



Broadband Group Gets A Tad Testy Reception



SERVICE SHOULD BE AVAILABLE HERE BY JUNE 15

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Almost exactly a year after their last presentation here, representatives of the North Florida Broadband Authority (NFBA) were back in town on Tuesday afternoon, May 29, to give the latest update on the system.

To the way of thinking of some of the few resi-

dents attending the presentation, however, the information hadn't changed much since a year ago, and they let their disgruntlement show. They didn't care to hear about points of presence (POP), point-to-point signaling, core networks, redundancy rings and other of the technical jargon, these residents indicated. What they wanted to know was when the system would be operational and the service available.

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District Issues Water Shortage Order To Take Effect June 13

The governing board of the Suwannee River Water Management District (SRWMD) voted Tuesday, May 29, to adopt a Phase III Water Shortage Order in response to the extreme drought conditions.

The order, which requires water use restrictions for all users, goes into effect June 13, the day after the board's next meeting.

Under the water shortage order, restrictions, and some ex-

emptions, will apply to residential, agricultural, commercial, and industrial users within the district's boundaries. This includes all of Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor and Union counties, and portions of Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Jefferson, Levy and Putnam counties.

"Drought conditions have prompted the need to enact water use restrictions to reduce de-

mands for water and stretch our water supplies during the drought," said SRWMD Acting Executive Director Charlie Houder.

The district reports that the 12 months ending April 30 had the lowest rainfall total of all May-April periods since 1932, with the 12-month deficit rising to 17.1 inches by the end of April.

Additionally, groundwater Please See **WATER SHORTAGE** Page 3A

nixle JCSO UTILIZES NIXLE



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As of May 8, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office has begun utilizing Nixle, an email and text message based county-wide broadcast notification system.

The primary use of the system will be to advise residents 24 hours a day and seven days a week, of emergency situations such as escapees, suspects of a crime being sought, missing persons, bomb threats, traffic incidents, road closures, severe weather, spreading fires, etc. In certain cases, they would even advise of fundraising or volunteer activities in the area.

"We hope to better serve the county by bringing information to as many residents as possible and as soon as possible, thus allowing you to assist us in making the county safer," said Communications Sgt. Kevin Huffmaster.

With Nixle you can stay instantly informed of trusted, neighborhood-level public safety and community information. Each law enforcement agency utilizing Nixle must prove through licensing that they are who they claim to be, prior to hooking into the system. Once the verifications are made, announcements from JCSO are typed into Nixle and go straight from Nixle to everyone who has signed up to receive the free notification service.

What is Nixle? Nixle is a Community Information Service dedicated to helping you stay connected to the information that matters most to you, depending on your physical location. You stay connected to your local police department, your children's schools, your local community agencies and organizations and the important information from other locations through Please See **NIXLE** Page 3A

WORKSHOP SET TO BREAK IMPASSE ON COORDINATOR

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County Commissioners will attempt to break the impasse over the selection of a county coordinator at a workshop set for 9 a.m. Tuesday, June 5, in the courthouse annex.

Commissioners' time for making the selection is running out if they want to have a new coordinator in place by June 29, the last day that County Coordinator Roy Schleicher will be on the job. Schleicher is retiring.

Commissioners recently deadlocked on the choice of Schleicher's replacement, with the board divided between two distinct candidates and unable to reach a compromise.

It requires a 4-1 majority vote for the selection of the coordinator, unless the board changes the rule.

As of May 18, the top two contenders for the position were David Ward and Parrish Barwick. The other top four candidates, selected out of the original 15 who applied for the job, are Larry Jones, Phil Calandra, Don Hart and David Wimberly.

Schleicher first informed the commission of his intended retirement on Oct. 6 of last year. At the time, he suggested that the commission begin the preparations and search for his replacement as early as January or February of this year.

The proposed schedule, however, got delayed and ultimately sidetracked, as the commission bogged down in the redefinition of the coordinator's role.



After Tropical Storm Beryl

ECB Publishing photo by Fran Hunt, May 28, 2012
What does a turkey buzzard do after riding out Tropical Storm Beryl in the top of an area tree? DRIP DRY!!

Commission Sets Workshop On Septic Tank Inspections

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Faced with a new law that potentially does away with mandatory septic-tank inspections, county officials have set a June 26 workshop to discuss what to do here, as Jefferson County is one of 19 counties with a first-magnitude spring.

The new law, which Gov. Rick Scott signed on April 27, repealed a 2010 enacted law that required septic tank inspections every five years.

The catch, however, is the new law requires that counties with first-magnitude springs such as Jefferson continue the testing, unless they choose to opt out by a 60 percent majority vote. That decision, moreover, must be made before Jan. 1, 2013.

House Bill 1263, as the Florida Department of Health (FDOH) explains on its website, "empowers local governments to make decision for their communities' relative to septic tank evaluations."

The new law, in other words, leaves

it to local governments to decide if they want to implement septic tank inspections. The exception, of course, is the 19 counties with the state's 33 first-magnitude springs, or springs that pump 64.6 million or more gallons per day.

So far, Hernando County is the only of the 19 counties to decide to opt out of the requirement. The first magnitude Weeki Wachee Springs is in Hernando County.

Jefferson County Attorney Buck Bird informed the commission recently that it could continue to have the local health department do the inspections, if the board decided to continue with the inspections. The difference, he said, was that the county would now have to pay the department for the service.

Jefferson County Health Department Administrator Kim Barnhill offered that not doing the inspections would jeopardize the environment.

"If you don't have inspections, you don't know when septic tanks are failing," she said.

It was her opinion, however, that most, if not all, of the counties with first magnitude springs would ultimately opt out of the requirements. She asked that if the local commission opted to do so, that it at least set a future date when it would revisit the issue.

An individual associated with an organization much involved with the Please See **SEPTIC TANK** Page 3A



FIRST EVER COUNTY ARREST FOR MISUSE OF 911

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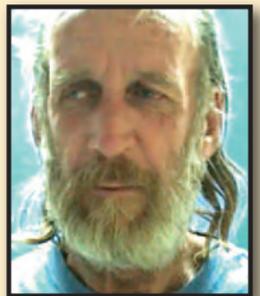
Earlier this week the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office (JCSO) arrested the first person ever charged in the county with misuse of the 911 emergency system.

JCSO reported that on Tuesday, May 29, Deputy Paul Peebles was dispatched to a Pasco Fino Road residence in reference to a fight.

Dispatch advised that the male caller, James G. Lilly, 54, of Jefferson County, stated that his girlfriend had punched him several times in the face and broke several windows.

When Deputy Peebles arrived at the scene, he asked Lilly what happened and Lilly informed the deputy that his girlfriend poked him in the eye. Deputy Peebles noted that he could smell the odor of alcohol omitting from Lilly's person and he was very intoxicated.

Deputy Peebles asked Lilly if his girlfriend poked him in the eye on purpose and he said yes. Lilly then told the deputy that he did not want his girlfriend to go to jail, he just wanted her to leave and Deputy Peebles informed Lilly that in cases of Please See **ARREST** Page 3A



James G. Lilly

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Sun and clouds mixed with a slight chance of thunderstorms during the after.	Slight chance of a thunderstorm.	Sunshine. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 60s.	Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.	A few clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.

Viewpoints & Opinions

Guest Columnist

CITY & COUNTY NEED TO ADDRESS GARBAGE ISSUE

Merry Ann Frisby
(Special to Journal)

When we were a young family, the worst job in the house was garbage day. We raised our seven children in Chaires. There was no garbage pickup at the time. We bought an old small dumpster. During the week we filled it and Saturday was "Let's go to the Dump Day." Which involved them riding when they were small, and driving when they were older; to a county pickup station.

Our sons in particular hated it. Dad made them help attach the dumpster, go to the landfill and crawl into our dumpster to empty it. After the stinky return home, then they had to hose the dumpster out. In the summer, the swimming pool was usually the last stop of the day.

When we moved to Monticello the dumpster was no longer needed. It was rusted and in sad shape too. Our, now

grown, sons hauled it away for us. They celebrated, they high fived, and they shared stories.

Folks in Jefferson County have to haul their own garbage to a collection center. People in the City of Monticello have blessed pickup but the fees are reportedly the highest in the state. City residents pay the county assessment of \$224 a year. They also pay the city \$162 a year. The total is \$386 a year.

Admittedly, city residents have Cadillac service. Twice a week pickup is not the norm in most other cities. Our city budgets are strained and the garbage department loses money. Can this Cadillac service continue?

Garbage collection equipment is quite costly. Garbage trucks, recycling operations also cost money. The compactors at each collection site costs \$25,000. What if they break? Do you repair or replace an aging garbage

truck? How do you pay for such an expense?

The county garbage operation is also costly. The garbage collection centers are expensive and improvements are always needed. Right now the County Commission is looking at the assessment rates, which may be lowered. If they lower the fees, employees sitting at the collection centers could be a cost-saving target. The primary way to save money at the collection centers is to limit the number of man-hours or close collections centers. As it stands now some collections centers are always staffed, some are never manned.

The largest issue is employees. There are four city workers, five drivers with the county and six collection center sitters. How much do they make? What are their benefits? Do they have severance packages? There is a sincere and proper concern

that our local citizens and friends should keep their jobs.

However, in these changing times, government employment is not the sure bet that it has been in the past. Both our city and county governments are struggling with financial uncertainty.

I think it is time for our City Council and County Commission to take a comprehensive look at the entire picture. City residents need not pay the highest rates in Florida. Let's strive for good, economical garbage collection and disposal. Let us protect the jobs and benefits of our friend and neighbors who work in this service area.

Is this controversial? You bet. Is this political? You bet. Will there be complaints in an election year? Oh yes. However, now is the time for our officials to bravely and proactively accept this challenge, and explore options.

Letters To The Editor

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

SOMETHING TO CONSIDER WHILE CHOOSING CANDIDATES

ELECTIVE POLITICS IS A WHOLESALE EXERCISE – appealing to the lowest common denominator of the largest number of people possible, because accumulating more votes than the opponent is all that counts. Given that, it must be recognized that driving up negatives (things people won't like about a stranger) is easier than driving up positives (enticing people to trust a stranger). This is human nature. And that is why voting records and on-the-record comments are always shown simplistically and out of context, even in relatively "nice" campaigns. They are betting that the voters in the audience don't know enough about the issues to realize that the material has been edited to be misleading.

But if negative campaigns are inherently disingenuous, why do they work? Largely, they succeed because nobody is systematically doing objective fact-checking on the ads for you. It falls to the voter to determine the quality of the message – and this is why the quality of a democracy is directly related to the political sophistication of the voting polity. Hence, Benjamin Franklin's warning: "We have given you a republic, if you can keep it."

One of the ways Dr Franklin feared we may lose our republic was expressed thus: "When the people find that they can vote themselves money, that will herald the end of the republic," and that leads us to the paucity of quality in our public officials. Lord Dalberg, in 1887 wrote to Bishop Mandell that "power tends to corrupt ...", and he's right. That is why your senators and representatives more closely resemble Orson Welles' Charles Foster Kane than Frank Capra's Jefferson Smith. Given dominion over strangers truly tests the nobility of men. It gets to the heart of intent versus consequences – does a man do well if he accomplishes good by doing bad? And who defines "well", "good" and "bad"? In the end, we each do, and on Election Day, we all do. While most wouldn't stoop to the duplicitous depths that politicians routinely practice, we seem more than willing to let them do it for us if we benefit from the process (read: bringing home the bacon). We love to publicly disdain the liars and thieves who we privately re-elect, as long we get our cut.

The Kafka-esque concept of bribing us with our own money is precisely why obviously smarmy self-servers are allowed to recidivate. We keep asking them to.

Russ Durham
Monticello, FL

CHURCH NEWS NOTES

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 2

Springfield AME Church invites the community to join for an evening of praise and worship. 'There Is No Pressure To Push My Praise' will be held from 12 to 4 p.m. on Saturday at the Holiday Inn, located at 2725 Grave Road in Tallahassee. Speaker will be Evangelist and Author Sabrina D. Smith, from Tampa. Call 850-536-2006 for more information. Rev. Stefon McBride, pastor.

JUNE 2

'Healing With Roses and Growing Roses Organically' will be held at the One Heart Earth Center beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday. Instructor Pam Greenwald is owner of Angel Gardens in Alachua. Participants will discover how to use plant spirit medicine and vibrational energy to create rose essences for healing. Roses will be available for purchase. Call reservations in to 850-997-7373 or go to oneheartearthcenter@embarqmail.com. OHEC is located at 450 West Madison Street and is a 501 c 3 non-profit and tax-deductible.

JUNE 3

Greater Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church Usher Board No.1 will celebrate its anniversary at 3 p.m. on Sunday. All are invited to attend. Rev. Rudolph Nealy will be guest speaker and the Gospel Wonders will be ministering music. Rev. Dr. Melvin Roberts, pastor. Contact President Janie Crumity at 850-997-4277 for more information.

JUNE 3

Salem AME Church, on South Salt Road, will celebrate its annual homecoming on Sunday at 11 a.m. Guest speaker will be Rev. Henry Griffin and guest choir will be from Mt. Olive. Everyone is invited to attend. Rev. Gilbert Connley, pastor. Sis. Loretha Young, chairperson. Sis. Evelyn Mount, co-chairperson. Sis. Eddie L. Harley, secretary.

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 4-JULY 27

Monticello Christian Academy Summer Day Camp will be held Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, registration or fees, contact the school office at 850-997-6048.

JUNE 4-8

First Baptist Church Monticello will hold 'Sky: Everything is Possible with God' Vacation Bible School Monday through Friday beginning each night with supper at 5:15 p.m. Registration is on the church website at www.fbcmonticello.org or contact Michael Stewart, minister of youth and outreach, at 850-997-2349.

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 eagleswingsmonticello@yahoo.com or www.firstpresbyterianmonticeool.org.

JUNE 7

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.

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 11-15

First Baptist Church of Lloyd will hold 'Amazing Wonders Aviation' Vacation Bible School Monday through Friday beginning each night with a meal at 6 p.m. Pre-registration is not required. For more information call 850-997-5309.

JUNE 11-15

First United Methodist Church will hold 'SonRock Kids Camp' Vacation Bible School Monday through Friday beginning at 9 a.m. For more information, call Rev. Wayne Cook at 850-997-5545.

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.

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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 Randell at 850-997-5605 or 850-997-6929 to volunteer or for more information about this program.

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Morgan M. Rockey, client relations consultant with the Department of Children & Families, wants to inform all community partners about the Summer Meal Program Website; it's now updated with local meal sites serving your communities. Go to <http://www.summerfoodflorida.org> and click on the link 'to find a site near you' and you will be able to search by zip code, city or county. Share this information with residents who might benefit from this important resource; who may find it difficult to meet their children's nutritional needs through the summer. Any child age 0 through 18 is eligible to eat meals at these sites. The parent just needs to show up with the child to put their name on the list, and the child can come every day the site is open. The food must be eaten on site, but there is no eligibility requirement besides showing up during meal times. For more information you may contact Rockey at 352-258-4030 or 352-955-5010.

Covenant Hospice invites bereaved hospice families, as well as community members who have endured the loss of a loved one, to attend a special Remembrance Celebration from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, June 10 at the Thomasville Road Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, located at 3131 Thomasville Road. Covenant Hospice patients and community members who have died will be remembered and celebrated by family, friends and staff. The celebration will include music, candle lighting and selected readings. A reception with refreshments will follow. Join this non-profit organization in remembering and celebrating the lives of those who were dear to them. For more information, contact Bobbie Massey, LCSW at 850-701-0133.

The Sjögren's Syndrome Foundation, a national voluntary health organization, assisted in the formation of a regional support group for North Florida and South Georgia. Kathleen Abrams is the volunteer group leader; she was diagnosed with Sjögren's Syndrome in 2002. The group will meet from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 9 in the meeting room of the Leon County Public Library Eastside Branch, 1583 Pedrick Road in Tallahassee. This is a great opportunity to meet with others, share our experiences and learn about resources for living and coping with Sjögren's. For more information, contact Abrams at 850-668-3586 or kabrams@polaris.net.

I will celebrate yet another birthday this weekend. I do not do birthdays well and so, I am reminded constantly of the alternative. My birthday wish is always the same... to do better.

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Water Shortage

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levels recorded at most monitored wells in the district and some river levels have set record lows for this time of year. As of April 26, the SRWMD reports, Treehouse Spring in Alachua County and the Levy Blue Spring in Levy County had no observable flows for the first time in their records.

Also, Hornsby Springs in Alachua County was not flowing, and Poe Springs, Suwannee Springs, Otter Springs and Alapaha Rise experienced the lowest flows on record. And part of the Santa Fe River near High Springs nearly stopped flowing.

Even with the recent rainfall from Tropical Depression Beryl, water levels are not expected to significantly improve, said Megan Wetherington, SRWMD senior professional engineer.

Many areas in the district received at least 3-4 inches of rainfall, though localized areas received up to 14 inches.

"While this system provided assistance to our water levels, we do not expect any major improvements in most areas in the district," Wetherington said.

The restrictions mostly target outdoor water use, particularly for lawn and landscape irrigation, which usually accounts for half of household use.

Following is a list of some of the restrictions that apply:

* Residential: For established lawns and landscapes, watering is limited to once per week. The schedule is based upon an even/odd address numbering system as follows:

House addresses ending in 0 or 1 may only irrigate on Mondays; addresses ending in 2 or 3 may only irrigate on Tuesdays; addresses ending in 4 or 5 may only irrigate on Wednesdays; addresses ending in 6 or 7 may only irrigate on Thursdays; ad-

resses ending in 8 or 9 may only irrigate on Fridays; and residents with no address (community common areas, etc.) may only irrigate on Fridays.

The restrictions also apply to the time of day that watering may take place. Hours for watering when using sprinklers and irrigation systems are 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Hours for watering when using a handheld hose with nozzle are 4 p.m. to 10 a.m.

Additional watering is allowed for new lawns and landscapes for the first 60 days following planting. After that time, the rules for established lawns and landscapes take effect.

Treated wastewater irrigation and irrigation for home vegetable gardens are exempt from the restrictions.

* Agricultural: Overhead irrigation by high pressure/high volume systems is prohibited between noon and 9 p.m. No

off-site application or irrigation water on non-targeted areas is allowed. There are no restrictions on the use of treated wastewater for irrigation and on low pressure/low volume irrigation systems.

Many of the area's farmers and producers already implement water conservation plans and have retrofitted their irrigation systems to increase efficiency and reduce total water use. Systems that have been certified by an independent irrigation laboratory within the past five years prior to the effective date of a water shortage order to be as efficient as practicable or are compliant with applicable water conservation best management practices are not restricted.

* Other: Car washing is limited to once per week on the designated watering day for the location. Fundraising and

commercial car washes and the washing of emergency and other first responder vehicles are exempt from the restrictions. Outside pressure cleaning is restricted to only low-volume methods. Outside and inside aesthetic uses of water are prohibited.

Restrictions to lawn irrigation of golf courses also apply. Non-irrigation restrictions apply to commercial, industrial, and water utility users.

In addition to the outdoor restrictions, the district asks residents and businesses to conserve water indoors. Residents and businesses can take simple steps, such as fixing leaks and upgrading plumbing fixtures to water conserving models.

For a detailed list of all restrictions on water use, visit the water shortage page on the district's website at www.mysuwanneeriver.com.

Septic Tank

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septic tank issue told the board that the decision for inspections didn't have to be an all-or-nothing one. He said the board could choose to apply the inspections to sensitive areas next to springs and not require it in other areas. He asked that the board allow his organization to make a presentation at the workshop, which request the commission granted.

Meanwhile, Paul Henry, a citizen well known for his strict interpretation of government's function, expressed opposition to the regulation, foreshadowing the kind of debate likely to be heard at the coming workshop.

Henry called the septic tank inspections another example of overregulation and government's intrusion into the citizen rights.

"This is government putting money in the pocket of contractors," Henry said. "It's pretty intrusive when you mandate that I have to pay \$500 to have my septic tank inspected."

The workshop is set for 4 p.m. Tuesday, June 26, in the courthouse annex.

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out the country that are relevant to you. The service is built on the most secure, reliable and high-speed distribution platform, ensuring that you receive trusted and immediate, geographically relevant information. Information is immediately available over your cell phone by text message, by email and over the web.

Your account can be customized so you receive the information that matters most to you. Whether it is where you live, work,

or have friends or family throughout the country, the information is immediately available to you over your mobile phone, email and computer.

Only authenticated agencies and community organizations can securely publish information. There are four types of messages; Alerts (many would refer to this as an emergency type alert); Advisories (less urgent need-to-know information); Community Information (day-to-day neighborhood to community-level infor-

mation); and Traffic (very localized traffic information).

Anyone can view information by going to www.nixle.com without registering. However, to customize the information you receive and the locations you receive it from, in addition to receiving information by text message and/or email you must set up an account. Once registered you can personalize your locations and your preferences, making the service fit your needs.

There are two options

for signing up for Nixle.

Option 1: To participate text 32344 (primary county zip code) to recipient 888777 on your cell phone. You will receive a reply confirming your participation. You must have text messaging enabled on your cellular phone in order to send the activation text or receive alerts. Standard carrier rates apply. Otherwise, you will be required to use option 2.

Option 2: Visit www.nixle.com on your

computer and sign up with your cell phone number and/or email address to receive alerts that way.

If you have any questions regarding Nixle, its use or any complications occur during initial setup, please contact Sgt. Kevin Huffmaster or Tommy Smith in the Communications/Warrants Division at the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office by calling 850-997-2023, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Arrest

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domestic battery, deputies arrest the primary aggressor.

Lilly then said that he thought his girlfriend did it on accident while she was talking to him. Deputy Peebles then asked Lilly why he would call JCSO and then change his mind. He said that he had called the courthouse the previous day and tried to have her evicted but they would not do it due to the fact that he is not the property owner so he called 911 so deputies would take her away.

The deputy informed Lilly that he could not call 911 and report something that was not actually happening and Deputy Peebles reminded Lilly of the two previous occasions when he had warned Lilly about calling 911 when it was not an emergency.

Deputy Peebles then

made contact with the girlfriend and asked her what was going on. Lilly began yelling that the deputy needed to take her to jail for hitting him. The deputy informed Lilly that he had already spoken with him and he would speak with him again when he was finished speaking with the girlfriend.

Deputy David Parker asked Lilly to stay quiet while Deputy Peebles was talking to the girlfriend. Deputy Peebles asked the girlfriend if she had hit Lilly and she said that she had not. As soon as she answered, Lilly began yelling again and interrupted the deputy a second time. The deputy informed Lilly that he would not have him talk over him while he was trying to talk.

Lilly then picked up the phone and called some-

one telling them to pick up the girlfriend's horse because it had been abandoned. Deputy Peebles told Lilly that the horse is not abandoned because she had not left it behind.

The deputy then asked the girlfriend again what had happened before Lilly called 911, at which point, Lilly became extremely agitated and started yelling that Deputy Peebles needed to leave because he was trespassing.

Deputy Peebles placed Lilly under arrest for resisting arrest without violence and misuse of 911. He was transported to the County Jail by Deputy Parker and booked.

His is the first arrest ever in the county for misuse of the 911 emergency system. A total bond of \$1,000 was set and he bonded out of jail the following day.

CORRECTIONS

In the Wednesday, May 30, 2012 edition of the *Monticello News*, it was inadvertently reported that the men's baseball team Nat's Warriors, which is coached by brothers, Chris, Jason and Travis Eades, was named in memory of their little sister Natalie Eades. In fact, Natalie is the late daughter of Jason and the late niece of Chris and Travis. The *News* regrets the error.



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LaTasha Jones places a flag on the grave of her veteran father, Randolph 'Randy' Jones, as her mother Ollie Jones stands close by. Together they attended the special Memorial Day Service at the New Bethel Cemetery.



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Collecting old flags from the graves of veteran soldiers are: John Peck, left, and VFW Commander Ned Hill, right. They were in attendance at the Memorial Day Service held at the New Bethel Cemetery.

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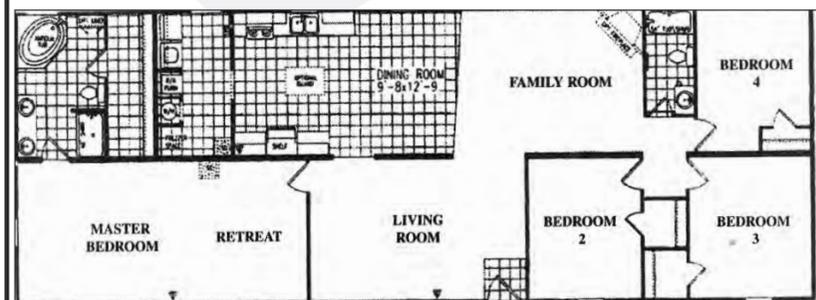
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American Legion Hosts Memorial Day BREAKFAST AND PROGRAM



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The American Legion cooking crew began their day at 5:30 a.m. for the Memorial Day Remembrance. Pictured from left to right: Bruce Sandell, Buddy Westbrook, Mrs. Hussey, Paul Ellis, Frank Kolb, Travis Hussey



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The American Legion Memorial Day Remembrance brought a full house Monday morning.



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American Legion members remember POWs and MIAs from all branches of the service on Memorial Day. Pictured from left to right: Frank Kolb, Ron Slik, Buddy Westbrook

DEBBIE SNAPP
ECB Publishing Staff Writer

The American Legion and Ladies Auxiliary held its annual Memorial Day Remembrance, with a homecooked breakfast and military program on Monday morning, May 28, at the Otto Walker Post 49.

It was noticed that this was the largest gathering in years, filling all the tables set to receive the guests. Several from the community were invited to remember those whose lives were lost to war, fighting for the freedoms we enjoy today.

Post 49 Commander Frank Kolb III presided over the program, "honoring those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country and for the freedom of all American citizens." He recognized 92-year-old WWII Veteran Ernest Sneed and his wife Alma; and invited John Nelson to speak on behalf of Sneed.

Nelson spoke briefly about the integration of black men into the Marine Corps in 1942. Sneed was one of the first men to train at the Montford Point Marine Training Camp. Sneed's discharge papers were, and are still, filed in the Jefferson County Courthouse.

Sneed was recently

invited by President Barack Obama to come to Washington, DC to receive a Medal of Honor. He is the second oldest to receive this honor; the oldest soldier is 104. The American Legion Post 49 will pay for the cost of flight for his wife to be able to accompany him.

Veteran speaker was Leonard Dodson. He spoke of his 30+ years as a Chaplain during wartime. He concluded with the prayer he always shared with his comrades.

Commander Kolb continued the program with an explanation of the 'Taps.' The music we all listen to in a somber, usually during a funeral. Written in 1862, here are the words of a Confederate Soldier: Day is done ~ gone the sun ~ from the lakes ~ from the hills ~ from the sky ~ all is well ~ safely ~ rest ~ God is near. Fading light ~ dims the sight ~ and a star gems the sky ~ gleaming bright ~ from afar ~ drawing ~ near ~ falls the night. Thanks and praise ~ for our days ~ neath the sun ~ neath the stars ~ neath the sky ~ as we go ~ this ~ we ~ know ~ God is near.

Commander Kolb, Ron Slik and Ed Register gave recognition to the

MIAs and to the POWs and lit candles for all the branches of military

service before concluding the indoor portion of the program. Those interested were invited follow to the local cemeteries to place flags on soldiers past as well as additional

tributes to fallen loved ones.

Club members will begin pushing for fireworks donations. It's just five-weeks until the 4th of

July celebration and funds are needed for the fireworks display. So, donate now! Contact Westbrook at 850-997-2973 for more information.



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Brynwood Center H&RC Activities Director Christina Newell brought three military veterans to the Memorial Day of Remembrance.



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WWII Veteran Ernest Sneed and his wife Alma with Gene Hall during the Memorial Day of Remembrance.



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VFW Post 251 Auxiliary President Mary Madison stands with John and Lois Nelson during the American Legion Post 49 Memorial Day of Remembrance.



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American Legion Post 49 Ladies Auxiliary President Sheila Slik reminds attendees to the Memorial Day of Remembrance about the Post 49 Carwash and Hot Dog Grill fundraiser coming soon.



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Jack Hamilton stands with other war veterans Len Dodson and Gene Greenwood during the American Legion Post 49 Memorial Day of Remembrance.



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American Legion Adjutant Ron Slik visits with Mary and Charlie Reichert during the Memorial Day of Remembrance.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JUNE 1
 Asheville 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 with neighbors and friends. Band members/musicians include Bobby Connell, Don Corbitt, John Howell, Ashley Morgan, Sue and Wanzie Tucker, Arlene and Leon Roberts and Wendell Quick. This is a nonprofit charitable organization. For questions or concerns contact Curtis Morgan at 850-933-8136 or Bobby Connell at 850-445-0049.

JUNE 1-3
 JCHS Class of 1972 Reunion has been scheduled for the weekend of 2012.

The 40th Reunion will begin with a 'Meet and Greet' at 7 p.m. on Friday evening at Memorial Missionary Baptist Church. A 'Semi Formal Banquet' will begin at 7 p.m. on Saturday evening at The Mays House. And, Sunday Morning Worship Service will be held at 11 a.m. at Union Branch Missionary Baptist Church. For question and/or concerns contact Class Reunion President Terry Presley at 850-251-8906 or Eunice Thompson-Love at 850-590-3715 or Class Treasurer Carl Henry at 850-997-0009. Class Reunion Secretary is Josephine Greene-Blackmon.

JUNE 2
 National Trail Day Party Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. at the Wacissa Springs County Park and hosted by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Come to the riverhead and enjoy the music, food, and other hands-on activities.

JUNE 2
 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 aholt@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 2
 Jefferson Arts will hold an opening reception from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday for its 'Members Exhibit,' featuring 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 summer art classes, call 850-997-3311 or

go to info@jeffersonartsgallery.com or www.jeffersonartsgallery.com.

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
 Jefferson County Lions Club Monday Night BINGO. Doors and snack bar open at 5 p.m., 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. JCLC is a nonprofit 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.

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.

JUNE 4
 MainStreet of Monticello, Florida Board Meeting is held at 5 p.m. on the first Monday of every month at the Cherry Street Commons on South Cherry Street. Contact Margie Stern at 850-210-4097 for more information. For more information about the third Monday Main Street Speaker Series contact Anne Holt at 850-997-5110 or aholt@ahholt.com Come to hear about updates and projects that MainStreet has been working on.

JUNE 4
 Big Bend Hospice Adult Grief Support meets from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month at the BBH Counseling & Resource Center located at 1723 Mahan Center Boulevard in Tallahassee. This is a group setting for anyone who has experienced miscarriage, stillbirth or the death of a child two years of age or younger. These sessions are free of charge and provide a safe environment for education, support and compassion. To register, or for more information regarding other services offered by BBH, contact Bereavement Services at 850-878-5310 or 800-772-5862 or www.bigbendhospice.org.

JUNE 4
 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.alanon.alateen.org

JUNE 4
 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.

JUNE 5
 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.

JUNE 5
 Capital Area Community Action Agency will hold election for a seat on its tripartite board, representing the Low Income Sector of Jefferson County, at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, at the County Bailer Public Library. CACAA is the primary anti-poverty and advocacy agency that serves the eight-county area, including Jefferson County. Meetings are held bi-monthly at 6 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday in Tallahassee. Contact Diane Haggerty at 850-222-2043 or 850-942-2090 for more information.

JUNE 5
 Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting is held at noon on the first Tuesday of each month. The meeting includes lunch and a program. For more information visit the Chamber Website at monticellojeffersonfl.com or call 850-997-5552.

JUNE 5, 19
 Jefferson County Lions Club meets at 1 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of every month at the Brick House Eatery, in the community room. For more information about this organization and its fundraising efforts, contact Lion Debbie at 850-997-0901; leave a message.

Things Of Remembrance Past: Betty Hightower

BRYANT THIGPEN
 ECB Publishing Staff Writer

The outdoors. When living in a small town where entertainment venues are quite a drive away, one must look to the things that are available for enjoyment. One thing that Betty Hightower found that was so enjoyable was the outdoors.

Hightower was born in 1953 in Thomas City, a little portion of the Wacissa community. "I remember when we were growing up, dad used to take us fishing in the ponds that were around us," she said excitedly. "Daddy was a logger, and so he knew his way around the woods. We used to have so much fun with just the simple things."

The one word that Hightower kept coming back to was simple. "I got just the biggest thrill sitting out there at the pond and just watching nature at work," she recalled. "We used to walk through the woods and we would find plum trees and would eat and enjoy things you could buy in the store for free." To the average reader that wouldn't really mean much. But to Hightower and her

family, they saw it as a provision from God."

"We weren't rich growing up," she explained. Hightower never remembers a time having to come into town (Monticello) to buy food from the store. The family didn't have a car, so a trip to town would have to have been with a neighbor. The family never had the money to buy the 'nice things of life.' They're living was just simple. "But, that's a blessing from God."

"The fun that we had was not from store bought toys, but from toys that we made ourselves," she laughed. "But you see, we were rich and we didn't even know it." Hightower shared that as she looks back on her childhood life, she can see the provisions that God had made for the family, and how their needs were met every time.

Financial gain didn't determine her happiness, but it was the simple things of life she enjoyed most. "When I was in primary school, my 'big trip' was when we loaded up on the school bus and came to the middle school for field day," she exclaimed. "I was chosen to represent

my school and I got to compete in front of a sea of people."

Hightower recalls attending primary school at Waukeenah Elementary, which was in front of her house. She attended there up until sixth grade, before moving up to Howard Middle School in the seventh grade. She continued school there until the 11th grade, when the schools integrated in the early 1970's.

Life wasn't very difficult back then. In fact, it was very simple. And that was the joy of living.



JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIME BEAT

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FRAN HUNT
 ECB Publishing Staff Writer

Tucker B. Sutton, 33, of Wacissa, was arrested May 25 and charged with burglary of a conveyance and grand theft over \$300. Due to the fact that Sutton was out on bond when he was arrested for these additional charges, bond was withheld and he remained at the County Jail May 31.

Jerome Charles Capelle, 73, of Jefferson County, was arrested May 26 and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and criminal mischief. A total bond of \$2,750 was set and he bonded out of jail the same day.

Jamar Walker, 18, of Jefferson County, was arrested May 26 and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and battery, domestic. A total bond of \$5,750 was set and he remained at the County Jail May 31.

Charles Michael McCannon, 25, of Tallahassee, was arrested May 26 and charged with driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$500 and he bonded out of jail the same day.

John Gilbert Williams, 51, of Jefferson

County, was arrested May 26 and charged with boating under the influence and willful or wanton reckless operation. A total bond of \$750 was set and he bonded out of jail the following day.

Josephine Lewis, 60, of Jefferson County, was arrested May 27 and charged with aggravated

assault with a deadly weapon, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and violation of probation on the charge of battery. Bond was withheld and she remained at the County Jail May 31.

James G. Lilly, 54, of Jefferson County, was arrested May 29 and charged with resisting ar-

rest without violence and misuse of 911. His is the first arrest ever in the county for misuse of the 911 emergency system. A total bond of \$1,000 was set and he bonded out of jail the following day.

Valencia Bryant, 27, of Jefferson County, was arrested May 29 and charged with two counts

of violation of probation on the charge of uttering. Bond was withheld and she remained at the County Jail May 31.

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ALTRUSA INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

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Altrusa of Monticello/Jefferson County met for its final meeting of the club year on Thursday, May 24. The membership enjoyed a luncheon at the Jefferson Senior Citizens Center, prepared and served by Georgiana Williams. Hostesses were Peggy Day and Ruby Whitson.

Member Sandra Hood installed new officers and directors for the 2012-2013 Altrusa year at this time. The newly installed are: Anita Ashworth, president; Joyce Sealey, vice-president; Christina Newell and Allene Sandell, co-secretaries; and Jane Vollertsen, treasurer. Directors are: Pat Cichon, Peggy Day, Dianne Westbrook, Susan Whitson and Past President Linda Benedict.

Hood presented each of the new officers and directors with a potted herb, offering a different and meaningful descriptions of the new position they have taken on. The herbs represent the different qualities each officer has to offer and the blending of flavor each will add to a successful year.

The discussion of the meeting turned to the Altrusa hosted Bed Race, during the Watermelon Festival. The fundraiser will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 8, after the kickoff dinner.

The Altrusa members will meet again in September on the second and fourth Thursday at noon, at the Methodist Youth Center. For more information about Altrusa or about summer activities, contact Dianne Westbrook at 850-997-2973.



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Altrusa Officers and Directors for the 2012-2013 year were installed during the May 24 luncheon meeting. Pictured from left to right are: Vice President Joyce Sealey; President Anita Ashworth; Outgoing President/New Director Linda Benedict; Directors Pat Cichon, Peggy Day and Dianne Westbrook; Treasurer Jane Vollertsen; Co-Secretaries Christina Newell and Allene Sandell; not pictured is Director Susan Whitson.



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Altrusa Outgoing President Linda Benedict 'pins' Incoming President Anita Ashworth after the Installation Ceremony.



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Incoming President Anita Ashworth surprises Outgoing President Linda Benedict with gifts of 'horses' from the membership... much to her surprise. The gifts were perfect!



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Altrusa Past President Linda Benedict passes the gavel on to Anita Ashworth, Altrusa President for the 2012-2013 year.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Debbie Snapp

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Bless The Beast June 9

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Staff Writer

The largest fundraiser for the Jefferson County Humane Society, the 17th Annual Bless the Beast will be held 6 p.m. until 10 p.m., Saturday, June 9 at Carrie Ann & Company (Mays House), located at 925 East Washington Street.

The tax-deductible tickets are currently on sale for \$25 each and available at several locations in town, including Wag the Dog Thrift and Treasure Shop, located at 315 North

Jefferson Street; Wag The Dog Too!, located at 235 North Jefferson Street; The Rosemary Tree, also located on North Jefferson Street; Animal Medical Clinic, located on West Washington Street; Tupelo's Bakery, located on West Washington Street; and Veterinary Associates, located on North Jefferson Street.

Coordinators have been working on the Bless the Beast for the past several months and they look for the Society's biggest crowd to date for the event,

so inside and outside space will be utilized at the Mays House.

The menu will include a barbecue pork dinner buffet with all of the trimmings

Donations are still coming in and being accepted for the event, which will benefit the Shelter.

The event features, silent and live actions, a 50/50 cash drawing, a cash bar and entertainment will be provided by the Booger Holler String Band, which was one of the featured bands during Southern Music Rising. They are known to provide some good old fashion foot-stomping tunes to please about any tastes, which feature the fiddle, banjo and guitar.

Plenty of opportunities still exist for volunteers, including set up and clean up to name a few.

In past years, the event has featured nice donated items including such

things as baked cakes, farm equipment, paint ball party, local art, a Jon-boat, gardening equipment and trees, lawn accessories such as swings and weed-eaters, vacations, pallets of sod, motion sensor cameras, silver-plated wine stand, men's and women's perfumes and cologne baskets, dog and cat care baskets and so very much more.

The hours of operation at Wag the Dog are Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. and the hours of operation for Wag The Dog Too! are Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., Friday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Both locations now take debit/credit cards.

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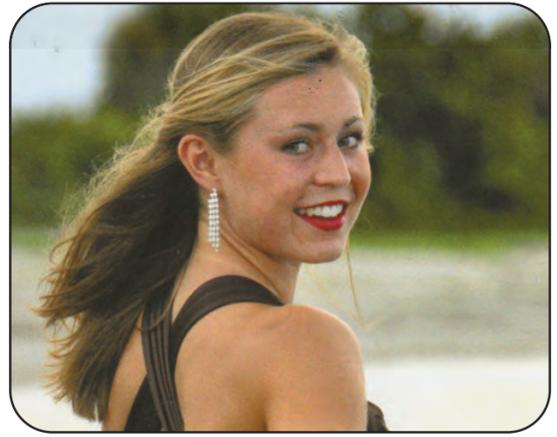
School & Education

Elizabeth Anderson Earns M.D. From Florida State University College of Medicine

Elizabeth Marie Anderson, of Monticello, was awarded her Doctorate of Medicine degree at commencement ceremonies held May 19 at Ruby Diamond Auditorium at Florida State University. In receiving her education to become a doctor, she studied at FSU's medical

school facilities in Tallahassee and participated in extensive field training at physician's offices, hospitals and clinics under the direction of the medical school's regional campus in Fort Pierce. She will be continuing her career as a hospital resident physician specializing in internal medicine.

Elizabeth is the daughter of Chris and Emily Anderson. She is the granddaughter of Nelda Anderson and the late Judge Charles C. Anderson, of Monticello, and the late Herbert Jones and Alice Jones, of Montgomery.



4H Jubilee Wildlife And Outdoor Recreation

When youth attend 4H Jubilee Wildlife and Outdoor Recreation Camp everyone wins. Youth get to participate in a variety of hands on activities in forestry, conservation, wildlife, aquatics, archery, skeet, trap and air rifle.

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Parents win because not only are their children having fun... they are learning from expert instructors and peer

mentors. Not to mention youth are constantly on the go. According to the Florida Health Department, over 30 percent of youth in Jefferson and Leon counties are without sufficient vigorous physical activity. Campers are too busy to sit around; they are off experiencing life first hand.

When youth participate in 4H Jubilee Wildlife Camp we as a community win! When youth participate in Wildlife Camp they build social capital (social connections that exist between people which enable and encourage mutually advantageous social cooperation.) Research has referenced social capital as a vital ingredient in economic development.

The 4H Jubilee Wildlife and Outdoor Recreation 4H Camp is being offered from Monday, June 18 through Friday, 22 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day. The cost for the week is \$20 per child. The camp is for youth between the ages of 10 to 15, but older youth and adults may volunteer. For more information about 4H Jubilee Wildlife and Outdoor recreation Camp, contact the Extension Office at 850-342-0187.

Magill Graduates

DEBBIE SNAPP
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

J. Manon Magill graduated from Melbourne Central Catholic High School on Saturday, May 19. She was honored as Class of 2012 Valedictorian.

She is the daughter of Dr. J. Michael and Joyce Magill of Indialantic, FL. She is the sister of J. Michael Magill, III and the granddaughter of Carla Roberts of the village of Lloyd, FL.

"The trouble with opportunity is it often comes disguised as hard work."

KIWANIS AWARD THREE SCHOLARSHIPS

Kiwanis scholarship recipients were invited to and recognized at the Wednesday, May 23, 2012 luncheon meeting. They each shared their future plans with the members and thanked the group for its generosity. The recipients from left to right are: Shelby Witmer, Sunnie Sorensen and Tori Self.



Free Smoking Cessation Begins June 5

FRAN HUNT
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A local class for smoking cessation will begin next Tuesday, June 5 and run for a six-week period, held every Tuesday night at 5:30 p.m. at the Jefferson County Health Department.

The course is developed by ex-smokers for those who wish to become ex-smokers.

The course provides a plethora of informative information including how to identify the triggers of the smoking habit, how to deter from those triggers and how to begin detoxifying the body prior to the actual quit date and beginning usage of free Nicotine Replacement Therapy

(NRT) which includes patches, Commit lozenges and nicotine gum for the first month.

The course NRTs are all funded by the state and was provided through a partnership of Florida Health Educators Centers (Florida AHEC), Florida Department of Health, Quit Smoking Now, and Quitline (1-877-822-6669).

Class participants also learn how to not fail by beating themselves up if a brief failure has resulted, how to avoid weight-gain after quitting, developing healthy eating and utilizing the habit of exercising, how to keep from reaching for the cigarettes through strictly force of habit, and so much more

healthy beneficial information.

Florida Big Bend Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) Smoking Cessation Consultant Preston Mathews kicks each class off with an inspiring reading on the Carbon Monoxide (CO) Monitor and take a reading from everyone in the class, which serves the purpose of participants actually being able to see the results of their efforts to date.

Mathews often has participants talk about their goals, speaks of the medical problems caused in both men and women due to smoking, the many poisons contained within cigarette smoke, and the effects of those we love around us

who do not smoke as a result of the second hand smoke they breath every day due to our habit.

Each participant is also provided with a water bottle, stress ball, and learn of the importance of drinking a large amount of water to help purify and detoxify the system as we were preparing for the actual quit date.

To enroll in the class and for further information contact Preston Mathews at 728-5479 or email at pmathews@bigbendahec.org.

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Kiwanis 5-K Melon Run June 16

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Monticello News
Staff Writer

The annual Kiwanis 5-K Melon Run will begin at 8:15 a.m., June 18 at the First United Methodist Church Family ministry Center, located at the corner of South Water Street and West Washington Street.

Registration will be held from 7 a.m. until 8 a.m.

Early registration, on or before June 9 will be \$20, which will include a Melon Run T-shirt and \$15 if the shirt is not included. Registration the day of the race is \$25 and a T-shirt is not guaranteed. Shirt sizes include small, medium, large and extra-large.

Applications can be picked up at the Chamber of Commerce or visit www.monticellojeffersonfl.com and click on events. Make checks payable to Youth, Inc. or register online at Active.com.

Awards will be given three deep male and female in each of the age groups. Those age groups are: under 10, 10-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, and 65 and older. Awards will also be given to the top male and female, overall, masters, grandmasters and local.

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ACA Warriors Season Statistics

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Aucilla Christian Academy Varsity Baseball Coach Drew Sherrod has released the overall season statistics for the Warriors.

ACA wrapped up the season standing on a 14-11-0 record and 4-2-0 in league play.

As a team at the plate the Warriors played 25 games, had a batting average of .260 with 694 plate appearances, 584 at-bats, 125 runs, 152 hits, 90 RBI's, 16 doubles, five triples, seven homeruns, seven sacrifice flies, seven sacrifice hits/bunts, 87 walks, 101 strikeouts, nine hit by pitch, 34 run on errors, 18 fielder's choice, an on base percentage of .361, a slugging average of .341, with 47 stolen bases on 57 attempts and 99 left on base.

Tyler Jackson played in 21 games, had a batting average of .234, with 78 plate appearances, 64 at-bats, 19 runs, 15 hits, seven RBI's, one sacrifice fly, 12 walks, six strikeouts, one hit by pitch, eight run on errors, one fielder's choice, an on base percentage of .359, a slugging average of .234 with nine stolen bases on nine attempts and 11 left on base.

Jared Jackson played in 22 games, had a batting average of .318 with 76 plate appearances, 66 at-bats, 17 runs, 21 hits, 20 RBI's, five triples, one homerun, two sacrifice flies, one sacrifice hit/bunt, seven walks, 12 strikeouts, four run on errors, an on base percentage of .373, a slugging average of .515 with 10 stolen bases on 10 attempts and 13 left on base.

Trent Roberts played in 21 games, had a batting average of .424 with 73 plate appearances, 59 at-bats, 18 runs, 25 hits, 21 RBI's, four doubles, three homeruns, two sacrifice flies, 12 walks, eight strikeouts, one run one error, an on base percentage of .507, a slugging average of .644, three stolen bases on three attempts and 17 left on base.

Hans Sorensen played in 20 games, had a batting average of .226 with 39 plate appearances, 31 at-bats, five runs, seven hits, three RBI's, one sacrifice hit/bunt, six walks, 13 strikeouts, one hit by pitch, three run on errors, one fielder's choice, an on base percentage of .368, a slugging average of .226, two stolen bases on three attempts and three left on base.

Josh Wood played in 21 games, had a batting average of .228 with 65 plate appearances, 57 at-bats, 12 runs, 13 hits, five RBI's, one sacrifice fly, two sacrifice hits/bunts, four walks, three strikeouts, one hit by pitch, three run on errors, four fielder's choice, an on base percentage of .286, a slugging average of .228, eight stolen bases on nine attempts and two left on

base.

Bradley Holm played in six games, had four plate appearances, four at-bats, one run, three strikeouts, an on base percentage and slugging average of .000 and one stolen base on one attempt.

Russell Fraleigh played in 22 games, had a batting average of .258 with 80 plate appearances, 66 at-bats, 18 runs, 17 hits, eight RBI's, one double, two homeruns, one sacrifice fly, 11 walks, 22 strikeouts, two hit by pitch, one run on error, an on base percentage of .375, a slugging average of .364, two stolen bases on two attempts and 10 left on base.

Casey Demott played in five games, had a batting average of .250, with four plate appearances, four at-bats, one hit, one strikeout, one fielder's choice, an on base percentage and slugging average of .250 and two left on base.

Kaleb Wyche played in nine games, had a batting average of .111, with 10 plate appearances, nine at-bats, one run, one hit, one walk, one strikeout, two fielder's choice, an on base percentage of .200, a slugging average of .111 and one stolen base on one attempt.

Hunter Horne played in 14 games, had a batting average of .226, with 35 plate appearances, 31 at-bats, seven hits, eight RBI's, two doubles, four walks, two strikeouts, one run on error, four fielder's choice, an on base percentage of .314, a slugging average of .290, one stolen base on one attempt and one left on base.

Tres Copeland played in 22 games, had a batting average of .241, with 71 plate appearances, 58 at-bats, 12 runs, 14 hits, seven RBI's, three doubles, 12 walks, 12 strikeouts, one hit by pitch, three run on errors, one fielder's choice, an on base percentage of .380, a slugging average of .293, four stolen bases on four attempts and 15 left on base.

Austin Bishop played in 22 games, had a batting average of .214, with 82 plate appearances, 70 at-bats, 10 runs, 15 hits, three RBI's, three doubles, three sacrifice hits/bunts, nine walks, eight strikeouts, four run on errors, two fielder's choice, an on base percentage of .304, a slugging average of .257, three stolen bases on four attempts and 12 left on base.

Brandon Holm played in six games, had five plate appearances, four at-bats, one walk, one strikeout, one fielder's choice, an on base percentage of .200, a slugging average of .000, two stolen bases on two attempts and one left on base.

Gus Smyrniotis played in 22 games, had a batting average of .262, with 72 plate appearances, 61 at-bats, 12 runs, 16 hits, eight

RBI's, three doubles, one homerun, eight walks, nine strikeouts, three hit by pitch, six run on errors, one fielder's choice, an on base percentage of .375, a slugging average of .361, one stolen base on two attempts and 12 left on base.

On the field as a team the Warriors carried a fielding percentage of .906, with 480 total chances, 287 putouts, 148 assists, 45 errors, 16 double plays, two passed balls, 25 stolen bases, 11 caught stealing and a caught stealing percentage of .306.

Tyler Jackson had a fielding percentage of .870 with 77 total chances, 29 putouts, 38 assists, 10 errors and six double plays.

Jared Jackson had a fielding percentage of .969 with 32 total chances, 28 putouts, three assists and one error.

Roberts had a fielding percentage of .973 with 111 total chances, 102 putouts, six assists, three errors and four double plays.

Sorensen had a fielding average of .929 with 28 total chances, 14 putouts, 12 assists and two errors.

Wood had a fielding percentage of .907 with 54 total chances, 22 putouts, 27 assists, five errors and two double plays.

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

Fraleigh had a fielding percentage of .889 with 27 total chances, 22 putouts, two assists and three errors.

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

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

Horne had a fielding percentage of 1.000 with six total chances and six putouts.

Copeland had a fielding percentage of .907 with 43 total chances, 25 putouts, 14 assists, four errors, one double play and two passed balls.

Bishop had a fielding percentage of .818 with 55 total chances, 18 putouts, 27 assists, 10 errors and two double plays.

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

Smyrniotis had a fielding percentage of .842 with 38 total chances, 13 putouts, 19 assists, six errors and one double play.

On the mound, the Aucilla pitchers had an earned run average of 2.62 with a batting average of .237, an on base percentage of .363 in 147 innings pitched, 633 batters faced, 518 at-bats, 103 runs, 55 of which were earned, 123 hits, 24 doubles, three triples, two homeruns, two sacrifice flies, 10 sacrifice hits/bunts, 86 walks, 124 strikeouts, 17 hit by pitch

and 24 wild pitches on 2,241 pitches. They had 14 wins, eight losses, two saves, a winning percentage of .636, one balk, two putouts and 28 stolen bases.

Tyler Jackson had an earned run average of 5.25 with a batting average of .300, an on base percentage of .512, in 9.1 innings pitched, 43 batters faced, 30 at-bats, 14 runs, seven of which were earned, nine hits, one double, nine walks, 11 strikeouts, four hit by pitch and one wild pitch on 149 pitches. He also had one loss and one save.

Jared Jackson had an earned run average of 5.25, a batting average of .300, an on base percentage of .333 in four innings pitched, 21 batters faced, 20 at-bats, 19 runs, three of which were earned, six hits, one homerun, one walk, three strikeouts and one wild pitch on 59 pitches. He also had one balk and four stolen bases.

Roberts had an earned run average of 3.57 with a batting average of .471, an on base percentage of .617, in 15.2 innings pitched, 49 batters faced, 34 at-bats, 11 runs, eight of which were earned, 16 hits, one double, one triple, two sacrifice hits/bunts, 13 walks, 20 strikeouts and three wild pitches on 225 pitches. He had one win, two losses, one save, a winning percentage of .333 and one putout.

Sorensen had an earned run average of 1.85 with a batting average of .211, an on base percentage of .301, in 53 innings pitched, 231 batters faced, 199 at-bats, 26 runs, 14 of which were earned, 42 hits, 13 doubles, one triple, one sacrifice fly, five sacrifice hits/bunts, 21 walks, 41 strikeouts, five hit by pitch and eight wild pitches on 808 pitches. He had seven wins, one loss, a winning percentage of .875, one putout and 11 stolen bases.

Fraleigh had an earned run average of 5.25, a batting average of .267, an on base percentage of .482, in 17.1 innings pitched, 88 batters faced, 60 at-bats, 15 runs, 13 of which were earned, 16 hits, three doubles, one triple, three sacrifice hits/bunts, 24 walks, 15 strikeouts, one hit by pitch and six wild pitches on 338 pitches. He had one win, two losses, a winning percentage of .333 and one putout.

Bishop had an earned run average of 1.47, a batting average of .194, an on base percentage of .294, in 47.2 innings pitched, 201 batters faced, 175 at-bats, 18 runs, 10 of which were earned, 34 hits, six doubles, one homerun, one sacrifice fly, 18 walks, 34 strikeouts, seven hit by pitch and five wild pitches on 662 pitches. He had five wins, two losses, a winning percentage of .714 and seven stolen bases.

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The Week of June 1, 2012 through June 8, 2012
Major Feed Times are marked by an asterisk (*)

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

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Lake Miccosukee Serves Up Some Nice Bass

Papa Smurf caught this six-pound Bass fish with a lake shiner, on Thursday morning, May 24, 2012, while fishing on Lake Miccosukee.



Celebrate 'Rivers Of AWE' National Recognition As Paddling Trails

Join the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) this weekend in celebrating the designation of the "Rivers of AWE" – the Aucilla, Wacissa and Econfina rivers – as National Recreation Trails.

This special event takes place on National Trail Day, Saturday, June 2, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Wacissa Springs County Park in Jefferson County. The event will be cancelled if it rains.

"We'll be celebrating getting a trio of beautiful regional rivers designated as National Recreation Trails," said Jerrie Lindsey, director of the FWC's Office of Public Access and Wildlife Viewing Services. "This is our agency's third addition to the National Recreation Trail System awarded by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior," said Liz Sparks, recreation planner for the FWC's Public Access and Wildlife Viewing Services office. The Apalachicola Paddling Trail System in Franklin County gained recognition in 2008 for its 100 miles of scenic waterways, and the Big Bend Saltwater Paddling Trail was selected as a National Recreation Trail in 2005. It features a 105-mile coastal trail for experienced paddlers seeking a true wilderness experience.

But Saturday, June 2, the spotlight will be on the Wacissa. You can meander down the popular river from its clear headwater springs in your own kayak, canoe or powerboat. Outfitters will be on hand with kayaks and canoes to rent. Enjoy some local barbecue, home-grown music and hands-on activities. Learn about the area's fascinating archaeology and abundant wildlife, including the Florida black bear, and discover great recreation opportunities in the area.

"A popular destination on the Wacissa for beginners and families is Blue Springs. It is only a mile downriver and an easy paddle back," Sparks said. "Lots of people jump in for a cooling swim in the spring-fed water that stays at a cool 68 degrees even in the hot summer."

Learn more about the Rivers of AWE by picking up "Aucilla, Wacissa, Econfina: An Explorer's Guide to North Florida's Region of Rivers." You can also order a copy by visiting MyFWC.com/Viewing and clicking on "Publications."

To join the FWC's celebration, from Tallahassee go east on U.S. 27 to S.R. 59. Turn south (right) and continue through the town of Wacissa. When 59 turns west (a right turn), continue straight on Wacissa Spring Road for a half-mile, where the road dead-ends at the county park.

Lake Miccosukee Restoration Plan To Be Presented At Public Meeting

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) will present a plan to restore fish and wildlife habitats at Lake Miccosukee and improve boater access to the lake at a public meeting in Monticello on Tuesday, June 5. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Jefferson County Court Annex, 435 W. Walnut Street. The lake is primarily in Jefferson County, with a small portion in Leon County.

FWC staff will explain the agency's plan to enhance fish and wildlife habitats by drawing down the waters of Lake Miccosukee. The project involves:

Exposing and drying the lake bottom to consolidate muck and decaying plants;

Scraping 18-24 inches of muck from 25 acres of lake bottom;

Performing prescribed burning of woody tussocks floating on

the lake.

The Lake Miccosukee Management Plan, adopted in 1989 by the FWC and other state and local agencies, recommended drying out the lake bottom and restoring fish and wildlife habitats every five to seven years. However, it has been almost 12 years since the last drawdown.

"The FWC will mimic what would occur naturally during dry or drought years at Lake Miccosukee," said Charles Mesing, lead coordinator of the project, who works for the FWC on aquatic habitat conservation and restoration. "We will assist Mother Nature by draining the lake, drying out and consolidating muck, and removing the decaying plants that have accumulated on the bottom, which can reduce the water's oxygen level."

"Lake Miccosukee is one of

several 'disappearing lakes' with sinkholes in north Florida that historically become quite dry during droughts," explained Mesing. "Currently, we are experiencing a drought in the Panhandle, and Lake Miccosukee is down 3 to 4 feet. However, an earthen dam built in the 1950s and other man-made structures artificially maintain the lake's water level to provide fishing, hunting and boating opportunities."

The lake-restoration project is scheduled to begin in June and be completed by March 2013, when the FWC will begin refilling the lake. The project is being done in coordination with the Florida Forest Service and other local, state and federal agencies.

During the drawdown, the lake should remain open to fishing at the north section near Reeves Fish Camp.

Two Large Mouth Bass Caught

Marianne London caught these two Large Mouth Bass with shiners, on Sunday morning, May 27 out of Lake Miccosukee.



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Jefferson County Extension Office is now offering food preservation parties. This is NOT your typical class. It is an experience where the participants learn by doing. It does not matter if it is your first time or your 50th time, this class has something for everyone.

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There are currently four classes that are still enrolling: Jams and Jellies, May 31; Pickled Peppers and More, June 14; Simple Salsas, June 28; No Pressure, We're Just Pressure Canning, July 19.

The cost is \$10 per class to cover materials or four sessions for \$35. Family and sliding scale rates available.

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NOTICE

The Wilderness Coast Public Libraries' (WILD) Governing Board will meet on Monday, June 11, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. at the Wakulla County Public Library at 4330 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL. The meeting is open to the public. For more information, please call (850) 997-7400.

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NOTICE

The JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD announces a workshop to which the public is invited. The Board will be reviewing the District's audit ending June 30, 2011, and will be discussing the budget for 2012/13. The workshop will be held at the old district office on Wednesday, June 6, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. A copy of the agenda and any support documents will be available for review at the district office. The agenda and any support materials can be found on their website at www.edline.net/pages/jcsb. Any questions may be directed to the District Office Monday - Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

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NOTICE

THE JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR A VOLUNTEER POSITION ON THE VALUE ADJUSTMENT BOARD. INTERESTED APPLICANTS MUST BE TAX-PAYING RESIDENTS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY. APPLICATIONS MAY BE FOUND ONLINE AT <http://www.jeffersoncountyfl.gov/p/more-links> OR THROUGH THE CLERK'S OFFICE. APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY JUNE 29TH AT THE CLERKS OFFICE, ATTN: KIRK REAMS, 1 COURTHOUSE CIRCLE, MONTICELLO, FL 32344

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SRWMD GOVERNING BOARD MEETINGS

On Tuesday, June 12, 2012, the Suwannee River Water Management District's Governing Board will meet at 9:00 a.m. at District Headquarters, 9225 County Road 49, Live Oak, FL 32060. The meeting is to consider District business and conduct public hearings on regulatory, real estate, and other various matters. A workshop will be held immediately following the meeting.

On Monday, June 25, 2012, at 1:00 p.m., a Tentative Intermediate Governing Board Meeting will be held at District Headquarters in Live Oak, Florida. Public should check the District website or contact the District to confirm that the meeting has not been cancelled or rescheduled.

All meetings, workshops, and hearings are open to the public.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SELL

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Suwannee River Water Management District intends to sell certain real property (the "Property"). A description of the Property is as follows:

30 acres, more or less, in Jefferson County, Florida lying East of Hendry Tram Road, being a part of Property Appraiser Parcel ID #28-1N-6E-0000-0021-0000 and being a part of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of Section 28, Township 1 North, Range 6 East, Jefferson County, Florida.

A complete description and map of the Property may be obtained by contacting the Suwannee River Water Management District at the address and telephone number set out below.

The sale of the Property shall take place not less than 30 days or more than 45 days after the first publication of this notice.

This notice is given to comply with the publication requirements of Section 373.089, Florida Statutes.

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"If you can't give me the service, then you've squandered the money," said Tim Peary, one of the more outspoken of the critics.

Peary was referring to the \$30 million federal grant that the NFBA received about three years ago to deploy high-speed Internet connectivity in a 14-county area that stretches from Jefferson County in the west, to Baker County in the east, to Levy and Putnam counties in the north central part of the state.

Peary noted that he had attended every one of the NFBA's presentations during the last three years and he had yet to learn how to access the service or when it would be available?

Good questions, retorted Jeff Hendry and Donny Lort, the two NFBA representatives.

Hendry is executive director of the North Florida Economic Development Partnership (NFEDP), which spearheaded the effort to bring high-speed Internet connectivity to the 14-county area by helping to create the NFBA and securing a \$30 million federal grant for the project; and Lort is NFBA senior project manager.

The two said the core broadband service would be available in Jefferson County by June 15 at the latest, and possibly as early as June 1. In fact, Main Street Broadband, one of last-mile or Internet service providers working with the NFBA to bring the broadband connectivity to the individual end users, was in the audience and ready to sign up customers, Lort said.

At which point, a couple of the residents in the audience walked out of the room to deal directly with the Main Street Broadband representatives stationed in the parking lot.

Hendry explained that the lengthy process and perceived latest delay in deployment of the system stemmed from the "morass of paperwork" that accompanied any such project. He said the NFBA was now in the process of having all the local governments within the 14-county region execute indi-

vidual leases on each of the in-kind resources that these government entities had promised as their in-kind contributions at the start of the process.

These in-kind contributions, Hendry said, could be communication towers, water tanks, tall buildings or any other high structures where equipment could be installed in order to shoot the signals into remote areas, thereby extending the reach of the system.

As Hendry explained it, the system's core network consists of 92 towers that form eight concentric and sometimes overlapping circles that assure for quality, redundancy and reliability of service within the 14 members counties. He said the in-kind resources then came into play, providing points of generation outside the core network from which signals could be beamed farther and farther out.

"We need to get these in-kind resources leased in order to get the signal farther out," Hendry said.

What the in-kind resources did, Lort added, was to allow for penetration and saturation of the signal, affording the availability of the service to a greater number of customers.

Not everyone, however, would ultimately be served, the two emphasized, adding that they had never represented that the service would be available universally within the 14-county region. They decried that misinformation and misperceptions had plagued the project from the start.

The NFBA, the two reiterated, is a middle-mile provider, not a last-mile provider. Meaning that the NFBA wholesales broadband widths and leaves it to the last-mile providers to bring the Internet connectivity to the individual customers.

Hendry and Lort cited as examples of last-mile providers Main Street Broadband, CenturyLink and Verizon, the three serving this area presently. It was their hope and the intent of the project that availability of the middle-mile infrastructure would eventually attract other last-mile

providers, thereby increasing competition and lowering the cost of the service, they said.

The NFBA, in other words, was simply laying down the broadband infrastructure that allowed for the extension of connectivity from the communications backbone known as the superhighway to a wider area, they said. But it was up to the last-mile providers to connect with that middle-mile infrastructure and bring the service to the individual customers, they emphasized.

What means the last-mile providers employed to deliver the service, whether via optic cable or wireless, was not within the NFBA's parameters of responsibility, they said. Nor was it up to the NFBA to dictate the coverage area. That too was left to the discretion of the last-mile providers, as influenced by market considerations. The NFBA could not, nor would it attempt, to tell last-mile providers how or where to provide the service, they said.

The two further reiterated that the NFBA might provide the service to anchor institutions such as libraries, government facilities, hospitals and such under special circumstances, if no private last-mile provider would step in to provide the service. But otherwise, the NFBA would not be providing Internet connectivity to customers, and especially not to individual businesses and households.

If that point had been misunderstood previously, they wanted to correct and underscore it at present, they said. Nor would the Internet connectivity be available to every remote area of the county once the service became available locally, they said. It would be a process of gradual expansion and penetration into remoter areas as the in-kind resources became available, they said. And some location might never get the service, they repeated. The potential for the service would be there, they said. But again, it would be up to the last-mile providers to decide how and where the service would go, they added.

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Harm & Outdoors

FWC to Florida residents: Be 'bear aware'

Love is in the air for Florida black bears.

Breeding season for bears runs from June to July, and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is reminding homeowners that bears are moving around, foraging for food and looking for mates.

According to FWC bear management program coordinator Dave Telesco, the agency is seeing an increase in calls about bears in

neighborhoods around the state. The animals are lured into neighborhoods to feast on unsecured trash. His best advice: Do not feed the bears.

It is also illegal to feed bears in Florida.

"Problems arise when bears have access to people-related food sources such as pet foods, garbage, barbecue grills, birdseed or livestock feed," Telesco said. "Bears learn very quickly to associate peo-

ple with food, and this puts the animals at increased risk of illegal kills or crossing highways and getting hit by vehicles."

Black bears normally are too shy to risk contact with humans, but their strong food drive can overwhelm these instincts. Residents can help these bears "move on," so they don't cause a conflict.

"If people remove the attractants, the bears will stay where we want them to stay – in wooded areas – and not enter urban and suburban neighborhoods," Telesco said.

Properly storing and securing garbage is a proven method of discouraging bears. Barbecue grills should be stored in a secure place, such as a garage or a sturdy shed when they are not in use (typically evenings). Keep garbage cans secure and only place them outside on the morning of pickup, rather than the night before. People can encourage their neighbors, community or local government to use bear-resistant trash containers or dumpsters. To find out where to get them, go to MyFWC.com/Bears and select "Brochures & Other Materials."

"Another way people can help is to feed pets indoors or bring in dishes after feeding," Telesco said.

"Relocating bears is not always the best option," Telesco explained. "Most bears do not stay where we put them, and more than half of the bears we move just end up causing conflicts again in a new location."

"If you see a black bear, remain calm. Don't run. Walk calmly toward a building or vehicle and get inside," Telesco said. "If you have children or pets, bring them inside. Once you are in a secure

location, encourage the bear to leave by banging pots and pans, blowing a car or air horn or whistle. The more stressful a bear's encounter with you, the less likely it is to come back."

If a bear is in a tree, leave it alone. Remove people and dogs from the area. The bear usually will come down and leave when it feels safe, which is typically after dark.

If the bear is threatening the safety of humans, pets or livestock or is causing property damage, report it to the FWC at 888-404-FWCC (3922).

Residents can find out more about living with black bears at MyFWC.com/Bear.

Frequently asked questions about bears

Q. How many bears are there in Florida?

A. The best scientifically valid population estimates total 2,500 to 3,000 bears statewide. Bears currently live in eight relatively isolated areas. While some populations appear to be doing well, others are still recovering.

Q. What do I do if I see a bear?

A. If you encounter a bear at close range, remain standing upright, back up slowly and speak to the bear in a calm, assertive voice. Do NOT feed or intentionally attract bears. If a bear eats something on your property, take note of what it is and secure it once the bear leaves. NEVER approach or surprise a bear. If you see a bear from a distance, enjoy the experience, but do not move toward the bear. If you are close, do not make any sudden or abrupt movements. Back way slowly and be sure the bear has an obvious escape route.

If you are in your yard,

§ Make sure you are in a safe area and that the bear has a clear escape route. Then, make noise or bang pots and pans to scare the bear away.

§ Do NOT turn your back, play dead, climb a tree or run. Back away slowly into the house or a secure area.

§ Avoid direct eye contact. Bears and many other animals may view this as aggressive behavior.

§ Report any bear that is threatening the safety of humans, pets or livestock to the FWC's Wildlife Alert hotline, 888-404-FWCC(3922) (see the "contact us" page). Cell phone users can call *FWC or #FWC.

Q. Are black bears fast runners or good climbers?

A. Absolutely! Bears can run up to 35 mph and climb 100 feet up a tree in 30 seconds! Do NOT run or climb a tree when you encounter a bear.

Don't run. Running triggers a chase instinct in many animals, including bears. You can't outrun a bear.

Don't climb a tree. Bears are excellent tree climbers. Mother black bears often send their cubs up a tree when they sense danger. You don't want to end up in a tree with a couple of cubs above you and a mother bear below you! If a bear chases you, you'll just end up fending off a bear in a tree rather than on the ground.

Don't play dead or turn your back on the bear. Back away slowly, make sure the bear has a clear escape route. Stop and hold your ground if your movement away seems to irritate instead of calm the bear.

If bears feel threatened, they may clack their teeth together, moan, blow, huff or paw the ground. The bear is showing you that it is as

uncomfortable with the situation as you are. These are not indications of aggressive intent or an imminent attack. Truly predatory or aggressive black bears are eerily silent.

Q. What do I do if the bear stands up on its hind legs?

A. If the bear stands up, this is NOT an aggressive behavior. The bear is only trying to see you better to figure out what you are and assess whether or not you are a threat. Back away slowly, making sure the bear has a clear escape route.

Q. What do I do if a bear comes toward me or attacks?

A. If the bear paws the ground, huffs and puffs, clacks and snorts, or runs directly at you but stops before reaching you and returns to where it started, it is trying to scare you off. If you stand your ground, the bear will likely stop and move away. No matter what happens, do not run away. Continue slowly backing away, talking and holding up your arms. The bear may charge or vocalize several times until it is comfortable turning its back on you and leaving. While there have been no predatory bear attacks on people in Florida, more than a dozen people have been bitten and scratched by bears defending themselves, cubs or food sources.

If a black bear attacks you: Fight back aggressively. People in other states have successfully fended off black bear attacks using rocks, sticks or even their bare hands. Bears are wild animals and must be respected. Even though they are typically quiet and shy animals, they have the potential to seriously harm humans. Do not take unnecessary risks.



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**SALTWATER, FRESHWATER
FISHING FUN COMING NEXT WEEK**

The first week of June is National Fishing and Boating Week. This year, start and end the week's festivities by taking advantage of one of Florida's license-free fishing days. Saltwater recreational anglers can fish without a license on June 2 and freshwater recreational fishers on June 9. There couldn't be a better time to get out on the water and try your hand at some of Florida's fine fishing on these two Saturdays.

Thirty-four states, including Florida and Georgia, will have license-free fishing days during the June 2 through June 10 National Fishing and Boating Week, a celebration of fishing and boating.

"Florida's license-free fishing days are an excellent opportunity to share the fun, excitement and togetherness of a fishing trip with the entire family. This also is a great time for experienced anglers to introduce friends to the sport, even if they don't have a fishing license," said Nick Wiley, FWC executive director. "By having these events on weekends, we hope Florida residents and visitors will experience the joy of saltwater and freshwater fishing. We expect many will discover a healthy sport they can enjoy for a lifetime."

Saltwater anglers can try their hand at catching a red snapper, which will be open for harvest in Gulf and Atlantic state waters and Gulf federal waters on the June 2 saltwater license-free fishing day. Want to stick a little closer to shore? Try your hand at near-shore species such as spotted seatrout or red drum.

Now that school is out or almost out and people are in vacation mode, anglers will find June a great time to introduce a child to fishing or encourage a friend who hasn't been fishing for a while to get on the water.

Almost everyone in Florida is within 45 minutes of a freshwater fishing hole. Dawn or dusk may be your best fishing times, but if you go mid-day, seek out the shadows around piers or fallen trees, or look for bass and bream under floating vegetation mats and in other shaded areas to enhance your success.

Fishing is a low-cost, wholesome form of entertainment, which is why the FWC offers four days when a recreational fishing license is not needed. Can't make the June 2 or June 9 license-free fishing days? The FWC also made Sept. 1 a license-free saltwater fishing day, which not only falls on a holiday weekend, but is during the popular bay scallop and spiny lobster seasons.

Each year, the first Saturday in April and second Saturday in June will be license-free freshwater fishing days.

The state's abundant resources, coupled with responsible freshwater and saltwater fish management, are why Florida is known as the "Fishing Capital of the World."

All other bag limit, season and size restrictions apply on these dates.

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

Visit MyFWC.com and click on "Calendar" to learn more about boating-safety events during National Fishing and Boating Week and year-round.



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