



National Study Gives Florida C- In Transparency, Accountability

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Care to know how Florida state government stacks up against other state governments across the country in terms of transparency, accountability and anti-corruption mechanisms?

A collaborative, first-of-its-kind, data-driven, months-long investigation by the Center for Public Integrity, Public Radio International and Global Integrity ranked Florida 18th out of the 50 states, with a score 71 percent, or an overall grade of C-.

Not a single state earned an A, according to the Center for Public Integrity. At that, five states received Bs, 19 got Cs, 18 got Ds, and five received Fs. The five Bs went to New Jersey, Connecticut, Washington, California and Nebraska. The eight Fs went to North Dakota, Michigan, South Carolina, Maine, Virginia, Wyoming, South Dakota and Georgia.

In fact, the picture that emerged from the State Integrity Investigation was a discouraging one, according to the Center of Public Integrity. The report's expressed view is that state governments "are largely doing a poor job of delivering transparency and accountability to their citizenry", and that "state-houses remain ripe for corruption and self-dealing."

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Miss and Teen Miss Watermelon Queen Pageant Slated For June 9 • 7:00 p.m.

Baby to Tween Pageant June 9 • 10:00 a.m.

Applications Now Being Accepted



The Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that the Watermelon Festival Pageants will be held on June 9, at the old Jefferson County High School auditorium, located on South Water Street. This marks the second year the event is being chaired by Emerald Greene. This year's pageants will include age divisions from birth through 24 years old.

The Baby to Tween pageant will be held on June 9 at 10 a.m. The age divisions are: 0-11 months old (separate division for boys and girls); 12-23 months old (separate division for boys and girls); 2-3 years old (separate division for boys and girls); 4-6 years old; 7-9 years old; and 10-12 years old. Each girl/boy will compete in the "formal wear" competition only.

The Teen Miss Watermelon and Miss Watermelon pageant will be held at 7 p.m. on June 9.

The Teen Miss Watermelon division is for girls ages 13-15 years old. Each young lady will compete in sportswear, and an evening gown competition.

The Miss Watermelon Queen division is for girls ages 16-24. The Miss contestants will be judged during a private interview, a sportswear competition and an evening gown competition.

Every contestant will receive a trophy and the queens in each division will receive a crown, trophy and sash.

There is a \$50 entry fee to enter the pageant. The deadline to enter the pageant is May 4. Applications may be picked up at the Monticello/ Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce, Buggy's Bling and the Monticello News Office.

For more information please contact the pageant chairman, Emerald Greene, at 997-3568, or 973-4141, or 973-3497.

LOCAL OUTDOORSMAN GETS OWN TV SHOW

(Charlie Ward Hosts 'The Outdoorsman Table')

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How's this for a must-see television show: a semi-weekly program focusing on the great outdoors, natural foods, healthy living and featuring Jefferson County's own native son and quintessential outdoorsman, Charlie Ward.

Titled the "The Outdoorsman Table - Cuisine of the Fare Chase", the 30-minute shows will air on the Pursuit Channel every Sunday and Wednesday at 6 p.m. and 7 a.m. respectively, beginning this Sunday, April 1. That's Channel 240 on Dish TV and Channel 608 on Direct TV. (The first show, a sneak preview, actually aired on Wednesday morning, March 28.)

As Ward explains it, each show will focus on a different part of the country (including Jefferson County, north Florida and South Georgia); explore the hunting, fishing and

food-gathering opportunities in these locations; and offer savory ideas and recipes for the best preparation of the freshly harvested game and plants.

Meaning that each show will be divided into three segments, identified as the gathering, the preparation, and the lifestyle component.

The gathering may entail anything from pompano fishing off the Gulf Coast of Florida, to elk hunting in the rugged mountains of Montana, to fruit-and-nut picking in the woodlands of north Florida/South Georgia.

The preparation, meanwhile, will feature Ward and friends — many of them well-known chefs — preparing their favorite dishes from the freshly harvested wild game and fruits and vegetables. Whenever possible, the food preparation will be filmed right on location.

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Charlie Ward, shown here on left at a recent fundraiser at the Monticello Opera with Mary Frances Gramling and brother David Ward, is the host of new television show that promotes natural and healthy living. The program airs on the Pursuit Channel, a network dedicated to outdoor enthusiasts.

PATRIOTS YOU ARE CALLED TO DUTY WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

Operation Patriotism invites all to become a part of its program to help better serve our military personnel and their families.

Donate your time and give back to those who have protected you and your families.

Volunteers will work closely with state, federal and military officials to identify and ensure that no service



member past or present will be left homeless, go hungry or be without a job.

Volunteers will see that no veteran will be alone in hospitals and nursing facilities by making regular visits; and military gravesites will be dressed with American and military flags on Veteran's Day

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BAND VISITS SAVANNAH; ST. AUGUSTINE IS NEXT

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It wasn't exactly the trip that Jefferson County Community Marching Band founder/director Derrick Jennings envisioned making when he decided to have his group participate in the St. Patrick's Day parade in Savannah, GA, on Saturday, March 17.

Even so, the experience apparently proved meaningful and memorable enough to the 28 band members who got to make the trip, even if they didn't get to stay overnight in the historic city.

"Overall, the kids enjoyed it," Jennings said last week. "They also got to learn about the history of Savannah."

The way Jennings envisioned it, the group would arrive in Savannah on the Saturday

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Photo by Laz Aleman,
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Band Director Derrick Jennings and Drum Major Antonio Rollison show the plaque, certificate and awards that the group received for its participation in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah, GA, on March 17.

CONGRESSMAN TO HOLD TOWN HALL MEETING HERE ON TUESDAY, APRIL 3RD

District 2 Congressman Steve Southerland is scheduled to hold a town hall meeting in Jefferson County on Tuesday afternoon, April 3, at the courthouse annex on Walnut Street.

The forum takes place 3 to 4 p.m. and is open to the public. Citizens are encouraged to attend and address their questions or concerns to the congressman, who will likely give an update on happenings in Washington D.C.

The annex is located at 345 Walnut Street, one block south of US 90 and adjacent Water Street.

For more information, call Lori Hutto at (850) 561-3979 in Southerland's Tallahassee office or email her at lori.hutto@mail.house.gov.



April Declared Water Conservation Month

In light of the continuing drought, the governing board of the Northwest Florida Water Management District (NFWFMD) last week declared April water conservation month and is urging residents to take steps to conserve water during the month.

The NFWFMD ex-

tends from Escambia to the western portion of Jefferson County.

"Everyone is urged to voluntarily reduce water use as much as possible, NFWFMD Executive Director Douglas E. Barr is quoted saying.

Barr noted that severe to moderate drought conditions now

extend across the District's 16 counties, with monthly rainfall totals below normal for months.

Among the water conservation measures that the district is urging: Wash vehicles and pets on the grass, turn

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CHURCH NEWS NOTES

MARCH 31
Welaunee Missionary Baptist Church members, officers and Pastor Elder Herbert R. Thomas Sr invite the community to come and witness the License of Bro. Everett Allen at 6 p.m. on Saturday at the church location, 75 Avalon Side Road in Lamont. For more information call 850-997-4517.

APRIL 1
Solomon Court #86 Heroines of Jericho of Monticello invite the

Central Church of Christ
1519 South at Cooper's Pond Road 997-1166
Carl Desmartin, Minister
Sunday:
10 AM Bible School
11 AM Worship Hour
Wednesday:
7 PM Bible Study

Galatians 1:11-12
For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man's gospel. (12) For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

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

community to celebrate Palm Sunday and its 63rd Anniversary at 4 p.m. The celebration will be held at the Greater Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church. For more information contact Elouise H. Livingston at 850-352-3389 or 850-661-2332.

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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 eagleswingmonticello@yahoo.com or www.firstpresbyterianmonticello.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.

APRIL 5
Bible Study is held at 7 p.m. every Thursday at the Lloyd Woman's Club. Join with Elder Linda D. Ross for an evening of Christian faith. For more information contact her at 850-322-3424.

APRIL 6
First United Methodist Church will host a Tenebrae Service at 7 p.m. on Good Friday. This will be a service by Words

and Music and is open to the community.

APRIL 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.

APRIL 8
Mt. Zion AME Church in Lloyd and Pastor Rev. Dr. Edward R. Scott will host Sunrise Service at 6 a.m. on Easter Sunday. The event is an annual joint service with the Mt. Ararat AME Church in Waukeenah and Pastor Rev. Margaret Brown and St. Phillip AME Church and Pastor Rev. JW Tisdale. Join in the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. For more information call 850-997-2929.

APRIL 8
Transforming Life Church will hold its Easter Drama 'All Things New' at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday at 1206 Springfield Road, in the Lloyd area. You can have new life right now. This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun. Admit that you need forgiveness; Believe in Jesus for salvation; Confess Jesus as your Lord. For more information call 850-997-TLC7 or go to TransformingLifeChurch.com or Transforming@live.com.

APRIL 13-14
Prayer Summit pre-

sented by Prophetess Katabia Henry Ministries Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. nightly at Springfield AME Church at 1732 Piney Woods Road. This 'Don't Stop Praying' event will feature Prophetess Pamela Kelly with Lion of Judah Wailing Women International on Friday and Dr. YaQuana McCall with I Speak Life Global Ministries on Saturday. Increase in your prayer life; learn and participate in corporate prayer and intercession; and experience the power of the Most High God on a personal level through prayer. Elder Stefon McBride, pastor. For more information call 850-241-6043.

APRIL 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 8 to 9 a.m. usually on the fourth Saturday at the New Bethel AME Church located at 6496 Ashville Highway. Volunteers are also welcome to come on Friday evening at 6:30 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.



Holy Week Services Begin On Monday

Holy Week Services will be held on April 2 through April 6 at the First Presbyterian Church on Dogwood Street in downtown Monticello. A different speaker and special music will be offered each day.

The week will begin at noon on Monday with a luncheon meal following the service and will continue the same on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. There will be no luncheon meal after the Friday service.

The Holy Week Services are sponsored by the Jefferson County Ministerial Association. A \$5 donation is requested for the meal and a donation of canned goods will be collected each day for the local food pantry.

Drop A Note To
Debbiesnapp@embarqmail.com

Jacki Seabrooks reminds me that the Community Friends will host a fish dinner sale from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 31 at the Northside Laundromat located at 785 East Cypress Street in Monticello. Diners will include fish, cole slaw, baked beans and hush puppies. The cost of a dinner is \$8. If you have any questions about this event call Frank at 850-509-7506.

President/Main Street of Monticello, Florida, Inc. Margie Stern wishes to inform the community and friends to watch the Charlie Ward Show (yes, brother to David) on Pursuit TV. The name of the show is 'Outdoors Man Table.' It airs at 6 p.m. on Sunday, April 1 and again at 7 a.m. on Wednesday, April 4. She says you can watch it on Channel 240 on Dish TV or Channel 608 on Direct TV. Please support the local community.

Help support Kids Incorporated of the Big Bend and its future needs. Kids Incorporated has established the Budd Bell Early Learning Endowment Fund at the Community Foundation of North Florida. Now it's possible to make a charitable gift that will help support current and future operations and programs. Contact the Community Foundation to learn how you can make an immediate or deferred contribution to our endowment fund. Additional information is available at jwatkins@cfnf.org or by calling 850-222-2899x104.

Leadership Tallahassee is hosting Building Better Boards on Tuesday, May 1 at the TCC Center for Workforce Development and UPHS is holding its 13th annual Conference for Excellence in Non-Profit Management & Leadership on Wednesday, May 2. For more information visit www.uphs.org.

The Kick Butts Day event and display held on Wednesday, March 21 was taken down on that following Friday. The objective of the display was to educate community members about the tobacco industries marketing practices to target youth through candy flavored tobacco products. 88 people in Florida die each day due tobacco related illness.

Jefferson County Relay For Life *Spring Fest will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 7 near Interstate 10 at 'A Stone's Throw RV Park.' Vendors are needed for a \$50 donation to the American Cancer Society. Admission to the public is free. There is an open invitation to any team that would like to do a cookout/food fundraiser at this event; the \$50 will be waived.

Other RFL events include: *\$5 Car Wash & \$5 Hot Dog Dinner, complete with fries and a drink, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 31 hosted by the Central Baptist Church Super Friends, in the Monticello News parking lot; *Smoked Chicken Dinner from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 4, hosted by the Jefferson County Health Department Team at the Health Department. The menu is completed with baked beans, cole slaw and a roll for \$6. The team is encouraging as many people as possible to purchase dinner tickets in advance. Call 850-342-0170; * Bake/Yard Sale at the Courthouse Circle parking lot on Saturday, April 14 beginning at 8 a.m. and hosted by the Central Baptist Church Super Friends; *Fish Fry at the Gulf Coast Lumber parking area on Saturday, April 21 and hosted by the Central Baptist Church Super Friends. Serving will begin at 11 a.m. and will last until the food runs out; *On Sunday, April 29 the Elizabeth Baptist Church X-Men will host a Donation Dinner after the 11 a.m. Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall. Come enjoy the service and stay for a great meal. Contact Mallory at mkinsey88@yahoo.com for more RFL events.

Letters To The Editor

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

MARCH IS RED CROSS MONTH

To The Editor:

March is Red Cross Month in recognition of the work done by the American Red Cross in the Big Bend Area and how we depend on local public support to help our neighbors in need.

Thanks to support from local individuals, organizations, and businesses here at home the Capital Area Chapter of the American Red Cross is able to respond to disasters both large and small; help local families after a flood or fire; assist members of the military, veterans, and their families; and teach lifesaving skills in our community.

We want to thank everyone in

the Big Bend whose generosity enables us to continue our work. You can help by making a local donation, becoming a volunteer, or taking a class.

Ninety-one cents of every dollar donated to the Chapter stays in our community and goes toward helping those whom we serve. Here in the Capital Area we respond on average to 3-5 disasters every week, mainly house fires right here in local neighborhoods, teach nearly 10,000 people lifesaving skills, and provide 24-hour support to local members of our armed forces and their families. The Red Cross is not a government agency and relies 100% on

local donations of time, talent, and money.

Red Cross Month is the perfect time for people to become a part of our local mission. Won't you help our neighbors in need by making a donation, becoming a volunteer, or taking a life-saving class? Please help us help those in need - please support the American Red Cross Capital Area Chapter.

Sincerely,
Jeanne Curtin
Chairman of the Board
American Red Cross Capital Area Chapter

A Man Is Still Innocent In This Country Until Proven Guilty

I am very sorry that Trayvon Martin is dead. But I have no idea what the facts in the case are. I therefore am not going to express any view with regard to the case. However, the emotional reaction to this event has been blown all out of proportion. Instead of waiting for the facts in the case many folks have called for the arrest of a Hispanic citizen and one

group has put out a contract on his life. Even the President has expressed an opinion on the case. The usual suspects, Al Sharpton and Jesse Jackson, have shown up to fan the flames of racial hatred. It happens every time. Spike Lee has tweeted the man's address.

Regardless of the facts, which have yet to come out, the Hispanic man deserves his day before our

justice system. A man is still innocent in this country until proven guilty. Let us all judge a man by the content of his character rather than the color of his skin. (Seems like I have heard that some place before???)

Charles E. McClellan

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The final element aims to bring the two preceding segments together and root the experience in natural and healthy living, emphasizing the connection between the two.

“Our show is about creating a lifestyle that supports aspects of living off the land and nature’s pantry,” Ward says. “An interested viewer can see a connection in the game we hunt and the lifestyle that is possible through proper foraging and gathering. Following the guidelines for preparation and harvesting, viewers can take their passion for the outdoors to a level that supports a vigorous lifestyle and a cuisine of the fare chase.”

A lifetime outdoorsman who shot his first turkey at age six (Ward credits his father, Dr. John Ward, for his love and appreciation of fishing and hunting), he has fished and hunted almost everywhere in this country, from Alaska to the Florida Keys. He has also trained national champion bird-dogs, participated in na-

tional field trials, and managed two large plantations in Jefferson County, where it was his job to lead private hunts and ensure the viability of the land and its wild game population through controlled burns, crop plantings and other land management practices.

Ward has since gone public and begun leading his own independent hunts by way of the Empress Rod & Gun Club, an exclusive, private sporting organization that utilizes two area plantations and offers hunting, fishing, and other sporting adventures throughout this country and the world.

Ward says the idea for the television show originated a little more than a year ago with a video that a friend, David Neck, shot of a turkey hunt that he (Ward) sponsored for a group of handicap hunters on his leased plantation in Brooks County.

Ward says he subsequently discussed the idea with Jack Carswell, who suggested calling and

pitching the idea to a Hollywood buddy, executive producer Michael Jaffe, who is credited with producing innumerable television movies and miniseries. Ward says Jaffe was encouraging and helped them to fine-tune the concept by offering suggestions and constructive critiques, especially of the filming. He says his brother, David, was also invaluable in helping bring the project to fruition.

Ward says he, Carswell and David filmed segments for several months but he wasn’t satisfied with the quality of the productions. Finally, Ward says, he went and hired Seminole Productions at FSU, which he says has done an excellent job of filming the shows.

Ward says 13 shows have been produced so far, with not a few of these set in north Florida and South Florida, which he considers his home base. He wants to promote the area in terms of its natural beauty and bountiful wildlife, as well as its cul-

tural assets, he says. One of the shows, for example, highlights the Monticello Opera House. And another he plans to do next week will feature pompano and flounder fishing in the Gulf and showcase Apalachicola and its cuisine.

“I’m trying to promote Monticello, north Florida and South Georgia,” Ward says. “I want to show that here is where I live and this is where the idea originated.”

Ward says it was difficult getting sponsors for the show at first. He had to front much of the cost for the initial project. But now that the show has started airing, it is already attracting the attention of some big name sponsors, he says.

“The Networks too have shown interest in our show,” Ward says. “It could go to a different level.”

He can only keep his fingers crossed, Ward says. Meanwhile, the ideas for new shows keep coming, and that’s all for the best, he says.

Study

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Per Randy Barrett, communications director with the Washington D.C.-based Center for Public Integrity, the State Integrity Investigation differed from previous government rankings in that it didn’t simply tally scandals. Rather, it measured the strength of the laws and practices put in place by states to encourage openness and deter corruption.

“States with well-known scandals often have tough laws and enforcement that brings those to light,” Barrett said. “‘Quiet’ states may be at higher risk, with few means to surface corrupt practices.”

According to the report, reporters in each of the states researched 330 ‘corruption risk indicators’ across 14 categories of government, including access to information, legislative accountability, lobbying disclosure, internal auditing and ethics enforcement.

Florida’s individual scores in these areas were as follow: Public access to information, D+; political financing, D-; executive accountability, C-; legislative accountability, C-; judicial accountability, D-; state budget processes C-; state civil service management, D-; procurement, B-; internal auditing, A; lobbying disclosure, D; state pension fund management, D; ethics enforcement agencies F; State Insurance Commissions, C-; and redistricting A.

Citizens interested in learning more about the project, including the full ranking, all state data and interpretative and other pieces by reporters can do so by going to www.stateintegrity.org/.

The Center for Public Integrity is a nonprofit, nonpartisan investigative news organization that specializes in investigative journalism on significant public policies issues.

Public Radio International was founded in 1983 “to diversify and expand the content available on public platforms, enabling U.S. listeners to ‘hear a different voice’ and to connect with one another and the larger world.

Public Radio International manages the State Integrity Investigation website (www.stateintegrity.org) and a social media campaign that seeks to get the public invested in supporting honest government. On the site and via Facebook, citizens can send their state report cards to public officials, as well as offer solutions and reveal problems.

Global Integrity describes itself as “an innovation lab that produces high-quality research and creates cutting-edge technology to advance the work of a global network of civic, public, and private reformers pursuing increased transparency and accountability in governments.”

Band

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day, participate in the parade, and stay overnight, visiting some of the city’s landmarks before returning home on the Sunday. Unfortunately, the group was unable to raise the \$3,000 that Jennings figured it would require for the transportation and overnight accommodations.

Instead, the group carpooled it to Savannah on the Friday night, arriving just in time for the start of the festivities. Jennings said the group was in its assigned place in the parade by 8:30 a.m.

“We were number 157 out of 300 participants,” Jennings said.

He said the parade was supposed to start at 10 a.m., but the band didn’t actually start moving until noon. Once started, the group marched 3.5 miles to the end of the parade route.

“It was very exhilarating,” Jennings said.

He said the group’s drum section provided five drum cadences and the flutes added an Irish flavor to the music. He said the band’s repertoire consisted of two drum pieces and a special tune done in tribute to St. Patrick. The band repeated the songs over the length of the parade route.

At the parade’s termination point, the organizers presented each band member with a ribbon and medal for participation, as well as presenting the group as a whole with a commemorative plaque plus an invitation to participate in next year’s event. Jennings said special recognition was also given to drum mayor Antonio Rollison and Anthony Rollison.

Following the awards ceremony, members of the Jefferson Community Marching Band joined others of

the parade’s participants at a restaurant and then got to take a little tour of the city’s historic district before heading back home.

Jennings said the group plans to return to Savannah next year, but the trip will be better planned.

Meanwhile, the group had an invitation to participate in the Easter Day Parade in St. Augustine, FL, this Sunday, April 1.

“It’s really coming together,” Jennings said of the band.

Jennings started the band a little more than a year and a half ago with the idea of giving musically inclined youths ages 10 and up an opportunity to develop their talents, as well as helping them to stay out of trouble.

For more information about the group, call Jennings at (850) 459-3490 or email him at derrick.jennings36@yahoo.com.

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and Memorial Day.

Food and clothing banks will be established as well as financial assistance for the unemployed and economically disadvantaged service members and their families.

The group is also in the process of organizing support groups for military parents returning home from war zones by providing them with all the available resources to help them to connect back with their family members and loved ones.

All armed forces will be supported and all American men, women and children are needed to show and express their support and appreciation and patriotism by joining together with Operation Patriotism. Every person in every county in Florida is asked to help by coming together to discuss just what needs to be done to help our soldiers and veterans.

Let’s serve the veterans that defended and served us so that they may have what they need to move on. Out freedom is because of them and the work they did in the military.

If your heart has been touched in any way because of what the military has done to protect you and your family, join now and show our country just how patriotic we are by standing together as one county, one city, one state.

An Appreciation Ceremony for our veterans will be held on Saturday, April 28 at the National Guard Armory, 1225 Easterwood Drive in Tallahassee, at 2 p.m. Your support is needed. Contact Founder and CEO Jacqueline Carpenter or Administrator Richard Dixon at operationpatriotism@gmail.com or www.operationpatriotism.com, or PO Box 234, Monticello, FL. 32345, or leave a message at 850-727-2532

There will be a special drawing for veterans in attendance.

SPRINGTIME ROUNDUP BENEFIT

Friends of the Library volunteers have been discussing plans for the Springtime Roundup Benefit for the Jefferson County Bailer Public Library here in front of the Pavilion at Honey Lake Plantation. Pictured from left to right are: Penny Hackett, library staff; Susan Whitson, member of the benefit committee; Carol Hanks, president of the Friends of the Library; and Kitty Brooks, director of library. The event will be held in the Pavilion area at the Honey Lake Plantation in Greenville. The Roundup will be held April 29, from 4 to 7 p.m. The Purvis Brothers will provide entertainment. Ticket cost is \$25 per person. There will be a silent auction and a 3-course sit down dinner. Grand prize drawing will be a one-night stay at the cottage at Honey Lake, courtesy of Honey Lake.



JES Annual Award Banquet Saturday

FRAN HUNT
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Staff Writer

The annual Jefferson Elementary School awards banquet for the football players and cheerleaders will be held Saturday, March 31 at 6 p.m. in the JES cafeteria.

Guest speakers include Running Back/Free Safety Alphonso Footman, who signed his letter of intent to play football for the Northern Arizona University

(NAU) Lumberjacks and Offensive Lineman/Defensive Lineman Denzel Whitfield, who signed his letter of intent to play football for the FAU Owls. Both are also three-time District Champions, two-time Regional Champions and this year’s State Champions.

Tickets are \$10 each and the meal includes oven baked chicken, macaroni and cheese, green beans, roll, pink lemonade and for dessert, warm apple crisp

and ice cream.

Come out and see which football player receives the MVP award and which will be the Best Offensive and Best Defensive Player winners. See which cheerleader will get the Most Spirited or Most Improved awards. There will be many awards given during the event.

The students at JES will be in charge of the program.

To purchase tickets call 567-0064.

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off outdoor fountains and limit lawn watering.

The district reports that continuing drought conditions across the panhandle have prompted a water shortage warning order, which was put into effect because of declining ground and surface water resources and increased use. The district reports that several surface water sites are below-to-much-below normal, and several groundwater sites are at record lows.

The U.S. Drought Monitor indicates moderate drought conditions in counties west of the St. Marks River and severe drought in Jackson County. Meanwhile, the Suwannee River Water Management District, which covers the eastern portion of Jefferson County, has been suffering severe to extreme drought. Together with other districts across the state, the NWFWM and SRWMD have joined the nation in proclaiming April water conservation month.

The NWFWM offers the following water conservation guidelines for businesses and residences:

*Limit outdoor watering to no more than two days per week and water only during the low evaporation hours of 5 p.m. to 10 a.m.

* Limit hours of golf course irrigation.

* Reduce recreation if it requires pumping, diverting or otherwise using water supply — such as filling duck ponds.

* Discontinue aesthetic uses of water that are primarily decorative (such as fountains).

The district cautions that these are district guidelines. Local utilities may require additional restrictions by customers because of water supply capacity.

Brochures on water conservation measures — such as harvesting roof runoff — are available at http://www.nwfwmd.state.fl.us/pubs/water_conservation_pubs/publist.htm/.

Fundraiser For Relay

All Relay For Life teams are currently conducting a fundraiser for the Jefferson County Relay For Life.

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THE DUELING LUISA'S OF MONTICELLO



The Fantasticks
Dueling Luisa's

If you're at all familiar with the Broadway canon, you'll know that 'The Fantasticks' has been around for a while and is still one of the most popular and beloved musicals of all time. 'The Fantasticks' is the world's longest running musical. It was written in the 1960s, a tad avant-garde for its day, but even now, audiences thrill to the charm of the romantic songs 'Try to Remember', 'Soon It's Gonna Rain' and 'They Were You'.

Aside from all that, the show is just pure fun. It's silly. It's irreverent. It will test your knowledge of Freshman 101 Literature, but hey, it's sure a hoot if you understand its many references to the Classics from Shakespeare to the ancient Greeks.

The Monticello Acting & Dance Co.'s production of 'The Fantasticks' on opening night, at the Monticello Opera House was a treat to behold! Opening night was a fundraiser for the Jefferson Arts Gallery Travel Arts Outreach II Grant; the Mon-

ticello Opera House Renovation Fund; and The Monticello Acting & Dance Co. Production Fund. Tickets were \$50 and ticket holders received heavy hors d'oeuvres, chocolate desserts, complementary champagne, a silent art and prize auction, pre-show entertainment and of course 'The Fantasticks'. It has swordplay, romance, adventure, the world's longest death scene and a stellar cast. Said Melanie Mays, director/choreographer/music director, "It was impossible to choose between two of the young girls who auditioned for the part of Luisa. I decided to cast both girls, giving each their first lead role in a Broadway-style musical. One of the girls plays softball and couldn't make one of the performances. By double casting the role, the problem was eliminated."

The part of Luisa is played alternately by Alexandra Brookins, 15 and Tovya Vargas, 16 of Monticello. Both girls were involved with the Summer Theatre Program through the Monticello Acting & Dance Co from a young age.

Brookins says, "I saw 'The Three Little Pigs' and it was so fun looking. The Hanks family told me how fun it was to work with the director. So I auditioned for the next show 'Don't Trash Your Mother Earth' and that's how it all started."

Vargas says, "My first show was Creepy Crawlies. I played a step-dancing Ant, and a singing Glow Worm. It was a lot of fun because

it was new to me."

The girls have progressed, matured and had a lot of fun along the way. They also take dance from the show's director, so they learn traditional ballet, tap, jazz and theatre dance from a pro who spent many years on the stage and in the Big Apple herself. As a matter of fact, Mays played the role of Luisa when she was 21 years old. "It's hard to imagine me doing this role at age 16. The role is usually cast with someone a little older, wiser and more mature. Both Tovya and Alex have the maturity and talent to play the part of Luisa and have definitely risen to the challenge."

to get the emotions right and to get them across to the audience what the character feels and not be surface because Luisa isn't like me at all," said Brookins.

"My greatest challenge was being in the spotlight and being a lead, not in the background for the first time," said Vargas. They both agree that having a lead role is new and exciting and definitely a challenge.

'The Fantasticks' will run through April 1, the production continues with regular prices. So, treat yourself! Come see the dueling Luisa's. Brookins plays Luisa March 23, 25 and 31. Vargas plays Luisa March 24, March 30 and April 1. Come see it twice! It's worth it.



TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY RETURNS ARE DUE BY APRIL 2, 2012

A reminder from
Angela Gray, Property Appraiser

Anyone in possession of assets on January 1 who has either a proprietorship, partnership, corporation or is a self-employed agent or contractor, must file each year. Property owners who lease, lend or rent property must also file a return.

Failure to receive a personal property tax return from the property appraiser does not relieve you of your obligation to file.

File 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.

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

Walker And Cook Announce Engagement



Mr. and Mrs. Stephen C. 'Scooter' Walker, Jr. of Thomasville, Georgia, announce the engagement of their daughter Cassidy Lynn Walker to John David Cook. He is the son of Reverend and Mrs. David Cook of Thomasville.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Stephen C. 'Hoot' Walker and the late Mary Ann Clarke Walker of Monticello, Florida, the late Grace Demott Holton of Monticello and the late Willie Johnson of Thomasville.

She is a 2004 graduate of Thomas County Central High School, a 2008 graduate of the University of Georgia with a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education and also a Master's degree in Early Childhood Education from the University of Georgia in 2010. She is a Pre-Kindergarten teacher at Jerger Elementary School in Thomasville.

Cook is the grandson of Ethel Cook and the late James A. Cook of Tupelo, Mississippi, and the late Myrtle Duck and the late Fred B. Duck of Bay Minette, Alabama.

He is a 2003 graduate of Thomas County Central High School and a 2006 graduate of Mercer University with a Bachelor's degree in Event Management. He is Director of Communication and Events at First Baptist Church in Thomasville.

The wedding is planned for 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 9, 2012, at the First Baptist Church, in Thomasville.

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RELAY FOR LIFE FUNDRAISER SATURDAY

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With it being that time of year for pollen and dust building up on the vehicles, for cookouts and helping a good cause, the Central Baptist Church Relay For Life team has a deal for you.

This Saturday, March 31, the Central Baptist Church will have the perfect springtime fundraiser in the parking lot of the Monticello News, starting at 10 a.m.

If you need a good quality wash and would like to curb your appetite at the same time with a meal of hot dogs, fries and a drink, come on down. The car wash is only \$5 and the meal is only \$5; or both for \$9. They will also be offering chili cheese fries and there will be a variety of options on the meal.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

APRIL 1

Council of Lights of the Ascended Masters at the One Heart Earth Center on Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the facility. A light vegetarian lunch will be provided. Join with Rev. Rina Rabassa, Rev. Bonnie Sparling and Ms. Linda Backes on this very special occasion, as they facilitate your initiation into Council 5: the Council of the Ascended Masters. For further information and to enroll, go to www.councilsoflight.com One Heart Earth Center is located at 450 West Madison Street in downtown Monticello and is a 501 c 3 non-profit and tax-deductible. Go to oneheart-earthcenter@embarqmail.com or call Sallie Worley at 850-997-7373 for more information.

APRIL 1

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

APRIL 2

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

APRIL 2

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

APRIL 2

MainStreet of Monticello, Florida Board Meeting is held at 5 p.m. on the first Monday of every month at the Cherry Street Commons on South Cherry Street. Contact Margie Stern at 850-445-1390 for more information. For more information about the third Monday Main Street Speaker Series contact Anne Holt at 850-997-5110 or aholt@aholt.com Come to hear about updates and projects that MainStreet has been working on.

APRIL 2

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

APRIL 2

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.

APRIL 3

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.

APRIL 3

Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce General Membership meeting is held at noon on the first Tuesday of each month. The meeting includes lunch and a program. For more information visit the Chamber Website at monticellojeffer-sonfl.com or call 850-997-5552.

APRIL 3

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

APRIL 4

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

APRIL 4

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.

APRIL 5

You may qualify for assistance through the Capital Area Community Action Agency Weatherization Assistance Program. The program reduces heating and cooling costs by improving the energy efficiency of the home. Contact Annette Wilson at 850-997-4104 for an appointment from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the first Thursday at Union Hill AME Church. Homes in Jefferson County are needed for weatherization. Or, contact Pat Hall or Melissa Watson at 850-997-8231 for additional information, and other services currently being offered. This is free to the client.

APRIL 5

Lloyd Volunteer Fire Rescue will meet monthly at 7 p.m. on Thursday at the firestation.

APRIL 5

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

APRIL 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.

APRIL 6

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.

APRIL 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.

APRIL 7, 21

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.

A WORD TO OUR YOUNG LADIES DURING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

GENE HALL YOUTH PASTOR

Pleasant Grove M.B. Church, Ashville

"Information is the currency of democracy," President Thomas Jefferson once said. I recently spent the past three years teaching civics, economics and other social studies courses at an all-girls school. It was an institution that operated under contract with the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice. On the one hand, it was an exhilarating experience. On the other, it was an exhausting challenge. Nonetheless, I walked away from that brief tenure a better man since I felt I had contributed to helping some well deserving teenagers obtain the information that would aid them in obtaining the pathways to self-sufficiency.

I learned as much from my pupils as they did from me, although there was at least one thing that apparently affected the future aspirations and daily performances of several African American students. Those young ladies confided in me that some of them felt less enthusiastic to excel academically because they were a double minority and did not

feel that a good education would someday be the wellspring of their success. They also tried to convince me that 'the system', especially 'the man', was out to get them and that they knew of very few black women throughout history with similar socioeconomic backgrounds who had amounted to become anything worthwhile.

I immediately saw their feelings of inferiority as an opportunity to demonstrate to them that their pessimistic mindset could not be further from the truth. I took the time to remind them of an old Jewish proverb that goes 'What you don't see with your eyes, don't invent with your tongue'. To the contrary, there are a countless number of women, including African Americans, who paved the way for today's young energetic divas to continue to reach for the stars. It is most appropriate during this year's 'Women's History Month' that young ladies everywhere be introduced to one of my favorite historical female role models... Ms. Maggie Lena Walker.

Based on an article from [Enchanted Learning.com](http://EnchantedLearning.com), we find that this

colored woman lived from 1867 to 1934 and was the first woman in the United States to become a local bank president. Throughout her life, Ms. Walker worked for civil rights and other humanitarian causes.

Peep this young diva, Ms. Maggie Lena was born in Richmond, Virginia to former slaves! According to family tradition though, her biological father was Eccles Cuthbert (Irish journalist and northern abolitionist.) Her mother was Elizabeth Draper (ex-slave and cook's assistant in the home of Elizabeth Van Lew.) Her stepfather was William Mitchell, butler for Elizabeth Van Lew.

In 1886, legend has it that she married Armstead Walker, Jr. She worked first as a teacher and then as an agent for the 'Woman's Union Insurance Company', quickly rising to become executive secretary/treasurer of the company. She founded the newspaper, *St. Luke Herald*, in 1902. In 1903, she started the *St. Luke Penny*

Savings Bank and was its President. This made her the first (known) woman president of a bank in America.

In 1929, at the start of the economic depression, her bank bought all the local black-owned banks in town and renamed itself the Consolidated Bank and Trust Company. Wow! What a saga. Sigourney Weaver once stated, "Never burn bridges. Today's junior jerk, tomorrow's senior partner." With her ill health, Ms. Walker retired as bank president and became board chair of the merged bank. She died in 1934 in Richmond, Virginia.

There are many lessons to be learned by today's young ladies from heroines such as Ms. Maggie Lena Walker. I believe it can best be summed up in one of her famous quotes. "When it comes to success the choice is simple, you can either stand up and be counted or lie down and be counted out!" Young ladies of all walks of life

must remember that as quoted from the bible, 'you are wonderfully and fearfully made'. Remember, Aristotle said, "Education is the best provision for the journey to old age." Now, young co-eds go out there and realize that you are the princess of productivity. You may think that you own way less, but with it and the fear of the good Lord, you can do way more.

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Obituary

Eugene Kirkpatrick

Eugene Kirkpatrick, age 81, a retired Mold Maker with the Thatcher Glass & Foster Forbes Company, passed away in Tallahassee, Florida on Wednesday, March 28, 2012.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 31, 2012, at Beggs Funeral Home Monticello Chapel (850-997-5612,) 485 East Dogwood Street, Monticello, Florida 32344, HYPERLINK "mailto:beggschmccello@embarqmail.com" beggschmccello@embarqmail.com.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, March 30, 2012, at the Chapel. Interment will follow the service at Oakfield Cemetery in Monticello.

Mr. Kirkpatrick was a native of Randel, West Virginia and had lived in Wilson, North Carolina, before moving to Jefferson County, Florida in 1984. He was a member of the Shiners, Masons and was past Grand Master of the Versailles Lodge #7. He was of Pentecostal faith and a member of the Church of God in Quitman, Georgia.

Mr. Kirkpatrick is survived by his wife of 58 years Janice Kirkpatrick of Jefferson County; two sons Charles (Terry) Kirkpatrick of Jefferson County and Richard Lewis Kirkpatrick of Donathan, Missouri; three daughters Debbie (Kenneth) Smith of Slidell, Louisiana, Mary (Benny) Chastain of Tallahassee and Sherri Kirkpatrick of Jefferson County; 11 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Kirkpatrick was preceded in death by one grandson Joshua Marc Snider.

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VFW AWARDS BANQUET LARGEST EVER

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Staff Writer

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 251 held its 11th annual awards and dinner banquet, Saturday, March 24, at 7 p.m. in the Jefferson County Middle/High School cafeteria and it proved to be the largest ever with a plethora of awards and those being honored and the most special honor, recognizing a county resident, who was one of the first Montford Point Marines.

With 413 tickets for the event sold, 325 chairs were set into place around the tables, but the cafeteria very quickly filled completely up and additional chairs brought in. All together there were over 350 in attendance, including VFW and Ladies Auxiliary members, honorees and their families, many local dignitaries were present and many local churches represented. Also present in the crowd was Eugene Leshore, past State Commander, who installed Post 251.

The evening ceremony began with the seating of the head table, the presentation of the colors by the JROTC Color Guard, the pledge of Allegiance, the National Anthem performed by Tumora Byrd and the posting of the colors.

Reverend Dr. Jimmy Brookins offered the invocation and VFW Sr. Vice Commander Reverend Ben Ransom introduced dignitaries and guests.

Reverend Jimmie Dickey, pastor of New Bethel MBC offered the blessing of the food and guests lined the table where they were served their meal of grilled steak or chicken, baked potato, green beans roll and butter, peach cobbler and iced tea or water. As they enjoyed their meals and fellowship, the CUP Band played special music for the occasion.

Following the meal came the presentations of awards, beginning with the most prestigious. John Nelson gave a three-

minute overview of Montford Point Marines from 1942-1946 and said, "And we have one of those original Marines in this room tonight." As tears filled the eyes of many, he introduced Cpl. Ernest Sneed, 91, the only living African-American World War II veteran in Jefferson County, was presented with the VFW Bronze Eagle award. The award was sponsored by Miller & Miller TPAC.

Three years before Sneed's entrance into the Marines, President Franklin Roosevelt signed the Executive Order 8802 just months before the Pearl Harbor attack, which changed history. The Executive Order established the Fair Employment Practice Commission, which was an act that ended racial discrimination by any government agency. This allowed African Americans to serve this country in one of the most recognized branches of military: The United States Marine Corps.

The integration in the Marine Corp marked the beginning of the end to segregation in America. Between 1942 and 1946, 20 thousand African Americans trained at Camp Montford Point and Sneed was among the nation's first African American Marines.

President Barack Obama on November 23, 2011, signed into law House Resolution 2447. The bill provides for the awarding of a Congressional Gold Medal in the honor of the Montford

Point Marines, in recognition of their personal sacrifice and service to their country. In recognition of this award, Sneed and other surviving Montford Marines from around the US will be invited to Washington, D.C. this summer to accept the Congressional Gold Medal from President Obama.

Then the Ladies Auxiliary named the winners of the Patriot's Pen contest. First place went to sixth grader Xacarrri Blyden, who wrote about two sports greats who gave up their careers and monetary offers to serve in the US military. One was killed in action, the other lost the lower half of his body. He received a plaque and \$75. Second place went to Jaedaria T. Blyen, seventh grader, who received \$50. Third place went to Christian J. Steen, who received \$25. Fourth place went to Antonio G. Parkel. Fifth place went to Conrad S. Diehl and sixth place went to Tremelody L. Robinson. Fourth through sixth place winners each received \$10 and second through sixth place winners all received certificates of participation.

The keynote speaker for the evening was Lieutenant Colonel Owen N. Hardy, Jr. of the United States Army. He was presented with the VFW Crystal Eagle award, for military achievements and 31 years of military service.

Receiving the VFW Firefighter/EMT of the Year award was Steven

Morgan. He was recommended by Fire Rescue Chief Mark Matthews.

Receiving the VFW Law Enforcement Officer of the Year award for the Monticello Police Department was Cpl. Brent Parramore. He was recommended by Chief Fred Mosley.

Receiving the VFW Law Enforcement Officer of the Year award for the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office was Sheriff's Deputy Jerry Blackmon. He was recommended by Sheriff David Hobbs.

The VFW Teacher of the Year award was received by Gloria Norton.

Each of the winners was awarded with a plaque.

Various churches from the area were invited to recommend at least one member of their church for the VFW Community Service award, for their outstanding accomplishments. The winners of that award were Tumara Byrd of Greater Missionary Baptist Church (award sponsored by Attorney Barbara

Hobbs of Tallahassee) and Essie Seabrooks of New Bethel AME Church (sponsored by Preble-Rish Consulting Engineers, Inc.). Both received the VFW Community Service (Teardrop) award.

Members of the CUP Band each received Community Service citations. They included Davie Richardson and Ruth W. Pouncy for Superior Performance as Keyboard Players and Vocalists; base guitarist Gerald Edwards and lead guitarist Billy Simmons for Superior Performance as String Instrument Players; and singers Christina Sampson and Williams Lawrence for Superior Performance as Vocalists.

Mayor Idella Scott, who also sponsored the award, presented the VFW City Community Service plaque to Dr. Lettie White for her service as an educator and her work in the Memorial MBC as clerk and Christian Education Leader.

VFW Post 251 Commander presented the VFW Commander's

Awards. A plaque went to Mary Madison for her service to the Ladies Auxiliary and as Auxiliary District Deputy Chief of Staff for the State. Lonnie Griffin received the Commander's Quartermaster award. Sam Madison, Sr. received the Commander's Adjutant award. John Nelson received a plaque for Commander's Community Performances and distinguished service as the past post commander for Post 251 and past District 2 commander for the State of Florida for nine counties in the Big Bend area.



The keynote speaker during the 11th annual VFW banquet was Lt. Col. Owen N. Hardy, Jr.



Marines Cpl. Earnest Sneed was presented the VFW Bronze Eagle award for being an original Montford Point Marine. Pictured left to right: Lt. Col. Owen N. Hardy, Jr., Past VFW State Commander Eugene Leshore, award sponsor CP Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Sneed.



Past Post 251 Commander and Past District 2 Commander John Nelson gave a three-minute overview of Montford Point Marines from 1942-1946.



Pastor Jimmy Brookins offered the invocation during the 11th annual VFW awards banquet.



Left to right, Past VFW State Commander Eugene Leshore, VFW EMT/Firefighter of the Year Steven Morgan, Past State and Post 251 Commander Ned Hill.



VFW Community Service award winner Dr. Lettie White, right and award sponsor Mayor Idella Scott, left.



VFW Ladies Auxiliary President Mary Madison recognized the Auxiliary members present during the 11th annual VFW awards banquet. Pictured left to right: Madison, Joreatha Nealy, Alberta Barnhart, Lois Nelson, Barbara Campbell and Shirley Washington.



Left to right, Past VFW State Commander Eugene Leshore, VFW Community Service award winner Essie Seabrooks, award sponsor stand-in Clerk of Court Kirk Reams and VFW Post 251 Commander Ned Hill.



Tumora Byrd won the VFW Community Service award. Pictured left to right are award sponsor Attorney Barbara Hobbs, Past VFW State Commander Eugene Leshore, Byrd and VFW Post 251 Commander Ned Hill.



Left to right, Past VFW State Commander Eugene Leshore, VFW JCSO Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Deputy Jerry Blackmon, Captain Bill Massey and VFW Post 251 Commander Ned Hill.



Left to right, Past VFW State Commander Eugene Leshore, MPD Chief Fred Mosley, VFW MPD Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, Cpl. Brent Parramore and VFW Post 251 Commander Ned Hill.

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sands in attendance from all over the United States!! There will be talented entertainers filling the park with music all three days, a Chili Cook-off event, where competitors will be competing for over \$1,000.00 in cash prizes, food vendors and arts and crafts items. Best of all, the entry fee is only \$15.00 for a weekend (3-day) pass in advance and \$20.00 at the gate! In addition to all that, ticket holders can attend one of many free music workshops held throughout the park in the areas of mandolin, banjo, fiddle, dobro and bass. The Chili Cook-off

event is very popular. Contestants can enter to win cash prizes, trophies and bragging rights. For those who do not wish to enter, you can have the opportunity to purchase a collectible cup for only \$5.00 and eat all the chili you wish! But wait... There's more. Kicking off the event on Saturday morning is the All You Can Eat Bluegrass Pancake Breakfast from 7-9 a.m.

Show times start on Thursday with "Open Mike" from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m. followed by our lineup at 4 p.m. until 9 p.m. Friday things will get started at noon and will end at 10 p.m. Saturday the entertainment will begin at 11 a.m. and will continue through the day until 10 p.m. The event will take place at Forest Capital State Park in Perry, on Highway 19 South.

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Sports

Local Sports Carry The Good News In An Upward Way

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There's a new program in town that has all of talk and all of the action. It's a program that has an upward look on life, providing a positive environment for children to have fun and hear the Good news. This program is known as Upward Sports.

Upward Sports is a competitive basketball league for children that is centered on Jesus Christ. The focus of the program is not on the scoreboard, although they do keep score. Nor is it on the season ending record or record-breaking stats. The focus rests on children having fun in a positive atmosphere, while hearing the gospel message in a compelling way.

The league is divided into three age divisions:

kindergarten-second grade, third-fourth grade, and fifth-sixth grade. There are two teams in each division. Coaching the K-5 through second grade division is Toney Hill and Tiffany Funderburke. Mark Holley and Ray Hill are coaches for the third and fourth grade teams, and Amanda Sapp and Mark Demott serves as coaches for fifth through sixth grade teams.

Along with the players, there are also cheerleaders for each division of teams. The cheerleading team leaders are Tonya Roberts, Julie Alexandrou and Roslyn Bass.

The season begins this Saturday, March 31, at Aucilla Christian Academy. For this Saturday only, the first game will held at 2 p.m., with the other divisions playing at

3 p.m. and 4 p.m. Beginning on Saturday, April 7, the remaining seven games will be played at Aucilla Christian Academy with the third-fourth grade division playing at 9 a.m., K5-second grade at 10 a.m., and fifth-sixth grade at 11 a.m. Concessions will be available at each game.

Practices will be held at different times under the direction of their coaches.

What separates this program from all others is at each practice, not only do the children work on their ball skills, but they also receive a devotional from their coach. At half-time during the games, while the coaches are talking with their players, the gospel message is presented to those in attendance in an inspiring and encouraging way.

"Upward Sports is an exciting atmosphere

where kids can come and have fun in a family-friendly environment," stated program director Don Self. And while they want the children to have fun, it's their desire they leave with the message of Jesus Christ. "Like Paul

said, 'I've become all things to people, that by all means I might save some,' and if it takes becoming a basketball coach to reach these kids, that's what we want to do."

Even though the season is underway, children

can still sign up and participate in the games. "We won't turn anyone away," Self said. "We love kids and are excited to get to work with them through Upwards Sports. This is going to be an exciting season."



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The athletes prepare for their upcoming season, which starts on March 31.



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Toney Hill (right) looks on as his team prepares for their first game this Saturday at Aucilla Christian Academy.

Lady Tigers Fall To Melody Christian

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The Jefferson Lady Tigers faced off against Melody Christian March 8 to gain a big lead in the contest until Melody rallied at the end to take the 13-11 contest. The loss sets Jefferson at a 3-9 record.

As a team, the Lady Tigers carried a batting average of .432 with 40 plate appearances, 37 at-bats, 11 runs on 16 hits, one RBI, four doubles, one homerun, two walks, three strikeouts, one hit by pitch, an on base percentage of .475, a slugging average of .622 and 10 stolen bases.

Taylor Clemens had a batting average of .750 with four plate appearances, four at-bats, three runs on three hits, one double, three stolen bases, an on base percentage of .750 and a slugging average of 1.000.

Alyssa Lewis had a batting average of .000 with one plate appearance, one at-bat and one strikeout.

Audrianna Noel had a batting average of .750 with four plate appearances, four at-bats, two runs on three hits, an on base percentage and slugging average of .750 and three stolen

bases. Tovyva Vargas had a batting average of .400 with six plate appearances, five at-bats, two hits, one walk, one strikeout, two stolen bases, an on base percentage of .500 and a slugging average of .400.

Justice Barrington had five plate appearances, four at-bats, two runs, two doubles, one walk, an on base percentage of .200 and a slugging average of .500.

Merdina Myles had a batting average of .500 with two plate appearances, two at-bats, two runs on one hit, one strikeout, one stolen base, an on base percentage and slugging average of .500.

Mikayla Norton had a batting average of .200 with five plate appearances, five at-bats, one run, one hit and an on base percentage and slugging average of .200.

Megan McClellan had a batting average of .600 with six plate appearances, five at-bats, one run on three hits, one double, one hit by pitch, an on base percentage of .667 and a slugging average of .800.

Jana Barber had a batting average of .400 with five plate appearances, five at-bats, one run on two hits, one RBI, one home-

run, an on base percentage of .400 and a slugging average of 1.000.

Carlie Barber had a batting average of .500 with two plate appearances, two at-bats, one run on one hit, one stolen base and an on base percentage and slugging average of .500.

In the field the Lady Tigers carried a fielding percentage of 1.000 with 19 total chances, six putouts and 13 assists.

Ladayshia Williams had a fielding percentage of 1.000 with two total chances and two putouts.

Barrington had a fielding percentage of 1.000 with five total chances and five assists.

Norton had a fielding percentage of 1.000 with three total chances and three assists.

McClellan had a fielding percentage of 1.000 with one total chance and one assist.

Jana Barber had a fielding percentage of 1.000 with eight total chances, four putouts and four assists.

On the mound Vargas had an on base percentage of 1.000 with 14 walks and two strikeouts in five innings pitched.



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The team working on drills during their first practice session, which was held on Saturday, March 24.



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Upward Sports is a great way for children to work on their sports skills, enjoy time with their friends and hear an impacting message of Christ.

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Sports

LADY TIGERS MAUL RICKARDS

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The Jefferson County Lady Tigers hit the diamond against Richards March 6 and the Lady Tigers mauled their opponent for an 11-3 victory to now stand 3-8 on the season.

Jefferson drew first blood in the first inning, bringing four runs across the plate and holding Rickards to zero. The Lady Tigers brought in two more runs in the second and another one run in the third, when Rickards finally scored their first run. Rickards scored one in the fifth and sixth and Jefferson capped the victory bringing in for more runs during the sixth inning.

As a team at the plate the Lady Tigers had a batting average of .233 with 36 plate appearances, 30 at-bats, 11 runs on seven hits, five RBI's, three doubles, one homerun, two sacrifice hits/bunts, one walk,

three strikeouts, three hit by pitch, seven stolen bases with an on base percentage of .324 and a slugging average of .433.

Individually, Taylor Clemens had a batting average of .500 with six plate appearances, four at-bats, three runs, two hits, one homerun, two hit by pitch, one stolen base, an on base percentage of .667 and a slugging average of 1.250.

Alyssa Lewis had one plate appearance and one sacrifice hit/bunt.

Tovya Vargas had four plate appearances, four at-bats, one stolen base and one RBI.

Justice Barrington had five plate appearances, four at-bats, two runs, one RBI, one walk, two strikeouts, an on base percentage of .200, one stolen base and a slugging average of .000.

Kayleigh Babb had two plate appearances, one at-bat, one hit by pitch, an on base percentage of 5.00 and a slugging average of .000.

Megan McClellan had a batting average of .600 with five plate appearances, five at-bats, three runs, three hits, one double, four stolen bases, an on base percentage of .600 and a slugging average of 1.250.

Jana Barber had a batting average of .500 with four plate appearances, four at-bats, one run, two hits, three RBI's, two doubles, an on base percentage of .500 and a slugging average of 1.000.

Carlie Barber had a batting average of .000 with four plate appearances, three at-bats, one sacrifice hit/bunt, one strikeout and an on base percentage and slugging average of .000.

In the field the Lady Tigers carried a fielding percentage of 1.000 with 11 total chances, seven putouts and four assists.

Ladayshia Williams had a fielding percentage of 1.000 with one total chance and one assist.

Clemens had a fielding percentage of 1.000 with one total chance and one putout.

Vargas had a fielding percentage of 1.000 with two total chances and two assists.

Barrington had a fielding percentage of 1.000 with two total chances and two putouts.

Mikayla Norton had a fielding percentage of 1.000 with one total chance and one putout.

McClellan had a fielding percentage of 1.000 with one total chance and one putout.

Jana Barber had a fielding percentage of 1.000 with two total chances and two putouts.

Carlie Barber had a fielding percentage of 1.000 with one total chance and one putout.

On the mound Williams pitched six innings, had a on base percentage of 1.000 with one triple, two walks, one strikeout and one hit by pitch.

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Back row left to right: Danny Deason, Camryn Grant, Gaige Winchester, Elizabeth Hightower, Hannah Lewis, Christy Grant, Brittany Hughes, Ramsey Sullivan, Abigail Morgan, Emma Witmer, Morgan Cline, Courtney Watts, and Susan Morgan. Front row left to right: Cali Burkett, Jessica Giddens, Dena Bishop, Hanna Searcy, Skylar Dickey, Katie James, Haley Jones, and Ally Mall.

The Aucilla Christian Academy junior varsity Lady Warriors won the final three games of the season to stand on a 10-3 record.

The young Lady Warriors hit the diamond against North Florida Christian March 2 and Aucilla downed NFC for an 11-9 victory.

On the mound, Elizabeth Hightower pitched three innings, faced 12 batters, had six strikeouts, five walks, gave no hits and had one earned run.

Ramsey Sullivan pitched one inning, faced five batters, had two strikeouts, two walks, gave no hits and no earned runs.

At the plate, Elizabeth Hightower was two for two

with one walk, two RBI's and two runs scored.

Ramsey Sullivan was two for two with one walk, one RBI and two runs scored.

Emma Witmer was one for three with one run scored.

Courtney Watts was one for two, had one walk, scored two runs and belted a triple.

Allie Mall was one for two, with one RBI.

Abigail Morgan reached base with two walks and one hit by pitch to scored two runs.

Also reaching base on walks and scoring were Gaige Winchester, Deana Jones and Hannah Searcy.

The young Lady Warriors faced off on the dia-

mond against Trinity Catholic March 8 and Aucilla belted Trinity for an 11-3 win.

On the mound, Elizabeth Hightower pitched two innings, faced eight batters, had four strikeouts, four walks, no hits and one earned run.

Ramsey Sullivan pitched one inning, faced eight batters, had 4 four walks, no hits, and two earned runs.

Abigail Morgan pitched two inning's faced five batters, had two strikeouts, no walks and no earned runs.

At the plate, Ramsey Sullivan was three for three with four RBI's and two runs scored.

Allie Mall was one for

one with one run scored. Camryn Grant was one for two with one run scored.

Morgan Cline was one for three with two RBI's.

Cali Burkett was one for two with one run scored.

Jessica Giddens was one for two with one run scored.

Also scoring were Elizabeth Hightower with two runs and Gaige Winchester with one run.

In the final game of the season, the young Lady Warriors hit the diamond

once again against Trinity Christian and ACA slammed Trinity for a 13-3 win.

On the mound, Ramsey Sullivan pitched two innings, faced 10 batters, struck out four, gave up one walk, two hits and three earned runs.

Abigail Morgan pitched three innings, faced nine batters, had three strikeouts, no walks, no hits and no earned runs.

At the plate, Abigail Morgan was two for three with one RBI and scored

two runs. Emma Witmer was two for three scoring two runs.

Ramsey Sullivan was two for two with two RBI's and scored two runs.

Elizabeth Hightower was one for two with one RBI and scored one run.

Morgan Cline was one for one with one RBI.

Cali Burkett was one for two with one run scored.

Also scoring runs were Hanna Searcy, Deana Jones and Brittany Hughes.

Lady Warriors Doubles Rickards

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The Aucilla Christian Academy varsity Lady Warriors lost two of three games to now stand 4-7-1 on the season.

The Lady Warriors faced off on the diamond against Rickards March 5 and the Lady Warriors doubled their opponent for a 6-3 win to stand 4-5-1 on the season.

As a team at the plate Aucilla had 26 at-bats with six runs on nine hits, with five RBI's three walks and 14 strikeouts.

Carly Joiner had four at-bats with four strikeouts.

Taylor Copeland had three at-bats with two runs, one hit, one walk and two strikeouts.

Kelly Horne had two at-bats with three runs and she ripped two homeruns, with four RBI's, two stolen bases and one walk.

Sunnie Sorensen had three at-bats with one RBI and one strikeout.

Pamela Watt had two at-bats with one hit and one walk.

Whitney McKnight had three at-bats with two hits and one strikeout.

Brooke Kinsley had three at-bats with two hits, one strikeout and one stolen base.

Natalie Sorensen had three at-bats and three strikeouts.

Hadley Revell had three at-bats with one run, one hit and two strikeouts.

On the mound Joiner pitched the entire seven innings, had 21 outs, gave up 10 hits, three runs, all of which were earned, six walks, four strikeouts, one hit by pitch, tossed 57 strikes in 103 pitches, with nine groundouts and three fly outs.

The Lady Warriors returned to the diamond against Maclay March 6 and Aucilla was downed for a 6-4 loss to stand 4-6-1 on the season.

As a team at the plate, the Lady Warriors had 28 at-bats, four runs on 11 hits, two RBI's one walk, seven stolen bases and five strikeouts.

Joiner had four at-bats with one hit, two strikeouts and two stolen bases.

Copeland had four at-bats with one run, one hit, one strikeout and two stolen bases.

Sunnie Sorensen had two at-bats, one hit and one walk.

Horne had three at-bats with one hit

and one run.

Watt had three at-bats, one run, two hits and one stolen base.

McKnight had three at-bats with one hit and one RBI.

Kinsley had three at-bats, one run, three hits, one RBI and one stolen base.

Revell had three at-bats, one hit, one strikeout and one stolen base.

Natalie Sorensen had three at-bats and one strikeout.

On the mound, Joiner had 17 outs in the 5.2 innings she pitched, with 11 hits, six runs, four of which were earned, three walks, one strikeout, 47 strikes on 73 pitches, seven ground outs and seven fly outs.

Aucilla hit the diamond against Monroe March 9 and the Lady Warriors were tossed for a 10-4 loss to now stand 4-7-1 on the season.

At the plate as a team the Lady Warriors had 19 at-bats, four runs on four hits, two RBI's, two walks and eight strikeouts.

At the plate, Joiner had three at-bats with two strikeouts.

Copeland had two at-bats, two runs, one hit, one triple, one walk, one stolen base and one strikeout.

Horne had two at-bats, one run, one hit, one double, one RBI, one walk, one stolen base and one strikeout.

Sunnie Sorensen had two at-bats, one stolen base and one strikeout.

Kinsley had two at-bats with one run, one hit, one triple and one strikeout.

Brock had two at-bats, one hit and one RBI.

Natalie Sorensen had two at-bats and two strikeouts.

On the mound the Aucilla pitchers had 14 outs, 4-2 innings pitched, seven hits, 10 runs, all of which were earned, 12 walks and four strikeouts.

Joiner pitched 1.2 innings, had five outs, four hits, two runs, both of them earned and four walks. She had 17 strikes on 35 pitches with one ground out and three fly outs.

Sunnie Sorensen pitched 3.0 innings, had nine outs, three hits, eight runs, all of which were earned, eight walks, two hit by pitches and four strikeouts. She had 35 strikes on 97 pitches with three ground outs and two fly outs.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR WATER USE PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, the following application(s) for water use permit(s) has (have) been received by the Northwest Florida Water Management District:

Application number I 07309 filed 03/26/2012

Walker & Sons Farm Land Company, LLC, 2349 Ashville Highway, Monticello, FL 32344

Requesting a maximum withdrawal of 1,296,000 gallons per day from the Floridan Aquifer System for Agricultural Irrigation use by a proposed facility.

General withdrawal location(s) in Jefferson County: T01N, R04E, Sec. 16

Interested persons may object to or comment upon the applications or submit a written request for a copy of the staff report(s) containing proposed agency action regarding the application(s) by writing to the Division of Resource Regulation of the Northwest Florida Water Management District, attention Terri Peterson, 152 Water Management Drive, Havana, Florida 32333-9700, but such comments or requests must be received by 5 o'clock p.m. on April 18, 2012.

No further public notice will be provided regarding this (these) application(s). Publication of this notice constitutes constructive notice of this permit application to all substantially affected persons. A copy of the staff report(s) must be requested in order to remain advised of further proceedings and any public hearing date. Substantially affected persons are entitled to request an administrative hearing regarding the proposed agency action by submitting a written request according to the provisions of 28-106.20, Florida Administrative Code. Notices of proposed Agency Action will be mailed only to persons who have filed such requests.

3/30/2012, c.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners is seeking proposals from individuals interested in offering small business development counseling services to county residents who want to start their own small business or expand an existing small business. The scope of service also includes advising the Commission on economic development strategies.

The successful applicant should be available full time (40 hours per week) for work onsite in Jefferson County, be willing to work closely with each client to achieve success, and should have extensive experience and demonstrated successes in small business development.

Details and packages are available at the office of the County Coordinator, Walnut Street Government Complex, Monticello, FL; phone 850-342-0287 or at the County Courthouse, 1 Courthouse Circle, Monticello, FL; phone 850-342-0219. The deadline for submitting proposals is noon on April 3, 2012.

3/28, 30/2012, c.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Big Southern Tree Growers the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed.

The certificate number, year of issuance, description of the property and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate Number: 608 Year of Issuance: 2009

Description of Property: 27-2N-4E-0110-00000-2701 5 Acres
PT Lots 270 & 271 Less Road R/W
ORB 86 P 116 & 239 P 189 & 408 P 309

Name in which assessed: **JAMES G. HILL, SR.**

All of said property being in the County of Jefferson, State of Florida. This property when sold may be subject to the current year taxes.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Jefferson County Courthouse, north door on the **20th day of April, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.**

Dated this 26th day of March, 2012
Kirk B. Reams
Clerk of the Court
Jefferson County, Florida

3/30/2012, c.

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

IN RE: ESTATE OF ALLEN TYSON, JR., Deceased.

PROBATE DIVISION
CASE NO: 10-61 CP

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: Kirk Douglas Brinson, Jeffrey W. Jones, Stephen Miller, Donald Miller, Jr., Derrick Brinson, Dwight Brinson, Ernestina Gordon, Unknown Heirs of Allen Tyson, Jr., Julian Ann Brinson, Gregory Tyson, Vincent Miller, Satima Jones, Barbara Tyson, David Miller, Kirk Douglas Brinson

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Petition to Determine the Beneficiaries of this Estate was filed on October 14, 2011, and you are required to serve a copy of your written objections or defenses, if any, to Michael A. Reichman, the Personal Representative's attorney, whose address is P. O. Box 41, Monticello, Florida, on or before April 26, 2012 and to file the original of the written objections with the clerk of the court either before service on the Personal Representative's attorney or immediately thereafter. Failure to serve written objections will result in an Order granting the relief requested in the Petition, without further notice.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT

DATE: March 16, 2012

KIRK REAMS
As Clerk of Said Circuit Court

BY: Sherry Sears
Deputy Clerk



3/9, 16, 23, 30/2012, c.

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

CASE NO.: 2010 CA 000288

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR CAR-RINGTON MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2007-RFC1, ASSET-BACKED PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES;
Plaintiff,
VS.

KIMBERLY L. MAYS A/K/A KIMBERLY LATRICE MAYS, IF LIVING AND IF DEAD; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KIMBERLY L. MAYS, IF LIVING AND IF DEAD, ET AL.; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE PROPERTY, IF ANY; JEFFERSON COUNTY, BY AND THROUGH THE JEFFERSON COUNTY SHIP PROGRAM;
Defendants,

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Default Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated MARCH 7, 2012, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash beginning at 11:00 a.m. at In the JEFFERSON COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE, MAIN COURTHOUSE, 1 COURT-HOUSE CIRCLE, MONTICELLO, FL 32344, on April 12, 2012, the following described property:

LOT "A" OF LOT 2, PALMER EASTERN ADDITION TOWN OF MONTICELLO, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT A FOUND 2 INCH BY 2 INCH CONCRETE MONUMENT (X TOP) MARKING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 2 OF PALMER EASTERN ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF MONTICELLO, FLORIDA (SAID CORNER BEING ON THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING BOULEVARD (RHODES STREET); THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREE 16 MINUTES 38 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE SAID EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY TO A SET 5/8 INCH IRON PIN (6988), A DISTANCE OF 82.89 FEET FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING. THENCE FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTINUE NORTH 00 DEGREE 16 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY TO A FOUND IRON PIN (4765), A DISTANCE OF 92.50 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY, RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 10 SECONDS EAST TO A SET 5/8 INCH IRON PIN (6988), A DISTANCE OF 106.47 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 10 SECONDS EAST TO A SET 5/8 INCH IRON PIN (6988), A DISTANCE OF 92.50 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 09 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST BACK TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, A DISTANCE OF 106.30 FEET. TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED 20 FOOT INGRESS AND EGRESS AND UTILITY EASEMENT: COMMENCE AT A FOUND 2 INCH BY 2 INCH CONCRETE MONUMENT (X TOP) MARKING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 2 OF PALMER EASTERN ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF MONTICELLO, FLORIDA; AND THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT 2 TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 2 (SAID CORNER BEING MARKED BY A FOUND X IN CONCRETE), A DISTANCE OF 212.28 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE EAST BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT 2 A DISTANCE OF 82.46 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF SAID 20 FOOT INGRESS/EGRESS AND UTILITY EASEMENT. THENCE FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF SAID EASEMENT, A DISTANCE OF 212.60 FEET TO THE POINT OF TERMINATION OF SAID EASEMENT.

Property Address: 265 SOUTH MARVIN STREET, MONTICELLO, FL 32344, Jefferson
ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: Danny Davis, Court Technology Office, Office of Court Administration, 301 S Monroe St, Rm 225, Tallahassee, FL 32303, (850) 577-4401, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on March 28, 2012.
CLERK: KIRK REAMS

Sherry Sears
By: Deputy Clerk

3/30/4/6/12 c.

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Corn Dog Baked Beans Fruit Cookie Milk	Macho Nachos & Cheese Sauce Black Beans or Corn Fruit Oatmeal Muffin Square Milk	Sloppy Joe on Bun Salad Choices Fruit Milk	Turkey Roast Creamed Potatoes Green Beans Fruit Salad Hot Roll Milk	Cheeseburger Lettuce, Tomato & Pickle Oven Fries Fruit Milk
Mon., April 9	Tues., April 10	Wed., April 11	Thurs., April 12	Fri., April 13
Pizza Corn on Cob Fruit Milk	Beef Tips Baked Rice California Blend Fruit Cornbread Milk	Taco over Chips Lettuce, Tomato Salsa & Cheese Whole Kernel Corn Fruit Cinnamon Roll Milk	Chicken Tenders Creamed Potatoes Green Beans Fruit Roll Milk	Sausage Dog On Bun Potato Tots Fruit Milk
Mon., April 16	Tues., April 17	Wed., April 18	Thurs., April 19	Fri., April 20
Pop Corn Chicken Oven Fries Fruit Biscuit Milk	JES Beef Stew Tossed Salad Fruit Biscuit Milk Middle/High School Managers Choice	Hot Dog on Bun Baked Beans Cole Slaw Fruit Milk	Ham Macaroni & Cheese Greens Fruit Cornbread Milk	BBQ on Bun Sweet Potato Tots Fruit Milk
Mon., April 23	Tues., April 24	Wed., April 25	Thurs., April 26	Fri., April 27
Pizza Whole Kernel Corn Fruit Milk	Beef Sticks Macaroni & Cheese Broccoli Fruit Biscuit Milk	Grilled Chick Burger Lettuce & Pickle Potato Wedge Fruit Milk	Chicken Tenders Creamed Potatoes Green Beans Fruit Hot Roll Milk	Hamburger Lettuce, Tomato & Pickle Oven Fries Fruit Milk
Mon., April 30	JEFFERSON SCHOOL DISTRICT LUNCH MENU FOR APRIL			
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The Week of March 30, 2012 through April 6, 2012
Major Feed Times are marked by an asterisk (*)

Friday, March 30 1:00 AM *7:10 AM 1:20 PM *7:35 PM	Saturday, March 31 1:50 AM *8:00 AM 2:10 PM *8:25 PM	Sunday, April 1 2:40 AM *8:45 AM 2:55 PM *9:10 PM	Monday, April 2 3:25 AM *9:30 AM 3:40 PM *9:55 PM
Tuesday, April 3 4:10 AM *10:20 AM 4:25 PM *10:40 PM	Wednesday, April 4 4:55 AM *11:00 AM 5:10 PM *11:30 PM	Thursday, April 5 5:45 AM *11:50 AM 6:00 PM	Friday, April 6 *12:20 AM 6:30 AM *12:40 PM 6:50 PM

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Four License-Free Fishing Days Start April 7

Grab your fishing rods and tackle box. It's almost time - April 7 - to take advantage of the first of four license-free fishing days scheduled for this summer in Florida, according to Gov. Rick Scott, who highlighted the good news at today's Cabinet meeting in Tallahassee.

"Fishing is a great way to enjoy Florida's beautiful outdoors, great weather and a wonderful day with family and friends," Scott said. "License-free fishing days are the perfect opportunity to discover the fun and excitement of fishing and Florida's great outdoors."

The days are perfect chances for parents, who don't yet have a license, to take youth fishing, or for avid anglers to introduce a friend to the recreational pursuit without having to purchase a license.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) spread out the opportunities this year so more people will be able to head for their favorite lakes and rivers or saltwater destinations on designated days. Instead of providing one weekend for freshwater fishing and one weekend for saltwater fishing, the Commissioners decided at their meeting in February to break up the days. You won't need a recreational fishing license on the special days listed below.

Florida residents and nonresidents, mark these Saturdays on your calendar for 2012:

- April 7 - Freshwater
- June 2 - Saltwater
- June 9 - Freshwater
- Sept. 1 - Saltwater

The April 7 date occurs during a productive freshwater fishing period when the weather is usually comfortable. Plus it is Easter weekend, and many people like to fill the weekend with a variety of activities with family or friends.

The June 2 free saltwater fishing day coincides with the first weekend of Gulf red snapper season and National Fishing and Boating Week, which means there will be lots of other related activities going on too.

The June 9 date for freshwater fishing also coincides with the last day of National Fishing and Boating Week. Last year, 38 states had at least one license-free fishing day during this annual event.

Sept. 1 is the Saturday of Labor Day Weekend, when lots of people have time to recreate and celebrate the traditional end-of-summer holiday. In addition, bay scallops, lobster and snook will be open for harvest on this date.

All other bag limit, season and size restrictions apply on these dates. The license-free fishing designation applies only to recreational fishing, not commercial.

To make your free fishing day successful, check out MyFWC.com/Fishing for fishing tips, locations and rules.

Those who venture out may discover why Florida is the Fishing Capital of the World and feel as if they are part of the sport's business engine that propels a \$7.5 billion economic impact and sustains 80,000 jobs.

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North Florida Community College's Green Industries Institute on Saturday, March 31 in Monticello.

The three-hour workshop will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 12 p.m. The in-

structors for this workshop are University of Florida wildlife ecologist Dr. Katie Sieving and Florida Bluebird Society President Bill Pennewill.

"Inviting birds into your garden is like set-

ting up a buffet for their dinner," said Claire Mitchell, Sustainable Agriculture Programs Manager at Green Industries. "The decline in bluebird population is attributed to insecticide use, so organic gardens can serve as habitat for these native birds."

The workshop will cover the Dr. Sieving's research on the eating and nesting behaviors of native North Florida birds in agricultural areas, and how to build a bluebird box and where to place it on your property to make sure it gets inhabited.

This workshop and others are offered on Saturdays from 9am-12pm and cost \$25 to attend. Participants are asked to pre-register online at <http://www.nfcc.edu/green-industries/organic-gardening-101>.

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

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