irish monks placed 150 knots in their waist cords, denoting the 150 psalms.

The purpose of counting prayer on knots gives the worshiper the advantage of a repetitive devotion rite. Also feeling the prayers with ones hands allows the worshiper a tactile experience. Fingering the prayers can enhance meditation on spiritual themes.

Devotion through feel is what Linda has worked hard to accomplish. Linda's ability to do this is waning. Her arm is no longer strong enough to sew well. Linda says, "I knew I would die eventually." As Linda's health fails, she has begun to



Sara Gamble and Linda Falzone learn the art of quilting from local resident Linda Daughtrey.

teach other church members how to make the quilts.

Sara Gamble, Linda Falzone and her 13-year-old daughter Alexa Falzone, are learning the quilting process. Linda says of their twice a month quilting sessions; "Its fun getting together for fellowship. Sara is grateful to meet some of the recipients of the quilts. It is a peaceful ministry for the recipients to know they

are getting these prayers.

"When Ely Parke was overcome with breast cancer and received a quilt, she was overtaken by joy. It is so beautiful. I laid the quilt on the bed in the hospital with me. It worked wonders. Today Ely is cancer-free," she says.

So far the Wacissa United Methodist Church has given away about 200 quilts. Each quilt contains roughly 50 to 60 prayers.

Linda reflects, "The Lord gave me a mission that showed me how to use a talent that I already had."

Linda follows a long and thoughtful tradition. From Irish monks to modern day quilters, worshippers seek spiritual enhancement of their devotional practices. Each quilt is a beautiful expression of faith. Seeing Linda's hands tying a knot is watching her faith laid bare.

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WARRIORS DOWNED BY ESCAMBIA CHARTER

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The Aucilla Christian Academy Warriors faced off against Escambia Charter, December 16 and ACA was dropped for a 54-44 loss to now stand 6-4 on the season.

As a team the Warriors dropped in 12 of 45 attempts from the field, bucketed three of 10 attempts from the three-point zone and netted 11 of 22 attempts from the free-throw line for 44 points. They collected six assists, 11 offensive and 25 defensive rebounds for a total of 36 rebounds, with three block/steals and 17 turnovers.

Individually, Tyler Jackson netted one of six attempts from the field, missed three attempts from the three-point zone and bucketed three of six attempts from the free-throw line for five points. He also had six defensive rebounds and five turnovers.

Jared Jackson sunk one of six attempts from the field and missed two attempts from the free-throw line for two points. He had one offensive and five defensive rebounds for a total of six rebounds.

Bradley Holm hit one of seven attempts from the field for two points. He had one assist and one offensive and three defensive rebounds for a total of four rebounds.

Hans Sorensen bucketed three of nine attempts from the field and sunk three of four attempts from the free-throw line for nine points. He had one offensive and two defensive rebounds for a total of three rebounds with two block/steals and four turnovers.

Cody Ledford targeted four of five attempts from the field for eight points. He had five offensive and two defensive rebounds for a total of seven rebounds and one turnover.

Jay Finlayson hit one of nine attempts from the field, bucketed three of seven attempts from the three-point zone and hit four of seven attempts from the free-throw line for 15 points. He had three offensive and six defensive rebounds for a total of nine rebounds and five turnovers.

Corey Burrus netted one of three attempts from the field and one of three attempts from the free-throw line for three points. He had two assists, one defensive rebound, one block/steal and two turnovers.

Starting the New Year, the Warriors square off against Branford, 7 p.m., January 5, home; Munroe, 7:30 p.m., January 6, home; Tallavana Christian, 6:30 p.m., January 9, away; John Paul II, 7:30 p.m., January 13, away; Highland, 7:30 p.m., January 17, home; John Paul II, 7:30 p.m., January 19, home; Munroe, 7:30 p.m., January 20, away; Tallavana Christian, 6:30 p.m., January 30, home; Branford, 6:30 p.m., January 31, away; and wrapping up the regular season is Liberty County, 7:30 p.m., February 2, home.

LADY TIGERS DROPPED IN FOUR OF FIVE

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The Jefferson County Lady Tigers were dropped in four of the past five contests to now stand 9-6 on the season.

The Lady Tigers hit the hardwood against West Gadsden December 15 and the Lady Tigers mauled their opponent for a 5-33 victory.

Brianna Miller targeted for 22 points and snagged 12 rebounds for a double-double and she had six blocked shots.

Samiria Martin bucketed for 14 points and had four rebounds.

Jakeia Morris netted for four points and snagged 12 rebounds.

Emily Howell bucketed for six points and had three assists.

Brianna Graham netted for three points and had three steals.

Audrianna Noel scored four points and had four rebounds.

Jefferson faced off against Mayo December 16 and the Lady Tigers were downed for a 48-43 in

overtime during the neck and neck game.

Martin targeted for 21 points, had five rebounds and five steals.

Howell scored two points and had two assists.

Morris netted for four points and had a whopping 22 rebounds.

Miller bucketed for 14 points and had 15 rebounds for a double-double.

Noel netted for two points and had four steals.

The Lady Tigers went into the Maclay Christmas Tournament December 17-19 and dropped all three contests.

Coach Leland Loper explained that he did not keep statistics during the game due to his two strongest players being out for one reason or another during the tournament. "We didn't do too well because Samiria was out due to an injury and Brianna Miller was dismissed from the team permanently due to attitude problems," said Loper.

In the first game against

Maclay Jefferson was slammed for a 58-14 loss.

In the second contest against Ft. White, the Lady Tigers were caged for a 54-14 loss.

In the final contest against Brookwood, Jefferson was skinned for a 54-25 loss.

The Lady Tigers return to the court against Branford, January 8 at 6 p.m., there; Hamilton, January 9 at 6 p.m., there; Mayo, January 10 at 6 p.m., here; Hamilton, January 13 at 6 p.m., here; Melody Christian, January 17 at 6 p.m., here; Maclay, January 18 at 6 p.m., here; Madison, January 20 at 6 p.m., there; Chiles, January 21 at 3 p.m., there; Taylor County, January 24 at 6 p.m., here; North Florida Christian, January 27 at 6 p.m., there and the regular season winds down with Madison, January 28 at 6 p.m., here.

The District tournament is slated for January 30-31, times and locations to be announced.

JV Lady Warriors Win One Of Three

FRAN HUNT
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The Aucilla Christian Academy junior varsity Lady Warriors won one of the past three games on the hardwood to now stand 2-7 on the season.

On December 6 Aucilla faced off against CCS and the Lady Warriors were bounced for a 37-15 loss.

Kinzi Mattingly targeted for six points.

Kayla Knecht bucketed for four points.

Marissa Duber netted for two points.

Jessica Welch scored two points.

Morgan Cline

brought in one point for the Lady Warriors.

On December 8 Aucilla squared off against St. Francis and the Lady Warriors were dropped for a 12-8 loss.

Maddie Everett targeted for 13 points, which included three three-point buckets.

Duber netted for five points.

Mattingly netted three points.

Cline scored two

points. The Lady Warriors hit the hardwood against North Florida Christian December 16 and Aucilla came out on top of a 26-14 scoreboard for a victory.

Knecht targeted for six points.

Everett netted for five points.

Mattingly bucketed for five points.

Eighth grader Taylor Copeland netted four points.

Cline scored four

points. Kayla Fulford brought in two points.

The JV Lady Warriors hit the hardwood against Chiles, 4:30 p.m., January 9, home; Madison, 4:30 p.m., January 12, home; CCS, 4 p.m., January 17, away; Maclay, 3:30 p.m., January 19, home; St. Francis, 4:30 p.m., January 24, home; and wrapping up the season, Wakulla, 4:30 p.m., January 26, away.

Lady Tigers Take Two More Wins

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The Jefferson County Lady Tigers varsity basketball team took two recent victories on the hardwood to now stand 9-2 on the season.

The Lady Tigers squared off against Branford December 2 and Jefferson downed their opponent for a 59-47 win.

Emily Howell targeted for 26 points, grabbed four assists and three rebounds.

Jakeia Morris bucketed for three points, with 11 rebounds and four blocked shots.

Audrianna Noel netted five points, had four rebounds and two steals.

Samiria Martin bucketed for 22 points, snagged eight rebounds and five steals.

Shan Scott had two rebounds.

Brianna Graham had two assists and three steals.

The Lady Tigers hit

the hardwood against Melody December 6 and Jefferson mauled their opponent for a 57-27 victory.

Howell netted for eight points, with five assists and four steals.

Ambrosia Branham grabbed three rebounds and had one blocked shot.

Morris bucketed for eight points with 10 rebounds and two blocked shots.

Martin targeted for a

whopping 31 points, snagged 11 rebounds for a double-double and had six steals.

Scott scored four points, grabbed five rebounds and had one blocked shot.

Sondral Macon had two steals.

The contest originally scheduled against Hamilton County on December 9 was rescheduled for 6 p.m., January 9, away, due to scheduling conflicts.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for Soundview Home Loan Trust 2007-OPT2, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-OPT2

Plaintiff, Case #: 2010-CA-000345

-vs.-

Davis Segó; Unknown Tenants in Possession #1; Unknown Tenants in Possession #2; If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 20, 2011, entered in Civil Case No. 2010-CA-000345 of the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for Jefferson County, Florida, wherein Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for Soundview Home Loan Trust 2007-OPT2, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-OPT2, Plaintiff and Davis Segó are defendant(s), I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash ON THE FRONT STEPS OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF U.S. 90 AND 19, JEFFERSON COUNTY, MONTICELLO, FLORIDA, AT 11:00 A.M. on January 19, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST, PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SR NO. 59 AND THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 9, THENCE SOUTH ALONG SAID RIGHT - OF - WAY LINE 662 FEET, TO A POINT, THENCE WEST 653 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE NORTH 662 FEET, MORE OF LESS, TO A POINT IN THE SAID NORTH LINE OF SECTION 9 THAT IS 650 FEET WEST OF SAID RIGHT - OF - WAY LINE, THENCE EAST ALONG SAID NORTH LINE OF SECTION 9, 650 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT INGRESS-EGRESS EASEMENT (20 FEET BY 440 FEET, MORE OR LESS) IN FAVOR OF CLARENCE HAWKINS AND DORTHY LEE HAWKINS, THEIR HEIRS AND ASSIGNS FOREVER, OVER AND ACROSS THE NORTHERLY PORTION OF THE PARCEL HEREIN CONVEYED AS FULLY DESCRIBED IN O.R. BOOK 77, PAGE 418, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA

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**The Week of January 6, 2012 through January 13, 2012
Major Feed Times are marked by an asterisk (*)**

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Tuesday, January 10 5:55 AM *12:10 PM 6:20 PM	Wednesday, January 11 *12:40 AM 6:50 AM *1:05 PM 7:20 PM	Thursday, January 12 *1:30 AM 7:40 AM *2:00 PM 8:20 PM	Friday, January 13 *2:30 AM 8:40 AM *2:50 PM 9:10 PM




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OUTTA' THE WOODS

Wild Hogs – nuisance or hunting opportunity

The white-tailed deer is the most popular game animal pursued each winter by Florida's more than 200,000 hunters. But, there's another big-game species that's hunted quite a bit too and is especially popular with hunters in the southern and central parts of the state: the wild hog.

Wild hogs, also called wild boars or feral pigs, aren't native to Florida. They either were introduced by colonists or may even have been brought over by the Spanish explorer Hernando DeSoto as early as 1539. Hogs provided a major food source for the early settlers, and those pigs that escaped or were released adapted and prospered readily in Florida's mild climate and varied habitats.

Though nonnative, you can hardly tell, be-

cause wild hogs are plentiful throughout Florida and can be found in all 67 counties. They live in various habitats but prefer moist forests, swamps and pine flatwoods. Abundant populations of wild hogs occur west of Lake Okeechobee, between the Kissimmee and lower St. Johns river basins, and farther north along the Gulf coastal marshes between the Aucilla and Withlacoochee rivers.

Wild hogs are omnivorous and feed by rooting up the ground with their broad snouts, leaving some areas looking like plowed fields. Because of this, they are considered by many agricultural producers to be nuisance animals. Their diet consists of grasses and flowering plants in the spring, fruits in the summer and fall, and they eat roots, tubers and invertebrates throughout the year.

As with all animals, it's against the law to release wild hogs on public lands. It's also not recommended on private lands either, unless the property is surrounded by adequate fencing.

Wild hogs have an annual home range of more than 10 square miles and are prolific reproducers. A healthy female (sow) can breed when only 6 months old and continue to breed every six months, producing four to 14 piglets per litter.

They're not listed as game animals by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) but are considered wildlife. And even though wild hogs can have negative impacts on native vegetation and wildlife, they're an important food source for several native species, including the alligator, bobcat and black bear, as well as the endangered Florida

panther and threatened American crocodile.

Wild hogs also make for a great hunting opportunity. This especially is true in the southern portion of the state where, in some areas, wild hogs actually have replaced deer as the preferred hunting species. Because of the abundance of hogs there and the fact these regions tend to have smaller-bodied deer with lighter racks, hog hunting has gotten pretty popular in those parts.

On private property with the landowner's permission, you may hunt or trap wild hogs year-round. Also, there are no size or bag limits. You may harvest either sex, and you don't even need a hunting license to do so. That goes for non-residents as well.

Now I do need to make you aware that when hunting one of the state's many wildlife management areas (WMAs), you will need a valid Florida hunting license and a management area permit. On most WMAs, wild hogs may be hunted during all hunting seasons except spring turkey. But if it's during archery season, you must use a bow; during muzzle-loading gun season, you'll have to use a muzzleloader. Also, on some WMAs, daily bag limits do apply, and in some cases, there's a minimum size limit on what you can shoot.

During this time of year, many of the WMAs' small-game seasons are going on. The great thing about that is you never



By Tony Young
Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission

need a quota permit to hunt during a WMA's small-game season, and on most of them, hogs are legal game. The only thing is, you can't use a centerfire rifle during that season, but you can use a shotgun with buckshot or a slug, or a rimfire rifle like a .22 magnum, or even a pistol if you want.

In addition to still hunting for hogs from a stand or blind, there are those hunters who prefer to catch them with traps or by the use of dogs. Special pens with trap doors work well when baited with acorns or slightly fermented corn. Dogs, such as black-mouth curs and pit bulls, make good "catch" dogs because they can be trained to capture hogs, which they do by biting down on their ears and pinning them to the ground.

So whether you think wild hogs are a nuisance or a hunting opportunity, they're a critter some of us are dealing with one way or another. Here's wishing all you hunters a great season and a wonderful new year!

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ANNUAL MANATEE DEATH COUNT SHOWS COLD WEATHER AN UNUSUALLY BIG FACTOR AGAIN

A cold-related die-off of manatees in early 2011 set the stage for a third straight year with high numbers of deaths for the species. Biologists with the research arm of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) documented 453 manatee carcasses in state waters in 2011.

During the past three years, biologists documented the highest levels of cold-related manatee deaths, with the "cold stress" category accounting for 112 in 2011, 282 in 2010 and 56 in 2009. In the previous five years, cold stress accounted for an average of 30 manatee deaths per year.

The total number of reported manatee deaths in 2011 was the second-highest on record. Biologists documented a record 766 manatee deaths in 2010 and recorded the third-highest total of 429 in 2009.

"We are concerned about the number of manatee deaths the past three years, including those resulting from exposure to cold weather," said Gil McRae, director of the FWC's Fish and Wildlife Research Institute. "Over the next few years, we will use data from monitoring programs to better understand any long-term implications for the population. We will continue to work with our partners to enhance the availability of natural warm-water sites, which are important habitats for the species' survival," McRae said.

FWC researchers, managers and law enforcement staff work closely together to evaluate mortality data and identify necessary actions. Managers focus on actions that can reduce risks to manatees and protect foraging and warm-water habitats. The FWC's Division of Law Enforcement, in cooperation with partner agencies, uses knowledge of local boating habits, well-posted speed zones and up-to-date manatee information as part of its on-the-water enforcement operations. Informing boaters about manatee conservation and enforcing manatee-protection zones are priorities for the FWC.

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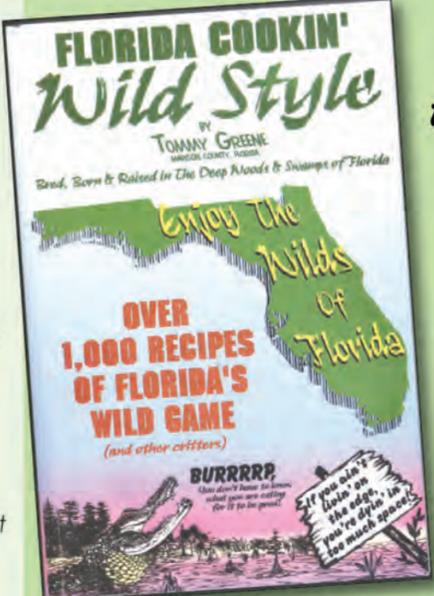
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