



## COMMISSIONERS SET TO HIRE SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANT

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Commissioners were expected to decide on the hiring of a small business development consultant on Thursday evening, April 19, the outcome of a 2½-hour workshop on Tuesday that saw the two competitors for the job making presentations to the board.

The two applicants are Dr. Dallas Garrett, a former small business developer who retired here a short while back; and Jennifer Donald, founder and president of Metropolitan Design and Consulting Group, Inc. (MDCG), a Tallahassee-based company.

In her presentation, Donald told the board that her group's focus was jobs creation

through the creation and expansion of small businesses. She said the list of her company's services included small business consultations, business plan development, grant writing, entrepreneurial training and enterprise resource planning, as well as teaching the importance of public relations and social media in business promotion.

"We call ourselves a one-stop shop," Donald said. "We supply everything under one roof. We help you from beginning to end."

She said she understood the critical need here was jobs creation through the creation of small businesses and the expansion of existing small businesses. And

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Don and his lovely bride, Michele.

## Don Curtis Becomes Candidate for Florida House District 7

Don Curtis has announced his candidacy for the Florida Legislature, House of Representatives, District 7, Republican. Don and his family are long-time residents of Taylor County, Florida. He and his wife of 32 years, Michele, live on a farm at Lake Bird, where they've raised their two sons, Ray and Clayton. Now they've been blessed with a grandson and there's another one on the way!

Don is a forester and President of The Forestry Company in Perry. He has served the people of North Florida in many ways during his career – from being appointed to be the Assistant State Forester for Florida, to serving on the Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District, to being elected onto the School Board at Aucilla Christian Academy, and starting the Shady Grove Volunteer Fire Department. Now he seeks to give the rural counties of North Florida a strong voice in Tallahassee.

Don's focus is, and has been for many years, bringing jobs to this area. According to Don "We all want a better future for our children and grandchildren – we want them to be able to have good jobs here as they become adults and start their own families. Currently many of them have to go elsewhere for employment and that needs to change."

Because of his strong stance on private property rights, Don has been endorsed by the Florida Forestry Association. He also serves on the Leadership Council for the National Federation of Independent Businesses, Florida Chapter. He's also a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association and a member of the Florida Farm Bureau.

The new House District 7 was created through re-districting and covers the counties: Jefferson, Madison, Taylor, Lafayette, Wakulla, Franklin, Liberty, Gulf and a portion of Leon.

Don knows this district well. He's a conservative, a listener, and a small business owner. For more information, you can go to his website [www.ElectDonCurtis.com](http://www.ElectDonCurtis.com). For more information, contact the Don Curtis Campaign @ 850-843-0520.

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## 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MUSIC FEST SET TO START THIS EVE

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## Fire Rescue Eyes New Ambulances

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Fire Rescue Chief Mark Matthews is hoping to add a new or a refurbished ambulance to his department's vehicle fleet; or better yet, add both units, if the two grants he is seeking get awarded.

Matthews received permission from the Jefferson County Commission on Thursday, April 5, to apply for two matching grants from the Florida Department of Health, one for \$130,000 to purchase a new ambulance, and the second for \$80,000 to remount an existing ambulance box on a new truck chassis.

Matthews said the county's match would be between 10 and 25 percent on each of the grants, for a possible total of \$52,500 if the county were fortunate enough to be awarded both grants and at the maximum match. He said the match amount depended on the grant's funding source.

Of the potential \$52,500 match, his department had \$22,000 in the budget at present, he said. Meaning that \$30,000 would have to come from elsewhere.

Matthews said that typically, before the economy had gone south, the department had gotten a new or refurbished ambulance every year. "But it's been four years now since we last did," he said.

Commissioners agreed with Matthews that a possibility of a \$52,500 expenditure on a gain of \$210,000 was a worthwhile investment.



## ACA HEAD HAILS SCHOOL VOUCHER EXPANSION LAW

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Aucilla Christian Academy (ACA) Principal Richard Finlayson is hailing a bill that Gov. Rick Scott recently signed into law, expanding Florida's tax-credit scholarship program for low-income students.

Considered the largest of its kind in the nation, Florida's tax-credit scholarship program — also called the Florida Corporate Tax Scholarship Program — reportedly serves more than 38,000 students presently. The program is funded by corporations, which receive a

dollar-for-dollar tax credit for their contributions.

The new law increases the cap on contributions by \$10.25 millions, to \$229 million. The cap currently is \$175 million. Absent the increase that the new law allows, the cap was previously set to rise to

\$218.75 million next year.

Among the several program changes that the new law accomplishes:

\* It allows students entering grades 2-5 and meeting the income guidelines to receive a scholarship even if they

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## SIDEWALK PLANNED FOR EASTERN SIDE OF TOWN

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A interagency program agreement that county officials recently approved makes this community eligible for \$30,000 grant that is to be used to plan a sidewalk extension on the east side of town.

The agreement — which the Jefferson County Commission signed on Thursday morning, April 5, with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) — allows for the design of a sidewalk on the east side of Mamie Scott

Drive from the existing sidewalk on Mississippi Street to the Texas Hill Road, or the Boston Highway, as more commonly called.

The engineering firm of Preble-Rish Inc. will draw the plan for the sidewalk. Per the terms of the agreement, the county will expend the \$30,000 upfront and the FDOT will reimburse the amount once the plan is completed.

Clerk of Court Kirk Reams offered that the sidewalk funding was the first successful project of the Community Traffic Safety Team (CTST) since the group reorganized about nine months

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## Celebrate Earth Day

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# Viewpoints & Opinions

## COMMUNITY COLUMN

### CASH BACK

BY JACK CARSWELL



Our truck didn't have a top on the cab. It was a blessing. The fresh air felt good. We were hauling a flatbed load of squash up to Thomasville. On the return trip, we would haul a little cash back to Jefferson County, maybe more than a little if our squash brought a good price. Tomorrow was Saturday, and we'd spread some of that cash downtown.

In those days, we either took or sent our products out of the county and imported cash as payment for what we produced here. It was already the end of May. It wouldn't be long before lines of box cars with their doors open backed up on the rail sidings at Lloyd, New Monticello, and Aucilla.

It was hot—hot as Hades! Several weeks before the 4th of July the box cars would be filled with Jefferson County watermelons to ship north. The melon brokers in St. Louis, Chicago, and New York would send cash back here when the melons were sold.

Once the melons were on their way, we went back to our regular work. Everybody worked—white men, black men, boys, girls, mothers—everybody. The box cars on the rail sidings were replaced by flatbed cars for hauling pulpwood. They were soon loaded and left headed to the paper mills along the gulf coast, Florida, Alabama, and points west. The mills sent cash back to Jefferson County.

Farming—there was always farming. You could get cash for hogs and cows at regional livestock markets in Monticello, Madison, and Thomasville. Jefferson County grew, processed, and shipped tung oil, turpentine, and forest products. Cash came back. There was a large sawmill in downtown Monticello. Everyone of our villages had a sawmill as well.

People had some money—not a lot—but some, enough to meet their basic needs. And they spent it locally. Tallahassee? You didn't go there much. Money was spent and circulated locally. You could go into Monticello where the stores had almost anything you really needed. You could even buy a new Ford or Chevrolet car or truck. Cash from our products flowed into the

county and circulated among locally owned businesses and people. It stayed here where it created jobs and wealth.

All this reminds me of the '70's song by Don McLean. "Bye, bye, Miss American Pie; drove my Chevy to the levee but the levee was dry." We could add a few lines of our own. "Did you hear? Barbara closed Milady's, and the hardware store is empty. Downtown's a mess. I see the Rare Door burned, now Jackson's Drugstore has collapsed. My, my, this is our county seat?"

What happened? Farming changed, markets shifted, national retailers with fancy store fronts and slick displays spread into rural communities. A revolution in transportation, distribution, and communications exploded. Tallahassee and Thomasville moved closer. People went to work outside the county, spending their money where they worked rather than bringing it home to circulate in the local economy.

The retail merchants in our villages quickly went out of business. The local stores in Lloyd, Waukeelah, and Aucilla closed and settled quietly into our memories. Wacissa may soon follow. Despite the competition from national retailers who ship their money out of the county as fast as we spend it with them, Monticello hung on as best it could—until recently.

Is the sky falling? No. Not at all. Things have changed in our county, and they have been changing for quite a while.

We've become predominantly an exporter of our cash. With a few exceptions, we've ceased to be a provider of goods and services that are produced here but sold outside of our county. We find ourselves with only a remaining handful of locally owned retail and service businesses.

Most of the money we spend locally—at Winn-Dixie, CVS, Fred's, Family Dollar, Dollar General, O'Riley's Auto Parts, etc.—is exported out of the county that very night or the next day, leaving behind just a few low-wage jobs. Of course, we're glad to have

the convenience of these businesses, but without locally owned enterprises that keep our cash circulating at home, our local economy is imperiled.

This has always been a beautiful and resilient community. We will survive and thrive. But in the future, our economic complexion is going to be different. It can even be better than it was. But the transformation will require leadership, vision, and action. We are going to have to find and build a covey of entrepreneurs to revitalize our local economy. They may not even know it yet, but they are here. We just have to find and develop them—or, in some cases, recruit them. I can imagine this future conversation between a couple of visitors.

"I missed you today, Mary. Where were you?"

Mary replied, "Susan and I drove over to Monticello. I love the drive over there. It is so beautiful. There are so many interesting shops and nice little restaurants. We spent most of the morning browsing and shopping, then had lunch on the Plaza at the new Jackson's Square. It was lovely."

"Did you go to the Museum and Cultural Center they just opened in that old high school?" asked Mary's friend.

"No, but we did take a quiet walk on the nature trails at the Water Street Park they recently built. I really enjoyed that. Then we just drove around and looked at old houses. We got lost at one point and ended up in a new business park. There was a lot going on there."

"I must go with you all next time," the friend said.

Mary responded, "We'd love that. To tell the truth, if I could get Edward to move his business to that new business park, I'd love to move to Monticello. It's a wonderful place."

*Jack Carswell is a semi-retired investment advisor who returned home to his Jefferson County roots by way of California.*

## Letters To The Editor

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

### Restore the National Day of Prayer

When Barack Obama was elected President of the United States I did not care that he was half black and half white. After all I have a grandson, who is my buddy for life, who is half black and half white. I helped raise this grandson in my home for eight years. We went fishing together, hunting together, to the movies together, to church together, we pursued building projects together, ate together, prayed together, etc., - we are joined at the hip for life. No matter what he does right or wrong I will be there for him. So my perspective of Barack Obama was necessarily skewed in his favor. I did not vote for him. I am too conservative for that, but I felt a kinship with him.

But I am extremely disappointed in the way he turned out.

In June 2007 the then Senator Obama (candidate for President) stated that we were no longer a Christian nation. This past year the President Obama cancelled the 21<sup>st</sup> National Day of Prayer stating that he did not want to offend anyone. On September 25, 2009, the President declared a National Day of Prayer for Muslims. Over 50,000 Muslims showed up in Washington, D. C. to observe this event.

Just for the record, I am a Christian and I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of the Living God and died on the cross to save us sinners. I do not care who knows it and I do not care if any-

one is offended by my beliefs. I also do not care if the President declared a national day of prayer for Muslims. What I do care about is that he cancelled the National Day of Prayer for all religions. In 1952 President Truman started the National Day of Prayer and in 1988 President Reagan designated the first Thursday in May to be observed as the National Day of Prayer. I am very much offended.

The first Thursday in May is coming up and I call upon all Christians, as well as all religions, to contact the White House and call for the restoration of National Day of Prayer for all religions.

*Charles E. McClellan*

## HOUSEWIVES

Like Ms. Romney my wife did not work a day in her life until she went back to school at the age of 42, got a degree in early childhood education and began teaching at Jefferson Elementary at the age of 44. Our youngest child was 15 at the time. Our boys were 18 and 21 years of age. But you see up until that time she was not working, she was having fun. When she would make a lot of their clothes, cook all of our meals, wash our dishes, wash our clothes, clean our house, buy our groceries, pay the bills at the end of the month, get the kids ready for school, attend ball games and school events,

take the kids to Church, feed the animals including cows for about ten years and do various other things that needed to be done, she was just having fun. It was not work. She only went to work when she started teaching school. I guess up until then she was one of those ignorant housewives having fun and not realizing

it. I am only glad that she finally began working and understanding what the world was all about. May God Bless ALL of those non-working housewives. We all could get an education following them around.

*Charles E. McClellan*

## Stingers

**“Who knows what the understanding is between Hines Boyd and Nikki Little but it doesn't take a CSI forensic scientist to tell that Commissioner Boyd's fingerprints are all over the letter to the editor under Ms. Little's name. Is that hiding, pretending or something else? I say, this is nothing more than self-promoting campaign rhetoric. We, the public, are not as gullible as he would like to believe. This letter is more distortion, delusion, and disinformation just like his Community Column about the roads.”**

**\*All Stingers are printed anonymously, however the News staff reserves the right to not print offensive material.**

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The Mayhaw Berry Harvest Festival will be held on Saturday, May 5 and Sunday, May 6 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days at the Golden Acres Ranch, 704 Barnes Road in Monticello. For more information, contact Bobbie or Fred Golden at 850-997-6599.

Jackson Square revitalization was discussed during the March meeting of the MainStreet of Monticello Board. Preliminary planning work has begun on the redevelopment of the Jackson Square area. During this project, the area behind the historic Wirick-Simmons house will become a community garden and pavilion. A business incubator is also in the planning and will be contained in some of the vacant buildings. Restoration Architect Mark Tarmay has requested \$48,000 to plan the renovation and provide renderings. MainStreet Project Manager Anne Holt is currently working on several grants for this specific plan and renovation.

The downtown Business Directory Kiosk has received preliminary approval from the Florida Department of Transportation. The MainStreet of Monticello Board is seeking approval of the handicapped access plan. The Tourist Development Council has worked with MainStreet on submitting a \$1000 grant for the project.

An 'Archeological Conference', sponsored by MainStreet of Monticello, has been planned and scheduled for October 3-6 at the Monticello Opera House. The conference, titled 'First Floridians: First Americans' will be an archaeological conference and a 'first' for Monticello. For more information about your involvement, go to [mainstreetmonticellofl.org](http://mainstreetmonticellofl.org). This event will be free to the public.

Enjoy the Earth Day celebrations to be held all over town this weekend!

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# Jefferson County Living

## Consultant

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her company was prepared to do just that, Donald said. Whether it was by way of classroom settings or one-on-one consultations, she said her company would take individuals through the entire process, from the point of defining their business ideas to creating business plans to securing the necessary funding to implementing the plan.

Donald said her company would recruit applicants through word-of-mouth, newspaper and other advertisements and by hitting the pavement and going door-to-door if necessary. She said her company could assure that it would be successful in getting the necessary funding 80 to 100 percent of the times, whether in the form of loans or grants.

The difficulty, she said, usually came in the follow-up and making sure that the program's graduates followed through with the implementation of their business plans. In the latter instances, she said her company would do the necessary handholding to help the individuals follow through on their plans.

Donald said she didn't

know if six months was enough to produce verifiable or guaranteed results, such as a certain number of businesses funded and jobs created during the time period. But her company would do its best, she said.

The six months stipulation arises from Dr. Garrett's earlier presentation, wherein he assured commissioners that he could create a definitive number of new businesses within the first six months.

"Our focus is the creation of small businesses and taking existing businesses and teaching them how to expand," Donald said several times.

Dr. Garrett wasn't expected to make a presentation at the workshop, given he had made previous presentations to the board. At Commission Chairman Hines Boyd's prompting, however, Dr. Garrett gave a brief summation of his previous presentations. He said that in Virginia, where he had headed a small-business development project before his retirement here, he had established 40 national funding sources within a five-year period, with the average loan he could secure for clients about \$200,000.

Dr. Garrett said he had completed 246 business plans during the five-year period, of which plans 181 businesses had been funded to the tune of \$44.9 million. What's more, 96 percent of those businesses, which had created 831 jobs, were still in operation today. He said his average in Virginia had been 30 new businesses funded per year.

Many of the clients he helped were individuals whom other small business development organizations had turned away, figuring that if the particular person couldn't write a business plan, he or she had no business being in business, Dr. Garrett said. He disagreed with that point of view, he said. In fact, he had taken these same earlier rejected individuals — almost literally by the hand in some instances — and he had helped them to write and get their business plans funded, he said.

Dr. Garrett gave the example of a woman who was on disability and who had had an idea for a new cake box. He said he worked with the woman for more than a year to fine tune the idea, get it patented and secure a \$21,000 loan to produce a prototype of the box. Now he understood that the woman had gone national with her product, he said.

It was one of 181 such

success stories that he could tell, Dr. Garrett said.

Another unexpected presentation was that of Keith Bowers, director of the FAMU Small Business Development Center (SBDC). Bowers spoke at the invitation of Dick Bailar, a citizen concerned that the commission was about to spend money unnecessarily to duplicate an effort that was already ongoing, as the latter saw it.

Bowers informed the commission that his organization, which provides service to an eight-county area, already had a presence in Jefferson County. In fact, Bowers said, the SBDC, in existence for 35 years, had recently established an office in Monticello and was making inroads in the business community.

"When I heard about the request for a consultant, I frankly felt it was putting the cart before horse and that it wasn't acknowledging the efforts we've made," Bowers said.

He noted that although the SBDC was funded to the tune of \$400,000 annually, the center's services to Jefferson and others of the counties it served were free.

Bowers said he hadn't been aware that the commission had such a commitment to small business development; otherwise he would have involved the commission in the SBDC's efforts. Now he was aware of that interest, however, he wanted the two to partner, he said.

"If you're going to hire a consultant, let us work with that consultant," Bowers said. "But I think you're reinventing the wheel. We've already identified businesses that need help and we have talked to the businesses in the community. At the least, embrace us a resource...Before today, we didn't understand the level of involvement of the commission. We'd like to be at the table. This is our service area and we would like to be seen as a viable resource."

Boyd offered that the commission's intent in hiring a consultant was not to supplant the SBDC, but rather to supplement its effort.

"What we're doing is on top of what you're doing," Boyd said. "We're looking for a very intense effort to fill a need in our community."

He cited recent census data showing that Jefferson County lost 17 percent of its agricultural jobs during the last four years, making Jefferson the county with the greatest job loss in the state. In his view, the community could-

n't sustain such losses and it spoke to the urgency of the situation and the need to address it immediately, he said.

Commissioner John Nelson, however, said he wasn't ready to make a decision on the consultant, given the other related issues that were still pending. He mentioned, among the latter, the \$20,000 FSU study that has largely been ignored since its creation several months back and the economic development ad-hoc committee created recently to study the problem and offer recommendations.

"I'm concerned we're putting the cart before the horse," Nelson said. "Before I make a decision on a consultant, I want more information."

Commissioner Stephen Fulford likewise expressed concern. Echoing Bailar and Bower's concern, he questioned if the county wasn't duplicating an effort that the SBDC was already doing for free. What's more, he wondered about the viability of such a service locally, given that only seven persons had responded so far to the SBDC's efforts. Was there even a potential pool of applicants to take advantage of such a program? Fulford asked.

"What's going to be different?" he asked, meaning what could a consultant do to produce results that the SMDC wasn't already doing.

Boyd offered that someone such as Dr. Garrett could make a difference because he would be doing it full-time and would go into the community and recruit one-on-one and do the necessary handholding to get applicants through the process.

Commissioner Betsy Barfield agreed. She saw the consultant as one piece

of a multifaceted effort. All the same, she had numerous questions before she would commit one way or the other. Among her several questions: Whom would the consultant report to; where would the consultant be housed; what were the board's expectations insofar as results within the six-month period; and what would be the measurement to determine the success of the program?

Boyd's responses, in short order: the consultant would report to the board or the coordinator; the consultant could be housed in available space in the shared offices of the building inspector/planning official and take advantage of available staff and office resources there; and the board, if it wasn't satisfied with the results after six months, could simply terminate the service. But the important thing, as he saw it, was that the board did something, even if it proved wrong, rather than doing nothing, he said.

Barfield was satisfied. Although she respected Nelson's view, she agreed that something needed to be done, she said.

"I feel we need to move forward," Barfield said.

Others likewise urged action. Economic Development Director Julie Conley said that although doubtful that six months was a realistic time period to produce result, she agreed that action of any kind was better than no action. One of the things that often frustrated her in her job, she said, was the lack of action and urgency relative to economic development.

Jack Carswell, a citizen and economic development advocate, likewise urged the board to act, stressing that a sense of urgency existed in the community when it came to the need for economic development. While research and information gathering was good and important, the circumstances didn't allow for such, he said. The answers that commissioners were seeking were inherent in the very effort, he said. Only by doing, in other words, could commissioners learn, even if the learning came at the expense of mistakes, he said.

"You won't know until you begin the effort," Carswell said. "There is no way to chart this. It's a process. If we knew absolutely how to be successful, we'd all be in the Caribbean enjoying a drink."

## Baby Photo Contest

Support the Festival this year by submitting your favorite photo in the annual baby photo contest. This is always a fun and popular event so get snapping for that perfect pose.

Categories range from newborn to 4 years. Submit your picture and application no later than noon on Friday May 25th. The application fee is only \$10. Contestants must be full-time Jefferson County residents. Winners from last year are ineligible.

Stop by The Chamber of Commerce to pick up your application or to drop off your entry. Applications also available on-line at: www.monticellojeffersonfl.com under the events tab.

Photos will be displayed in a downtown storefront (location to be announced). Winners will be introduced at the Kick-off Dinner on Friday June 8th; featured in an article in the Monticello News/Jefferson Journal; and participate in the Festival Parade Saturday June 16th.

If you have questions please contact: Cherri Linn (997-3252) or Angela Gray (997-0302).

## JEFFERSON COUNTY "STATE OF THE CHILD" MEETING SET FOR APRIL 24<sup>th</sup>

*Celebrating 20 Years of Maternal and Child Health*

The Healthy Start Coalition of Jefferson, Madison and Taylor counties will be conducting its annual "State of the Child" meeting on April 24 at 9:30 a.m. at the R. J. Bailar Public Library, which is located at 375 South Water Street in Monticello.

Providing insights into the picture of health and well-being for Jefferson County's most vulnerable citizens, its children, the annual event has received great praise for providing timely information useful to healthcare, education, government, business and civic leadership. Moreover, the presentation will reveal vital data and analysis regarding the most pressing challenges facing new mothers and infants throughout the community in the hopes

of generating the collaboration needed to develop and implement sustainable solutions.

Recognizing that poor maternal and infant health are primary long-term contributors to Jefferson County ranking among the lowest in the state in chronic health and ongoing educational problems, organizers are committed to raising awareness of these key developmental issues. Jefferson County's perpetual poverty has often been blamed for these disconcerting statistics and the associated growing disparities, suggesting that a turnaround is virtually impossible and mostly dependent on an improved economy. Utilizing a compelling presentation, these complex questions of cause and effect will be

covered by an expert presenter in an interesting and understandable manner that is relevant to both professional audiences and the general public.

The Healthy Start Coalition of Jefferson, Madison and Taylor counties is also celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday, so guests are encouraged to bring a gift or convenient donation of items that are useful to new mothers and infants. Regardless, everyone with an interest in improving the outcomes of Jefferson County's most precious resources are urged to attend.

For more information on this topic or to schedule an interview with Donna Hagan, please phone Cindy Hutto at (850) 948-2741, or email Cindy at [cjhutto@healthystartjmt.org](mailto:cjhutto@healthystartjmt.org).

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# Jefferson County Living

## Baker And Smith Announce Engagement



Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Smith announce the engagement of their daughter Allie Smith to Nolan Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Garry Pearson and Mr. Tim Baker.

Allie is a 2007 graduate of Madison County High School in Madison, FL. She graduated in 2010 and 2011 with a Bachelors degree and a Masters degree in Food & Nutrition Science from Florida State University. She works as a Nutrition Education Specialist for the Leon County Schools Nutrition Services.

Nolan is a 2007 graduate of Crandall High School in Crandall, TX. He is set to graduate at the end of April with his Bachelors degree in Interdisciplinary Social Science Education from Florida State University. He works as a runner for Bryant, Miller & Olive, a law firm in Tallahassee, FL.

Nolan and Allie plan to be married on May 5, 2012 at Elizabeth Baptist Church in Monticello, FL.

## Willis & Murphy To Wed

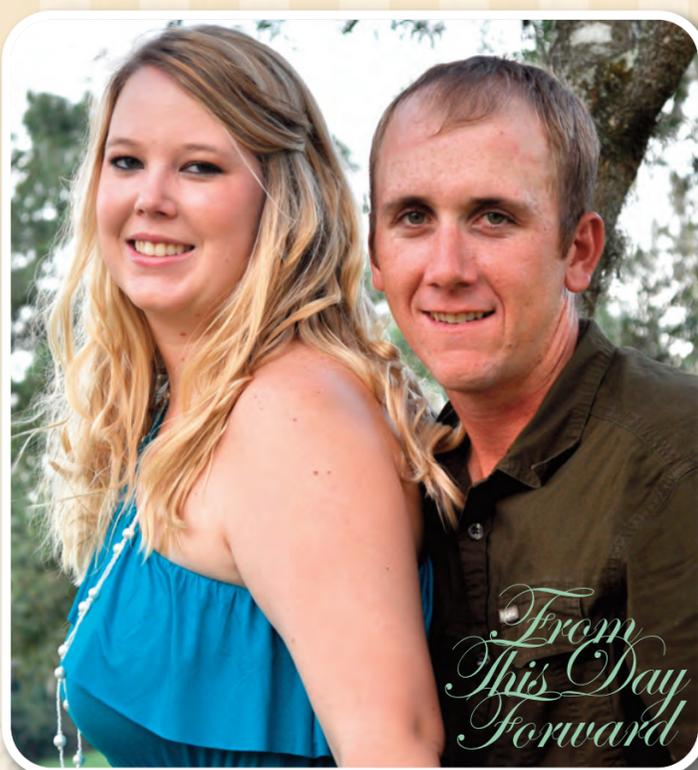
Bill and Patsy Willis, of Greensboro, Florida, announce the engagement of their daughter, Sallie Elizabeth Willis to Matthew Daniel Murphy, son of Kevin Murphy of Marianna, Florida and Mike and Cindy Rister of Perry, Florida. The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late Tom and Jean Cockrell of Panama City, Florida and the late Earl and Ruth Willis of Greensboro, Florida.

Sallie is a 2006 graduate of Robert F. Mumroe and a 2012 graduate of Flagler College where she obtained a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and Exceptional Student Education. She is currently employed with Leon County Schools.

The groom-elect is the grandson of Oscar and Beth Lisenby of Tallahassee, Florida and the late Hugh and Montez Murphy of Havana, Florida.

Matt is a 2003 graduate of Marianna High School and a 2008 graduate of Lake City Community College with a degree in Golf Course Operations. He is the Superintendent of the Wildwood Golf Club in Crawfordville, Florida.

The wedding will be held on April 28, 2012 in Crawfordville where the couple will reside.



From This Day Forward

## Pioneer Days WITH KIWANIS

Max Bilinski spoke to the Monticello Kiwanis on Wednesday, April 11, 2012 about the 'pioneer days' in Jefferson County, dating back to his family's move here in the early 1900's. He brought a variety of antique farm artifacts to share with the membership and an early 'weed eater' pictured in this photograph.



## Veteran's Day Parade Planned

For those not up to speed, planning has begun for a Veteran's Day Parade this year on Saturday, November 10, as the 11<sup>th</sup> falls on a Sunday.

The American Legion Post 49 is in collaboration with local resident Earlene 'Coach' Knight to form a

committee with the involvement of more area groups and businesses.

Knight has been trying to get this endeavor off and running for years now and with the help from groups like the American Legion her efforts should become a reality by November.

Closer on the calendar is Memorial Day, celebrated on Monday, May 28. The American Legion Post 49 will be serving breakfast followed with a short memorial service. Following the morning program, the members will be placing new American flags and re-

moving old flags on all the veterans' gravesites at the area cemeteries.

"Join us in our community efforts. Your help and support are needed to make our projects successful," concludes LT. F. Kolb III, USN-Ret. and Post 49 Commander.

## Blood Drive At FMB

ECB Publishing Photos By Debbie Snapp, April 17, 2012.

**FMB Employee Bill Watson is a blood donor. He welcomes donors as they arrive to give blood.**



DEBBIE SNAPP ECB Publishing Staff Writer

Every eight-weeks the Farmers and Merchants Bank personnel sponsor a Blood Drive with 'OneBlood,' a joint venture of Florida Blood Services, Community Blood Centers of Florida and Florida's Blood Centers (aka: Southeastern Community Blood Center.) Bank employee Sonja Brock coordinates the event.

The most recent 'Blood Drive', held on Tuesday afternoon, was a success, with several area residents and bank employees donating their time and their precious blood.

For information about giving blood, go to OneBlood.org. For information about the next FMB Blood Drive, go to jboatwright@fmbbank.com.

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**Mike Boland is proud to say that he donates blood about every two-months. Working with him is OneBlood Technician Michael McCants.**



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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**APRIL 20**

Monticello Jamboree Band will perform music for dancing at 7 p.m. every Friday evening at 625 South Water Street, in the old JCHS gym. There are doorprizes, cold soft drinks and snacks. Everyone is welcome to come dance, listen to some of the finest music and just enjoy the fun and camaraderie with neighbors and friends. Band members/musicians include Bobby Connell, Don Corbitt, John Howell, Ashley Morgan, Sue and Wanzie Tucker, Arlene and Leon Roberts and Wendell Quick. This is a non-profit charitable organization. For questions or concerns contact Curtis Morgan at 850-933-8136 or Bobby Connell at 850-445-0049.

**APRIL 20**

Cross Landings Health & Rehabilitation Center will hold its 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Volunteer Celebration at 6 p.m. on Friday at the facility on North Jefferson.

The event is proudly held to honor those who give so much of their time and efforts and asking nothing in return. Reservations are requested for a count, but not necessary to attend. The community and friends are most welcome to attend this year's event. Call 850-997-2313 for questions, concerns, donations and reservations. Community merchants and caring residents are being sought for donations of gifts for doorprizes to the participants during the banquet.

**APRIL 20**

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 21**

Southern Music Rising Festival, Saturday. Spend a wonderful day and a crash party evening at

the 5th Annual Southern Music Rising Festival. Southern Music Rising is an all day music festival featuring over 40 bands on six stages with bluegrass, folk and Americana performers. In addition, there will be vendors, a children's stage sponsored by Tobacco Free Florida, a car show and the Cow Hunter's Corner with music, cowboy poetry and historical presentations from frontier Florida. The festival will wind up with a blues and rock 'n' roll Crash Party into the wee hours of the night at the Monticello Opera House. Your all-day pass includes access to all events and is just \$15 per person, with children 12 and under free. Tickets can be purchased online or on the day of show at the Opera House or booths throughout downtown Monticello. For more information about the bands and the Southern Music Rising Festival, go to <http://www.southernmusicrising.com/home.cfm>.

**APRIL 21**

New Bethel AME Church and Rev. Jimmie F. Dickey, pastor, will host a Health Fair from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, at the

church location on the Ashville Highway. The 'Going Green' Health Fair will offer a variety of information for community residents including: Epilepsy, prostate health, asthma, effects of smoking, high blood pressure, nutrition, diabetes, stress, stroke, healthy eating, AIDS/STDs, personal safety and identity theft. Representatives from area agencies and businesses will be available with handouts, demonstrations and handouts including: the Health Department, Fire Departments, Sheriff's Office and Police Department.

**APRIL 21**

Dog ear cleaning and nail clipping from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the third Saturday of each month at the JCHS Wag-the-Dog thrift store on North Jefferson. Jeri Kimbrel and other volunteers are ready to pamper your dogs for just a \$7 donation. For more information call 850-997-4932.

**APRIL 21**

Dixie Community Center 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.

**APRIL 21**

Central Baptist Church 'Super Friends' RFL Team will host a Fish Fry at the Gulf Coast Lumber hardware store located at 1400 South Jefferson, from 11 a.m. until the food is gone

**APRIL 21-28**

Jefferson Arts will fea-

ture 'The Human Form', an exhibit of works of various artists through the month of April in the Gallery. The Jefferson Arts Gallery is located at 575 West Washington in downtown Monticello and is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays, or by appointment. For more information about the Arts or to ask about free art classes, call 850-997-3311 or go to [info@jeffersonartsgallery.com](mailto:info@jeffersonartsgallery.com) or [www.jeffersonartsgallery.com](http://www.jeffersonartsgallery.com).

**APRIL 23**

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

**APRIL 23**

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

**APRIL 23**

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 24**

AA classes are held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. for those seeking help. The classes are held at the Harvest Christian Center, 1599 Springhol-

low Road. Contact Marvin Graham, pastor, at 850-212-7669 for more information.

**APRIL 24**

Triple L Club (LLL) will meet for a program and luncheon at 10:30 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday at First Baptist Church Monticello. A program, potluck luncheon and good Christian fellowship will be provided. Contact President Ethel Strickland at 850-509-9445 for more information.

**APRIL 24**

Silver Dome Chapter of the American Business Women's Association meets at 6 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday at the Hilton Garden Inn located at 1330 Blair Stone Road in Tallahassee. The cost of this Tuesday evening meeting and dinner is \$20. Contact Ann Walker, Hospitality Chair/Fundraising Committee, at 850-556-4729. The evening will include a business meeting, a program speaker and a meal. Plan to attend this monthly dinner meeting. For more information about ABWA contact President Von Holmes at 850-212-7373. The membership will be happy to have you join for a wonderful time of fun, information and fellowship.

### Obituaries

A Graveside Service was held for Donald Cleveland Johnson, age 73, of Metcalfe, Georgia on Sunday, April 15, 2012 at 2 p.m. The service was officiated by Rev. Molly Danner and Rev. Marshall Singletary at the Horne Cemetery. Mr. Johnson passed away on Thursday, April 12, 2012 in Metcalfe.

Mr. Johnson was born in Thomasville, Georgia on September 13, 1938. He was the son of the late Grover Cleveland Johnson, Jr. and Sara Julia Chastain Johnson. He was a member of the Metcalfe United Methodist Church and was on the Board of Directors of the Pelham Jamboree. He was retired from the Army Reserves and the Southwestern State Hospital.

Mr. Johnson is survived by his loving wife Alma Boutwell Johnson; sons Donald Lee Johnson of Vada, Georgia and Richard Lewis of Thomasville, Georgia; daughters Rachelle Straucener of Cairo, Georgia and Tammy Freeman of Barwick,



Georgia; brother Thomas B. Johnson and sister Rebecca Rouse both of Metcalfe; eight-grandchildren and one-great-grandchild.

Mr. Johnson was preceded in death by his brother Joseph David Johnson. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Metcalfe Community Children's Playground, 1057 Manning Street in Metcalfe, Georgia 31792, Attn: Wentie Kindred.

The family received friends from 5 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 14, 2012 at the funeral home. Guests may sign the online register at [www.allenfh.com](http://www.allenfh.com).



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

## Volunteer Celebration At Cross Landings H&RC Tonight

Cross Landings Health & Rehabilitation Center will hold its annual Volunteer Celebration on Friday evening, April 20 at 6 p.m. Honoring the volunteers will be hosts: Mae Kyler, social services director; Paul Kovary, administrator; and Vonnell Thomas, activities director.

Volunteers, churches and organizations to be recognized will include: Max Bilinski, Kimberly Hobbs and Megna, Sandra Saunders, Bobby Plaines, Arreah Williams, Kirk Reams, David Hobbs, Henrietta and Omega Gardner, Marty Bishop, Fred Mosley, OJ Sloan, Benny Bishop, Betsy Barfield, Michael Allen, Norma Martin, Melva and Sloan Walker, Edna Henry, Dianne and Buddy Westbrook, Sandra Boltz, Linda Gilley, Priscilla Henry, Willie A. Dickey, Sharon Harris, Phyllis and John Sommers, Bruce Campbell and family, LC and Loretha Young, Edith Johnson, Sofia Garmon, Rev. Walter Thompson, Nancy Roberts, Lois Hunter, Idella Scott, Angela Gray, Bill Brumfield, Polly Brown, Dr. John Ward, Marianne Arbulu, Rev. John Jones, Rick Knowles, Evangelist Barbara Frazier, Pastor and Mrs. James Mack, Katie Howard and group, Betty Wilkinson and the Adult Center, Al Hall and the Tillman Funeral Home

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Also, Shirley Washington, Jhimeirra and Jhmeika Barrington, Daniel Myers and his Christian friends, Tri-County Ministry Women's Health, Buffalo Soldiers, Humana Market Point, JC Fire Department, Mountain Dew Cloggers and Home Instead. The community is invited to attend this special event. Dinner will be served. There is no charge. Call the facility at 850-997-2313 for more information.

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**LAZARO ALEMAN**  
ECB Publishing  
Senior Staff Writer

Has it already been a year? Yea, it has; and that means it's time for another — actually the 5<sup>th</sup> — annual Southern Music Rising Festival.

In fact, the event begins this very Friday, April 20, with a kickoff concert on the Monticello Opera House's upstairs stage, starting at 7 p.m. and featuring the Cobb Brothers of Arkansas.

A teenage trio consisting of actual brothers who are recorded artists and who play their own brand of bluegrass music, the Cobbs have performed here previously. Their act showcases the boys doing vocals, playing a variety of instruments and displaying a comedic streak.

The festivities next move downstairs to the Opera House's ground floor for an after-concert party headed by the JB's Zydeco Zoo, playing what else but zydeco. An accordion-driven sound rooted in Louisiana's Black Creole culture, zydeco is a highly syncopated and felicitously danceable music that combines elements of Cajun, blues and rhythm and blues. Laissez les bons temps rouler, as they say. Let the good times roll!

Tickets for the Cobb Brothers' concert and the after-concert party are \$30 and may be purchased at the door, provided any are still available.

The greater part of the festival takes place Saturday, with more than 50 performances scheduled to take place on seven stages around town. The music is set to begin at 10:45 a.m. and run past 10 p.m., at least on the Opera House Garden stage. The list of scheduled performers is long and varied. It includes the Rowan Cunningham Band, the Silver Daggers, the Timberland Pickers, the Booger Holler String Band, the Bruised Grass Band, Mimi and the Hearndogs, and the Drew Tillman Band.

Others of the planned activities on Saturday include an auto show, an artworks display, children and cowboy storytelling shows and food and arts/craft vendors.

The sponsor of the festival is the Foundation for the Preservation of Historic American Music — a nonprofit, volunteer organization established a few years back to promote the preservation, appreciation, and performance of historical American music.

The Southern Music Rising Festival is the foundation's signature event.

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## Jefferson County Relay For Life Set For May 4 - 5

Jefferson County walkers go around the clock in the battle against cancer during the American Cancer Society Relay For Life. This 'celebration of life' brings numerous groups and individuals concerned about cancer together for a unified effort to fight back.

Teams of enthusiastic citizens will gather at the Jefferson County High School Track for an overnight relay against cancer from 6 p.m. on Friday evening, May 4 until 12 p.m. on Saturday afternoon, May 5.

Relay For Life is a unique fundraising event that allows participants from all walks of life... including patients, medical support staff, corporations, civic organizations, churches and community volunteers... to join together to fight cancer. Relay For Life reminds us that progress has been made in the fight against cancer and that everyone who participates is making a difference.

Relay For Life opens as cancer survivors (anyone who has ever

been diagnosed with cancer) walk or wheelchair the first lap. This is an emotional time and sets the stage for the importance of each participant's contribution. A festive atmosphere always develops around the track area at these events. As you make new friends and spend time with old ones, the Relay heats up and the camp-out begins. An atmosphere of camaraderie is created with team members entertaining each other: eating, playing games, and of course, walking for a great cause.

Highlighting the evening is the Luminaria Ceremony held after dark to honor cancer survivors and to remember those who have lost the battle against cancer. The luminarias line the track and are left burning throughout the night to remind participants of the incredible importance of their contributions.

"Relay For Life is as much an awareness raiser about the progress against cancer as it is a fundraiser," says Dana Lastinger,

Jefferson County event chair. "Many of the participants will be people who have dealt with cancer themselves. Their involvement is proof of the progress that has been made in reducing cancer death rates and in the quality of life following cancer treatment. The funds raised will enable us to continue our investment in the fight against cancer through educational programs, research and services to patients," says Lastinger.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy and service. Information about how to form a team or become involved in the Jefferson County Relay For Life is available by contacting Lastinger at 850-508-2174 or go to [www.relayforlife.org/jeffersonfl](http://www.relayforlife.org/jeffersonfl).



## CHARLENE HILL IS A CANCER SURVIVOR

DEBBIE SNAPP  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

Charlene Hill is a cancer survivor, though she still has a long way to go! Her cancer woes began in 2002 when she found a lump in her breast area. After a mammogram was performed her fears became a reality. She was told that she had an abnormality and she was tested. It was cancer. She had a Lumpectomy to remove the cancer... followed by therapy.

A Lumpectomy is surgery in which only the tumor and some surrounding tissue is removed. Lumpectomy surgery is usually followed by radiation therapy.

In October 2011 Charlene was having a hard time swallowing. After much concern from her husband, an appointment was made for her to visit her family doctor. After a thorough examination he sent her to see a GI specialist. Testing found cancer in her esophagus and stomach.

A GI specialist is a gastroenterologist. Gastroenterologists deal with all aspects of the digestive system. This includes the mouth, swallowing, the esophagus (the tube going from the mouth to the stomach,) the stomach, the small intestines, the large intestines and the rectum. GI doctors also deal with the organs that work with digestion such as the liver, gallbladder and sometimes the pancreas (although the pancreas is more complex and problems with the pancreas are often dealt with by an endocrinologist.)

Esophagus and stomach cancer often go hand in hand because the stomach and the esophagus are located close together and connected by tissue and muscle. When a cancer is found in either location, often the whole area has to be treated. Receiving a diagnosis of esophagus or stomach cancer can be devastating. Both organs are used daily for food and fluid intake relating to overall survival.

The esophagus connects the back of the mouth to the stomach. Initial warning signs may include coughing up blood, coughing up a large amount of sputum, hoarseness in the voice, an increase in phlegm, difficulty in swallowing, indigestion, heartburn, choking and vomiting. Some people may also notice a sudden weight loss or increased tiredness.

The doctors continue to work with Charlene and just recently she had more blood work done. They fear she may have Parathyroid cancer; a cancerous (malignant) growth in a parathyroid gland.

The parathyroid glands are responsible for managing the calcium levels in the body. There are four parathyroid glands, two on top of each lobe of the thyroid gland. They are located at the base of the neck. This is an extremely rare type of cancer. Men and women are equally affected. It usually occurs in people older than 30. The cause of parathyroid cancer is unknown. People with multiple endocrine neoplasia type I have an increased risk for this disease. People who had head or neck radiation may also be at increased risk. Such radiation exposure, however, is more likely to cause thyroid cancer.

Charlene is Florida born and raised. She and her family moved away for a while but are now "back to stay," she says. She has a family history of cancer but is very positive and upbeat about her outcome. She hopes to attend the Relay For Life weekend event May 4 - 5.

## RELAY FOR LIFE UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS

\*April 21, Fish Fry at the Gulf Coast Lumber & Supply Inc. , 1400 South Jefferson, beginning at 11 a.m. on Saturday until the food is gone. The Central Baptist Church 'Super Friends' team will host this fundraising event.

\*April 27, BBQ Lunch in the Capital City Bank parking lot, starting at 11 a.m. on Friday. Sandwich, baked beans, chips, a drink

and dessert for just \$7 a plate. The Capital City Bank Team will host this event for the Relay For Life and Watermelon Essay Scholarship Fund.

\*April 28 from 7 to 9 p.m. the First United Methodist Church 'Cinco de Mayo Warriors' team will host a Dessert/Coffee with live entertainment and a fun time for the entire community.

\*April 29 after the 11 a.m. Morning Worship Service the Elizabeth Baptist Church 'X-Men' will host a Donation Dinner in the church fellowship hall. Come enjoy the Sunday service and stay for a great meal.

Thanks to all of your help in making this year's Jefferson County Relay For Life a successful annual event.

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## CBC Relay Fundraiser Saturday

The Central Baptist Church will be holding a Relay For Life fundraiser Saturday, April 21 from 11 a.m. until the food run out.

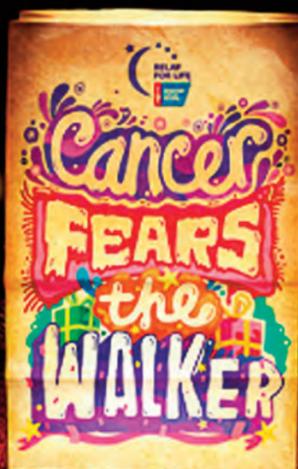
The fish fry will be conducted

at Gulf Coast Lumber & Supply Inc. on South Jefferson Street just north of CVS Pharmacy.

The cost is \$7 per plate and the meal includes mullet, cheese grits,

baked beans, cole slaw, hushpuppies and a drink.

All proceeds will go to benefit the American Cancer Society Jefferson County Relay For Life.



# School & Education

## JCMHS Students Launch Rockets



ECB Publishing Photos By Student Delondra Nealy, April 3, 2012.



**DEBBIE SNAPP**  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

Tallahassee Community College 'Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduates Program' (GEAR UP), the TCC 21<sup>st</sup> Century Program and The Challenger Learning Center have collaborated together to provide students at Jefferson County Middle High School with a 14-Week Science Outreach Program.

Each week students participate in a science related activity directed by the staff at the Challenger Learning Center. For the past few weeks the students have been building rockets. Earlier this month the students had the opportunity to launch their rockets in



the lawn area of the high school.

The Florida GEAR UP is a federally funded program designed to assist students to become prepared for college.

The TCC 21<sup>st</sup> Century Afterschool program is a federally funded pro-

gram designed to provide academic support and enrichment to students.

JCMHS GEAR UP Coordinator Senovia Williams reports that 15 rockets were launched and the smell of sulfur was strong in the air.



## JES Student Cindy Le Recognized



The Jefferson County School Board along with the Jefferson Elementary School, recognizes 4<sup>th</sup> grade student Cindy Le.

Cindy is a 4<sup>th</sup> grade student of Nancy Whitty at Jefferson Elementary School. Her favorite subject is Math. She made the A/B Honor Roll for the third nine weeks of school and has been nominated for Florida's Young Scholars. Mrs. Whitty states that Cindy is an honor roll student that was nominated for Florida's Young Scholars due to her perseverance and winning attitude. She is a positive role model for her peers and looks for ways to help others. Mrs. Whitty is proud of Cindy's accomplishments this year and enjoys having her as her student! Cindy is the daughter of My Hang T Wong and Minh-Em V. Le of Monticello.

"We are honored to have the future graduate, Cindy Le of Jefferson Elementary School, as part of our family."

## Summer Day Camp And Academic Camp At MCA

Monticello Christian Academy will offer a Summer Day Camp for student's ages four to 11 beginning on June 4 though July 27. Hours of operation will be Mondays through Fridays from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Some of the activities children will be involved in will include art, music, hands-on learning, games and more.

MCA Academic Camp will be offered to high school students who need to make up credits to graduate, or students who want to get ahead in their academics. Each academic session is three-weeks and will offer classes for credit in Math, English, History and Science.

\*Session 1 classes will run from June 11 through June 28 on Mondays through Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. (1/2 credit.)

\*Session 2 classes will run from July 9 through July 26 on Mondays through Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. (1/2 credit.)

MCA personnel are excited about the summer camps and hope they will help parents to plan for their children's summer. The camps are open to everyone, not just MCA students. MCA reserves the right to cancel any classes that do not meet the minimum size requirements. No more than one excused absence will be permitted. For more information, registration or fees, call the school office at 850-997-6048.

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# Sports

## Lady Tigers Down Hamilton

**FRAN HUNT**  
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Staff Writer

The Jefferson Lady Tigers hit the diamond against Hamilton County April 2 and the Lady Tigers came out on top of an 18-11 scoreboard to now stand 6-14-0 on the season.

The Lady Tigers scored two runs in the second, four in the third, two in the fourth inning, four in the fifth and added six in the sixth inning to cap the win. Meanwhile, Hamilton scored three runs in the first inning, one in the second two in the third, two in the fourth, two in the six and added on more run in the seventh inning.

Jefferson carried a batting average of .467 with 38 plate appearances, 30 at-bats, 15 runs on 14 hits with seven RBI's, three doubles, one triple, one sacrifice fly, six walks, three strikeouts, one hit by pitch, an on base percentage of .553, a slugging average of .633 and 19 stolen bases.

Individually, Taylor Clemens had a batting average of 1.000 with five plate appearances, four at-bats, three runs, four hits, two RBI's, three doubles, one triple, one hit by pitch, an on base percentage of 1.000, a slugging average of 1.250 and one stolen base.

Alyssa Lewis had a batting average of 1.000 with five plate appearances, two at-bats, three runs, two hits, one RBI, three walks, an on base percentage and slugging average of 1.000 and three stolen bases.

Autumn Lamb had one plate appearance, one at-bat, one strikeout and an on base percentage and slugging average of .000.

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

Kayleigh Babb had a batting average of .333 with four plate appearances, three at-bats, one run, one hit, one RBI, an on base percentage of .250, a slugging average of .333 and three stolen bases.

Megan McClellan had a batting average of .400 with five plate appearances, five at-bats, one run, two hits, one RBI, one strikeout, an on base percentage and slugging average of .400 and one stolen base.

Audrianna Noel had a batting average of 1.000 with one plate appearance, one at-bat, one hit, an on base percentage and slugging average of 1.000 and one stolen base.

Jana Barber had a batting average of .400 with five plate appearances, five at-bats, two runs, two hits, one RBI, one strikeout, an on base percentage and slugging average of .400 and three stolen bases.

Carlie Barber had a batting average of .333 with four plate appearances, three at-bats, two runs, one hit, one walk, an on base percentage of .500 and slugging average of .333 and four stolen bases.

On the field the Lady Tigers carried a fielding percentage of .769 with 39 total chances, 20 putouts, 10 assists and nine errors.

Clemens had a fielding percentage of .750 with four total chances, three putouts and one error.

Lewis had a fielding percentage of .714 with seven total chances, five putouts and two errors.

Vargas had a fielding percentage of .800 with five total chances, four putouts and one error.

Babb had a fielding percentage of .875 with eight total chances, two putouts, five assists and one error.

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

Noel had a fielding percentage of .500 with two total chances, one putout and one error.

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

Jana Barber had a fielding percentage of .750 with eight total chances, four putouts, two assists and two errors.

Carlie Barber had a fielding percentage of .000 with one total chance and one error.

On the mound, the Lady Tigers pitchers had an earned run average of 9.00 with an on base percentage of 1.900 in seven innings pitched with 11 runs, nine of which were earned, nine hits, one double one homerun, five walks, three strikeouts, five hit by pitch and four wild pitches.

Clemens had an earned run average of 4.20 with an on base percentage of 1.500, five innings pitched, five runs, three of which were earned, four hits, one double, four walks, two strikeouts, four hit by pitch and four wild pitches.

Vargas had an earned run average of 21.00 with an on base percentage of 3.500, two innings pitched, six runs, all of which were earned, five hits, one homerun, one walk, one strikeout and one hit by pitch.

## MACLAY SLAMS LADY TIGERS

**FRAN HUNT**  
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Staff Writer

The Jefferson Lady Tigers faced off against Maclay in the softball diamond April 4 and Maclay slammed Jefferson for a 14-4 Lady Tigers loss. Jefferson now stands 6-18 on the season.

As a team the Lady Tigers had a batting average of .429 with 27 plate appearances, 21 at-bats, four runs, nine hits, one RBI, three doubles, five walks, one strikeout, an on base percentage of .556, a slugging average of .571 and nine stolen bases.

Ladayshia Williams had three plate appearances, three at-bats, one strikeout and an on base percentage and slugging average of .000.

Taylor Clemens had a batting average of 1.000 with three plate appearances, two at-bats, one run, two hits, one walk, an on base percentage and slugging average of 1.000 and three stolen bases.

Alyssa Lewis had a batting average of .667 with three plate appearances, three at-bats, two hits, one double, an on base percentage of .667 and a slugging average of 1.000.

Autumn Lamb had three plate appearances,

two at-bats, one strikeout, an on base percentage of .333 and a slugging average of .000.

Justice Barrington had a batting average of .500 with three plate appearances, two at-bats, one hit, one RBI, one walk, an on base percentage of .667, a slugging average of .500 and one stolen base.

Kayleigh Babb had a batting average of .667 with three plate appearances, three at-bats, two hits, an on base percentage and slugging average of .667 and one stolen base.

Megan McClellan had a batting average of .500 with three plate appearances, two at-bats, two runs, one hit, one double, one hit by pitch, an on base percentage of .667, a slugging average of 1.000 and three stolen bases.

Jana Barber had a batting average of .500 with three plate appearances, two at-bats, one run, one hit, one double, one walk, an on base percentage of .667, a slugging average of 1.000 and one stolen base.

Carlie Barber had three plate appearances, two at-bats, one walk, an on base percentage of .333 and a slugging average of .000.

On the field the Lady

Tigers carried a fielding percentage of .935 with 31 total chances, 17 putouts, 12 assists and two errors.

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

Clemens had a fielding percentage of 1.000 with four total chances, three putouts and one assist.

Lewis had a fielding percentage of 1.000 with two total chances, one putout and one assist.

Lamb had a fielding percentage of 1.000 with four total chances and four assists.

McClellan had a fielding percentage of .875 with eight total chances, seven putouts and one error.

Jana Barber had a fielding percentage of 1.000 with seven total chances, one putout and six assists.

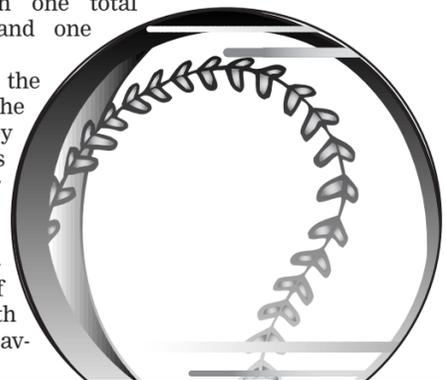
Carlie Barber had a fielding percentage of .000 with one total chance and one error.

On the mound the Lady Tigers pitcher had an earned run average of 12.83 with a batting av-

erage of .448, an on base percentage of .600 with six innings pitched, 40 batters faced, 29 at-bats, 13 runs, 11 of which were earned, 13 hits, three doubles, 10 walks, five strikeouts, one hit by pitch and one wild pitch.

Williams had an earned run average of 14.00 with a batting average of .500, an on base percentage of .636, three innings pitched, 22 batters faced, 16 at-bats, seven runs, six of which were earned, eight hits, one double, five walks, one strikeout and one hit by pitch.

Clemens had an earned run average of 11.67 with a batting average of .385, an on base percentage of .556 with three innings pitched, 18 batters faced, 13 at-bats, six runs, five of which were earned, five hits, two doubles, five walks, four strikeouts and one wild pitch.



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**Lock Out (PG13)**  
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# Sports

## LADY TIGERS SHREDDED BY MUNROE

**FRAN HUNT**  
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Staff Writer

The Jefferson Lady Tigers hit three diamond against Munroe April 3 and Munroe shredded the Lady Tigers for a 15-0 Jefferson defeat in the game called in three innings due to the mercy rule. Jefferson now stands 6-17 on the season.

Munroe scored two runs in the first inning, seven in the second and six in the third before the game was called.

Jefferson could only muster one hit and that came off the bat of Justice Barrington. She also had one stolen base.

Ladayshia Williams, Alyssa Lewis, Tovyva Vargas, Kayleigh Babb, Mikayla Norton, Ashanti Brannan, Jana Barber and Carlie Barber all had one at-bat and one strikeout.

The Lady Tigers had a fielding percentage of .722 with 18 total chances, nine putouts, three assists and five errors.

Taylor Clemens had a fielding percentage of 1.000 with four total chances and four putouts.

Vargas had a fielding percentage of .667 with three total chances, two putouts and one error.

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

Babb had a fielding percentage of .500 with two total chances, one putout and one error.

Jana Barber had a fielding percentage of .571 with seven total chances, four assists and three errors.

On the mound the Jefferson pitchers had an earned run average of 12.00 with an o base percentage of 2.000 in three innings pitched, 15 runs, nine of which were earned, eight hits, seven walks, four strikeouts and one hit by pitch.

Clemens had an earned run average of 21.00 with an on base percentage of 1.250, one inning pitched, six runs, three of which were earned, one hit, four walks and one strikeout.

Vargas had an earned run average of 21.00 on an on base percentage of 2.750 in two innings pitched, nine runs, six of which were earned, seven hits, three walks, three strikeouts and one hit by pitch.

## WARRIORS CRUISE PAST HAMILTON

**FRAN HUUNT**  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

The Aucilla Christian Academy Warriors went in against Hamilton April 9 and the Warriors cruised past Hamilton for a 7-1 in a seven-inning victory to now stand 12-6-0 on the season and remain 4-1-0 in District play.

Aucilla scored two runs in the second inning, one in the third, two in the fifth and added two more runs in the sixth inning to cap the win, while holding Hamilton to a solitary run in the second inning.

Coach Drew Sherrod provided a game synopsis.

"Jared Jackson racked up three RBIs on two hits for Aucilla Christian. He tripled in the third inning and singled in the sixth inning.

"Austin Bishop worked out of several difficult moments for the Warriors. He pitched six innings and allowed one earned run on three hits," he said.

"Hans Sorenson threw one inning of scoreless ball for Aucilla Christian.

The game was never in doubt after the third, as Aucilla Christian Academy scored two runs on an RBI single by Sorenson and an RBI triple by Jackson.

"Aucilla Christian scored two runs in the fifth inning and then followed it up with two more in the sixth. In the fifth, the Warriors scored on a solo home run by Gus Smyrniotis," Sherrod concluded.

As a team at the plate the Warriors carried a .400 batting average with 33 plate appearances, 30 at-bats, seven runs, 12 hits, six RBI's, one double, one triple, one homerun, three walks, two strikeouts, one run on error, one fielder's choice, an on base percentage of .455, a slugging average of .600 with three stolen bases on four attempts and nine left on base.

Individually, Tyler Jackson had a batting average of .250 with four plate appearances, four at-bats, one run, one hit, one strikeout and an on base percentage and slugging average of .250.

Jared Jackson had a batting average of .500 with four plate appearances, four at-bats, two hits, three RBI's, one triple, an on base percentage of .500, a slugging average of 1.000 and two left on base.

Hans Sorenson had a batting average of 1.000 with two plate appearances, two at-bats, two hits, one RBI, an on base percentage and slugging average of 1.000 and one left on base.

Josh Wood had a batting average of .250 with four plate appearances, four at-bats, one hit, one run on error, an on base percentage and slugging average of .250 and one stolen base attempt.

Russell Fraleigh had a batting average of .500 with three plate appearances, two at-bats, one run, one hit, one walk, an on base percentage of .667, a slugging average of .500 and one left on base.

Kaleb Wyche had one run. Tres Copeland had a batting average of .667 with four plate appearances, three at-bats, one run, two hits, one walk, an on base percentage of .750, a slugging average of .667 and two left on base.

Austin Bishop had a batting average of .333 with three plate appearances, three at-bats, one hit, one RBI, one strikeout, one fielder's choice, an on base percentage and slugging average of .333 and two left on base.

Gus Smyrniotis had a batting average of .500 with four plate appearances, four at-bats, two runs, two hits, one RBI, one double, one homerun, an on base percentage of .500 and a slugging average of 1.500.

On the mound the Warriors' pitchers had a batting average of .148, an on base percentage of .303 in seven innings pitched with 33 batters faced, 27 at-bats, one run, four hits, two walks, four strikeouts, four hit by pitch and one wild pitch on 111 pitches. Sorenson had a batting average of .250, an on base percentage of .500 with one inning pitched, six batters faced, four at-bats, one run, one walk, one strikeout and one hit by pitch on 20 pitches.

Bishop had a batting average of .130, an on base percentage of .259 in six innings pitched, 27 batters faced, 23 at-bats, one run, three hits, one walk, three strikeouts, three hit by pitch and one wild pitch on 91 pitches.

## LADY WARRIORS PLOW THROUGH HAMILTON

**FRAN HUNT**  
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Staff Writer

The Aucilla Christian Academy Lady Warriors met up on the diamond against Hamilton County April 12 and the Lady Warriors plowed through Hamilton for a 22-2 reaming to now stand 9-10-1 on the season.

Aucilla scored one run in the first, two in the second, one in the third, three in the fourth, four in the fifth and added 11 runs in the sixth to cap the victory, while holding Hamilton to one run in the first and one in the third inning.

As a team the Lady Warriors had 38 at-bats, 22 runs on 21 hits,

21 RBI's 12 walks, one strikeout, nine doubles, one run on error, three fielder's choice and six stolen bases.

Individually, Pamela Watt had six at-bats, three runs, three hits, one RBI, one double and one stolen base.

Taylor Copeland had three at-bats, four runs, one hit, one RBI, three walks and one double.

Kelly Horne had five at-bats, five runs, three hits, five RBI's, one walk, two doubles, one run on error and one stolen base.

Sunnie Sorenson had six at-bats, two runs, four hits, five RBI's and two doubles.

Whitney McKnight had six at-bats, one run, three hits, four

RBI's one strikeout, one double and one stolen base.

Hadley Revell had one at-bat, one run, one hit, one RBI and three walks.

Ramsey Sullivan had three at-bats, one hit, two RBI's, one fielder's choice and two walks.

Abigail Morgan had two at-bats, one run, two hits and one double.

Natalie Sorenson had two at-bats, three runs, two hits, one RBI, three walks, one double and one stolen base.

Carly Joiner had three at-bats, two runs, one hit, two fielder's choice and two stolen bases.

Brooke Joiner had one at-bat

and one RBI. In the field errors were committed by Sullivan, Horne and Copeland.

On the mound, the Warriors pitchers had 18 outs, six innings pitched, six hits, two runs, both of which were earned, two walks and three strikeouts.

Morgan had nine outs, three innings pitched, four hits, two runs, both of them earned, two walks and one strikeout. She had 32 strikes on 51 pitches with four groundouts and one fly out.

Carly Joiner had nine outs, three innings pitched, two hits, no runs and two strikeouts. She had 25 strikes on 35 pitches with three groundouts and two fly outs.

## Jefferson A's Kick Off Season With Victory

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Staff Writer

The Jefferson A's kicked off their season with the Georgia-Florida Baseball League with a 16-0 walloping victory of the Camilla Cardinals on Sunday, April 15 in a perfect no-hitter.

Coach Jim Norton reported that every starting player on the A's team scored at least one run.

Leading the way for the A's was Michael Johnson, who scored four runs with two hits and two walks.

Lamar Hughes, Joe Jones, Chris Cooks and Kendrick Durant each scored two runs.

Scoring one run each for the A's were Dionte Hightower, Shane Broxie, Stephen Carter and Ron Graham.

Jeremy Kelly started the game on the mound. He pitched three scoreless innings, giving up no hits, no runs, three walks and four strikeouts.

Shane Broxie pitched the final two innings. He gave up no hits, no runs, two walks and two strikeouts.

In addition to the players already named, the following players were at the game; John Coates, Donald Graham, Eddie Thompson, Moses King, Dwayne Manning, Curtis Hightower, who played two innings as a substitute, Doug Leonard and James Wesley, who played three innings as a substitute.

The schedule for the remainder of the season has been released. All game times are at 3 p.m. All home games are played in Wacissa on A's field.

The Jefferson A's hit the diamond against the Ichuaway Redsox, April 22, there; the Cairo Reds, April 29, here; the Camilla Allstars, May 6, there; the Miccosukee Devils, May 13, here; the Concord Warriors, May 20, there; the Quincy Dodgers, May 27, here; the Camilla Cardinals, June 3, there; the Ichuaway Redsox, June 10, here; the Cairo Reds, June 17, there; the All-Star game is June 24 at 4 p.m. at Miccosukee; the Camilla Cardinals, July 1, here; the Miccosukee Devils, July 8, there; the Concord Warriors, July 15, here the Quincy Dodgers, July 22, there and the play-offs begin July 29.

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The Week of April 20, 2012 through April 27, 2012  
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<b>Friday, April 20</b> *12:10 AM 6:20 AM *12:45 PM 6:30 PM	<b>Saturday, April 21</b> *12:45 AM 7:10 AM *1:10 PM 7:20 PM	<b>Sunday, April 22</b> *1:25 AM 7:40 AM *1:55 PM 8:10 PM	<b>Monday, April 23</b> *2:20 AM 8:30 AM *2:45 PM 9:10 PM
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## “Organic Gardening 101: Container Gardening” workshop April 21 at Green Industries in Monticello

Are you envious of your friends and neighbors who have plenty of garden space and all you have is a patio? Learn how to grow your own small bounty at the next Organic Gardening 101 workshop “Container Gardening” -- at North Florida Community College’s Green Industries Institute on Saturday, April 21 in Monticello, Fla. The workshop will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 11 a.m.

“As long as you have southern or western light hitting your deck, you can grow a small garden in pots and buckets,” said Claire Mitchell, Sustainable Agriculture Programs Manager at Green Industries. “Every little bit you grow helps with grocery bills, and vegetable containers can be just as beautiful as flower pots.”

The workshop will go over how choose good potting soil, which plants grow well together, and how to arrange transplants in pleasing designs. Participants will also learn to make self-watering containers out of five gallon buckets. Participants will take home a potted arrangement, and can bring containers or transplants of their own. Black plastic pots, soil, and transplants will be provided on site.

This workshop and others are offered on Saturdays mornings at 9 a.m. 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, please call (850) 973-1701 or email Claire Mitchell at [mitchellc@nfcc.edu](mailto:mitchellc@nfcc.edu).

## FLORIDA BLACK BEAR DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN REVISED, READY FOR PUBLIC INPUT

The Florida black bear population has increased from as few as 300 bears in the 1970s to more than 3,000 bears today, and now the draft plan that will guide continued conservation of this species has been revised by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC).

The revised draft Black Bear Management Plan is available online at

MyFWC.com/Bear and is ready for public input. It incorporates previous public feedback on the nearly 200-page draft plan released last November. The public is invited to comment on the revised draft plan through June 1.

About 2,500 public comments were received on the original draft plan, which establishes for the first time a statewide framework to manage

Florida black bears to ensure they are never again at high risk of extinction. Public workshops on the draft plan were held in four cities, in addition to the opportunity for people to comment online and by email or regular mail.

Last February, FWC Commissioners directed staff to further refine and revise the draft plan and give careful consideration to stakeholder and public input. At their upcoming June meeting, the Commissioners are scheduled to consider approval of the revised draft plan.

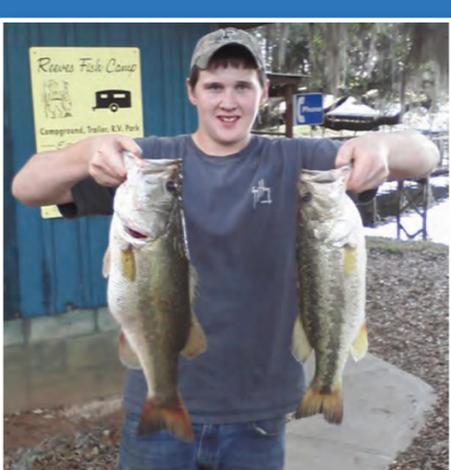
Once the plan receives final approval, the black bear will no longer be on the state’s list of threatened species. The bear currently does not meet the criteria of being at high risk of extinction, based on a 2011 Biological Status Review.

In June, the Commission also will consider a new FWC rule making it unlawful to injure or kill bears, protections similar to the ones granted to bears as a threatened species. The proposed rule additionally affirms the FWC will work with

landowners and regulating agencies to guide future land use to be compatible with objectives of the bear plan. That proposed rule, as well as an FWC rule change to remove the bear from the state’s threatened species list, is currently being advertised in the Florida Administrative Weekly.

Seven black bear management units (BMUs) would be created under the plan to involve local citizens and stakeholder groups in the management of specific bear populations and habitats.

The black bear is among 62 wildlife species that soon will join the list of Florida species, like the bald eagle, already under an FWC management plan. Florida’s new threatened species conservation model requires that management plans will be created for all species that have been state-listed and updated at specified intervals. The management plans give citizens an active role in Florida’s efforts to conserve its diverse wildlife for future generations.



**TWO BEAUTIES FROM LAKE MICCOSUKEE**

Photo Submitted By Reeves Fish Camp  
 Walter Hodges caught these two beauties with a plastic worm on April 15, 2012 out of Lake Miccosukee. One is 5-pounds and the other is 3-pounds.

## Water Quality Improvement Project Enhances Public Use At Aucilla River



New vegetation and steps at the Mt. Gilead Tract.

Fishermen and canoeers will have better access to three areas along the Upper Aucilla River thanks to a water quality improvement project. The Suwannee River Water Management District (District) recently completed the improvements on its Cabbage Grove Tract in Taylor County and Mt. Gilead Tract in Madison County.

Improvements were made to offset erosion problems along the river, which was causing water quality is-

sues. “Storm water runoff and vehicular traffic on the river bank was causing erosion, and the introduction of sediment into the river was creating water quality issues,” said Patrick Webster, District senior professional engineer.

The areas were regraded to alter stormwater flow patterns to prevent further erosion into the river. Parking areas were relocated away from the river bank. Native vegetation was planted to

stabilize the areas. Steps were added for easy access to the river.

Edwin McCook, District land management specialist, called the project a win-win for water quality and recreational enhancement.

“Not only does this project have the benefit of mitigating erosion, it will improve public use of the river at the Flat Rock Boat Launch at Cabbage Grove, at Reams Boat Ramp at Mt. Gilead, and at another access point at Mt. Gilead for the long

term,” said McCook.

The District paid for the \$46,640 project with funds provided by the Florida Department of Transportation to mitigate for water quality impacts associated with the FDOT bridge replacement on US 98 over the Aucilla River.

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4/18/2012, c.

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4/20/2012, c.

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

IN RE: **FAMILY DIVISION**  
ALEXIS HAWKINS, CASE NO: 2012 - DR - 84  
AALIYAH SMITH,  
RAY NEISHA HAWKINS,  
and FANTASIA HAWKINS,

Minors **NOTICE OF ACTION**

To: CURTIS COSEY, address unknown

**YOU ARE NOTIFIED** that an Petition for Temporary Custody of AALIYAH SMITH has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on MICHAEL A. REICHMAN, Petitioner's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 41, Monticello, FL 32345, on or before June 1, 2012, and file the original with the clerk of this said court either before service on petitioner's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

Dated on April 17, 2012

**KIRK REAMS**  
As Clerk of the Court  
Sherry Sears  
Deputy Clerk  
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# Voucher

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have not attended a public school in the prior year. At present, only students entering K-1 may receive scholarships if they had not previously attended a public school.

\* It allows private schools that enroll students with tax-credit scholarships to administer the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) — something not allowed under current law.

\* It allows Florida's education commissioner to suspend or revoke the participation of a school that accepts tax credit scholarship students, if the school has a history of not complying with state regulations.

ACA recently announced its plans to participate in the program, which is being implemented in conjunction with Step Up for Students, a scholarship funding organization. Designed to assist families financially so that

children can attend private schools, the primary financial qualification is that a child be eligible for the free or reduced school lunch program.

"We realize that these are difficult economic times in which we live," Finlayson said. "The Corporate Tax Scholarship Program helps us offer our high quality education to more students. We also are excited about the opportunity to impact more young lives for Jesus Christ."

Finlayson noted that the program provides financial aid in the amount of a little more than \$4,000 annually for each qualifying student. He said The Step Up for Students Organization has begun accepting applications for new students for the 2012-13 school year.

"I highly encourage families to prayerfully consider this pro-

gram," Finlayson said. "We expect that it will be a life-changing opportunity for many young people. It will make a tremendous impact on their future from both an academic and spiritual perspective. Our last year's graduating class received an average of over \$27,000 per student in merit-based financial aid offers."

He noted that ACA does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin in the administration of its admissions policies, scholarship programs, and other school-administered programs. All of the school's financial aid programs are administered strictly on a need basis only.

For more information on the program, call the school at (850) 997-3597 or visit the Step Up For Students website at [www.stepforstudents.org](http://www.stepforstudents.org).

# Sidewalk

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ago after a short hiatus. He said the funding was coming from the FDOT's safe-roads-to-schools program.

The agreement requires that the sidewalk plan be completed by June 30. Once the plan is completed, the community can apply to the FDOT for

the funding to construct the sidewalk.

Originally formed in the 1990s, the CTST is composed of elected and appointed officials from the city and county, as well as including members of the law enforcement community, citizens and a FDOT staffer. The group

acts as a liaison between the community and the FDOT to address small-scale traffic-related safety projects, such the installation of sidewalks and the redesign of dangerous intersections.

Working with the committee, the FDOT helps facilitate the process

for the acquisition of department grants.

One of the committee's significant past achievements was the striping of numerous county roads in the early 2000s, thanks to a \$500,000 grant that the FDOT awarded the community through the CTST.

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA

IN RE: **PROBATE DIVISION**  
ESTATE OF ALF HUNT JR., File No. 12-23-CP  
Deceased.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Alf Hunt Jr., deceased, whose date of death was July 14, 2011, is pending in the Circuit Court for Jefferson County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 1 Courthouse Circle, Monticello, FL 32344. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

The date of the first publication of this Notice is April 20, 2012

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# Celebrate Earth Day

## Sunday, April 22, 2012

# think global, act local

## Earth Day Experience April 22

Come join in the Earth Day Experience from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 22 at the One Heart Earth Center. Celebrate our beautiful Earth with an organic picnic lunch, poetry, readings, sharing, music, art, Labyrinth walking and wisdom from Mr. Forest Woods, the teaching puppet. Delicious healthy food will be served in a celebratory manner, even toasting with sparkling mineral water in crystal goblets. Bring your own favorite edible gift from the Earth if you wish.

Rain or shine, all expressions of nature are welcome. Adorn

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Hear the words of lovers of the Earth: poetry and writings by Mary Oliver, Maya Angelou, Marjorie Kennan Rawlings, Robert Frost, Swami Chilverasanda, William Wordsworth, Chief Seattle, Keats, Thoreau, Robert L o u i s Stevenson and others. Bring your own writings and favorite poems of the

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Meet Earth Mother and learn the funny childlike but true Earth Mother song, with motions. Hear words of wisdom from Mr. Forest Woods, a unique tree house dwelling puppet who will be visiting 14-li-

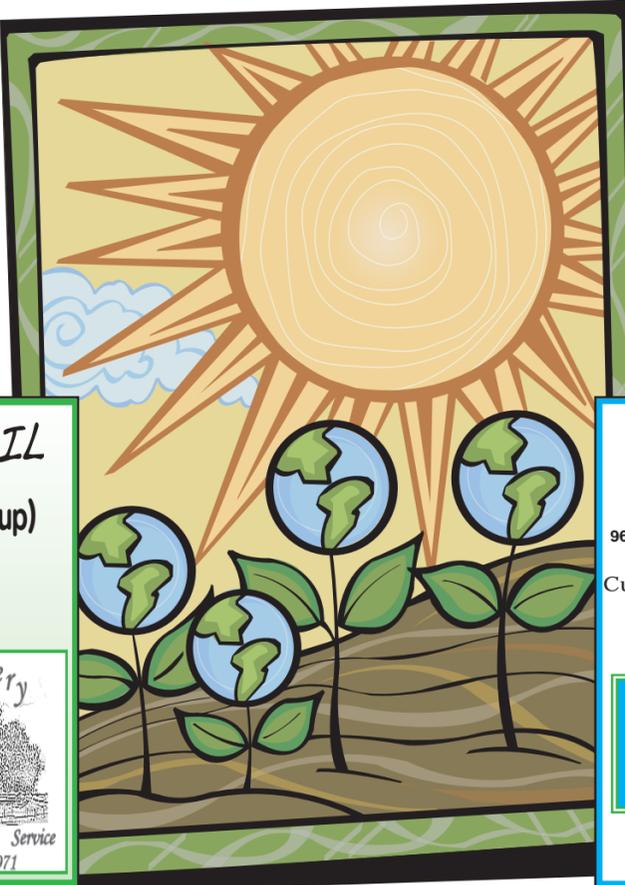
braries with the OHEC participants this summer to share his love of the Earth.

Make a collage for your home with objects from the Earth, special sticks and stones, nuts, dried flowers and the like. Bring your own special objects and use those provided. Glue and other materials will be provided. Relish private time on the Earth. Walk the Labyrinth or spend time in the nooks of the garden.

Enrich your garden with worm castings. Organic worm castings from Ladybird Organics will be available for purchase. (40-pound bags for \$30)

Call to reserve your bag, so there will be enough for everyone. There will also be a class on making worm beds at Ladybird Organics this same day, from 2 to 4 p.m. Sponsored by New Leaf Market. The farm is in Jefferson County, about 10-miles away, on the Waukeelah Highway. Call Cynthia Connally at 850-997-7224 for more information.

Plan to bring your family and friends to OHEC and relish sharing this special day with those who love and respect our Earth. Contact OHEC to reserve at 850-997-7373, or oneheart-earthcenter@embarqmail.com.



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