



Elect Vernie Key for County Commission District 3

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I am looking forward to the election in November and ask that the citizens in District 3 vote for me to serve them on the Board of County Commissioners. I believe Jefferson County holds great promise and our citizens want relief, respect and economic opportunities.



My career began working at Jefferson Correctional Institute (JCI) where I helped build the facility from the ground up and worked there for seven years as a vocational instructor. I remember watching our community and commissioners take a leap of faith and invest in the future of our county when they chose to purchase the land where JCI now operates. It brought jobs and hope for the future. This past year when our community faced the threat of losing JCI, it opened the eyes of many people including mine. This was when I realized that if I really cared about a future in our county for my children, I needed to step up to the plate. I believe there are three "KEY" things residents want from their County Commissioners and I am the candidate that can deliver.

Accountability - A "KEY" to a strong local economy begins with fiscal responsibility. Government should be accountable and limit spending so essential services are protected in lean times and investments can be made in job creating infrastructure when times are good. Owning and operating a small business for the past 16 years has provided me with ability and skill to be accountable.

I understand how to manage my dollars in lean times and to invest wisely for future economic opportunities.

Reason - A "KEY" part of reasoning is the ability to understand cause and effect while solving problems. Then it takes skill to communicate this to citizens and fellow Commissioners. Building bridges by reasoning with fellow Commissioners is the only way to move forward to achieve more. I am a very reasonable person, who has learned to be objective. I spend a lot of time listening and thinking about how my actions will affect others short and long term.

Common Sense - "KEY" to this is the ability to relate to every day citizens. Setting policy that is people-centered and crafted with reason and fairness is what citizens expect. Showing respect to others is how to gain respect. In my career, I do my best not to overcomplicate the simple things, and this has allowed me to focus on how to solve problems and keep moving forward.

I offer myself as a fresh voice that will represent District 3 citizens with accountability, reason, and common sense. I humbly ask you to vote for me, Vernie "KEY" to be District 3's voice on the county commission on November 6, 2012.

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ECB Publishing, Inc. will offer exclusive post-Senatorial debate coverage on its website (www.ecbpublishing.com). The online broadcast will begin at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17.

The debate between incumbent Bill Nelson and Republican challenger Connie Mack will be held at Nova Southeastern University in Ft. Lauderdale.

According to the Florida Press Association, which is partnering with Leadership Florida to sponsor the debate, "The one-hour

post-debate program will consist of a moderator or moderators interviewing guest analysts, journalists, individually or as a panel, in addition to interviews with students, and prominent Democrats and Republicans who attend the debate. Guests will be interviewed for several minutes, and the program will then move on to other guests in order to capture a wide variety of viewpoints." The post-debate broadcast is only available to be aired by members of the Florida Press Association.

Charges Are Pending Against Deputy Clerk

LAZARO ALEMAN
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The State Attorney's office here reported on Thursday morning, Oct. 11, that it was reviewing the probable cause affidavit and other information related to a deputy clerk in the Clerk of Court office, who is facing a charge of an alleged scheme to defraud less than \$20,000.

"We'll take a look at the probable cause and the police report, and based on the information, we'll decide if charges will be filed," Assistant State Attorney Phil Smith said Thursday morning. "No charges have been filed at present."

Named in the probable cause is Deputy Clerk Stephanie Footman, who is alleged to have failed to



Stephanie Footman

enter into the Clerk of Court office system 18 child-support payments made by different individuals between Feb. 12, 2012, and Sept. 14, 2012. The 18 payments reportedly totaled \$4,238.

According to the probable cause, a citizen inquiring about a child-support payment that he had made in the amount of \$798 on Sept. 4, 2012, triggered the investi-

gation. The citizen produced a receipt for the payment, signed by Footman.

An audit of the Clerk of Court's system indicated that no such deposit had been made, however. Chief Deputy Tyler McNeil then discovered 17 other receipts on Footman's desk that also had not been entered into the system.

On Sept. 20, Footman requested an interview with Clerk of Court Kirk Reams, which interview was held in McNeil's office and taped at the direction of Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) agent Ed King.

According to the probable cause, Footman said she'd been working three

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Voter Registration Closes, Sample Ballots On Way

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The elections office picked up 140 new registrants before the closing of the voter registration books on Tuesday evening, Oct. 9, bringing to 9,529 the total number of Jefferson County citizens registered to vote on Nov. 6.

A possibility yet exists, however, that a few more names may be added to the list, according to Deputy Elections Supervisor Lee Davis. That's because, as Davis noted on Wednesday, Oct. 10, mailed registrations bearing an Oct. 9 or earlier postmark would still be counted.

"As long as the registrations were postmarked yesterday we still accept them," Davis said.

She said that as of Wednesday, the number of registered Democrats in Jefferson County was 6,270, the number of registered Republicans was 2,415, and the number of no party or other parties' affiliations was 844.

Davis said sample ballots would be mailed next week in preparation for the commencement of early voting. The elections office recommends voters fill out the sample ballots and bring them to the polls when voting to facilitate the process, as the ballots are lengthy and complicated this time around.

Early voting is scheduled to begin Saturday, Oct. 27 and continue through Saturday, Nov. 3. The early voting will run 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day, with the exception of Sunday, Oct. 28, when the hours will be noon to 6 p.m.

Citizens are further reminded that the Chamber of Commerce will sponsor two candidates' forums for the five local races prior to the general election. Each of the forums will start at 7 p.m. and be held in the second floor of the courthouse.

Following is the schedule of the forums:

* Monday, Oct. 22: The focus will be on the School Superintendent and School

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United Way Fundraiser Dinner Wednesday

DEBBIE SNAPP
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

Mark your calendars and make plans to attend the United Way Fundraiser meal at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, October 17, in the family ministry center at the First United Methodist Church in Monticello.

It's going to be an evening of grilled chicken from Johnston's Meat Market, with all the fixings prepared by Carrie Ann & Co and other local volunteers, homemade desserts and music performed by Mike Purvis and Laura Powell, and some great fellowship. United Way Committee members will serve the meals and drinks.

Invite your family, friends, neighbors, coworkers, and friends to join for a celebration for a great cause. For more information about this event, contact Campaign Associate Megan Picht, at the United Way of the Big Bend, at 850-488-8342 or megan@uwbb.org. All funds raised at this event will go directly to the United Way of the Big Bend in Jefferson. CoChairs for this year's fundraising are Dean Jerger and Nan Baughman.

Jefferson County United Way of the Big Bend agencies include: 2-1-1 Big Bend, a 24-hour crisis, suicide and HIV/AIDS hotline, 211; Ability 1st, offering assistance to persons with disabilities, 850-575-9621; Alzheimer's Project,

offering a full range of resource services including counseling, referral and support groups, 850-386-2778; Capital Area Chapter of the American Red Cross, offering disaster, health, safety, emergency, volunteer, youth, and military services, 850-878-6080; America's Second Harvest of the Big Bend, providing surplus food to the needy through nonprofit agencies, 850-562-3033; Big Bend Cares, providing education and comprehensive support to people

infected with or affected with HIV/AIDS, 850-656-2437; Big Bend Hospice, for patient/family hospice care and bereavement, 850-878-5310; Suwannee River Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, offering youth leadership development and prevention programs, 850-576-4146; Capital Area Community

Action Agency, primary advocacy and support agency to help low-income residents with crisis needs, and the skills and resources for financial independence, 850-653-8057; Early Learning Coalition of the Big Bend, providing early learning and school readiness programs for children, 850-385-0551; Elder Care Services, offering comprehensive programs for senior citizens in need, 850-951-5554; Fellowship of Christian Athletes, serves middle and high school students and aims to teach honesty, respect for au-

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Elliott Williams Celebrates 100 Years



The 100th birthday of local resident Elliott Williams was celebrated with cake and ice cream recently at the Brynwood Center H&R. Williams was born on September 19, 1912 in Jefferson County Florida.

Williams shares bits and pieces of his life remembering that he worked all his life on the farm with his daddy. He says he also

worked at a sawmill and in the construction field.

He was married to the late Kate Miller, and has two sons, Douglas Williams and the late Cleo Williams. He now resides at the Brynwood Center H&R, with many of his friends and neighbors.

"I want a hundred more years," he quips, when asked what he wished for.



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HIGH-SPEED Internet connectivity now available. Crews from the North Florida Broadband Authority (NFBA) were busy installing broadband equipment on tall structures in the city and county this week. City Manager Steve Wingate reports all towers are now up, running and hot. To receive the service, call NFBA Senior Manager Donnie Lort at (386) 438-5042.

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Local Weather

Fri 10/12	84/60	
A mainly sunny sky. High 84F. Winds NNE at 5 to 10 mph.		
Sat 10/13	86/64	
Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the mid 60s.		
Sun 10/14	84/65	
Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the mid 60s.		
Mon 10/15	86/65	
Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the mid 60s.		
Tue 10/16	86/65	
Partly cloudy, chance of a thunderstorm.		

Jefferson County Living

Viewpoints & Opinions

DOC Announces Staff Promotions and Laterals

Florida Department of Corrections Secretary Ken Tucker announced promotions and lateral moves of correctional institutions staff statewide. The 37 moves are part of the Department's leadership succession.

"Many of these changes will afford staff the opportunity to work at larger facilities with more diverse populations and build leadership skills for their future," said Tim Cannon, assistant secretary of institutions.



Overall, 10 staff received promotions, including two new Wardens. Twenty-seven lateral moves were made and will allow for those staff to receive diverse experience in institutions across the state.

Affecting Jefferson Correctional Institution (JCI), there were three moves; Colonel Antonio Hudson of Holmes Correctional Institution was promoted to Assistant Warden at JCI. Classification Specialist Joseph Edwards of Northwest Florida Reception Center was promoted to Classification Supervisor at JCI. JCI Classification Supervisor John Holtz was laterally transferred to Classification Supervisor at Gadsden Correctional Institution.

Display Purple Ribbons In October

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. According to an FBI study, domestic violence is possibly the most under-reported crime in the United States. Statistics show every 15 seconds a woman is beaten in the United States; and four women and three children die each day from domestic abuse. More than a third of all female emergency room visits are be-

cause of domestic violence.

Domestic violence is any pattern of forcible control that one person exerts over another. It can be physical, emotional, sexual or economic abuse or isolation. Children in abusive households are considered the silent witnesses and pass on violent and abusive behaviors to the next generation.

For more information, or to refer someone who is being abused, locally contact Nan Baugh-



man at the Refuge House, 850-342-3518, or you may call the 24-Hour Crisis Line at 850-681-2111 or 1-800-500-1119.

An Evening Of Suspense And Auditions

DEBBIE SNAPP
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Staff Writer

'An Evening of Suspense' is coming to the Monticello Opera House on Friday, October 26. Kathleen Osgood will direct the show. Readers/actors include Pat and Ron Cichon, Carolyn Milligan, Angie Perry, Judi Persons, Denise Tosado, Steven Webster, and Jan and Jack Williams. Shakespeare's witches are Carly Hamlett, Mandi Holley, and Tovya Vargas.

The Opera House Stage Co. will hold auditions for its upcoming 'Live Radio Theater' presentation of classic Christmas programs, at 3 p.m. on Sunday, November 4 and at 7 p.m. on Monday, November 5 at the Monticello Opera House. Director will be Jan Williams.

This show, which recreates the sounds and feel of a 1940's radio studio, will include such



scripts as 'It's A Wonderful Life,' the radio version of the Christmas movie; 'Sherlock Holmes' Christmas at Chislehurst Manor; or 'I'll Be Holmes For Christmas;' and Stan Freeberg's 'Green Christmas.' There are two S's in Christmas, and they're both dollar signs!

No memorization is needed. Age and appearance are not particularly important. A plus is to be able to speak in more than one voice or accent.

Performance dates for this show will be on the evenings of Friday, December 7 and Saturday, December 8.

STINGERS

I saw news reporter Laz Aleman at the First Floridians conference on Saturday and he made a point to speak to me. At first I was nervous but I really appreciated his candor and easy going way. No journalist likes to have objectivity of their story challenged and that is what I did in my letter last week about the County Commission bond vote. He surprised me and earned even more of my respect when he THANKED me for setting the record straight (his words, not mine).
Kate Calvin

*All Stingers are printed anonymously, however the News staff reserves the right to not print offensive material.

Letters To The Editor

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

Concerned Citizen Speaks Out About "A Tourist Adventure"

Dear Editor:

I am trying to understand, what the letter to the Editors Section, "Friday 5th, 2012, the Title "A Tourist Adventure" was saying.

Rev:-Gene Hall wrote about the Land in the Rooster Town Community on the Corner of M. L. King and Branch Street in Monticello-Jefferson County, Florida. He stated: "This Land was in County Commission District Two".

I believe, with that Statement, he was implying or saying that he wanted us to know, that the County Commission District Two is the only black Man on the Commission Board (Commissioner John Nelson). I make this Statement about Race, because of the Article Statement about President Nelson Mandela, serving as "our Honorary Tour Guide." I am not writing this to the Editor to defend Commissioner Nelson neither President Nelson Mandela, although I know, that Commissioner Nelson would love to be compared to the great President Nelson Mandela, however, as Truth shows Commissioner Nelson's Record can defend itself and President Nelson Mandela needs no defense. I know for a fact, that the Commissioner has addressed this Land Clean-up Issue and other Land Clean-up Problems in District Two. Like the old Building on North Warrick St. between East Pearl St and East Dogwood with the Grass so high and the Weeds coming through the Pavement and a Building, four times the size of the one in Rooster Town. Like the land on East High St. behind the Relay Tower, where the Vultures sit and in front of one of the oldest

homes in Monticello. On this Land behind the Tower, there are Armadillos and Snakes living there and not make believe ones.

Rev. Gene Hall, in your Article, you have failed to tell the Readers; that to get the Commission to do anything just like in the days of our City Fathers (and Mothers), it takes a Majority Vote, just like in the days of Our City Fathers (and Mothers), when it comes to using Tax Money in order to pay for any help. Cleaning up the land in the Black Community, there has never been a Majority Vote. Probably, I should not say, there has never been any help in cleaning up any lands in the Black Community, because, we all know, that Roseland Cemetery is in a Black Community, in County Commission District Two, and that there is no other Cemetery in the County that our Tax Dollars pay for, that has been maintained as well and it is a virtual Tourist Attraction.

As I have stated before, I am trying to understand, what the letter to The Editor's Section on Friday 5th, 2012, titled: "A Tourist Adventure" was implying on. Perhaps, I have misunderstood as to what Rev. Gene Hall was saying.

Maybe, what Rev. Gene Hall was trying to say to the Readers was, that the other County Commissioners should look at this land and say to themselves, maybe the time has come, that the majority of the Commissioners started voting on Things, which would help the entire Community and together we can start attracting more Tourists.

Nate Woods

Why I Would Vote Republican

1: I enjoy the idea of telling people who they can marry, I know that's more government but we can make exceptions.

2: I'm all for corporate welfare, after all corporations are people and if they fall into that 47% group of not paying federal taxes such as Exxon/Mobil and GE, well we must look after the weak among us.

3: We defend freedom of speech as long as its uttered by Fox News and Rush.

4: Abortion a terrible subject but the Republican of less government fame should have the right to intrude into the privacy of others even if the Constitution, by Supreme Court decision, says we should not.

5: We will be able, thanks to the First Amendment, continue to spout falsehoods about aliens receiving Social Security and Healthcare benefits. We certainly don't want educated children of illegal aliens running around, better to keep them out in the fields picking fruits and vegetables.

6: The profit motive should rain supreme over all else, closing American factories and sending jobs to communist China is a great idea. Free trade for everyone as long as it will increase the bottom line. High unemployment works well for me, more workers than jobs means I can pay lower wages to the few lucky enough

to have a job.

7: Do we really need Clean Air and Water acts when it interferes with profit, I think not. Drill baby drill is our motto even though we have high gas prices here we have made refined petroleum the number one export from this country. That argued about pipeline will just help keep that tar sand oil flowing right of this country. Yeah and who need polar bears anyway will always have zoos and pictures.

8: Science who needs it.
9: Voodoo economics, that's our thing so what if it didn't work for 98% of the population in the oughts, let's bring it back and see if we can raise it to 99%.

10: I believe an obstructionist House of Representative works great for me, they need to keep passing bills that will go nowhere to make a point. The Senate republicans are doing a great job of tying up the Senate and defeating ghastly bills such as the one to aid returning war veterans find jobs.

11: I think it's great we can start wars and pass big Medicare enhancements and not fund them then blame the new guy for the deficits we caused.

Republicans keep up the good work and see you at the polls this November.

Harry Brenner

Ways to Stay in the Know



Friday

Q: What's going on this weekend?

A: Check out the movie listings and local events.

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Altrusa Members Enjoy Two Guest Speakers At Meeting



ECB Publishing Photos By Debbie Snapp, September 27, 2012.

All of Monticello members pose with their old and new club logo banners.

Altrusa of Monticello held its September 27 meeting on Thursday afternoon at the Methodist Family Ministry Center. Visiting from Starke to speak to the membership was guest speaker Altrusa District Three Governor Beverly Hardy, at which time she presented the club with its new Logo Banner.

Altrusa Governor Hardy spoke on various subjects dealing with Altrusa's District Three Conference taking place in Asheville, NC in April 2013; Supporting our Soldiers (SOS) project; newsletter and article updates being sent out electronically; District Three website criteria for projects and awards; scholarship opportunities through Altrusa; recruiting new members; how the Global recession has caused non-profit organizations to shrink; and handed out literature regarding Altrusa's purpose.

Altrusa Governor Hardy then recognized Dianne Westbrook as bringing in six new members to the Monticello Altrusa organization, and presented her with a No. 6 pin to be worn along with her Altrusa membership pin.

Following that, Nancy Wideman, coordinator of the Jefferson County Tourist Development Council, spoke to the Altrusans covering the following topics: The mission and budget of the TDC; information and registration forms for the First Floridians: First Americans Conference held October 4-6; How the TDC is working with David Harvey, head of the Road Department, and Covey Washington, County Extension agent, to increase the presence of wildflowers in the county; a recent motor coach tour of folks from Gainesville; and recent articles that have been published about paddling and fishing in the area.

Altrusa is involved in service, leadership and fellowship... leading to a better community. Altrusa meets on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 12 p.m. at the Methodist Family Life Center. For more information, contact Westbrook at 850-997-2973.



Altrusa of Monticello Guest Speaker Nancy Wideman, coordinator of the Jefferson County Tourist Development Council, accepts a chapter gift for her time and talents shared.



Altrusa of Monticello District Three Governor Beverly Hardy presents a lapel pin to Dianne Westbrook for bringing in six new members.



Altrusa District Three Governor Beverly Hardy presents Altrusa of Monticello President Anita Ashworth and the chapter with a new logo banner.

Charges

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jobs and still couldn't make ends meet, expressed shame, and asked for forgiveness.

"I'm not going to try to come up with an excuse," the document quotes her saying.

On Sept. 26, King interviewed Footman, after informing her of her Miranda Rights and she agreeing to the interview.

According to the probable cause, Footman is quoted saying, "I don't know what to say. I have no excuse for what I did."

At which point she

terminated the interview.

Reams made the following statement on Thursday morning.

"A customer driven inquiry triggered an internal audit of processes and procedures in our Child Support division. After uncovering discrepancies related to cash receipts in this department, I contacted FDLE to perform a formal, external investigation. This investigation resulted in the employee's termination and the findings were turned

over to the State Attorney for prosecution to the fullest extent of the law.

"This situation is contained to one individual affecting one aspect of our operation and charges are pending. Every effort is being exhausted to ensure that anyone affected is indemnified and made whole. I will continue to serve the citizens of Jefferson County to the best of my ability and will not tolerate anyone on my staff who compromises the public's trust."

United Way

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hority, racial harmony, selflessness, sexual responsibility, and substance abuse prevention, 850-383-1144; Girl Scout Council of the Florida Panhandle, provides camps, inner city programs and other programs to encourage healthy lifestyles, 850-386-2131; Healthy Start Coalition, offers support services and resources for parents and children, 850-948-2741; Jefferson County Senior Citizens Center, offering comprehensive programs for senior citizens in need, 850-342-0242; Kids Incorporated of the Big Bend, offers family-oriented early childhood services, 850-414-9800; Legal Services of North Florida, offers legal assistance and counsel for low-income persons, 850-385-5007; Neighborhood Health Serv-

ices, for indigent healthcare and education services to low-income and homeless individuals, 850-224-2469; Office of the Public Guardian, provides guardianship services to vulnerable or incapacitated adults who have no resources to obtain a guardian to safeguard their civil rights, 850-487-4609; Refuge House, offers assistance for victims of domestic and sexual violence, including safe shelter and 24-hour crisis hotline, 850-681-2111; Sickle Cell Foundation, increasing the knowledge and understanding of sickle cell disease, 850-222-2355; and the Care Network, providing timely access to specialty medical care for low-income people, 850-942-5215.

LIVE UNITED!

Voters

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Board, District 1, races.

The candidates in the School Superintendent race are incumbent Bill Brumfield, Democrat, seeking a second term; and challengers Al Cooksey, Republican, and Nancy Whitty and Charles Parrish, both running as No Party Affiliation (NPA).

The candidates in the nonpartisan District 1

School Board race are Phil Barker and Ann Herring.

*Tuesday, Oct. 23: The focus will be on the Tax Collector and County Commission, District 1 and 3, races.

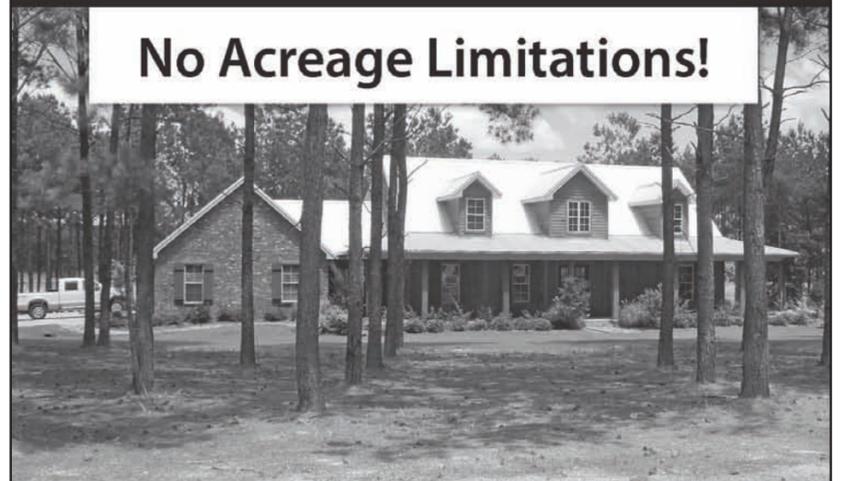
The candidates in the Tax Collector race are incumbent Lois Hunter, Democrat, seeking a fourth term; and challenger Paul Michael, Republican.

The candidates in the District 1 County Commission race are Benjamin Bishop, Democrat, and Ed Volltersen, Republican.

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

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

October 12, 13, 19,
20, 26, 27, 31

Historic Monticello Ghost Tours are scheduled for two tours per night: 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 for adults; \$12 for Seniors 62+; \$12 for children ages 8 to 12; children 7 and under are free. Call the Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce at 850-997-5552 and make your reservation today.

October 12

Rotary meets at 12 p.m. on Friday at the First Presbyterian Church, in the fellowship hall, for lunch and a meeting with a program and speaker.

October 12

Monticello Jamboree Band will perform music for dancing at 7 p.m. every Friday evening at 625 South Water Street, in the old JCHS gym. There will be doorprizes, cold soft drinks and snacks. Everyone is welcome to come dance, listen to some of the finest music and just enjoy the fun and camaraderie with neighbors and friends. This is a nonprofit charitable organization. For questions or concerns contact Curtis Morgan at 850-933-8136 or Bobby Connell at 850-445-0049.

October 13

Martial Arts classes are held from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturdays in the Memorial Missionary Baptist Church fellowship hall. Call Diane Hall at 850-264-1195 for more information.

October 13

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.

October 13

Scarlet O'Hatters meet on the second Saturday of the month at a location of their choosing for a luncheon meal and program. For more information about the Red Hat Society contact Queen Mum Pat Mucowski at 850-997-0688 or Mary Cremeans at 850-997-3153.

October 13-31

Jefferson Arts will exhibit the 'watercolor' artworks of Linda Clark through the month of October. The Gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays for public viewing at 575 West Washington Street in downtown Monticello. For more information about the Arts or about its fall art classes for children and adults, call 850-997-3311 or go to info@jeffersonartsgallery.com or www.jeffersonartsgallery.com.

October 14

Camellia Garden Circle of the Monticello Garden Club will meet on Sunday at 2 p.m. at the home of member Isabelle de Sercey. The afternoon will begin with a brief business meeting followed by a program on the making of birdhouses and bird feeders out of gourds. If you would like to purchase a gourd to take home, the cost will be \$2 each. Bring a treat or beverage if you would like, as it would be most appreciated. For more information about the Camellia Circle, contact Chairperson Jane Davis at

jkdeercrossing@aol.com.

October 15

Jefferson County Lions Club Monday Night BINGO at the Capitol City BP Travel Center, in the Big Bend Family Restaurant, 2716 Gamble Road, Lloyd (Interstate 10, Exit 217, Highway 59.) Doors open at 5 p.m., early bird BINGO at 5:30 p.m. and BINGO session at 7:00 p.m. 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. One free \$20 Jackpot BINGO card for every eyeglass and nonperishable food item donation! One free \$25 Jackpot BINGO card for every new guest. Contact Lion June at 850-997-1754 for more information.

October 15

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

October 15

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.

October 16

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.

October 16

'How To Write A Fundable Business Plan' workshop will be held on Tuesday at the Courthouse Annex, 435 West Walnut Street in downtown Monticello. Dallas Garrett, PhD, Jefferson County Small Business Program Director, will present this free workshop from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Reserve your seating now by calling 850-997-2185, or email dgarrett@jeffersoncountyfl.gov. Sponsored by the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners.

October 16

Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce After 5 will be held on Tuesday evening at the Jefferson Country Club, on the Boston Highway. Plan to attend and mingle with your neighbors and friends.

October 16

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 local Party. The Florida Primary election for 2012 is now over. Republican candidates locally will need support. State and National candidates will be counting on support. The general election season is underway. Don't miss out. Join on Tuesday and plan the path forward for Republicans in Jefferson County.

October 16

Parent Involvement Committee meets at 6:30 p.m. every third Tuesday at the District Office on Water Street. Contact Vicki Boland vicki.boland@jeffersonschooldistrict.org.

Church News Notes

October 12

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

October 14

Philadelphia M.B. Church, located at 555 Fulford Road, will be hosting their 137th anniversary at 3 p.m. The guest speaker will be Reverend Herbert Thomas and the congregation of the Welaunee M.B. Church. Reverend Ernest Bruton, Pastor.

October 14

One Heart Earth Center Sunday of Silence is held every second Sunday of each month anytime between 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come stretch your body. Be led into meditation. Reflect on your life. Rest your thoughts. Be served a delicious, nutritious meal. Bask in the beauty of the garden. Relish a time away. Gentle Hatha Yoga stretches will be offered at 10 a.m., with instructor Joy Moore, for those interested. A vegetarian lunch will be served at noon. Donations are accepted. If you do plan to attend, call ahead for food preparation purposes only, to 850-997-7373, or email to www.oneheartearthcenter.org. Your presence is welcomed. Invite a friend.

October 16, 23

Did you know that there are 11 Constitutional Amendments on the Florida ballot in November? To help you make an informed decision, the Village Square is hosting Takeout Tuesdays on at 5:30 p.m. in Tallahassee at St. John's Episcopal Church. The program is called Constitutional Amendments 101. Bring your favorite take-out and drink and learn about each amendment. Hopefully, this will help you make an informed decision as to how to vote. As we all know, the amendments are sometimes worded in a confusing way, leaving you wondering if you really voted the way you intended to vote! You must RSVP to attend.

October 17

First Presbyterian Church will host EaglesWings, a ministry of outreach, serving the community on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 9 a.m. to 12

p.m. Volunteers are always welcome to distribute food items and to donate non-perishable food items. Call and leave a message for JoAnne Arnold at 850-997-2252 or go to eaglewingsmonticello@yahoo.com or www.first-presbyterianmonticello.org.

October 18

First United Methodist Church of Monticello will host a six-session Grief Support Group on Thursdays through October 25. The sessions will be held in the FUMC Family Ministry Center from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. Elizabeth Robinson, MS. MSW will facilitate the group. Pre-registration is required; call Robinson at 850-210-9239.

October 20

StoryTime Ministry is held from 1 to 2 p.m. every other Saturday at the Jefferson County Bailer Public Library. For more information contact First United Methodist Church Ministry Chairman Barbara Hobbs at 850-523-1813.

October 26, 27

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.

October 28

Memorial Missionary Baptist Church Senior Choir will celebrate its 52nd anniversary at 3 p.m. on the fourth Sunday. Rev. Melvin Crawford and the Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church of Quincey will be in charge of the service. The choir members invite all to come and pay reverence to God with them of this special occasion; and enjoy an evening of praise and worship. Dinner will be served. Moderator/Reverend JB Duval, church pastor.

†† Obituary ††

MARILOUISE WILSON SPARKS

Marilouise Wilson Sparks, age 91, a homemaker, went home to be with her Lord and Savior and her beloved husband Goldee Beatrice (Britt) Sparks, on Monday, October 8, 2012, in Aucilla, Florida.

A 'Celebration of Life' service was held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, October 10, 2012, at Beggs Funeral Home Monticello Chapel (850-997-5612,) 485 East Dogwood Street, 32344, beggschmonticello@embarqmail.com.

The family received friends one hour prior to the service in the chapel.

Mrs. Sparks is survived by one daughter Linda Sparks; two sons Charles J. Sparks (Julie) and Bruce Sparks (Kerry); eight grandchildren; eighteen great grandchildren; and one sister Jane J. Norman.

Marilouise was preceded in death by her husband Britt Sparks, her mother Henerietta Norman, a brother Eric Wilson and sister Henerietta Groom.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Covenant Hospice, 1545 Raymond Diehl Road, Suite 102, Tallahassee, Florida 32308-1530, or to the Jefferson County Humane Society, or to the Music Program at Central Baptist Church of Aucilla, Monticello, Florida 32344.

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Jefferson County Living

Remembering "The Good Ol' Days"

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Many times the older people in different communities throughout the country will reminisce about the days gone by and what life was like back in the "good ol' days." County native Cindy Roe-Littlejohn, 58, recently reminisced about her earlier days of living in Jefferson County.

"I remember having a quart of milk delivered to our doorstep every morning by Mr. Donald Davidson, who also lived across US-90 from us. He owned a dairy. I didn't realize it, but several years ago one of my girls noticed that I still shake up the milk jug before pouring milk. That is what you had to do with Mr. Davidson's milk. There was always cream on top," said Roe-Littlejohn. "About once a week Mr. Davidson would bring a glass pint of chocolate milk for my little sister Pam and me. Now that was real special.

"I remember trips to the ice plant, which was on the side next door to the Florida Power shop where my dad worked in the substation department. We would go to get a block of ice. My family liked to do a lot of things that needed ice, like boating, camping, and making ice cream," she added. "You didn't go to a convenience store back then to get ice. In fact there were no convenience stores. I can still remember the man bringing out the block of ice with those big ice tongs. We had an ice chest that was red, square and taller than it was long. It fit the block of ice. I can also remember dad or mom using an ice pick to chip pieces of the ice off. I still have that ice pick in my kitchen.

"By the way, as I got older I realized that the old ice plants always seemed to be a part of or next to an electric plant. I found out later that the reason those endeavors go together is because the steam from the boilers that created power was condensed and then recycled into the boilers or used to make ice. In other words the ice was made from this by-product of energy production," she advised.

"I guess Monticello had a power plant at one time, and it must have been in the main part of the building, where my dad worked. The ice plant only took up a small portion of the building on the west side. This is where Stokley's Pecan House is today," said Roe-Littlejohn.

"I remember playing in the Florida Power field, which was across the street from my home. Our home was on East Washington Street, and across the street was a field of several pecan trees and one large old live oak. On the other side of the field ran Pearl Street. Kids living within a block or more of that field used to meet up and play there. It was according to the season as to what we played. In the fall it was football. In the spring it was baseball. In the winter we played basketball at the Roddenberry's house, which had a goal set up right by the east end of the field. We also played in that big oak tree. We tried to make a tree house up there, but it was never anything to be proud of," she said.

"One day mama and daddy called me to come home from the field. I began to run that way with my sister Pam shadowing behind. They told Pam to go back to play, that they

only wanted me. I thought I might be in trouble; but when I went inside mama was sitting in dad's lap," she recalled. "They told me that she was expecting a baby, but I couldn't tell anyone yet. I was really excited, but I was also 14 years old. My next thought was that now everyone would know what my parents were still doing. Oh dear, how embarrassing," Roe-Littlejohn quipped.

"Popular hangouts for teens were Johnson's Drug Store, which later became Jackson's, and Simmon's Drug store, where the bank annex is now. Both had old-fashioned soda fountains," she said. "I remember well Dr. Hunter and Dr. Ward's offices next door to Simmon's. I remember it the most because that is where they took me when I was run over by my dad in our driveway. Dr. Hunter put a cast on my leg there. Their doctor's office had two entrances, one on Cherry and one on the courthouse circle. Simmon's Drug Store had two entrances also," Roe-Littlejohn added.

"My grandmother Roe (Ranny) used Dr. Brinson, and I can still remember climbing the stairs to his office, which I believe was over Johnson's Drug Store. We called this Dr. Brinson, old Dr. Brinson. He delivered my dad in my grandparent's house, which was next door to our home. If Ranny were sick enough, he would make a house call and come to her. When my grandmother got old, though, old Dr. Brinson's son was her doctor. Young Dr. Brinson made house calls and always came to see her in her home," she said.

"She did see one other doctor once, though. Grandmother Roe suffered from vertigo. She fell many times, but never broke anything until this one time. She fell in her flowerbed, and broke her wrist. Daddy just happened to drive into the driveway. He had been helping somebody with a building project and had been drinking beer," said Roe-Littlejohn. "Anyway, she yelled to him; and he helped her get up out of the flowerbed, and they went to the doctor. Dr. Rocca was the only doctor in town that afternoon. Ranny got really upset with Dr. Rocca that day. Daddy had been drinking; and Ranny with her vertigo always staggered like she was drunk, so Dr. Rocca thought that Ranny had been hitting the sauce. We laughed and laughed over that one. Except for a little whisky with lemon and honey in a teaspoon for a cough, she never touched the stuff," she said.

"Growing up with Ranny next door was like having a second mother.

She played an important role in my raising. Ranny didn't drive when I was young, but she did drive until she was about 50 years old. She said she stopped driving when she hit Judge Bird on the courthouse circle. Witnesses say that the judge stepped out in front of her car, and she swerved and knocked him down. She said that he got up and went to fussing at her. Ranny was a really quiet woman, and daddy said that she took it for a while and then she just up and left the car in the middle of the road. She walked home. He and Granddaddy Roe heard about the incident and got to the circle as quickly as they could, but she had already left. They drove the car home. I asked Ranny why she didn't go back to driving. She said that when you begin to mow people down in the streets, it's time to stop," she added.

"She lived 38 years after my Granddaddy Roe was killed in a sawmill accident. He and Wilson Sheppard had a sawmill just about where the apartments are today east of Monticello Milling. They said that Granddaddy was giving instructions to a group of men when the big saw threw a slab of wood out. It flew through the group, and it didn't touch anyone except my Grandfather. It went into his chest and through his heart. He lived and was conscious until they got to the Georgia line. He was born in Georgia, and my family always thought that he might have been waiting to get back home. Part of that piece of wood was still in my Grandmother's car shed, the last time I looked," she said.

"A fond, fond memory is Braswell's. I can close my eyes and see and hear the sounds of those old wooden floors. There were two entrances for the public. One was on Dogwood, and it seemed to be more for the women. The one on the corner of Dogwood and Cherry seemed to be more for the men," she said. "I can remember, though, crossing through to the men's side and going to the back for my Buster Brown shoes. When I was a child, mom always made sure that we wore white cotton underwear with eyelet lace. To this day I can remember them reaching up to the higher shelves and taking down those boxes of panties.

"Mama always ironed those panties. She said that you never knew when you might be in an accident. I remember them ironing all kinds of things, including sheets and pillowcases. There was always a sprinkler bottle. After the clothes dried on the line, they would sprinkle those



Cindy Roe-Littlejohn
clothes with water to make them damp and roll them up. Then they would unroll a piece and iron it, which created steam when ironing. We didn't have steam irons then. I remember that the ironing was done by four different women; either mom, Grandmother Roe, Carrie or Sarah. Carrie worked for mom, and Sarah worked for Ranny. I remember that sometimes our clothes were ironed in Ranny's house and hers in ours. The women would get together and talk while ironing.

"Speaking of Carrie, I remember when she passed away. Mama and Ranny went shopping to find Carrie a pretty nightgown and robe set, in which to be buried. A lot of women were buried in their nightgowns back then. When my mom died about five years ago, per her request, we buried her in a nightgown and robe. Now I wonder what Jesus will think when all those women are raised in their nightgowns. At least mama will have on a robe too," recalled Roe-Littlejohn.

"I can still remember hearing the fire whistle, the noon whistle, and the Civil Air whistle. I believe that is what they called the latter, which became important during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Every night we would go home and watch Walter Cronkite talk about what had happened during the day. The crisis didn't last but a few days, but it seemed like an eternity at the time. It was really scary to an eight year old. I remember sitting on the curb in front of my home and watching the military convoys go by," she said. "There was no I-10 then, so everything seemed to move from the west going east in front of our house on US-90.

"I also remember hearing the fire whistle one day, and half the boys in my high school class jumped up and ran or hopped out of the classroom. Some hopped out the open win-

dows. It was no surprise, though, as they were volunteers for the fire department. It was amazing what young people did back then," she added.

"One of the biggest differences between then and now was a simple matter of innocence. People just didn't worry about things like that back then. Today, lawsuits have changed how we play, work and do everything. Lawsuits were unheard of back then," said Roe-Littlejohn.

"Looking back, it seems we were more fearless. When folks got killed or injured, people seemed to simply say that it was God's will, that it was meant to be. It didn't make it any less saddening or any easier for mourning, but it did help people move on quicker. People didn't spend a lot of time trying to blame someone else," she said.

"My first Junior/Senior Prom was at the Country Club. That night Preacher Newcomb of the First Baptist Church went down to the country club parking lot and gathered up a bunch of full and half full cups that he found sitting on the cars out there. The next morning he had all of those cups sitting up in front of the church, and he invited his flock to come and smell what the kids had been drinking. It was hard to get away with anything growing up in Monticello. The whole town helped raise us," recalled Roe-Littlejohn.

"One summer we had egg fights. It was difficult to drive up town without someone throwing an egg at your car. I remember several times coming back home, and daddy helping me get the eggs off my car. The police at first kind of looked the other way, but that all changed," she said. "One night Mayor Ike Anderson drove his son Ikie's car uptown, and he did something that all of us kids knew better than to do. Mayor Anderson left his windows down. It was fine until he slowed down at the railroad tracks. Out of nowhere came a bunch of eggs. Those boys thought it was Ikie driving the car. The police kind of shut us down after that.

"My mama wore her hair up all week long, and every Friday night I would help her comb out the teasing. On Saturday Francis would put it back up again. Mama slept with toilet paper rolled around her head, to keep it in shape. People didn't wash their hair then as often as they do

now. Also, I remember that each Saturday mama took into the salon a can of cold beer. Francis used it to rinse her hair after the final rinse out. Then she would roll mom's hair without rinsing out the beer. It had the same effect as some of today's hair gels," she recalled.

"Speaking of hair, my hair is a bit curly and gets worse as the humidity rises. While I was in high school, long straight hair was all the rage. To straighten it, I rolled my hair on orange juice cans and ironed it, too. I can remember sleeping on my stomach with my head on my folded arms," Roe-Littlejohn said.

"I've talked a lot about my Grandmother Roe, but my Grandmother and Grandfather Hamrick also lived in Monticello. Grandmother Annis Hamrick worked at the Winn Dixie, which was located where Monticello Printers used to be. She was a cashier, and she knew everything that was happening in town. Daddy said that telling my grandma something was better than putting it in the *Monticello News*," she said.

"Chuck Markley and daddy were friends, colleagues at work, and Little League baseball coaches. One year their teams were neck and neck for the city championship. At the games, for protection, daddy always parked his valued candy apple red 1965 Super Sports Chevrolet Malibu down under that oak tree behind first base. Little League games then were played at the same field where the high school team played. Anyway, daddy had a kid who was really good and that day Danny Sparkman hit a home run right down that first base line and into my daddy's windshield," she recalled.

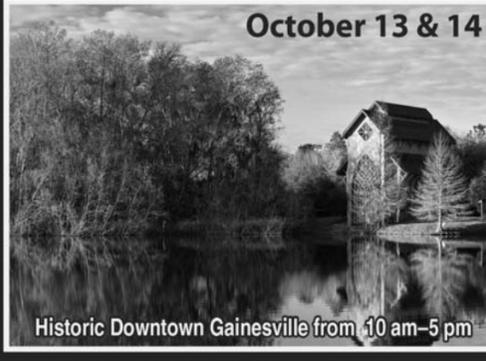
"My daddy was a bit of a daredevil. One time we took my uncle's 1936 International pickup truck, let some of the air out of the tires, and took a little trip to Drifton on the railroad spur. We drove on the rails. I was scared to death that a train would come, but dad just laughed and laughed. I guess it had to do with God's will, again," concluded Roe-Littlejohn.

It's no wonder why people like to sit and remember the "Good Ol' Days!"

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Joyful Noise Event Sold Out



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The 'Joyful Noise' dinner, concert, and silent auction fundraiser, sponsored by Big Bend Hospice and coordinated by Michele Brantley, was another successful event.

On Friday, October 5, the evening began with music, performed by Sarah Schrader Nahoom and Julia Price; and continued through the evening with Mike Purvis and Friends and Donnell Richardson.

FUMC Pastor Wayne Cook welcomed the guests and offered the invocation. Local dignitaries, elected officials, and a few candidates, served the prime rib meal. Mistress of Ceremonies was Denise Vogelgesang. A time of reflection for the late Rev. Dr. Jimmy Brookins was expressed with Donnell Robinson performing 'I Believe I Can Fly.' Rev. Brookins did a lot for Hospice and for the Joyful Noise events.

The silent auction winners were announced, bringing in a tidy sum, with proceeds benefiting Big Bend Hospice patients in Jefferson County. A live quilt auction was also very entertaining with Sheriff David Hobbs outbidding for the win. The quilt was made and donated by Milly Jo Clark.

A great, big thanks was given to all the volunteers for their hard work and dedication to making this a successful event. Volunteers included the First United Methodist Church for hosting the event and the Joyful Noise Committee of Helen Braswell, Wayne Cook, Barbara Culbreath, Len Dodson, Earlene Knight, Barbara Moody, Pat and Les Powell, Barbara Sheats, and Ethel Strickland. The Big Bend Hospice personnel helped wherever needed and Becky Stoutamire had a good handle on the 'sound.'

The Jefferson Advisory Council was also recognized for their help selling tickets, and with the setup and cleanup for the event. Joanne Arnold, Nan Baughman, Braswell, Janet Cook, Culbreath, Bill Hastings and Jenise Moore were recognized and thanked for their help in the kitchen. Tim Braswell and Les Powell were thanked for preparing and slicing the prime rib; and Amy and Amanda Edwards helped with the serving of the meal and drinks.

Special thanks also to other event sponsors, including Bird & Sparkman Attorneys at law, Linda and Jon Caminez Law, Campbell's Plumbing, Capital City Bank, Carrie Ann & Co Catering, Lee and Don Condon, Robert J. Davison AAMS/Edward Jones, Stephen Demott, Farmers & Merchants Bank, Jefferson Farmers Market, Andie and Dean Jerger, Monticello' World Famous Pizza Kitchen, Morrow Insurance Agency, North East Alternative Transportation, Marsha and Judge Robert Plaines, Progress Energy, Register's Mini Storage, Steve C. Walker Realty, and Tommy Surles Insurance Agency. Big Bend Hospice was founded by volunteers 29 years ago to provide compassionate care for patients with life-limiting illness and their families. Jefferson County BBH is located at 205 North Mulberry Street in Monticello (850-997-2827, www.big-bendhospice.org.)

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Happy Bosses' DAY

Origin Of Boss's Day

16th day of October 1958 was important to Patricia Bays Haroski. It was on this day that she created the concept of National Boss's Day. She submitted it to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and it became certified in the United States and Canada.

Haroski was an employee of State Farm Company in Deerfield where she was the secretary and her father was her boss! She realized that her senior battled all the hardships of the job without being appreciated for it.

He was her only motivation and inspiration and it was then that she decided that her father's birthday, October 16th would be known as Bosses Day nationwide. This was done to officially honour the superiors who have been giving good advice to employees all along and it was also aimed at better employee-employer relationships in the future.

In the year 1962, the Governor of Illinois, Otto Kerner, who was more than happy to welcome this proposal, proclaimed this day as the National Boss Day. This idea slowly became famous among other countries like England, Australia and even South Africa. But it was not until 1979 that Hallmark started publishing Boss's Day cards. By the year 2007, this became extremely common and there was almost a 90% increase in the total size and celebrations of National Boss Day.

Today

Boss's Day has come a long way from just being a note of appreciation given to the senior in charge to being a mark with immense respect from both ends. This day acknowledges and helps employees realize the pressures of work and related stress that bosses face almost daily.

The role of a boss was previously just to give orders and supervise work. Now, it is revolves around being a mentor, a team builder and/or a motivator and encouraging subordinates to conduct actions in a certain manner to achieve the best possible results. Guidance and interactions frame a major part of their responsibilities.

Gifts, cards, flowers, decorations, parties, lunches, homemade crafts etc can all commemorate your boss's wisdom on this day. If you are not very close to your supervisor or are still a fresher in the job, then there are e-cards specially customized for men and women bosses.

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Sports

Tigers Sink Buccaneers 54-0



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A strong Tigers defensive line quickly put a halt to any advancing plays the Branford Buccaneers attempted during Friday night's Homecoming game.

With only a couple of minutes burned off the time clock in the first quarter, Revonte "R&R" Robinson goes into the end zone for the first Tigers touchdown of the Homecoming game last Friday night against the Branford Buccaneers.

FRAN HUNT
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

When the Jefferson Tigers hit the field last Friday evening against the Branford Buccaneers and the Tigers sunk the Bucs for a 54-0 Homecoming victory, it was the frosting on the cake of a day filled with team spirit for the "Uncommon" Tigers for both the Tigers and Tigers fans.

The Homecoming festivities began with the parade, which began promptly at 1:30 p.m. and a multitude of Tigers fans lined the streets along the parade route to cheer

their beloved Tigers on. The parade was very impressive with numerous entries and a perfectly timed performance of the JROTC cadets, which thrilled the fans.

Serving as the parade Grand Marshal was veteran Montford Point Marine Ernest Sneed.

At the conclusion of the parade fans flocked to the football field for food, drinks and the first ever girl's powder puff game, which was refereed by Tigers coaches.

Following an afternoon of festivities and boosting of their

Tigers spirit, fans flocked to the football field that evening for the big Homecoming game against the Buccaneers.

The Tigers put on a very impressive show with multiple touchdowns, fumble recoveries, two-point conversions and pass interceptions to put them at a 32-0 advantage at the end of the first half.

As impressive as the Tigers offense was during the game, the strong backbone of the Tigers' defense left Branford with no chance to reach the red zone.

On the offensive side of the field, quarterback Lenorris Footman completed 10 passes out of 15 attempts for 205 yards and two touchdowns.

Footman also had two carries for 15 yards and one touchdown.

Revonte "R&R" Robinson had six carries for 65 yards and one touchdown.

Calvin Footman had five rushes for 61 yards and one touchdown. Head Football Coach Jeremy Brown named him as the offensive player of the week.

Robert Nealy had four carries for 47

yards.

In receiving, Ladarian Smiley had four pass receptions for 105 yards and one touchdown. He also had one 55-yard punt return for a touchdown.

On the defensive side of the field, Robinson had 11 tackles and one tackle for a loss.

Marko Earl had six tackles.

Robert Williams had five tackles and one fumble recovery returned for a touchdown.

Travis Addison had eight tackles, one pass interception returned for a touch-

down and one forced fumble returned for a touchdown. Coach Brown named him as the defensive player of the week.

Damian Crumity had four tackles and one pass interception returned for a touchdown.

Iran Francis had seven tackles.

"Shack" Herring had four tackles and one tackle for a loss.

Gene Noel had four tackles.

At the conclusion of the game and celebrations, students gathered at the Teen Center for a Homecoming dance.

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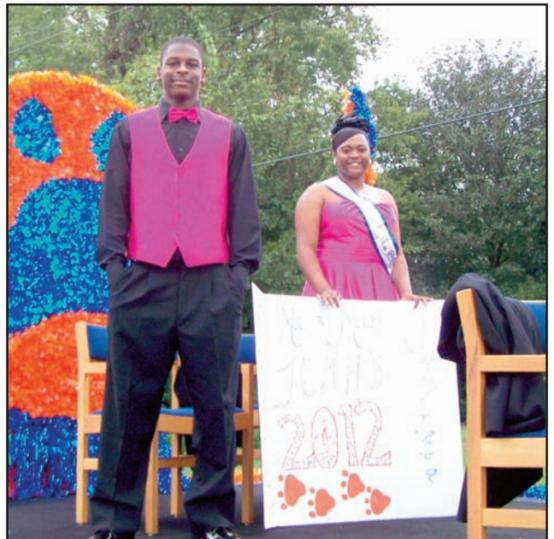
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School

Gilley Celebrates 40 Years With School Board

FRAN HUNT
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Jefferson County School Board, District Office Human Resources Analyst Shirley Gilley celebrated 40 years of service to the District Office, Tuesday, October 9.

In 1972 Superintendent Desmond "Dude" Bishop was in need of a secretary and he asked the late William Tillman if he knew anyone he could recommend.

"My cousin and I had done some clerical work for Mr. Tillman at the funeral home and he recommended me for the job with Mr. Bishop," said Gilley. "Mr. Bishop called me in for an interview so I went. A few days later, Mr. Bishop called and told me I got the job. I was shocked and thrilled at the same time. I was shocked that I got the job and thrilled because I got a job and didn't have to go out beating the bushes in search of one." When she began working, the District Office was located at 1490 West Washington Street.

"This was my first job, and has been my only job," related Gilley.

"I had some secretarial training at Lively, the rest of what I have done over the years, I learned it on the job," she recalled. "I worked for five administrators. They included the audio/visual department, special education department, the finance department, and I maintained the front desk and entertained the phone and the public when they came in.

"Back then I had Word Perfect and was just learning the program. The SACS (Southern Association for Colleges and Schools) committee came in, compiled information at the schools and it included a lot of chicken scratch and graphs. I had to type all of it up for all of the schools. I had to take the book for Word Perfect and learn the program and do the work at the same time," she said.

"Since I was also manning the front desk, I still had to file reports, do a lot of typing such as psychological reports from the special education director, I had to maintain a lot of files both in the district office and outside of the district office. Most of this work was done on the typewriter," said Gilley. "There were folders of work. I took care of grants, purchase orders, financial reports and contracts and outside contracts. When the Artists in Residence used to come to the Opera House, I had to do their work for them because they contracted through the school system."

Gilley held that position until 1984 when she was promoted to Administrative Secretary. "I moved from the front desk. There were five administrators and I was their secretary.



The work load did not cease, but got even greater," said Gilley.

"I've always had great relationships with the superintendents and I have worked under five of them, including Desmond "Dude" Bishop, Stephen "Hoot" Walker, Bill McRae, Phil Barker and now, Bill Brumfield," she said. "Betty Messer was my first supervisor; then there was Linda Hewett, Dr. Kelvin Norton, Ken Hollingsworth, and now, Dr. Melvin Roberts.

"When I worked for Betty Messer she taught me how to properly type letters that flow," she added.

"I have always had to work after hours and work on weekends and I still do to this day," Gilley added. "I have such a heavy workload, that's why I have to work after hours and on weekends."

She maintained that job until February 1, 2007, when she was promoted to Human Resources Analyst, where she remains today. Her job entails dealing with employees, the application process, fingerprinting (which she does at the District Office), and paperwork for drug testing, which is done in Tallahassee at Patients First. "I get all of the teachers processed and ensure that they have the initial paperwork that they have to have with their applications. I go over the applications with them and check it before they leave to ensure that it's filled out correctly," said Gilley.

"Then, there is the attendance out of district," she said. Gilley explained that it was the paperwork required for a child living in Jefferson County and currently going to school at a county district school, to be released from that school so the student could attend a school outside of the district, such as Florida High or Leon County.

"I have to provide the parents with the paperwork, explain the paperwork to them and explain the policy and the process to them," said Gilley.

"Everything we do (employment and attend out of district) a copy of the paperwork is provided to the Superintendent so he can make a recommendation to the School Board and they will either approve or disapprove, as per his recommendation, which is based on policy," said Gilley. "Once an action has

been taken care of I do distribution of the paperwork to the Superintendent of the requested county. I also send a copy to their school Choice Manager and a copy to the parent. The original goes to the Superintendent and then on to their school board for either approval or disapproval.

"The parents don't always get what they want. We can't transfer a child to Leon County because the parent has no one to pick them up from school. Everything is done per policy. We get fussed at, cussed at and we even get threatened, but we have a job to do," she added. "I've been through some of everything you could imagine.

"I do Teacher of the Year. I select the judges. I have dealt with a lot of people at the school level and county level for assistance. But I do the same for them," said Gilley.

"I do the preparation of the personnel information for the Superintendent and Secretary and all the School Board members, seven days in advance of the board meetings," she said. "All of us, instructional and non-instructional employees, have to be reappointed every year. Then after the Board meets about personnel it comes back to me to distribute to the schools. Then I type letters, all signed by Dr. Roberts, to each person." She added that it includes transportation, the district office, and food service. Then I have to put all of that information into the system for Miss Harris to do the payroll. I do background checks on volunteers. I have many more responsibilities as well." She added that with the heavy workload, whenever the phone rings or someone comes in the door, she has to stop what she is doing and take care of it.

"I treat all people the same. I don't care if you are black, white, orange, green, rich, poor, ill or well. I'm going to treat you the way I treat everyone else," she said. "I'm all about positive, fair, right and love.

"I have learned a lot from the superintendents and from my co-workers and they have learned from me. My co-workers have inspired me spiritually, socially and personally. They have motivated me through my working experience. When I get stressed or aggravated, they tell me, 'You can do it, Miss Shirley.' When I had to leave due to illnesses in the family there was no problem with any one of them. They said it was okay that they would do my work for me while I was gone," said Gilley.

"I can also do their work. Those administrators who trained me to do their work had confidence in me to do it," she added.

"Some days I cry and type, cry and write, but this job with the District Office has been a very rewarding experience for me. I've met some good people who I was able to relate to the first time I met them. It has been a blessing to have good people to work with. Friends, who after hours, share your happiness, share your sadness and they offer prayers and Bible verses for you. They are very considerate and concerned.

"We are here for the employees, the children, the parents and the community. God has blessed me over the years to have come this far and I know that he will take me for the last two years. I have come too far to let that go. I have worked through blood, sweat, tears and medication from the doctor," she quipped.

"I only have two years left to retirement. Then I want to do something with children or the elderly," Gilley concluded.

Jefferson Elementary Opens Tiger Store

Jefferson Elementary students and staff are excited about the Grand Opening of the JES Tiger Store, Wednesday, Oct. 10. The store is well stocked with all kinds of treats and treasures for students to choose from and purchase with Tiger Tickets they have earned for following Jefferson Elementary three behavior expectations which include: being respectful, responsible, and safe. Each day staff members are on the alert and eager to reward students they "catch" doing the right thing with a Tiger Ticket,

as they help students associate their positive behavior with the school's expectations. Students accumulate tickets that they may spend or save according to items they want at the Tiger Store. The items in the store were funded by the Positive Behavior Support (PBS) grant and donations. The Tiger Store hopes to teach students the importance of citizenship and becoming good stewards of their money.

Jefferson Elementary Students Are Tigerrrrific!!!!

NFCC Patient Care Technician Program Accepting Applications

Spring PCT classes begin Jan. 9; Apply by December 1



The Patient Care Technician (PCT) program at North Florida Community College is currently accepting applications for Spring Term 2013. Now is the time to enroll and take care of application, testing and program entrance requirements. Classes begin Jan. 9 and available spots in the course tend to fill up quickly. Deadline to apply is Dec. 1.

NFCC's patient care technician program prepares students to provide direct patient care in a variety of health care environments. PCT curriculum also includes the Home Health Aid component and current Labor Market statistics report that the Home Health Aid has the largest percent of projected growth in health care support occupations through 2019.

While working under the supervision of a registered nurse, patient care technicians often have more contact with patients than any other healthcare team member. Students receive additional training as assistants in the care of the elderly, physical and respiratory therapy and may also receive additional training in performance of electrocardiograms and phlebotomy. Most PCT's seek certification as a certified nursing assistant (CNA). Graduates may also apply to take a national certification examination to become certified patient care technician.

In order to be considered for admission into NFCC's PCT program, individuals must have a high school diploma or GED and be at least 18-years-old. Students are re-

quired to complete the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) prior to making application to enter the program. The TABE is given regularly at the NFCC campus and may be scheduled by calling (850) 973-9451.

NFCC Allied Health staff and faculty are available to help prospective students through the enrollment process; contact Debbie Bass at (850) 973-1662 or bassd@nfcc.edu. More details about the program and entrance requirements are also available in the NFCC College Catalog at <http://www.nfcc.edu/admissions/catalog-schedule>. Financial aid and scholarships may be available to qualified students.

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Jefferson County Schools

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The Week of October 5, 2012 through October 12, 2012
Major Feed Times are marked by an asterisk (*)

Friday, October 12 4:10 AM *10:20 PM 4:30 PM *10:40 PM	Saturday, October 13 4:55 AM *11:10 AM 5:20 PM *11:30 PM	Sunday, October 14 5:45 AM *11:50 AM 6:00 PM	Monday, October 15 *12:15 AM 6:30 AM *12:40 PM 6:50 PM
Tuesday, October 16 *1:10 AM 7:30 AM *1:40 PM 7:50 PM	Wednesday, October 17 *1:20 AM 8:30 AM *2:50 PM 9:00 PM	Thursday, October 18 *3:20 AM 9:30 AM *3:50 PM 10:10 PM	Friday, October 19 *4:30 AM 10:40 PM *4:55 PM 11:10 PM

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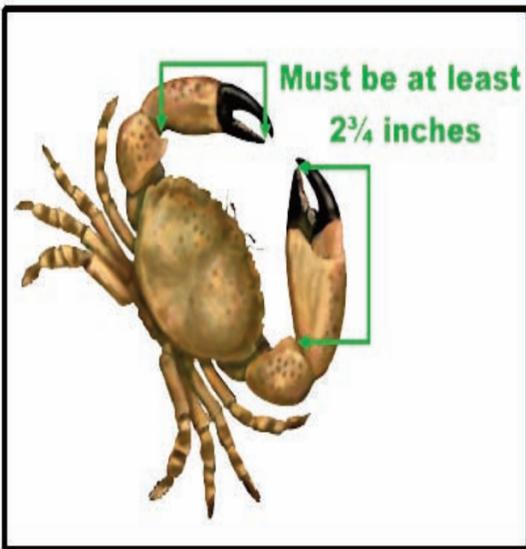
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Get your claw crackers ready, because Florida's recreational and commercial stone crab claw harvest season opens Oct. 15 in state and federal waters.

To be harvested, stone crab claws must be at least 2 3/4 inches in length when measured from the elbow to the tip of the lower immovable portion of the claw (see illustration).

Claws may not be taken from egg-bearing female stone crabs. Recreational harvesters can use up to five stone crab traps per person. Stone crabs may not be harvested with any device that can puncture, crush or injure the crab body. Examples of devices that can cause this kind of damage include spears and hooks. Recreational and commercial



traps may be baited and placed in the water 10 days prior to the opening of the season but may not be pulled from the water for harvest purposes until

Oct. 15. Both claws of the stone crab may be taken if the claws are of legal size, but this practice leaves the crab with few alternatives to defend itself from predators. Crabs that are returned to the water with one claw intact will be able to obtain more food in a shorter amount of time and therefore regrow its other claw faster. There is a recreational daily bag limit of one gallon of claws per person or two gallons per vessel, whichever is less.

The season will be open through May 15, 2013. Stone crab regulations are the same in state and federal waters. More information on harvesting stone crabs for recreation, as well as commercial stone crab regulations and licensing information, is available online at MyFWC.com/Fishing (click on "Saltwater"). Visit the Fresh From Florida website at Florida-agriculture.com for ideas on how to turn your stone crab catch into a feast the family will love.



Dear EarthTalk: Given that the presidential election is just around the corner, what can you tell me about each candidate's environmental track record and positions?
-- Jane Miller, Chicago, IL

Just because the environment is getting short shrift this election season due to our nation's lingering economic woes doesn't mean that candidates Obama and Romney can ignore the issue.

Environmentalists have cheered several of President Obama's moves during his first term, including: passage of the Recovery Act and its funding for environmental and habitat restoration and water quality improvements; passage of the first comprehensive National Policy for the Stewardship of the Ocean, the Coasts and the Great Lakes; and the signing of the Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009, which expanded land protections and water conservation across two million acres of federal wilderness.

Obama also formed the Partnership for Sustainable Communities to bring together federal agencies to help communities nationwide improve access to affordable housing and increase low cost transportation options while protecting the environment. He also established new rules to reduce the negative impacts of mountain-top removal coal mining, set historic standards limiting greenhouse gas emissions from cars and trucks, made substantial investments in clean energy, proposed the first-ever carbon pollution limits for new fossil-fueled power plants, and reduced carbon emissions within the federal government.

On the downside, green leaders dismay Obama's lack of follow-through on a 2008 campaign promise to label genetically modified foods so that consumers know what they are getting when they buy corn, sugar or breakfast cereal. Also, a 2011 Obama decision to deregulate the planting of genetically modified alfalfa and sugar beets incensed organic farmers and environmental leaders. Greens also worry about Obama's enthusiasm for an "all-of-the-above" energy policy that includes the practice of hydraulic fracturing ("fracking") to access natural gas in shale beds under wide swaths of the northeast and western U.S.

If re-elected, Obama would no doubt work to expand U.S. leadership on setting

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emissions limits in unison with other nations, and has pledged to continue to reduce our dependence on oil so as to lower greenhouse gas emissions. Conservationists are also hopeful that Obama will set aside threatened lands for protection from development as both Bill Clinton and George W. Bush did soon before leaving the White House.

While Mitt Romney doesn't have much of an environmental track record from his days as Massachusetts' governor, he did get kudos for being open minded to both regulatory and market-based policy ideas. He also supported a 2003 northeastern states agreement to reduce carbon emissions from power plants via a regional cap-and-trade emissions reduction plan. But in 2005 Romney abruptly pulled Massachusetts out of the plan, telling reporters that it didn't protect businesses and consumers from increased energy costs.

Romney is now pitching an energy plan that that embraces all the options, including fossil fuels, nuclear energy and renewables. But he recently told ScienceDebate.org that he opposes any kind of carbon tax or cap-and-trade system "that would handicap the American economy and drive manufacturing jobs away," adding that economic growth and technological innovation, "not economy-suppressing regulation," are key to protecting the environment in the long run.

CONTACTS: Mitt Romney: Energy, www.mittromney.com/issues/energy; Barack Obama: Environment, www.barackobama.com/environment; ScienceDebate.org,

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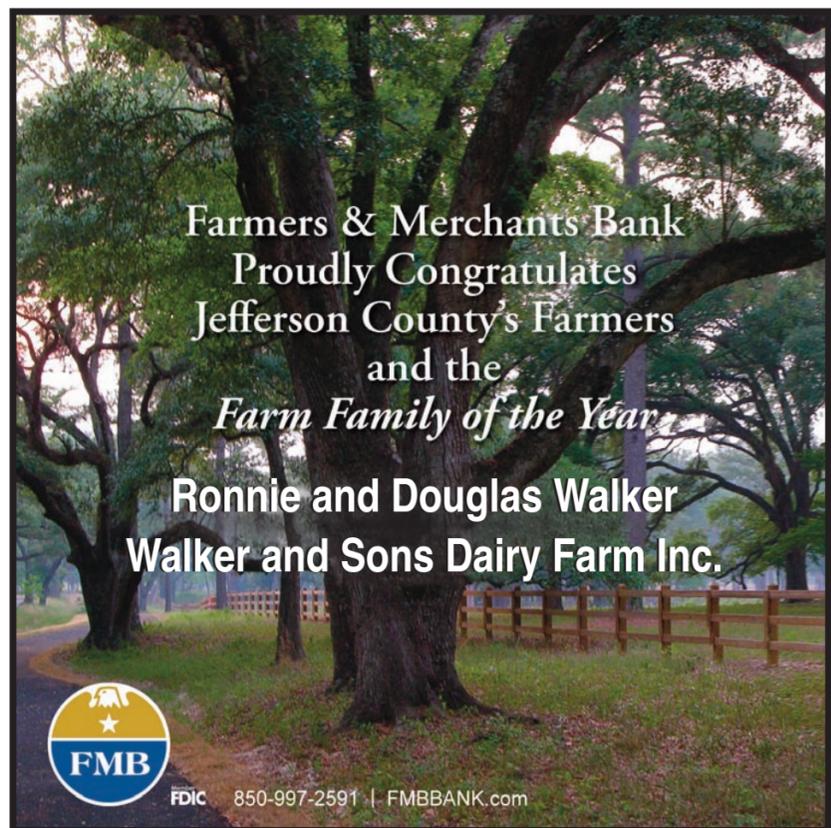
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