



## LEGISLATORS' SPOUSES TOUR COUNTY'S FARMS

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Spouses and children of some 17 state legislators spent the greater part of Wednesday in Jefferson County, learning about the community and gaining knowledge and appreciation of the county's agricultural sector.



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When it comes to lobbying the Florida Legislature, Jefferson County is no slouch, as the recent community-wide effort to spare Jefferson Correctional Institution (JCI) from closing proved.

The prison isn't the only issue of economic importance to county residents, however. The county's agriculture sector is equally important economically. And on Wednesday, Feb. 22, members of the Jefferson County Farm Bureau (JCFB) tried to get that point across to legislators, if indirectly.

It's to say that JCFB President Stephen Monroe and others of the organization's members took a busload of lawmakers' spouses and children on a daylong tour of four distinct farming operations in Jefferson County, complete with a lunch at the Monticello

Opera House and a guided tour of that venerable institution. All told, the group numbered about 25 people and represented some 17 lawmakers.

The four operations that the group visited were Golden Acres Ranch on Barnes Road; Simpson Nurseries on Nacoosa Road; Boyd and Tuten cattle operation on the Ashville Highway; and Fulford Family Farms on Basset Dairy Road.

Golden Acres Ranch is a small, family-operated artisan ranch that raises sheep and goats and sells their meats, as well as raising free-range poultry, boarding pets, and making jelly from native Mayhaw trees on the property.

The operation prides itself on providing high-quality lamb and goat meat from animals that are raised naturally. Golden Acres additionally contracts out its sheep and goats for kudzu  
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## NEWSPAPER THIEF BUSTED



Vennessa Marie Eldewer

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A thief who had stolen newspapers from one of the Monticello News/Jefferson Journal city boxes was arrested for the crime recently and charged with petit theft.

The Monticello Police Department reported that on December 16, 2011, Lt. Mack Norton was called to the U-Save IGA store, located at 575 South Jefferson Street by Chief Fred Mosley. Upon arrival he was advised that the owner of the Monticello News, Emerald Greene, was wishing to report the theft of newspapers from the newspaper box at the IGA store.

At that time, Lt. Norton talked to Greene, who stated that she had been informed by a city employee on this date of the theft.

He then spoke with the city employee, who stated that he witnessed a white female put money into the newspaper box, but was unable to get the box door open. The female, known as Vennessa Marie Eldewer, 51, of Monticello, went back to her vehicle and appeared to get more change. She put the change into the newspaper box and this time was able to get the box open, but instead of getting two papers, the city employee estimated that Eldewer took from 10-20 newspapers.

He then took down Eldewer's tag number and went to the Monticello News office and reported the incident to

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## Speaker Tells How To Foster Small Business Development

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Attendees at a recent Chamber of Commerce luncheon meeting at the organization's home office on West Washington Street got to hear all about how to develop a community small business plan from scratch, compliments of guest speaker Dr. Dallas Garrett.

A newcomer to Jefferson County, Dr. Garret boasts more than 40 years of business development experience in diverse communities across the country. Among other things, he has

been a department head, dean and vice president in charge of business development programs at community colleges in Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Florida, North Carolina and Virginia, and has received various awards for entrepreneurial excellence. He has also owned and operated several private businesses.

A former industrial arts teacher, Dr. Garrett said his business incubation expertise started almost by accident when he began helping University of Michigan students convert their product ideas into prototypes, as well  
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## JANUARY REMAINS LOW IN RAINFALL

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For the third consecutive month, precipitation across the Suwannee River Water Management District (SRWMD) remained low, with the average rainfall essentially the same as the previous two months.

According to the latest hydrologic condition report released by the SRWMD, the average rainfall in January was 1.61 inches, or 43 percent of the long-term January average of 3.72 inches, based on records going back to 1932.

The rainfall average was 1.57 inches in November and 1.62 inches in December.

Jefferson and Madison counties were among the district's western-most counties to benefit from four frontal systems that crossed the region during the month. These fronts, however, dissipated in intensity as they proceeded east.

The average 12-month deficit district-wide rose to 12.7 inches, based on the historical 12-month average of 54.56 inches and the past 12-month total of 41.89 inches.

"The upper Suwannee basin and upper Santa Fe basin had deficits approaching 25 inches," the report states. "The average three-month deficit was 4.3 inches, based on a three-month total of 9.2 inches."

The report shows that Jefferson County received 1.95 inches of rainfall in January, compared with the January average of 4.35 inches. The county received 4.74 inches of rainfall during the last three months and 37.80 inches during the last 12 months.

Madison County, meanwhile, received 2.35 inches in January, compared with the January average of 3.93 inches. Madison County received 5.93 inches during the last three months and 42.85 inches during the last 12 months.

Generally, river flows across the district remained extremely low during January, with a few rivers setting new daily low flow records.

Lake levels also remained below their long-term average levels, including Sneads Smokehouse Lake in Jefferson County and Cherry Lake in Madison County.

Floridan aquifer levels likewise remained extremely low.

"Record low levels for January occurred in 65 upper Florida aquifer wells and all-time lows at 81 wells," the report states. "Levels dropped in nearly 70 percent of the monitored wells, with an average drop of about 2 inches."

Interestingly, the daily flow rate at the spring-fed Wacissa River was 25 percent higher than record drought-induced lows observed in 2001, according to the

SRWMD.

The U.S. Geological Survey continues to categorize the district's rivers, including the Georgia basins, as being under a severe hydrologic drought. Too, a weak-to-moderate La Nina is expected to affect the region through the spring, creating the potential of drier-than-average conditions, per an advisory of the National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center.

Needless to say, the SRWMD is continuing its water shortage advisory, which urges voluntary elimination of unnecessary water consumption. The advisory reminds residents that landscape irrigation is limited to one day per week through March, "based on a water conservation rule that applies to residential landscaping, public or commercial recreation areas, and public and commercial businesses that aren't regulated by a district-issue permit."

The district compiles the hydrologic conditions report using water resource data collected from radar-derived rainfall estimates, groundwater and surface water levels, and river flows, among other variables.

The district encompasses all or parts of 15 counties in north-central Florida, including Madison County and the eastern portion of Jefferson County.



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After being named Teacher Of The Year Biology Teacher Algeletha proudly smiled for the camera. She said, "It's all about the kids."

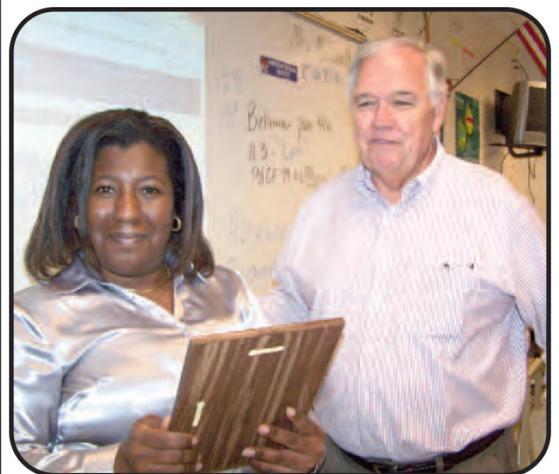
## Algeletha Mitchell Named Teacher Of The Year

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Wednesday, February 22, started out like any other day in the Jefferson County School District classrooms, but with one difference later in the morning.

At 11:30 a.m., in the midst of the third period class, Superintendent of Schools Bill Brumfield, along with numerous School Administrative Office employees, friends and co-workers, crowded into the classroom of grades 6-12 Biology Teacher Algeletha Mitchell and Brumfield pulled from behind his back, a plaque and he announced, "Congratulations, you have been chosen as the Teacher Of The Year," to which, all those present, including the students, broke into an eruption of applause.

Mitchell was then presented with a dozen roses of white and orange, which were adorned in orange and blue ribbons and gold tinsel, a metallic congratulatory balloon and several blue, orange and  
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School Superintendent Bill Brumfield, right, presented Biology Teacher Algeletha Mitchell, left, with a plaque and announced that she had been chosen as the Teacher Of The Year.

# Jefferson County Living

## CHURCH NEWS NOTES

**FEBRUARY 24**

Mt. Pleasant Ministries of Capps Florida will host a pre-anniversary program on Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. with Pastor/Issac Manning and the Bethpage MBC congregation in charge of the service.

**FEBRUARY 24, 25**

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.

**FEBRUARY 25**

New Bethel AME Church will host its 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Conference at 10 a.m. on Saturday. Presiding Elder Carlton Taylor, from the Tallahassee District, will bring the message. Rev. Jimmie Dickey says that all stewards who were not confirmed at the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly Conference will need to be present at this time to be confirmed.

**FEBRUARY 26**

Elizabeth AME Church, Thompson Valley, will host its annual Black History Program beginning with Church School at 10 a.m. and Worship Service at 11 a.m. Sis. Sylvia Howard will organize a children's talent show and Cleveland is back in town with his show. Dinner will be served after the programs. Rev. Clarence L. Little, Jr., pastor

**FEBRUARY 26**

New Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate the anniversary of its Deacons, Deaconesses and Mothers Board at 2 p.m. on Sunday. The Bethlehem CME Church congregation and its Pastor Rev. Henry Davis will be in charge of the service. All area churches are asked to send a representative. They are to register and enroll upon arrival. All deacons are asked to wear dark suits/attire and deaconesses and Mothers are asked to wear white. Contact Sis. Helen Johnson, program coordinator, with questions or concerns at 1-229-438-9030. Rev. Dr. James Redmon, pastor.

**FEBRUARY 26**

Shiloh AME Church in Miccosukee, Florida will host a 'Missionary Evening in White' at 3 p.m. on

Sunday. Rev. Jimmie Dickey and the New Bethel AME Church congregation will be in charge of the service. Rev. Yoland Smith, pastor.

**FEBRUARY 26**

New Bethel AME Church of Jennings Florida will hold a 'Dedication Celebration' at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday. The church was completely destroyed by fire on June 18, 2010 and has since been rebuilt. The congregation of Bethel AME Church in Monticello will travel together for the celebration. The bus cost is \$20 per person. If interested contact Sandra Saunders at 850-567-0064. The bus will leave at 1:30 p.m. from 410 East York Street; at 1:30 p.m. Rev. Albert Bivens, Jr. has been pastor of New Bethel AME for the past 10 years and is a former member of Bethel AME. He is the son of Mrs. Willie L. Bivens and the late Albert Bivens, Sr. The fellowship and support of all local churches is welcome and encouraged.

**FEBRUARY 26**

Saint Phillip AME Church will host Pre-Dual Day Service at 11 a.m. on Sunday. Guest speaker for this morning service will be Rev. Herbert Thomas and the Welaunee MB Church will be the guest church. You Are Invited. Rev. JW Tisdale, pastor.

**FEBRUARY 26**

Morning Star MB Church, on Rabon Road, will celebrate its 83<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary at 3 p.m. on Sunday. Guest speaker is Rev. Fann and the Family and Friends MB Church congregation from Thomasville, GA.

**FEBRUARY 26**

Mt. Nebo MB Church of Greenville will host its annual Black History Program at 11 a.m. on Sunday. Rev. James Mack and the St. Rilla MB Church family will be special guests. The public is invited to come and share. Sis. Gertrude Edwards, chairperson. Rev. Herbert Thomas, pastor.

**FEBRUARY 26**

Mt. Pleasant Ministries of Capps Florida will host an Anniversary Celebration at 11 a.m. on Sunday. Pastor Edith Hall and the Shiloh Apostolic Faith Church congregation in charge of the service. Pastor Louise Wallace and the Mt. Morilla MBC congregation will be in charge of the 3 p.m. service.

**FEBRUARY 27**

New Bethel AME Church will host its annual Black History Program at 11 a.m. on Sunday. Guest speaker will be Bro. William Foutz of the True Holiness Church of Love in Tallahassee. Rev. Jimmie Dickey, pastor.

**MARCH 1**

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.

**MARCH 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.

**MARCH 3**

Morning Star MB Church will host a Musical Program at 6 p.m. on Saturday. All groups, soloists and church choruses are invited to join in this musical ministry. Groups to date include: Atlantic Beach Male Chorus and New Community Male Chorus, from Jacksonville, FL; Gospel Wonders and Gospel Edition, from Monticello. For more information contact Deacon Joe Bellamy at 850-342-4650 or Deaconess Janie

Green at 850-997-2229. Rev. Joe Nelson Sr., pastor/teacher.

**MARCH 3**

Monticello Church of the Nazarene will hold its monthly Clothing Giveaway from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday at 1590 North Jefferson. There is clothing and accessories for everyone, young/old, big/small.

**MARCH 4**

Greater Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church Missionary Society will celebrate its Evening in White at 3 p.m. on Sunday. Speaker for this annual event is Evangelist Mary Goban of Mt. Horeb Primitive Baptist Church in Tallahassee. Your prayers, participation and support are truly needed to make this event a spiritual and glorious success. For more information contact Sis. Elouise H. Livingston, president, at 850-342-3389 or 850-661-2332. Rev. Dr. Melvin Roberts, pastor.

**MARCH 4**

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of its Pastor Cassandra Brockman at 3 p.m. on Sunday. Elder James Leonard, Sr and the Faith Christian Family Center congregation will be in charge of the service. For more information contact Deaconess Trina Wilkerson at 850-997-3017.

**MARCH 6, 20**

Welaunee MB Church will host a series of Teaching and Training Seminars for pastors, ministers, deacons, deaconesses and laypersons of the church community. The seminars will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. every Tuesday evening after the first and third Sundays of each month through June 26. Rev. Herbert R. Thomas, Sr., pastor.

**MARCH 7, 21**

EaglesWings, a ministry of outreach, serves the community on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The food pantry is located at the First Presbyterian Church on East Dogwood Street. Volunteers are always welcome to distribute food items and to donate non-perishable food items. Call and leave a message for JoAnne Arnold at 850-997-2252 or go to eaglewingsmonticello@yahoo.com or www.firstpresbyterianmonticeool.org Keep the Jefferson homeless and substandard housing in your prayers today and always. More and more Americans are only a paycheck away from being homeless.

**MARCH 11**

Sunday of Silence is 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 begins 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 are appreciated and are tax deductible. For more information contact Sallie Worley at oneheartearthcenter@embarqmail.com or 850-997-7373.

**MARCH 11**

First Baptist Church Monticello will celebrate its Homecoming at 11 a.m. on Sunday. This will be a time of renewal and remembrance for the church and its membership, past and present. The community is invited to come worship on this special day. Rev. Dr. Rick Kelley, pastor.

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The Ochlocknee River Kennel Club is hosting the 'All Breed Show' at the North Florida Fairgrounds February 23 through 26; Agility Trials will be held from Friday to Sunday. General admission is just \$6. Several local residents will be showing their dogs. At 12 p.m. on Saturday there will be a Police Dog Demo, at 3 p.m. a Flyball Demo and a Parade of S.T.A.R. Puppies. Obedience and Rally Matches will be held from Wednesday through Friday and on Sunday at 12 p.m. a Search and Rescue Demo. Come see many dogs that were at the Eukanuba National and Westminster Dog Shows. Come shop the many vendors. For more information go to www.orkc.org

Lighthouse volunteers are needed Wednesday, February 29 to help with the mailing of the Lighthouse Newsletter 'As We See It.' This edition will focus on Early Intervention, blind babies ages 0-5. Plan to come out to the Lighthouse and join in the fun conversation and laughter, while you help a great cause... folding, stuffing, taping and labeling the newsletter. The 'Mailout Party' will be from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Lighthouse of the Big Bend, 3071 Highland Oaks Terrace in Tallahassee. Hungry Howie's Pizza, breadsticks and sodas will be provided. Contact Barbara L. Ross, executive director, at 850-942-3658x201 or info@lighthousebigbend.org 'Guiding People Through Vision Loss'

The Jefferson County High School Class of 1972 will hold a planning meeting at 12 p.m. on Saturday, February 25 at the Memorial Missionary Baptist Church. All are invited to attend so your thoughts and ideas for upcoming events can be heard and discussed. Contact Eunice Thompson Love at 850-590-3715 for more information.

Be a part of the 'CD Release Party' for Little G Weevil's - The Teaser, on Saturday, February 25 during the Wacissa River Festival. This is Little G Weevil's second solo album and is an absolute treat to listen to. For more information go to www.littleweevil.net

Let's get ready for the spring event of 'Flea Across Florida,' the longest yard sale in Florida, April 13 - 15, Friday - Sunday. All churches, clubs, organizations, businesses and individuals are invited to participate. Contact Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce Director Melanie Mays at 850-997-5552 for more information about signs, banners, flyers posters and advertising. The yard sale runs from Pensacola to Live Oak.

Sign up for the SBDC FREE workshop on Tuesday, February 28 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce, 420 West Washington Street in downtown Monticello, on the 'Business Plans Basics' workshop. No matter how large or small, all businesses need a business plan. This introductory workshop will explain and illustrate the business plan format as well as provide an overview of the contents of a good business plan and how to use it as a road map to success. Contact the Chamber at 850-997-5552 for more information.

Happy Birthday to all the 'Leap Year Babies' out there!

## Letters To The Editor

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

### Thank You From JSCC

The Jefferson Senior Citizen's Center would like to express sincere appreciation to everyone who participated in the Valentine's Sweetheart Dinner Dance at the Willow Pond Plantation on February 10, 2012.

This fundraiser was planned to help the Senior Citizen's Center continue to provide meals to seniors in our county. Due to your participation and the efforts of many donors and volunteers, this event was very successful. We have also received overwhelming response from attendees saying they thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

Our heartfelt thanks go out to everyone who volunteered their time and efforts to provide this magical evening for the community. We want to especially acknowledge the following: The Purvis Family- Joan Rhodes and Diane Lee who provided total event planning, coordination, set up and decorating and The Purvis Brothers Band for their delightful music; Dottie Taylor and Lana Brown for their expertise as chefs, Merle Love for her floral designs; Mary Ann Van Kleunen for handling advertising for the event; and, of course, Clyde Simpson for the use of his enchanted facility.

As the saying goes, "it takes a village to raise a child," but it takes the whole county to care for our elders. So, thank you, Jefferson County, for caring for and about your senior citizens by supporting the Jefferson Senior Citizen's Center.

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## Business

as helping them get the necessary funding to go into business.

He said a key ingredient of a small business development plan was that a major commitment be made to small business development as part of the greater economic development program.

"Ninety-eight percent of all the jobs in Virginia were created by small businesses," Dr. Garrett said, referring to the Crossroads Small Business Development Center that he previously headed in Galax, VA.

He said the individual or officer charged with implementation of the small business development plan had to set and abide by specific goals, such as to speak before a minimum of 52 groups per year to raise public awareness of the plan; locate a minimum of 10 new potential clients every month; and complete a minimum of two to three small business plans per month.

"You have to sell the program," Dr. Garrett said.

He said the small business developer in charge of implementing the plan also had to cultivate at least one or two funding sources monthly.

"I had 40 founding sources when I left Virginia," Dr. Garrett said.

He said another key ingredient to success was that the person charged with small business development meet from one to two hours weekly with each client.

"People need a lot of help to put together a plan that is fundable," Dr. Garrett said.

He said it was critical that those persons with business ideas answer all questions relative to the proposed enterprise, and that

their plans include both marketing and financial components.

"The business developer must be willing and capable of doing all of the necessary research on the business type to determine if it is a viable business for the region," Dr. Garrett said. "I typically ask them to talk and I do all the inputting on the computer. I also do virtually all the research."

He said it was imperative that the business developer and the funding sources enjoy excellent rapport and a good working relationship.

"We normally asked that all meetings and transactions take place in our conference room," Dr. Garrett said of his Virginia operation. "I personally asked the funding sources to review our business plan with the client when we were 80 percent complete."

He said it was important to understand that one of eight persons who came forward with a business idea needed incubation for success.

"These particular clients need support for one to three years before they can go on their own," Dr. Garrett said. "People who go into a business incubator are not ready to go into business on their own and pay rent."

He said once the business developer secured the funding for a business startup, it was important that a ribbon-cutting ceremony be held and that the event be publicized.

"We always made a big deal of opening a new business," Dr. Garrett said.

He said it was important that during the first few months in operation, the new businessperson express his or her gratitude to

those organizations that helped out initially.

Dr. Garrett cited statistics for the years 2006-2011 at the Crossroads Institute Small Business Development Center.

He said that during the said six-year period, the center had completed 246 business plans, of which 181 businesses had been funded to the tune of \$44.9 million at his departure. He said the new businesses had created 831 jobs. Moreover, 96 percent of the businesses were still in operation at the present, he said.

Dr. Garrett said he wanted to see the same happen in Monticello and Jefferson County, but it required a community commitment to do it. He said if the community did start a business incubator here, it was important that the community colleges become partners in the enterprise.

He posed the question of what the community was doing "for the neglected majority — the 80 percent of kids who don't go to college?"

Someone in the audience noted that Dr. Garrett sounded like the perfect candidate for creation of small business development center here and asked when he would be ready to start the enterprise.

Dr. Garrett said he was already involved with the Main Street Monticello program and was trying to facilitate economic development there on a small scale. But it was up to the community to decide if it wanted to pursue small business development plan on a grander scale, he said. And for that, it was necessary that the city, county and school district be involved in the effort, he said.

## Farms

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and weed control and sales sundry natural products and crafts on the premises.

The family-operated Simpson Nurseries, which this year celebrates its 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary, is a recognized leader in the nursery industry, credited with developing new technologies, production methods and marketing ideas that are practiced industry wide. The business also is recognized as a leading source of pecan trees, deciduous nursery stock and evergreens, which it primarily wholesales to retail nurseries, landscapers, mass merchandisers and pecan plantations.

Boyd and Tuten Cattle is a commercial cow-and-calf operation that primarily produces feeder calves for shipment to Midwestern states, where the animals are finished into grain-fed beef. The operation has refined a management structure that allows its cattle to graze on cover crops, thereby leading to better utilization and enhancement of the available acreage.

The multigenerational Fulford Family Farms, LLC, which dates from 1945, today comprises about 1,500 acres. The operation primarily produces green and dry peanuts and also raises some corn, cotton, grain, sorghum and soybeans.

Fulford Family Farms has received various awards for its conservation efforts, which include tillage that never fully breaks or exposes the soil, and maintenance of year-round ground cover to prevent erosion.

Monroe said the intent of the tour was to get the message of the importance of agriculture to legislators, if indirectly by raising awareness and educating their spouses and children to agriculture's value and its contribution to the state's economic wellbeing and vitality.

Among the points that Monroe wanted to impress on the tour participants were that agriculture remained a major economic engine in Jefferson County; that agriculture and its associated industries represented one of the county's major employers; and that agriculture properties contributed significantly to the local tax base, while demanding little back in public services.

"Economists predict that agriculture properties use only \$1 out of every \$6 paid in taxes," Monroe said. "The balance is utilized for the public good."

Statistics show that Florida agriculture employs about three quarters of a million people and contributes more than \$100 million to the state economy annually. Agricultural lands also create green space.

"It would be difficult to overstate the value of Florida agriculture to our state, nation and the many countries around the world that rely on safe, abundant and affordable food and fiber," Monroe said.

He said the tour more appropriately should have been held on Feb. 6, which represented the 37<sup>th</sup> day of year. The significance of the 37<sup>th</sup> day, according to Monroe, is that the latest information from the US Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service indicates "it takes just five weeks for the average American to earn enough income to pay for an entire year's food supply".

By comparison, Monroe said, Americans on an annual average work 52 days to pay for health and medical care; 62 days to pay for housing and household operations; and 77 days to pay their federal taxes. And in other parts of the world, people work the greater part of the year simply to put food on the table, he said.

He said that in recognition of the low cost of food in this country, Farm Bureaus across the state had celebrated the week of Feb. 3-9 as Food Checkout Week. Unfortunately, the JCFB hadn't been able to put the tour together for that particular week, he said.

## Teacher of the Year

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white balloons.

With the true expression of total surprise and the huge smile of the Cheshire cat, Mitchell thanked all those present.

When one in the crowd asked her how it felt to be named the Teacher Of The Year, she very quickly responded, "It's all for the kids."

It was then time for numerous photos to be taken.

## Thief

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Greene. While at the IGA store the city employee saw the newspaper in the box window and advised that the woman that was on the front page was the woman who took the newspapers, which was Eldewer.

Greene stated that 85 newspapers were missing from the box and she wanted to press charges against Eldewer because she was tired of losing money at the hands of dishonest people.

Lt. Norton was able to make contact with Eldewer later that afternoon and she advised that she went to the IGA store and put the money in the box twice and took 16 newspapers because she was featured on the front page of the Jefferson County Journal.

Eldewer also advised that she was planning on going by the news office and paying for the papers after she got finished moving from her old house into her new house.

Eldewer was arrested February 12 and charged with petit theft. Bond was set at \$100 and she bonded out of jail the same day.

## JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIME BEAT

ALL INFORMATION IS PRINTED AS TAKEN FROM THE JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.  
ALL SUSPECTS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY IN A COURT OF LAW

**FRAN HUNT**  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

Timothy Long, 46, of Jefferson County, was arrested February 17 and charged with violation of probation on the charge of passing worthless bank checks. He was released on his own recognizance the same day.

Wayne Johnson, 61, of Monticello, was arrested February 17 and charged with violation of probation on the charge of unemployment compensation fraud. Bond was set at \$200 and he bonded out of jail the same day.

Althai Lee Streeter, 51, of Tallahassee, was arrested February 17 and charged with driving under the influence, DUI refusal to submit and driving while license suspended or revoked, knowingly. A total bond of \$6,000 was set and he remained at the County Jail February 23.

Frank Cooksey Williams, 50, of Jefferson County, was arrested February 17 and charged with retail petit theft. Bond was set at \$500 and he bond out of jail the same day.

Eldred Keith Jennings, 31, of Lamont, was sentenced in court February 17 to serve 45 days in the County Jail, with credit for 15 days

already served, on the charge of sale of marijuana within 1,000 feet of a school. He will serve his time on weekends.

Micah Andrews McKenzie, 21, of Perry, FL, was arrested February 18 and charged with possession of cannabis more than 20 grams. Bond was set at \$2,500 and he bonded out of jail the same day.

Joshua Lynn Gilbreath, 21, of Perry, FL, was arrested February 18 and charged with possession of cannabis less than 20 grams. Bond was set at \$500 and he bonded out of jail the same day.

Nartosa Wynette Miller, 37, of Jefferson County, was arrested February 18 and charged with unemployment compensation fraud. Bond was set at \$250 and she bonded out of jail the same day.

Jacob Waters, 22, of Jefferson County, was arrested February 18 and charged with driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$500 and he bonded out of jail the same day.

David Austin Rigdon, 23, of Crawfordville, FL, was arrested February 19 and charged with violation of probation on an outstanding Franklin County warrant for his arrest. He was turned over to Franklin County authorities February 21 to face

charges there.

Warren Maurice Allen, 39, of Monticello, was arrested February 19 and charged with two counts of burglary of a dwelling and two counts of grand theft. A total bond of \$30,000 was set and he remained at the County Jail February 23.

Stephanie M. Langdon, 21, of Tallahassee, was arrested February 19 and charged with driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$500 and she bonded out of jail the same day.

Timothy Peterson, 60, of Monticello was sentenced in court February 20 to serve one year and one day in the Florida Department of Corrections on the charges violation of probation on the charge of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon; and violation of probation on the charge of aggravated assault with a firearm. He remained at the County Jail February 23 awaiting transport to the DOC Reception Center.

George West, 51, of Tallahassee, was sentenced in court February 20 to serve 18 months in the Florida Department of Corrections on the charge of burglary of an unoccupied dwelling. He remained at the County Jail February 23 awaiting transport to the DOC Reception Center.

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# Jefferson County Living

## American Business Women Meet Tuesday

**DEBBIE SNAPP**  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

Silver Dome Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will meet at 6 p.m. on February 28 at the Hilton Garden Inn located at 1330 Blair Stone Road in Tallahassee. The cost of this Tuesday evening meeting and dinner is \$20. Contact Ann Walker, Hospitality Chair / Fundraising Committee, at 850-556-4729.

The meeting will include a brief business update on the progress of the club to date and the group will celebrate the chapter's 38<sup>th</sup> year. This is a great opportunity for chapter members to invite one person they think could be a potential member of the

Silver Dome Chapter. So, plan to bring your business information and network with a great group of women in business.

It's a fact that people who read business books make more money... a lot more, even in tough economic times. According to a number of studies, business people who read at least seven business books a year earn over 2.3 times more than those who read only one book per year.

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help your team and your company the best way to not only safeguard your career, but to help it grow? Where can you find a stream of new and practical ideas to drive your success? From the world's business experts.

How? Many of them have written books offering their proven strategies and winning ideas. The problem... who has time to do all that reading? A study by Bersin & Associates found that while 74.9 percent of all managers understand the correlation between reading and competitive advantage, they simply don't have the time to read more books. This is directly impacting their careers... and incomes.

The solution... the American Business Women's Association has teamed up with 'The Business Source' to offer the 'Business Book Summary Program', concise summaries of books you need to read. Each month, learn best practices and get powerful insights from leading-edge thinkers, industry experts and renowned business gurus. The summaries take just 15 minutes to read or listen to and you get two summaries monthly, so your total time investment is only 30 minutes a month.

For more information about ABWA and the services offered, contact Silver Dome Chapter President Von Holmes at 850-212-7373. The membership will be happy to have you join for a wonderful time of fun, information and fellowship.

## A VALENTINE RIDDLE AT THREE SISTERS



Three Sisters Restaurant held a 'Valentines Murder Riddle Dinner' on Saturday evening, February 18, 2012 in its newly renovated facility. The riddle was solved and all enjoyed the dinner. All agreed... this was a fun way to spend the Valentine's Day holiday. For your special occasion, call to reserve at 850-321-7102.



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## Community Health Fair Saturday

Casa Bianca Missionary Baptist Church Women of Promise Ministry will host a community health fair on Saturday, February 25.

The event will be held at the church from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and is FREE and open to all who wish to attend. The church is located on Highway 259 at 1097 Waukeenah Highway.

to attend this important and free community event. It's an event that you don't want to miss. There will be prize drawings!

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The public is invited

## COMMUNITY AGENCIES WORKING FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY

Jefferson County Community Coalition will meet from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 28, at the Jefferson County RJ Bailar Public Library in Monticello. The agenda will begin with a welcome, introductions and sign in followed with review and approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.

There will be a time for agency sharing and the Whole Child Technical Forum. The program will be a continuation of the Healthy Smart Day event. Representatives from area agencies is very much needed at this meeting so plans for a successful Healthy Smart Day event can be made.

The next County Community Coalition meeting is scheduled for March 27. For questions and concerns contact Cindy Hutto at [cjhutto@healthys-tartjmt.org](mailto:cjhutto@healthys-tartjmt.org) or call 850-948-2741.

**APPLY FOR HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION BEFORE MARCH 1, 2012**

A reminder from  
Angela Gray, Property Appraiser

If you've had any change in home ownership in the last year, make sure you apply for Homestead Exemption by March 1, 2012.

Applicants need two forms of Florida identification (driver's license, voter registration card, vehicle tag numbers) **listing the current address** along with the Social Security numbers of all applicants.

Apply by visiting the Property Appraiser's Office at 480 W. Walnut St. between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Mon. - Fri. For further information or appointments call the Jefferson County Property Appraiser's Office 997-3356 or visit [jeffersonpa.net](http://jeffersonpa.net).

# Jefferson County Living

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**FEBRUARY 24**  
 'Let's Talk Garden' workshop at Tupelo's on Friday morning from 9 to 10. This free informal discussion will be led by Margie Cole, owner of Holly Hill Farm, grower of USDA Certified Organic vegetable transplants right here in Jefferson County. The focus will be on organic vegetable gardening for beginners and all gardeners are welcome. Vegetable plants from Holly Hill Farm will be available for purchase from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information contact Cole at 850-09-1768 or cole32344@yahoo.com

**FEBRUARY 24**  
 Rotary meets at 12 p.m. on Friday at the First Presbyterian Church in the fellowship hall for lunch and a meeting with a program and speaker. Contact President John Lilly at 850-342-0187 for more information.

**FEBRUARY 24**  
 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.

**FEBRUARY 24, 25**  
 The romantic comedy 'Nobody's Perfect' opens at the Monticello Opera House on Friday and Saturday. The play is directed by Jan and Jack Williams. Judy Turner is the stage manager and Denise Tosado is the props master. The play will be presented in the downstairs reception area of the Monticello Opera House, in an intimate dinner theater setting. Dinner is at 7 p.m. and the show is at 8 p.m. Ticket cost is \$35 with discounts for Opera House members. Reservations will be needed for the dinner, so contact the Opera House at 850-997-4242 or go to www.monticellooperahouse.org

**FEBRUARY 25-29**  
 Celebration of African American Art at the Jefferson Arts from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the gallery on Wednesdays and Saturdays, or by appointment; located at 575 West Washington Street, in downtown Monticello. Call 850-997-3311 for more information. There is no charge and the gift shop will be open. This exhibition will run through February.

**FEBRUARY 27**  
 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.alate.en.org

**FEBRUARY 27**  
 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.

**FEBRUARY 27**  
 Alzheimer's and Dementia Support Group is held 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the fourth Monday of every month at First United Methodist Church in the Family Ministry Center on West Walnut Street in Monticello. A light lunch will be served. This is a free monthly program. Call the Alzheimer's Project at 850-386-2778 for more information or 850-997-5545 for directions.

**FEBRUARY 27**  
 Martin Luther King Community Center meets 6 p.m. on the last Monday of each month at the MLK Center. Contact Charles Parrish at 850-997-3760 for more information.

**FEBRUARY 28**  
 AA classes are held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. for those seeking help. The classes are held at the Harvest Christian Center, 1599 Springholow Road. Contact Marvin Graham, pastor, at 850-212-7669 for more information.

**FEBRUARY 29**  
 Monticello Kiwanis Club meets every Wednesday at noon at the Jefferson Country Club on the Boston Highway for lunch, a program and a meeting. Contact President Rob Beshears at 850-

997-5054 for more information.

**FEBRUARY 28**  
 Jefferson County Shared Services, an entity of the Healthy Start Coalition of Jefferson, Madison & Taylor Counties meets at 9:30 a.m. on the last Tuesday of each month at the Jefferson County Bailor Public Library. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this very informative community meeting. This is an opportunity for agencies to share services. Agenda items will include agency sharing and a Whole Child Technical Forum. For more information about these meetings, or to be a speaker at any of these meetings, contact Cindy Hutto, business manager, at cjhutto@healthystartjmt.org or 850-948-2741. Community Agencies Working for Jefferson County.

**FEBRUARY 28**  
 Triple L Club (LLL) will meet for a program and luncheon at 10:30 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday at

First Baptist Church Monticello. A program, potluck luncheon and good Christian fellowship will be provided. Contact President Ethel Strickland at 850-509-9445 for more information.

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 Sunday-7:40  
 Wed-Thurs-7:40

**Ghost Rider (PG13)**  
 Friday-4:10-7:10  
 Saturday-4:10-7:10  
 Sunday-4:10-7:10  
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**Ghost Rider 3D (PG13)**  
 Friday-9:40  
 Saturday-1:15-9:40  
 Sunday-1:15  
 Mon-Thurs-7:10  
 NO PASSES

**Safe House (R)**  
 Friday-4:20-7:05-9:50  
 Saturday-1:30-4:20-7:05-9:50  
 Sunday-1:30-4:20-7:05  
 Mon-Thurs-7:05

**The Vow (PG13)**  
 Friday-4:05-7:15-10:00  
 Saturday-1:10-4:05-7:15-10:00  
 Sunday-1:10-4:05-7:15  
 Mon-Thurs-7:15

**Journey 2 (PG)**  
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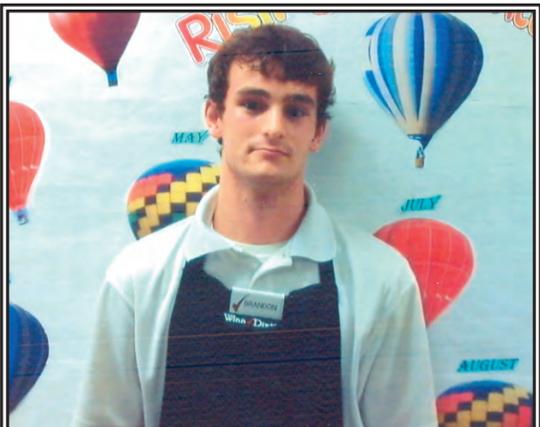
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 Sunday-12:55-3:15-5:20-7:35  
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**Tyler Perry's Good Deeds (PG13)**  
 Friday-4:20-7:00-9:35  
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**Act of Valor (R)**  
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### Dunbar Recognized By Winn Dixie



Brandon Dunbar has been recognized as the February 2012 Winn Dixie Employee of the Month by the store personnel. He is a bagger at the front registers and has been employed since December 23, 2009.

### Cat, The Penthouse Kitty Of Pearl Street

**FRAN HUNT**  
 ECB Publishing Staff Writer

Imagine taking a leisurely stroll down Pearl Street and you suddenly glance up and there is a cat on the roof of a two-story home at 960 East Pearl Street and the cat is loudly meowing at you. Oh no! A cat in distress! She's trapped on the roof and can't get down. She's calling for you to help her. What do

you do? Do you knock on the door and tell the owner to get a ladder that the cat is trapped on the roof? Do you try to grab cat food off the front porch and attempt to scale the front porch to lure the kitty down? Do you panic and begin frantically crying? Do you call the fire department to come and get her down? Oh, what to do? Just say hello, that's just Cat, the penthouse kitty

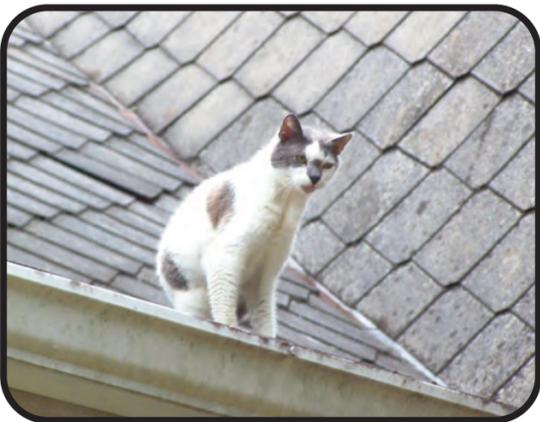
of Pearl Street. Those reactions are just a few of the reactions seen by Cat's owner, Bonnie Parmer. She explained that Cat, 15, likes it on the roof. "We lived for 10 years in Oyster Bay and our home was 22 feet off the ground," she said. "Cat would walk around on the banisters all the time. We moved here in 2003 and the feral cats of the neighborhood would fight her and she developed abscesses from the wounds. She didn't want to get into any more scraps, so she took to the roof."

Cat is part Siamese, which accounts for the loud meowing and she is a very social kitty. "When people walk by and she starts meowing at them, she's not calling for help, she's just saying hello. And if you talk to her, she will hold a conversation with you," said Parmer.

Observing Cat on the roof, she does seem quite content up there, sleep-

ing under the eaves, walking across the roof and stopping from time to time to wash her face. So how does Cat get on the roof? "There is a ladder out back and she uses it to go up and down," said Parmer. "She comes down long enough to eat or go to the bathroom then she will climb the ladder and get back up there. That's her penthouse."

So if you're strolling in the area of 960 East Pearl Street, be sure to look for Cat and say hello to the social penthouse kitty of Pearl Street.



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 Walk past 960 East Pearl Street and look up to the roof for Cat, the social Penthouse kitty of Pearl Street.

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## American Legion Events For The Community

American Legion Post 49 and Auxiliary along with Cub Scout Pack 808 have a few activities coming up that are both exciting and helpful. The events will be held at the Otto Walker Post 49 on South Water St.

The first is a coupon collection for our military families serving overseas. The collection is managed by Basil Perkins and his daughter Brenda Mitchem. They are collecting coupons and sending them to various families around the world.

Any coupons can be used, even if they are as much as six months outdated. A personal connection is established with the families who receive them. Presently, there are two recipient families in Germany and one in Japan. More families will receive the coupons as more are collected. Coupons for all kinds of products, from food and clothing to pet supplies, to all sorts of items that are available in the post exchanges in the various countries

are highly desirable.

This program has several advantages. It helps the families. It establishes contact with persons who are serving all of us, and it even helps the economy by making it possible for more American products to be sold. As more families join the program and more is learned about them, the coupons sent are designed specifically for those families. For instance, if the family has children, coupons are sent for toys and children's clothing. If they have pets, pet supplies and foods are targeted for them along with the basic packets.

If you would like to participate, collect coupons and put them in the box that has been put in the parking lot of the American Legion Post on Water Street. It is a black box on the power pole, placed at a height for drivers to put their coupons in the box without having to get out of their cars. Or, deliver them to the box in the Shell station on West Washington Street.

For more information, contact Basil Perkins at 850-997 5456.

The second important activity, a fundraiser and membership drive, planned for Saturday, March 3. The day will begin with a giant yard sale, planned for both inside and outside the post hall. Table rentals are \$10 for inside and \$5 for outside.

Along with the yard sale, the Bloodmobile will be in attendance. Donors are truly needed in order to get the Bloodmobile to come. At least 30 potential donors' registrations are needed. Donors may be as young as 16, if a parent is with them. Controlled diabetes and iron issues are still acceptable. It is recommended that donors eat a hearty breakfast and drink plenty of water before donating. All donors will receive a free tee shirt.

In addition to the Bloodmobile and the yard sale, a barbecued chicken dinner with all the fixin's will be served.

The Cub Scouts will hold a cake sale in conjunction with the dinner. If you would like to help the children with their bake sale, bring some baked goods for the Cubs to sell, or come and purchase.

The dinner menu will consist of chicken, potato salad, cole slaw, baked beans, rolls and a drink. Not only will the meal be delicious and plentiful, but also the price is incredible! Adults are \$8. Children under 10 are \$5. Veterans are \$4. Persons who are eligible for membership in any of the Legion groups and who sign up at the Membership Drive table will receive a Free Dinner.

Tickets are available from any Legion, Auxiliary, or Sons of the Legion member. For more information contact Commander Frank Kolb at 850-491-1262 or lonesalor84@aol.com or Adjutant Ron Slik at 850-997-8103 or santaslik@embarqmail.com



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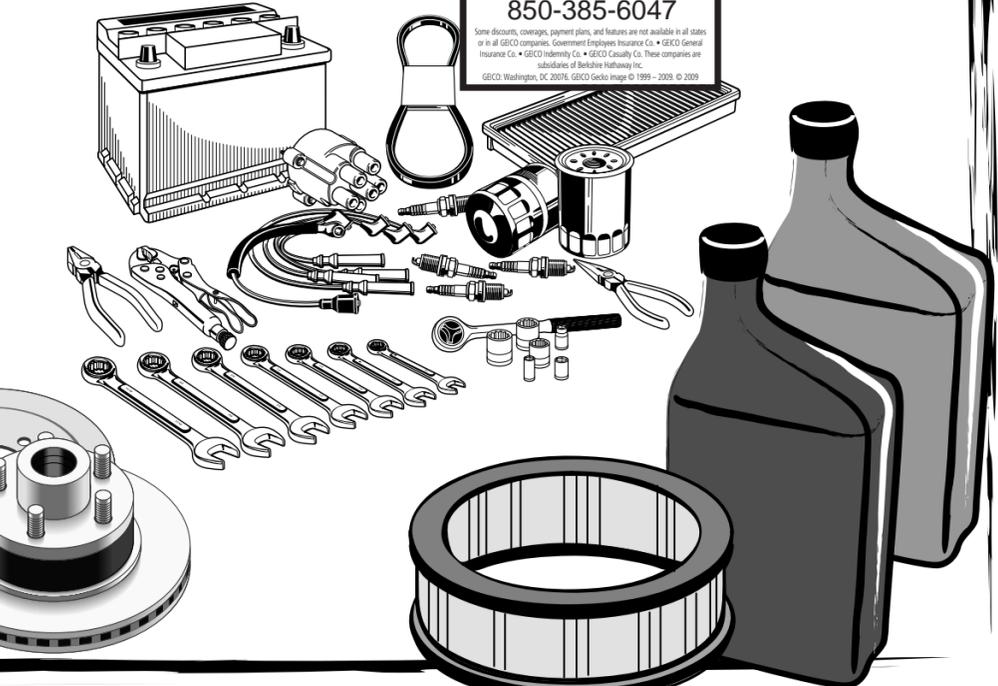
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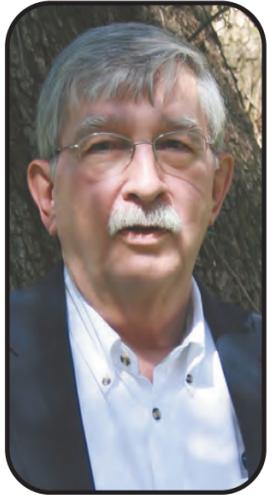
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# School & Education



Ed Vollertsen, District 1

## YOU'RE INVITED!

The Jefferson County Parent Involvement Committee would like to invite you to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Jefferson County School Board Parent Pep Rally for District 1 (Ed Vollertsen) on Monday, February 27.

The meeting will be held at New Bethel AME Church, located at 6496 Ashville Highway east of Monticello, from 6 to 7 p.m.

Come 'meet and greet' your school superintendent, school board member(s) and new federal programs specialist. Members of the Parent Involvement Committee will be on-hand to provide information on parent involvement, present information on the Title I Program, update everyone on upcoming activities to be held at Jefferson Elementary School and at Jefferson County Middle High School and to hear your questions and comments on the education of your child.

Door prizes will be raffled and refreshments will be served following the meeting. If you have any questions or concerns related to this event contact Vicki Boland or Edna Henry, with the Jefferson County School Board, at 850-342-0100.

## Eric Evans Recognized By School Board

The Jefferson County School Board recently recognized Eric Evans as its 'Volunteer of the Month.'

Evans' is a 2010 graduate of Jefferson County Middle High School, where he received the 'Principal's Award.' He has volunteered in the Jefferson County School System since sixth

grade. He is now attending Tallahassee Community College, after which he will transfer to Flagler University to attain a degree in Education.

He is a faithful and active member of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, where he serves in several capacities. He is the son of Katie Evans and John

Grayer, Sr. both of Monticello.

His hard work and dedication as a volunteer for the public schools has most certainly made an impact on the students and the staff. "We are proud to have Mr. Evans as a volunteer and it is an honor for us to recognize him as the Volunteer of the Month."



## 2011 FALL DEAN'S LIST FOR THE MADISON OFFICE OF SAINT LEO UNIVERSITY

The Madison Office of Saint Leo University released the Dean's List of students with high academic achievement for the Fall 2011 terms. These students completed at least 12 credit hours and received a GPA of 3.65 or higher. Thirty-two students from the Madison Office are on the Dean's List for the Fall 2011 terms.

Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration, Specialization:

### Management

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Tamisha Mordica  
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Elisabeth Schaffer

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Katie Miller  
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## Residents Run To Fight Breast Cancer

FRAN HUNT  
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Staff Writer

Several county residents, including three members of the Aucilla Christian Academy cross country team, ran recently to help fight breast cancer and raise funds for research. They ran Sunday, February 12 in Jacksonville in the "26-2 marathon run with Donna." For all of the local residents, this was their very first marathon run.

One hundred percent of all the proceeds raised from the event will go toward breast cancer research and finding a cure.

Local residents participating in the 26-2 were ACA cross country team members Carson Nennstiel, Anna Finlayson and Elizabeth Riley, who ran the entire 26.2 miles and completed the run. Residents Debbie Hall, Mary Ritter, Lisa Jackson, Katherine Dickey, Leigh Dalzell, Monica Blount and Mary Beth Finlayson, ran the half course and all completed it.

Altogether there were approximately 10,000 runners participating, including over 1,000 in the full course, over 5,000 in the half course and the remaining 4,000 in the 5-K run.

All runners completing the division they were entered in were awarded a medal.

In the full course, Anna Finlayson finished with five hours and 14 minutes. Carson Nennstiel finished with five hours and 43 minutes and Elizabeth Riley finished in six hours and 11 minutes.

ACA Cross Country Coach Dan Nennstiel said of the marathon, "It was extremely cold and that got to the runners worse than the course did. It was 20 degrees at 5 a.m. and the marathon had a 6:30 a.m. start. It was a very nice event and very well organized. The marathon started at the Mayo Clinic, ran down along the beach and then back to the Mayo Clinic," he said. "In the last four and a half miles of the race, I ran with Carson to help encourage him to finish. He was just looking so tired. It was awesome and very rewarding to run with him as support. They had originally planned to stay together, but Elizabeth would tell them when they hung behind for her to go ahead, so they eventually split up."

In the half course, Leigh Dalzell and Monica Blount finished with two hours and 38 minutes. Lisa Jackson, Debbie Hall, Mary Ritter and Katherine Dickey all finished with three hours and 24 minutes. Stacy Adams and Mary Beth Finlayson finished the half marathon with three hours and 50 minutes.

All involved are proud of their accomplishment in finishing the marathon, but they felt even better about being able to help fight in the battle to cure breast cancer.

The 26.1 with Donna marathon was created by news anchor Donna Deegan.

She is involved in a number of community organizations in Jacksonville and is the founder of two charitable organizations. After a diagnosis with the breast cancer, she talked with many women who simply couldn't make ends meet while they were undergoing treatment for the disease and as a result, she created The Donna Foundation. The Foundation provides the necessary funds to meet the critical needs of First Coast women living with breast cancer.

As an avid marathoner, Deegan was inspired to establish the annual race 26.2 with Donna: The National Marathon to Finish Breast Cancer. 26.2 with Donna is the only marathon in the country that is dedicated exclusively to raising funds for breast cancer research and care. One hundred percent of the proceeds go directly to breast cancer research at Mayo Clinic and to women living with breast cancer through The Donna Foundation.

Deegan is now a three-time breast cancer survivor and she's still running.



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### The Week Of February 24-March 1, 2012

**Moon Phases:**  
 • Full Moon: Feb. 7 • New Moon: Feb. 21  
 • Last Qtr: Feb. 14 • First Qtr: March 1

Friday February 24	Saturday February 25	Sunday February 26
*12:45 AM 6:55 AM *1:10 PM 7:30 PM	*1:30 AM 7:45 AM *1:55 PM 8:10 PM	*2:20 AM 8:30 AM *2:40 PM 8:55 PM
Monday February 27	Tuesday February 28	Wednesday February 29
*3:10 AM 9:20 AM *3:30 PM 9:45 PM	*3:55 AM 10:05 AM *4:20 PM 10:30 PM	*4:50 AM 11:00 AM *5:10 PM *1:25 AM
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For more than 30 years, Tree City USA has supported community forestry across Florida, and planting these lovely redbuds will add to this important tree-planting tradition."

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dation's colorful bimonthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book, which contains information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE EASTERN REDBUD TREES, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by February 29, 2012, or visit [arborday.org/February](http://arborday.org/February).



Douglas and Ronnie Walker with award for High-Quality Milk Production.

## Public Meeting On Regional Water Supply Issues To Be Held March 7

Two water management districts and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will host a public meeting March 7 to bring stakeholders together to discuss water supply issues in north Florida.

The meeting will be an opportunity to share progress made and projects planned as part of the North Florida Regional Water Supply Partnership (Partnership) — an initiative to protect natural resources and ensure cost-effective and sustainable water supplies. A website with details about the Partnership was launched today at [www.northflorida-water.com](http://www.northflorida-water.com). The website will be updated regularly on the progress of the Partnership and upcoming meetings.

The St. Johns River and Suwannee River water management districts and DEP will also announce at the meeting the formation of a stakeholder committee that will serve in an advisory capacity to the districts and DEP. The committee will include representatives of groups and entities from throughout

the region. Input will be sought at the meeting on potential committee members.

The meeting will be held from 6-8 p.m. at Alachua City Hall at 15100 N.W. 142nd Terrace, Alachua.

"The districts and DEP have been working closely together on north Florida's regional water supply issues," said Hans G. Tanzler III, executive director of the St. Johns District. "We've made progress and it's now time to further involve our stakeholders as we continue our forward momentum."

Tanzler and Suwannee District Assistant Executive Director Charlie Houder in February and March are meeting with 13 north Florida county commissions to engage them in the Partnership.

"Partnerships are critical to protecting our shared water resources," Houder said. "Through our work with St. Johns, DEP and the communities and stakeholders throughout the region, we will ensure long-term, sustainable water supplies."

"Getting Florida's water right, in terms of water quality and water

supply, is crucial to the future of our state and one of our top priorities at DEP," said DEP Deputy Secretary for Water Policy and Ecosystem Restoration Greg Munson. "The North Florida Regional Water Supply Partnership is a great step to helping us better understand and manage our water resources, and we look forward to partnering with the water management districts, local governments, and other stakeholders to ensure a sustainable water supply."

Some elements of the Partnership include:

- Developing a shared tool to predict and assess water resource impacts
- Studying the regional groundwater decline in north Florida
- Creating consistency and coordination in setting minimum flows and levels
- Collecting and sharing science-based data
- Developing a regional water supply plan
- Forming the stakeholder committee to ensure that stakeholders have a meaningful opportunity to provide input

## Walker & Sons Dairy Recognized As Top Quality Milk Producers

Walker & Sons Dairy of Monticello received the highest award for milk quality in Florida recently at the annual membership meeting of Southeast Milk, Inc. The award was based on the milk quality in 2011 of all Florida members of the cooperative.

Walker & Sons is owned and operated by brothers Douglas and Ronnie Walker. A top priority of this family team has always been to produce and ship a quality product. This requires following proper milking procedures, maintaining healthy cows in safe, comfortable surroundings and keeping milking equipment in the highest degree of cleanliness and sanitation.

The Walkers take great pride in producing a high quality product for consumers. Every day, seven days a week, 365 days a year, the Walkers take the time and use the resources and research available to assure the quality remains constant. "The key to producing quality milk is to be consistent every day" is the favorite saying of Douglas Walker.

That diligence and attention to detail won them top honors among Florida dairymen at the meeting a few weeks ago in Ocala. In presenting the award, Southeast Milk Director of Member Services Maggie Murphy, commented that Walker Farms is "perennially on the list of high quality producers." This year, they topped it.

Southeast Milk, Inc. is the predominant milk-marketing cooperative in the southeast based in Belleview, Florida.

## HOLLY HILL FARM CERTIFIED ORGANIC

'Let's Talk Garden' workshop will be open free to the public on Friday morning February 24, from 9 to 10 a.m. at Tupelo's Bakery & Café. An informal

discussion will be led by Margie Cole, owner of Holly Hill Farm and grower of USDA Certified Organic vegetable transplants right here in Jefferson County.

The focus of this workshop will be on organic vegetable gardening for beginners; all gardeners are welcome. Vegetable plants from Holly Hill Farm will be available for purchase from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information contact Margie Cole at 850-509-1768 or go to [cole32344@yahoo.com](mailto:cole32344@yahoo.com)

Want to support the local animal shelter and a local business at the same time? Stop by Wag the Dog this Saturday, February 25

between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. for USDA Certified Organic vegetable plants from Holly Hill Farm and a portion of the sales will go directly to the Jefferson County Humane Society.

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## Sustainable Farming Workshop Series Continues At Green Industries Institute

**"The Right Tool for the Right Job" workshop Feb. 25 at Green Industries in Monticello**

Do you have a plot of land that you'd like to grow food on, but aren't sure what equipment you need to get started? Are you looking for ways to spend less time weeding and seeding in your garden? Come learn about which tools and equipment are right for your farm or garden at the next class in the Sustainable Farming Workshop Series — "The Right Tool for the Right Job" — at North Florida Community College's Green Industries Institute on Saturday, Feb. 25 in Monticello, Fla. The three-hour workshop taught by Full Earth Farm's Aaron Suko will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 12 p.m.

"One of the most intimidating parts of starting a farm is deciding what kind of equipment to buy," said Claire Mitchell, Sustainable Agriculture Programs Manager at Green Industries. "Mr. Suko has already gone through that process of figuring out which tools and equipment make his farm most efficient, and can share that information with others looking to get started growing on their land."

The workshop will explore tools and techniques Suko and his partner, Katie Harris, have found to be useful,

focusing on tilling, planting, and cultivating on their two-acre sustainable CSA farm, and also addressing specialty harvesting tools for certain crops. Participants will get the chance to try out some of the tools from Full Earth Farm's own collection on the Green Industries vegetable garden to decide which tools are most useful for their growing operation.

NFCC offers its Sustainable Farming workshops on various Saturdays up through the end of May, 2012. Upcoming courses include, Sustainable Community Gardening Seminar on March 3 and 10, Florida Friendly Fruit on March 24, Building Birdhouses to Attract Native Birds on March 31, and Wildflowers for Garden and Farm on May 12. Workshops are \$25 and participants are asked to pre-register online at <http://nfcc.edu/green-industries/sustainable-farming-workshops>

Green Industries Institute is located at 2729 W Washington St on Highway 90, just three miles west of downtown Monticello. For more information, please call (850) 973-1701 or email Claire Mitchell at [mitchell@nfcc.edu](mailto:mitchell@nfcc.edu).

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