



Commissioner Holds Town Hall Meeting

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One commissioner has decided to hold town hall meetings as a way to learn about his constituents' concerns, get their input on the pending issues, and possibly educate them about the legislative process along the way.

Commissioner John Nelson reports holding his first town hall meeting at the courthouse annex on Tuesday evening, Oct. 30. He reports being pleasantly surprised and encouraged by the turnout of about 30 residents. All told, he mailed and distributed about 280 invitations, he says.

The invitations promised a discussion on what was happening in Jefferson County, the progress of economic development, the outstanding issues within District 2, what constituents wanted from county government, and what they expected of him, as well as their assessment of his performance at mid term.

In his PowerPoint presentation, Nelson touched on his qualifications for the office, his subsequent training to become a certified commissioner and his election to the commission's vice chairmanship.

He talked also of the board's adoption of a \$22,710,648 budget for the current fiscal year; the commission's approval of the Harrell Nut Company with its promise of 50 jobs; and the board's decision to borrow \$800,000 to construct a building for American Hunter, a company that's supposed to move to the industrial park and create five to eight jobs.

Nelson says he urged the audience to vote yes on the Local Option Tax Referendum, which he said would create jobs, generate higher sales tax revenues and make Jefferson County more competitive, among other purported benefits.

Nelson further touched on the tropical storm caused damage to dirt roads and the \$4.3 million road bond issue that the board recently approved to pave roads. He talked also about the \$759,000 the county is getting from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for road repairs and the various road improvement programs that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) administers and the county benefits from.

Finally, he touched on the Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency (CRTPA), which is annually funded by the FDOT and has as its mission the planning and development of a regional transportation master plan.

Nelson explained that Jefferson County currently was eligible for about \$40,000 of CRTPA funding for bicycle and pedestrian related projects, as well as another \$133,000 for similar uses.

As for District 2 projects he planned to undertake, Nelson mentioned the upgrade of MLK Blvd, Palmer Mill, King and other roads; the restoration of the Old Howard Academy; the installation of playground equipment at the Jefferson Arms Apartments; and the improvement of Hopkins Landing.

Nelson solicited and received input from the audience members. Among audience members' expressed concerns and suggestions were the need for more jobs and services, the need of partnering with Workforce Development to train potential employees for the new businesses, and the need to become a greener community in terms of recycling.

Tumultuous 2012 Election Culminates (Barker, Bishop, Boyd, Cooksey & Hunter Prevail Locally)

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Not to bury the lead: President Barack Obama won a second term on Tuesday, Nov. 6, an outcome reflected in Jefferson County's voting, where 50.41 percent of citizens chose the President and 48.72 percent chose Mitt Romney.

More immediate to local voters, however, the election produced three new Jefferson County officials and returned two incumbents to office.

The new officials are Benjamin "Benny" Bishop, District 1 County Commissioner; Phil Barker, District 1 School Board Member; and Al "Pee Wee" Cooksey, School Superintendent.

The two reelected incumbents are District 3 County Commissioner Hines Boyd and Tax Collector Lois Howell Hunter.

In the state and Congressional contests that impact directly on Jefferson County, U.S Democratic Senator Bill Nelson won a third term; Republican Congressman Steve Southerland won a second term; Democratic State Attorney Willie Meggs won an eight term; District 3 Democratic Florida Senator Bill Montford won a second term; Republican political novice and Jefferson County native Halsey Beshears won the District 7 Florida House of Representative seat; and Attorney Barbara Hobbs beat in-



Some of the many political signs that dotted the Jefferson County landscape this election season.

cumbent Josefina Tamayo to become a 2nd Judicial Circuit judge.
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Purchase Of Dragline More Of A Possibility



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The Jefferson County Commission edged closer to a decision on the fate of the rock mine on Thursday morning, Nov. 1, authorizing mining expert Randy Hatch, after a two-hour discussion, to negotiate on behalf of the county for the possible purchase of a used dragline in South Florida.

The dragline, as Hatch made clear in his presentation on Thursday morning and in his Oct. 1 letter, is the last critical component necessary to make the rock mine a more complete, productive and efficient operation.

Hatch reiterated many of the points that he has been making for months. Among those points: The quality of the rock at the site is excellent; the commission has invested \$250,000 worth of improvements to the property in recent months to make it a more efficient and productive operation, including two dynamite blasts to expose the better and deeper buried rocks; and the stockpile of materials harvested from the two blasts has now been exhausted.

What's more, about 70 tons or \$350,000 worth of the loose materials now rest at the bottom of the acre-size, water-filled pit that the two blasts created. Unfortunately, the county's current equipment can't recover these materials. Which brought the discussion to the focus of Hatch's presentation: the need for officials to move forward with the purchase of a dragline.

Hatch said county officials' previous hesitation had caused them to miss a golden opportunity to purchase a used dragline in New Orleans for \$175,000. He characterized that particular piece of equipment as "a cherry" and "a steal".

No matter. He had located another dragline in South Florida, Hatch said. Granted, this latter one wasn't the steal the one in New Orleans had been. But it was a fair deal, he said.

Hatch described the South Florida machine as a 1980s or early 1990s model, with a 110-foot boom and a five-yard bucket. He said the owner was in the process of rebuilding the engine, which constituted the heart of the machine. He put the total acquisition cost — purchase, transportation and reassembly of the machine here — at \$333,350.

"In my opinion, this is a fair deal," Hatch said. "It's not a steal by any means. But it's a fair deal compared with what's out there. It will dig 55 feet deep. This is the size machine that Jefferson County needs."

Hatch said a new machine of like capacity would cost about \$3 million.

He pointed out that the commission had budgeted \$40,000 annually in the budget for the purchase of a dragline, which would allow for the payment of this particular model in about 10 years. And if the county ever decided to get out of the rock mining business, it could always sell the machine for about what it would be paying for it, as draglines depreciated minimally. Discounting the normal wear and tear of the parts that had to be replaced routinely, "these machines are built to last 50 to 75 years," Hatch said.

"The draw here is that this machine will come with a rebuilt motor and zero hours," he said.

Clerk of Court Kirk Reams wondered if it wouldn't
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Rosier Economic Picture Soon Projected For State



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The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (FDEO) is projecting a rosier economic picture for the state in the coming two years, based on the findings of a recent economic forecast released by the University of Central Florida (UCF).

Per the FDEO, the UCF study predicts that the state will continue to show improvement in 2013 and through 2015 in the areas of housing, income, job creation and economic growth, among
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Building Permit Numbers Remain Steady In October

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Although the number of building permits issued in September and October remained constant, the commercial valuations showed a marked improvement in the latter month.

The latest figures released by the Jefferson County and City of Monticello Building Inspection and Contractor Licensing Department show the city and county issued a combined 44 permits in October, the same as September.

The combined 44 permits generated \$8,385.70 in fees, compared with \$5,074.27 in September. Of the 44 permits, the city issued 11 and collected \$2,461.10 and the county issued 33 and generated \$5,924.60.

A breakdown of the permits shows 38 were for repairs and additions; four were for commercial uses; one was for new residential construction; and one was for a miscellaneous uses, such as sheds, signs, workshops or barns.

The valuation of the one residential permit was \$169,034, compared with \$273,083 in September. This val-
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Ribbon Cutting Ceremony At Gerry Medical

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North Florida Women's Care Office, featuring Dr. Christopher Sundstrom and the Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce, will hold a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony from 12 to 1 p.m. on Thursday, November 15, at the Gerry Medical Center, 555 North Jefferson Street. The community is invited to attend this event and take a walkabout of the facility and meet with Dr. Christopher Sundstrom and other personnel. For more information contact Brittany Najmy, public relations specialist, at 850-877-7241x203, or bnajmy@nflwc.com.

Man Charged After I-10 Rear-Ending

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A man was charged over the weekend following a rear-ending on the interstate over the weekend.

According to the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), On Saturday, November 3 at 12:10 a.m., Brian Scarbrough, 30, of Apopka, FL, was driving a 1999 Honda Accord traveling westbound on I-10 at approximately 75 miles per hour in the outside lane, at the 223 mile-marker.

Hazel M. Huggins, 45, of Tallahassee, was driving a 200 Mercedes utility vehicle on I-10 in the outside lane, at approximately 70 miles per hour, ahead of Scarbrough. In the front seat as a passenger was

Takiyah Randolph, 30, also of Tallahassee. A five-year old child was the passenger in the back seat.

Scarbrough's vehicle approached the rear of Huggins' vehicle and failed to stop before the rear of Huggins' vehicle.

FHP did not deem the crash to be alcohol-related. All persons involved were wearing their seatbelts and uninjured.

Scarbrough's vehicle sustained \$2,500 damage. Huggins' vehicle sustained \$2,500 damage.

Scarbrough was charged with failure to use due care.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, Jefferson County Fire Rescue and EMS assisted FHP on the scene.



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Local Weather

Fri 11/9 75/44 Sunny skies. High around 75F Winds light and variable.	Sat 11/10 77/52 Sunny. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 50s.	Sun 11/11 78/58 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 50s.	Mon 11/12 82/61 Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 60s.	Tue 11/13 70/47 Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm.
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Viewpoints & Opinions

Letters To The Editor

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

Barack Is Elected

I do not know what to say. We have elected Barack Obama again. We have elected a man who has failed at just about everything he tried in his first term, a man who as a Senator did not take a position on much of anything. This decision over a man who has been successful at just about everything he ever tried. In this country it is now apparent that the "takers" outnumber the "makers" and they have just voted to protect their vested interests. The "take care of me from the cradle to the grave" group has won. The responsible and hard-working people have lost.

We are a house divided against itself and I believe the victory by the "takers" will be short-lived. Such a house will soon crumble in from the lack of support. The problem is there will be a lot of misery during and after the cave in. Whether an individual, a business, or a government, an entity cannot continue to spend more than it takes in and expect to survive. We will see more unemployment, more bankruptcies, and more misery in our future as a result of this "victory". I hope and pray that I am wrong.

Charles E. McClellan

Thanks For A Wonderful Event

Our family would like to extend a thank you to all the people and the three churches who sponsored the Waukeelah Trunk or Treat on Halloween. What a wonderful time! Thank you and congratulations on a wonderful family event.

The Schovier Family

The Preacher Knew Best

A preacher in 1916 said it best:

You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich.

You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.

You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift.

You cannot lift the wage earner by pulling the wage payer down.

You cannot further the brotherhood of man by inciting class hatred.

You cannot build character and courage by taking away people's initiative and independence.

You cannot help people permanently by doing for them, what they could and should do for themselves.

What a philosophy of government embodied in a few words! The philosophy of a Preacher as stated in the above statements is completely the opposite of the policies that have been put in place since the 1960's and followed by both republican and democratic administrations. The policies in place have allowed a goodly portion of our population to become dependent on the government and have encouraged continued dependence. We have a large number of people that depend on government handouts for housing, food, health care, and other benefits. We do not encourage people to become self-reliant. Rather the programs implemented have encouraged continued reliance on government handouts.

In the 1950s, according to my grandfather, if people did not work they did not eat. People worked for a living. There were few government handouts. There were a lot of hard-working people. They took pride in themselves and their work. By and large people had great self-respect.

I am not saying that we should return to the 1950s. But I am saying that we need to stop approving pro-

grams that keep people continually dependent upon the government. We need to pursue programs that encourage self-improvement. Programs that encourage people to work and produce. Programs that teach people how to fish rather giving them fish. If you teach people how to fish they become self-reliant and can feed themselves thereafter. If you give them fish the government will have to give them fish for the rest of their lives.

Let us follow the philosophies of the Preacher. Do not encourage class warfare. Do encourage people to be the best they can be. Do not fight against the rich. Encourage the rich to invest in America and create jobs. Do encourage people to work and become rich themselves. Open the gates for prosperity and teach everyone to improve and work to help to make this country better. Do not be jealous and envious of the rich. Become rich by pursuing the opportunities available to you in this country.

Improve our educational system to emphasize the positives about this country. Teach true American history. Do not allow our educational system to downgrade the capitalistic system. Capitalism is an imperfect system but it is the best that has ever been devised. Socialism destroys individual initiative. Capitalism enhances it. Under capitalism the collective efforts of the individuals will produce prosperity. In spite of all the problems we have recently experienced our country remains as the best example of the prosperity produced by capitalism.

Amber McClellan

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be better to rent a machine or contract for the recovery of the materials at the bottom of the pit.

Hatch's response was that contractors who owned such machines weren't prone to take on temporary jobs. Moreover, he said, once the mobilization costs were factored into such an arrangement, the county wouldn't come out much better off.

"No one will move their equipment without a mobilization cost," he said.

Hatch told the board that he had evidently overstepped his authority when he entered negotiations on the New Orleans dragline absent the full commission's endorsement of the deal. It wasn't a scenario that he planned to repeat, as once burned, twice wise, he said. Meaning that he would not again put his reputation on the line or put his network of experts through a dog and pony show for zero results, he said.

"I'm not going to blow a reputation that it took me years to establish," Hatch said.

It wasn't a purchase that he took lightly, Hatch said. Hence he would take every precaution to ensure that the piece of equipment was in good condition and adequate for the county's need before he would negotiate or recommend its purchase, he said.

He appreciated the extremely expensive nature of the purchase, he said. And always, commissioners would have the final say in the deal. He certainly didn't want to see happen here what happened in Suwannee County, where officials

purchased a used dragline in Texas and now couldn't reassemble. The political consequences of that purchase were yet to fall on Suwannee County officials, he said.

Commission Chairman Hines Boyd argued for the purchase, which he believes is needed to complete the mine's improvements and make the operation more efficient. One of his arguments has been that if the county later decides to sell the property, as Commissioner Betsy Barfield generally advocates, the dragline would add to the mine's value and help bring a higher price.

"Adding this last component is critical," Boyd said, referring to the \$250,000 that the commission has already invested in mine improvements.

"How do we recapture everything we've done down there if we don't do this last component?"

Barfield called for tabling the issue. She argued that the decision on the dragline should be postponed until after the election to allow the newly elected commissioners to have a voice in the matter.

"The decision to take on a debt for 10 years and not allow the new commissioners to weigh in I feel is a disservice to these new commissioners," Barfield said.

Commissioner Stephen Fulford wondered about the economics of the situation. Assuming that the dragline allowed the mine to produce 150,000 to 170,000 tons of rocks annually and given that the county's maximum consumption of road mate-

rials were 50,000 to 60,000 tons yearly, would the county be able to sell the 80,000 tons it would have to sell annually to break even? It was a concern he had, he said.

The discussion continued in this manner for the better part of two hours, leading an exasperated citizen to take the board's to task for its inability to come to a decision on the issue.

"You've been kicking this can down the road for two years," Dick Bailar said. "You made a decision earlier to make it a commercial mine. It's time you crap or get off the pot. I don't see how new commissioners can decide on this when you guys have been meeting and having workshops on this for the last two years. Have the courage to make a decision. I think you need to face up to the task. Stop kicking this can down the road."

Barfield offered that the greater issue yet to be decided was whether the county even wanted to continue operating the mine, something yet hanging out there.

In the end, the board voted 4-1 to authorize Hatch to travel to South Florida to inspect the dragline and negotiate a better price if possible. Barfield's was the nay vote. What's more, she requested and got assurance from Hatch and the other commissioners that whatever the determination on the worth of the machine, Hatch would not act to purchase it absent the board's vote.

Absolutely, was Hatch's response. He said the board would definitely have the last say on the matter.

Economy

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others.

The FDEO also references a recent Consumer Confidence Index Survey from the University of Florida (UF) that reportedly found optimism among Floridians "remained near a post-recession high in October."

"The Index reports that Floridians' positive outlook is holding consistently at or near a five-year high," the FDEO reports.

According to the department, the *Florida and Metro Forecast*, published by the UCF Institute for Economic Competitiveness, provides "a comprehensive, quarterly forecast of the state's economy and that of 12 metropolitan areas.

Among the positive indicators the forecast cites:

* The sectors of construction; professional and business services; trade, transportation and utilities; education and health services; and education are expected to show the strongest average growth

during the two-year period.

* Housing starts will begin accelerating in 2013 with a total of 157,000 starts in 2015, the highest level since 2006.

* Real Gross State Product will accelerate in 2013 and continue through 2015.

* Florida's economic growth will accelerate into 2013 and 2014, assisting the labor market's recovery.

* Personal income growth is expected to accelerate through the end of 2015, with 2013 being "the first year since 2006 that personal income growth in Florida will be higher than the national rate."

"According to the Consumer Confidence Index, expectations of U.S. economic conditions over the next year rose to three points to 84, the highest since the recession began in December 2007," the FDEO states. "Expectations of U.S. economic conditions over the next five years rose one point to 85. These reports show that Florida's econ-

omy continues its improvement, with positive increases seen across many economic indicators."

Other statistics the FDEO cites:

* Florida created 156,800 private sector jobs since December 2010 and has experienced positive annual job growth for 26 consecutive months.

* The state's monthly job growth has been positive for the 12 of the last 15 months.

* Florida employers are predicting increases in their hiring rate in the fourth quarter of 2012, according to a recent national Manpower Employment Outlook Survey.

* And housing starts were up by 18.5 percent in August 2012 (the most recent month available), compared to August 2011, and the median prices were up 5.8 percent over the year.

The FDEO combines the state's economic, workforce and community development efforts.

Permits

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uation was \$267,389 in Oc-

tober 2011.

The valuation of commercial permits was \$1,730,140, compared with zero the previous month. It was \$4,920 in October 2011.

And the valuation for other permits (a category that includes additions, re-roofs and non-residential structures), was \$235,973 in October, compared with \$231,705 in

September. This valuation was \$85,212 in October 2011.

Meanwhile, the Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Department issued 13 permits and collected \$3,214.44 in fees in October, compared with 11 permits and \$2,874.91 collected in September. In October 2011, the department issued 11 permits and collected \$5,662.36.

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Q: What's going on this weekend?

A: Check out the movie listings and local events.

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STINGERS

Last Saturday two women stopped by Wag the Dog Thrift Store. They rummaged through new donations outside picking out several videos then put them in the trunk of their car and left without paying for them. I think they must be part of the 47% Mitt talked about who think they're entitled!!!

A Wag the Dog Volunteer

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

Harvest Day Program Honors Veterans

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It is a tradition at Mt. Ararat AME Church during the month of November to host its annual Harvest Day Program. As with other scheduled programs during the calendar year, the pastoral leadership team and congregation extend Christian fellowship outside its walls and into the community.

This year, the church doors are open to welcome and embrace any Veteran that would like to share in this worship service. Recognition will be given to all the Veterans in Jefferson County and the surrounding areas. Veterans are owed a great deal for their sacrifice and for their commitment to this county. The people in this country would not be able to enjoy the freedoms they have, if not for the bravery and service of our Veterans.

The Harvest Day program reminisces about the early traditional days of the early church when its members wore overalls, jeans, headscarves, and colorful dresses... usually made by hand. Following the Harvest Day program and service, an old fashion hearty breakfast will be served.

Guest speaker for this celebration will be Rev. Dr. Gloria Cox, a member of St. Phillip AME Church. Harvest Day will be held on Sunday, November 11, at 9 a.m. Sunday School will begin at 8 a.m. Mt. Ararat AME Church Pastor Rev. Margaret Brown and the congregation cordially invite all to attend, dressed in your old fashion clothes, to help celebrate this longstanding church tradition. Veterans are asked to wear their respective military attire.

Mt. Ararat AME Church is located at 157 Floyd Allen Road (look for the church sign and turn from the corner of Highway 259 and travel ¼ mile to the church located on the left.)

Sis. Geraldine Wildgoose and Sis. Bernice Vaughn are co-chairs for this program. Call 850-997-6488 for more information.

South Community Thanksgiving Service

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South Jefferson County Ministerial Alliance invites all persons interested to its annual 'Community Thanksgiving Service' at 6 p.m. on Sunday, November 18, at the Wacissa United Methodist Church.

Speaker will be Rev. Margaret Brown of the Mt. Ararat AME Church. Music leader will be Sissy Kilpatrick.

The agenda to date is as follows: Wel-

come and Opening Prayer by Rev. Jim Gamble; Introduction of the Speaker by Rev. Joseph Love; Offering by Sis. Betty Hodges; Scripture by Rev. Donnie Thomas; Introduction of Churches by Rev. George Smith; Comments by Rev. Richard Jones; and Closing Prayer and the Blessing of the Food by Rev. John Cain.

Church congregations are asked to bring finger foods. The host church, Wacissa UMC, will furnish tea and lemonade.



Hampton Makes His Vote Count

T o m m y Hampton lives on **Moody Road** in **Lloyd**. Every election year he rides the two-mile trek through **Lloyd**, down **Highway 59**, to the **Lloyd Woman's Club** on his **Scooter Chair** to make his vote count. He is **72-years old**.



Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the great citizens of Jefferson County for once again supporting me in my bid for re-election as your Jefferson County Tax Collector. I am humbled by each and every vote received. I'm committed to serve in this role with renewed vigor, with honesty and integrity. My office is always open to you and again I thank you for your support and appreciate everyone who helped in my campaign, making my re-election possible. Words cannot adequately express the gratitude I feel for the citizens of Jefferson County. Thank you and may God bless each of you.



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Veteran's Day And Weekend Schedule Of Events

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It's been five years since Veteran's Day fell on a Sunday. So, this year, Veteran's Day events will begin on Friday morning, November 9, at the Jefferson Elementary School, with the students and staff honoring and recognizing area veterans for the freedoms we all enjoy today. A program and presentation will be held at 11 a.m. just for these special military personnel.

At 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 10, the participants for the Veteran's Day Parade will begin forming on Pearl Street, at the corner of US19/Jefferson Street in downtown Monticello. The parade will start at 11 a.m. and will travel to the old Jefferson County High School auditorium, where a program will be held honoring and recognizing the veterans in attendance, and all veterans. Afterwards, there will be a light lunch served to the veterans in the First United Methodist Church Family Ministry Center, on the corners of Water and Walnut streets.

The parade participants will include several local veterans, groups, agencies, businesses, political figures, schools and organizations.

Special Sunday, November 11 services will be held at all local churches; proper services will be performed honoring all veterans.

On Monday, November 12, the American Legion Otto Walker Post 49 will host its annual Veteran's Day Breakfast and Meaningful Program, beginning at 8 a.m. with coffee and donuts, hosted by the Sons of the American Legion.

For more information about any of the aforementioned events, contact American Legion Adjutant Ron Slik at 850-997-8103, or American Legion Chaplin Buddy Westbrook at 850-997-2973, or Leighton Langford at 850-997-0897.



US Navy Veteran Fran Black

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When the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor Hawaii in 1941, local resident Frances Black was just 17-years old; not old enough to enlist in the United States Military. She was born to Pearl and Earl Stalker and raised in Pittsburg, PA. Her family was very patriotic. When she was old enough to begin her career in the Navy WAVES, she went to Hunter College in New York City to receive her training.

She also became a member of the Singing Platoon. "This was a great way to begin my career," she says. "We sang harmony as we marched all over campus. It took our minds off the blisters we got on our feet. I remember that we all had musical backgrounds. We even learned the score to the Broadway Musical 'Oklahoma', and sang it on the radio. We were all honored to attend the play in Manhattan; we wore our dress whites."

From Hunter College it was on to a 'troop' train heading for Milledgeville, Georgia and to the Georgia State College for Women, where she was trained in the Navy accounting system. A lot of schooling was crammed into a few months before she was sent back to lower Manhattan, New York and specifically to work at a Navy cataloging office. She worked six-days a week. There was no complaining though; after all, the country was at war! Also, where she was located, near the east river, she could watch the ships come in, and the returning troops.

"It was wonderful living and working in New York," she says. "Everything was there. Because I worked as a Chaplin's Assistant, I had access to a manual pipe organ, a stage, and microphones. We would have impromptu jam sessions, perform skits, and sang operettas and arias. It was wonderful!"

Black was awarded the American Campaign Medal and the WWII Victory Metal for her time spent in military service.

When her life became more normal back home she became a Trans World Airline Hostess, starting her career on a 21-passenger DC3 and continued to a Lockheed 51-passenger Constellation, working 75-hours a month. During her hostess career she lived in California, near to the beach, with 12 other hostesses. "There was a lot more to the job back then than now," she says.

She met her husband on a flight from Los Angeles to Kansas City; he was the late C.A. Black. After marriage they settled in Kansas. The couple raised

two children and eventually retired to Monticello, FL.

"I loved my military career and working as an airline hostess, but my family has been the biggest joy in my life."



Freedom Is Not Free

I watched the flag pass
by one day,
It fluttered in the breeze;
A young Marine saluted it,
And then he stood at ease .

I looked at him in uniform,
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With hair cut square
and eyes alert,
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I thought... how many
men like him
Had fallen through the years?
How many died on
foreign soil?
How many mothers' tears?

How many pilots' planes
shot down
How many died at sea
How many foxholes
were soldiers' graves
No, Freedom is not Free.

I heard the sound of
Taps one night,
When everything was still;
I listened to the bugler play,
And felt a sudden chill;

I wondered just
how many times
That Taps had meant "Amen"
When a flag had draped
a coffin
Of a brother or a friend;

I thought of all the children,
Of the mothers
and the wives,
Of fathers, sons
and husbands.
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I thought about a graveyard
At the bottom of the sea,
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As fall approaches, you can feel the excitement building. On November 10th and 11th, the much anticipated Calico Holiday Arts and Crafts Show will once again take place in Moultrie, GA. Join the fun and fellowship as you leisurely browse over 400 booths, a treasure trove of custom gifts, seasonal décor and holiday confections.

The rich diversity of our Southern heritage abounds in the crafts of returning favorites and re-invents itself in exclusive new offerings from our region. Lisa Kinney and her mother specialize in the fine and delicate art of heir-



loom sewing. With a combined 42 years of experience, they are passionate about a needle and thread. Although producing a unique heirloom creation can be time consuming, it is truly a labor of love for them. The sense of pride in the finished garment is exceeded only by the joy felt in knowing a child is wearing one of their creations, chosen with love. For Lisa and her mother, creating these unique, hand-crafted memories with a simple needle and thread is a heartfelt mission. Custom orders are available for any occasion. Imagine surprising that special someone with a gift of limited edition jewelry made by Caroline Sandlin of Hollywood, SC. Caroline's jewelry features a rustic casual style using handmade kiln fired pottery beads and pendants combined with semi-precious gemstones, wood and bone beads, shell beads and African recycled glass. Each piece is made by hand with the utmost care and creativity. With the cooler temperatures of autumn it is a great time to get outside and clean the spent flowers from your gardens and flower beds. There is not a better time to add a wrought iron accent. Adding one of these metal garden products from Men of Iron will give your landscape a focal point during the dormant winter season. Old fences, candle holders and other pieces of old metal are hand welded into welcome signs and yard art. Their custom collectibles combine both form and function in a beautiful link to our past. This is just a sampling of the one-of-a-kind crafts that will be offered at this year's holiday show.

Here is your chance to get all your holiday shopping done in short order! Not only will you support the local economy, find exclusive gifts for everyone on your list, save time and money, but you will have fun doing it! Make it a family affair as there is something here for everyone. Gift items include home and garden décor, holiday ornaments and seasonal outdoor decorations, gourmet foods and confections, custom clothing and jewelry, toys, pottery, floral arrangements, painted glass, tooled leather and woodworking, antiques and so much more. A variety of entertainment for both the young and young-at-heart will include visits with Santa and clogging performers from across the Southeast. Each visitor will have a chance to win a hand-crafted European styled accessory donated by Men of Iron.

Site of the show is Spence Field, home of the Sunbelt Ag Expo, located 4 miles southeast of U.S. Hwy 319 on Highway 133 in Moultrie, Georgia. Gates open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$5.00 per adult; children 12 and under are free with an adult. Sorry - no pets allowed. For more information, call 229-985-1968 or e-mail: info@calicocrafts.com. Be sure to visit our website, www.calicocrafts.com, for the latest information.

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November 9

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November 10

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.

November 10

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.

November 10

Jefferson County Inaugural Veterans Parade and Ceremony will begin on Saturday, beginning at 11

a.m. Following the parade, a short ceremony will be held outside the JCHS auditorium. Bring your lawn chairs and American flags. Co-Grand Marshals are Capt. Leonard Dodson and Cpl. Ernest Sneed. Several World War II veterans will be recognized as well as ALL veterans of past wars/conflicts. Parade applications are still being accepted. All those interested should email Parade Coordinator Earlene Knight at coachewk@embarqmail.com. Those already in receipt of invitations need only RSVP to Frank at lone-sailor84@aol.com. A light lunch will be served free to all US Veterans at the First United Methodist Church, in the Family Ministry Center, post ceremony. Donations will be accepted from all others.

November 10

Scarlet O'Hatters meet on the second Saturday of the month at a location of their choosing for a luncheon meal and program. This month the Red Hats will meet at the Brick House Eatery at 11 a.m. Plan to be there on time; the Veteran's Day Parade is the same day. For more information about the Red Hat Society contact Queen Mum Pat Mutchowski at 850-997-0688 or Mary Cremeans at 850-997-3153.

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Jefferson County Living

Altrusa Makes A Difference



Photos By Joyce Sealey, October 2012.

For its annual 'Make A Difference Day' service project, Altrusa of Monticello members assisted 'First Floridians Conference' organizers by filling 300 conference tote bags. Several volunteers were on-hand to help with the project that took place at the Monticello Opera House.

DEBBIE SNAPP
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

Started by USA Today, 'Make a Difference Day' has been underway for 24-years. Its mission is to unite the country by doing good deeds, and to highlight good deeds to do. This year the national day designated to Make A Difference was Saturday, October 27.

Altrusa of Monticello members got an early start on 'Make a Difference Day' by making a difference right here at home. A recent visit by Tourist Development Council Coordinator Nancy Wideman prompted the group and their friends into action. The organizers of the now highly successful 'First Floridians' Conference, held October 4-6 at the Monticello Opera House, needed help. So, the Altrusans responded to the request for help and readied 300 conference totes with local business flyers, maps, and other related materials.

Altrusa of Monticello is involved in service, leadership and fellowship... leading to a better community. The service organization meets on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at noon for lunch and a program, at the United Methodist Family Life Center. For more information, contact Dianne Westbrook at 850-997-2973 or Betty Messer at 850-997-2230.

Altrusa Learns Food Choices For A Healthy Lifestyle

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Altrusa of Monticello held its October 25 meeting on Thursday afternoon at the Methodist Family Ministry Center. Visiting from Perry to speak to the membership was guest speaker Ruth Cuzzort, a registered dietitian at Doctors' Memorial Hospital in Perry for 13 years. Altrusa Member Jana Grubbs invited Cuzzort to speak to the group.

Cuzzort presented a program on how to keep healthy over the holidays by making lifestyle changes. Her talk highlighted the number of diabetics in 2010; in the United States there were 26 million. (In the state of Florida, 10.4 percent; in Jefferson County, 11.9 percent.)

Health is an issue for the aging population, and 50 percent of the country's population has not received any health education. Cuzzort emphasized that being smart about cooking and eating requires taking slow steps towards improvements. Healthy eating takes self-control, education, and moderation by eating three times a day. Eat smart with vegetables and fruits that fill you up, and avoid beverages that

are loaded with sugar. She offered 10 tips to a great plate, and when building your salad 'Go for the Green'.

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Altrusa Member Jana Grubbs, left, presents a thank you gift to Program Speaker Ruth Cuzzort, after her presentation on October 25, 2012.

Kids Incorporated To Honor Kim Barnhill

Kids Incorporated has announced Kim Barnhill will be honored as a Champion for Children at its Night of Champions event November 13 at the Tallahassee-Leon County Civic Center. Barnhill, a Monticello resident, is one of seven Children's Champions who will be recognized at the organization's 40th anniversary celebration.

Barnhill, former administrator of the Jefferson County and Madison County Health Departments, currently serves as Chief of Staff for the Florida Department of Health. She has long been an advocate for helping residents' access quality health care, especially those without health insurance. She increased access to dental services, expanded recruitment for those interested in health related careers, and improved access to physical activity opportunities during her tenure in Jefferson and Madison counties. Kids Incorporated serves children three years of age and younger and their families in both Jefferson and Madison counties.

"Families without health insurance no longer have to worry their children will be unable to receive health care, thanks to Kim," Pam Davis, Kids Incorporated's Executive Director noted. "She also made sure the children in our Jefferson County Early Head Start Center received dental care on site at our facility."

"Kim's bold leadership led to health initiatives that remain in effect today," Davis continued. "She created a volunteer service provider network that provides more than \$1 billion in donated health services in our state. Not only did Kids Incorporated's families benefit from these services, but also children and families throughout our state have been helped because Kim cared, saw a need and found a solution to a problem. That's the test of a true champion!"

This is the 18th time Kids Incorporated has held



Kim Barnhill, a Monticello resident was chosen as one of seven recipients of the Children's Champions award.

Also being honored as a Champion for Children are: Capital Health Plan's CHP Champions, Genae Crump, Ph.D., Assistant Principal of Lincoln High School (Tallahassee), Early Learn-

ing Coalition of the Big Bend, Holland & Knight law firm, the Madison Correctional Institute and United Way of the Big Bend. Bob Gabordi, Executive Editor of the Tallahassee Democrat, will receive the organization's Budd Bell Award, named for its founder, the late Elizabeth "Budd" Bell.

The event gets underway at 6:30 p.m. with a reception and silent auction, followed by dinner and the awards ceremony, with Gary Yordon as Master of Ceremonies. Tickets are \$75 per person and are available online at www.kidsincorporated.org or by emailing info@kidsincorporated.org. For more information, contact Judie Miller at 850-414-9800x104.

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Aluminum cans - soda cans, beer cans, etc.

Newspapers, Magazines, etc.

All Cardboard Products - grocery bag, cereal boxes, food boxes, laundry detergent boxes, shipping boxes, etc.

Residents can bring these items directly to the Recycling Center located at 1591 Waukeenah Street or they may drop them off at any one of the collection sites in the County.

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Household garbage

***Waste Tires** (not accepted at the Recycle Center)

Batteries

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****The Recycle Center** - Household Hazardous Waste Office will accept medical & pharmaceutical waste. These items must be turned into an employee of the facility and not just dropped off.

Please take notice to all of the signage posted in the collection site for the proper disposal of above items.

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Jefferson County Elections



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Benjamin "Benny" Bishop, here with wife Liz, was elected county commissioner for District



Phil Barker, here with wife Kathy, won the District 1 School Board race.



District 3 County Commission incumbent Hines Boyd, here with wife Janegale, won a second term.



Incumbent Tax Collector Lois Howell Hunter holds a sign thanking supporters for her reelection to a fourth term.

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Jefferson County voters also approved the Local Option Tax Referendum, a measure that will give tax relief to new and existing businesses that create jobs locally.

As for the 11 constitutional amendments that the Florida Legislature sponsored on the ballot, voters here, as well as statewide, approved three and rejected eight.

The Jefferson County Elections Office posted its final election results at 8:45 p.m. after all 15 precincts had reported their numbers. The evening in effect capped a lengthy, arduous and generally civil campaign season, at least at the local level, although it wasn't without its instances of rumor-mongering, innuendos and backdoor politicking.

Overall, it was highly motivated and aroused electorate that went to the polls on Tuesday, a situation stemming from the high stakes of the results at the state and national levels and the polarizing nature of some of the candidates and issues. The heightened sense of involvement was evident at the local level on Tuesday, manifesting itself in the groups of Obama and Romney supporters that congregated on the courthouse circle, waving competing signs that called either for the firing of Obama or staying the course another four years, all the while that passing motorists honked their support for one or the other of the slogans.

The high level of interest was reflected in the local voters turnout, which the elections office reports was 82.37 percent. It was further reflected in the sizeable crowd that gathered on the vacant field opposite the elections office — the traditional waiting place for the posting of the elections results. Row upon row of cars and trucks were parked on the field and crowded some of the side streets, as citizens sat comfortably in their vehicles or braved the evening chill to congregate here and there in small groups, whiling away the time in conversation and speculation as they awaited the results.

At least one entrepreneurial individual set up a grill outside a nearby building and was offering or selling fast food items and refreshments. And not a few individuals, in fact, were imbibing beverages, refreshments and possibly stronger spirits as they milled about, giving the gathering a somewhat festive appearance.

Following are the results for the five local races and the local results for the regional, state and national races that impact locally.

In the presidential election, the local vote was 3,937 (50.41 %) for Obama and 3,804 (48.72 %) for Romney. The other 11 candidates on the slate for the Office of President — including write-ins — drew a

combined 37 votes.

In the U.S. Senate race, Democratic incumbent Bill Nelson received 4,541 votes (59.46 %). Republican challenger Connie Mack received 2,938 (38.47%)

In the Congressional District 2 race, Republican incumbent Steve Southerland received 3,773 votes (48.77%). Democratic challenger Al Lawson received 3,944 (50.98%).

In the State Attorney race for the Second Judicial Circuit, Democratic incumbent Willie Meggs received 3,783 votes (49.76%). Republican challenger Pete Williams received 3,819 (50.23%).

In the State Senate 3 race, Democratic incumbent Bill Montford received 5,381 votes (71.30%). Republican challenger John Shaw received 2,165 (28.69%).

In the State Representative 7 race, Republican newcomer Halsey Beshears received 4,143 votes (54.34%). Democratic opponent Robert Hill received 3,480 (45.65%).

In the Jefferson County Tax Collector race, Democratic incumbent Lois Howell Hunter received 3,892 votes (50.96%). Republican challenger Paul Michael received 3,744 (49.03%)

In the Jefferson County School Superintendent race, Republican newcomer Al "Pee Wee" Cooksey received 2,720 votes (35.44%). Democratic incumbent Bill Brumfield received 2,516 (32.79%). And No Party Affiliation (NPA) candidates Charles Parrish and Nancy Whitty respectively received 1,309 (17.05%) and 1,128 (14.70%).

In the District 1 Jefferson County Commission race, Democrat Benjamin "Benny" Bishop received 1,336 votes (74.88%). Republican Ed Vollertsen received 448 (25.11%).

In the District 3 Jefferson County Commission race, NPA incumbent Hines Boyd received 409 votes (35.25%). NPA challenger C. P. Miller received 392 (33.79%). And Democratic challenger Vernie Key received 359 (30.94%).

In the nonpartisan District 2 Jefferson County School Board race, Phil Barker received 1,000 votes (58.00%). Ann Herring received 724 (41.99%).

In the 2nd Judicial Court Judgeship race, Attorney Barbara Hobbs received 3,715 votes (52.97%). Incumbent Josefina Tamayo received 3,298 (47.02%).

Jefferson County voters overwhelmingly supported the retention of Supreme Court Justices R. Fred Lewis, Barbara Pariente and Peggy Quince, and they likewise supported the retention of First District Court of Appeal Judges Simone Marstiller, Stephanie Ray, Ron Swanson and Brad Thomas.

Statewide, voters also approved the retention of the three Supreme Court justices and regionally approved the retention of the First District Court of Appeal judges.

As for the 11 proposed constitutional amend-

ments on the ballot, voters statewide approved Amendment 2 (giving veterans tax relief), Amendment 9 (giving veterans' spouses tax relief), and Amendment 11 (giving senior citizens tax relief).

Statewide, the electorate rejected the other eight amendments.

Here is how the voting played locally and statewide for the 11 amendments (the statewide figures reflect 97 percent of precincts counted).

Amendment 1 (calling for no mandatory health-care): Jefferson County, 3,965 no (54.06%) and 3,369 yes (45.93%); statewide, 3,688,704 no (52 %) and 3,465,319 yes (48 %).

Amendment 2 (giving veterans tax relief): Jefferson County, 4,234 yes (57.51%) and 3,127 no (42.48%); statewide, 4,656,017 yes (63%) and 2,739,598 no (37%).

Amendment 3 (setting a state revenue limit): Jefferson County, 4,661 no (63.84%) and 2,639 yes (36.15%); statewide, 4,168,035 no (58 percent) and 3,043,609 yes (42%).

Amendment 4 (setting a property tax limit): Jefferson County, 4,590 no (63.11%) and 2,682 yes (36.88%); statewide, 4,101,813 no (57%) and 3,078,037 yes (43%).

Amendment 5 (allowing legislative oversight of state courts): Jefferson County, 5,044 no (69.93%) and 2,168 yes (30.06%); statewide, 4,459,211 no (63%) and 2,593,001 yes (37%).

Amendment 6 (prohibiting public funding for abortions): Jefferson County, 4,243 no (56.90%) and 3,213 yes (43.09%); statewide, 4,119,675 no (55%) and 3,346,646 yes (45%).

Amendment 8 (allowing public funding for religious institutions): Jefferson County, 4,730 no (64.56%) and 2,596 yes (35.43%); statewide, 4,104,037 no (56%) and 3,274,197 yes (44%).

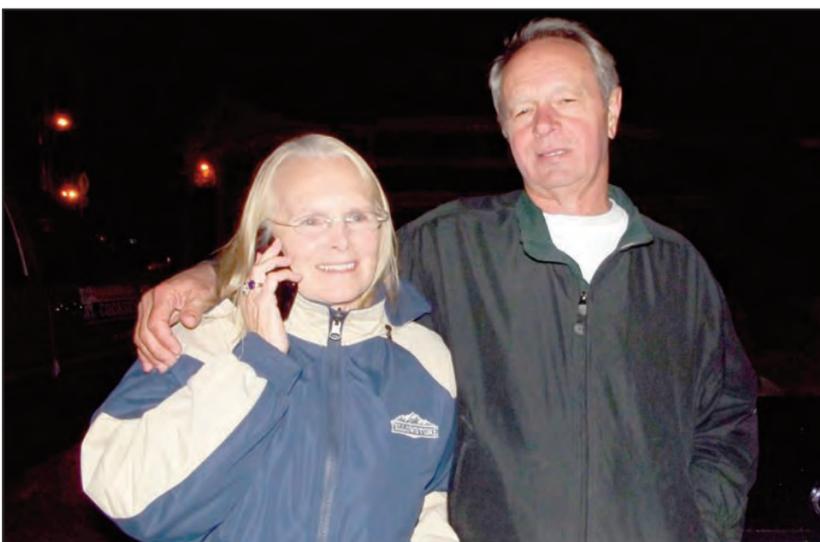
Amendment 9 (giving property tax relief to spouses of veterans and first responders): Jefferson County, 3,927 yes (53.08%) and 3,470 no (46.91%); statewide, 4,517,602 yes (61%) and 2,855,785 no (39%).

Amendment 10 (augmenting the tangible personal property tax exemption): Jefferson County, 4,425 no (60.69%) and 2,866 yes (39.30%); statewide, 3,942,157 no (55%) and 3,264,453 yes (45%).

Amendment 11 (allowing additional senior citizens tax relief): Jefferson County, 3,810 yes (52.09%) and 3,503 no (47.90%); statewide, 4,484,370 yes (61%) and 2,868,062 no (39%).

Amendment 12 (appointing student body president to board of governors at state university system): Jefferson County, 4,897 no (67.58%) and 2,349 yes (32.41%); statewide, 4,127,561 no (59%) and 2,910,724 yes (41%).

The Local Option Tax Referendum passed, with 3,941 (54.89%) local citizens voting yes and 3,238 (45.10%) voting no.



An apparently Election Day fatigued Al "Pee Wee" Cooksey embraces Lois Watson, his sister and campaign manager, during the long wait for the posting of the election results. Cooksey won the School Superintendent race.



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Huey Helicopter on the courthouse circle to help support the Romney campaign sponsored by Connell Aviation & American Legion, pictured are Richard Connell, Kash Connell, Jacob Burnett, Shawn Wolking, Del Loveless, Hanna Sorensen, Victoria Odom, Susie & Albert Reams, and George Revels.

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, Albert Thomas, 70, recently reminisced about his earlier days of living in Jefferson County.

"I was born at the intersection of CA Fulford Road and Old Salt Road/Grover Road in the Dills Community. I was born at home and delivered by midwife. My aunt messed up my birth certificate. She had my mother's name as Albert. My mother's name was Idella Robinson Thomas," he said.

"We were poor and we didn't know if that was good or bad. When I look back at it now, it was a good life. We grew up on a farm. When I was about nine, we moved to a three-room house close to Boston Highway, about one mile from Fulford Road. The property we lived on, we rented from Pickney Hill Plantation. There were three buildings on the property; the house, a smokehouse and a barn with a stable," Thomas recalled. "We kept corn and hay there. On the east and west side, there was a big stream across from Lennon Mill Pond. They used to have a gristmill. It washed out the stream, and it was deep. There were a lot of fish that spilled over the dam, so we would do a lot of fishing there" said Thomas.

"My mother raised ducks and we liked it when the ducks hatched out. The mother would immediately lead them to the water and they would start catching minnows and eating them. We thought that was so fantastic. Mom also had chickens and guineas, but no turkeys," he added.

"Early on, my dad farmed with one mule. Later, he added a second mule for me to plow with. That made me a true man. You have got to be hard-nosed to do it. That is why I'm not even afraid of work today, even with my disabilities," he recalled. "Later, dad was able to get a tractor. We raised peanuts, cotton, tobacco, corn, watermelon for seed, and a wide variety of vegetables.

"Mom was an avid gardener and did a lot of home canning vegetables like peas, beans tomatoes, okra, and corn. We also raised sugar cane and made a lot of cane syrup. We raised sweet

potatoes and would bank them for storage. We also raised white potatoes. She was always giving vegetables to the neighbors. It seemed that a lot of them didn't know how to garden," said Thomas.

"Most people were poor. There was no indoor plumbing and no electricity. We heated with the fireplace, which made for some cold mornings. Temperatures were much harsher back then. My sister suffered third degree burns because she got too close to the fireplace and her clothes caught fire. She is still living. Ruby Fulford helped my sister get into a special burn center in Tallahassee at the crippled children's hospital. My mom would come to Monticello to catch a bus to Tallahassee to check on my sister. She must have stayed there for six to eight months.

"We had to do a lot of hard work and it was all done by hand, including getting the watermelon seeds by hand, washing and drying them, and taking them to Simpson's (where Danny's Towing is now). We would try to get every seed we could. A lot of the melons were rotten, so it was a messy, smelly job. Eventually, we got machinery to grind the watermelons up. We would throw the flesh in and it would grind and the seeds would go into the hopper; where they were washed and dried. That was an improvement.

"In addition to working our own farm, we also worked for other people. For the Fulford's, we picked peanuts, corn, tobacco and we also worked in Capps picking Tung nuts to make Tung oil with. We picked up pecans, cut firewood, anything to help make a living," he recalled.

"Hog killing and cane grinding were two special highlights. When it was time for a hog killing people would help. We would cook some of the meat and ribs and cook some sweet potatoes. It would be a nice social event. We would cut the fat into small chunks and boil it to make lard. Cane grinding would also draw the people. They would stand around, smell the syrup and help out with the bottling. The cane press was powered by mule and we cooked the cane in an 80-gallon vat. We cooked it with gas because wood was scarce. I still grind cane today," he added.

"We had well-drawn water and never got that house wired. When I was about 16, we moved into the



Dills Community into a six-room house. We got that house wired and I still remember when the lights first came on. Even our church had kerosene chandeliers. Before the lights came on, clothes were cleaned by hand washing and boiling them in an old cast iron pot. After we got electricity, mom was able to put food in the freezer, so she stopped canning and started freezing. Washing day was also much simpler with the Singer washer," Thomas recalled.

"The main cleaner was lye soap and mom made her own. In later years, she learned to make sweet-smelling lye soap. Before that, it had a pretty pungent odor, but it would sure clean. Women were known that if two were seeing the same man, to carry lye soap and throw it in the other woman's face. They also carried straight razors in their bras and would cut each other across the face," he said.

"Saturday was a big day in Monticello. There were a lot of stores on Cherry Street, which was known as Rat Row. There were a lot of small stores and cafes that specialized in fish sandwiches, hotdogs and hamburgers, down where the Mexican restaurant is now. Leroy Glenn owned a combination cafe and juke joint. There were black barbers and shoeshine stands. There was Green's Seafood Market, which also had a juke joint. You could buy a sandwich, beer, wine, and dance if you wanted to. One of the favorite places to shop was a little shop called Kelly's Grocery. My Granddaddy always took one or two croaker sacks with him to carry groceries in.

"At the movie theater, the blacks had to go to the second level and the whites sat on the first level. We would throw popcorn over the rails as kids," he said. "At the movie, there was the main feature, a cartoon, a serial and a western. We all grew up with cowboys and Indians. Although my parents were poor, we came to Monticello many, many Saturdays during the year, as long as we got our chores

done. Early on, before my dad got a car, we came to town by mule and wagon with my grandfather. The Walker Stables was behind where the Presbyterian Church is now, and for 50 cents, they would feed and water the mules while you shopped. We would buy fresh and salted fish, flour, refined lard and meal. Most people got their meal from the grist mill," said Thomas.

"At Cherry and Dogwood streets, there was Braswell's cash store, Simmons Drug Store, Dr. Ward and Dr. Willie Hunter's office, Harris Grocery, Dr. Brinson's office and Johnson's Drug Store. In Johnson's, they had a comic book carousel, with a large variety of comic books. I used to hang out there and select a week's worth of comic books at a time because I was an avid comic book reader. At one time, my dad had a collection of 1,500 comic books until my mom threw them out while I was in college. My oldest sister taught me to read before I started school, so I have always loved reading, especially history and adventure," said Thomas.

"One of my favorite things was going to see Thomas Raines, who owned a blacksmith shop. I enjoyed seeing him shoe the horses and mules, repairing wagons and sharpening hoes and files," he said.

"One big event was May 20, when the black communities celebrated the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation. There was a big celebration in every neighborhood, usually at one of the churches," he added.

"As a teen, I went to Howard Academy High School and graduated in 1960. In 11th grade I took my first Spanish course. I was taught by Frances Stallworth, who still teaches at FAMU. She is a renowned teacher and musician. She told me I had an aptitude for languages," said Thomas.

"After two years in jun-

ior college at Suwannee River in Madison, I entered FAMU. When I entered FAMU as a junior, I had to select a major, so I chose Spanish as a major and French as a minor," he added.

"I graduated in 1964. I did part time work and got by without any frills. Because of segregation back then, Suwannee River was the black school and NFCC was the white school. Now, we are considered alumni of NFCC because our records were transferred there. The irony of ironies, when I attend Suwannee River, I couldn't attend NFCC, now I am a trustee there," he said.

"I've been teaching in the public schools for 38 1/2 years. I also taught at Aucilla Christian Academy for one year and worked part time and substituted for three years at college level Spanish. I started teaching at Howard Academy High School in 1965, which included junior high and elementary.

"I retired in 2004. All of my teaching experience has been a pleasure. I enjoy working with students, and I have taught all grade, kindergarten through adult. I became an administrator at the Jefferson County schools, I served as the Adult School principal, I was the director of career education and vocational education, I was a GED administrator, and became a prolific grant writer.

"I have lived a blessed life. God had blessed me to be the first African American to achieve a lot of special firsts. I was the first black classroom teacher at Jefferson County High School in 1968-1969. I was the first black president of Kiwanis. I am a Deacon at Elizabeth Baptist Church in the Dills Community where I grew up. I feel like Jefferson County has been very good to me," Thomas concluded.

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

If you would like to reminisce about the "Good Ol' Days" with Fran, call 997-3568 or email franhunt@embarqmail.com for an appointment.

Coupons For Veterans/Families

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The American Legion Post 49 'Coupons for Vets' program is well under way. A very good response has been received so far and more is to be done. The Post 49 will continue its efforts in this endeavor, so long as there are loved ones in harm's way.

All manufacturers' coupons will be accepted, including those up to six months beyond expiration date.

There are several collection drops around the city of Monticello, including a drop box at the Otto Walker Post 49, in the parking lot on South Water Street. Those out of the area can mail them to: American Legion Post 49, P.O. Box 761, Monticello, FL. 32345.

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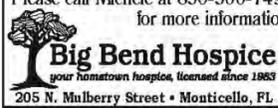
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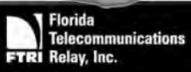
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Sports

ACA MS Boys Compete In State

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The Aucilla Christian Academy boys cross country team was split to create a middle school team for the State Championship on November 2 in Lakeland and the boys finished 16th out of 28 competing teams.

"I pulled a couple of junior varsity runners and three varsity runners, who are middle school age, and entered them in the middle school race. In middle school, the kids run a 3-K rather than a 5-K, so their times will appear faster than they have been," said Nennstiel. The Aucilla boys won first place in the City Championships and qualified for the State Championship.

Gatlin Nennstiel finished the race in second place with a time of 10:22. "Gatlin did an excellent job," said Coach Dan Nennstiel. "Through the race, he kept gaining on the first place runner and when they crossed the finish line, Gatlin was less than one second behind him. Just one more step and he would have won it."

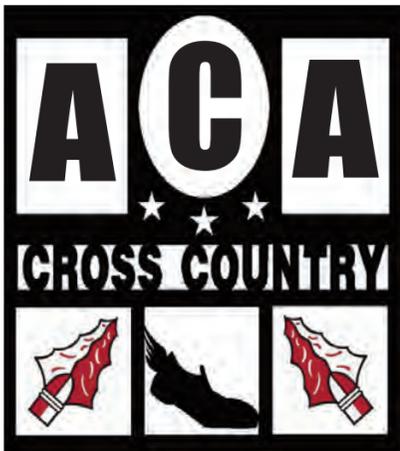
JT Harp passed five runners to finish 103rd with a time of 12:34.

Brandon Slaughter passed 11 runners to finish 133rd with a tie of 12:51.

Chaz Hamilton passed 212 runners to finish 157th with a time of 13:18.

Traynor Barker passed seven runners to finish 166th with a time of 13:27.

Dilyn Stowers was passed by 11 runners to finish 191st.



ACA Teams Take Second And Third At District

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The Aucilla Christian Academy boys and girls cross country teams made a very good showing during the District Championships, held November 1.

Only the varsity runners were able to run.

The boys finished in third place. Running for the boys, Braden Mattingly passed two runners to finish seventh with a time of 17:49.

Jay Finlayson passed two runners to finish 10th with a time of 18:10.

Gatlin Nennstiel finished 14th with a time of 19:23.

Carson Nennstiel finished 15th with a time of 19:33, setting a personal record.

Taylor Nugent was passed by one runner to finish 18th with a time of 20:57.

JT Harp finished 22nd with a time of 23:12.

Brandon Slaughter finished 23rd with a time of 21:13.

Running for the girls, Taylor Copeland was passed by two runners to finish fifth, with a time of 22:34.

Sarah Tharpe was passed by three runners to finish seventh, with a time of 22:47.

Jessica Giddens was passed by one runner to finish 10th, with a time of 23:39.

Grace Beshears was passed by two runners to finish 12th, with a time of 24:16.

Hanna Searcy finished 13th with a time of 25:11.

Brittany Hughes finished 15th with a time of 26:58.

Sarah Peeler passed one runner to finish 16th with a time of 26:59.

Both teams are qualified to go to the Regional final, November 10.

JES Mighty Tigers Squeaked In Championship

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In one of the best games of the year, the JES Mighty Tigers come up just short as they were squeaked by the Wildcats, 19-18 in overtime in Saturday's final.

The game started as a defensive challenge for the first half with neither team able to score.

The second half started with the Wildcats returning the kickoff for a touchdown and leading 6-0 as they missed the extra-point.

After holding the Tigers on the next series, the Wildcats broke a long run and scored again, but missed the extra-point to lead the game, 12-0.

The Tigers then started a drive of their own and scored to make the score 12-6.

With just over a minute left in the game, the Tigers scored to tie the score, but missed the extra-point to finish the game 12-12.

In overtime, the Tigers scored first to make the score 18-12.

The Wildcats then answered with a touchdown of their own, and they made the extra-point to win the game, 19-18.

"It was a great game, and the Tigers continued to battle and fight down to the last play," said Coach Steve Keith. "It was a hard game for the Tigers to lose, but it showed the character of the Tigers, which is to never give up."

This is JES Tigers' third year of having a football team. In their first year, they won the championship and in the past two years, JES has come out of the Championship in second place; not bad at all for a team mainly consisting of second and third graders.

The JES Homecoming game will be at 6 p.m., Thursday, November 8 at Death Valley. Come on down and cheer the JES Mighty Tigers on to victory and enjoy the halftime festivities with the crowning of the Homecoming queen and her royal court.



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NFCC presents TITANIC: The Musical Saturday, Nov. 10 at Van H. Priest Auditorium



On the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the legendary ship, North Florida Community College presents TITANIC: The Musical at Van H. Priest Auditorium on Saturday, Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. Winner of Five 1997 Tony Awards® (including Best Musical, Best Book, and Best Score) TITANIC: The Musical is the story of the launching, the maiden voyage, the collision with the iceberg, and the sinking played out against the background of the rigid class-distinctions of the Edwardian Age. Featuring a cast of 26, this contemporary musical presents the story of one of America's greatest tragedies in a powerfully moving production.

The action takes place on the ocean floor as the ghosts of the passengers and crew reenact their last few days aboard the pride of the White Star fleet. Traveling on this colossal ship on its maiden voyage meant a crossing among the very rich and famous of the time, a chance to go to the New World to find your fortune, to follow your destiny or to partake of a social extravaganza among friends. Unaware of the fate that awaits them, the Third Class immigrants dream of a better life in America, the newly-enfranchised Second Class dream of achieving the lifestyles of the rich and famous, and the millionaire-Barons of the First Class dream of their hegemony lasting forever. The ship itself, a dream deemed to be life-protecting and unsinkable by the ship's Architect Thomas Andrews, journeys into legend in the hands of its Captain, Owner and Crew — as a Stoker, a Lookout, and a Telegraph Operator reveal from their perspectives why Titanic was going too fast, saw the iceberg too late, and could not summon help to arrive in time. At the end of the day, all find that money, class, and all the dreams in the world mean nothing to the power of the sea when it claims the sadly crippled "unsinkable" ocean liner.

TITANIC: The Musical is produced by Boebe Productions. Established in 1994, Boebe Productions produced Honky Tonk Highway Off Broadway and over a dozen musicals in casino venues throughout the country including Buddy...The Buddy Holly Story, 42nd Street, Hairspray, Footloose and Cabaret.

Tickets for TITANIC can be purchased in advance at the NFCC College Advancement Office (NFCC Campus, Bldg. 32) or by phone at (850) 973-1653. Tickets will also be available beginning at 6 p.m. Nov. 10 at the Van H. Priest Auditorium ticket window. For more information call (850) 973-1653, email Artist-Series@nfcc.edu or visit <http://www.nfcc.edu/community-programs/artist-series>. YouTube Video: <http://youtu.be/9OP8oUfSLRs>.

Empty Place At The Table

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Domestic violence is a deadly crime that creates a painful void. The 'empty place setting at the table' signifies the individual who was killed at the hands of an abuser. This unique exhibit, set up at the Jefferson County Bailar Public Library, captures this reality and offers a reminder of the lethality of domestic violence.

Homicides create an empty place for families everyday. An 'Empty Place at the Table' exhibit recognizes the individuality of each victim; establishes a way to mourn the loss of the life; raises awareness about domestic violence and the impact of this crime on families and communities.

This exhibit demonstrates the devastating result of violence against women and children and helps ensure that these deaths are not forgotten. In a most poignant and visual manner, the exhibit reveals how domestic violence undeniably leaves an empty place at the table.

The Florida Department of Children and Families joined its local partners in October in recognizing all those who have been victims of domestic violence, including the children who have been affected by it.



DCF is committed to ensuring that Florida's children are safe. Additionally, DCF is encouraging family safety and that prevention can be used in our communities to prevent abuse, abandonment or neglect from happening in the first place.

In an effort to promote Domestic Violence prevention, DCF has partnered with local domestic violence providers in their prevention efforts. DCF participates in the local Domestic Violence Task Force, the Domestic Violence Prevention Subcommittee, and the newly formed Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team.

DCF partners with other local providers, such as Peaceful Paths (the domestic violence provider for Alachua, Bradford and Union counties,) CDS and law enforcement in order to educate churches and congregations about domestic violence. In order to reach a younger generation, prevention efforts have also been extended into the schools and Boys and Girls Clubs.

Last year, the Department of Children and Families received 3,176 calls related to Domestic Violence having to do with children in Judicial Circuits 3 and 8 alone (encompassing thirteen counties in Northeastern Florida.) Each of those calls had to be investigated by a Child Protective Investigator. This type of alleged abuse continues to be one of the highest percentages of investigations received on an annual basis by the Department.

In many child abuse cases, the alleged perpetrator is the boyfriend of the mother. If you or a loved one needs help or safety, contact the confidential statewide Florida Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-500-1119 or the Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-96-ABUSE.

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CHURCH NEWS NOTES

November 9
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November 9, 11
New Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church and Pastor Rev. Dr. James Redmon will celebrate its 145th anniversary through Friday at 7:30 p.m. nightly and on Sunday beginning at 10:00 a.m. with Church School and at 11:30 a.m. with Morning Worship. Guest churches for the week include Aucilla MBC, Rev. Lonnie Robinson; Paradise MBC, Rev. Eddie Edwards; Mt. Pilgrim MBC, Rev. Mack Loggins; and Trinity MBC, Rev. Horace Holloway III. On Sunday, Lassac CMEC and Rev. Edward Jones will be in charge of the services. Dinner will be served after the Sunday service. All services are open to the public. For more information contact Bro. Eric Hollis, program chairman, at 1-229-672-1204.

November 10
A Fall Fun Festival will take place at the Transforming Life Church campus from 3pm to 6pm. There will be hayrides, pony rides, a petting zoo, games and delicious food! Curtis Morgan and the Monticello Country Jamboree will provide live entertainment along with the Parham Family bluegrass band. TLC is located 1/4 mile east of Gamble Road (Hwy 59) in the Lloyd area at 1206

Springfield Road. Visit transforminglifechurch.com or call 850-997-8527 for more information.

November 11
Philadelphia Missionary Baptist Church congregation will celebrate the first year anniversary of its pastor Rev. Ernest Bruton at 3 p.m. on Sunday. Rev. Rudolph Neely and his congregation from New Hope MBC in Mt. Pleasant will be guests.

November 11
Memorial Missionary Baptist Church Usher's Ministry will celebrate its 103rd anniversary at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. Pastor Tobbie Berrian III and his congregation from Casa Bianca Missionary Baptist Church will be in charge of the service. The ushers invite all to come and pay reverence to God with them on this special occasion, and enjoy an evening of praise and worship. Dinner will be served following the service. Rev. Dr. J.B. Duval, pastor.

November 11
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BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY
Plaintiff,

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Division

ROBERT G. SMALL, II AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS,
Defendants.

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RESERVING THE SOUTHERLY 30 FEET FOR ROADWAY EASEMENT.

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Dated this 24th day of October, 2012.

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NOTICE

THE JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL HOST A WORK SESSION TO WHICH THE CITY COUNCIL AND CITY STAFF ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH, 2012 AT 6 PM AT THE COURTHOUSE ANNEX. THE WORK SESSION WILL BE ON THE MASTER BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN PLAN AND SETTING PRIORITIZATION OF FUTURE PROPOSED PROJECTS.

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Photo of April 20 accident

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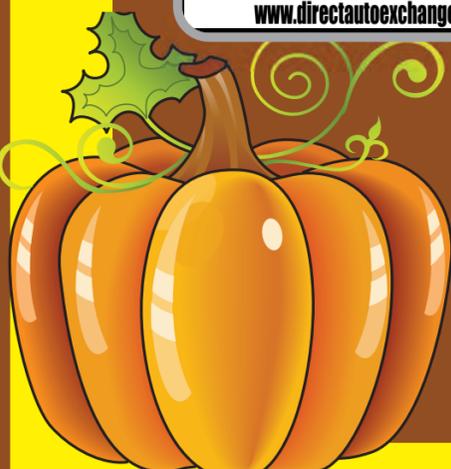
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The Week of November 9, 2012 through November 16, 2012
Major Feed Times are marked by an asterisk (*)

Friday, November 9 1:10 AM *7:00 PM 1:10 PM *7:30 PM	Saturday, November 10 1:50 AM *7:45 AM 1:55 PM *8:10 PM	Sunday, November 11 2:25 AM *8:35 AM 3:55 PM *9:10 PM	Monday, November 12 3:20 AM *9:30 AM 3:30 PM *9:50 PM
Tuesday, November 13 4:10 AM *10:20 AM 4:30 PM *10:50 PM	Wednesday, November 14 5:10 AM *11:20 AM 5:30 PM *11:55 PM	Thursday, November 15 6:00 AM *12:30 PM 6:45 PM	Friday, November 16 *1:10 AM 7:20 PM *1:40 PM 8:00 PM

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The 'If Only,' 'Got One' And Future Of TrophyCatch

On Oct. 1, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) kicked off TrophyCatch to reward anglers for catching, documenting and voluntarily releasing trophy-sized bass in Florida.

On the first day, Larry Campbell caught an 11.25-pound, 26.5-inch-long bass while fishing in the St. Johns River with his younger brother, using live shrimp. They had caught and released several 4- to 7-pound bass before Larry broke the 10-pound barrier for the first time in his 20 years of fishing. They found where they could boast online about their catch and posted it on TrophyCatchFlorida.com, an FWC website hosted by the World Fishing Network (WFN).

If only ...
If only Larry had read the rules first and taken photos of his bass on scales, with the weight showing, and on a tape measure with the length showing, he would have had the first entry into the new Trophy Bass Club. However, without appropriate photos to verify the weight and length for TrophyCatch, his fish was at least entered into the Big Catch Program.

"I'll know next time," he responded graciously. "Things are just starting to heat up here. Thanks for the awesome recognition program."

On Oct. 9, Marcus Arrendondo caught a 29-inch bass with a girth of 24 inches and estimated at 14 pounds.

If only he had called the FWC, toll-free, at 855-FL-TROPHY (855-358-7674) while he had the live fish in his possession, an FWC employee would have come out to examine the bass, ensure it was live-released and healthy, and weigh it on certified scales. If it exceeded 13 pounds, it would have been entered into the Hall of Fame. The FWC would have provided a free fiberglass replica from New Wave Taxidermy and a bundle of other prizes (see below for details).

Got one ...
Then, on Oct. 16, Corey Dolan got one. He landed a 12.3-pound largemouth bass on Lake Talquin and released it to become the first entrant in the TrophyCatch program. Dolan started fishing at sunrise on his last day off before starting a new job and was rewarded when, around 1:30 in the afternoon, a huge bass struck his artificial worm. Dolan found TrophyCatchFlorida.com on his smartphone and ultimately connected with the TrophyCatch



Corey Dolan with the first Trophy Club bass released as part of the Florida TrophyCatch Program.

hotline. FWC biologists arrived an hour later to determine a certified weight of 12.3 pounds – just short of the Hall of Fame mark (13 pounds), but qualifying for the Trophy Club. Dolan will receive \$100 in gift cards from sponsors such as



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KP Clements, the FWC's TrophyCatch coordinator, said that as the first TrophyCatch angler, Dolan will also receive a special one-day pass to fish at the famed Biverville Plantation and is entered into drawings for other prizes.

The future ...
The future is bright for angling in Florida. The latest National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife Associated Recreation showed an 11-percent increase in recreational fishing nationally over the past five years. Florida remains the No. 1 destination for anglers, and bass are the most popular fish in North America.

The future seems even brighter when you hear about young anglers like 11-year-old Louie Echols from Highlands County. Louie caught his

first bass at age 3. He has a stack of Big Catch Angler Recognition certificates from the FWC, including Specialist, Master and Elite Angler recognitions. He also is the star of an episode of "Lunkerville Television," titled "Louie, Louie," which airs on WFN.

Louie is a passionate reader of fishing and natural history books, and is very familiar with Glen Lau's "Bigmouth" and "Bigmouth Forever" videos. It's not surprising that a youngster like Louie, mentored by a loving grandfather and other family and friends, has a passion for sport fishing and desire to conserve our natural resources.

While fishing from shore with his grandfather, Dan Echols, and while grandpa was starting to pack up, Louie cast a little minnow one last time along the bank. The result? He caught a 14-pound "hawg" that he released, so she could grow, and perhaps be caught again. A fiberglass mount of the fish adorns his bedroom wall with his other fishing mementos.

Personally, I can't wait until we get a call on the TrophyCatch hotline to come certify him into the Florida Bass Hall of Fame.

TrophyCatch includes three tiers to encourage reporting and live-releasing bass heavier than 8 pounds that are caught in Florida waters.

"It is important for anglers to read and understand all the rules and details about rewards, which may change during the year, since they are provided by various sponsors," said Clements (see TrophyCatchFlorida.com). However, just for registering, an angler is entered into a drawing for a Phoenix bass boat, Mercury motor and trailer.

Black Bears Hyperactive During Fall

Fall is an active time of year for Florida black bears as they stock up on calories for the coming winter. Though black bears don't really need to put on pounds to survive the state's usually mild winters, they behave as if they do need to – eating about three times as much as usual.

Because bears now are busy filling their bellies, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) asks people to be extra diligent in securing food sources around their homes and businesses that can attract bears and create problems.

"If you are a Florida black bear, raiding a garbage can to eat stale doughnuts and the leftovers from last night's spaghetti may be more appealing than foraging in the woods for palmetto berries and acorns," said David Telesco, the FWC's bear management program coordinator.



"Preventing bears' access to food is the most important thing people can do to keep bears and other wild animals out of neighborhoods."

In autumn, bears begin a natural process called hyperphagia, which means they are putting on fat for the winter. They will consume around 25,000 calories a day and eat almost anything that's convenient. The easier a food item is to get, the more likely it is that a bear will take advantage of it – and a bear's sense of smell is so keen it can detect

food more than a mile away. Bear-related calls to the FWC are up this year in many parts of the state. Since January in central and south Florida, the FWC has documented the highest number of calls per month on record for six of the past nine months. Calls in other parts of the state also are relatively high this year.

"Now more than ever we are relying on residents to keep bears from getting rewarded for being in neighborhoods," Telesco said.

Strong 2012 Nesting Season For Florida Loggerheads

Loggerhead sea turtle nesting was near a 24-year high along Florida beaches this year, according to data compiled by Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) researchers. The loggerhead is listed federally as a threatened species.

Trained surveyors from partners across the state count nests on nearly 250 miles of beaches as part of the Index Beach Nesting Survey. Surveyors follow firm counting guidelines, making it possible for FWC researchers to use the data from these beaches to identify trends.

In 2012, index beach surveyors counted 58,172 loggerhead nests, one of the highest counts since monitoring began in 1989. Nesting on these beaches peaked at 59,918 nests in 1998, and hit a low of 28,074 in 2007.

"After a steep decline in Florida loggerhead nesting between 1998 and 2007, nesting has risen over the past five years," said Dr. Blair Witherington, FWC research scientist. "We're pleased to see this increase,



but we recognize that loggerheads, and other sea turtle species, still face many challenges."

As hatchlings will continue to emerge from nests through November, people are asked to stay at a distance if they spot sea turtles on the beach. People are also asked to remove beach furniture and other

objects from the beach at night so there is a clear path for hatchlings to make it to the water.

In the U.S., 90 percent of all loggerhead nesting occurs in Florida, the majority of which takes place along the state's east coast. The loggerhead is the most common sea turtle species to nest in Florida.

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