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## LAWSUIT FILED TO FORCE A RETURN TO 2011 MAP

### OFFICIALS GIVEN 20 DAYS TO RESPOND

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True to their threat, a group of citizens filed a petition in Circuit Court on Tuesday, May 22, asking the court to order the Jefferson County Commission and Jefferson County School Board to return to the district map the two approved in December and to publicize the latter fact.

The 13-page document, plus attachments, was filed by Tallahassee Attorney John C. Davis on behalf of plaintiffs Terry Presley, Bethel Ransom, James Mack and

Lonnie Griffin. Named defendants on the petition are the Jefferson County Commission, the Jefferson County School Board and the Jefferson County School District.

The petition — in keeping with the litigation that Davis promised in his May 2 letter if the two boards didn't return to the district map they had approved by resolution on Dec. 19, 2011 — follows the two boards' subsequent decisions to stick to their January rescissions of their earlier votes.

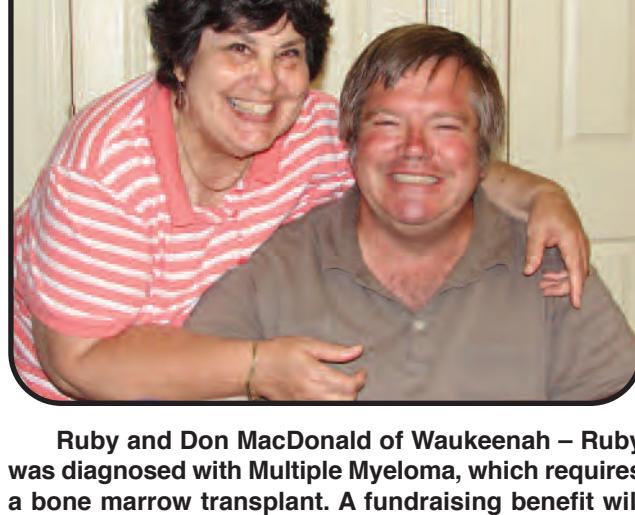
The suit argues that the two boards violated state statutes when they failed to

timely advertise or notice the public about the amended district lines that the two had approved by resolution on Dec. 19, 2011.

The suit further alleges that the commission and the School Board compounded their violations when they respectively voted on Jan. 5 and 9 to rescind their Dec. 19 votes and return to the 2002 map.

The petition cites Florida Statutes and case law to argue its point that government bodies are required to adjust their district boundaries every 10 years to account for population shifts and maintain balance

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Ruby and Don MacDonald of Waukeenah — Ruby was diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma, which requires a bone marrow transplant. A fundraising benefit will be held to help raise funds for treatment-related expenses on June 8 and 9 at the Waukeenah United Methodist Church from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

## Event To Raise Funds For Bone Marrow Transplant

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Planning for a very special event is currently underway to help raise much-needed funds for a local woman in need of a bone marrow transplant.

Waukeenah resident Cindy Ballantyne explained the plight of her sister, Ruby Hightower MacDonald, 58, of Waukeenah. Ruby is married to Don MacDonald and they have two daughters, Amber and Sara.

"My sister was diagnosed with Endometrial Cancer Stage 3 in 2009," said Ballantyne. According to Medline Plus, "Endometrial cancer is the most common type of uterine cancer. Although the exact cause of endometrial cancer is unknown, increased levels of estrogen appear to play a role. Stage 3 is the most aggressive form of the cancer."

"After being diagnosed she underwent radiation treatment and chemotherapy and the disease went into remission," she said. "In November 2011 while undergoing a routine cancer follow up, she was diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma, which is a totally unrelated cancer."

Eclinicalworks.com defines Multiple Myeloma as, "Cancer of the plasma cells in bone marrow. Plasma cells help the body to fight infection by producing proteins called antibodies. In Multiple Myeloma the plasma cells grow out of control in the bone marrow and form tumors in the areas of solid bone. The growth of these bone tumors makes it harder for the bone marrow to make healthy blood cells and platelets."

"Ruby is currently undergoing chemotherapy treatments and she will need a bone marrow trans-

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## OPERA HOUSE DOING WELL IN SPITE OF HARD TIMES

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Patrons of the Monticello Opera House got good news at the annual members' dinner and meeting, held Friday evening, May 18, in the spacious downstairs of the 122-year-old institution.

As Board of Directors Chairwoman Denise Vogelgesang reported it, the venerable institution is not only financially sound at present, it is actually thriving — despite the hard economic times that have seen the demise of other performing arts-oriented enterprises in the region.

In brief, the figures

showed that as of April 30, the Opera House had \$117,445 in its investment accounts, some \$9,500 in cash on-hand, projected income of \$15,613 for May and June, and an expected

end-of-fiscal-year balance of \$24,072.

"The Opera House has had an unprecedented year," Vogelgesang said. "We're in a sound financial posi-

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ECB Publishing Photos by Laz Aleman, May 18, 2012  
The Opera House's power team. Pictured from left to right are Melanie Mays, founder of the Monticello Acting and Dance Company; Executive Director Lisa Reasoner; and Board of Directors Chairwoman Denise Vogelgesang.



Enjoying camaraderie and a chat at the Opera House annual members' dinner and meeting were, from left to right, Gretchen Avera, Bob Crews, Wesley Garren, and Nancy Wideman.

## WATERMILL ROAD TO GET REPAVED

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Nearly three years after it was approved for funding under

the County Incentive Grant Program (CIGP), that portion of Watermill Road already paved is about to get resurfaced.

Based on the recommenda-

tion of consultant engineer Alan Wise, the Jefferson County Commission recently awarded the contract for the road's resurfacing to the low

bidding, the Tallahassee-based Capital Asphalt Inc. The company's bid was \$224,450.80, which is about half the amount that the county is eligible to receive from the state for the project.

County officials may try to find other uses for the balance of the money, in terms of other improvements to the road. But as Clerk of Court Kirk Reams explained it, the CIGP calls for the county to expend the money upfront, and then the state reimburses the amount.

Reams further informed commissioners that the unpaved portion of the road would be paved next year under the Small County Outreach Pro-

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## Waukeenah Fertilizer Employee Continues To Recover Attack

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A Waukeenah Fertilizer employee who was severely beaten and robbed Wednesday morning, January 25, 2012, as he attempted to open the gate to get in, continues to recover from the attack.

A Waukeenah Fertilizer employee reported to the News Wednesday afternoon that the victim has not yet returned to work and he continues to rehabilitate at home. "It looks like it's going to be a long road for him," she said.

Sheriff David Hobbs added that there have been no arrests made in the case, it is still very open and active and deputies continue to diligently track and investigate any and all leads in the case.

Recapping the case, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office (JCSO) reported that on January 25 at approximately 6 a.m., JCSO responded to Waukeenah Fertilizer in reference to an armed robbery.

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## COUNTY JOINS FAC SUIT AGAINST STATE, IN SPIRIT

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Although Jefferson County's name won't formally appear on the lawsuit that the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) has filed against the state in challenge to the new rules governing Medicaid, the county is supporting FAC in spirit and contributing \$1,000 toward the cost of the suit.

At the same time, staff in the Clerk of Court office is working with staff from the Health Care Administration (AHCA) to reduce the number of outstanding billings and ensure more accuracy on the part of the state's in the vetting of Medicaid billings going forward.

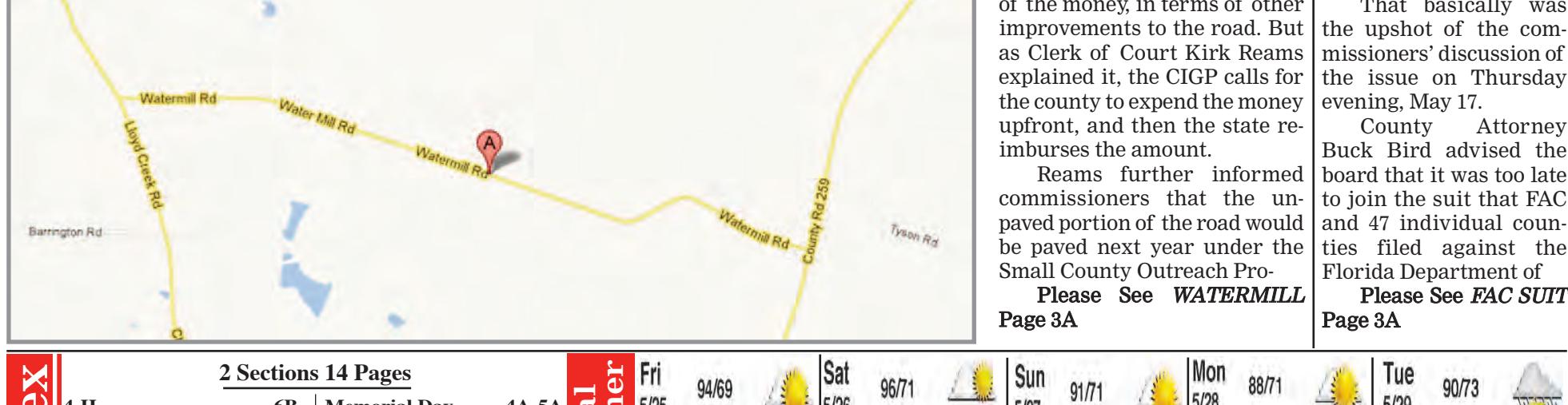
That basically was the upshot of the commissioners' discussion of the issue on Thursday evening, May 17.

County Attorney Buck Bird advised the board that it was too late to join the suit that FAC and 47 individual counties filed against the Florida Department of

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Fri

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Partly sunny skies. Hot. High 94F.

Winds ENE at 5 to 10 mph.

Sat

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96/71

Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s

and lows in the low 70s.

Sun

5/27

91/71

A few clouds. Highs in the low 90s

and lows in the low 70s.

Mon

5/28

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Plenty of sun. Highs in the upper

80s and lows in the low 70s.

Tue

5/29

90/73

Slight chance of a thunderstorm.

# Viewpoints & Opinions

## CHURCH

**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.

**MAY 26**

New Bethel AME Church will host its third quarterly conference at 10 a.m. on Saturday. Presiding Elder Rev. Carlton Taylor will bring the message.

**MAY 26**

First Baptist Church Monticello will host a Clothing Giveaway Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more information

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contact Michael Stewart, Minister of Youth and Outreach at 850-997-2349 or fbcmonticello.org.

**MAY 27**

New Bethel AME Church Arnetter Hill Women's Missionary Society will host its annual Evening in White at 4 p.m. on Sunday. Rev. Gloria Cox will be guest minister and Rev. J.W. Tisdale and the St. Phillip AME Church family will join as guests. Rev. Jimmie Dickey, pastor.

**MAY 27**

Shiloh AME Church in Aucilla will hold its annual Pre-Homecoming celebration at 11 a.m. on Sunday. Guest speaker will be Rev. Joseph Gandy. Guest choir will be from the Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church of Madison. Rev. Gilbert Connally, pastor.

**MAY 27**

Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church, in the Dills Community, will celebrate its Deacon and Deaconesses Anniversary at 11 a.m. on Sunday. Bishop Anthony Webster will be guest speaker. For more information contact Nell Randall at 850-997-5605 or Albert Thomas at 850-997-2810. Rev. Willie Webster, pastor.

**MAY 31**

Bible Study is held at 7 p.m. every Thursday at the Lloyd Woman's Club. Join with Elder Linda D.

## NOTES

Ross for an evening of Christian faith. For more information contact her at 850-322-3424.

**JUNE 1**

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.

**JUNE 3**

Wacissa United Methodist Church will host the Bluegrass group 'Darin & Brooke Aldridge' on Sunday morning at 11 a.m. For more information about this event or about other church events, call 850-850-997-2179 or contact Pastor Jim Gamble at 850-544-9535.

**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 850-997-7373 or oneheartearthcenter@embarqmail.com.

**JUNE 6, 20**

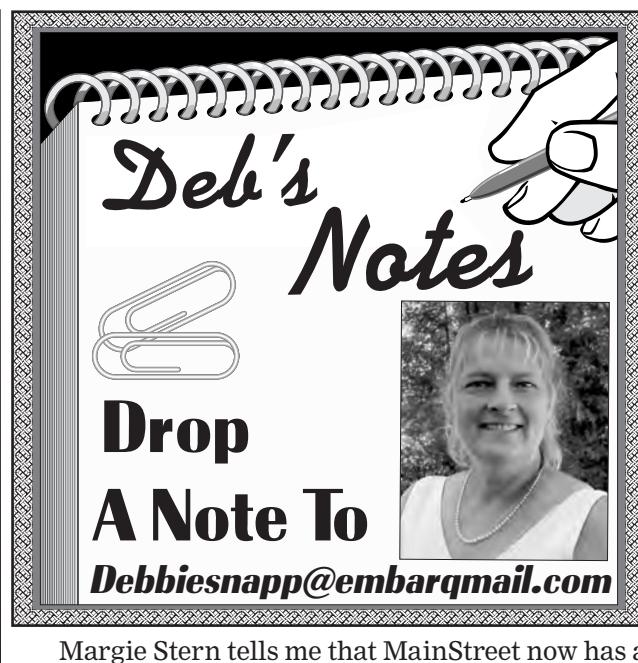
First Presbyterian Church will host EaglesWings, a ministry of outreach, serving the community on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Volunteers are always welcome to distribute food items and to donate non-perishable food items. Call and leave a message for JoAnne Arnold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

**JUNE 8**

New Hope Ministries Church of God will host a Blood Drive from 12 to 6 p.m. on Friday in the Winn Dixie parking lot on South Jefferson. Free lunch will be served to all donors. For more information contact the Southeastern Community Blood Center at 850-877-7181. Donors will also receive a 'Save A Life' t-shirt.

**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.



Margie Stern tells me that MainStreet now has a Facebook Page. Check it out. You'll see pictures from last week's 'Gangster and Moll Speakeasy' event at the Old Jail Museum. She says MainStreet will keep the public updated on current events on its website, as well as its Facebook Page. Go to www.facebook.com/MainStMonticelloFl and be sure to click on 'Like'. Margie can be reached at mstern3409@aol.com.

Von Holmes, outgoing president for the Silver Dome Chapter of the American Business Women's Association, says, "For those of you who were unable to make it to the May meeting you missed a treat. First, the person you selected as your 'ABWA Woman of the Year' is Allicia Franks. She was so overwhelmed it brought tears to her eyes. Great job ladies, she certainly was an excellent choice. Second, we had our annual election of officers for the administrative year of 2012-2013. Our newly elected officers are as follows: President, Allicia Franks; Vice President, Gloria Mitchell; Secretary, Kandis May; and Treasurer, Carolyn Moore." So, be sure to give them a warm congratulations and thank you, when you see them in person.

Mark Raciappa shared with me the names of the Monticello Kiwanis Scholarship recipients. They are Shelby Witmer, Sunnie Sorensen and Tori Self. He says they were announced and introduced to the group on Wednesday, May 23, during the weekly meeting. A picture will be in next weeks News.

Jefferson County Lions Club member June Campbell reminds all that there will be no Monday Night BINGO on May 28 because of the Memorial Day holiday. The next BINGO will be held on June 4 at the Capitol City BP Travel Center, in the Big Bend Family Restaurant, 2716 Gamble Road, Lloyd (Interstate 10, Exit 217, Highway 59.) Call 850-997-3538 for directions. Doors and snack bar open at 5:00 p.m. JCLC is a non-profit organization, raising funds for area residents in need. All are welcome to come have fun, play and win! Help the JCLC by contributing to others. Remember... one free Jackpot BINGO card for every eyeglass donation! Contact Lion June at 850-997-1754 for more information.

Congratulations to Kessler Construction for its win in the 2012 Parade of Homes event. Kessler Construction won the Gold Award in the category for homes priced at \$600,000+ and the Green Building Award for homes larger than 1,900 square feet. An article will follow in next weeks News.

Mark your calendars now for the annual Dining in the Dark experience. The event will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 4 at the FSU Center Club. For ticket information contact Barbara Ross at bross@lighthousebigbend.org or call 850-942-3658.

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## Lawsuit

among districts.

It further argues that the changes made in December 2011 were valid amendments, and that in failing to properly advertise or post these changes in a timely manner, the county and School Board violated Florida statutes.

Finally, it argues that Florida law requires that redistricting be accomplished in odd-number years, and so the two boards' decisions in January to rescind their December decisions constituted a change in an even-numbered year and consequently a clear violation of the law.

The suit asks the court to prohibit the two boards from putting into effect their January rescissions and to compel them to return and abide by their December votes relative to the district map. It further asks the court to set an accelerated and expedited process for the hearing and

to order the defendants to show cause why the relief being sought should not be granted.

Circuit Court Judge Frank Sheffield, in an order he issued on the same day as the petition was filed, gave the County Commission and School Board 20 days to respond to the request.

The filing of the citizens' petition followed the Jefferson County Commission decision on Thursday evening, May 17, to stick to its January decision, even if the board did so by inaction.

Following a brief discussion in which Commissioner Danny Monroe offered that the board should stick to its Jan. 5 vote and Commissioner John Nelson repeated his opposition to that decision, the board affirmed its earlier 4-1 decision by taking no action on the item.

It was the determination that a lack of action on

the issue in itself constituted an affirmation.

Earlier, on May 14, the School Board likewise affirmed its January decision by a 3-2 majority consensus, the same as had approved the January decision.

At the crux of the matter is whether a low-income housing project on the east side of town that is overwhelmingly inhabited by African-Americans is rightly in District 2 or 3.

What the two boards' rescissions of their Dec. 19 decisions and return to the previous map essentially did was to return the district map to its 2002 boundaries, and so return the Jefferson Arms Apartments to District 2 — the minority dominated district.

"What you did in January you couldn't do, and in the eyes of the law, it had no effect," Davis, who represents the aggrieved citizens, told the commissioners.

on Thursday evening, May 17.

Davis disagreed with County Attorney Buck Bird's interpretation that it was too late in the process to return to the December map because there wasn't enough time to properly notice the public before the November election.

"It could be done in time for the election," Davis said, adding that the state's reason for prohibiting redistricting on even-numbered years was because major elections occur on even years.

"Anything you did this year is null under the law and what you did in 2011 stands and should be noticed under the law," Davis said.

The entire discussion lasted about 10 minutes. It started with a brief overview of the issue by Bird, who said the commission's January decision to rescind the earlier map

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stemmed principally from the recognition that "incorrect data had been given (at the time) as to whether the Jefferson Arms was in District 2 or 3."

As Bird explained it, following the 2000 Census, the then-standing commission decided to take the housing project out of its assigned TIGER block and place it in District 2, while assigning the remainder of the largely uninhabited TIGER block to District 3.

"In 2011, the data was based on wrong informa-

## Opera House

tion. We made tremendous progress."

Vogelgesang followed with a recap of some of the major priority projects that had been accomplished since the group formulated its to-do-list a couple of years ago in order to restore the Opera House to its optimum grandeur.

Among the accomplishments, Vogelgesang cited \$32,000 worth of work done to the north facade of the building during the previous year to stabilize the windows. That project, which signaled the commencement of the ongoing restoration campaign, entailed replacing the decayed and rotted framework around the windows and installing tempered glass in place of the original, Vogelgesang said.

She said others of the accomplished activities on the group's to-do-list included the waterproofing of the building's roof and the repointing (or renewing) of the breached mortar joints on the exterior east brick wall (The west wall remains to be done).

Vogelgesang said the next major project involved the replacement of the remaining windows downstairs and all the upstairs windows, at a cost of \$2,500 per window, as well as the replacement of the theatre curtain, which supposedly weighs several thousand pounds.

She said the aim ultimately is to restore and preserve the historic building for posterity.

"Given the economy of the last five years, we're thankful that not only are we doing fine, but we're actually thriving," Vogelgesang said.

## FAC SUIT

Revenues and AHCA on April 26. Additionally, Bird said, FAC had since filed a second suit to enjoin the state from implementing the new rules. He said if the county wanted to join the FAC suit, it would have to file a separate motion.

Being a FAC member, however, Jefferson County could show its solidarity with the association by contributing to the cost of the lawsuit, Bird suggested. Which is what the commissioners ultimately decided to do.

Meanwhile, Clerk of Court Kirk Reams and Deputy Clerk Nick Flynt reported that progress was being made in their efforts to work with the AHCA staff to resolve the disputed Medicaid billings

Opera House Executive Director Lisa Reasoner, for her part, praised Vogelgesang's leadership during the last three years, crediting it for much of what has been accomplished to date.

"She is a great leader," Reasoner said. "People like to follow her because she has a clear, concise vision for this building."

Reasoner shared that the Opera House currently has 309 members and a mailing list of 1,267 addresses. She announced also the addition of a third performing company to the Opera House.

The new group, she said, was the Resurgens Theatre Company, out of Tallahassee. This company makes its debut at the Opera House with its production of "If Music Be The Food Of Love", scheduled for Feb. 14-17.

The two other stage companies at the facility are the original and long-standing Opera House Stage Company and the more recent Monticello

Acting and Dance Company.

Part of the activities on Saturday evening involved recognizing the 2012 Volunteer of the Year, which honor Vogelgesang bestowed on a group of kids who regularly assist with Opera House functions.

The group of kids, in fact, helped cater Friday evening's dinner, which Carrie Ann & Company prepared and which con-

sisted of seafood tetrazzini, spinach casserole, salad, bread and specialty cupcakes for dessert.

Guitarist and vocalist Justin Crews provided the entertainment, and an open bar provided the spirits.

For more information about the Opera House, its stage companies and scheduled activities, visit [www.monticellofloridaoperahouse.com](http://www.monticellofloridaoperahouse.com) or call (850) 997-4242.



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**Guitarist and vocalist Justin Crews provided the entertainment at the Opera House's annual members' dinner and meeting on Friday evening, May 18.**



**The Volunteer of the Year Award went to a group of kids who regularly assist at Opera House functions. Pictured from left to right are Alexandra Brookins, Cara Hackett, Catherine Brookins, Ben Johnson, Rebecca Johnson and Olivia Brookins.**

going 10 years back.

Reams said his and AHCA staffs were reexamining the outstanding bills, which totaled about \$350,000, and they were finding that a certain percentage of the charges had been erroneously billed to Jefferson County.

"We hope to see that amount (\$350,000) go down by a third," Reams said, adding the caveat that the county would also likely get transfers previously billed erroneously to other counties.

Bottom line, however, the expectation was that the \$350,000 would go down significantly, he said.

At the same time, he said, AHCA was offering assurances that going for-

ward its people would be more vigilant in the checking of the billings to ensure that errors were avoided.

Reams clarified that his staff's work with AHCA was separate from the lawsuit, which aims to do away with the unfunded mandate authorized by House Bill 5301.

HB-5301, which the Legislature approved in the last legislative session and Gov. Rick Scott signed into law on March 29, essentially limits counties' abilities to challenge Medicaid billings and forces them to pay disputed Medicaid billings going back to 2001.

What's more, the state will make sure counties pay the delinquent bills

within a five-year period by automatically deducting the money from the revenue sharing funding that counties receive annually.

FAC's suit argues that the new law not only violates Florida Constitution's ban on unfunded mandates, but it goes contrary to the four-year limit for record keeping imposed by the previous law.

Local officials estimate the new law will cost Jefferson County about \$173,000 annually for the next three years. That's the sum of the \$86,000 a year that the county won't be receiving in revenue sharing monies, plus the \$87,000 it will have to budget to pay new Medicaid bills going forward.

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In Afghanistan dead (2001-2012) 1,890+.

Take Time To Pray On Memorial Day.

To the best of our knowledge, these are the fallen soldiers of Jefferson County. If a name has been inadvertently omitted, please contact debbiesnapp@embarqmail.com or call 850-997-3568.

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Staff Writer

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 251 and the Ladies Auxiliary will be conducting a Memorial Day ceremony by placing US flags on the graves of those who fought and served, on foreign grounds.

The VFW and Ladies will join with the family of the New Bethel AME Church, located on Asheville Highway, where Reverend Jimmie Dickey serves as pastor, for the ceremony.

The ceremony will be conducted at the New Bethel AME Cemetery on Sunday, May 27, at 1:30 P.M. Those having family or friends buried at the

gravesites are invited to come out and place a flag, on their grave.

## LOCAL MILITARY HERO MAJOR WINFRED ALEXANDER, SR.

REV. GENE HALL

United States Army Command Sergeant Major Jeff Mellinger was heralded in the April 2012 edition of *The American Legion Magazine* upon his recent retirement. After completing nearly 40 years of continuous active duty service with the United States Army, he confirms "I have seen hundreds of thousands of examples of what is right with America: it's the men and women in uniform. I was incredibly privileged for so long to have served with, and for so many of our soldiers, marines, airmen, sailors and Department of Defense civilians. They do more than what is asked of them, seldom checking the clock, but always checking to ensure the task or mission is completed to or above expectation, always giving their all."

My former college roommate, mentor and role model United States Army Major (retired) Winfred B. Alexander, Sr. was one of those soldiers that Sergeant Major Mellinger spoke of. At his homegoing celebration on March 17, 2012 where he was eulogized by Leon County Commissioner Bill Proctor among so many others, 'Wimpy' as he was affectionately known, was given his 'proper' with the highest esteem. Insomuch as he was the very first African American to command the 350 member Army Corps of Cadets at the University of Florida, Gainesville, he was also humorous and brilliant.

Remarkably, he was the first black person to leave Monticello and enroll at the University of Florida on a full track scholarship. He set records there that have yet to be broken. His name is listed under National Collegiate Athletic Association championships, Southeastern Conference championships, All American Honors, All SEC honors and individual records for track and field. Wimpy was also a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

In addition, Major Alexander's professionalism led to a distinguished military career. He was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service as the 2nd Brigade Adjutant and sub-



US Army Major (ret.)  
Winfred B. Alexander, Sr.

sequently became the 1-503 Infantry Regiment (Air Assault) Executive Officer. He went on to serve as Company Commander of the United States Army base in the Panama Canal Zone. Not being one to mosey around with his pants hanging off his backside, nor to easily substitute progress with profane excuses, Major Alexander also graduated from Alcorn State University receiving his Masters of Science in Secondary Education while simultaneously becoming unequivocally fluent in Spanish. He later became Alcorn State's Reserve Officer's Training Corps Instructor. Major Alexander was preceded in death by his younger brother, United States Marine Corporal Clemon Alexander, who was unfortunately killed in a terrorist attack at Beirut, Lebanon, October 1983.

Why is all of this important one might ask? Why all the accolades? Well, when there are more young black and Hispanic men locked up in the state penitentiary than are being awarded college degrees via Penn State or any other post secondary institution, it is of paramount importance and very refreshing to acknowledge that there are still some minority males from rural areas who did not let America, and more importantly, their families down.

The same can be said of our military heroes. Even posthumously, military personnel like Major Winfred Alexander, Sr. continue to inspire and motivate our youth including white, blacks, Latinos, Native Americans and Asians, as well as many adults from all walks of life. In their honor, National Commander of the American Legion Mr. Fang A. Wong strongly urges everyone who has a stake in our youth to visit [www.legion.org/youthalumni](http://www.legion.org/youthalumni) and sponsor a youth program today.

Rev. Gene Hall is Youth Pastor at Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Ashville, Florida. [ghallboard@yahoo.com](mailto:ghallboard@yahoo.com)

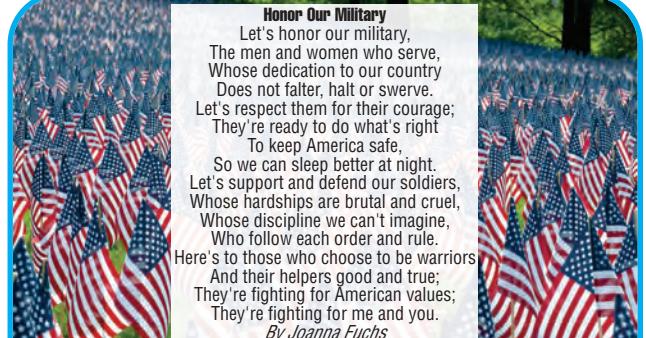
## Ward Farms

Jim and Martha Ward  
U.S. Navy, Retired

Let Us Never Forget



The V.A. Office wishes to salute the Veterans that have fought for the Freedom of our Country



Honor Our Military  
Let's honor our military.  
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Whose dedication to our country  
Does not falter, halt or waver.  
Let's respect them for their courage;  
They're here to do what's right.  
To keep America safe.  
So we can sleep better at night.  
Let's support and defend our soldiers,  
Whose hardships are both real and cruel.  
We'll always be grateful, we'll never forget,  
Who follow each order and rule.  
Here to those who choose to be warriors,  
And their helpers good and true;  
They're fighting for American values;  
They're fighting for me you.

By Joanna Fuchs

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## Jefferson's Confederate Memorial Stands Tall And Proud

ECB Publishing  
Photo By  
Debbie Snapp,  
May 23, 2012.



HOMES AND AN INVADING FOE. LET THE YOUNG SOUTHERN, AS HE GAZES UPON THIS SHAFT, REMEMBER HOW GLORIOUSLY FLORIDA'S SONS ILLUSTRIATED THEIR SUNNY LAND ON THE RED FIELDS OF CARNAJGE, AND HOW WOMAN - FAIR AND FAITHFUL - FRESHENS THE GLORY OF THEIR FAME.

The Jefferson County Confederate Memorial stands tall and proud at the north of the Courthouse in downtown Monticello. If you've never 'really' noticed the structure, check it out sometime; read the words; feel its meaning. This Confederate Civil War Memorial was erected on January 1, 1899 by the Ladies' Memorial Association of Jefferson County Florida... for OUR FALLEN HEROES (as stated on the north side of the monument.) It consists of an obelisk with a draped flag, a common type of Civil War memorial in the South.

On the west side of the memorial and carved in the stone, are the words: LET THIS TESTIMONIAL OF WOMAN'S DEATHLESS FIDELITY TO MAN'S IMPERISHABLE VALOR SPEAK TO THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THIS SOUTHLAND FOR ALL TIME TO COME. LET THIS MUTE BUT ELOQUENT MARBLE, TESTIFY TO THE ENDURING HARDNESS OF THAT LIVING HUMAN WALL OF FLORIDA SOLDIERY THAT STOOD DURING FOUR LONG YEARS OF PITILESS WAR - A BARRIER BETWEEN OUR

On the south side of the memorial is the Confederate flag with 13 stars for the then 13 states.

## Memorial Day Breakfast And Program

DEBBIE SNAPP  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

Recently, more than ever, the public has been showing their admiration for the military men and women currently serving, and for those who have served. And for good reason... on Monday, May 28, the

American Legion Otto

Walker Post 46 and Ladies Auxiliary will host its annual Memorial Day celebration with a buffet breakfast and program... to continue that respect.

The communities,

and especially veterans,

are invited to the Post 49

on South Water Street,

beginning with break-

fast at 8 a.m.; a veteran

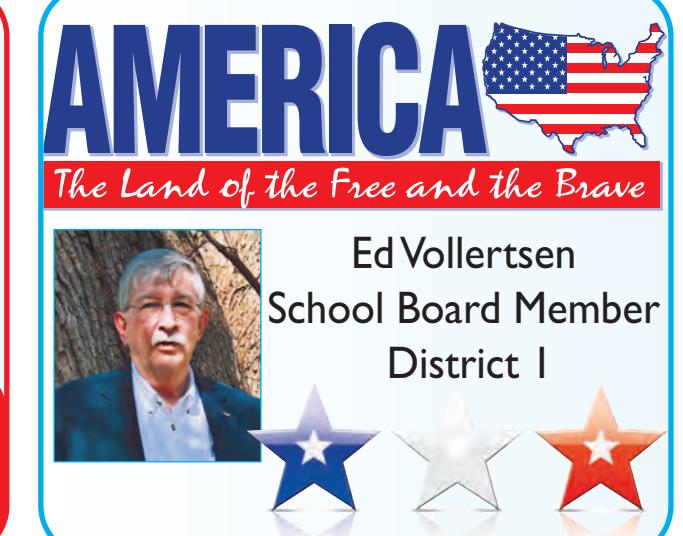
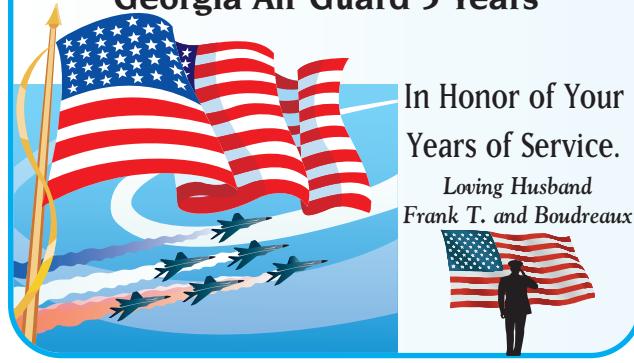
guest speaker will follow, as well as additional tributes to our fallen loved ones. Following the ceremony, members of Post 49 and all those interested will be placing miniature American flags on the gravesites of veterans at the area public cemeteries.

Join Post 49 Com-

mander Frank Kolb III, USN-Ret and others in honoring those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country and for the freedom of all American citizens. Remember... the American Flag should be at half-mast until 12 p.m., then hoisted to the top for the remainder of the day.

Donna L. Smith  
Tech Sergeant

Army 20 years  
Georgia Air Guard 5 Years



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**NOTICE**

The Jefferson County Tourist Development Council is accepting applications for a volunteer position on the Original Florida Tourism Task Force. Applicants must be able to attend TDC meetings on the first Monday of each month at 9:00 am, attend Original Florida meetings in various counties in the region on the third Thursday of each month at 10 am and complete a volunteer application which can be found on the Clerk of Court's web site or at the County Coordinator's office. The Board of County Commissions will make the final appointment. Deadline for applications is May 31, 2012. For additional information contact Nancy Wideman at 997-0517.

5/23,25,30, c.

**NOTICE**

The Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners will hold a workshop at 9:00 AM on June 5 at the Courthouse Annex to discuss issues regarding the hiring of a county coordinator.

5/25/12, c.

**NOTICE**

As directed by Florida State Statute, the JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD hereby notices its intent to adopt a revision to the following policy: 3.110, Reduction in Personnel, as tentatively approved by the School Board.

A copy of the proposed policy is available for review at the District Office at 575 S. Water Street, FL. The documents are also available on the district website at [www.edline.net/pages/jcsb](http://www.edline.net/pages/jcsb).

5/25/12, c.

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA****CIVIL ACTION****COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P.,**

Plaintiff,

**CASE NO.: 33-2009-CA-000050**

vs.

**DIVISION:****PIA KAUFMAN , et al,**

Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated May 08, 2012 and entered in Case No. 33-2009-CA-000050 of the Circuit Court of the SECOND Judicial Circuit in and for JEFFERSON County, Florida wherein COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. is the Plaintiff and PIA KAUFMAN; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF PIA KAUFMAN N/K/A MICHAEL KAUFMAN; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; TENANT #1 are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at NORTH DOOR OF THE COURTHOUSE LOBBY IN JEFFERSON COUNTY, MONTICELLO, FLORIDA at 11:00AM, on the 14th day of June, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST, JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA AND RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 40 MINUTES WEST 2881.30 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF SECTION 15 TO A POINT, THENCE WEST 60.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SAID POINT BEING ON THE WEST BOUNDARY OF A 60 FOOT ROAD, THENCE CONTINUE WEST 131.13 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE NORTH 273.86 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 15, THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 42 MINUTES EAST 216.13 FEET ALONG SAID FORTY LINE TO A POINT, THENCE SOUTH 178.89 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE SOUTH, HAVING A RADIUS OF 55.0 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 236 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 44 SECONDS, WITH AN ARC DISTANCE OF 227.45 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE SOUTH 50.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING

BEING A PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST, JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA.

LESS AND EXCEPT THAT PORTION OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY CONVEYED TO TRI-COUNTY ELECTRIC, BY WARRANTY DEED RECORDED 03/25/75 IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 64, PAGE 448, OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST, JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA AND RUN SOUTH 107.79 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 71.1 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EDGE OF A 55 FOOT TURNING RADIUS ON THE END OF A COUNTY ROAD, THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE WEST, HAVING A RADIUS 55.0 FEET, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 54.66 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE NORTH 25.0 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE EAST 26.0 FEET TO THE POINT, THENCE EAST 26.0 FEET TO THE POINT BEGINNING.

BEING A PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST, JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA.

SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS, RESERVATIONS, EASEMENTS AND LIMITATIONS OF RECORD, IF ANY, AND TAXES FOR THE CURRENT YEAR AND SUBSEQUENT YEARS

A/K/A 185 LLOYD SUBDIVISION, LLOYD, FL 32337

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on May 11, 2012.

Kirk B. Reams  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: Sherry Sears  
Deputy Clerk

Florida Default Law Group, P.L.  
P.O. Box 25018  
Tampa, Florida 33622-5018  
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\*\*See Americans with Disabilities Act  
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact:  
Kirk Reams, Clerk of Court  
1 Courthouse Circle  
Monticello, FL 32344  
Phone 850-342-0218

5/18,25/12, c.

**NOTICE**

The Monticello City Council will conduct its next regular monthly meeting on June 5, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will take place at City Hall, 245 S. Mulberry Street, Monticello. Persons with disabilities who need an accommodation to participate in the meeting should contact City Clerk Emily Anderson at 342-0292 or at [eanderson@mymonticello.net](mailto:eanderson@mymonticello.net).

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**NOTICE OF MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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5/25/12, c.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON APPLICATIONS FOR DESIGNATION AS HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

The Monticello Historic Design Review Board will conduct a public hearing on two Applications for Designation as Historic Properties for the following parcels:

195 S. Mulberry Street (City Police Department)

245 S. Mulberry Street (City Hall)

The public hearing will be held on May 31, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 245 S. Mulberry Street, Monticello. Copies of the complete applications are available at City Hall.

5/23,25/12, c.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS**

The Monticello Historic Design Review Board will conduct a public hearing on an application for certificate of appropriateness for building demolition located within the City of Monticello on the following properties:

Portions of Four Parcels located in a block bordered by E. Pearl Street on the North; N. Cherry Street on the East; E. Dogwood Street on the South; and N. Jefferson Street on the West

The public hearing will be held on May 31, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 245 S. Mulberry Street, Monticello. Copies of the complete application are available at City Hall.

5/23,25/12, c.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE WITHIN THE CITY OF MONTICELLO**

On June 5, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 245 S. Mulberry Street, the Monticello City Council will consider the following application:

An Application Filed By Scott and Cathy Ebberbach for Special Exception Use (Operation of a Bed and Breakfast Inn in a Residential Zoning District) at 620 W. Washington Street

Copies of application materials are available at City Hall, 245 S. Mulberry Street, Monticello, Florida.

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# Jefferson County Living

## COMMUNITY

## CALENDAR

**MAY 28**

Memorial Day Breakfast and Program at the American Legion Otto Walker Post 49 on Monday beginning with a buffet style breakfast at 8 a.m. followed by a veteran guest speaker, with additional tributes to our fallen loved ones. Following the ceremony, members of the Post, Auxiliary and all those interested will be placing

miniature American flags on all the Veteran's gravesites at the local public cemeteries. Plan to join others in honoring those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country and for your freedom. Remember... the American flag should be at half-mast until noon, and then hoisted to the top the remainder of the day.

**MAY 28**

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)

**MAY 28**

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 29**

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 30**

Monticello Kiwanis Club meets every Wednesday at noon at the Jefferson Country Club on the Boston Highway for lunch, a program and a meeting. Contact President Rob Beshears at 850-997-5054 for more information.

**MAY 30**

Jefferson Arts features the works of various artists 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](http://info@jeffersonartsgallery.com) or [www.jeffersonartsgallery.com](http://www.jeffersonartsgallery.com).

**MAY 31**

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

**JUNE 1**

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.

**JUNE 1**

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

**JUNE 1**

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.

**JUNE 1**

Artisans and Growers Marketplace from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Johnston's Meat Market, 1480 West Washington. All proceeds will benefit

the Old Monticello Jail Museum. Come shop and buy or showcase your products. For more information contact Coordinator Anne Holt at 850-576-0721 or [ahholt@ahholt.com](mailto:ahholt@ahholt.com)

**JUNE 2, 16**

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.

**JUNE 3**

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

**JUNE 4**

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

**JUNE 4**

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

## Obituaries

### KIMBERLY ANN DILLING

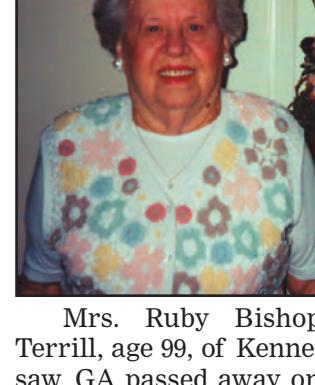
Kimberly Ann Dilling of Indianapolis, IN, passed away on Mother's Day Sunday, May 13, 2012 at Tallahassee Memorial Regional Medical Center in Tallahassee, FL after a brief fight with cancer. She was 54-years-old and had lived in Monticello, FL since 2000.

Kimberly is survived by her husband of 18-years, Dale Dilling; her son Joseph Metts of Monticello; and her brother Jeffery Hornsby of Tallahassee.

She enjoyed spending time at the beach and dearly loved her family and friends. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Funeral services will be private. Donations may be made in her name to the American Cancer Society.

### RUBY BISHOP TERRILL



Mrs. Ruby Bishop Terrill, age 99, of Kennesaw, GA passed away on Thursday, May 10, 2012 after a brief illness. She was born in Aucilla, FL on July 29, 1912, to the late A.A. and Stella Bishop. She was the last of A.A. Bishop's 21 children.

Mrs. Terrill was a member of Adairsville United Methodist Church, where she sang in the choir. She enjoyed spending time with her family and was very well traveled, spending time in England, Scotland, Canada and Mexico, to name just a few locations.

She is survived by her three daughters and her son: Joan (Blake) Putnam of Calhoun, GA; Barbara Polk and Jacqueline Harbison, both of Kennesaw, GA; Harry (Linda) Terrill of Harriman, TN; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, May 12, 2012 at the Adairsville United Methodist Church. Interment was held at the Eastview Cemetery. She was laid to rest next to her husband Raymond, who preceded her in death.

### GATEWAY CINEMA 7

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Thomasville, Georgia

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### MOVIE TIMES ARE GOOD THRU

Dates of

**MAY 25 - MAY 31**

**Battleship (PG13)**

Fri-Thurs 1:05-4:30-7:20-10:10

NO PASSES

**Dark Shadows (R)**

Fri-Thurs 1:15-4:10-7:25-10:10

**Men In Black 3 3-D (PG13)**

Fri-Thurs 4:05-7:05

NO PASSES

**Men In Black 3 2-D (PG13)**

Fri-Thurs 1:05-9:40

NO PASSES

**The Dictator (R)**

Fri-Thurs 12:50-5:05-7:15-9:25

NO PASSES

**The Avengers 2D (PG13)**

Fri-Thurs 1:00-4:00-7:00-10:00

NO PASSES

**What to Expect**

**When you are Expecting (PG13)**

Fri-Thurs 1:10-4:15-7:05-9:40

NO PASSES

**Chernobyl Diaries (R)**

Fri-Thurs 12:45-3:00-5:10-7:20-9:30

NO PASSES

**Central Church of Christ**  
US 19 South at Cooper's Pond Road  
997-1166  
Carl Desmartin, Minister

**Sunday:**  
10 AM Bible School  
11 AM Worship Hour  
**Wednesday:**  
7 PM Bible Study

**Revelation 1:7-8**  
Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him. So shall it be! Amen. (8) "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."

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

**BRYANT THIGPEN  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer**

For this week's edition of Things of Remembrance Past, there is a writer who is often recalling days of living in Monticello. Jacob Bembry was raised in Jefferson County and lived there for quite some time before moving to Madison, where he became editor of the Madison County newspapers.

"I grew up in Monticello on Bassett's Dairy Farm," Bembry recalls. "My dad's boss, Wilmer Bassett, knew that I loved to read. My dad had to work on Saturdays, quite a bit, and could not take me to the library, so Mr. Bassett got the bookmobile to come from Tallahassee to our neighborhood. (The library served both Jeffer-

son and Leon counties.)" My dad and mom both worked for Bassett's Dairy." Bembry's father, Bobby, was an employee of Bassett's Dairy for 16 years

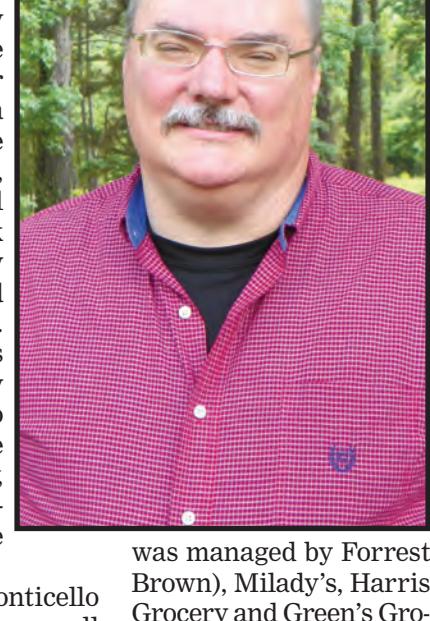
Reading and writing is something that Bembry always enjoyed. After graduating from Jefferson County High School in 1982, Bembry attended North Florida Junior College in Madison where he received and Associate of Arts degree. Bembry then attended Florida State University, where he obtained a Bachelor of Science in Media Communication in 1987.

Bembry and his sisters, Debbie and Abbie, and brother, Danny, grew up and went to school in Monticello. Bembry remembers many of his friends from school, and

named a few: Albert Bivens, Brian, Eileen, Julie and Sarah Hayes, Ricky Watson, Michelle and Jennifer Browder, Laura Ervin, Adrienne Byrd, Charlie, Lisa and April Whitfield, Mark Wirick, Ricky Williams and Daryl Floyd. Close friends with the family in the Monticello area was the Phillips family, the Brewton family, and the Willie Thomas family.

Although Monticello has remained a small community, there have been a lot of changes throughout the years. "Stores I remember included Braswell's (which was managed by Forrest Brown), Milady's, Harris Grocery and Green's Grocery Store (where my parents always went to buy fish). There was an A&P when we first moved to Monticello in 1970. It later became a Hitchcock Foodway and now it is the Big Save IGA. My parents always did their banking at Farmers & Merchants Bank. During my senior year in high school, I won \$100 in an essay contest sponsored by the bank."

But in a small town, who can't have a little fun? Bembry shared, "Once when Ricky Watson and I were hanging out at a gas station where my friend, Kevin Duran, worked, a man stopped and asked us how to get to Thomasville. Ricky looked at the courthouse and then at the man and told him, "Drive around the courthouse three times and then head north." We watched as the man drove around the courthouse once, then he came back around again and we were laughing hysterically by then. The man shot us a dirty look and headed north." Life is great in a small town.



## NOTICE OF COMMUNITY MEETING

**TO: ALL JEFFERSON COUNTY RESIDENTS,  
BUSINESSES AND ANCHOR INSTITUTIONS  
FROM: NORTH FLORIDA BROADBAND  
AUTHORITY, NORTH FLORIDA ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP, JEFFERSON  
COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL  
AND MAIN STREET BROADBAND.**

Please join us on Tuesday, May 29, 2012 from 5:00-7:00 P.M. at the Jefferson County Courthouse Annex for an update on our region's broadband project. Meet one-on-one with internet service providers and learn more about specific timeframes, service availability and pricing. You may be eligible to sign up for internet service at this event.

# Jefferson County Living

## Woman's Club Installs New Officers



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Monticello Woman's Club Installation of Officers presented by Parliamentarian Amanda Ouzts. Pictured from left to right are: Debbie Campbell, Dianne Braren, Ethel Strickland and Ouzts.

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Monticello Woman's Club (MWC) held its Installation of Officers on Tuesday, May 1, in the clubhouse on East Pearl Street. Longtime member and Club Parliamentarian Amanda Ouzts presented the installation.

The 2012-2013 officers are: Ethel Strickland, president; Dianne Braren, vice-president; Debbie Campbell and Kate Rines, co-secretaries; and Amanda Ouzts and Anne Mara, co-treasurers.

This was the last business/program meeting for the membership until they meet

again at 12 p.m. on Tuesday, September 4 and will continue to meet on the first Tuesday of each month through May 2013.

Some of the club members will participate in the hosting of the Watermelon Festival Luncheon and Fashion Show scheduled to be held on Thursday,



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Monticello Woman's Club 2012-2013 officers are installed. Pictured from left to right are: Anne Mara, co-treasurer; Amanda Ouzts, co-treasurer; Dianne Braren, vice-president; Debbie Campbell, co-secretary; Kate Rimes, co-secretary; and Ethel Strickland, president.

June 14 in the Monticello Opera House. The luncheon will begin at noon with a homemade prepared meal from the woman's club members.

Tickets for this annual event will be \$15 and door prizes will be awarded to a lucky few, donated by local businesses and residents. Tickets may be pur-

chased at the Opera House (850-997-4242) or at the Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce (850-997-5552) or from MWC members.

For more information about this event or the MWC, contact Club President Strickland at 850-997-3382.

The Monticello

Woman's Club was organized on January 15, 1916; federated on November 21, 1916; and incorporated on May 4, 1948. Club Colors are white and green and the Club Flower is the White Camellia. In its 96-years, the Monticello Woman's Club has had 52 ladies serve as club presidents.

## FLAUNT: 2012 UPCYCLE/DOWNTOWN SEEKS ARTISTS WHO WORK WITH RECYCLED MEDIUMS TO APPLY FOR JURIED ART COMPETITION

**CALL FOR ARTISTS: DEADLINE JUNE 18, 2012**

Bringing Thomasville to the "recycle table" while showcasing the unique talent of all artists from around our region, Thomasville Center for the Arts (TCA) in partnership with Keep Thomas County Beautiful and Downtown Thomasville Mainstreet, are calling for artists to be a part of the FLAUNT: 2012 Upcycle/Downtown art walk and exhibition.

TCA is looking for handcrafters, potters, jewelers, sculptors, fiber artists and other artists who work with recycled or upcycled materials to apply for FLAUNT: 2012. Artists of traditional mediums are encouraged to use recycled components in their work to be a part of this exciting event.

All artists desiring public venues to "flaunt" their work

should submit six digital images of their art in which they have incorporated recycled or upcycled products, a completed application, and \$25 entry fee, all of which can be accomplished online through the Center's website at [www.thomasvillearts.org](http://www.thomasvillearts.org).

Following on the heels of its successful inaugural year, FLAUNT art walk and exhibition will once again be on the bricks in Thomasville, this September. Last year's exhibition featured a range of work from 25 of the area's best artists in 25 downtown locations.

FLAUNT: 2012 Upcycle/Downtown will again feature work from artists in selected downtown merchant shops, all for the public to view and purchase.

FLAUNT: 2012 Upcycle/Downtown is a juried art competition, awarding cash prizes for Best of Show, as well as first through third place. Artists selected to exhibit their work for FLAUNT will be paired with a local or national corporate sponsor who will provide recyclable materials for each artist to use in the creation of a distinctive recycled-product dress to be unveiled on the "green carpet" during the FLAUNT Recycle Runway show opening night, Sept. 7, 2012, which kicks off the start of the exhibition.

"This will be a runway exhibit like no other seen in Thomasville!", says Darlene Mathis, TCA Exhibition and Events Manager, of the spon-

sored pieces. "These dresses and the work displayed downtown will make for one unforgettable art show and art walk, one that the public has to see".

In addition to the featured recycled dresses, Mathis says she has another surprise in store for the public, one using the work of over 50 local fiber artists. This special project will also be unveiled on opening night.

"We are excited to again partner with Downtown Mainstreet and the downtown merchants to showcase our FLAUNT artists and their work," says Michele Arwood, Executive Director of the Thomasville Center for the Arts. "This year, we have partnered with Keep Thomas

County Beautiful, and through their support we are connecting with local industries who lead the way in recycling and upcycling. TCA is proud to promote the recycling message through the interpretive nature of the arts".

FLAUNT: Upcycle/Downtown will feature the work of Kati Yates of Tallahassee, the FLAUNT: 2011 winner. Yates work was one of the most talked about during last year's show. Each piece of Yates' work embodies exacting detail of facial features, created through intense color and large scale proportion, leaving nothing overlooked in her paintings.

Artists interested in participating in FLAUNT must be at

least 18 years of age and live in the southeast area. All art work must be the artist's original work, and pieces based on published material or other artist's work will not be considered original. Applicants can view the website for other eligibility requirements. The deadline for applying to FLAUNT: 2012 is June 18, 2012, so prospective artists should send in their application today.

The Center invites artists to "flaunt" their creativity and be a part of FLAUNT: 2012. For more information about the FLAUNT application process or the exhibition, please call Darlene Mathis at (229) 226-0588, extension 106.

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*The Week of May 18, 2012 through May 25, 2012  
Major Feed Times are marked by an asterisk (\*)*

Friday, May 25 *4:30 AM 10:40 AM *5:00 PM 11:10 PM	Saturday, May 26 *5:20 AM 11:30 AM *5:45 PM	Sunday, May 27 *6:20 AM 12:30 PM *6:40 PM	Monday, May 28 1:00 AM *7:10 AM 1:20 PM *7:30 PM
Tuesday, May 29 1:45 AM *7:50 AM 2:00 PM *8:20 PM	Wednesday, May 30 2:30 AM *8:35 AM 2:45 PM *9:00 PM	Thursday, May 31 3:20 AM *9:20 AM 3:30 PM *9:45 PM	Friday, June 1 4:00 AM *10:10 AM 4:20 PM *10:40 PM

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# Richardson Pond Fishing Tournament Proves Exciting

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The Third Annual Richardson Pond Fishing Tournament held on May 12 proved to be a very exciting experience for the 15 young fishers taking part in the tournament.

"It was a great day at Richardson Pond! The weather was good, no one got hurt and plenty of fish were caught including 143 total fish in the tournament and over 200 total for the day," said Tournament Coordinator Tom Richardson.

The one-hour fishing tournament saw some 143 total fish caught and a his stringer of fish.



Josiah Urena, the little brother, through the "Big Brother" program, to Tournament Coordinator Tom Richardson, proudly holds his stringer of fish.



This is a group shot of all contestants during the Third Annual Richardson Pond Fishing Tournament proudly displaying their catches at check out, immediately following the tournament.

tiebreaker fish-off to determine the second place winner and third place winner. Travis Hutto, 9 and Mason Crowder, 7, were tied at 65 points each at the end of regulation time.

At the conclusion of the fish-off, Kristen Hutto, 14, was in first place with one brim and 18 catfish for 93 points. "Kristen Hutto was incredible pulling in 19 fish (almost one every three minutes) and her total fish weight was off the charts. She dominated the tournament," said Richardson.

Travis Hutto had one brim and 14 catfish for 73 points and second place.

Mason Crowder had one brim and 13 catfish for 68 points and third place.

Trophies were awarded to the first through third place winners.

Other young fishers included Jonathan Williams and Dylan Castano, both with eight cat-

fish and 40 points.

Joseph Williams and Sari-Grace Chaback had one brim and seven catfish each for 38 points.

Graye Keel finished with seven brim and three catfish for 36 points.

Gerardo Castano had seven catfish for 35 points.

Josiah Urena finished with one brim and six catfish for 33 points.

Sydney Moore finished with nine brim and one catfish for 32 points.

Caroline Williams and Jacob Whittington both finished with four catfish for 20 points.

Morgan Castano and Alexis Castano both had one brim and three catfish for 18 points.

Jacob Maas and Stephen Johnson both had three catfish for 15 points.

Jack Carswell had two brim and one catfish for 11 points.

Victor Castano had two catfish for 10 points.

Sophia Castano had one brim and one catfish for eight points.

"This year's tournament was very exciting and I thoroughly enjoyed it," said Richardson. "Victor (Castano) had tough

luck when he lost his stringer. Stephen Johnson caught the biggest fish of the day, a projected whooping four-pound catfish.

"A very special thanks to Elaine Whittington for helping with the photography. She did an awesome job. Also, a special thanks to the Huttos for their friendliness and kindness in helping my little brother, Josiah," he added.

Richardson concluded that they would be having an adult bass tournament to be scheduled later this year.



The top three finishers in the Third Annual Richardson Pond Fishing Tournament included: Kristen Hutto, back; Travis Hutto, front right and Mason Crowder, left.

## GOATFEST AND FARM TOUR THIS WEEKEND

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This weekend will be the first 'Goatfest And Farm Tour' for the Goat First Network, providing foods to sustain a healthy community. The 2012 event will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and from 12 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, May 26 and 27. Workshops for 'Farm Security and Food Safety' will be held on both days from 2 to 3 p.m. and a Fishing Contest will be held from 9 to 10 a.m.

The 'Tour' will be held locally at Mahan Farms, 16824 Mahan Drive, in Tallahassee with a focus on animals and products marketing. There will be a variety of grass fed meats: lamb, goat (burger, sausage, cheese,) various products of lamb, beef (bone-in, boneless, ground and various cuts,) poultry and pork all available for purchase.

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ucts will be available in net weight of 3 ounces, 6 ounces and 16 ounces of various flavors: vanilla, strawberry, chocolate, caramel, and natural and organic strawberry, blueberry, raspberry, blackberry and peach.

Also, available will be prepared ready-to-eat foods: curried goat, goat burger, goat sausage, curried chicken, jerk chicken, jerk jumbo chicken wings and ox tail. All ready-to-eat products can be purchased with side orders of white rice, red beans,

fresh garden salad, corn, green beans, peas or make a request.

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