



Tax Relief Maybe In Offing For Businesses

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Local voters may get an opportunity in November to decide if they want to give new and existing businesses a tax break to entice them respectively to locate here or expand their existing operations.

The Jefferson County Commission voted on Thursday morning, May 3, to put the issue on the November ballot, largely based on Commissioner Betsy Barfield's initiative.

Barfield introduced and pushed for the proposal, which was based on a memo prepared by County Attorney Buck Bird and submitted to the board on April 19.

In the memo, Bird pointed out that per Florida law, counties are allowed to offer ad-valorem tax exemptions to businesses that meet certain criteria, provided the electorate approve the measure by a referendum.

He explained the Legislature recognized the need to

bring quality jobs into all areas of the state.

"In keeping with that recognition, counties have been authorized to offer ad-valorem tax exemptions to new business or existing business that are expanding and that create new jobs," Bird wrote. "...In order to initiate the process, the commission must vote to hold a referendum, to be voted on by the electorate of the county, giving the commission the authority to grant ad-valorem tax exemptions."

Bird noted that the Jefferson County electorate had approved just such a referendum years ago, but the authority had now expired. He said if voters approved the referendum anew, the commission could enact an ordinance granting the exemption to eligible businesses for up to 10 years.

Bird said the commission's two options were to vote to place the issue on the ballot in November for a referendum or

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HORSE SHOW

HORSE SHOW SET FOR ARENA THIS SATURDAY



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Some three years into its existence, the College Park Horse Arena is finally going to get its long-overdue grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony, thanks to the Big Bend Horseman's Association (BBHA) and the horse show that the organization is holding at the facility this weekend.

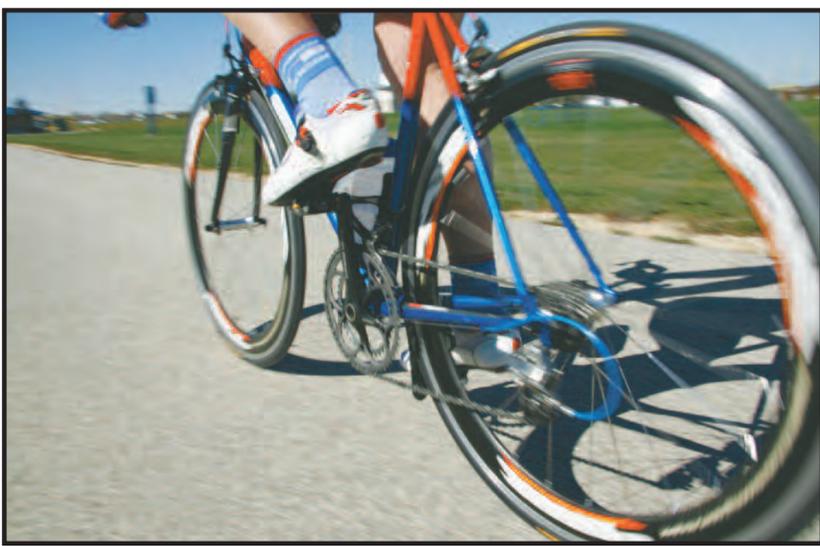
The Open Horsepen Horse Show, as the BBHA event is being called, is scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday, May 12, at 2729 West Washington Street, or some four miles west of Monticello off US 90 on the grounds of the Green Industries Institute.

The show — sanctioned by both the American Paint Horse Association (APHA) and Occupational Safety and Health Association (OSHA) — will include competitions and awards for the day's best showings in various categories, including halter, gaited and Western.

The program will also include ribbon cutting and flag ceremonies, welcoming and other remarks by BBHA Vice President Pam Clark and Commissioner Betsy Barfield, and the intro-

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BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN IS FOCUS OF WORKSHOP



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Bicyclists, pedestrians and anyone else interested in modes of transportation other than vehicular: Here's an opportunity to learn about a plan to improve bicycling and walking conditions locally, express your views on the subject, and possibly influence the locations and kinds of programs that will be made available to bicycle and foot traffic in future.

We're talking about a workshop that will be held 5-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 15, at the R. J. Bailar Public Library on South Water Street on the Jefferson County Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan — a work still very much in progress.

Sponsored by the Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency (CRTPA), the workshop will focus on the initial results of an \$85,000 study being con-

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Small Business Developer On Task & Working Hard

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Newly hired Dr. Dallas Garrett is wasting no time in pursuing his assigned task of spurring small business development here.

Dr. Garrett reported to the Jefferson County Commission on Thursday morning, May 3, that as of his 10th day on the job, he had recruited 18 clients — 11 of them existing businesses wanting to expand and seven individuals with ideas for new enterprises. He said he had also identified three potential funding sources and had recommendations for nine others.

Dr. Garrett said the estimated amounts needed for the various plans varied, from as a little as \$1,000 to as high as \$500,000, with one at \$250,000.

"Just what I expected," he said.

He said his next report to the commission would identify the types of businesses that his clients represented or were planning.

Dr. Garrett said he was working with the FAMU Small Business Development Center to hold a workshop on how to deal with the government via the Internet. He said another workshop scheduled for Friday, May 18, would focus on how to write a fundable business plan.

The commission recently approved a six-month contract with Dr. Garrett for him to help grow or expand small businesses here as a component of the greater economic development effort.

The contract calls for Dr. Garrett to make monthly reports of his progress to the commission. His list of services includes business plan development, financial plan development, marketing plan development and patent assistance.

"We help with every aspect of your small business planning and operation at no cost to our clients," is Dr. Garrett's business slogan.

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AD-HOC GROUP EYEING IDEAS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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With three meetings under its belt, the recently formed economic development ad-hoc committee is making steady headway, as reported by Economic Development

Director Julie Conley.

Conley said on Wednesday, May 9, that the committee would be reporting on its progress to the Jefferson County Commission at the latter's May 17 meeting. She said the committee is looking at both short and

long-term solutions to the impediments to economic development.

Conley said one of the committee's ideas is to work with Planning Official Bill Tellefsen and the Planning Com-

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FUNDRAISING EFFORT UNDERWAY FOR 4TH FIREWORKS CELEBRATION

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Word is that the traditional Fourth of July celebration and fireworks display is on again for this year — fundraising and weather permitting.

This straight from pyrotechnics maestro Wallace Bullock, who will be putting on the show, provided the appropriate cosmic and financial forces come into alignment.

Bullock said on Tuesday morning, May 8, that the fundraising effort was already underway, with the goal being to raise the same or more than last year. He said the American Legion and Sons of the American Legion were again heading the effort, with fireworks accounts established at both banks — Capital City and Farmers & Merchants.

Bullock said anyone wishing to make a tax-deductible contribution could do so by giving a check to a Legion member or depositing the money directly in one of the two bank accounts.

He said the amount of money raised would determine the magnitude of the fireworks show, as well as whether it would even proceed in the first place.

An event celebrated locally for more than 20 consecutive years, the festival ceased several years ago because of a combination of factors, largely the re-

sult of a lack of funding and associated problems. It can well cost upwards of \$20,000 and entail a couple of days of hard work and preparations to mount a one-hour show.

Last year, the Legion and other veteran groups took it upon themselves to bring back the popular event and succeeded. Now it remains to be seen if these groups will be able to do it again.



Viewpoints & Opinions

Beetles Attack Gas Cans

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Extension agents get some unusual questions, but I thought this one was an outright joke. When one of our Master Gardeners showed me his plastic gasoline container peppered with round holes last month, I checked my calendar to see if April 1 had somehow snuck up on me. He also told me of a neighbor "about a mile south of me" who had experienced the same damage.

Despite my initial suspicion, it's true. Gas cans in Jefferson, Leon, Alachua and Wakulla counties have been attacked by invasive Asian ambrosia beetles. Lyle Buss of the UF Insect Identification Lab referred me to a 2011 Louisiana case reported in the *Coleopterist Bulletin*. (A Coleopterist is a person who studies beetles and finds even the boring ones interesting.) The authors suggested the beetles might be attracted to the ethanol in gasoline.

The black spots you see in the picture are beetles, Camphor Shot Borer beetles to be exact. This beetle, *Cnestus mutilatus* (formerly *Xylosandrus mutilatus*), is indigenous to Asia and is one of twelve species of ambrosia beetles to have entered the U.S. since 1990. These include the redbay ambrosia beetle, responsible for the spread of laurel wilt in Florida.

The camphor shot borer was first detected in Mississippi in 1999 and has been found in West Virginia, Tennessee, Georgia, Ohio, North Carolina, Alabama and Texas in addition to Florida. According to Dr. Michael Thomas, taxonomic entomologist for the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, it

hasn't been determined to attack living plants in Florida. Other reports have found it in dying or severely stressed trees. Native ambrosia beetles are regarded as one of the natural first steps in wood decomposition.

Like other ambrosia beetles, Camphor Shot Borers bore tunnels underneath the bark of their hosts, lay eggs and introduce a fungus that feeds the larvae once they hatch. It is the fungus, not the beetle itself that does the damage to the tree. Females can fly one to three miles in search of a host. Reports list loblolly pine, dogwood, hop hornbeam, sweet gum, beech, chinaberry, black cherry, native plum and winged elm. As you might guess from the name, it attacks the invasive camphor tree as well.

The longterm effects of camphor shot beetle have yet to be determined. Timely detection is difficult, and there's no standardized treatment for the pest. The International Plant Protection Convention has established protocols to monitor the movement of hardwood packing materials, but another exotic invader has established itself in our midst. Watch for the price of metal gasoline containers to rise.



Photo by Doug Stone, Mississippi State University, Bugwood.org

Letters To The Editor

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

How Much Government Do You Want?

At the last County Commission meeting, one of the issues was the code enforcement language regarding unsafe buildings. I was pleased to see the building inspection language was written to exempt owner-occupied structures. However, there was opposition to this language from one of our commissioners. As with most laws or codes, there is a reason for this language. In Florida Statutes Chapter 933.21, the requirements for "Inspection Warrants" are specified. An inspection warrant is similar to a search warrant, such as the ones I obtained upon cause when I worked as a police officer. They are used when the government has cause to lawfully inspect something relating to municipal or county buildings, fire, safety, environmental, animal control, land use, plumbing, electrical,

health, minimum housing, or zoning standards. Under this law, inspection warrants cannot be obtained for an owner-occupied residence. The reason for this law is found in our Florida Constitution in Article 1 Section 23, the right to privacy. It states natural persons have the right to be let alone from government intrusion into their private lives except as provided for within the Constitution.

The commissioner's reasoning for the removal of the language was one we hear more and more often- it is the government's job to protect the people. While this is generally the case, more important than that, it is each elected official's job to support and defend the Constitutions of both Florida and the United States. I'll note that each of the example structures presented at the meeting were abandoned- and as such, they were no longer owner-occupied and would be subject to an inspection warrant.

As I observed regarding the prison closing, one of the core functions of a govern-

ment such as our Constitutional Republic is that of public safety. Were we to do away with that we would devolve into an anarchist society. This core function is found in our police officers, deputy sheriffs, state law enforcement officers, and eventually our corrections officers. It is not found by exceeding the limits of our Constitution, as for an example these same police officers cannot conduct illegal searches- other than via the USA Patriot Act or the TSA.

Despite things like the unconstitutional red light camera law, the unconstitutional REAL ID driver license law, the unconstitutional mandatory health insurance law, and invasive mandatory septic tank inspection laws (thankfully addressed in 2012), the government cannot protect us from every harmful thing that may come our way- notably the self-inflicted ones.

I commend the commissioners that did support and defend our Florida Constitution and voted to retain this language.

Paul Henry

CHURCH NEWS NOTES

MAY 12
 Springfield Cemetery in Lloyd will be the gathering place for a Saturday clean-up. Volunteers and anyone with family members or friends interred at the cemetery are invited to come around 8 a.m. Bring gloves, rakes, shovels, trashbags and anything else you may need to make the cleaning easier.

MAY 12
 St. Phillip AME Church is hosting a Health Fair on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Vendors are still needed to make this event a success. If you would like to participate, contact Gloria Cox, community health educator for the JCHD at 850-879-4425. Tables will be provided.

MAY 12
 Restored Glory Christian Center is hosting a 'Spring Clean Fling' at the Northside Laundromat, across from the Jefferson Elementary School. The event will begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday. Come wash and dry your clothes for free until 2 p.m. Light refreshments will be served and a bounce house will be set up out of doors for the children. For more information contact Pastor Eddie Yon at 850-556-0857.

MAY 12
 Welaunee Missionary Baptist Church in Capps will host its 'Old Fashion Service' program at 6 p.m. on Saturday; sponsored by Rev. Catherine Thomas. The quest church and its pastor will be Mt. Mariah Ministries and Rev. Earnest Miller of Lamont. The community is invited to come dressed in old fashion attire. This is a program you won't want to miss! An old fashion dinner will be served after the service. Elder Herbert R. Thomas, Sr., pastors. For directions and more information, contact Pastor Thomas at 850-997-4517.

MAY 12
 Willow Head Missionary Baptist Church, 615 East Calhoun Street in Thomasville, GA will host a free musical concert featuring Washington, DC Gospel Recording Artist Patrick Lundy at 7 p.m. on Saturday. He is a Thomasville native and a

member of the Valdosta Community Choir Ministers of Music. For more information contact Michael Bryant at 229-226-1693.

MAY 14-16
 Union Hill AME Church in Wacissa will host Spring Revival Services 7 p.m. nightly. Guest Evangelist is Elder Alphonso Lacey. Rev. Joseph O. Love, pastor. The church is located at 148 Tin Top Road. Call 850-997-7428 for more information.

MAY 16
 First Presbyterian Church will host EaglesWings, a ministry of outreach, serving the community on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Volunteers are always welcome to distribute food items and to donate non-perishable food items. Call and leave a message for JoAnne Arnold at 850-997-2252 or go to eaglewingsmonticello@yahoo.com or www.firstpresbyterianmonticello.org.

MAY 17
 Bible Study is held at 7 p.m. every Thursday at the Lloyd Woman's Club. Join with Elder Linda D. Ross for an evening of Christian faith. For more information contact her at 850-322-3424.

MAY 18
 Tent of the Holy Guests offers prayer for the sick and a special scripture message every Friday at 7:30 p.m. The Tent is located at 295 West Palmer Mill in Monticello.

MAY 20
 Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church on Western Avenue in Greenville, will celebrate its Homecoming on the third Sunday at 11 a.m. Guest speaker will be Rev. Antonio Wyartt, associate pastor of Greater Mt. Ephesus MB Church in Atlanta, GA. Rev. Wyartt is the son of Moderator James and Teresa Duval. Come and help celebrate this great occasion and receive a blessing from the Lord. For more information, call 850-948-2423 or 850-878-9613. Dinner will be served after the service. The program committee is asking all ladies of the church to please bring a cake or a pie. Moderator JB Duval, pastor.

MAY 20
 'Women on the Battlefield' will be held at Sweet Field Missionary Baptist Church on Sunday at 3 p.m. The Topic of discussion will be James 5:20. The Sub-Topic will be 'Divas in Jesus.' This awesome event will feature guest speaker Pastor Renita Allen, Dixon and the Apostle, from 90.5 along with 'Favor' as guest choir. Rev. Ben Ransom Jr., pastor.

MAY 25, 26
 Second Harvest Food Program, together with the churches of New Bethel AME, Elizabeth MB, Hickory Hill MB, Mt. Pleasant AME and Philadelphia MB, will provide food to anyone needing assistance including the needy, infants and the elderly. This is done monthly with distribution from 8 to 9 a.m. usually on the fourth Saturday at the New Bethel AME Church located at 6496 Ashville Highway. Volunteers are also welcome to come on Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. to help bag the food packages. Contact Nellie Randall at 850-997-5605 or 850-997-6929 to volunteer or for more information about this program.

JUNE 3
 Sunday of Silence from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the One Heart Earth Center. This is a non-denominational time of stillness and reflection. A vegetarian lunch is offered at noon; served and eaten in silence. Gentle Hatha Yoga begins at 10 a.m. with instructor Joy Moore. Mats are provided. OHEC is located at 450 West Madison Street in downtown Monticello and is a non-profit 501c3 public charity. Donations are appreciated and are tax deductible. For more information contact Sallie Worley at oneheartearthcenter@embarqmail.com or 850-997-7373.

JUNE 12
 Sons of Allen of the Union Bethel Circuit meets monthly on the second Tuesday from 7 to 8 p.m., rotating between the Elizabeth and Union Bethel AME churches. Encouraging young men and older males to come be part of the meetings. If you have any questions, contact President Leman Ulee at 850-274-6268.

Deb's Notes
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Judy Miller is no longer working at the Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce. She has elected to be a stay-at-home grandma. Director Melanie Mays says, "Judy has been indispensable as the Chamber of Commerce office assistant. Judy's grandmotherly duties call her to spend time with her grandson Christian, this summer. We will miss you, Judy. I've learned so much about watering plants with ice on days that end in 'o'... among other things!"

The Chamber has a new office assistant; her name is Tovya Vargas. Tovya will answer phones, update the website, help with mailings and the E-newsletter and E-blasts, and she will keep the office open when the director attends meetings, or conducts Chamber business offsite. She'll also help with events and meetings. She will work part-time and has already "hit the ground running," according to Mays.

Congratulations Julie Conley! She received recognition recently as one of '25 Women You Need to Know in Tallahassee.' An amazing 180 area women were nominated for this honor, only 25 were chosen as the title implies. She attended a dinner honoring the chosen few. Just a few of her accomplishments include: first woman to serve as mayor in Monticello, executive director of the Economic Development Council and President of the Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce.

The Jefferson County 4H and the Jefferson County Lions Club are selling \$1 chance tickets for a queen sized, colorful quilt; handmade and donated by the Crazy Quilters. The quilt is made from leftover materials from the members. It is a modern version of the old fashioned 'Crazy Quilt.' It even sports a hand-embroidered label on the back, by quilter Chantel Romaine. Other quilters who worked on this quilt are: Isabelle de Sercey, Jane Davis, Lori Cartwright, Barbara Sheats and Georgie Joseph. Monies collected from the sale of the tickets will be used for 4H Summer Camp for area students. Camps will run from June 4 to July 27. To register for any of these camps, or to purchase chance tickets, come by the Extension Office at 275 North Mulberry Street or call 850-342-0187.

John Sullenberger asks me to share that the Big Bend Model Railroad Association is sponsoring a 'Model RR Show and Sale' from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 16 at the North Florida Fairgrounds in Tallahassee. The show will feature the BBMRA's N Scale, HO & O-27 Modular Layouts; the Tallahassee Live Steamers G Scale Modular Layouts; the BBMRA's HO Switching Layout for Public Operations; and local and out-of-town vendors. Parking is free. Admission is \$5 and free to children 12 and under. For more information contact him at 850-544-1870, 850-562-5137, suljws@aol.com or go to www.bbmra.org.

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vote not to do so. His recommendation was that the commission placed the issue on the ballot.

Bird's memo further noted that in addition to tax abatement, the commission could authorize other incentives to promote economic development. Among these incentives, he said, were direct monetary assistance in the form of grants, loans and train-

ing subsidies; fee-based credits, refunds or exemptions to supplement property tax abatements or assessment reductions; and granting below market rate leases or deeds for real property.

"There does not appear to be any prohibition against providing multiple incentives to a business or enterprise or having multiple incen-

tives available," Bird wrote. "In essence, the board could vote to place a tax abatement referendum on the ballot and still pursue other allowable economic development incentives."

In the memo, Bird followed with a detailed summary of the process for granting ad-valorem tax exemptions to eligible businesses.

Following a brief

discussion, the commissioners voted unanimously to put the issue on the ballot in November. They further instructed Bird in the interim to prepare a draft of the proposed ordinance and the language that would go on the ballot in November, so both they and the public could better understand exactly what it was that was being proposed.

Horse Show

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duction of county officials, BBHA officers and board directors, and other distinguished guests.

The Jefferson County Commission and the BBHA entered an agreement several months ago that essentially allows the organization to call the arena home. The mission of the BBHA is to promote and improve the activity, competition, education and health and understanding of equines throughout the region.

The organization plans to hold monthly horse shows and other activities throughout the year at the arena.

For more information, visit <http://bigbendhorse.com>, email bigbendhorse@yahoo.com or call Edye Corley at (850) 997-2131.

Workshop

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ducted by the consultant firm of Renaissance Planning Group (RPG).

The study's aim, as explained earlier by Jennifer Carver of RPG, is to determine what it will require to make Jefferson County a more bicycle and pedestrian friendly community, both in terms of the creation of the appropriate modes of transportation and the accompanying government policies and programs to foster and encourage bicycle and pedestrian friendliness.

The goal, as Carver explained it, is to create the appropriate framework, so that when the funding becomes avail-

able, the community will be ready to move forward with implementation of the different aspects of the master plan.

Ultimately, the plan will include detailed maps of recommended bicycle lanes, sidewalks and trails; proposed policies to support bicycling and walking; programs to increase the awareness and safety of bicycling and walking; and priorities for the plan's implementation.

Workshop participants will hear the preliminary recommendations for improvement of local bicycling and walking conditions, based on in-

terviews with various community leaders and citizens and extensive field reviews.

Members of the public are also encouraged to give input on what they perceive to be the needs and priorities for establishment of bicycle and pedestrian facilities and programs here.

Carver noted that companies looking to relocate or establish new offices often took into consideration as part of their decision-making process the availability of bicycling as a quality-of-life issue. Also, she said, the research indicated that an increasing number of people were bicy-

cling as a means of transportation for reasons of fuel cost savings and health considerations.

Carver said the project would not only focus on recreational bicycling, a popular pastime that had the potential to attract adherents from near and far, but also on bicycling as a legitimate means of transportation.

The stated goal for completion of the plan is June 30.

For more information, contact Carver at (850) 270-1926, extension 402, or at jcarver@city-esthatwork.com; or Lynn Barr, CRTPA, at (850) 891-6801 or lynn.barr@tal.gov.com.

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mission to change some of the regulatory land-use language in the development code and comprehensive plan so as to make the permitting process more streamlined and fast tracked. This is an idea that's been in the works for a while.

The goal, Conley said, is to make it easier for businesses seeking to locate here, so they don't have "to jump through as many hoops and hurdles."

"Right now, the process is time consuming and often subjective," she said.

Conley said another of the ideas was a proposal to get the Cookseys' project off the ground and running within six months.

She was referring to American Hunter Inc., an Internet-driven sporting goods retail/distribution company that Sarah and Tom Cooksey were supposed to bring to the industrial park almost three years ago.

After the Planning and County Commissions fast-tracked the process to expedite the project, the Cookseys — in the words of Conley — experienced "sticker shock" when they learned the construction cost for the 40,000 sq. foot warehouse they planned to build on the property. Ever since, the project has been languishing.

Conley said others of the committee's recommendation would deal with long-term plans to promote sustainable economic development.

EDWARD JONES RANKS HIGHEST IN INVESTOR SATISFACTION

According to J.D. Power and Associates 2012 Full Service Investor Satisfaction Study

For the sixth year out of the past eight, financial-services firm Edward Jones ranks highest in investor satisfaction with full service brokerage firms, according to the J.D. Power and Associates 2012 Full Service Investor Satisfaction Study.

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Edward Jones also received high marks in the "Account Information" category, an important factor in the study.

"Hearing that we did particularly well in the account information factor

is especially meaningful as we strive to help our clients make sense of investing," Davison said.

Edward Jones' overall score climbed 15 points over last year, highest among the 14 largest firms rated, as well as 28 points above the industry average.

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The 2012 Full Service Investor Satisfaction

Study is based on responses from 4,378 investors who primarily invest with one of the 14 firms included in the study. The study was fielded in February 2012.

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Murder The Next Generation

'Murder The Next Generation' continues this Friday and Saturday evening, May 11 and 12 at the Monticello Opera House. Travel to the year 2150 and the Federation Outpost Asteroid 6. Help Detective Rick Archer find out who is killing life forms and stealing Meridian Crystals.

You just might win tickets to a future dinner theater show. Plan to enjoy a great dinner; catered by Carrie Ann & Company Custom Catering. Come dressed as your favorite alien, and you could win a prize. Bring your friends. Come have a good time. And, Live long and prosper!

Because this is a dinner theater show... reservations are required. Scenes of the play alternate with courses of dinner. The menu features Earth food: a spring mix salad, grilled seasoned sirloin tips with oven-roasted potatoes, steamed broccoli and blueberry cobbler for dessert.

Past shows have been sold out. Call now! Don't miss your chance! Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the show begins at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$35 each for dinner and the show and \$30 for MOH members. Call at 850-997-4242 for reservations, additional information or special dietary needs.

Courtyard Flea Market Monthly Winner



The vendors at the Courtyard Flea Market & Shops congratulate their monthly contest winner for April... Linda Branch! Linda won a \$50 Shell Gas Gift Card from Mike's Shell Station on Washington Street in Monticello.

The vendors support local businesses by cooperating with them in giving community residents a chance to try and find out just how good the services, food and deals are in Jefferson County. In order to show you that by you buying local, shopping local and eating local... you not only help your neighbors... it's a great deal for you also!

Visit The Courtyard Flea Market & Shops this week and register for your chance to win! The prize for May is another \$50 in free gas!

62nd Annual Jefferson County Watermelon Festival Baby Photo Contest Event



It's Your Time To Brag!

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. Winners will be introduced at the Kick-off Dinner on Friday, June 8th.

Winners will also be featured in the Monticello News/Jefferson Journal and are asked to participate in the Festival Parade on Saturday, June 16th.

Applications also available on-line at: www.monticellojeffersonfl.com under the events tab.

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

Jefferson County Living

Altrusa Learns Of Property Assessments And Rule Changes

Altrusa of Monticello held its April 26 meeting on Thursday afternoon at the Jefferson Senior Citizen Center. Angela Gray, Jefferson County Property Appraiser, was the featured speaker.

Angela Gray presented a summary of her annual report of the 2011 assessment roll statistics. This summary included key dates relating to the preparation



Altrusa President Linda Benedict, left, and Jefferson County Property Appraiser Angela Gray, right, during the April 26, 2012 meeting. Photo Submitted By Dianne Westbrook, Altrusa Publicity Chair.

crease if just value decreases will be on the November ballot. She also talked about the City and County's new Low Income Senior Citizen Exemption that went into effect this year. She expressed her appreciation to serve the community and expressed her gratitude for a dedicated 'team' of employees that served with her at the Property Appraiser's Office.

Altrusa held its business meeting on May 10. The last meeting for the club year will be held on May 24 with the installation of new officers and directors for the 2012-2013 terms. Regular scheduled meetings will resume in the fall. Altrusa meets at noon on the second and fourth Thursday of the month, at the Jefferson Senior Citizen Center. For further information, contact Dianne Westbrook at 850-997-2973.

Altrusa is involved in service, leadership and fellowship... leading to a better community.



JOHN HAGER JOINS DISTINGUISHED GROUP OF CON-WAY FREIGHT PROFESSIONALS

Every industry has certain unique career milestones that set apart an individual as especially skilled and accomplished in their profession. For a professional truck driver, two million miles of safe driving without an accident is the ultimate measure of excellence. It is an elite club that now counts John Hager as a member.

Hager is a driver sales representative for Con-way Freight, a less-than-truckload (LTL) freight carrier and subsidiary of Con-way Inc. (NYSE: CNW), based in Monticello, FL. He safely drove the one million miles starting in 1990, and recently reached the two-million-mile mark. The company held a ceremony at its Monticello Service center on Sunday, May 6, 2012 to recognize his achievement.

"John's impressive accomplishment highlights the personal and professional commitment to safety of those of our employees who go behind the wheel of a truck every day, and who make it their business to demonstrate superior safety performance on the highways, in our service centers and at our customers' facilities," said Greg Lehmkuhl, president of Con-way Freight. "Safety is one of our core values, and we congratulate John for his extraordinary achievement."

Hager has worked for Con-way Freight since 1990 and has been a professional truck driver for 37-years. He typically drives approximately 480 miles per shift, and his route takes him from Monticello to Robertsdale, AL. Hager has one child, Samantha, age 22, and enjoys fishing in his free time.

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MONTICELLO OPERA HOUSE ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING/DINNER

You are cordially invited to attend the 2012 Monticello Opera House Annual Members Meeting and Dinner. This year's dinner will take place on Friday evening, May 18. Doors open at 6 p.m. for drinks and appetizers and the meeting begins at 7 p.m. Admission is \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members.

Dinner this year will feature Seafood Tetrastini as the entrée and specialty cupcakes as our dessert. Entertainment will be Justin Crews, FSU Music

School Graduate, Director of Choirs at John Wesley United Methodist, and Instructor at Mason's School of Music and Music Lessons Express... we are in for a treat!

Reservations may be booked by visiting the Opera House Website at www.MonticelloOperaHouse.org and clicking through to the Coming Attractions section. Phone the office at 850-997-4242 with any questions you may have.

of the tax roll; breakdowns by property use and type; non-ad valorem special assessment information, Amendment One savings for tax payers, impact of the Conservation Easement Amendment; exemption summaries; and taxable value historical data for the county.

Gray also discussed the Save Our Homes Cap (Recapture Rule) explaining the 3 percent increase homestead owners will see this fall based on Florida Law. She informed everyone that a proposed rule change to stop the in-

Cross Landings H&RC Recognizes Volunteers

Cross Landings Health & Rehabilitation Center held its 17th Annual Volunteer Banquets and Celebration on April 20 to recognize its dedicated volunteers.

The evening event was hosted by Social Services Director Mae Kyler, Administrator Paul Kovary, Activities Director Voncell Thomas, Nancy Jackson, Gwen Wilkes, Wendy

Futch and Keshia Reshard. Dinner was prepared and served by Jeannie McGovern and the facility dietary staff.

Edna Henry presided over the program and the Calvary Baptist Youth provided music throughout the evening. Rev. Walter Thompson and the St. Rilla Missionary Baptist Church rendered the invocation prayer. Speaker was Rev. David Walker, pastor at Calvary Baptist Church.

Local merchants and residents who donated gifts for door-prizes included: Badcock Home Furniture & More, Barrington Florist, Buddy's Home Furnishings, Calvary Baptist Church, Capital City Bank, Chicken

Delite, David Ward, Farmers and Merchants Bank, Gelling's Floral Design, Hilltop Deli, Johnston's Meat Market, Max Bilinski, Pat's Jewelry, Sorensen Tire Center, Subway, Tupelo's Bakery & Café and the department heads of Cross Landings H&RC.

The community was invited and the 'Exceptional People-Extraordinary Hearts' event was well attended. "Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around." Leo Buscaglia

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MAY 12
Monticello Red Hat Scarlett O'Hatters will celebrate the month of May at 11 a.m. on Saturday at the Brick House Eatery in downtown Monticello. Contact hostesses Lois Piper at 850-997-3105 or Pat Muchowski at 850-997-0688 for reservations and further information.

MAY 12
Gangster Benefit hosted by MainStreet of Monticello Florida will be held on Saturday from 6:30 to 11:00 p.m. on the grounds of the Old County Jail, on West Dogwood Street. The theme and dress attire is 1920's, 1930's era. Wanted! Gangsters and Molls Speakeasy! Entertainment by 'Swing Shift' with Betsy Gray. Jail tours will be given to enable the community to see the progression that MainStreet has made inside the Old Jail Museum. Photographer Suzanne Murphy will be available for photos. Enjoy Champagne fountains, Decadent Chocolate from Tupelo's Bakery & Café, Light Bites and more.

Contact MainStreet of Monticello President Margie Stern at 850-210-4097 or mstern3409@aol.com.

MAY 12
Big Bend Horseman's Association will hold its Open Horse Show and College Park Arena Grand Opening at 9 a.m. on Saturday, at 2729 West Washington, west of Monticello. The event is PAC (APHA) and OHSA sanctioned. Halter, Gaited, English, Western, Speed and high point awards for English, Western and High point of the day. Deborah Shiver with OHSA will judge the competition. Helmets are encouraged for all riders and will be required for any child under 16 years of age. The program will include the introduction of Jefferson County officials and guests; introduction of BBHA officers and board of directors; welcoming words and sponsor recognition from BBHA VP Pam Clark; welcoming words from County Commissioner Betsy Barfield; a ribbon

cutting by BBHA President Donna Winsloe and Barfield; presentation of the flag on horseback by Karen Hill to the music 'Proud to be an American'; Star Spangled Banner will be sung by Heidi Bemis; and invocation; the introduction of the show judge; followed by the Horse Show. For more information go to <http://bigbendhorse.com> or bigbendhorse@yahoo.com or call Edye Corley at 850-997-2131

MAY 13
Mother's Day Luncheon will be held from 12 to 2 p.m. on Sunday at the Wirick Simmons House, in the garden. Pasta primavera with chicken and shrimp will be served, with a salad, rolls and dessert. Adult cost is \$15 and children under 12 are \$5. To make your reservations call Beulah Brinson at 850-997-2465.

MAY 13
Camellia Garden Circle meets on the second Sunday at 2 p.m. Participants are asked to bring goodies to share. For more information contact Chairman

Jane Davis at 850-997-4320 or jkdeercrossing@aol.com.

MAY 14
The Palmer Place Book Club will meet on Monday at The Palmer Place to discuss a chosen book. The evening will begin at 6 p.m. For questions call Abi Vandervest at 850-997-4607 or email to douwahnadance@yahoo.com. The next book to be discussed 'Abundance: a Novel of Marie Antoinette,' by Sena J. Naslund. The June 18 meeting will be at the home of Vandervest. Discussion will be on 'Last Night at the Lobster,' by Stewart O'Nan.

MAY 14
Big Bend Horseman's Club meets at 7 p.m. on the second Monday at Green Industries Institute for a brief program and meeting. This is an open horse club for all breeds. Everyone is welcome. Go to www.bigbendhorse.com for more information.

MAY 14
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

MAY 14
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.

MAY 15
AA classes are held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. for those seeking help. The classes are held at the Harvest Christian Center, 1599 Springhollow Road. Contact Marvin Graham, pastor, at 850-212-7669 for more information.

MAY 15
Jefferson County Humane Society Board of Directors meeting is held 6:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday at Wag The Dog Too. For more information visit www.jchs.us or contact Teresa Kessler, secretary, at teresa@kesslerconstructionllc.com. Monetary support may be posted to: P.O. Box 954, Monticello, FL 32345.

MAY 15
Jefferson County Republican Party and its Executive Committee will meet at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday at Willow Pond Farm. Contact Clyde Simpson at chairman@jeffersongop.com or 850-228-4400 for more information and to make reservations. Dinner is served at 6 p.m. at a cost of \$10 per person, with the net proceeds

going to the REC. As the busy election season approaches you'll want to be in attendance to meet the candidates and take part in the process.

MAY 15
Mothers of Preschoolers (MOP) will meet from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month (September through May) at the First United Methodist Church. This program is geared toward early pregnancy to kindergarten mothers; will offer a light breakfast, a speaker and a Christian-based program; There will also be creative activities just for moms. A childcare will be provided. Volunteers are needed to sit and play with the children. Contact Heather Boyd at 850-997-1041 for more information.

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Obituaries

LINDA WELCH NELSON

Linda Welch Nelson, age 51, passed away on Wednesday, May 9, 2012, at her home in Monticello, FL. She had a long illness and suffered for many years. She was surrounded by her family and other love ones when the Lord called her home.

Linda was a native of Roswell, NM and had lived in Madison, FL and Panama City, FL before moving to Monticello nine

years ago. She was of Baptist faith and a member of Faith Baptist Church in Madison.

Linda is survived by her three daughters: Melinda Fountain (Johnny) of Greenville, FL, Jennifer McElveen (Jack) and Michelle Renee Foskey (Chad) of Monticello; her mother Claire Welch of Port St. Joe, FL; her father James Welch of Panama City; her brother

Vicky Welch of Port St. Joe; seven grandchildren and a host of family and friends who loved her.

There will be no public service at this time. She will be missed, but we shall see her again.

Beggs Funeral Home Monticello Chapel is handling the arrangements for the family. 485 East Dogwood Street, Monticello. 850-997-5612, beggschmonticello@embarqmail.com

LEOLA BROCK STOKLEY

Leola Brock Stokley, age 52, a Dentist Assistant, passed away on Wednesday, May 9, 2012 in Cairo, Georgia.

A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 11, 2012, at Sardis Cemetery. The family received friends on Thursday, May 10, 2012 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Beggs Funeral Home Monticello Chapel, 485 East Dogwood

Street, Monticello, Florida 32344. 850-997-5612, beggschmonticello@embarqmail.com

Mrs. Stokley was a native of Bainbridge, Georgia and had lived in Monticello for the past 45 years. She was of Catholic faith and attended St. Margaret's Church in Monticello.

Mrs. Stokley is survived by her husband

Dan Stokley; one son Justin Stokley; one daughter Josie Stokley, all of Monticello; one sister Barbara Bailey of Tallahassee, Florida and many nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Stokley was preceded in death by her parents Eldridge C. and Emma Jean Brock; two brothers Allen Brock and Maynard Brock.

Reverend Emory Leon Mosley

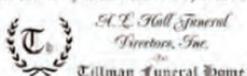
Reverend Emory Leon Mosley, U.S. Army Sergeant, First Class (Retired), passed away Thursday, May 3, 2012 at the Margaret Dozier Big Bend Hospice House. Funeral services, followed by full military honors, will be 1:00 p.m. Saturday at Greater Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, Monticello. Viewing-visitation is 3-8 p.m. Friday at TILLMAN OF MONTICELLO 850-997-5553.



Born in Boston, GA, Sgt. Mosley was raised in Monticello where he graduated from Howard Academy in 1958. A decorated Vietnam veteran, he retired from the Army after 21 years of distinguished service. Following retirement, he worked for 10 years as a correctional officer with the Florida Dept. of Corrections, Madison Correctional Institution. In 1980, he was recorded in history as the first African American to run for Sheriff in Jefferson County; he ran again unsuccessfully in 2000. Mosley was an aggressive advocate for his fellow veterans and worked tirelessly to ensure they received all benefits to which they were entitled.

The family's patriarch, provider and protector will forever dwell in the hearts of his loving wife, Pauline Richardson Mosley; daughter, Areanni Mosley; sons, Alphonso (Audrey) Williams, Glen Mosley and Demetricus (Stephany) Mosley; six grandchildren; one great grandchild; siblings, Dr. Julius (Terry) Mosley III, Joella (Matthew) McKinney, Col. Joshua (Debbie) Mosley, Dr. Elmer (Sharon) Mosley, Dr. Madie Mosley and Calpurnia (Allen) McCallister; stepfather, Earnest (Alma) Sneed; stepsisters, Elsie Ingram and Dessie Jones; sisters-in-law, Josephine (Otis) Redman and Lucille Adams; brother-in-law, Jessie (Elsie) Richardson; along with numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Sgt. Mosley was predeceased by his parents, Joshua Mosley and Josie Mae Grant Mosley Sneed; brother, Frank Mosley and sister, Mary Alyce Mosley-Jackson.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorial donations in Sgt. Mosley's memory to Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32308.



VERA LUCILLE WYNN

Vera Lucille Wynn, age 75, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, May 2, 2012, in Tallahassee, FL. Graveside funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Friday, May 4, 2012 at the Mt. Olive Cemetery.

Vera moved to Monticello, in 2005. She lived most of her life in Madison and Jacksonville, where she managed several restaurants. She was a very family oriented person and loved the Lord. She loved to read and was a great cook. She was known as 'Memaw' to her grandchildren.

She is survived by one son 'Wes' Wynn of Monticello; four daughters Sherri Bass (Rat) of Monticello, Pat Bryant of Hermitage, TN, Liz Wiggins (Abner) of Nashville, TN and Kathy Wynn of Nashville; a brother James Allen 'Cleo' Deas (Penny) of Panacea, FL; a sister Helen Colvin of Lake Wales, FL; 11 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren and many other relatives.

Donations may be made to Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Boulevard, Tallahassee, FL 32308-5428.

Beggs Funeral Home Madison Chapel, 235 NW Orange Avenue, Madison, FL 32340 is handling the arrangements for the family. 850-973-2258, madison-chapel@embarqmail.com.

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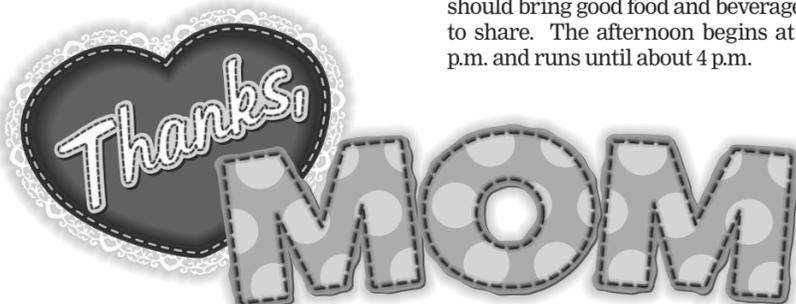
CAMELLIA GARDEN CIRCLE TO MEET ON MOTHER'S DAY

The Camellia Garden Circle will hold its last meeting of the year this Sunday, May 12, at the home of member Isabelle de Sercey. The meeting theme for this Mother's Day gathering will be a plant ex-

change among members.

Members are also reminded that annual dues and new membership sign-up will be done at this time. Dues are just \$20.

And as always, those attending should bring good food and beverages to share. The afternoon begins at 2 p.m. and runs until about 4 p.m.



25 REASONS I OWE MY MOTHER

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

1. My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE . "If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."
2. My mother taught me RELIGION . "You better pray that will come out of the carpet."
3. My mother taught me about TIME TRAVEL . "If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"
4. My mother taught me LOGIC . "Because I said so, that's why."
5. My mother taught me MORE LOGIC . "If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."
6. My mother taught me FORESIGHT . "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."
7. My mother taught me IRONY . "Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."
8. My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS . "Shut your mouth and eat your supper."
9. My mother taught me about CONTORTION-ISM . "Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"
10. My mother taught me about STAMINA . "You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."
11. My mother taught me about WEATHER . "This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."
12. My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY . "If I told you once, I've told you a million times. Don't exaggerate!"
13. My mother taught me the CIRCLE OF

LIFE . "I brought you into this world, and I can take you out."

14. My mother taught me about BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION . "Stop acting like your father!"

15. My mother taught me about ENVY . "There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do."

16. My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION . "Just wait until we get home."

17. My mother taught me about RECEIVING . "You are going to get it when you get home!"

18. My mother taught me MEDICAL SCIENCE . "If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck that way."

19. My mother taught me ESP . "Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"

20. My mother taught me HUMOR . "When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."

21. My mother taught me HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT . "If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."

22. My mother taught me GENETICS . "You're just like your father."

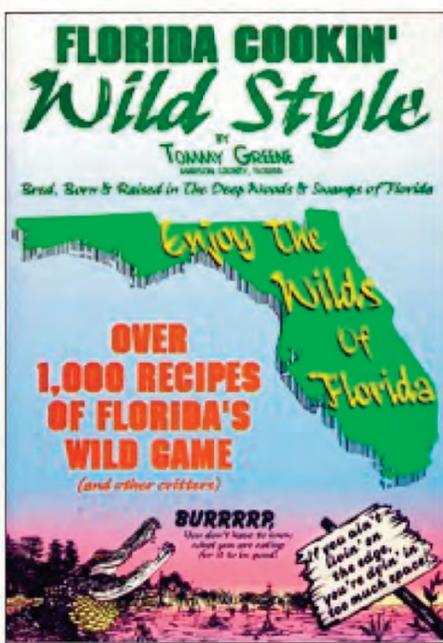
23. My mother taught me about my ROOTS . "Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?"

24. My mother taught me WISDOM . "When you get to be my age, you'll understand."

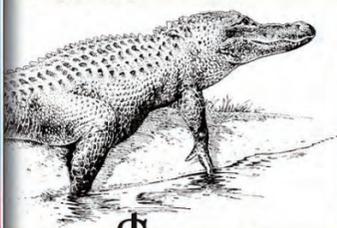
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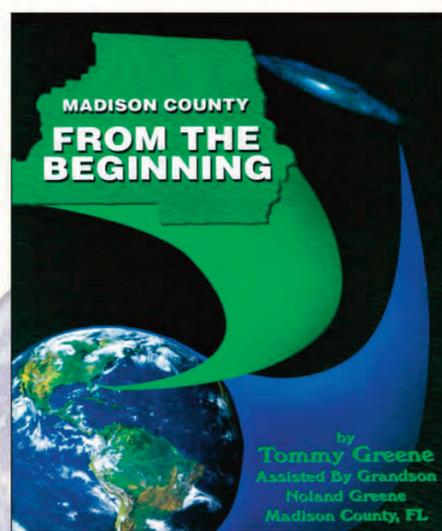


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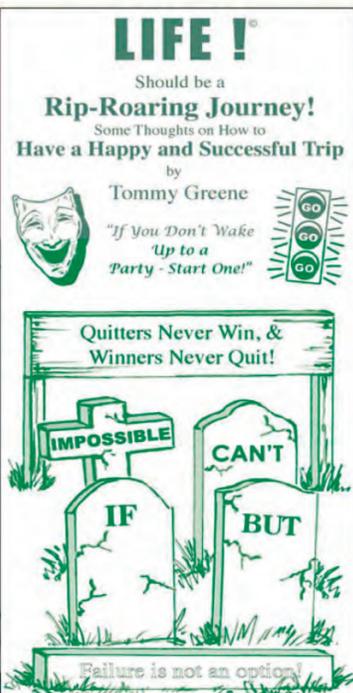
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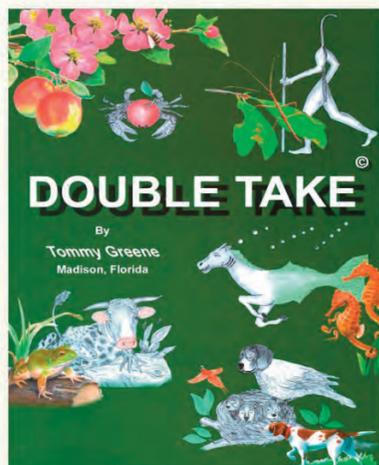


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Sports

Men's Softball League

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The Jefferson County Recreation Department is now accepting applications for a men's softball league. The season begins Monday, May 21.

Recreation Director Mike Holm is asking potential softball players to contact him immediately to register for the league. Holm can be reached at 342-0240.

Sign up today!



Tigers Take Medals At State

FRAN HUNT
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

Coach Alesha Coates provided the results of the 2012 Track and Field State Championship meet, held on Friday, April 27 in Jacksonville at the University of North Florida.

Medals were awarded for first through eighth place in each event.

"We would like to congratulate Samiria Martin, Shan Scott and Sharvarist Alexander for

their outstanding performance during the State track meet," she said. "These athletes went out and accomplished their goals. They all desired to bring home a medal and this feat was achieved by each of them.

"The level of competition was high at the State meet but our athletes succeeded in their efforts," she added.

After vowing last year that she would take the State title this year Martin is the reigning 2012 State Champion in the girl's shot put with a distance of 37-05.25. She reached this task by competing in this event for the last three years. In 2010 she placed eighth, in 2011 she placed second and now Martin reigns as State Champion.

She also placed fourth in the girl's discus throw with a distance of 113 feet, which was her personal best this season.

Scott reached her goal of attending State for the first time in two years of competing in the shot put. She placed eighth in the girl's shot put with a distance of 35-05.75.

"This was a very big accomplishment for her as she is extremely proud of what she has attained at this point," said



During the FHSAA Track and Field State meet Shan Scott placed eighth in the girl's shot put with a distance of 35-05.75.

Coates.

Alexander competed in the State meet and took fourth place for the boy's long jump. His distance was 27-07.75. Alexander also placed 16th in the triple jump with a distance of 39-07.50.

"Sharvarist had a great task at hand as he had a myriad of great competitors in this event. He proved

himself by competing with his competitors and bringing home his medal.

"The coaching staff would like to congratulate these athletes once again for their hard work, dedication and commitment to the sport," Coates concluded.

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During the FHSAA Track and Field State meet Sharvarist Alexander placed in fourth place for the boy's long jump with a distance of 27-07.75 feet. He also placed 16th in the triple jump with a distance of 39-07.50 feet.



During the FHSAA Track and Field State meet Samiria Martin took first place in the girl's shot put with a distance of 37-05.25 feet. She also placed fourth in the girl's discus throw with a distance of 113 feet.

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at www.nfcc.edu and you can also connect with the College on facebook at www.facebook.com/nfcc.edu for the latest updates and information.

The NFCC Testing Center will also have special summer hours. From May 14 to June 15, 2012, the Testing Center will be open

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Tests are given by appointment only; to schedule an appointment call (850) 973-9451 or email Testing@nfcc.edu. More information is also available at <http://www.nfcc.edu/admissions/testing--assessment>.

MCA SUMMER CAMPS



Monticello Christian Academy will offer Summer Day Camp for students age four to 11 beginning June 4 through July 27. Camp hours will be Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Some of the activities the campers 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. Ses-

sion 1 classes will be held June 11 through June 28 and will run Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. (1/2 credit.) Session 2 classes will be held July 9 through July 26 and will run Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. (1/2 credit.) No more than one excused absence permitted.

MCA is excited about its Summer Day Camps and hope the camps will help parents plan the whole summer for their children. The camps are open to every-

one, not just MCA students. MCA reserves the right to cancel any classes that do not meet the minimum size requirements. For more information, registration or fees, contact the school office at 850-997-6048.

ACA Dance Recital Saturday

The Aucilla Christian Academy dancers will be performing their annual dance recital Saturday, May 12. This year's "Candy Land" themed recital starts at 2 p.m. at the Monticello Opera House.

Tickets are available at the door for \$4 and all students are welcomed free.

Come and enjoy a fabulous family outing of ballet, jazz and hip-hop with sensationally sweet music performed by students in K-4 to eleventh grade.

The ACA dancers include; Caitlin Bates, Grace Beshears, Suzanne Beshears, Turner Beshears, Cali Burkett, Destiny Clore, Cassie Davis, Lauren Davis, Faith Demott, Lauren Demott, Skylar Dickey, Selina Drawdy, Lauchliin Faglie, Riley Hamrick, Ashley Hebert, Abigail Horst, Jenny Jackson, Sarah James, Jady Kinsey, Bailey McLeod, Haylie McLeod, Kirsten Reagan, Macy Reagan, Abby Reams, Hadley Revell, Riley Rowe, Megan Schofill, Lillie Schwier, MaryRose Schwier, Caroline Taylor, Kaitlyn Tharpe, Megan Vann, Emma Vickers, Elizabeth Walker, Emilee Walker and Jackie Walker.

The dance instructor is Jennifer Cooksey-Drawdy.

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Saturday-1:15-4:10-7:25-10:10
Sunday-1:15-4:10-7:25
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Friday-4:05-7:10-10:05
Saturday-1:00-4:05-7:10-10:05
Sunday-1:00-4:05-7:10
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Friday-7:05
Saturday-12:55-7:05
Sunday-12:55-7:05
Mon-Tues-7:05
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The Dictator (R)
Friday-5:05-7:15-9:25
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4H County Art Event Results

4H County Events was held on Saturday, April 21 at the Jefferson County Extension Office. The overall purpose of the event is to encourage young people to develop their public speaking skills.

4H members participating in demonstration/illustrated talks and public speaking included: Khloe Jennings, junior division, public speaking, 'My Crazy Dog Paris', 1st place blue

ribbon; Carlissa Shuler, junior division, general public speaking, 'A New Beginning', 2nd place red ribbon; Jackson Olson, junior division, demonstration, 'How to Build a Lego Catapult', 2nd place blue ribbon; Tremelody Robinson, intermediate division, public speaking, 'A Contribution to Whitney Houston', 2nd place blue ribbon; Christian Steen, intermediate division, public speaking, 'A Few Changes in My Life', 1st place blue ribbon; Miara Jones and Shaye Johnson, intermediate division, team demonstration, 'Lung Cancer', 1st place blue ribbon; Ta'Neshai Scott, senior division, public speaking, 'In Love with You', 1st place blue ribbon; Monica Jones, senior division, 'My Mom', 2nd place red ribbon; Terra Scott, senior division, demonstration, 'Chocolate

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Hershey Kiss Cake', 1st place blue ribbon; Tane-sea and Kheica Jones, intermediate division, 'Bodacious Tropical Dessert', 1st place red ribbon; Abigail Boyd, junior division, demonstration, 'A Treat from a Chicken', 1st place red ribbon; and Carson Leigh Olson, intermediate division, 'Flower, Flowers, Everywhere', 1st place blue ribbon.

All first place winners in each category will be eligible to compete at 4H District III Events. District Events will be held on Saturday, May 5 at the Aucilla Christian Academy.

Special thanks to the judges: Lena Odom, Rev. Carl Hanks, Louise Jones and Katabia Henry.

For more information about 4H events, contact Director John G. Lilly Sr. at the County Extension Office, 850-342-0187 or jgl@ufl.edu. Jefferson County 4H is the place where there's fun in learning and learning in fun!



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The Week of May 11, 2012 through May 18, 2012
Major Feed Times are marked by an asterisk (*)

Friday, May 11 12:00 AM *6:20 AM 12:20 PM *6:40 PM	Saturday, May 12 12:55 AM *7:10 AM 1:20 PM *7:30 PM	Sunday, May 13 1:45 AM *7:50 AM 2:00 PM *8:10 PM	Monday, May 14 2:30 AM *8:30 AM 2:40 PM *8:55 PM
Tuesday, May 15 3:10 AM *9:10 AM 3:20 PM *9:35 PM	Wednesday, May 16 4:25 AM *10:30 AM 4:40 PM *10:50 PM	Thursday, May 17 4:30 AM *10:30 AM 4:40 PM *10:50 PM	Friday, May 18 5:10 AM *11:10 AM 5:20 PM *11:30 PM

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There will be four weeks of camp, all during the month of June, and the sessions are June 4-8, June 11-15, June 18-22 and June 25-29. Hours are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Fridays.

The cost for each weekly session is \$175, and parents may register their children at BTYCC.org. For more information, contact Kelly Langston at Kelly.Langston@MyFWC.com

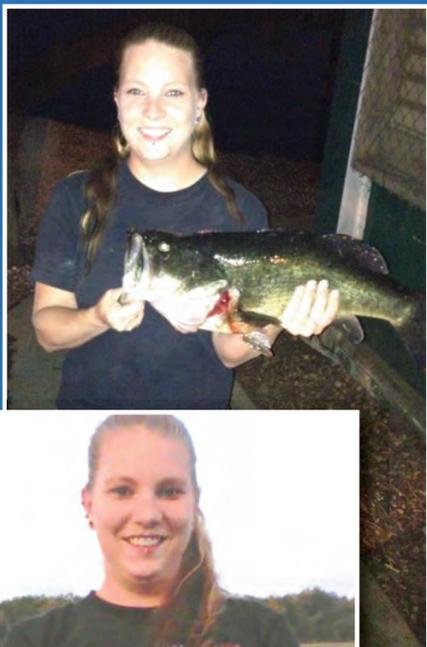
ANOTHER BASS



Larry Davis caught this bass on Thursday morning, April 26, 2012, while fishing on Lake Miccosukee.

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Felicia Van Durme caught this seven-pound Bass with a shiner on Friday, May 4, 2012. She was fishing off the dock at Reeves Fish Camp on Lake Miccosukee.



Turkey Extravaganza Set for May 17

If you manage land for turkeys, hunt turkeys, call turkeys or can talk about turkeys from daylight to dark, don't miss the field day, trade show and banquet on Thursday, May 17 at Thomas County's Osceola Plantation.

The field day starts at 8 a.m. and is sponsored by the Florida-Georgia Extension Game Management group in collaboration with wildlife and forestry agencies from both states and the National Wild Turkey Federation. The program kicks off with a presentation on wild turkey biology and moves to the field for the rest of the day. Stops on the tour will provide examples for discussions of chufa planting, hardwood bottoms, food plots, burning, long leaf pine establishment, timber harvesting and their roles in turkey populations.

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IN REF: ESTATE OF HAROLD RAY BAILEY, Deceased. File No. 12-29-CP

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TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE

The administration of the estate of Harold Ray Bailey, deceased, File Number 12-29-CP, is pending in the Circuit Court for Jefferson County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 1 Courthouse Circle, Monticello, Florida 32344.

The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is served within three months after the date of first publication must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is May 11, 2012.

Attorney for Personal Representative:
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Tallahassee, FL 32302-2069
(850) 570-7437
Florida Bar No. 054696

Personal Representative:
Gretchen L. Taylor
570 Campground Rd.
Lamont, Florida
32336

5/11, 18/12, c.

The Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation Board will meet on Thursday, May 10 at 11:30 a.m. The meeting will be held in the County Extension Conference Room.

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

IN RE: ALEXIS HAWKINS, AALIYAH SMITH, RAY NEISHA HAWKINS, and FANTASIA HAWKINS, Minors

FAMILY DIVISION
CASE NO: 2012 - DR - 84

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
4/20, 27, 5/4, 11/2012, c.

2012 Watermelon Festival Baby To Tween Pageant • June 9th 10:00a.m.

Applications Now Being Accepted



The age divisions are: 0-11 months old (separate division for boys and girls); 12-23 months old (separate division for boys and girls); 2-3 years old (separate division for boys and girls); 4-6 years old; 7-9 years old; and 10-12 years old. Each girl/boy will compete in the "formal wear" competition only.

EVERY CONTESTANT WILL RECEIVE A TROPHY AND THE QUEENS IN EACH DIVISION WILL RECEIVE A CROWN & TROPHY.

Applications may be picked up at the Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce, Buggy's Bling and the Monticello News Office. There is a \$50 entry fee per application. For more information please contact the pageant co-chairs, Emerald Greene, at 850-464-0865 or Cassi Anderson 850-688-3146

Deadline is May 25, 2012

Farm & Outdoors

VR Program Takes Seniors Fishing

A group of 27 seniors from the Jefferson Senior Citizens Center enjoyed a one-day fishing adventure out in the wide-open spaces at the Beau Turner Youth Conservation Center (BTYCC) on April 19, through the Adults With Disabilities Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) program of the Jefferson County School District.

"It was a real privilege for us," said spokesperson Betty Wilkinson. "An all day fishing event with lunch provided by the Senior Citizen's Center in the picnic area, made for a very memorable trip."

It was awesome to watch them on the trip," she added. "When they would catch a fish, they would light up like a kid at Christmas and many of them saying, 'I caught a fish! I caught a fish!'"

Some of those seniors who were not quit as agile as the others, received help with their fishing, such as baiting of hooks and removing the fish for them.

During the trip many fish, including Bass, Catfish and Blue Gills were caught a taken home by the seniors "It was a joy to witness everyone having such a good time," said Wilkinson.

We graciously thank Mr. Beau Turner for the opportunity to visit his facility and are hoping that the invitation will be extended again," she said. "The Center is such an asset to the community."

Wilkinson and Vanessa Wyche from the

Adults With Disabilities Vocational Rehabilitation program arranged for the trip.

The Adults With Disabilities VR program mission is to promote education, personal

achievement and quality of life experiences to its clients of the Jefferson Senior Citizens Center,

Cross Landings Health and Rehabilitation Center and Brynwood Health and Rehabilitation Center.



Enjoying a day of fishing at the Beau Turner Youth Conservation Center were, back, from left to right, Ocie Neely, Bessie Thomas, Ben Lamar, Alfreda Thompson, Janice Devins and Maggie Alexander; and front, from left to right, Rosena Morall, Rosa Walker, Nellie Harris, Annie Plair, Martha Lamar, Laura Goodman and Betty Wilkinson.



Rosena Morall caught this nice Catfish during a day the Beau Turner Youth Conservation Center.



Senior Center Bus Driver Ocie Neely caught this nine-inch long Blue Gill during the day at the Beau Turner Youth Conservation Center.



Maggie Alexander caught a nice Catfish during the day at the Beau Turner Youth Conservation Center.



During the one day fishing adventure at the Beau Turner Youth Conservation Center seniors enjoyed a lunch in the picnic area, provided by the Jefferson Senior Citizen's Center.



Nellie Harris caught a sizeable Brim during the day at the Beau Turner Youth Conservation Center.

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 18in Charcoal Kettle Grill
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\$109.29
 Pro Deluxe Charcoal Grill
 800 sq in total cooking area. Steel construction, cast iron adjustable cooking grates, built in heat gauge, wood shelf, easy dump ash pan.

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 Super quiet motor, blower on board storage. Includes 8' hose, (2) 1-1/4" extension wands, 10" nozzle, gulper nozzle, crevice tool, cartridge & bag filter.

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 1-Gal. Kleenup® Grass & Weed Killer Concentrate. Kills unwanted weeds and grass. Visible results in 7 days. Complete. To the root control in 2-4 weeks.

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 80 pound hopper. Rate setting control high on folding handle.

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 6ft Folding Picnic Table
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 Great for indoor and outdoor activities.

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 10 ft. x 10 ft. Essentials Magnum Pro Canopy
 Blue canopy with straight/pull pin steel legs. Canopy is water, UV and fire coated. Top denier thickness, 420D, includes storage bag.

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 10ft x 30in Deluxe Easy Set Pool
 Quick and easy set up. Highly resistant to wear from abrasion and fading. Holds up to 18 gallons of water. Includes pool, video and filter. pump.

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 Window Air Conditioner
 5,000 BTU. Low-noise running comfort. Easy to install. Two-speed fan, cross ambient thermostat.

\$16.09
 20in Box Fan
 3-Speed rotary dial, sleek wave grille design, 5-wing blade. Energy efficient. Ergonomic carrying handle and heavy duty steel frame.

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