



8th Annual Food, Musical, Literary Affair Serves Humanitarian Cause



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Dr. Wesley Scoles, with plate in hand, was one of the many volunteer servers dispensing food at the Hors D'oeuvres for the Brain and Soul on Saturday evening. Here he was offering Bobbie Krebs one of the culinary treats.

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By now, it's no secret that Dr. Wesley Scoles and company have become experts at putting on a delightfully delectable and entertaining Hors D'oeuvres for the Brain and Soul, the annual fundraiser that serves to provide medical and other services to indigenous people in the southern hemisphere.

Rest assured that this year's 8th annual event at the Monticello Opera House on Saturday night, Aug. 11, was no exception, with attendees afforded an opportunity to sample a

variable and veritable moveable feast of splendidly tasty concoctions and sinfully rich desserts, capped with a musical/literary treat, compliments of local musical legend Michael Purvis and Pulitzer-winning author Robert Olen Butler.

The fun aspects of the evening aside, it must be pointed out that the underlying basis of the occasion is serious enough. Dr. Scoles would not reveal the exact amount raised on Saturday, but he did share at the conclusion of the evening that the goal

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A beaming Robert and Kelly Butler pose for the camera. The two met at a writers' conference about five years ago and had exchanged a few friendly emails in the interim. That, however, was the extent of their acquaintanceship, until they encountered each other again during one of his most recent book promotional tours.

Property Appraiser Gets Funds For Preparing Assessment Roll

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Property Appraiser Angela Gray last week requested and received funding for the additional administrative costs her operation will incur in the preparation of the non-ad valorem assessment roll, namely the fire and landfill assessments.

The Jefferson County Commission on Thursday, Aug. 9, approved an additional \$20,647 for the Property Appraiser's budget, \$6,261 to come from the fire assessment fund and \$14,386 to come from the landfill assessment fund.

Gray cited the provisions in state law that allowed for the reimbursement. She said taking the funding from the non-ad valorem fees provided a clear delineation of how the funds were being used to provide the service.

It also protected county government in that it showed the ad valorem taxes were not being used to provide non ad-valorem assessment services, she said.

"I'm requesting that the Board of County Commissioners fund annually a minimum one

percent of the gross revenues billed for the non ad-valorem assessment roll beginning with the 2012-13 fiscal year," Gray said, pointing out that one percent of the \$626,104 collected for the fire assessment amounted to \$6,261 and one percent of the \$1,438,571 collected for the landfill assessment amounted to \$14,386.

Gray said the funding would allow for a part-time position plus the other costs associated with the preparation of the non ad-valorem assessment roll.

Commission Chairman Hines Boyd pointed out that Gray was being gracious in asking the commission to approve the funding, as the board really had little to no say in the matter. That's because the Florida Department of Revenue (FDOR) approves the Property Appraiser's budget.

"She's being nice is not reminding us, but the FDOR approves her budget," Boyd said.

The commission nonetheless said yes to the request and subsequently made an adjustment to the budgets of the Fire and Solid Waste Departments to account for the deductions.

Primary Culls Political Field

New Commissioner & School Board Member Emerge

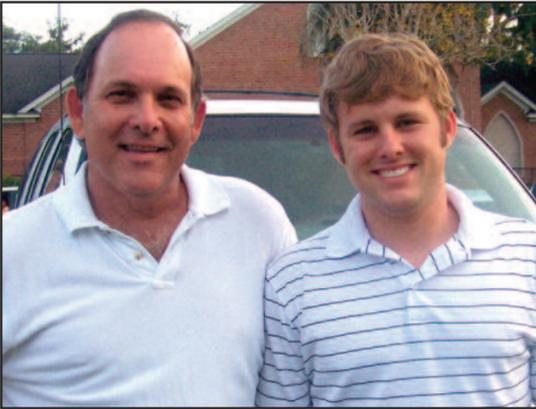


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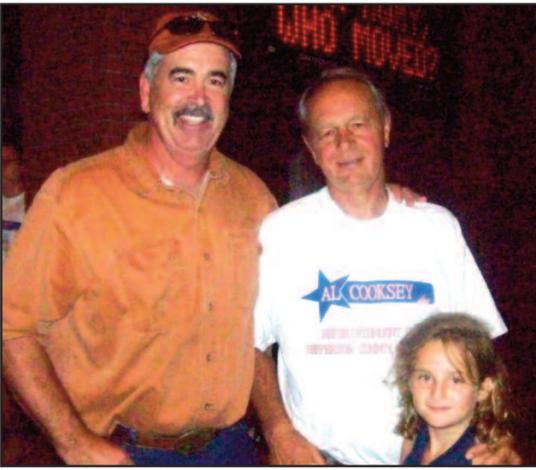
Larry Halsey watches the election results with supporters. Halsey won the District 4 School Board seat.



Phil and Kathy Barker relish his advancement to the next level in the District 1 School Board race. Barker must now face the other top vote getters in the race.



Benjamin "Benny" Bishop with his son and campaign manager, Glen Bishop is now the Democratic candidate for the District 1 County Commission race in November.



Al Cooksey, right, beat his Republican opponent in the primary, assuring his place as the GOP candidate for School Superintendent in November. Congratulating him is Charlie Ward. Also pictured is Grace Rayborn, Al's granddaughter.

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As intended, Tuesday's primary culled the field of political candidates, leaving a select few to advance to the general election in November, and at the same time giving the county a new commissioner and new School Board member.

The two newly elected officials are Stephen Walker, who won the District 5 County Commission race, and Larry Halsey, who swept the District 4 School Board race.

In the much-contested School Superintendent race, incumbent Bill Brumfield emerged as the winner on the Democratic side and Al Cooksey emerged as the winner on the Republican side. The two now face each other and No Party Affiliation (NPA) candidates Charles Parrish and Nancy Whitty in November.

In the District 1 County Commission race, Benjamin "Benny" Bishop emerged as the winner by a thin margin. He now must face Republican Ed Vollertsen in November.

And in the nonpartisan District 1 School Board race, Phil Barker and Ann Herring were the two top vote getters, meaning they will face each other in the general election.

In other district, state and national contests in the primary, in Jefferson County at least, the winners in the U.S. Senate race were Connie Mack on the Republican side and incumbent Bill Nelson on the Democratic side; for the Second Congressional seat, it was Al Lawson on the Democratic side (Congressman Steve Southerland was uncontested on the Republican side); for the District 7 Florida House of Representative it

was Halsey Beshears on the Republican side and A.J. Smith on the Democratic side; and for the Second Circuit Court Judgeship it was Barbara Hobbs.

The other two races to be decided in November are the County Commission District 3 seat and the office of Tax Collector.

In the Tax Collector race, Democratic incumbent Lois Hunter faces opposition from Republican challenger Paul Michael.

And in the County Commission District 3 race, the three candidates are incumbent Hines Boyd (NPA), seeking a second term, and challengers C. P. Miller (NPA) and Vernie Key, Democrat.

A breakdown of the election results for the primary follows.

*Superintendent of School, Republican: Marianne Arbulu, 488, 39.77%; and Al 'Peewee' Cooksey, 739, 60.22%.

*Superintendent of School, Democrat: Bill Brumfield, 1,363, 40.50%; Glover Jones, 193, 5.735%; Valarie King-Thompson, 1,157, 34.38%; and Melvin Roberts, 652, 19.37%.

*County Commission, District 1: Benjamin D. Bishop, 395, 50.83%; and Franklin 'Jay' Brook, 382, 49.16%.

*County Commission, District 5: Mack McLeod, 235, 22.10%; Danny Monroe III, 381, 35.84%; and Stephen Walker, 447, 42.05%.

*School Board, District 1: Phil Barker, 447, 39.10%; Colin Barton, 106, 9.273%; Ann Herring, 295, 25.80%; Terri Long, 121, 10.58%; and Sandra Patterson, 174, 5.22%.

*School Board, District 4: Larry Halsey, 637, 67.69%; and Carolyn Loggins-Wade, 304, 32.30%.

* U.S. Senator Republican: Connie Mack, 642, 53.67%; Mike McCalister, 262, 21.90%; Marielena Stuart, 62, 5.183%; and Dave Weldon, 230, 19.23%.

* U.S. Senator Democrat: Glenn A. Burkett, 822, 24.62%; and Bill Nelson, 2,516, 75.37%.

* Congressional: Democrat: Leonard Bemby, 1,423, 41.85%; Al Lawson, 1,711, 50.32%; Alvin L. Peters, 158, 4.647%; and Mark Schlakman, 108, 3.176%.

* State Rep 7 Republican: Halsey Beshears, 839, 67.55%; Don Curtis, 120, 9.661%; Jamey Westbrook, 132, 10.62%; and Mike Williams, 151, 12.15%.

* State Rep 7 Democrat: Please See
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County To Get New Company To Operate Housing Program

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The county now has a new company to run its housing program, or it should have, if the Jefferson County Commission approved the contract on Thursday evening, Aug. 16, as it was expected to do.

By consensus, the commission indicated on Thursday morning, Aug. 9, that it would select Guardian. The consensus came following an hour or so workshop that saw presentations by the two companies vying for the contract. The other company was Meridian Com-

munity Services Group, Inc, which currently holds the contract.

Going into the workshop, commissioners had decided that their task would be to decide whether to continue contracting the housing program to an outside firm, do it in-house, or do a combination of the two options.

Commissioners have had issues with Meridian, based on the latter's administrative fee, a perceived duplication of effort (the county has a staff member who also handles housing issues) and several deficiencies noted on the county's lat-

est audit relative to Meridian's services.

James "Jay" Moseley, representing Meridian, gave a synopsis of the company's proposal. He noted that Meridian had been with the county for several years now and had secured \$2 to \$3 million in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for the county, as well as having rehabbed or replaced 50 houses and also administered the county's Section 8 and SHIP programs.

"We are very familiar with these programs," Moseley said. "We made a long-term commitment to you and we hope to main-

tain it. We're committed to Jefferson County."

He said his company's fee was 14 percent, but that it was negotiable, but the proposal, he said, was only for the CDBG housing component, not for other services.

Commissioner Betsy Barfield took the lead in addressing the commissioner's concerns. Was Moseley aware of the auditor's findings relative to Meridian on the latest audit?

He wasn't, Moseley said.

Barfield next asked about Meridian's use of

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Plan to attend and support events organized by the Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce. Upcoming events include the Chamber After 5 at The Daffodale House from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, August 21; a Ribbon Cutting at Vintage Treasures at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, August 31; and a Ribbon Cutting at The Daffodale House Estate at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, September 7. For more information about the Chamber and its events, contact Executive Director Melanie Mays at 850-997-5552 or info@monticellojeffersonfl.com or http://www.monticellojeffersonfl.com.

Fall into a perfect fit this fall season with a 'blast' of Cardio Fit + Gentle Yoga with Fatimah Zaid. She invites the community to join her upcoming Cardio Yoga class beginning on September 9 and continuing on Sundays at 1:30 p.m. at GroupFit Studio, 1836 Thomasville Road. She is offering a \$10 Bonus Early Registration. Make It Work! Make It Fun! Call her at 850-590-4602, or fzspecial1@aol.com for more details.

Catie McRae is director of FDLRS. Her agency provides screenings for developmental delays. For more information, contact her at 850-487-2630, or mcraec@leon-schools.net.

Antonio Johnson is the juvenile alternatives coordinator with the Second Judicial Circuit, serving Jefferson, Gadsden, Franklin, Liberty and Wakulla counties. He announces that Judge Walker became the new Circuit Judge beginning in August, replacing Judge Sheffield.

CHURCH NEWS NOTES

August 18
God Squad "Power Club" Children's Minister Barbara Whatley invites interested persons to the Saturday business/program meeting. Call her at 850-997-0832 for time and location.

August 19
C.H. Henry Chapter #20 Order of the Eastern Star Prince Hall Affiliated will celebrate its 55th Anniversary on Sunday at 3:00 p.m. A church service will be held at the St. Phillip AME Church. God has allowed them to remain active and continue to provide 55 years of service and support to its community.

August 23
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.

August 24
Tent of the Holy Guests of-

Craig Wilson supervises the Healthy Start program in Jefferson and Madison counties. He reports that a Flag Football event was held in Madison as a fundraiser for youth. The teams consisted of concerned men in the community, coordinated by Merv Mattair, playing against the Madison County Cowboys. The men who participated would like to hold an event in other communities. If you know someone who may be interested, have them contact Craig at craig_wilson@doh.state.fl.us or Merv at royalt@myxcel.com.

Dr. Willie Tillman Williams, president and consultant for the 'I See You Community Uplift Educational Center, is offering 'free' GED, reading, writing and computer literacy instruction to individuals or in a group setting. These high-quality tutoring sessions are held at 650 East York Street in Monticello. Dr. Williams is a certified, experienced, creative and enthusiastic teacher and educator. This educational improvement opportunity will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays as soon as classes are filled. Space is limited, so call her now to 850-997-5743.

The Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting was held on Tuesday, August 7 at the Chamber, 420 West Washington. The speaker for this afternoon luncheon was Sheryl Rehberg, executive director for the North Florida Workforce Development. The meal was catered by Chicken Delite.

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

August 24, 25
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.

Panhandle Area Council Meeting Canceled



ECB Publishing Photo By Debbie Snapp, July 24, 2012.

New officers for the Silver Dome Chapter of the American Business Women's Association were installed on Tuesday evening by Outgoing President Von Holmes. They are from left to right: Carolyn Moore, treasurer; Kandis May, secretary; Connie McCaskill standing in for Gloria Mitchell, vice-president; Alicia Franks, president; and Holmes.

DEBBIE SNAPP
ECB Publishing Staff Writer

Because of the lack of chapter participation, the Silver Dome Chapter of

the American Business Women's Association was forced to cancel its hosting of the quarterly ABWA Panhandle Area Council meeting. Mem-

bers will be kept abreast of a meeting date as soon as one can be scheduled.

Outgoing President Von Holmes installed new officers at the July 24

meeting of the Silver Dome Chapter. The newly elected officers are: Alicia Franks, president; Gloria Mitchell, vice-president; Kandis May, secretary; and Carolyn Moore, treasurer. Committees will be discussed at the August 28 Chapter meeting; to be held at 6 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn in Tallahassee.

The agenda for the July meeting followed right along with last minute discussion about the August 14 "Adopt-A-Precinct" fundraiser and the September 8th "Sickle Cell Run" fundraiser.

The members present voted to go with "VistaPrint" for its Chapter Website professionals. And, increasing active membership was very much talked about, as it is the responsibility of all the members.

Pesticide Applicator Classes Offered



JED DILLARD

Jefferson County Agent Livestock And Natural Resources

Certified pesticide applicators who need continuing education credits to renew their certifications have two upcoming opportunities to earn those credits. The Jefferson County Extension Service will host a day-long pesticide applicator training program from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Au-

gust 21.

An applicator will be able to earn up to six FDACS approved CEUs in various categories for pesticide licensing recertification credit. The event will be conducted via Polycom video conference, but includes no credits for core standards.

Registration cost for this event is \$10 per participant and includes a hot lunch and

all materials. For details and registration, contact Jefferson County Extension Office at 850-342-0187 or dillardjed@ufl.edu.

Certified applicators who need core standards credits may attend a training session offered by the Madison and Suwannee County Extension offices on Wednesday, September 5. This program will be held at the Suwannee Valley Agricultural Extension Office in Live Oak and offers three core credits in the morning and four private applicator credits in the afternoon. The core examinations and the private applicator examinations will be administered for those who want to become certified.

For information on this training contact Madison County Extension Agent Dan Fenner at 850-973-4138.

Camilla Garden Circle To Meet September 16

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After a summer hiatus, Camellia Garden Circle members of the Monticello Garden Club will hold their first meeting of the 2012-2013 year on Sunday, September 16.

The Sunday afternoon meeting will begin at 2 p.m. at the Jefferson Arts building on West Washington, in downtown Monticello. The group will continue to meet on the third Sunday of each month; the date had to be changed for this particular meeting in order to accommodate the speaker.

Guest Speaker Adella Maxwell is a gourd expert. She will teach the members all about gourds and how to use them. After her program members will have an opportunity to view the exhibit that will be on display in the gallery.

Circle Chairman Jane Davis and Secretary Georgie Joseph will see that more details and a reminder about this meeting will be forthcoming, as the date comes closer.

Johnston Speaks To Kiwanis



Felix Johnston was speaker at the Wednesday, August 8 afternoon meeting of the Monticello Kiwanis. He and his wife Cathy just returned from a 25-days trip to Norway, Sweden, and Denmark. He shared with the group their travel experiences including food, attractions, exchange rate and transportation, along with a bit of history.

Shop For A Cause



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Our Blessings Early Learning Center Community Outreach Ministry will partner with Macy's for its 7th Annual Shop For A Cause charity-shopping event. Area residents are invited to participate on Saturday, August 25.

Macy's Shop For A Cause is a unique one-day-only shopping event cre-

ated to support local charities' fundraising efforts, which have helped raise more than \$42 million for charities across the country since 2006.

Macy's has provided Our Blessings Early Learning Center with shopping passes to sell for \$5 each. The organization will keep 100 percent of every ticket it sells. The more tickets sold by Our Blessings Early Learning Center, the more money it will raise!

By purchasing a shopping pass to the event from Our Blessings Early Learning Center, customers support providing needy residents with food

commodities while enjoying a day of spectacular discounts, entertainment and special events. Pass holders will enjoy special discounts on most regular, sale and clearance purchases all day

Macy's helps local charities raise funds and awareness for an important cause through this annual charity-shopping event.

Contact Tomica King Jackson for passes now at 850-997-1110 or admin@ourblessingselc.com.

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he shall not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

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had been more than exceeded.

"We made double the goal," Dr. Scoles announced.

Which is good, given that this money – along with other contributions – goes to support A Doctor's Heart Inc., the nonprofit that Dr. Scoles founded a few years back to minister to the health and spiritual needs of the indigenous people in the Amazon River region of Brazil.

Dr. Scoles, for any who may not know, is a primary-care physician at Tallahassee Memorial Family Medicine Monticello Clinic and a long-time member of the Monticello Rotary Club, which explains the numerous Rotarians in white jackets and bowties carrying food trays and dispensing treats at Saturday's event.

Every year now since 2008, Dr. Scoles has led teams of doctors, dentists, nurses, pharmacists, teachers, and other volunteers to remote villages in the rainforest of the Amazon to attend to the medical, optical and spiritual needs of what he calls "forgotten natives".

"Most of these villages (80 at present) have 10 to 15 homes and the people are ravaged by diseases caused by unsanitary water and disease carrying insects," Dr. Scoles wrote in the Hors D'oeuvres for the Brain and Soul program notes. "Their life expectancy has been less than forty years of age. We have had wells drilled for clean water. We have aided in instructing the people on life choices. We have loved on the adults and children, and we

are improving the lives of many. We have also gotten the attention of the state governments, and in many cases have gotten their blessings to do even more than we thought we would ever be able to do."

These trips, Dr. Scoles has shared previously, help him to reset his priorities and realize how fortunate he is.

"For me, it helps me to get centered and get back to the important things in life, which are God, my family and helping people who really need to be helped," Dr. Scoles once told this reporter. But back to the lighter side of the evening, which centered on the entertainment.

Purvis, described in the program notes as "our esteemed guitarist with a Willie Nelson voice and eyebrows that remind you of the late Andy Rooney", has been performing professionally for most of his adult life and has "played with some of the biggest names in country music." He also practiced veterinary medicine here until last year. He is now a professor at FAMU, where his "gentle, non-ruffled style of teaching" is appreciated, per the program notes.

A more relaxed, talkative and "professorial" looking Purvis – shorn of his trademark long locks – led his band mates through a series of 50s, 60s and 70s songs, all the while reminiscing about his "dirt poor" childhood days and friends.

The group's list of songs ran the gamut from "Daniel" by Elton John to "Always on My Mind" by Willie Nelson,

to "Long Black Train" "by Josh Turner; to the ever-popular "You are My Sunshine", which Purvis played on a homemade banjo consisting of a single string and a bacon-flavored Spam can for a body; reportedly his first instrument as a child.

The band concluded its set with a rousing rendition of "Play that Funky Music White Boy", which Purvis dedicated to the baby boomers in the audience with an iota of "wildness" still left in them.

A newly married and upbeat Butler followed on-stage with a reading of his story, "Help Me Find My Spaceman Lover", from his 1996 published collection of short stories, "Tabloid Dreams." The story, told in the first person by Edna Bradshaw, is about a forty-something Alabama hair-dresser who during one of insomnia nocturnal outings encounters a spaceman in the parking lot of a 24-hour Wal-Mart. Ultimately, Bradshaw must choose between her yearning for the new and strange, with its potential for love and happiness, or settle for the known and familiar and continued loneliness. And therein lies the rub...

In a brief interview with the News prior to the reading, Butler talked about his new wife, the former Kelly Lee Daniels of Tupelo, MS, now Kelly Lee Butler; his contract for two new books for New York editor Otto Penzler; renowned in the industry as the dean of American editors of the mystery/spionage/thriller genre; his

(Butler's) new direction in writing, delving into the latter genre; and his writing of the first of the two books, "The Hot Country", which he's in the process of completing and which is due out this October.

"Capps has a new major," Butler said of Kelly, a former newspaper reporter and graduate of Mississippi State University with a Master's degree in poetry.

Of his new books, Butler said they are thrillers based on a character that he introduced in the short story "The One In White" from his early 90s book, "Had A Good Time".

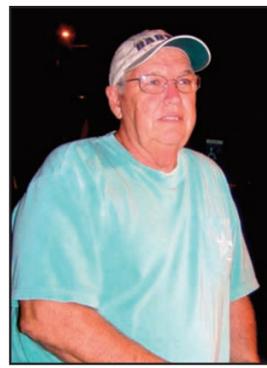
"It's a story of a swashbuckling reporter in the invasion of Mexico in 1914," Butler said of the original short story. "Otto loved the voice. He offered me a contract for two books. I've been thinking of this voice for eight years now." He said the second of the two books, "The Star of Istanbul", is set for publication next October. "I'm on fire," Butler said of his writing of the current book. He describes his fiction as voice-driven. "I get in the voice and let the character take me," he said.

Butler calls fiction the art form of human yearning, which he describes as a deeper level of desire.

"Every central character in a good story has to have yearning, which is a type of goal or desire," he said. "The conflict and plot come from yearning challenged and thwarted."

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Incumbent School Superintendent Bill Brumfield watches intently as the election results are posted. Brumfield beat his Democratic challengers to advance to the general election.



Stephen Walker emerged the winner in the District 5 County Commission race.

Thomas Dickens, 1,003, 31.40%; Robert Hill, 1,043, 32.65%; and A.J. Smith, 1,148, 35.94%.

*Circuit Judge: Kris Dunn, 1,110, 24.04%; Barbara Hobbs, 2,444, 52.94%; and Josefina M. Tamayo, 1,062, 23.00%.

*Precinct Committee-man 1, Republican: Colin Barton, 55, (63.95%); and

William Burger, 31, 36.04%.

*Precinct Committee-man 7, Democrat: Clifford Lynn Hayes, 141, 49.12%; and C.P. Miller, 146, 50.87%.

*Precinct Committee-woman 10, Democrat: Mae Eva Kyler, 112, 60.54%; and Gwenith L. Parrish, 73, 39.45%.



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the county's housing staff member in term of the program.

Moseley said the staff member, Lola Hightower, acted as the liaison between homeowners and the company, as the latter knew many of the county's residents.

"She is the first line of communications with homeowners and directs the traffic," Moseley said.

Barfield observed that it seemed a duplication of services to her. She suggested that the county might want to reduce Meridian's fees in proportion to what Hightower was doing in-house.

"Everything is negotiable," Moseley said.

Barfield then provided Moseley with a copy of the auditor's finding and asked that he take time to review them and respond to the stated concerns after the board had interviewed the other company's representative.

J. Corbett Alday, Guardian's vice president, told commissioners his company was seven years old and did both housing and economic development grants.

"There are no programs or agencies we don't deal with," he said. "I've worked on CDBGs from single families to million dollar projects."

He said although his company was based in central Florida, it was looking to expand into north Florida and already had a representative in Tallahassee. He said if Jefferson County agreed to the arrangement, it would be his company's first client in the region.

"We know how to leverage," Alday said. "Leverage is key to make things happen anymore."

He said the county could hire his company to do the economic development and housing grants or it could hire one company to do the one and the other to do the other or it could simply assign specific tasks to his company and pay by the hour.

"We're flexible," Alday said.

As for incorporating the county's housing staff person into his company's services and deducting the money from his company's fee, it was doable, he said. In fact many counties were doing just that, he said, adding that all was negotiable, including the administrative fee, which he said was 12 percent.

"We're a full service company," Alday said. "We're not empty suits. If we lose money on a project, the reference is more important to us than the money. If the references are there, the money will come."

The more questions the commissioners asked and the more Alday elaborated on his company's services, the more apparent the commissioners' leanings became. They said they especially liked that Guardian could offer both economic development and housing grants, whereas Meridian focused only on housing grants.

Moseley, when he returned to the commission, addressed the auditor's deficiencies, noting that the more serious ones dated from last September and had been corrected. He attributed the latter deficiencies to an employee who was no longer with the company as a result the very deficiencies cited. That was all he would say about the particular issue, he said.

"This is precisely the reason the employee is no longer with us," Moseley said.

He noted that a couple of the other findings were not germane to his company, as they concerned invoices and segregation of duties that were rightfully the county's domain. And others, such as late payments to landlords under the Section 8 program, had since been corrected, he said.

He reminded the commission that when his company had taken over the Section 8 pro-

gram, "it was on HUD's distress list".

"It took a while to correct some things," Moseley said.

In discussions among themselves following the presentations, the commissioners noted that significant differences existed between the two companies and noted that Guardian offered much more. It was further noted that Guardian also was more versatile and its fee lower and negotiable.

"I think we would be better served by Guardian," Barfield said.

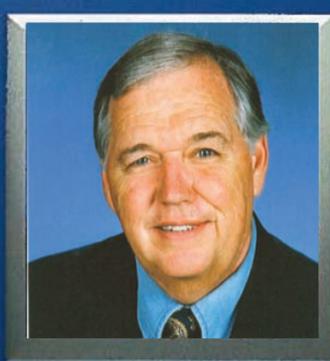
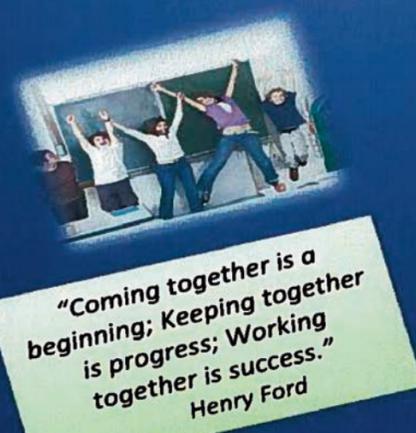
Commission Chairman Hines Boyd agreed.

"It's a slam dunk from what I heard," he said.

The other commissioners agreed. They instructed Coordinator Parrish Barwick to work on the interface between the county and the company, in terms of the role would each would handle.

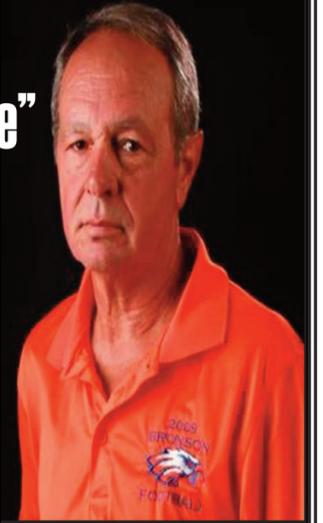
THANK YOU!

I want to sincerely thank each of the 15 Districts of Jefferson County for the support shown me on Tuesday, August 14th. Your vote of confidence is not taken lightly, and as we move forward I humbly ask that you will continue to support my staff and me as we rise to excellence.



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Al "PeeWee" Cooksey



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Jefferson County Living

Rosemary Tree Cash Mob



ECB Publishing Photos By Debbie Snapp, July 31, 2012.



DEBBIE SNAPP
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce members showed their support on Tuesday evening, July 31, by attaching \$10 and \$20 bills to their nametags, signifying they planned to spend money at Rosemary Tree Cafe & Gifts.

Contact Chamber Director Melanie to schedule a "Cash Mob" event at your restaurant or retail establishment today. You have to be a Chamber member to host a Cash Mob. The next Cash Mob will be scheduled for September.

ber. Go to the Chamber website to find out when and where.

The next Chamber Business After 5 will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, August 21 at The Daffodale House, 620 West Washington Street. Meet with Innkeepers Cathy and Scottie Ebberbach and learn about all the amenities their Bed and Breakfast has to offer. A turn of the 20th century Victorian home in historic Monticello, Florida, The Daffodale House Estate is now opened as a B&B, offering tea parties and luncheons, catering, weddings, an antique store, ghost tours and other special events. Reserve your date now, by calling 850-997-1111 or www.daffodalestate.com, to enjoy its beautiful three-acre camellia garden and its hardwood porches that also offer a charming gathering place for their guest.

The Tuesday, August 7 Chamber General Membership Meeting was held at the Chamber of Commerce, 420 West Washington with speaker Sheryl Rehberg, executive director of the North Florida Workforce Development. The luncheon meal was catered by Chicken Delite.



Naughton Speaks About Cancer



Ferd Naughton was the speaker at the Wednesday, August 1st meeting of the Monticello Kiwanis. He spoke to the membership about his recent Proton Therapy treatment for prostate cancer. The treatment appears to have been successful, and with few side effects. This was a great form of hope and inspiration to those who will likely deal with this cancer.



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Jefferson County Living

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

August 18
Dixie Community Center is open on Saturday nights for an evening of music and dance with live local band 'Half-N-Half Four' from 7 to 10 p.m. Refreshments and good fellowship are available during intermission. For more information contact Kenneth Price at 1-229-263-7231. DCC is a nonprofit organization.

August 18
Jefferson County Humane Society Pet Spa Day: ear cleaning, nail clipping, body washing from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the Wag-the-Dog thrift store on North Jefferson. Jeri Kimbrel and other volunteers are ready to pamper your pets for a generous donation. For more information or to help, contact Kimbrel at 850-997-4932.

August 20
Tobacco Free Jefferson Partnership meeting Monday from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Jefferson County Health Departments Annex building. All community members, youth (ages 11-18) and adults are encouraged to join. You can make a difference in the tobacco control movement! Take your community back! For more information contact Tobacco Prevention Specialist Chastity Mc-

Carthy at 850-342-0170X2101.

August 20
Jefferson County Lions Club Monday Night BINGO. Doors and snack bar open at 5 p.m., at the Capitol City BP Travel Center, in the Big Bend Family Restaurant, 2716 Gamble Road, Lloyd (Interstate 10, Exit 217, Highway 59.) Call 850-997-3538 for directions. JCLC is a non-profit organization, raising funds for area residents in need. All are welcome to come have fun, play and win! Help the JCLC by contributing to others. Remember... one free Jackpot BINGO card for every eyeglass donation! Contact Lion June at 850-997-1754 for more information.

August 20
Al-Anon meetings are held at 8 p.m. every Monday at the Anglican Church, 124 Jefferson Avenue in Thomasville. For more information go to www.al-anon.alateen.org

August 20
AA women's meetings are held on Mondays at 6:45 p.m.; AA meetings follow at 8 p.m., at the Christ Episcopal Church Annex, 425 North Cherry Street. For more information, call 850-997-2129 or 850-997-1955.

August 21
Chamber Business After 5 will be held at The Daffodale House Estate on Tuesday from 5 to 7 p.m. Meet with innkeepers Scottie and Cathy Ebberbach and learn about all the amenities their B&B has to offer. And, pick up their event calendar for 2012 or call 850-997-1111 or email www.daffodaleestate.com.

August 21
AA classes are held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. for those seeking help. The classes are held at the Harvest Christian Center, 1599 Springhollow Road. Contact Marvin Graham, pastor, at 850-212-7669 for more information.

August 21
Parent Involvement Committee meets at 6:30 p.m. every third Tuesday at the District Office on Water Street. Contact Vicki Boland at boland_v@firn.edu for more information.

August 21
Jefferson County Republican Party and its Executive Committee will meet at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday at Willow Pond Farm. Contact Clyde Simpson at chairman@jeffersongop.com or 850-228-4400 for more information and to make reservations. Dinner is served at 6 p.m. at a cost of \$10 per person, with the net proceeds going to the REC. As the busy election season approaches you'll want to be in attendance to meet the candidates and take part in the process.

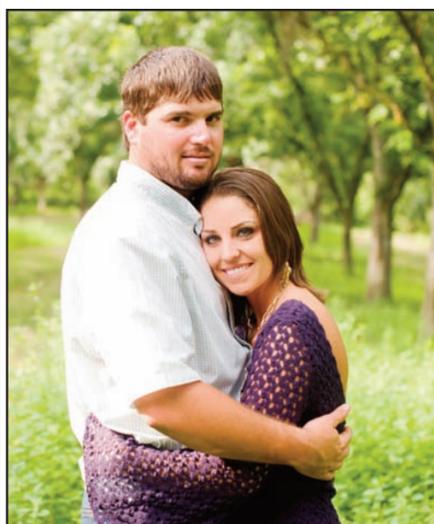
August 21
Jefferson County Lions Club meets at 1 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of every month at the Brick House Eatery, in the community room. For more information about this organization and its fundraising efforts, contact Lion Debbie at 850-997-0901; leave a message.

August 22
Monticello Kiwanis Club meets every Wednesday at noon at the Jefferson Country Club on the Boston Highway for lunch, a program and a meeting. Contact Rob Beshears at 850-997-5054 for more information.

August 23
You may qualify for assistance through the Capital Area Community Action Agency Weatherization Assistance Program. The program reduces heating and cooling costs by improving the energy efficiency of the home. Contact Nellie Thomas at 850-997-5605 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the fourth Thursday for an appointment in the Dills Community area, at the Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church. Contact Pat Hall or Melissa Watson at 850-997-8231 for additional information, and other services currently being offered. This is free to the client.

August 23
Weight Watchers meetings are held at 6 p.m. every Thursday at the Jefferson County Bailar Public Library. Make a 'Life Change'. For more information contact Paige Phillips at 850-509-2580.

Stokley And Bridges Announce Engagement



Stokley is a 2003 graduate of Aucilla Christian Academy in Jefferson County Florida and a 2006 graduate of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton, Georgia. She is employed at Rose City Garage Doors in Thomasville, Georgia.

Josephine Lee is the daughter of the late Leola and Dan Stokley of Monticello and the granddaughter of the late Carmela and Bailey Stokley of Monticello and the late Emma Jean and Clifton Brock of Bainbridge, Georgia.

Bridges is a 2003 graduate of Westbrook School in Dixie, Georgia. He is a self-employed farmer.

Winston Cole is the son of Jill and Winston Bridges of Morven and the grandson of Martha and Emmett Bridges of Valdosta, Georgia and Claudette Williams of Morven and the late Jimmy Williams. Formal invitations will be sent.



Alfa Loretta Hunt to marry Adam Lingle May 4th, 2013



Alfa Loretta Hunt is the daughter of Frances Mae Hunt and the late Alf Hunt Jr. She is an Honor Graduate of Aucilla Christian Academy where she was a member of the tennis team and Beta Club Honor Society. She recently graduated from North Florida Community College with her Associate of Arts degree and hopes to continue her education in Criminal Justice.

Adam Lingle is the son of Mark and Debra Lingle; the grandson of John and Constance Dodson & Alfred and Rosetta Lingle; the great grandson of Leonard and the late Dorothy Dodson & the late Otto and Juanita Muller. He is an Honor Graduate of Jefferson County High School where he was a member of the Army J.R.O.T.C. He is a Veteran of the United States Navy where was a Corpsman. He graduated from Naval Hospital Corps School in Great Lakes IL and attended Naval School of Health Sciences in Portsmouth VA. He worked at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth until the end of his Naval Career. He will be attending Keiser University working towards his Bachelors in Health Science.

Autumn Writing Adventure At OHEC



Katya Taylor and her June writing class at One Heart Earth Center.

DEBBIE SNAPP
ECB Publishing Staff Writer

An afternoon of creativity and reflection with Katya Taylor is scheduled for Saturday, September 29 from 1 to 5 p.m. at One Heart Earth Center Space is limited to 10 participants.

In autumn the sap rises and our creative energies await expression. This four-hour workshop will combine writing and contemplation as participants explore the next chapter of their journey in a supportive atmosphere, accessing our own brand of wisdom and playfulness.

Participants are asked to bring a journal, pen, glue stick, and a small precious object to share. Cider, tea, and light snacks will be provided.

Instructor Katya Sabaroff Taylor has been offering Lifestories and Haiku workshops and classes since 1990. She believes we all have a writer/poet within us and delights in sharing the creative process. Her books will be available to help students continue and nourish their writing

practice. Visit her website at creativeartsandhealing.com.

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Sunday-1:10-4:00-7:05-10:00
Mon-Thurs-4:00-7:05
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Dark Knight Rises (PG13)
Friday-3:30-7:00-10:30
Saturday-12:30-3:30-7:00-10:30
Sunday-12:00-3:30-7:00
Mon-Thurs-3:30-7:00

The Campaign (R)
Friday-5:00-7:30-9:40
Saturday-12:30-2:50-5:00-7:30
Mon-Thurs-5:00-7:30
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Expendables 2 (R)
Friday-4:20-7:25-10:00
Saturday-1:15-4:20-7:25
Sunday-12:00-3:30-7:00
Mon-Thurs-3:30-7:00

Sparkle (PG13)
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Sunday-1:00-4:05-7:10
Mon-Thurs-4:05-7:10
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Paranorman (PG)
Friday-4:25-7:15-9:30
Saturday-1:25-4:25-7:15-9:30
Sunday-1:25-4:25-7:15
Mon-Thurs-4:25-7:15
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Odd Life Of Timothy Green (PG)
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Sunday-1:05-4:30-7:20
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JERRY BOATWRIGHT, FARMERS and MERCHANTS BANK RECOGNIZED FOR OUTSTANDING SUPPORT OF FLORIDA EDUCATION

Farmers and Merchants Bank honored by state education leaders for working to improve student outcomes.



Farmers and Merchants Bank was recognized for their outstanding support of Florida's public education system, recently. Pictured left to right: HenryEtta Boatwright, former Education Commissioner Gerard Robinson, and Jerry Boatwright.

Jerry Boatwright with Farmers and Merchants Bank was touted on June 14, 2012 as one of the top businesses in the state for supporting and advancing Florida's public education system. The recognition occurred as a part of the 2012 Commissioner's Business Recognition Awards ceremony,

held by the Florida Department of Education and the Florida Education Foundation. Florida's former Education Commissioner Gerard Robinson, along with members of the Florida Education Foundation and leaders from the business community, were on hand to present awards to Jerry

Boatwright and more than 70 other outstanding education business partners.

"I am honored to recognize the outstanding commitment of our business partners to public education in Florida," said former Commissioner Robinson. "Their pledge to student academic success through business partnerships embodies the fundamental relationship between education and the workforce. As students prepare for postsecondary education and careers, the skills they learn today through these partnerships will ensure they are ready to compete for the jobs of tomorrow."

The Commissioner's Business Recognition Awards are administered by the Florida Department of Education and the Florida Education Foundation to encourage successful alliances within the business com-

munity and among local school districts for the benefit of Florida's students. The 2012 awards program was sponsored in part by Wells Fargo, Infinity Software Development, and Florida Trend Magazine.

"A quiet and prepossessing man," stated Jefferson County School Superintendent Bill Brumfield, "Mr. Boatwright has been a big supporter of Jefferson County Schools. Mr. Boatwright has supported our elementary students by providing funds for library books and classroom projects. Mr. Boatwright is instrumental in acknowledging our Employee and Teacher of the Year with a cash gift. He's a big supporter of our athletic program and by donating several hundred dollars, he placed our champion football players well on their way to purchasing their championship rings. He was an advocate in procuring additional donations from Farmers and Merchants Bank towards the purchase of those rings. Mr. Boatwright also supplied meals for our athletes. Jefferson County is very thankful for a community leader who strongly believes in the importance of education for our community's children."

To learn more about the Florida Education Foundation, or to see the full list of winners for the Commissioner's Business Recognition Awards, visit www.floridaeducationfoundation.org.

ACA School Year Off To Positive Start

FRAN HUNT
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Staff Writer

Aucilla Christian Academy Principal Richard Finlayson reported that the new school year for ACA was off to a positive start.

The first day of school at Aucilla was Monday, August 13. "The first day went great," said Finlayson. "There were very few minor glitches. Our staff worked very hard the past week preparing for this week and what few little glitches we had, were worked through very quickly due to their diligence and hard work," he said.

For the first day of school, 310 students reported out of an expected 315 students. "There are always a few students who miss the first day," said Finlayson. "The attendance at ACA is slightly up compared to last year. It's up by nine students or three percent. We're pretty excited about it."

Finlayson reported that there have been some changes to policy and procedures at the school this year. "Previously, we did not require high school students to have community service hours. Starting this year, we now require high school students to meet a minimum of 25 hours of community service per year to graduate." Meaning that a freshman should have at least 25 hours; as a sophomore, he would add another 25 hours and by his senior year, he will have acquired at least 100 hours of community service.

Another change at the school this year, they have added an additional four Advanced Placement (AP) courses.

"Previously, the AP classes we offered were AP English Language Composition and AP American History. Now we also offer AP Statistics, AP Economics, AP American Government and AP English Literature," said Finlayson.

Yet another change this year. "We are beginning to implement an online program called Edline," said Finlayson. "Edline will allow the students and the parents to access all assignment and grades for each of the stu-

dent's classes." So, if a child is ill or can't attend school for one reason or another, Edline will help the parents and the child be up-to-date with what is going on in the classroom so he doesn't get too far behind in his assignments.

"The ACA PTO was extremely helpful in funding this program for the school and we are really appreciative of them for that," he added.

There have also been physical improvements at the school this year. "Additional playground equipment has been added and the playground has been upgraded," said Finlayson. "We have installed white vinyl fencing along the roadway. We have replaced the walkways connecting the buildings. We have repainted all of the interior classrooms of the main building and one elementary building. The flooring in the main building classrooms has all been refinished back to the original pine luster," he added.

There are 37 staff members at ACA including 24 teachers. There are two new teachers this year, they include; Kevin Smith, middle school social studies, physical education and new school athletic director; and Megan Kornegay, secondary social studies. There has also been one staff inner-school transfer. Brandi Hughes has been transferred from a classroom aid to the school lunchroom.

The goals for the school this year are pretty much the same as they have always been, but with one exception. "This year we have our five-year accreditation visit through the Florida Council of Independent Schools and we are working very hard to prepare for it," said Finlayson.

The usual goals; "We will strive to continue improving our curriculum education for the students. We are very pleased with where we are now, but we strive to continue getting better. Our spiritual perspective is the highest goal of all. We want to move the school and the students forward to make a positive impact in their lives and in the community for Jesus Christ."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Tony "GG" Jackson

Tony "GG" Jackson celebrated his birthday on Tuesday, August 14 with family, friends and co-workers at the Little Angels In Training. The surprise 'Pizza and Cake' party was given by his wife Lakayshia who made sure everyone, including the children, had a good time. Tony and Lakayshia have five children: Tony Jr, Tarlon, Tearius, Tavon and Iesha.

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Sports

4th Annual Charity Golf Tournament August 25



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The fourth Annual Sheriff's Charity Golf Tournament is slated for August 25 at the Jefferson Country Club.

This year's proceeds will go to benefit the Florida Sheriff's Boys Ranch, Jefferson County Relay for Life and Jefferson Senior Center. Last year's event raised over \$20,000.

Tee times of 8 a.m. and 1 p.m., preferred times are on a first call basis. The registration fee is \$400 per team or \$100

per person and includes 18 holes of golf, golf cart, goodie bag, unlimited range balls, seafood buffet dinner at 6 p.m. and door prize ticket.

Mulligans will also be available for \$5 each. (A mulligan is a "do-over." Hit a bad shot? Take a mulligan and replay that stroke. A mulligan is never "legal" under the Rules of Golf. Mulligans are most often employed during friendly rounds by golf buddies; or during charity or play day tournaments where Mulligans are sometimes sold.)

There will be three flights consisting of five teams per flight. Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams in each flight. Examples of the first through third place prizes are; first place, Callaway Diablo driver and one dozen golf balls; second place, Callaway 3 wood and one dozen balls; and third place, Callaway Hybrid and one dozen golf balls.

The format is a best-ball scramble shotgun for-

mat with four golfers on each team.

The tournament prizes are top quality, name brand items as they have been in years past. Once again, there will also be Hole-In-One prizes offered as well at each of the four par three holes. Prizes such as Callaway irons, Sharp LCD flat screen TV and \$10,000 will be up for grabs.

There will also be prizes awarded for the longest drive and the longest putt.

There are several levels of sponsorships available for the tournament. They include; \$100 Hole Sponsor (a sign with your name/business displayed at a hole); Birdie Sponsor (\$250, name/business on Birdie banner), Eagle Sponsor (\$500, name/business on Eagle banner); Ace Sponsor, (\$1,000, name/business on Ace banner). All of the sponsor banners will be prominently displayed during the event. Ace sponsors will have a dedicated banner with only their

name/business and will be displayed at all Sheriff's Office charity events for the next year.

This is a great way to support our community, support Jefferson County and get your name/business advertised.

A few slots are still available for golfers and spots are still open for sponsors as well.

Checks should be made payable to Sheriff's Charity Golf Tournament.

Any item that you wish to donate for door prizes or items to be placed in the golfer's goodie bags can be dropped off or mailed to Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, attention Cricket, 171 Industrial Park, Monticello, FL, 32344.

Any sponsorship issues or questions should be directed to Dawn at 850-997-2287 or stiffd@flcjn.net.

To register or for any golf questions contact Cricket at 850-997-1045 or cricketjcs@mail.com.

Express Split Two With Lake City

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The Sunshine Express softball team derailed Lake City Sunday for a 19-15 victory in the first game of a double-header.

The Express jumped out to a 4-0 lead and never looked back.

Karlton Blue went four for four with two RBI's.

Steven Bivens went three for four with one RBI.

Destiny Vangates went three for four with five RBI's and one homerun.

Rodney Bernard went three for four with three RBI's.

Kelvin Jones went three for four with four RBI's and one homerun.

Calvin Holmes went two for four with three RBI's.

Nick Russell went two for three with one RBI and one homerun.

Eldred Jennings went one for four.

Wilbo Ellis Jr. went one for four.

Melvin Holmes went one for four.

Donnell Gallon went one for three with one RBI.

Jay McQue went one for three with one RBI.

In the second game of the day the Express was railroaded for a 28-24 loss.

Melvin Holmes went four for four.

Steven Bivens went four for four with one RBI.

Calvin Holmes went three for four with four RBI's with one homerun.

Kelvin Jones went three for four with five RBI's and one homerun.

Eldred Jennings went three for four with one RBI.

Destiny Vangates went three for four with four RBI's.

Karlton Blue went three for four with four RBI's with one homerun.

Nick Russell went three for four.

Chandra Tucker went two for four with one RBI.

Kendell Cooksey went two for four with one RBI.

Donnell Gallon went one for four.

Coach Roosevelt Jones named Destiny Vangates as his MVP of the game.

850 Boys 50's Team Takes First Place

FRAN HUNT
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Staff Writer

The 850 Boys 50's softball team of Tallahassee went 3-1 to place first in the A Division, Bracket 3 of the Florida Half Century Jerry Dross Memorial Tournament on July 22 in Altamonte Springs, FL.

The 850 Boys 50's is a men's travel team for men ages 50 and older.

The team batting average was .628 and they combined to hit 17 homeruns.

Al Wofford went 14 for 18. He led the way in batting with a .778 batting average and four homeruns.

Mike Marsh went 13 for 18 with a batting average of .722 and four homeruns.

Phil Parks went 13 for 18 with a batting average of .722 and three homeruns.

Theo Griswold went nine for 13 with a batting average of .692 and three homeruns.

Chip Beal went 11 for 17 with a batting average of .647 with three homeruns.

Billy Johnson went 11 for 17 and had a batting average of .647.

Don Williams went six for 11 with a batting average of .628.

Wayne Griffin went 10 for 17 with a batting average of .588.

Stan Greer went nine for 16 with a batting average of .562.

Spike (Mike) Holm, of Monticello, went 11 for 20 with a batting average of .550.

Rick Johnson went nine for 18 with a batting average of .500.

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Warriors Continue Readyng For Gridiron

FRAN HUNT
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

The Aucilla Christian Academy varsity Warriors have been working diligently over the summer months to stay in shape for this year's gridiron season.

Coach Colby Roberts reported that the War-

rriors had been working out three nights per week, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, in the weight room to enhance their conditioning. Roberts said that during these workout sessions the Warriors have had a very high attendance rate.

"We have competed with Brookwood in 7-on-7

competitions and Aucilla has performed well," said Roberts.

"We have also had players attend college camps at Jacksonville and Troy universities," he added.

The Warriors attended FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) camp in Jacksonville on August 5 and August 6.

The Warriors manned the pads and hit the field for their first official day of football practice on August 8.

In related news, the schedule for the upcoming season has been released. All game times are to be announced, unless otherwise specified.

The first game of the season is against Bell, August 31 at 7:30 p.m., away; Oak Hall, September 7, away; John Paul II, September 21, away; St. Francis Catholic, September 28, home; Munroe, October 5, home; and Seacoast Christian Academy, October 12 at 7 p.m., away.

Continuing the season, Maclay, October 19,

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Place: Jefferson County Health Department Annex Conference Room
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The Week of August 17, 2012 through August 24, 2012
Major Feed Times are marked by an asterisk (*)

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Tuesday, August 21 *4:10 AM 10:10 AM *4:30 PM 10:40 PM	Wednesday, August 22 *4:55 AM 11:10 AM *5:30 PM 11:45 PM	Thursday, August 23 *6:00 AM 12:10 AM *6:30 PM	Friday, August 24 12:40 AM *7:00 AM 1:10 PM *7:30 PM

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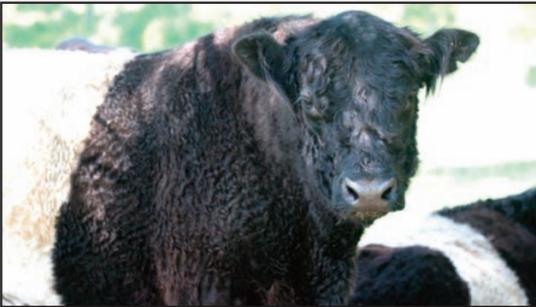
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Caney Branch Farm Receives Recognition



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The beef cattle, meat sheep and laying hens at Caney Branch Farm on Cody Church Road in the southern part of Jefferson County are now certified as Animal Welfare Approved (AWA) products.

The certification and accompanying food label lets consumers know that the Caney Branch Farm animals have been raised in accordance with the highest animal welfare standards in the U.S., using sustainable agriculture methods on an independent family farm.

Like other AWA farmers across the country, Caney Branch Farm owners Roger Twitchell and Ellyn Huston recognize the growing consumer interest in how animals are being raised, states the AWA, adding that raising animals outdoors on pasture or range has known benefits for the animals, the consumers and the environment.

Twitchell and Hutson became farmers in 2004 with the purchase of an 11-acre parcel in the county. The two started their operation with a few head of Belted Galloway cattle to help manage the pastures. Belted Galloway cattle are sometimes called the "Oreo Cows" because of their distinct black-and-white colorings.

In 2006, the two added laying hens to the farm, and today they raise several breeds, including Rhode Island Reds, Speckled Sussex, Orpingtons, Wyandottes, Partridge Rocks, Barred Rocks, Cochins, and Brahmas.

Later, when Hutson became interested in sheep, Icelandic sheep were added to the mix. The fiber from this breed of sheep is highly prized, as is its high quality meat and milk.

Despite Florida's hot climate, Hutson says the sheep have adjusted well and, with three annual shearings and

proper nutrition and care, thrive even during the hottest of months.

While Twitchell grew up in farming community, he credits the farm idea to Hutson. He says her lifelong love of livestock animals and an undergraduate degree in Animal Science taught her that nutrition is the key to healthy animals and influenced their choice to raise their animals on pasture.

Today, Caney Branch's growing beef cattle herd and flock of sheep are grass-fed and the farm's laying hens are pasture-raised. These practices result in healthy animals and, ultimately, healthier animal products than those raised by conventional farming methods, according to the AWA.

The organization points out that Twitchell and Hutson believe they have a responsibility to all the species they bring to the farm, no matter how large or small, and this ensures that their farming practices prioritize animal welfare. The AWA says Twitchell and Hutson chose to become Animal Welfare Approved because they wanted recognition for their high-welfare practices and to show that the standards put their farm at a higher operational level.

"The accountability and integrity offered by Animal Welfare Approved farmers like Ellyn and Roger are unmatched in food production," says AWA Program Director Andrew Gunther. "We're glad to have Caney Branch Farm in the AWA family."

Adds Twitchell: "Caney Branch Farm has put us back in touch with the earth. The farm has helped us to deal with the stress of our day jobs as senior managers in Florida's government. It provides us with quality healthy food which we share with our friends and family."

Twitchell and Hutson were named 2011 Florida Innovative Farmers of the Year and are University of Florida Master Beekeepers, Welsh honey judges, and Master sheep producers. They have also been featured on National Public Radio, Celebrity Chef, and a variety of documentaries and news stories.

Caney Branch Farm's products — including its beef, lamb and eggs — are available directly from the farm, as are farm tours by appointment. Caney Branch's Icelandic wools and yards are also available at the farm and at Yarn Therapy in Tallahassee.

"At Caney Branch, we sell Icelandic wools and yarns in their natural shades, as well as some hand-dyed and hand-painted products," Hutson says. "We use environmentally-friendly dyes with plants grown in our Dyer's Garden."

For more information about the farm and its products and tours, visit www.caneybranch.com.

As for the AWA, it was founded in 2006 with the aim of finding a market-based solution to consumers' growing interest in how farm animals are raised and where their food is coming from and how it is being produced. The organization is a division of the Animal Welfare Institute (AWI), a nonprofit charitable organization with a long history of reducing the sum total of pain and fear inflicted on animals by people. The AWA resulted from a perceived need on the part of AWI to create a separate entity dedicated solely to certifying and promoting family farms that raise animals according to the highest welfare standards.

The AWA's fundamental goal is to improve farm animals' welfare, which it does by granting the use of the AWA logo to farms that submit to annual audits and are found to comply with the organization's rigorous animal welfare standards. Seeing the AWA seal on meat, dairy and egg products gives consumers a way to identify products that come from humane farming systems, and it gives farmers a way to show their customers how they farm.

Monticello Milling: Both Historical & Operational



ECB Photo by Laz Aleman, June 28, 2012

The crew of Monticello Milling Company in the yard of the facility, with the grain bins in the background. Pictured from left to right are Alphonso Morris, Michael Sparks, Dixon Hughes and Benny Bishop.

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A longstanding landmark of towering proportions with its tall, weathered grain bins and multiple outbuildings, few who drive past the Monticello Milling Company on the corner of Railroad and York streets likely appreciate that it's one of a few still operational mills in the region, and certainly among the oldest in the area, if not the oldest.

Although it acquired the name Monticello Milling in 1950, the mill actually dates from the turn of the last century, or around 1903 or 04, according to owner Benny Bishop, who purchased the facility in 2000.

What prompted him to buy a mill?

"It fit well with my farming operation," Bishop says. "The two are agriculture related. It was a natural fit."

For any who may not know, the Bishops have been a part of Jefferson County and its agriculture scene since the early 1800s. Bishop will tell you that parts of the 700 or so acres that he farms in the Aucilla area of the county have been in his family "since land was first deeded in the state."

He will also tell you that he still derives the majority of his income from farming, growing such crops as wheat, peanuts and soybeans, as well as the keeping of a few cows. The mill is something that he manages on the side and that provides a supplemental income.

If you haven't visited the facility, it sells a variety of feeds, seeds and fertilizers, as well as nursery plants and a host of items from "garden hoses and tools to flashlights and knives", as it states on its website.

Bishop says one of the biggest changes that he's noticed insofar as the mill is that it doesn't sell as much cattle feed as it once did. He says the change occurred when cattlemen ceased growing stocker calves and went to cow-calf operations.

Stocker calves, Bishop explains, were

containers of different sizes that tower above the facility. These bins hold either the ingredients for the mixes or they hold the actual mixed products, with the larger ones strictly holding corn.

"Some of the bins we don't use anymore," he allows.

As Bishop explains the process, the various grains are dumped into a pit at the rear of the facility, from which pit elevators carry the individual ingredients to the tops of the bins, where they are sorted accordingly.

"We have a turnstile-style mechanism at the top that allows us to put the grains into whatever bin," he says.

Another control allows for the mixing of the different ingredients in what he calls a feed mixer, at which point the finished product is weighed on scales and bagged accordingly for delivery.

Bishop says he buys as much local corn as he can, but the majority of the corn comes from Columbia, GA. Currently, he employs three full-time employees and one part timer. That's down from six employees a few years back.

"It's a matter of the economy," Bishop says.

He figures that approximately 95 percent of the mill's customers are local.

"We have a good customer base," Bishop says. "We sell to plantations, large cattle and dairy farms, and all the way down to the family with one horse. We can deliver up to 12 tons at one time."

Fall and winter — when the grass stops growing — comprise the mill's busiest time, he says. Not surprisingly, summer, especially June and July, is the slowest time.

Dixon Hughes largely manages the operation. Most days, Bishop comes in early mornings to line up the day's work with Hughes and then goes off to pursue farming, his first and continuing priority.

Water Restrictions Rescinded In Some Areas Within The SRWMD

The Suwannee River Water Management District (District) Governing Board voted today to amend the District's water shortage order to rescind water restrictions in Baker, Dixie, Hamilton, Lafayette, Putnam, Suwannee and Taylor counties.

Water restrictions will remain in effect until Sept. 30 for the following counties: Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Gilchrist, Jefferson, Levy, Madison and Union.

The Amend Order also extends the water restrictions to all unincorporated areas of Alachua County that are located in the St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD), in accordance with a delegation agreement between the two water management districts and the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners.

"Although groundwater conditions

have rebounded in many areas of the District following cumulative rainfall over the last couple of months, some areas are still facing low and extremely low conditions," said Megan Wetherington, District senior professional engineer.

"The District is lifting water restrictions in areas that have made significant improvements, but we would like to remind the public that year-round water conservation rules apply to all counties within District boundaries," said District Executive Director Ann Shortelle.

A summary of the water restrictions, which mostly target outdoor water use particularly irrigation, are available at www.mysuwanneeriver.com/water-shortage. For more information about the District's year-round water conservation rules, visit www.mysuwanneeriver.com.

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Home Owner's Guide

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6 THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE YOU BUY THAT SHORT SALE HOUSE

The Wrong Short Sale House Might Not Ever Close

ELIZABETH WEINTRAUB

About.com Guide

When you spot a short sale house that interests you, take your hand off the mouse and step away from the computer. Before you get all excited over the prospect of buying that short sale house, pick up the phone and call your real estate agent. Your agent needs to research that short sale listing first. In some real estate markets, fewer than one in 10 short sales close. Just because that home is listed as a short sale doesn't mean it's really for sale (because it's subject to lender approval), nor does it mean it will sell at the advertised price. Here are 6 things you need to know before trying to buy that short sale.

Comparable Sales For That Short Sale House

The short sales I list in Sacramento are all priced below comparable sales, yet

they are priced in line with pending sales. Why? Because short sales take anywhere from 2 to 4 months, on average, to close, and pending sales will become the comparable sales at closing.

Some short sales are priced ridiculously low. So low that the sellers' bank will never accept them. These types of listings receive multiple offers. But all is not lost. To get your offer accepted, it will need to be priced near market value. If you're not prepared to pay above a superficial price on a lowball short-sale listing, then pass.

Mortgage Amounts, Number of Loans and Lenders

Ask your agent to research how much is owed against the home and find out the number of loans that are recorded. A second or third mortgage lender will receive peanuts as compared to the amount a senior lender in first position will get.

Moreover, some lenders, deserving or not, get a reputation for being difficult to work with. If your agent is an experienced short sale agent, he or she will know who these lenders are and can advise you of the difficulty you may encounter.

If your offer is 20% or 30% of the mortgaged amount, it is unlikely that your offer will see the light of day on the negotiator's desk.

Short Sale Listing Agent's Track Record

A listing agent who is advertising a short sale but has never closed a short sale is a risky proposition for you. That's because it's up to the listing agent to submit the short sale package to the lender and negotiate. Your buyer's agent can't talk to the bank.

Some listing agents hire outside companies to do their job, and the results of those negotiations are sketchy at best. Ask yourself, do you want to risk rejection of your short sale purchase because the listing agent has no experience?

Short Sale Seller Qualifications

Find out if the listing agent has received a completed short sale package from the seller, and ask about the contents of that package. A complete short sale package consists, at minimum, of the following:

- Sellers' hardship letter
- Tax returns
- W-2s
- Payroll stubs
- Financial statement
- Bank statements

Some sellers do not want to cooperate and are slow to return these documents. Others have never been told by their agent that these documents are mandatory. You don't want your short sale purchase delayed because the listing agent doesn't have the required documents.

Number of Short Sale Offers Received

Homes priced under market value will receive multiple offers. An agent is not required to disclose the terms of those offers, but you do want to know how many offers you are up against.

Here's how it generally works:

When a short sale home first comes on the market, the first offer will most likely be a tad below list price.

The second, at list price.

The third offer will be slightly higher, maybe by a \$1,000 or \$2,000.

The fourth offer will be significantly more.

You want to make an offer that will beat the competition yet still be below market, or don't waste your time.

The Listing Agent's Short Sale Procedures

Although REALTORS are required by the REALTOR Code of Ethics to treat everybody fairly, not every agent is a REALTOR. This means the short sale listing agent may decide to submit only the first offer to the bank and withhold all other offers.

Withholding other offers could be considered to be a violation of the fiduciary relationship formed between the listing agent and the seller. The seller is entitled to receive the highest and best price. Realize that even if your offer is submitted to the bank, as time marches by while waiting for short sale approval, another buyer could outbid you.

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Buying a Home Guide to Getting Started

Guide to Home Buying a Home Step-by-Step

BY ELIZABETH WEINTRAUB

About.com Guide

Let's say one morning you wake up and realize that, yes, buying a home is the right thing to do for yourself. You're tired of throwing away money on rent and figure that it's time to get into a home of your own. But you have reservations.

After all, if it's your first time, you've got questions. You might be a little nervous that you'll mess up, and it's normal to feel that way. You are probably spending hundreds of thousands of dollars and making the most important financial purchase of your life.

You will find that being an informed individual about the home buying process is empowering for you. Lucky for you that you came to the right place. So let's get started buying your first home!

Consider if Buying a Home is For You

Many people harbor secret fears about buying a home, and some of those fears are justified. Not everybody is cut out to own a home, and if you're one of those people, it's better to find this out now than when you're under contract.

• Renting vs. Buying

You might decide that renting is better for you than buying, because buying a home has its drawbacks.

• Reasons to Buy

On the other side of the coin, there are many more benefits to buying. Keep these reasons in mind if you start to get cold feet.

• Should You Buy a Home Before Getting Married?

Tips for home buying with a partner or significant other before tying the knot, plus how to handle the financial details of homeownership without plans to ever marry.

Before Buying a Home, Get Your Finances In Order

Line up your financing, set aside a down payment and study the loan programs available. By doing your homework, you will know exactly how much you can pay and what it will cost you.

• Order a Free Credit Report

Give yourself time to clean up a credit report that contains mistakes. Dispute errors. Try to reduce your monthly debt obligations now by paying down those loan balances.

Find a Lender

Check out places to get a mortgage and compare rates and fees. Start with your own fi-

nancial institution, then interview a few mortgage brokers and choose a loan product you completely understand.

• Determine a Down Payment

The more you put down, the lower your monthly mortgage payment. Here are 12 places to find a down payment.

• Consider FHA Loans

FHA loans carry competitive interest rates, come with minimum down payment requirements and allow sellers to pay some or all of your closing costs.

• Get a Preapproval Letter

Showing the seller you are already preapproved for a loan gives you an edge during offer negotiation.

Pick a Real Estate Agent to Help With Buying a Home

With so much information available online, you might wonder why you need an agent at all. But all local markets vary from one another, and a good agent can guide you by giving you information based on experience and market knowledge.

• Why Hire an Agent?

An agent with experience can help you to avoid making mistakes such as choosing the wrong home or offering too much.

• Find a Real Estate Agent

Start by asking your friends and family member for referrals. Make sure you are comfortable with your agent before committing to work with that person.

• Follow Protocol for Working with Agents

Here are 10 tips to prevent you from messing up or saying the wrong thing to an agent.

Learn How to Avoid Home Buying Mistakes

The best way to avoid making a mistake it to learn from the mistakes others have made. Buying a home in a desirable location is your best defense. Remember: location, location, location.

• First-Time Home Buyer Tips

Start your search online, and don't rely on print because most homes are not advertised in the newspaper.

• Preview Homes for Sale

Ask your agent to look at homes before showing them to you, and tour only those that fit your parameters.

• Avoid the Top 3 Home Buying Blunders

Protect your earnest money deposit by writing contingencies into your contract. Here's how to make sure you buy the right home.

Make an Offer and Negotiate Like a Pro

Although buying a home is not like buying a

car, for example, you can still negotiate to get a good price.

• Top Three Negotiation Tips

Price isn't the only consideration. Sellers often accept lower-priced offers for other considerations.

• Facing Multiple Offers

If you really love the home, chances are another buyer will want it as well. Here's how to win your offer.

• Dealing with Counter Offers

It's common for sellers and buyers to negotiate back and forth through counter offers.

Get a Home Inspection and Read Disclosures

Never buy a home without getting a home inspection. Most states have laws about the types of disclosures you are entitled to receive.

• What a Home Inspection Covers

Go through this list and make sure your home inspector doesn't miss anything crucial.

• Material Facts

Besides disclosing lead-based paint, which

any home built before 1978 can contain, sellers should notify you of major defects.

• Do a Final Walk-Through

Always do a final inspection a few days before closing to make sure the property is in the same condition as when you agreed to buy it.

Closing on Your Home

Transactions generally close within 30 to 60 days after your offer has been accepted. Remember to reserve movers or a moving truck early because many people move at the end of the month.

• Home Insurance

Shop for insurance rates carefully. Often, the company that insures your automobiles may offer you the best policy rates.

• Title Insurance Policy

You might think you don't need a title policy, but it's the cheapest form of insurance you can buy, and you pay the premium only once.

• Home Buying Closing Process

This covers every step of the home closing process, from the beginning to the end.

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INFORMATION ABOUT PRIVATE WASTE REMOVAL SYSTEMS AT YOUR HOME

Janet Wickell

Former About.com Guide

I sometimes work with home buyers who are reluctant to consider a house that is not connected to a community sewer. Some have heard horror stories about problems with old-fashioned septic systems. Others are totally unfamiliar with the concept of private waste removal. Although you should inspect them prior to purchase, most modern septic systems function in a clean and efficient manner now that regulatory agencies closely monitor their design and installation.

What is a Septic System?

A septic system processes and neutralizes liquid and solid waste that exits your home from stools, sinks and other plumbing fixtures.

A conventional septic system con-

sists of three main parts:

- Septic tank
- Drainfield
- Soil beneath the drainfield
- The Septic Tank

A temporary, watertight holding tank for waste, often buried near the house. Tanks usually have a capacity of 1,000 or more gallons. Solids settle to the bottom of the tank and form a layer of sludge. Liquid waste exits near the top of the tank and flows through distribution pipes in the drainfield. Septic Drainfield

Multiple, gravel-lined trenches, usually 2-3 feet deep, where liquid that exits the tank flows. The drainfield is positioned so that gravity allows liquid waste to flow and become distributed into the area. Perforated distribution pipes are placed in drainfield trenches, en-

suring that liquid waste can drain over a large area. The bottoms of the trenches are at least 12 inches above the groundwater table, sometimes more depending on the type of soil, so that waste is neutralized before entering.

The drainfield is covered with soil before the system is used. Soil

Natural components of soil neutralize bacteria and chemicals before they reach groundwater or nearby rivers and lakes. The ideal soil is aerobic, meaning it contains a good amount of cleansing oxygen, and is not saturated with water.

Septic System Variations

Some septic systems are more expensive than the one described above, but they allow you to build on a piece of land that might not be suitable for a conventional septic system. For instance, waste might

need to be pumped to the drainfield, rather than entering it from a gravitational drain.

If You're Buying Land

Always make your purchase of an undeveloped piece of land without sewer connections contingent on obtaining a permit to install a septic system. There are some soils that are not suitable for any type of system.

Ask your real estate agent which government agency regulates systems in the area where you plan to build. If you are purchasing a house already on a septic system, ask for a copy of the original septic permit, since it should show you the location of the tank and drainfield.

Ask your home inspector about specific septic system tests that can be performed during your home inspection.

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Messer Enjoying Her New House



ECB Publishing Photos By Debbie Snapp, August 4, 2012.

Elizabeth Messer is enjoying her new home and especially the screened porch. The rockers were a gift to her from caring friends, neighbors and family.

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In late 2011 local resident Elizabeth Messer applied for a grant that would help her to improve her standard of living. She is a person with disabilities, making her and 11 other Jefferson County residents eligible for this grant. "I was told that Meridian Community Services Group received 22 applications. I am so thankful that I was one of the eleven," she states.

Meridian Community Services Group has been working with governments, agencies and affiliates for more than 20 years. Offering these grants is what they do... they help local govern-

ment achieve their goals in an efficient, cost effective way. Disaster recovery - Housing - Economic Development - Block Grant Programs - Broadband. The company knows how to help identify the resources, allocate them, implement the program and account for the results and spending.

Now more than ever before grant dollars are under tremendous scrutiny. Competition for them is fierce with tremendous pressures on every winning program and project to achieve high standards. The rules and regulations attached to grants are a challenge and many times requirements are different. Meridian Community Services Group helps to manage the challenge,

manage the process and deliver the product.

Messer's daughter Jennifer Grimsley hosted an 'Open House' for her mother, in her new home on Saturday, August 4. Several friends and family members attended the special, tear-jerking event, with housewarming gifts in hand. Lots of hugs, food, fun and laughter were shared amongst the guests and all had a good time.

"I'm so thankful for all who helped to make this happen. I'm so grateful for a safe, comfortable place to live. I have prayed for the good Lord for a house with a screened porch for so many years."

"Mark 11:24 is just one of my

prayers, "Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."

Messer's new house on Farm Boy Road was built just next to the home she lived and raised her family in for many, many years.



BEST PLACES TO LIVE & HOW TO FIND YOUR OWN BEST PLACE TO LIVE

By **Elizabeth Weintraub**
About.com Guide

When I decided it was time to get the heck out of Dodge (Dodge being Minnesota), shortly after 9/11, my husband suggested we consider the East Coast. That's because he is a journalist, and there are more jobs back east. He was thinking New England, north of the Mason Dixon line, where it gets cold. I was thinking Hawaii.

As a society, or even as a couple, we don't always agree on the best places to live. You might prefer the desert or maybe the mountains; your spouse or partner might like the ocean. Everybody has one's own heart's desire to follow. Where is yours?

One of the nicest aspects of living in the United States, for those of us who live here, is the fact we can choose from a huge variety of climates and lifestyles, and we will still live in America.

Here's a look at a few reports that can help you choose the best place to live:

Forbes.com Best Places to Live

The Forbes Web site is a virtual collection of top-ten-lists, covering the worst to the best of just about any topic you can imagine. Because we all use different criteria for selecting the best place to live, Forbes has categorized its annual top 10 selections as follows:

America's 10 Cleanest Cities
Top Towns for Empty Nesters
Top 10 Most Affordable Places to Live Well
Top 10 Cities for Jobs
Top 10 Cities for Business and Careers
10 Best Cities for Savings
Best Cities for Young Professionals
Top Suburbs to Live Well
Money Magazine's Best Places to Live



Enter keywords "best places to live" on Money Magazine's web site, and you can enter your own criteria for a search. Money publishes the Top 100 lists every year. You can also view the top places to live by the following data:

Best Places, State-by-State
By Prices, Weather, Age Group, Cleanest and Commutes
10 Best Big Cities
Highest Percentage of Singles
Top Earning Towns
Find Your Best Place to Live

I love this site. It walks you through criteria that is important to you. When you are finished, it will tell you that you want to live in Hawaii and your spouse prefers cities that offer adversity. Oh, wait, I'm talking about myself again. Here are the criteria this site uses to tell you that, hey, you really DO want to live in Hawaii, but your spouse prefers Outer Mongolia:

Big or Small Town
Ideal Weather
Cultivating Culture
Educational Opportunities
Recreation
Geography
Community and Politics
Faith-based Preferences
Taxes and Mortgage Calculations
Moreover, check out Kiplinger.com . I think my husband paid them off because Sacramento is high on their list

of best places to live and work.

So I finished looking through all these sites, entered all the data, answered all the questions, and guess what? My best place to live was still Hawaii. Which brings me to the conclusion that maybe you don't need a web site to tell you where the best place to live is for you.

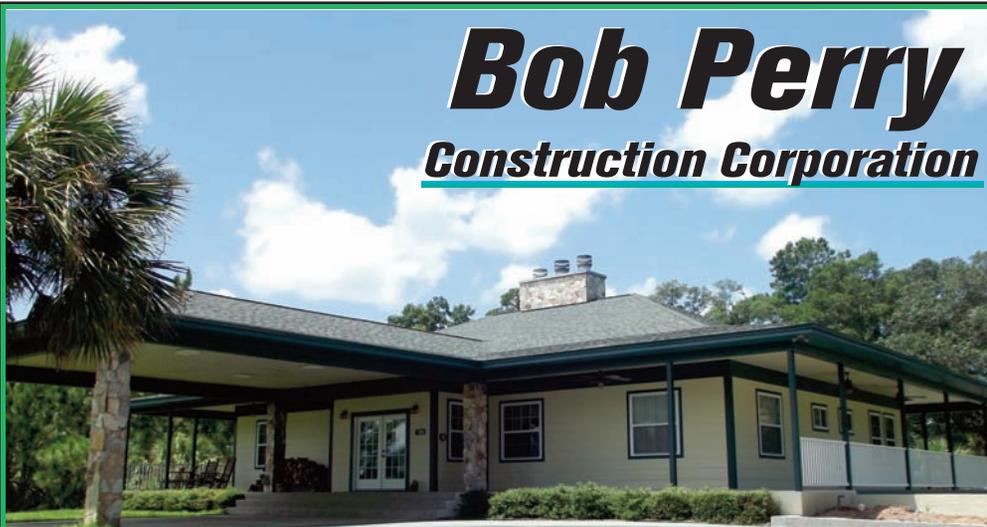
Maybe you already know.

In case you're wondering, my husband and I moved to Sacramento, California.

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Doing the Final Home Inspection Walk-Through

BY ELIZABETH WEINTRAUB

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Final walk-throughs are not a home inspection. It's not a time to begin negotiations with the seller to do repairs, nor is it a contingency. A final walk-through is an inspection performed anywhere from a few hours to five days before closing, and its primary purpose is to make certain that the property is in the condition you agreed to buy -- that agreed-upon repairs, if any, were made and nothing has gone wrong with the home since you last looked at it.

Buyers are often pressed for time as the day draws near for closing, which means buyers can be tempted to pass on the final walk-through. It is never a good idea to forgo the final walk-through.

Vacant Homes

Sellers often move out before closing. Ever watch HGTV's House Hunters and try to guess which home the buyers will choose? Well, I'll let you in on a secret. It's the vacant house! Trust me, nine times out of 10, it's the vacant one. That's because they film the show backwards, starting with the house the buyer purchased, just before it closes escrow.

Now, in situations where the seller has already moved out, it is even more imperative that buyers conduct a final walk-through. Problems arise when homes sit vacant for any period of time. For example, when termite companies test showers, they plug the shower drain and let the water run. Guess what happens if the termite inspector forgets to remove all the paper over the drain and doesn't completely turn off the shower handle? A small drip, drip, drip can turn into a flooded bathroom. You don't want to find out your home is flooded after you buy it.

Case Example

Let's call these clients Angie and Carl. They were a few days away from closing on an adorable California bungalow. This house was owned by a local sportswriter who had been transferred to Phoenix, and the owner left shortly after putting the home on the market. The home inspection went smoothly, and the home inspector did not note any items that required immediate attention. In fact, there was nothing about this situation that was cause for alarm.

The day Angie and Carl arrived for the final walk-through, they were advised to turn on all the lights, run water and make sure the stove worked, all those sorts of logical precautions, but these buyers were engrossed in other spur-of-the-moment distractions and "new home" excitement. Instead of listening to their agent's advice, they were discussing their sofa placement and which window treatments they should buy for the living room. Although it is not within my scope to perform a final walk-through for clients, it was apparent that the buyers had no interest and would likely, if given the chance, have waived the final walk-through. I could hear them in the back yard talking about how far the present decking could extend before striking the fence as I wandered around the house turning on lights, and then I hit the handle on the toilet. All of a sudden Angie screamed. I dashed into the back yard in time to witness a geyser -- water gushing from the ground! And it smelled.

If I hadn't depressed the flushing mechanism on the toilet, we would never have had subsequently discovered that the sewer line had tree roots growing in it. The following day we received an estimate of \$5,000 to fix it. Since we were a few days away from closing, we had time to withhold that money from the seller's proceeds and order the work completed.

Here is a list of items to check on a final walk-through:

- Turn on and off every light fixture
- Run water & look under sinks for leaks
- Test all appliances
- Check garage door openers
- Open and close all doors
- Flush toilets
- Inspect ceilings, wall and floors
- Run garbage disposal and exhaust fans
- Test heating and air conditioning
- Open and close windows
- Make sure all debris is removed from the home

When the Home is Occupied
Sometimes sellers don't move out until the day the transaction closes or even a few days after closing. In those situations, I recommend that buyers do a final walk-through in the presence of the seller. Why? Because the seller knows all the little quirks about the home and can answer questions the buyers may have.



A good question to ask a seller is:

What is the one improvement you've always wanted but never got around to implementing?

This is also a good time to ask the seller for a forwarding address so the buyers can send mail. It's smart to stay on good terms with the seller and, in some parts of the country, like California, buyers almost never meet the sellers. Moreover, because

you never know when you might need to get in touch with the former owners, the final walk-through is an excellent opportunity, as strange as this may sound, for the parties to say hello.

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