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## HIGH SCHOOL GETS NEW MANAGEMENT COMPANY

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The Jefferson County School District has replaced one academic management company for another at Jefferson County Middle/High School (JCM/HS).

It's out for the Kentucky-based Educational Directions (EdD), which managed the school during the last year, and in for NCS Pearson, Inc., a Minnesota-based corporation.

Pearson's stated charge for a year of service will be \$150,000, versus the \$225,000 that EdD charged for its service last year. The money is coming out

of federal funding, or Title I School Improvement Grant.

Pearson calls its program the Schoolwide Improvement Model (SIM). Per Tammy McGriff, the federal program specialist with the Jefferson County School District, Pearson's program is not only cheaper than EdD, it will offer triple the service and is better fitted for the needs of JCM/HS.

McGriff told the Jefferson County School Board on Monday, July 9, that the SIM program aligned all the elements of the educational system with the goal of developing college and career-ready students. She said the

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## ECONOMIC GROUP TO PROMOTE BUSINESS TAX RELIEF MEASURE

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The Economic Development Council (EDC) is planning a concerted effort to convince voters in the coming weeks and months to approve a business tax abatement measure that will appear as a referendum on the November ballot.

Given that public funds can't be expended to promote the measure, the EDC reports developing a privately funded budget to fund a campaign aimed at impressing on voters the importance of approving the measure.

The EDC plans to pass out flyers, talk up civic and service organizations, do mail-outs and possibly buy

radio time to promote passage of the tax abatement.

As Economic Development Director Julie Conley explained it to the EDC board recently, the measure is intended as an incentive to spur businesses to locate here or expand their existing facilities.

If approved, the measure would allow the commission to give qualified businesses a tax break on those portions of their ad-valorem taxes that represent increases because of improvements the businesses made to their properties or the physical facilities.

"The county won't lose anything," Conley said. "It will simply forego the increased taxes."

She said the abatement could

## TAX RELIEF

only be given to companies that qualify, per the established guidelines,

"The commission can waive up to 10 years for existing and new businesses," Conley said. "But there are statutory guidelines that must be followed."

She noted that the commission had yet to develop the criteria that would be used to determine which businesses qualified for the tax abatement. The EDC then appointed a subcommittee to draft a set of criteria that could be presented to the commission for consideration.

"This is to offer incentives," Conley said in finale. "If you don't have incentives, you're not in the game. All the counties to the west of us have incentives."

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## SOUTHERLAND STAFF VISIT COUNTY RESIDENTS

DEBBIE SNAPP  
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The Florida staff of U.S. Representative Steve Southerland, II hosted mobile office hours from 1 to 3 p.m. in Jefferson County on Tuesday, July 24, at the Monticello City Hall, in the City Commission Chambers.

Residents of Jefferson County and the surrounding area were invited to join the staff to provide input on legislation,

ask questions and request assistance with a federal agency on issues including Social Security, Medicare, Housing and Urban Development, IRS, Veterans Affairs and Immigration.

Just this week Rep. Southerland authored a letter to Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius expressing concerns over the Obama administration's decision to waive mandatory work requirements for the

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## CITY MAY TAG EXTRA FEE TO CEMETERY LOT SALES

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The Monticello City Council is considering a proposal that would add a small administrative fee to the sale of cemetery lots to cover the cost of some of the transaction's associated activities.

City Clerk Emily Anderson brought up the

topic toward the conclusion of the council meeting on Tuesday evening, July 3. She noted that every time a cemetery lot was sold, it required staff time to travel to the cemetery to show the site, assure the lots' availability, and process the necessary paperwork.

Moreover, the monies from the sale of the lots

went into the cemetery trust fund for the maintenance and enhancement of the facility, not into the general fund, she said.

"It's our recommendation that we add a small administrative fee to cover the legwork and paperwork that goes with the purchase of a cemetery

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## BUILDING ACTIVITY REMAINING STATIC

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Building activity remained relatively static and valuations weak in June, with repairs and additions continuing to dominate the statistics. This according to the latest report released by the Jefferson County and City of Monticello Building Inspection and Contractor Licensing Department on Tuesday, July 3.

The report shows the city and county issued a combined 48 permits in June, compared with 51 permits in May and 42

in April.

The figures show the combined 48 permits generated \$5,315.94 in fees, compared with \$4,873.80 generated in May and \$6,298.20 in April. Of the 48 permits, the city issued six and generated \$414.00 and the county issued 42 and generated \$4,901.94.

A breakdown of the permits shows 40 were for repairs and additions; four for mobile home installations; three for miscellaneous activities, such as sheds, signs, workshops or barns; and one for a

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A few thunderstorms possible. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.

Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 70s.

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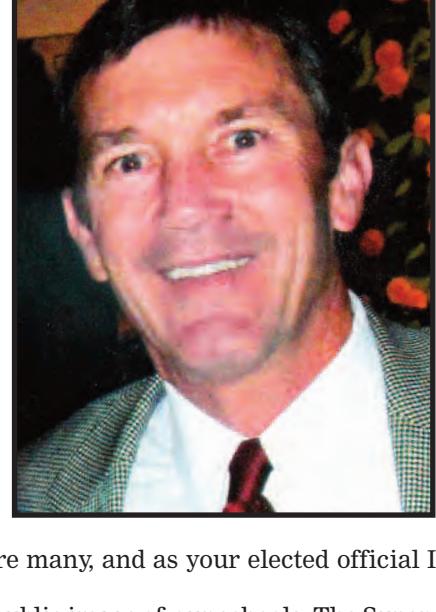


## PHIL BARKER TO RUN FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER FOR DISTRICT 1.

Dear Friends and Voters-

I am delighted to have this opportunity to be elected to serve our community as a School Board Member for District 1.

I can assure you that I will take this opportunity very seriously, just as I did when I served as our School Superintendent for 8 years.



The issues are many, and as your elected official I will work to:

Improve the public image of our schools. The Superintendent and the School Board will push aside personal agendas, communicate positively and exhibit a professional demeanor as elected officials.

Recruit and Retain Highly Qualified Teachers and Administrators: This would add much needed stability at the School Sites for our students to improve academically.

Improve Student Achievement: Make sure all students meet and exceed "a years' worth of academic growth in a years' time." Assign Reading Resource Teachers and Math Resource Teachers to our students who struggle the most will help tremendously.

We can accomplish these issues with strong leadership from our School Board and Superintendent, the continued hard work of our dedicated teachers, and continue to encourage our parents to take an active role in their children's education. This is of vital importance!

As your School Board Member, I will be approachable, respectful, a positive role model and a voice of reason. I will bring a wealth of Educational Leadership experience to the School Board to move our School District in a positive direction.

### EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE

- Bachelor Degree- Physical Education, St. Leo University, 1980
- Master Degree- Educational Leadership, Florida State University, 1989
- Certified School Superintendent 2002
- Board of Directors/Florida Superintendent Association
- Teacher, Coach, Administrator- Jefferson County Schools, 1981-2000
- Jefferson County School Superintendent 2000-2008
- Current ESE Staffing Specialist- Madison County Schools

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Past Monticello Kiwanis Club Secretary- 10 years
- Past Youth Coach, Monticello Tennis Association
- Past Recreation Park Youth Soccer Coordinator- 10 years
- Current Vice President, Jefferson County Teachers Credit Union- 18 years
- Current Board of Directors, Aucilla Christian Academy
- Active Member- St. Margaret's Catholic Church, Monticello

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## JEFFERSON CLERK ROLLS OUT NEW CASE MAINTENANCE SYSTEM

CLERICUS installation means more efficient workflow for Clerk's office

Hon. Kirk Reams, Jefferson County Clerk of Court, is pleased to announce that the Jefferson County Clerk of Court's office has successfully installed its new case maintenance system, CLERICUS, this week.

The installation of this new software is a significant upgrade for the office, which anticipates increased efficiencies, better workflow and a move toward a paperless office environment.

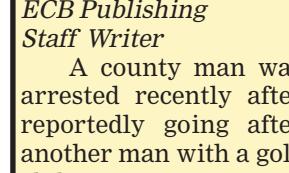
"Installing this innovative software will be a huge asset to the Clerk's office, and will also benefit the citizens of Jefferson County," Reams said. "Although our staff will have to get acquainted with the new software, we believe we will be better equipped to serve the people with this upgrade to CLERICUS."

The new case maintenance system expedites many processes that were formerly manual and now can be automated or generated much easier. Preparing appeals or creating ad hoc reports are much less time consuming.

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Hon. Kirk Reams,  
Clerk of Court



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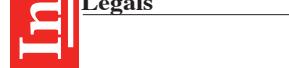
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# Jefferson County Living

## JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIME BEAT

**ALL INFORMATION IS PRINTED AS TAKEN FROM THE JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. ALL SUSPECTS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY IN A COURT OF LAW**

FRAN HUNT  
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Staff Writer

Deandre Rapheal Howard, 26, of Jefferson County, was arrested July 17 and charged with burglary of a conveyance; robbery with a firearm; petit theft from a vehicle, less than \$100; possession of a firearm by a convicted felon; and possession of cannabis less than 20 grams. A total bond of \$30,750 was set and he remained at the County Jail July 26.

Jody Lee Holland, 41, of Jefferson County, was arrested July 18 and charged with battery, domestic. Bond was set at \$1,000 and he bonded out of jail the following day.

Jaleel Ortez Gillyard, 26, of Monticello, was arrested July 19 and charged with three counts of possession of cocaine with intent to sell and two counts of sale of cocaine. A total bond of \$35,000 was set and he remained at the County Jail July 26.

Shanteria Crumity, 24, of Monticello, was arrested July 19 and charged with trespass after warning. Bond was set at \$500 and she bonded out of jail the same day.

Christafer Prior, 28, of Quincy, FL, was arrested July 20 and charged with driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$500 and he bonded out of jail the following day.

Alphonso Lanice Footman, Sr., was arrested July 23 and charged with violation of probation on the charge of sale/possession of a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of a school. Bond was withheld and he remained at the County Jail July 26.

## ST'NGERS

**"Mitt Romney is truly a man of mystery. He has a plan to restore the economy and create jobs, but he won't reveal it until after the election. He wants to repeal the Affordable Healthcare Act (Which he invented in Massachusetts). He says he has a replacement plan; but, alas, it's a secret. He has nothing to hide in his tax returns, so he's not going to release them. Don't voters need and deserve to know more?"**

-JACK WILLIAMS

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Older adults often are prime targets for con artists looking to steal their money, property or identifications. And, because the senior population is growing so rapidly, more Monticello seniors than ever are at risk of losing their life savings, their homes and their trust in others. That's why the Home Instead Senior Care network has teamed up with the National Association of Triads to launch the Protect Seniors from Fraud program. Included in the program is a free Senior Fraud Protection Kit that contains a number of important tools to help families assess how likely their senior is to be a potential target of a scam and advice on how to protect them. Seniors will benefit from this program that makes them aware of the most prevalent schemes and the free resources available to help them avoid becoming victims. For more information and to obtain a free Senior Fraud Protection Kit, contact Kristin Danley-Greiner at 850-297-1897 or 1-888-296-2411x4968, or [kristin@alberscommunications.com](mailto:kristin@alberscommunications.com).

Weight Watchers meetings are held at 6 p.m. every Thursday at the Jefferson County Bailar Public Library. Join with enthusiastic others in making a 'Life Change'. For more information contact Paige Phillips at 850-509-2580.

Claire Olson worked together with the Jefferson County Health Department to teach 'Healthy Cooking' classes to interested area residents. The classes were focused on moving from a fast or convenience food lifestyle to a more whole food approach to eating. Each class featured several different recipes... some were already made and others done in a demonstration style with the participants helping. The classes talked about simple steps to take to move to healthier lifestyle through choosing whole foods, whole grains and reading food labels. Participants were warned to stay away from items that contain long ingredient lists and list things that are not easily recognized. The classes also focused on the cost savings of cooking whole foods at home and the long lasting beneficial effects of teaching our children how to cook and eat well. The classes were set up in a casual style with question and answer throughout. At the end of each class the participants enjoyed samples. For tips and more information about healthy meal contact her at [coombottomgirl@yahoo.com](mailto:coombottomgirl@yahoo.com).

Flea Across Florida is the longest yard sale in Florida. The third event will be held September 14-16. Flea Across Florida begins in historic Live Oak and ends 272 miles later in Pensacola along Hwy 90. Thousands come from all over the Southeastern United States for this event. Prime space is available for vendors in the participating communities. For community information, contact Melanie Mays, Director of the Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce at 850-997-5552.

Happy Birthday to Wilson Wooten!

## CHURCH NEWS NOTES

**July 22-27**

Monticello Church of Christ, 475 South Jefferson, is hosting Gospel Meetings through Friday at 7:30 p.m. each night. All are welcome. Speaker will be Dan Chancey from Perry.

**July 29-27**

Central Baptist Church will hold Vacation Bible School through Friday from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. each night at 625 Tindell Road in Aucilla. 'Operation Overboard: Dare To Go Deep With God,' will begin each night with dinner. There will be classes for children aged two to adult. To be a part of all the excitement, contact Pastor Daryl Adams at 850-251-0129.

**July 23-27**

Restored Glory Christian Center will hold its Vacation Bible School, 'God's Calling Me' from 6 to 8 p.m. through Friday. Dinner will be served each night and transportation will be provided to anyone in need. To request a ride, contact the church at 850-997-RGCC (7422) and leave your name, address, number of passengers and a callback number. For more information, visit the church website at [restoredglory.org](http://restoredglory.org).

**July 25-29**

Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church and Rev. Willie Webster, pastor, 669 Groover Road, will host the Union #2 Jefferson County Ministers, Deacons, Home Missions Society meetings beginning with Bible Study on Wednesday; Leadership Council at 11 a.m. on Saturday and a Union Business Meeting following at 12 p.m.; Sunday will begin at 9:45 a.m. with Sunday School and 11 a.m. Morning Worship. Guest speaker will be Rev. Reginald Daniels, pastor of Hickory Hill MBC.

**July 27, 28**

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

**July 28**

Throne Room Prayer Ministries will present a 'Women's Fellowship' at the Monticello Fitness Center on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Speaker will be Charlie M. Taylor. For more information contact Pastor Charlie at 850-570-8411.

**July 28**

Wacissa United Methodist Church Clothing Giveaway from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the church location, 14492 Waukeena Highway.

**July 28**

Summer Bible Day Camp, sponsored by the God Squad Power Club, will be held at the Jefferson County Bailar Public Library. Camp will begin at 11 a.m. on Saturday.

days. For more information call 850-997-0832 or 850-997-8018 after 2 p.m.

**JULY 28**

FUMC StoryTime Ministry is held from 1 to 2 p.m. on every other Saturday at the Jefferson County Bailar Public Library. For more information contact Chairman of Evangelism Barbara Hobbs at 850-523-1813.

**JULY 29**

Elizabeth AME Church in the Thompson Valley will host its 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Service beginning at 10 a.m. with Sunday School and 11 a.m. with Morning Worship. Prophetess Katabia Bradley Henry will be speaker for the occasion. Dinner will follow with the congregations of Union Hill AME and Boland AME. Rev. Clarence Little, pastor:

**JULY 29**

Greater Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church will host its 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Community

Service with Memorial MBC beginning with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and Morning Worship at 11:15 a.m. Speaker will be Rev. Henry R. Griffin of Tallahassee and music by the Rev. Bethel Ransom Male Chorus. Gospel Sing on Sunday night at 6:30 p.m. All choirs, soloists and dance ministries are invited to participate. Dr. Rev. Melvin Roberts, pastor; Evang. Georgianna Barker, chairwoman; and Rev. J.B. Duval, moderator: Call 850-997-4375 for more information.

**JULY 30-AUGUST 3**

Mt. Pleasant Ministries, Mt. Olive MBC, Pine Grove MBC and Welaunee Missionary Baptist Church will host a 'Joint Revival Service' in Capps, at the Mt. Pleasant Ministries location, Charles G. Smith, pastor/teacher: Evangelist for the week of revival will be Bishop Frank Goines; Goines pastors in Grady County Georgia. Re-

vival will be held at 7 p.m. Monday through Friday evenings. Elder Herbert R. Thomas, Sr and the Welaunee MBC will be in charge of the services.

**AUGUST 1, 15**

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

**AUGUST 2**

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.

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## High School

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McGriff added that after a year with EdD, district and school staff believed that Pearson would offer services that were better aligned with the needs of the students and the school here.

Pearson, moreover, had a close working relationship with the Florida Department of Education (FDOE), in terms of doing assessments for the department, McGriff said. And the company, she said, would allow the elementary school administration to participate in the training, although this wasn't part of the contract.

"The people on the ground level have bought into this company," McGriff said, referring to the administration at JCM/HS. "They had a voice in choosing this company. This will be onsite. This is job-embedded development."

School Board Member Ed Vollertsen

was not enthusiastic or overwhelmed with the proposal.

"Here we go again with another proposal that's supposed to improve things," he said. "We do these programs and nothing happens."

Chairwoman Marianne Arbulu agreed, to a degree.

"There's no accountability," she said. "It seems we spend and spend and even though its federal funds, it's still taxpayers' money. But if this has to happen, this is as good a company as there is."

She was referring to the fact that the district is under a state mandate to hire a management company because of the school's poor performance on the standardized testing. In the end, the board approved the contract, in part because it had no other choice.

Per Pearson, SIM is designed to help schools prepare all students for college and careers; help students achieve the

Common Core State Standards; provide high-quality instruction for all students; and "reach every student every day on every subject".

The length of the agreement between the school district and Pearson is from July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013.

In his final report to the School Board on June 11, Dr. Robert W. Knight, the designated school lead for EdD, reported mixed result from his company's year at the school. Dr. Knight's report cited successes and strengths, but also failings and remaining challenges.

"We feel that after this short year we are leaving you better poised to attain the student outcomes that you must have in order to continue to improve as a school and a district," Dr. Knight said. "We are convinced that you now have the school-based leadership in place to make that happen."

At the same time, he acknowledged that EdD had been unable to deliver

some of the services it had planned to deliver, especially in the area of professional development.

Dr. Knight cited the overall teacher quality in tested areas as the number one impediment to growth.

"Regardless what all gets done to increase the systems and efficiencies of the school and district (and we made great strides this year), the number one impediment to growth is the district's difficulty in attracting, hiring, developing, nurturing and retaining teachers in the tested grades who know how to get results," Dr. Knight said.

The district's decision to hire a management company was driven by the FDOE requirement that schools that failed to make improvement and move out of their intervention phases within a given time period had to choose one of two options: convert to a charter school or go with an external management company.

## Armed Robbery

to an armed robbery which had just occurred.

Upon her arrival she met with the victim, who reported that a black male, known only as "Deandre," had robbed him at gunpoint only moments earlier and fled on foot running toward Green Street.

The suspect was described as an intoxicated black male, low hair, short in height and wearing a gray tank top with camouflage pants, which had a ripped back right pocket.

The victim stated that while sitting in the driver's seat of his parked pickup truck long North Cherry Street with a passenger (witness #1) in his vehicle, he was approached by the suspect. The victim ad-

vised that the suspect warned, "Give it up or I will kill you," while pointing a black 9mm handgun at the left side of his head.

After immediately handing over \$95 in cash to the suspect, the victim stated that the suspect fled toward Green Street on foot. The victim added that the suspect had been firing the same gun in the air minutes prior to the robbery.

Contact was made with the witness at the scene, who stated that while sitting in the truck with the victim, "Deandre" approached the victim through the driver's side window, pointed a gun at his head and demanded money. The witness said

that once he saw the gun he immediately ran from the scene and contacted the police.

After taking statements from the victim and witness #1, Investigator Jackson made an attempt to locate the suspect in the immediate area of the crime scene.

While attempting to locate the suspect, Investigator Jackson received information that the suspect may have been a patron at Monticello Liquors, located on North Jefferson Street, just one block north of the crime scene.

Upon her arrival at Monticello Liquors, she made contact with the bar clerk (witness #2) and a bar patron (witness #3).

They both advised that a suspect matching the description of the robbery suspect, had come into the bar and made a purchase of one 16-ounce Natural Ice beer around 8 p.m.

They also mentioned that the suspect had severe "track marks" on his left arm and that he appeared to be intoxicated. They also explained that they both heard something shortly after the suspect left the bar, which sounded like gunshots.

After viewing the bar's surveillance recordings, the subject was identified as Deandre Rapheal Howard, 26, of Jefferson County. Howard fit the description of the suspect

that both the victim and witness #1 described. Upon exit of the bar, Howard could be seen on video heading south, toward the scene of the crime.

At 10 p.m. Howard was located inside of Allen's Bar, located on East King Street. Upon making contact with Howard and confirming both the description of the suspect, as well as his identity, he was placed under arrest and transported to MPD for further investigation.

At MPD, the victim positively identified Howard as being the individual who had robbed him earlier at gunpoint. The victim and witness #1 then both provided written statements.

After being read his Miranda warnings, Howard agreed to be interviewed in reference to the case. He adamantly denied being on the north side of the courthouse completely. He stated that he had only been on Mays Street on the south side of the courthouse, after 5 p.m. and he

had recently came to Allen's Bar shortly before Investigator Jackson made contact with him.

The surveillance footage at Monticello Liquors disproved both of his statements. He denied ever having any contact with the victim or the victim's truck as well.

During a thorough search of Howard's person, a 0.6 ounce baggie of marijuana and \$23 cash were found. A gunshot residue sample, as well as the clothing worn, were taken from Howard during the interview and was sent to the FDLE Crime Lab for further analysis.

Howard was transported to the Jefferson County Jail, where he was booked and charged with Burglary of a conveyance, robbery with a firearm, petit theft from a vehicle, less than \$100, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and possession of cannabis, less than 20 grams.

A total bond of \$30,750 was set and he remained at the County Jail July 26.

## Assault

day, July 14, Deputy Jerry Blackmon and Deputy Robert Hall received a complaint from a Horseshoe Road residence in reference to an altercation.

Upon arrival at the residence Deputy Blackmon met with the complainant, who stated that he was at his mother's residence on Tram Road. He said he was in the yard getting the paper for his mother when James Donald Boland, 65, of Jefferson County, drove by his mother's residence and Boland was yelling at the complainant calling him a sorry MF and parked his vehicle at Boland's store.

The complainant stated that he turned away and walked into his mother's residence. He then left his mother's residence and went back

home.

He said he was standing in his yard when Boland drove up in his vehicle. He said Boland got out of his vehicle with a golf club in his hand and started yelling at him, "I'm going to F you up."

The complainant said Boland started swinging the golf club as he came toward him. He said he ran away from Boland and go behind a tree. He said Boland ran after him and got behind the tree.

The complainant said he tried to talk to Boland, but Boland refused to talk to him. He said that Boland picked up a fishing gig that was in the yard and the complainant started running away from Boland.

He said Boland made an attempt to throw the fishing gig at

him, but didn't throw it at him. He said that Boland swung the gig at the complainant's dog.

He said the Boland started yelling at him that he had a gun and he might not kill him today, but he will get with him later.

The complainant stated that Boland started accusing him of getting Boland fired from the Leon County Road Department for stealing dirt. He said he told Boland that was not true and Boland called him a lying SOB.

He said Boland got back into his vehicle and said, "I'm going to get you" and drove off.

Boland was arrested July 14 and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Bond was set at \$500 and he bonded out of jail the following day.

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## Cemetery

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Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program.

"After ignoring federal laws regarding immigration, traditional marriage, religious conscience rights and intervention in Libya, the Obama administration has proven once again that they will not hesitate to cast aside the law when it suits their own interests," Southerland said.

"Sadly, by waiving TANF work requirements for able bodied Americans who receive federal assistance, the President has made it that much harder for families to lift themselves out of poverty. The American people deserve answers about how this divisive decision was made, along with constitutional justification for how it can be implemented without upending existing law."

The letter was co-signed by Reps. Tom Graves (R-GA) and Tim Scott (R-SC) along with 73 other House colleagues.

For questions and concerns contact Lori Hutto at

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lot," Anderson said.

By "we" she was referring to City Manager Steve Wingate.

Anderson suggested a fee of \$25 per lot, which money she said could go into the general fund and be used for a variety of things.

"The fee would be set by resolution as a separate fund that would go into the gen-

eral fund," she said.

She noted that even with the additional fee, cemetery lots here would still remain the least expensive in the region. She said the city charge for a lot with a flat monument was \$400, and with a raised monument it was \$500.

The council approved the request unanimously.

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The valuation of residential permits was \$187,866, compared with zero in May and \$618,575 in April. This valuation was zero in June 2011.

The valuation of commercial permits was zero, the same as the previous two months. It was likewise zero in June 2011.

And the valuation for other permits (a category that includes additions, re-roofs and non-residential structures), was \$140,907, compared with \$318,289 in May and \$346,485 in April. This valuation was \$148,159 in June 2011.

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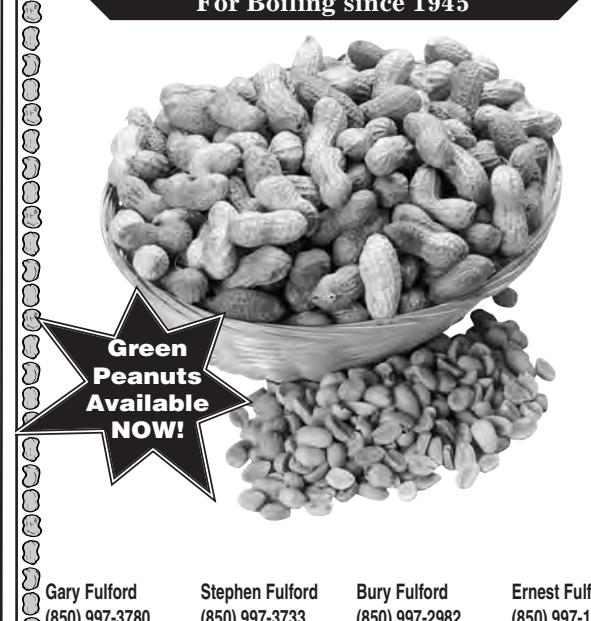
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# Jefferson County Living

## Sarah Tharpe To Travel To Hawaii

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Have you ever wondered what it would be like to explore Hawaii? Well, Sarah Tharpe is on her way to Oahu, Hawaii

after her winning essay was chosen from some 1,400 entries. National Geographic Kids offered the contest, in its January issue inviting participants to write an essay about why they would

like to explore this Hawaiian island and draw a picture of what they think they would see... so she did just that.

She will be on a very tight schedule while touring Oahu. She will

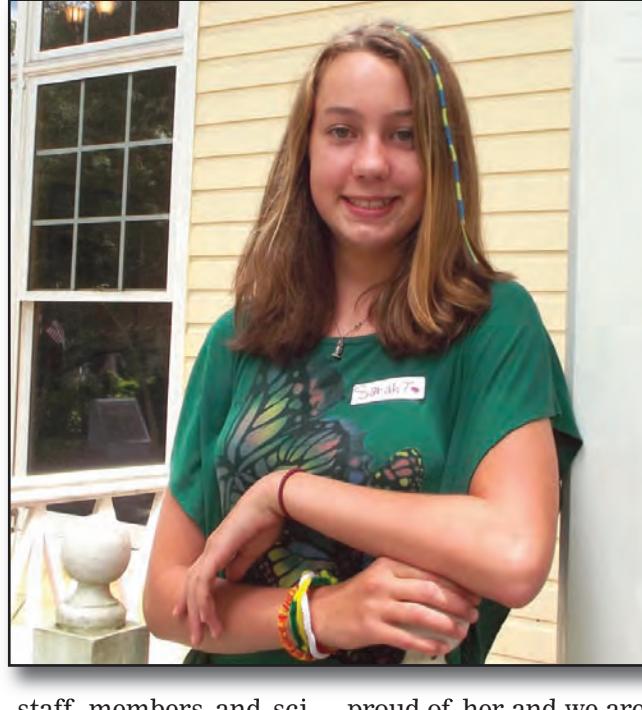
be kept busy with researching activities as she explores the island with Andrew Evans, National Geographic's Digital Nomad.

Team Leader Andrew Evans is a travel writer and contributing editor for *National Geographic Traveler*. As its 'Digital Nomad,' he explores the globe and shares his experiences online with social media and digital technology.

*Ohana* means 'family' and on Oahu, everyone is family. She will join the 'ohana and share in the many fun and kid-friendly things to do there.

Sarah's essay, titled 'How I Like To Explore My World,' was sent in with a hand-drawn picture of her on the beach watching the sunset. She used expressive words in her essay to explain her world. On June 1, 2012 she received an email with the exciting news that she and a guest were invited to explore the Hawaiian Island of Oahu at the end of August. She and her mom plan to leave on August 25 for six nights... all expenses paid!

"That my work was chosen by professionals makes me feel really blessed," says Sarah. "The first judges were National Geographic



staff members and scientists from all fields did the final judging." Sarah wants to study to be an Ornithologist, the study of birds. She is a student at Aucilla Christian Academy and a lifelong resident of Jefferson County. She enjoys volunteering at Vacation Bible School, the beach and reading.

Sarah is the daughter of makuahine Michele (mom) and makuakane Keith (dad) Tharpe and the granddaughter of Charlotte and AC Tharpe of Monticello.

"We taught her to be independent," says her mother. "She did this all on her own and we are so

proud of her and we are all so excited for her." Sarah comes from a Science oriented family. Her mom teaches Math. They have always encouraged her to try 'new stuff.'

Tharpe was also selected from a chosen few to spend a weekend 'by the sea' in Panacea, FL to follow FSU Marine Biologists.

Aucilla Christian Academy Teacher Mary Hartsfield wrote the reference letter suggesting Tharpe would be a good candidate for the summer campus program. Twelve students from six counties will follow the scientists and journal their studies and findings.

## American Legion Post 49



ECB Publishing Photo By Debbie Snapp, July 4, 2012.

American Legion Post 49 held a very successful fundraiser during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July day of independence.

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Staff Writer

American Legion will meet on August 14 at the Otto Walker Post 49 beginning at 6:30 p.m. for dinner followed with a business meeting and program



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at 7 p.m. The 2012-2013 officers will discuss upcoming meetings, events and fundraisers. A very successful chicken dinner and hot dog fundraiser was held during the July 4<sup>th</sup> day of independence.

The newly elected officers were installed during the June 12 meeting by District III Commander Chris Christian (Post 383); they are Frank Kolb, commander; Mike Smith, 1<sup>st</sup> vice commander; Buddy Westbrook, Chaplin; Bruce Sandell, historian; Travis Hussey, sergeant-at-arms; Paul Klug, secretary; Tom Hogle, judge advocate; District III Vice Commander Ron Slik, adjutant; and Directors Dick Dibble, Jack Hamilton and Ed Register. Register was recognized and decorated for bringing in new members.

The American Legion is open for new members to help serve the Jefferson County community. If you are interested in joining this service-oriented organization, contact Ron Slik at 850-997-8103.

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## COMMUNITY

**THRU AUGUST 30**  
 Annie's Project, a national program developed to empower women in agriculture to be better business owners and partners, classes begin on Thursday and will continue each Thursday thru August. Classes will be held at the Jefferson County Extension Office from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. A light meal will be served before each session. For more details and information, contact Covey Washington at covey.washington@ufl.edu or JoAnn Demott at jfdemott@ufl.edu or call the Jefferson County Extension office at 850-342-0187.

**JULY 28**  
 Dixie Community Center is open on Saturday nights for an evening of music and dancing with live local band 'Half-N-Half Four' from 7 to 10 p.m. Refreshments and good fellowship are avail-

# Jefferson County Living

## Post 49 Ladies Auxiliary Plan Exciting Year



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American Legion Post 49 Ladies Auxiliary discussed upcoming program and fundraising events for the new year during their July 10 meeting. The members have scheduled a carwash and hotdog sale on Saturday, August 25. The funds will be used for upcoming Auxiliary programs and responsibilities.

The next Auxiliary meeting will be held at 6:30

p.m. on Tuesday, August 14. The members will discuss the upcoming carwash event, making sure to include everyone. The membership has already held two successful fundraisers this past summer and is excited about the coming year.

The Ladies Auxiliary is open to new membership to help with its service-oriented activities. Contact President Sheila Slik at 850-997-8103 for more information.

Newly elected officers of the Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion Otto Walker Post 49 for 2012-2013 year pictured from left to right seated are: Debbie Mitchum, co-secretary; Sheila Slik, president; and Nancy Banks, immediate past president. Standing are: Brenda Register, secretary; Lillie Mae Brumby, chaplin; Julyn Hussey, vice president; Marcella Hamilton, sergeant-at-arms; and Isabelle de Sercey, treasurer.

## Official Ceremony At The Capital

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The public is invited and encouraged to attend the first Florida Purple Heart Day Official Ceremony at the State Capitol on Tuesday, August 7 beginning at 12 p.m. This special event will offer area

people an opportunity to show their genuine support for our country's military combat wounded veterans.

The Florida Senate and House of Representatives unanimously passed legislation establishing an official Purple Heart Day in Florida, to begin with

this August 7, 2012 ceremony. This day will be recognized annually to remember the service and sacrifices of the many Florida combat wounded military veterans.

The public is also invited to a Purple Heart Day Banquet on Monday, August 6 at the Tallahassee Elk's Club, 276 North Magnolia Drive, beginning at 7 p.m. Not only will participants be served an evening meal; congressional representatives who sponsored this unique legislation will fill the evening with music and entertainment and special presentations. There will also be special



awards and other presentations.

Contact Dennis Foggy, MOPH Chapter 758 member, at mrbaronboy@embarqmail.com for

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## Bloodmobile At Health Department On Monday

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The Jefferson County Health Department will host a blood drive from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Monday, July 30. The Southeastern Community Blood Center Bloodmobile will be stationed in the JCHD parking area located at 1255 West Washington Street, in Monticello.

The gift this month for all donors is a beach tote and donors will also be entered into a drawing to win a 2013 Honda Civic for the holidays.

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## Hors D' Oeuvres For The Brain And Soul

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The eighth annual 'Hors D' Oeuvres for the Brain and Soul' will be held on Saturday, August 11 at the Monticello Opera House, beginning at 6 p.m. with a cash bar and heavy hors d'oeuvres and the finest desserts, served by the missionaries who have traveled with 'A Doctor's Heart.'

This event is a fundraiser for 'A Doctor's Heart,' an organization that does mission work in the jungles of the Amazon every year. The group offers medical help, teaches the locals how to dig for wells, optometry and teaching. This is the primary fundraiser for its mission.

Robert Olen Butler will present the reading. He is a Pulitzer-Prize winning author who lives in Monticello. The Michael Purvis' Band will entertain upstairs, on stage, at the Opera House. This local band has offered its time and talents since the beginning. This is a black-tie affair. The cost is \$35 per

person and advance tickets are suggested and may be purchased at the Opera House by calling 850-997-4242.

The biography of Robert Olen Butler is as follows... He has published twelve novels... *The Alleys of Eden, Sun Dogs, Countrymen of Bones, On Distant Ground, Wabash, The Deuce, They Whisper, The Deep Green Sea, Mr. Spaceman, Fair Warning, Hell and (forthcoming this August) A Small Hotel; six volumes of short fiction... Tabloid Dreams, Had a Good Time, Severance, Intercourse, Weegee Stories and A Good Scent from a Strange Mountain, (which won the 1993 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction.)*

"Butler has published a volume of his lectures on the creative process, *From Where You Dream*, edited with an introduction by Janet Burroway. A recipient of both a Guggenheim Fellowship in fiction and a National Endowment for the Arts grant, he also won the Richard and Hinda Rosenthal Foundation Award from the

American Academy of Arts and Letters and was a finalist for the PEN/Faulkner Award. He has twice won a National Magazine Award in Fiction and has received two Pushcart Prizes.

His stories have appeared widely in such publications as *The New Yorker, Esquire, Harper's, The Atlantic Monthly, GQ, Zoetrope, The Paris Review, The Hudson Review, The Virginia Quarterly Review, Ploughshares, and The Sewanee Review*. They have also been chosen for inclusion in four annual editions of *The Best American Short Stories*, eight annual editions of *New Stories from the South*, several other major annual anthologies, and numerous college literature textbooks from such publishers as Simon & Schuster, Norton, Viking, Little Brown & Co., Houghton Mifflin, Oxford University Press, Prentice Hall, and Bedford/St.Martin and most recently in *The New Granta Book of the American Short Story*, edited by Richard Ford. His works have been

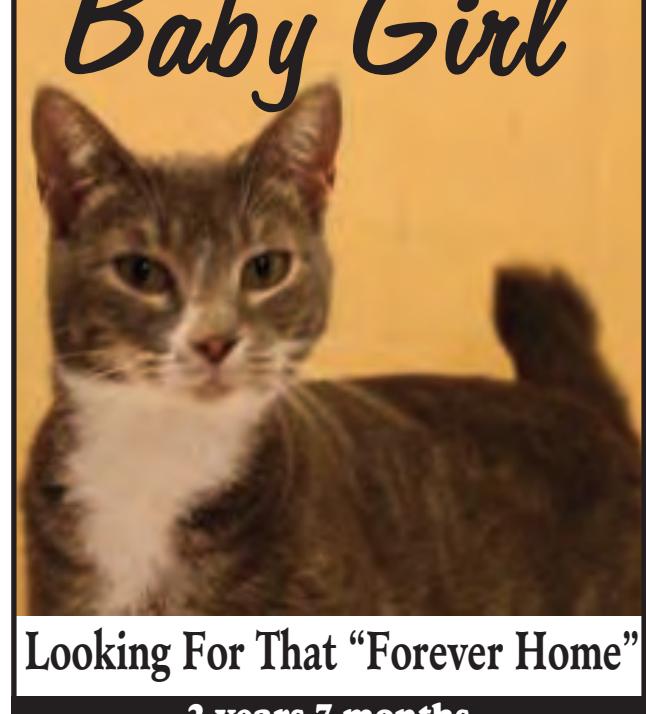
translated into nineteen languages, including Vietnamese, Thai, Korean, Polish, Japanese, Serbian, Farsi, Czech, Estonian and Greek. He was also a charter recipient of the Tu Do Chinh Kien Award given by the Vietnam Veterans of America for "outstanding contributions to American culture by a Vietnam veteran."

Over the past 15 years he has lectured in universities, appeared at conferences, and met with writers groups in 16 countries as a Literary Envoy for the U.S. State Department. Since 1995 he has written feature-length screenplays for New Regency, Twentieth Century Fox, Warner Brothers, Paramount, Disney, Universal Pictures, Baldwin Entertainment Group (for Robert Redford), and two teleplays for HBO. Typical of Hollywood, none of these movies he was hired to write ever made it to the screen. He is a Francis Eppes Distinguished Professor holding the Michael Shaara Chair in Creative Writing at Florida State University. Under the

auspices of the FSU website, in the fall of 2001, he did something no other writer has ever done, before or since: he revealed his writing process in full, in real time, in a Webcast that observed him in seventeen two-hour sessions write a literary short story from its first inspiration to its final polished form. He also gave a running commentary on his artistic choices and spent a half-hour in each episode answering the emailed questions of his live viewers. The whole series is a very

popular download on iTunes under the title "Inside Creative Writing."

He has also recorded two of his works... *A Good Scent from a Strange Mountain* and *Hell* for audible.com. He was recently awarded an Honorary Doctorate from the State University of New York system. He is the sole occupant of Capps, Florida, and yet struggles to remain in office as its Mayor. He recently raised the debt ceiling and no one seems to be very happy about it."



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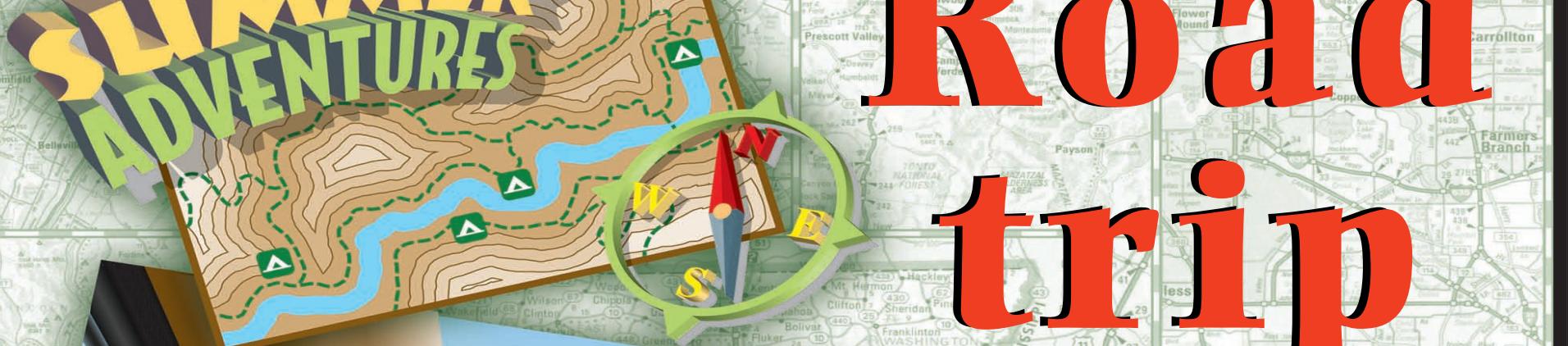
The workshop will be held on Friday, August 10 from 9 a.m. to 12

p.m. in the Court House Annex, located at 435 West Walnut Street.

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# Sports & Education

## JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR RELEASED

**FRAN HUNT**  
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Staff Writer

The calendar for the 2012-2013 year Jefferson County School District has been released.

August 6 is new teacher orientation; August 7-9 is Professional Development days for returning teachers; August 13-14 is Professional Development days; August 15-17 is teacher pre-planning days; and August 20 is the first day of school.

September 3 is the Labor Day holiday; and September 21 interim reports go home.

October 8-19 is the FCAT retakes; October 19 is a teacher planning day, student holiday and report cards go home.

November 9 interim reports go home; November 12 is the Veteran's Day holiday; and November 19-23 is the fall break.

December 20 is the end of the second nine-week period; December 21 is a teacher planning day, student holiday and the end of the first semester; December 24 the Christmas holidays begin.

January 7 students return to school; January 11 report cards go home;

and January 21 is the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

February 18 is the President's Day holiday; February 22 interim reports go home; and February 26-28 is the FCAT 2.0 writing tests will be taken.

March 15 is a teacher planning day, student holiday and the end of the third nine-week period; March 22 interim reports go home; and March 25-29 is the spring break holiday.

April 8-26 the FCAT and FCAT 2.0 tests will be taken.

May 10 interim reports go home; May 20 is the Emancipation Day holiday; May 27 is the Memorial Day holiday; and May 31 is the last day of school for seniors.

June 6 is the last day of school, report cards for Jefferson Elementary School will go home; and the end of the second semester; June 7 is graduation; June 7-10 is teacher post planning days; June 11-13 are Professional Development days; June 14 Jefferson County Middle High School reports cards go home; and June 17 summer school begins.

## JV TIGERS FOOTBALL SCHEDULE RELEASED

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The gridiron schedule has been determined for the Jefferson County Middle High School junior varsity Tigers.

The JV Tigers have a full schedule of eight games to look forward to this year.

"We didn't have a full schedule last year, so I started scheduling early so we would have a full schedule this year," said Coach Lucius Wade, Sr.

Action starts on the gridiron against Hamilton County, September 6 at 6 p.m., home; Florida High, September 13 at 6 p.m., home; North Florida Christian, September 18 at 6 p.m., away; and FAMU DRS, September 25 at 6 p.m., home. Wakulla Middle School, October 2 at 6 p.m., home; Quincy, October 11 at 6 p.m., away; FAMU DRS, October 16 at 6 p.m., away; and wrapping up the season, Havana Middle School, October 23 at 4 p.m., away.

DON'T MISS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND!

## 2ND ANNUAL PARENT UNIVERSITY

The Jefferson County Parent Involvement Committee will host our 2nd Annual Parent University, August 6-9 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Old Howard Middle School Cafeteria located at 1145 East 2nd Street. The theme for this year's Parent University is "Building a Stronger Foundation in Education for Parents".

The following are the topics that will be presented each night:

**Monday, August 6**

Educating Parents  
Importance of School Attendance & Truancy

**Tuesday, August 7**

Parenting Skills

Reading: "How to Help

Your Child Become a Successful Reader"

**Wednesday, August 8**

Nutrition

Transitions to and from Elementary, Middle, and High School

**Thursday, August 9**

School Safety

Child care will be provided for babies up to 6th Grade to those parents attending sessions. Mini Back-to-School Kick-Off/Door Prizes and Refreshments will be included in one or more of the sessions. We encourage all Parents, Grandparents, Faculty, Staff, and Friends of our Community to join us for this event.

## MONTICELLO RESIDENT NAMED HOLLINS BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHAIR

Hollins University has elected Thomas A. Barron of Monticello, chair of the institution's Board of Trustees.

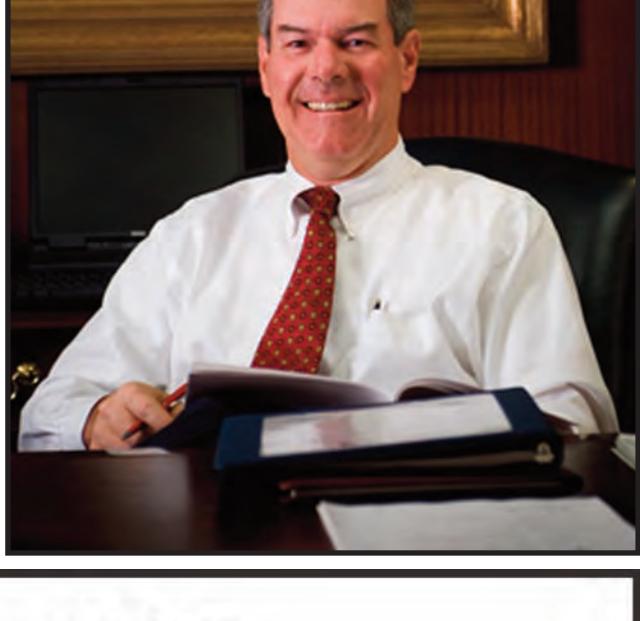
Barron has served on the Hollins board since 2008 and has enjoyed a strong connection with the university for many years. His wife, Jane Henderson Barron, a member of Hollins' class of 1971, is on the university's Parents Council and is the Reunion Gifts Chair for her class. Their three daughters, Elizabeth Douglas Barron, Rebecca Meriwether Barron, and Anne Taliaferro Barron, graduated from Hollins in 2004, 2007, and 2011, respectively.

Mr. Barron also has a sister and cousin who are Hollins alumnae, while Mrs. Barron's mother and sister are graduates.

Thomas Barron is president of Capital City Bank and currently serves on the boards of the Tallahassee Downtown Redevelopment Commission, The Economic Development Council, Tall Timbers Foundation, and Capital Health Plan. He earned his bachelor's degree from Williams College and his M.B.A. from Florida State University.

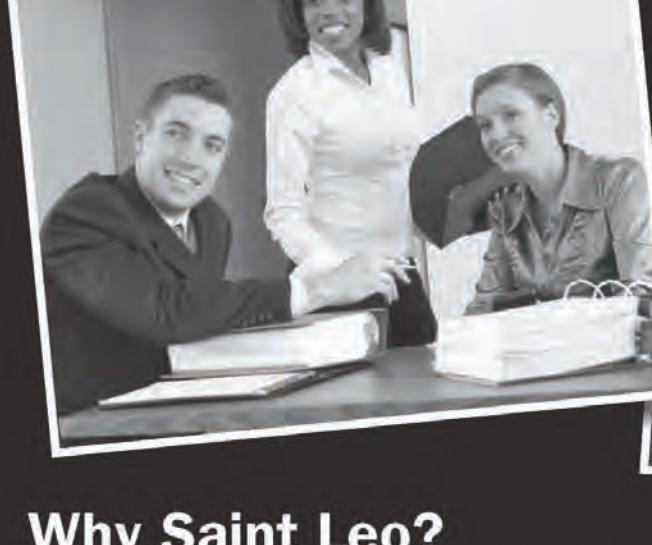
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# NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Jefferson County  
School District will soon  
consider a budget for  
2012-2013

A public hearing to make a  
**DECISION** on the budget  
**AND TAXES** will be held on

**Monday, July 30, 2012**  
**6:00 P.M.**

at

**1490 W. Washington  
Street, Monticello, FL**

## NOTICE OF TAX FOR SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY

The Jefferson County School Board will soon consider a measure to continue to impose a 1.500 mill property tax for the capital outlay projects listed herein.

This tax is in addition to the school board's proposed tax of 6.202 mills for operating expenses and is proposed solely at the discretion of the school board.

### THE PROPOSED COMBINED SCHOOL BOARD TAX INCREASE FOR BOTH OPERATING EXPENSES AND CAPITAL OUTLAY IS SHOWN IN THE ADJACENT NOTICE.

The capital outlay tax will generate approximately \$856,626 to be used for the following projects:

#### CONSTRUCTION AND REMODELING

Remodeling, Additions and Site Work at all Schools and Ancillary Buildings

#### MAINTENANCE, RENOVATION, AND REPAIR

Reimbursement of the maintenance, renovation, and repairs paid through the General Fund as permitted by Florida Statute

Renovation of bathrooms at Elementary School for ADA Compliance

Repairs and Maintenance at all Schools and Ancillary Buildings

Repairs and Replacements of motors for motor vehicles

Maintenance, repair or replacement of HVAC equipment

Maintenance, repair or replacement of Communications and Sound Equipment at all Schools and Ancillary Buildings

Renovations at the Jefferson County High School Auditorium

Payments to Xerox Corporation for a District wide copier maintenance contract

All Schools and Ancillary Buildings - fire alarm, security alarm and video surveillance systems, system maintenance and monthly monitoring charges

#### MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES

Installment payment on Five (5) school buses purchased in FY 2011/2012

Replacement of operational parts and safety equipment for school buses

#### NEW AND REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND ENTERPRISE SOFTWARE

Classroom and Office Furniture and Equipment for all sites

Enterprise Technology Software (FOCUS)

#### PAYMENTS FOR EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AND SECURITY SERVICES DUE UNDER LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENTS

#### PAYMENTS OF LOANS APPROVED PURSUANT TO SS.1011.14 AND 1011.15, F.S.

Tax Anticipation Note for Capital Outlay

#### PAYMENT OF COSTS OF COMPLIANCE WITH ENVIRONMENTAL STATUTES AND REGULATION

Removal of Hazardous Waste or other Environmental Remedies

#### PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS FOR PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE NECESSARY TO INSURE THE EDUCATIONAL AND ANCILLARY PLANTS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

All concerned citizens are invited to a public hearing to be held on Monday, July 30, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. at the Board Room in the D. M. (Dude) Bishop Administration Building located at 1490 West Washington Street, Monticello, Florida

A DECISION on the proposed CAPITAL OUTLAY TAXES will be made at this hearing.

#### BUDGET SUMMARY

\* THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF JEFFERSON SCHOOL DISTRICT ARE .42%  
MORE THAN LAST YEAR'S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES.

FISCAL YEAR 2012 - 2013

#### PROPOSED MILLAGE LEVY:

Required Local Effort (including Prior Period	5.4170	Additional	0.00
Funding Adjustment Millage)	0.037	Capital Outlay	1.50
Discretionary Local Effort	0.7480	Debt Service	0.00

**7.7020**

ESTIMATED REVENUES:	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE	DEBT SERVICE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	PERMANENT FUND	ENTERPRISE FUND	INTERNAL SERVICE	TOTAL ALL FUNDS
Federal sources	177,907	2,815,642						2,993,549
State sources	3,967,305	11,950	50,000	70,741				4,099,996
Local sources	3,942,375	69,508		856,626				4,868,509
<b>TOTAL SOURCES</b>	<b>8,087,587</b>	<b>2,897,100</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>927,367</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11,962,054</b>
Transfers In	200,000			50,000				250,000
Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets	842,511	202,041	4,993	165,346				1,214,891
<b>TOTAL REVENUES, TRANSFERS &amp; BALANCES</b>	<b>\$9,130,098</b>	<b>\$3,099,141</b>	<b>\$54,993</b>	<b>\$1,142,713</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$13,426,945</b>

#### EXPENDITURES

Instruction	4,323,555	1,030,807						5,354,362
Pupil Personnel Services	167,838	54,532						222,370
Instructional Media Services	89,690							89,690
Instructional and Curriculum Development Services	41,397	353,564						394,961
Instructional Staff Training Services	0	523,166						523,166
Instructional Technology Services	260,317							260,317
Board of Education	304,696							304,696
General Administration	417,635	236,795						654,430
School Administration	524,899	20,000						544,899
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	0			306,000				306,000
Fiscal Services	272,112							272,112
Food Services	0	630,283						630,283
Central Services	5,000	20,551						25,551
Pupil Transportation Services	714,706	57,402						772,108
Operation of Plant	988,103		266,500					1,254,603
Maintenance of Plant	200,000		450,000					650,000
Administrative Technology Services	97,639		10,000					107,639
Community Services	0							0
Debt Services	0		111,637					111,637
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$8,407,587</b>	<b>\$2,927,100</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,144,137</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>12,478,824</b>

Transfers Out		50,000	200,000					250,000
Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets	722,511	172,041	4,993	1,011,129				1,910,674

<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$9,130,098</b>	<b>\$3,099,141</b>	<b>\$54,993</b>	<b>\$2,355,266</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$14,639,498</b>
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# L Legals

THE CITY OF MONTICELLO,  
FLORIDA, a municipal corporation and  
public body corporate and politic of the  
State of Florida.

Plaintiff.

THE STATE OF FLORIDA, and the  
several taxpayers, property owners and  
citizens thereof and of the City of  
Monticello, Florida, including non-  
residents owning property or subject to  
taxation therein, and all others having or  
claiming any right, title or interest in  
property to be affected by the issuance of  
the Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes  
herein described, or to be affected in any  
way thereby.

Defendants.

[ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE](#)

TO: THE STATE OF FLORIDA, THROUGH THE STATE ATTORNEY FOR THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, AND TO THE SEVERAL TAXPAYERS, PROPERTY OWNERS AND CITIZENS THEREOF AND OF THE CITY OF MONTICELLO, FLORIDA, INCLUDING NON-RESIDENTS OWNING PROPERTY OR SUBJECT TO TAXATION THEREIN, AND ALL OTHERS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN PROPERTY TO BE AFFECTED BY THE ISSUANCE OF THE CITY OF MONTICELLO, FLORIDA WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS AND BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES HEREINAFTER MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED, OR TO BE AFFECTED IN ANY WAY THEREBY;

The above cause coming on to be heard upon the Complaint filed herein by the City of Monticello, Florida (referred to herein as the "Plaintiff" or "Issuer") seeking to determine the authority of the Plaintiff to issue its not to exceed \$4,715,000 City of Monticello, Florida Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds (the "Bonds"), and its not to exceed \$4,715,000 City of Monticello, Florida Water and Sewer System Bond Anticipation Notes (the "Bond Anticipation Notes"), a more particular description of such obligations being contained in the Complaint filed in these proceedings, to determine the legality of the proceedings had and taken in connection therewith, and the legality of the provisions, covenants and agreements contained therein and the revenues pledged to the payment thereof, and seeking a judgment of this Court to validate the proceedings for the Bonds and the Bond Anticipation Notes, the revenues pledged for the payment thereof, and said obligations when issued pursuant thereto, and said Complaint now having been presented to this Court, for entry of an Order to Show Cause pursuant to Chapter 75, Florida Statutes, and the Court being fully advised in the premises:

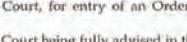
IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the State of Florida, through the State Attorney of the Second Judicial Circuit of Florida, and the several taxpayers, property owners and citizens of the Issuer, including non-residents owning property or subject to taxation therein, and all others having or claiming any right, title or interest in property to be affected in any way thereby, or to be affected thereby, be and they are each hereby required to appear and show cause, if any there be, before this Court on the 17th day of August, 2012, at 1:15 p.m. in the Chambers of the undersigned Judge at the Jefferson County Courthouse in the City of Monticello, Florida, why the prayer of said Complaint should not be granted and why the proceedings for the Bonds and the Bond Anticipation Notes, and the Bonds and the Bond Anticipation Notes when issued pursuant thereto, and the revenues pledged to the payment thereof should not be validated and confirmed as therein prayed;

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that this Order to Show Cause be published in the manner required by Section 75.06, Florida Statutes;

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that, by such publication of this Order, all taxpayers, property owners and citizens of the Issuer, including non-residents owning property or subject to taxation therein and all others having or claiming any right, title or interest in the Issuer, or the taxable property therein or in any property to be affected by the issuance of the Bonds and the Bond Anticipation Notes or to be affected in any way thereby, or the validity of the Bonds and the Bond Anticipation Notes or of any revenues pledged for payment thereof, or of the proceedings authorizing the issuance of the Bonds and the Bond Anticipation Notes, including any remedies provided for their collection, be and they are made parties defendant to this proceeding, and that this Court shall have jurisdiction of them to the same extent as if named as defendants in said Complaint and personally served with process in this cause.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Monticello, Jefferson County, Florida, this

17th day of July, 2012.

 MARK E. WALKER  
Circuit Judge

7/20, 27/12, c.

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

CIVIL ACTION

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,

CASE NO.:  
33-2010-CA-000336

vs.  
ROBERT HALL A/K/A ROBERT T. HALL , et al,

Defendant(s).

#### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of

Mortgage Foreclosure dated July 10, 2012 and entered in Case No. 33-

2010-CA-000336 of the Circuit Court of the SECOND Judicial Circuit

in and for JEFFERSON County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO

BANK, NA is the Plaintiff and ROBERT HALL A/K/A ROBERT T.

HALL; KIMBERLI C. HALL; are the Defendants. The Clerk of the

Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at NORTH DOOR

OF THE COURTHOUSE LOBBY IN JEFFERSON COUNTY, MON-

TICELLO, FLORIDA at 11:00AM, on the 13th day of September,

2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judg-

ment:

COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTH-

WEST QUARTER OF SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST, JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 22 SECONDS EAST 48.18 FEET TO A

POINT, THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 45 SECONDS

EAST A DISTANCE OF 1124.35 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE RUN

SOUTH 00 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 06 SECONDS EAST A DIS-

TANCE OF 600.00 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT FOR THE

POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINN-

ING, RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 51 SECONDS

EAST A DISTANCE OF 988.96 FEET TO A POINT ON THE

NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF 100 FOOT WIDE U.S.

HIGHWAY 90, THENCE RUN SOUTH 76 DEGREES 59 MINUTES

55 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY

LINE A DISTANCE OF 593.25 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE LEAV-

ING SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 13

MINUTES 39 SECONDS WEST A DISTANCE OF 815.11 FEET TO

A POINT, THENCE NORTH 61 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 19 SEC-

ONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 653.99 FEET TO THE POINT OF BE-

GGINING.

SUBJECT TO A 20 FOOT EASEMENT OVER AND ACROSS THE

EASTERLY 10 FEET THEREOF. A/K/A 2960 WASHINGTON

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Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if

any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must

file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on July 13, 2012.

Kirk B. Reams

Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Sherry Sears

Deputy Clerk

Ronald R Wolfe & Associates, P.L.

P.O. Box 25018 Tampa, Florida 33622-5018

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F10101352 \*\*See Americans with Disabilities Act

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Clerk Of Court

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Monticello, FL 32344

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7/27, 8/3/12,c.

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

CASE NO.: 33-2012-CA-000016

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON f/k/a The Bank of New York Trust Company, National Association, as Trustee, Successor Trustee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, As Trustee, By Its Servicer Associates Housing Finance, LLC f/k/a Associates Housing Finance Services, Inc. f/k/a Ford Consumer Finance Company, Inc., By its Duly Authorized Attorney-in-Fact, Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc., Under the Power of Attorney Dated and Executed December 8, 2011

Plaintiff,

v.

SUSIE M. SCURRY, et al;

Defendant(s).

#### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated July 10, 2012, entered in Case No. 2012-CA-000016 of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Jefferson County, Florida, Kirk Reams as The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, at public sale at the courthouse located at 1 Courthouse Circle in Jefferson County in Monticello, Florida with the sale commencing at 11:00 AM on the 9th day of August 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure, to wit:

**Legal Description:** A TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND BEING A PORTION OF THAT PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 367, PAGE 42 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 6 EAST, JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA AND RUN THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 12 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 8 A DISTANCE OF 1343.71 FEET TO THE NORTH-EAST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 8

A DISTANCE OF 209.88 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SAID POINT

BEING ON THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF U.S. HIGHWAY 90, THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY CONTINUE SOUTH

00 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 57 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE EAST BOUNDARY OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 8 A DISTANCE OF 449.46 FEET TO A

POINT, THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 03 SECONDS WEST 426.70 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE RUN NORTH 13

DEGREES 35 MINUTES 49 SECONDS WEST 617.36 FEET TO A

POINT ON THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF U.S. HIGHWAY 90, THENCE RUN SOUTH 76 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 17 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SAID U.S. HIGHWAY 90 A DISTANCE OF 363.85 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE TO THE RIGHT, THENCE RUN SOUTHEASTERLY

ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY AND CURVE WITH A RADIUS OF 2,796.79 FEET, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 04 DEGREES

40 MINUTES 25 SECONDS, FOR AN ARC LENGTH OF 228.13

FEET (CHORD OF SAID ARC BEING SOUTH 73 DEGREES 47

MINUTES 05 SECONDS EAST 288.07 FEET) TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

SUBJECT TO A 30 FOOT WIDE INGRESS AND EGRESS EASEMENT BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

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fever, headache, and sore throat. For people with infection of the central nervous system, a sudden fever and severe headache can be followed quickly by seizures and coma. About half of these patients die from the disease. Of those who survive, many suffer permanent brain damage and require lifetime institutional care."

There are many ways to lessen the threat of EEE: though they do not eliminate the chance and the most effective prevention is the vaccination. One way to prevent EEE is to reduce the mosquito population. This can be achieved by removing sources of stagnant water; these include troughs, water buckets, puddles and ponds or any water source.

## Your Guide To Summer Produce

BY KRISTIN FINNEY

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While many people rely on grocery stores to get fruits and vegetables, others turn to local farmers or farmers markets. What many people do not understand is that fruits and vegetables only offer their full health benefits when they are in season. If a fruit or vegetable is not in season, but is being sold at a grocery store, then there is a large chance that the nutritional value has been cut almost in half.

The first step to growing fresh produce is to understand what is in season and what isn't. If the produce a person is trying to grow isn't in season, their crop's production will be minimal. In North Florida and South Georgia, during the months of June-August, there are numerous crops that will grow well.

Blueberries, cabbage, carrots, celery root, celery, chiles, corn, eggplant, radishes, raspberries, tomatillos, tomatoes, zucchini, mandarins, strawberries, fava beans, fennel and grapefruit and in season through the end of June. Cantaloupes, potatoes, watermelons, peppers, melons and dragon fruits are in season now, and will remain in season through July.

Grapes, shelling beans and okra will be coming into season in August. Oranges and lychee are in season until August. Mangoes are in season through September. Basil and jackfruit will be in season until November. Avocados are in season from June until January.

Florida is also home to many fruits and vegetables that can be grown year-round. Those include: Coconuts, green

beans, green onions, guava, leeks, limes, onions, oregano, papaya, parsley and thyme.

While it is too late to grow fresh produce for this year, it is not to late to begin planning for next year. This guide can help future farmers decide what to grow next summer, but also help non-farmers decide what to buy right now.

Growing produce at home is beneficial in many ways. One way is that there will not be as many added pesticides in personally grown crops as there are in mass-produced crops. The farmer who grew the produce will know exactly what went into making the final product, unlike when produce is purchased from a grocery store.

Growing fresh produce can also save families money and several trips to the grocery store. If they want a salad for supper, they can simply go into backyard and pick the ingredients. The same goes for when they want a quick healthy snack.

Fresh fruits and vegetables can also save money by giving them as gifts. Many different types of produce can be wrapped up in a large basket and given as present any time of year. Fresh produce is also excellent for cooking for crowds because it is easier to access large quantities of the produce if it is only a small distance away.

Don't wait until your favorite fruits or vegetables are out of season to begin researching. Now is the time to begin planning a garden for next year or to research local farms and decide where to buy your fresh produce.

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## The Jefferson Journal Fish & Game Feeding Chart

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*The Week of July 27, 2012 through August 3 2012  
Major Feed Times are marked by an asterisk (\*)*

Friday, July 27 1:55 AM *8:00 AM 2:10 PM *8:30 PM	Saturday, July 28 2:45 AM *8:50 AM 3:00 PM *9:20 PM	Sunday, July 29 3:30 AM *10:00 AM 4:10 PM *10:20 PM	Monday, July 30 4:30 AM *10:45 AM 4:55 PM *11:10 PM
Tuesday, July 31 5:30 AM *11:40 AM 5:50 PM	Wednesday, August 1 12:10 AM 6:20 AM *12:30 PM 6:40 PM	Thursday, August 2 1:10 AM 7:20 AM *1:40 PM 7:50 PM	Friday, August 3 1:45 AM 8:00 AM *1:40 PM 7:50 PM

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# Warning: Eastern Equine Encephalitis Season Has Arrived

By Kristin Finney

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Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) is a highly fatal disease that affects Florida's horses, and at times even people. The disease is spread by mosquitoes and affects the central nervous system of the effected animal or person. Mosquitoes contract the disease after feeding on a bird that has the virus.

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and The Division of Animal Industry's website shares the symptoms of the EEE virus, "Signs in infected horses can be varied but usually begin with fever, depression and listlessness, which then progress to more serious neurologic signs such as in-coordination, stumbling, circling, head pressing, coma and usually death. Once a horse becomes infected with the EEE virus and develops neurologic signs, the disease is fatal in roughly 90 per-

cent of cases."

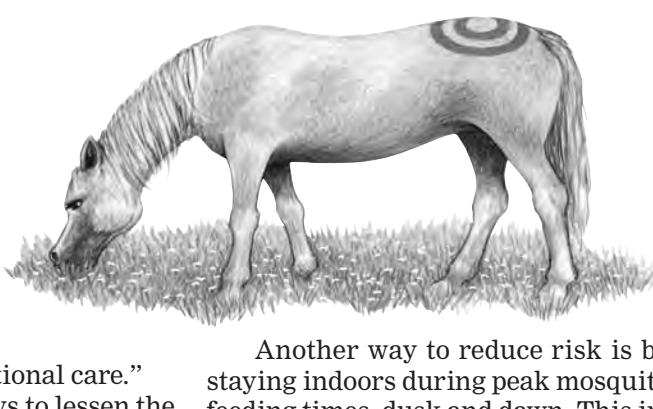
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Another way to reduce risk is by staying indoors during peak mosquito feeding times, dusk and dawn. This includes stabling horses during these hours. People should also wear long sleeves during these hours of the day and use repellent on parts of skin that are vulnerable. As for horses, using horse-safe mosquito repellant, fans and bug screens will help reduce its exposure to mosquitoes.



## Mosquitoes A Little Good News

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Whining hordes of mosquitoes have made life miserable for the warm blooded among us since Debby soaked North Florida. You're likely thinking, "These are not my mama's skeeters!" The facts bear you out and therein lies the little good news.

According to the Florida Medical Entomology Lab in Fort Pierce, eighty species of mosquitoes have been identified in Florida, but "only" thirteen transmit disease to humans or animals. There seems to be a mosquito species for every habitat in Florida. Permanent water species have been out all along reproducing in clogged rain gutters, flower pots, bird baths and every other place a tablespoon of water is available for the ten to twenty days it takes a mosquito to go from egg to adult. All mosquitoes lay their eggs in water.

As you might guess, the permanent water species require water throughout their development. Removing standing water sources helps reduce numbers for these species, and their num-

bers increased after the storm as you might expect.

Floodwater species of mosquitoes have a less well-known life cycle and these are the demons that have really bitten our animals and us since the tropical storm. These species lay their eggs in moist ground, and the eggs must dry out and then be re-hydrated to hatch.

Our recent weather history is the perfect scenario: Mosquitoes laid eggs in wet ground; ground dried out from yearlong drought; then high rainfall re-hydrated the dry creeks, bogs, sloughs and other low places. All these re-hydrated eggs hatch at once instead of continuously as the permanent water species do. UF researcher Roxanne Rutledge estimates the number of mosquito eggs in a floodwater habitat between 0.7 and 1.3 million eggs per acre. No wonder we've been besieged!

The good news? Two things... Since floodwater species hatch all at

once and require eggs to dry out, the eggs laid by this month's infestation won't hatch until the next flood following a drought. With a typical lifespan of two weeks for an adult mosquito, we're



close to being out of the woods with this year's crop of flood mosquitoes. And, as waters recede, there will be fewer places for permanent water mosquitoes to lay eggs.

It'll get better! Just try not to scratch.

If you have additional questions about mosquitoes, contact me at [dillardjed@ufl.edu](mailto:dillardjed@ufl.edu) or call the Extension Service at 850-342-0187.

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# TOP 10 DO IT YOURSELF HOME IMPROVEMENT MISTAKES

BY ELIZABETH WEINTRAUB

About.com Guide

Every home improvement project or fixer rehab has its ups and downs, and there are plenty of mistakes to go around. Nobody is immune. But avoiding costly mistakes involves more than memorizing catchy-but-important phrases such as "Measure Twice, Cut Once," or "Lefty-Loosey, Righty-Tighty."

One crucial trick: You may learn from your own mistakes, but it's better to learn from the mistakes of others.

## 1) BUYING TOO HIGH OR THE WRONG LOCATION

Sometimes, do-it-yourselfers (DIYers) get stung before they ever get moving on a remodel. It happens primarily for two reasons. Because they paid too much or they bought a house in the wrong neighborhood -- slammed up against the freeway, next to railroad tracks or that lone single-family nestled in a row of commercial.

You can avoid both these problems by looking at comparable sales for the neighborhood before you buy and asking about

the drawbacks of the location. If you don't want to live under a flight path, the chances are a new buyer won't either. Remember, the best time to think about selling is when you buy. Because the most beautiful remodel isn't going to pay back in spades if your property backs up to the city dump.

## 2) NOT RESEARCHING CODE AND OBTAINING A PERMIT

Many DIYers shy away from obtaining permits because they worry about the expense or think they don't need a permit. Some cities issue permits based on political reasons, and some may appear unnecessary, but get a permit anyway, because it's against the law if you refuse to comply and it's required.

### *Here are more reasons:*

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## 3) FAILURE TO PREPARE A WRITTEN WORK PLAN

Overly zealous DIYers often think it will take less time to complete a job than is necessary. Prepare a calendar, day-by-day, outlining each portion of your rehab and how many hours it will take to complete. This will keep you on a tight schedule and give you a realistic time frame from start to finish.

For example, a tiling job cannot be completed in one day.

First, the mastic is applied, tiles are cut and laid. The area needs to cure and dry at least 24 hours.

After the tiles are set, you will grout.

You still need to wait another day to walk on it.

## 4) UNDER BUDGETING

The adage is figure your cost and triple it. But that's not really necessary. Itemize every scrap of material in your estimates, including mundane items such as the cost of nails, staples, fiberglass tape or joint compound. They all add up. Then account for at least a 15% overage of materials for waste. Throw in another 30% for price increases, especially if you're not buying all your materials at once.

## 5) TACKLING JOBS FOR WHICH YOU ARE UNQUALIFIED

If you're afraid of heights or unsteady in high places, don't install a roof. Life is short and then you die. Hire somebody else to do it. Before you tackle a job, think about the job from its inception all the way through to its completion. You don't want to reach the halfway mark and discover you can't finish.

Some projects require more than one person. It's hard to hang drywall on a ceiling by yourself, even with a deadman prop. Pay attention to the weight you lift; it may wreak havoc on your back or throw you off balance.

## 6) NOT PLANNING FOR THE UNEXPECTED

You have no idea when you tear open a wall what you will find. For example, you could find termites or beetles. A pest infestation will require eradication and / or structural repair. You may discover wiring that needs to be replaced, pipes that need to be rerouted or moisture problems that have rotted away joists or sill plates. Pad your budget and allow yourself a bit of flexibility in your work schedule to accommodate these not-so-nice surprises.

## 7) WAIVING A HOME INSPECTION

Always, always, always get a home inspection when you buy. And hire a qualified and accredited individual to perform the in-

spection -- not your Uncle Joe or your buddy contractor, get a real inspector. Be there for the inspection and ask questions. Pay close attention to safety issues. Be an informed buyer.

If the inspector calls for further inspection by another professional contractor, find out if the inspector is telling you there could be a serious issue or if the inspector isn't licensed to address that issue. There is a difference.

## 8) USING THE WRONG TOOLS

When it comes to tools, you can't go wrong by buying professional tools that are made to perform specific functions. While you can get by using a drywall gun to screw deck boards to a joist, you can't use a hacksaw to make precise miter cuts with any accuracy or a 9-volt cordless drill to drive six-inch screws through a beam.

### *Practice safety.*

-Wear goggles when using a power saw.

-Don't stand on the top rung of a ladder.

-Hit the main breaker when working with electricity.

## 9) BUYING CHEAP MATERIALS

Don't skimp. You can buy ceramic tile for 50 cents a square foot, but it will probably crack. Buyers will notice if you install quarter-inch granite on counters or buy plastic baseboards. You want the quality of your work to shine throughout the house.

If you shop carefully and negotiate prices, you can purchase brand-name merchandise for less. Then you can advertise those manufacturer names in your marketing materials, and buyers will never know how much you paid. Better yet, they won't be calling you after escrow closes to complain that your new dishwasher just dumped water all over the floor.

## 10) UNDER ESTIMATING THE RESALE VALUE

DIYers like to use a rule of thumb that says they can sell a house for two to three times more than the cost of its improvements, plus its acquisition price. That formula doesn't work all the time. It's far wiser to check the comparable sales for similar homes in the neighborhood to determine if your improvements are in line with other homes in that area. You don't want to over-improve.

Plan for the bottom of those comparable sales as a return on your investment. Anything you make above that figure is gravy.

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# What Kind of Questions Should I Ask Before Buying a Home?

BY ELIZABETH WEINTRAUB

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**QUESTION: WHAT KIND OF QUESTIONS SHOULD I ASK BEFORE BUYING A HOME?**

A reader asks: "We're new to the homebuying process and have been going to open houses. When the agents ask us if we have questions, we know we're supposed to ask something, but what? What kind of questions should we ask before buying a home? What do we need to know about a house?"

**ANSWER:** Most first-time home buyers jump into buying their first home because they've fallen heads over heels in love with the house, so you are wise to think about asking questions before signing on the dotted line. Here are 3 main issues that home buyers should address upfront:

**OFFERING PRICE  
CONDITION OF HOME  
LOCATION OF HOME**

With the advent of Zillow.com and other online information centers, some of the data you would like to know can be found on the web, but much of that information is incorrect. For example, Zillow can't accurately compute value on homes in neighborhoods where the size and configuration is nonconforming. But it can give you a general idea of value.

**QUESTIONS TO ASK ABOUT OFFERING PRICE**

Home buyers often compare prices of similar homes in the neighborhood before choosing a price, but the asking price may have very little to do with the actual value of the home or the price a buyer should offer.

**HOW MUCH DID THE SELLER PAY?** While the seller's profit has nothing to do with the price of tea in China, it does help to know if values have gone up or down since the seller bought the home. If it's a foreclosure flipper, you might not be able to secure financing for 90 days.

**HOW MUCH DOES THE SELLER OWE?** If the seller owes more than the asking price, then you are looking at buying a short sale or the seller will need to bring cash to closing.

**HOW MUCH HAVE SIMILAR HOMES SOLD FOR IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD?** This is your best indicator of value because your bank's appraiser will rely on those comparable sales to compute value.

**HOW MANY OFFERS HAS THE SELLER RECEIVED?** Some homes gener-

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ate multiple offers. In that event, your offer will need to be very strong to survive the competition.

**HOW LONG HAS THE HOME BEEN ON THE MARKET?** You might be able to negotiate a discount on the price if the home has been on the market for 60 days or longer.

**ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CONDITION OF THE HOME BEFORE BUYING**

If you know in advance that the home has structural issues or deferred maintenance, you might want to take those problems into consideration before choosing an offering price.

**HOW OLD IS THE ROOF?** Newer roofs have a life expectancy of anywhere from 15 to 50 years or more, depending on its materials.

**WHAT IS THE TYPE OF FOUNDATION?** Raised foundations allow access under the home to reach plumbing and electrical, as do homes with basements. Slab foundations are more common in newer construction.

**DOES THE HOME HAVE INSULATION IN THE WALLS AND ATTIC?** In colder climates, insulation is more important, and each locale sets standards for the R factor.

**HAVE ANY APPLIANCES OR SYSTEMS BEEN REPLACED AND, IF SO, WHEN?** It's a plus factor if older plumbing and electrical have been updated. Moreover, some older appliances can't be repaired because parts are no longer available.

**ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT THE LOCATION OF THE HOME**

In real estate, one routinely hears it's all about location, location, location.

pany. Apartment buildings, commercial and industrial lower the value of residential around them.

**WHAT ARE THE NEIGHBORHOOD DEMOGRAPHICS?** Some title companies can supply this information, but your best bet is to talk to the neighbors, followed by asking the agent about the area and doing research at the library.

**WHERE ARE THE SCHOOLS?** Schools are a huge concern to parents with small children. In California, even if you buy a home within the boundaries of certain school districts, there is no guarantee your children will get in to that school.

**ARE THERE NUISANCE FACTORS?** Traffic from nearby restaurants or stores may be an irritant. With freeways in the distance, you might not hear the noise during the day, but as night falls, the clatter and constant hum may get louder. Even barking dogs can drive a person nuts.

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Florida survivors living in a county designated for Individual Assistance may be eligible for federal disaster aid. By law, the Federal Emergency Management Agency cannot duplicate insurance benefits.

Eligible residents may receive an initial two months of rental assistance. In order to obtain help, survivors must first register with FEMA.

Survivors living in a county designated for Individual Assistance can register with FEMA by one of the following methods:

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By smartphone or tablet, use the FEMA app or go to [m.fema.gov](http://m.fema.gov).

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# HOW TO MAKE ECO-FRIENDLY HOME IMPROVEMENTS

Dear EarthTalk: What kinds of home improvements could I do that would make my house healthier and more environmentally friendly?

-- Elizabeth Bram, via e-mail

Most homes are not lacking in ways they can be healthier for family and kinder to the environment. For one, indoor air quality is a serious problem affecting millions of homes. Studies show that air within homes can be more seriously polluted than the air outdoors—even in the largest and most industrialized cities.

#### **Changes in Air Quality Call for Eco-Friendly Home Improvements**

According to Glenn Haege, a master handyman who hosts a national radio show on home repair, as our homes and apartments have become more energy efficient and airtight, "humidity levels from cooking and breathing tend to increase, causing mold and mildew." Harmful chemicals, he says, from construction materials, insulation, furniture, carpeting, padding, paints, solvents and household cleaners, drawn by this moist atmosphere,

combine to contaminate the indoor air which then stays trapped inside.

#### **Eco-Friendly Home Improvements: Start by Testing Indoor Air**

The first step in remedying this problem is to test your indoor air. Pure Air and Envirologix, among others, sell inexpensive and easy-to-use indoor-air quality testing kits. Once you get an idea of the contaminants floating around your home, you can get to work replacing the offending sources accordingly. Green superstores such as the Environmental Home Center, Green Building Supply and Oikos offer a wealth of greener and healthier building supplies and materials. Also, BuildingGreen.com offers a free online "GreenSpec" database with detailed listings for over 2,000 environmentally preferable building products.

#### **Natural Products Can Help with Eco-Friendly Home Improvements**

Materials outside the home can also contribute to health problems. One example is pressure-treated lumber, which contains a form of cyanide to keep pests away. Kids who play on backyard jungle gyms

and decks made of such material can develop rashes and skin infections. Cedar wood is a naturally pest-resistant alternative that, while more expensive, is a kinder-gentler option that will stand the test of time.

#### **Simple Eco-Friendly Home Improvements Anyone Can Do**

Other ways to green-up the home include replacing traditional incandescent light bulbs with more energy-efficient compact fluorescents, as well as switching out conventional hot water heaters in favor of solar hot water heaters or on-demand tankless versions. And for saving on water, replacing traditional showerheads and toilets with pressurized low-flow alternatives can save gallons per day while generating cost savings on utility bills. Likewise, capturing rainwater and shower "gray-water" to irrigate the garden is another smart move.

#### **Do-It-Yourself Resources for Eco-Friendly Home Improvements**

Do-it-yourselfers can find hundreds of websites offering tips on green building and repair. Glenn Haege's MasterHandy-

man.com and NaturalHandyMan.com both offer a plethora of articles and links and are good resources if you're looking to improve your own handy skills while staying true to your green ideals. Two helpful books are: Green Remodeling, by David Johnston and Kim Master; and Green Building Materials: A Guide to Product Selection and Specification, by Ross Spiegel and Dru Meadows. For less handy homeowners, finding a handyman well versed in green building issues might be a better way to go. The Natural Handyman Network offers a free online search tool that should offer some promising leads.

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# Homeowner Insurance - Tips to Buying Homeowner Insurance

BY ELIZABETH WEINTRAUB

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Shopping for homeowner insurance is one of those nagging home buying details that sometimes manages to slip through the cracks. It's not unusual for insurance agents to receive last-minute frantic phone calls from title and / or escrow companies requesting a home insurance binder. To save yourself trouble, it's a good idea to start shopping for a homeowner policy as soon as your purchase offer is accepted. Here are a few tips about buying homeowner insurance that are designed to save you time and money:

## Determine Insurability

Your insurance agent needs extensive information from you to quote you the best rate for your policy. To determine insurability, an agent will ask:

- When was the home built?
- How old is the plumbing and electrical?
- What type of roof?
- What's the square footage?
- How many claims have been filed over the past 5 years?
- Where is the home located?

If the home is located in a rural area without a nearby fire department or there is no fire hydrant on the street, some companies may refuse to insure it. In that case, you may have to inquire at a specialty or surplus-lines company, and this quote will take longer to obtain.

## Deductibles

You can save money by having a higher deductible on your policy. Typically, insurance companies will start giving discounts at a \$500 deductible and increase the discount as your deductible increases.

Most companies offer deductibles up to \$10,000. Be careful, however, because many mortgage companies will not allow you to exceed a \$1,000 deductible, so check with your lender before opting for a higher deductible.

## How Much Insurance Do You Need?

Most agents use a cost estimator to figure cost replacement estimates. This will ensure that your home is insured for the correct amount. Insurance companies do not insure dirt. If you buy a home that includes a large lot, do not be astonished when you receive an insurance policy for a lot less than what you paid for the home. This is because you are buying coverage for the home and not the land.

In the past, replacement coverage was called Guaranteed Replacement Cost. There is no such coverage anymore. Today it is Replacement Cost Coverage, which means each insurance company designates a percentage of additional coverage on top of the insured amount. This is designed to protect the homeowner who has suffered a loss from having to pay additional construction costs to rebuild. It can cost more to build because of inflation or simply because material prices have increased. For example, if the dwelling coverage is insured for \$300,000, and the company has 125% replacement cost coverage, the homeowner would receive an additional \$75,000.

I recommend 200% replacement cost coverage, which gives homeowners double the coverage.

## Policy Options

You have other choices on your home insurance policy that you can tailor. Liability coverage is a part of your home-

owner's insurance policy that is often overlooked. This protects the insured against claims arising from bodily injury and property damage to others. For example, if your five-year-old was playing with matches and set your neighbor's house on fire, your liability coverage would pay for this damage. You might have to move out of the neighborhood, but your insurance policy would pay your neighbor.

It is common to see \$300,000 in coverage for liability, but the cost to raise it to \$500,000 is about \$20 more a year. You can have up to one-million coverage on most policies. Over that, you need an excess liability policy or "umbrella" policy. Umbrella policies give you an additional \$1,000,000 liability coverage for a \$300 to \$500 premium.

## Available Discounts

Make sure that you are getting all of the credits for which you are eligible. If you have an alarm system that reports to a central station (a company such as Brinks or ADT), in some cases, you can get up to a 10% discount. If you are over

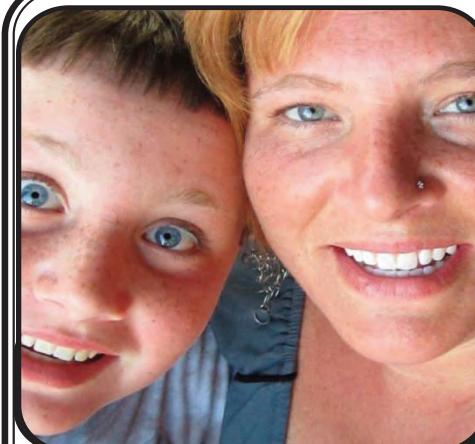
50 and care to admit it, you may be eligible for a discount. Companies have different names for age preference policies, from senior discount to mature policyholder discount.

The most common discount is the multi-policy discount. This will save you money on your home and auto insurance. By combining the two policies with the same company, you are given a certain percentage discount on both. The percentage discounts vary among companies, so it's best to shop around.

## Review Your Policies

Call your agent and review your homeowner policy at least every three years. Needs change, markets change and coverages change. You should stay up-to-date on your insurance because you never know when you will need to rely on it.

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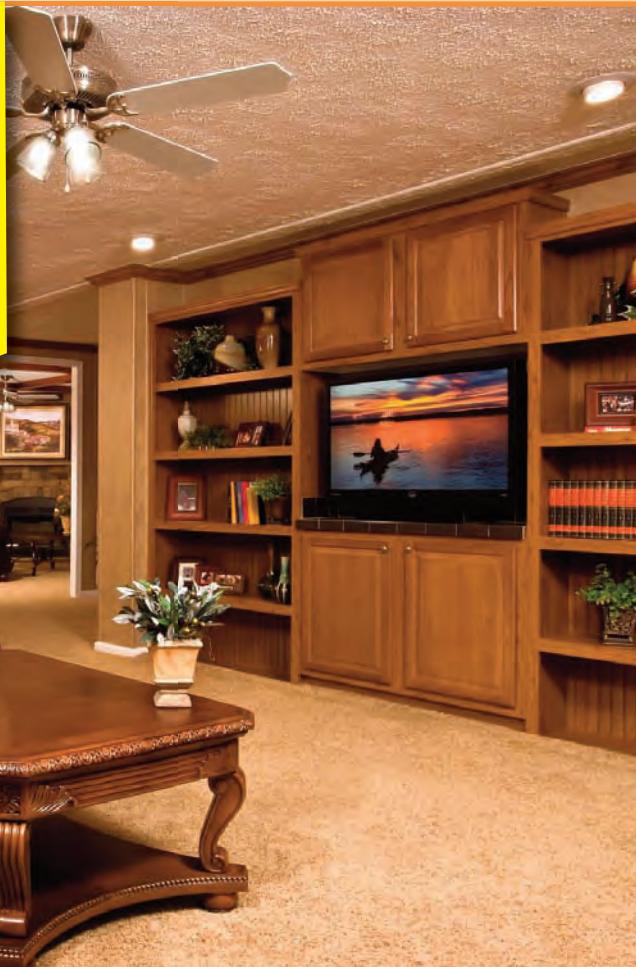
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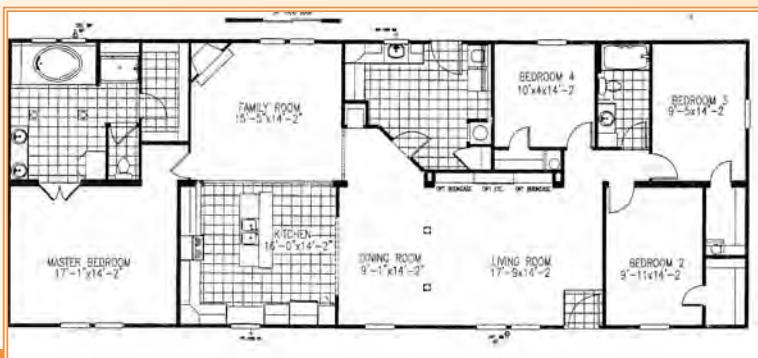
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