

Monticello Man Arrested In Thomas County

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A Monticello man was arrested last Friday, Nov. 23, on drug charges in Thomas County, GA.

According to the Thomas County Sheriff's Office, its Narcotics Vice Division learned that Travis "Smurf" Watkins, 29, of Monticello, was scheduled to deliver at least two cookies of crack cocaine and possibly powder cocaine to a business on US 19 South.

Law officers, including the Georgia State Patrol, narcotics agents and the Sheriff's Office set up surveillance, including having a narcotics agent watch from woods close to the delivery location. Other officers were stationed along US-19, in case

Watkins decided to flee. Officers said that Watkins drove by the site slowly, looking for the delivery site. He was about to turn around and return to it when he saw a law officer and headed towards Thomasville.

Officers didn't want Watkins to get to the city, because they knew that the traffic would be heavy at that time (between 3:30 and 4 p.m.). Watkins refused to stop, so officers had to pull in front of and behind the car he was driving, forcing him to stop.

A search of the 2006 Chrysler 300 revealed two plastic bags, each containing crack cocaine. The crack was estimated to have a street value of approximately \$5,000.



Travis "Smurf" Watkins

Also found in the car was a Florida Department of Corrections identification card, which revealed that Watkins had been released from prison in April 2011.

Watkins was charged with possession of cocaine with intent to distribute and felony intent to elude.

Whooping Cranes Coming To St. Marks - Possibly Saturday



Photo is courtesy of St. Marks Refuge.

The arrival of cooler weather usually heralds the arrival in the area of young whooping cranes migrating south for the winter, and this year's event could occur as early as this Saturday, Nov. 24.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) reports that five young whoopers are soon expected to arrive at St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge, where they will spend the winter. The birds, which are being led by piloted ultralights, reportedly left their summer home in Wisconsin on Sept. 28 — almost 30 days early — and will have traveled more than 914 miles when they arrive here.

"Braving the chilly air and bumpy winds, the intrepid birds and the shivering pilots in the ultralights have skipped a few stops to land in Pike Co., Alabama," the FWS reports. "They (birds and pilots) have three more stops to reach Jefferson County. There, the flock will rest briefly before the final flight to St. Marks."

The FWC offers that only about 599 whooping cranes exist in the wild, and to view even a few of these magnificent birds represents a treat, one that even non-hardcore birdwatchers can appreciate.

As of late Wednesday, the staff at

St. Marks Refuge still did not know the exact date of the birds' arrival; but it was their best guess that the whoopers would arrive on Saturday. And to celebrate the event, the staff said, a flyover of the five young cranes and their lead ultralight was planned over the village of St. Marks on the shores of the St. Marks River. This event was expected to take place early Saturday morning.

The staff advised that individuals interested in viewing the flyover should keep an eye on media reports and visit the website www.operationmigration.org. It was also the advice that potential viewers plan on arriving at the flyover site in St. Marks at about 8 a.m., as the flyover would likely occur around 8:45 a.m.

Expect cool temperatures, dress warmly and bring blankets and chairs for the outing, the staff advised.

"It was a disappointment last year when the migration was halted in northern Alabama," Refuge Manager Terry Peacock is quoted saying. "This year, however, the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge will be the only Florida refuge to host young cranes and we are excited to be a part of this incredible project to restore a flock of whooping cranes to the eastern United States."

Man Killed

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Sgt. Gerald Knecht reports that at approximately noon on Friday, November 16, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and Fire Rescue personnel responded to a residence on Waukeenah Highway in reference to a person pinned under a vehicle. Efforts by responding rescue personnel to free 66-year-old Tommy Taylor from under the vehicle before he succumbed to his injuries were unsuccessful.

A subsequent investigation by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office revealed that Taylor had loaded his 1989 Ford Mustang onto a trailer to transport it back to his residence in Palmetto, after having mechanical repairs made to it.

Taylor was underneath the vehicle securing the rear end of the vehicle to the trailer when a ratchet strap attached to the front of the vehicle and trailer failed, causing it to roll backwards, pinning Taylor between the vehicle and trailer.

Taylor was pronounced dead, as a result from his injuries.

Unemployment Picture Continues To Improve



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The latest jobs statistics from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (FDEO) show another small drop in the state's unemployment numbers, making for the lowest jobless rate since December 2008.

The FDEO figures, released on Friday, Nov. 16, put the state's unemployment rate at 8.5 percent, down 0.2 percentage point from the 8.7 percent of the previous month.

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Semi Versus Semi on Interstate

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Tuesday morning on the Interstate, the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) had a case of semi versus semi, with road blockage.

FHP reported that on Tuesday, November 20 at 11:26 a.m., Jackie Johnson, 61, of Fulton, MS, was driving a 2011 IHC Semi traveling eastbound on I-10 in the outside lane around the 218-mile marker.

Traveling ahead of Johnson, Luis Zapata Sequeira, 35, of Homestead, FL, was driving a 1997 Freightliner semi, traveling eastbound in the outside lane.

For unknown reasons, Johnson's vehicle front collided with Sequeira's trailer.

Johnson's vehicle came to rest in the outside lane facing eastward. Sequeira's vehicle came to a controlled stop in the eastbound emergency lane.

The outside lane of I-10 was blocked for approximately two hours, due to the crash. There were no traffic delays.

FHP did not deem the crash to be alcohol-related. Both drivers were wearing their seatbelts.

Johnson was transported to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital for treatment of minor injuries.

Sequeira was uninjured.

Johnson's vehicle sustained \$20,000 damager and Sequeira's vehicle sustained \$1,000 damage.

Johnson was charged with careless driving.

FHP was assisted on the scene by Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and Jefferson County Fire Rescue/EMS.

Economic Development Group Talks Development, Naturally

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The state of economic development in Jefferson County, how to promote it and how to control its promotion: These were among the topics of discussion at the Economic Development Council (EDC) on Thursday morning, Nov. 15.

"Controlling the message is a big part of economic development," offered Sheryl Rehberg, executive director of the North Florida Workforce Development Board and an EDC member.

Rehberg was addressing another member's expressed concern about the frustration and confusion evident in the community, given the failure of the Harrell Nut Company to begin operations here in October as initially represented by the company's representatives and as reported in the media.

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North Florida Women's Care Now At Gerry Medical Clinic



ECB Publishing Photo by Laz Aleman, Nov. 15, 2012

The North Florida Women's Care (NFLWC) held a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Gerry Medical Clinic on Thursday, Nov. 15, to publicize Dr. Christopher Sundstrom assignment here. In the photo, Dr. Sundstrom is holding the giant ceremonial scissor. To his left is William R. Hambsh, CEO for the NFWC.

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To inaugurate the commencement of the service, the NFWC — in conjunction with the Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce — held a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the facility on noon Thursday, Nov. 15, complete with refreshments and a tour of the clinic afterwards.

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Rollover On I-10



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A rollover on Interstate 10 at CR- 257 left the driver with injuries and her car with \$8,000 in damages.

According to the Florida Highway Patrol, on Tuesday, Nov. 13, Sallie R. Caputi-Richards, 20, of Tallahassee, was traveling east on I-10 in the left-hand lane when she drove her 2008 Volkswagen Rabbit into the grass median.

Caputi-Richards overcorrected to the right in an attempt to get back on the roadway and traveled across both eastbound lanes, the south shoulder and the eastbound on-ramp from CR-257.

The Volkswagen overturned and came to rest in the tree line south of I-10, facing north.

Caputi-Richards suffered only minor injuries.

FHP Trooper H. Rothell was the investigating officer.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY – D.U.I. DETECTION & ENFORCEMENT PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGE

Monticello Police Chief Fred Mosley is asking for citizen's assistance this Thanksgiving holiday and following weekend to ensure the roadways are safe, especially from impaired drivers. Chief Mosley says that statistics show that the Thanksgiving holidays are the deadliest of all the holidays when it comes to DUI related traffic crashes, even more than New Years Eve, which runs a distant second place.

If you suspect an impaired driver, report it immediately to the Monticello Police Department at 850-342-0150. Give the communications officer as much information as you have about the incident. A police officer will be dispatched to investigate.

Chief Mosley further states that his department will have additional police officers out this holiday weekend, in marked and unmarked vehicles, searching for impaired drivers. Do not let family or friends drive while they are drinking or impaired, and take a few moments and make sure they get home safely.

By issuing this public service message, the MPD hopes it will remind people to take the issues of impaired driving very serious, and be mindful of the human devastation that is so often caused by impaired driving.

The men and women of the Monticello Police Department wish everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving and remember, don't drink and drive!!!

Viewpoints & Opinions

Letters To The Editor

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

Ring The Bell For Salvation Army

I began to 'ring the bell' for the Salvation Army a couple of years ago. I do not remember exactly why I did so, probably because I saw something like this in the paper, or maybe I was just curious what it would be like to do it. I did, however, think that it would be a nice thing to do for others during the holiday season.

I have found that 'ringing the bell' is really a fun way to spend some time and do some good during the holidays. One year there was a letter to the editor in a newspaper stating that it was no fun doing this in Tallahassee, as the people were inconsiderate and discourteous to the person who was volunteering. I had to counter that letter with one of my own, stating that the people of Monticello had the Christmas Spirit, and it was fun greeting everyone when they first arrived, letting the children try their hand at ringing the bell, and just standing there singing off-key Christmas carols.

I am often told, both by strangers and friends, what a wonderful thing I am doing. It does make me feel good, but I re-

ally do not do that much: I usually volunteer two mornings a week, or six hours. That is only six hours out of 168, or about 4% of the week - that is not a lot of time. But I, like many of us, also have other things to do during this Season of Giving. There are, unfortunately, many times during the week when the stores are open but there is no volunteer there for the Salvation Army. The Salvation Army does wonderful things for the less fortunate in Jefferson County, and the Army deserves more support from the community to assist in its efforts. If you can give as little as six hours each week during the season, 4% of your time, friends and strangers will tell you how wonderful you are, and ... it will be true, you will be helping.

In order to volunteer to assist the Salvation Army this Christmas season, you can simply contact Georgiana Barker at 850-997-6311 (home) or 850-342-4694 (cell). Georgiana is a wonderful person and will be very happy you called.

Sincerely,
George King

BOYD – WESTBROOK 'Dear Dirt Road Friends' Mailer

This article is for the people who received the mailer and did not attend Thursday's (11-15-2012) BOCC regular meeting. During the public hearing on the road bond Commissioner Hines Boyd admitted to collaborating with Buddy Westbrook on a post card mailer sent to residents on dirt roads. The mailer was inaccurate and even misleading, laced with demeaning innuendo and attacks on me, Clerk of Court Kirk Reams and County Engineer Alan Wise.

The mailer was also disrespectful to the Board since at the previous BOCC meeting the vote was 4 to 1 to move forward with the bond. Boyd was the lone 'NO' vote and the mailer was an attempt to overturn the will of the Board and reassert his desires.

Where is the truth? You decide if it's in the mailer's assertions (A) or my well documented responses (R) below:

A1: "... Committee to 'evaluate' our dirt roads"

R: The committee was established by vote of the Board in August 2011 to study the road department 'Organization Structure and Service Delivery Model'. The inventory work done during the 2011 study used more advanced electronic mapping software for recording and presentation than the inventory work previously performed in December 2009. The 2009 consolidation inventory was shared with BOCC in February 2010 both individually and in public meeting. The study findings and recommendations plus the advanced version of the road inventory were presented in public workshop October 27, 2011 at 8 PM.

A2: "They scored the roads based mainly on the number of voters living on the road."

R: The committee used several criteria to rank the roads using voters only as a measure of traffic by driving residents; other criteria were connectivity of the road as a measure of its importance in the total road infrastructure and road condition as viewed by the Road Superintendent, rural mail carriers and school bus drivers as an indication of highest maintenance demand. At the October 27, 2011 workshop three

spreadsheets were given to the BOCC for their decision making; 1) Equally weighted, 2) Heavier weight to connectivity and 3) Heavier weight to maintenance. The majority of the high priority dirt roads were common on all three lists.

A3: "Now they are pushing ... borrowing 4 million; ... next twenty years; ... 300 thousand coming out of the road department budget."

R: As noted, the Board had already voted 4 to 1 to move forward with the road bond. The Road Department has not had the \$300,000 in the budget for the last 20 years as this gas tax revenue was paying the 1992 road bond.

A4: "... would pave about 10% of our dirt roads"

R: 40 miles of a 250 mile dirt road inventory is 16%. This 16% is a large proportion of the high maintenance roads, so there will be more time to perform maintenance on the rest.

A5: "... our roads aren't high on the committee's list"

R: The list has always belonged to the BOCC and never the committee. Our new County Coordinator recommended a short by district list of dirt roads from the Board approved 'Equally weighted' spreadsheet to the BOCC who approved his recommended list with minor modifications.

A6: "... road department won't have enough money ... to improve ... or keep up current maintenance levels"

R: The budget remaining the same or being increased by \$300,000 is not the issue; it is the lack of management and leadership holding back good road maintenance.

A7: "Our current road superintendent ... just finished improvement on Tyson Road ... at a fraction of the cost"

R: Mr. John Cobb and many of the Tyson Road residents besieged the BOCC to take action and repair their road as it had been in dire condition for a long time. Today it has 6 inches of lime rock and with some additional work it would be ready for a permanent protecting asphalt surface, but until then it is still a dirt road and subject to weather and traffic erosion.

A8: "Yet the Clerk, the retired oil executive and one Commissioner on a personal vendetta want him (road superintendent) fired, because they don't like him."

R: I cannot and will not speak for the others named. I don't like nor dislike the road superintendent. I have no

vendetta against him personally; I do not support poor management and inefficiency.

A9: "... what they want. That is spending millions of our tax dollars to hire out of county contractors ..."

R: The annual \$300,000 to pay the road bond comes from gas taxes that are mainly from the gas and diesel sold by service stations on I-10. It is not ad valorem tax revenue and has not been part of the road department budget for 20 years.

A10: "... leaving you and me stuck with unimproved, inadequately maintained dirt roads."

R: In March of this year, the BOCC approved a motion that expressly states the primary focus of the road department is maintenance and not road building. Paving the 40 miles of dirt roads will take them out of the maintenance inventory and free up road department resources to concentrate on maintaining the remaining dirt roads.

A11: "Let's just say no to a big road bond debt."

R: The do-it-yourself method proposed by Boyd-Westbrook will take a long time. The 1992 road bond paving has made it possible going forward for the county to benefit from state road resurfacing and federal erosion protection programs. That's money that comes into the county and does not require any additional local tax revenues. The 2012 road bond will do the same in the future.

A large number of citizens spoke their feelings to the BOCC in support of the road paving program. The main themes were clear: pave our roads and make the road department do a good maintenance job. There were too many unhappy stories about years of chronically poor road maintenance to recount in this article.

Commissioner Boyd attended all of the aforementioned meetings, presentations and workshops; how could he collaborate in this mailing and not know he was taking indecent liberties with the truth?

At the end of the nearly two hours of public hearing the vote was unanimous to sign the ordinance and resolutions necessary for the road bond. You might question why would Commissioner Boyd vote for the bond after collaborating in the mailer and without changing his personal beliefs on the matter? The answer is simple - politics.

Phil Calandra

The Preacher Knew Best Continued...

I do not know for certain what Nate Wood's point was. He quoted Woodrow Wilson. I do not know what Woodrow Wilson meant by his statements. Was he making an observation or was he saying that's how it should be? I am not sure. What I do know is that the statements by Woodrow Wilson have nothing to do with the statements made by the Preacher in 1916. The Preacher's statements were true in 1916 and they are true today. The time the statements were made have nothing to do with the truth contained therein. The Ten Commandments were given to Moses by God on Mount Sinai years before Jesus Christ was born and they remain words to live by today.

While our Constitution guarantees that all men and women are equal before the law, it cannot guarantee that all men and women are born equal in ability and mental capability. Some

folks are born leaders. Some are born with superior intellect. Some are born with superior athletic prowess. Much of this is dictated by genetics. But I believe that there may be some divine intervention at times.

Whatever makes people different, they are indeed different. This country was made great by outstanding leaders of government, industry and innovations. George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln were outstanding leaders in government. Vanderbilt, Rockefeller, Carnegie, and Ford were outstanding leaders of industry. Edison, Bell, Carver, Carrier, and Whitney were outstanding inventors. Together folks like these made this country the most successful in the history of the world. Then there were people that provided for our religious conscious including Billy Sunday, Billy Gra-

ham, and Martin Luther King. These folks provided a moral sway to our thinking and as a result changed the way that we think about how we live our lives.

And there are our military leaders. These include Washington, Jackson, Grant, Lee, Roosevelt, Eisenhower, Patten, McCarthy, etc. Included in that list are the many Medal of Honor winners, many of whom sacrificed their lives that we all may live free.

The point of all this is that we need great leaders and we need lots of them. We also need folks to follow the direction of the leaders. Cars are not made without workers to turn the bolts or welders to weld the metal. We cannot all be leaders but neither can we all be mechanics and welders. We must all pull together toward a common goal or progress is not made.

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GIVE CREDIT WHERE DUE IS RIGHT

YES THE VETERANS DAY WAS GOOD, BUT LACKED JEFFERSON COUNTY RESIDENCE ATTENDANCE. THE MOST NOTABLE WAS COUNTY AND CITY ELECTED OFFICIALS, OTHER THAN THE SHERIFF, POLICE CHIEF, MS. GRAY, SCHOOL SUPER AND MR. REAMS. TO ALL THOSE WHO MARCHED AND THOSE IN ATTENDANCE, THANKS

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



4H Awards Banquet Held



Jefferson County Annual 4H Awards Banquet was held on Saturday, October 13, at the Monticello Opera House. The purpose of the banquet is to recognize the achievements of the youth and adult volunteers who participated in 4H programs and events. There were 100+ youth, parents, volunteers, staff and dignitaries in attendance.

Allison Cone, 4H County Council Incoming President was the mistress of ceremonies for the program. A formal salute was recognized to senior 4H member Dondray Hopkins. He received a gift certificate and certificate.

Alana Chambers was guest speaker for the program. She reflected on her 10+ years as a 4H member and encouraged youngsters to become more active and involved in the 4H programs.

Camp sponsors were recognized for their contribution during the past year. 4H volunteers that contributed to the overall 4H program this past year were: Mary Helen Andrews, Shirley Widd, Marianne Arbulu, Carolyn Andrews, Ruth Ann Scurry, Lillie Mae Gardner, Sandra Gilley, Katabia Henry, Sophia Garmon, Rebecca Goldfarb, Rev. Eddie Yon, Alex Farmer, Lena Odom, Janelle Bassa, Betsy Barfield, Angela Gray, Barbara Kirksey, Joan Hare, Louise Jones, Nancy Benjamin, Stephen Fulford, Isabella de Sercey, Bobbie Golden, Stephen Scott, Jr., Jarkey Miles, and Samantha Darity. Each volunteer received a certificate.

4H club leaders received certificates for their years of service. They were: Ruth Ann Scurry, 18 years; Carolyn Andrews, 18 years; Kathy Campbell, 18 years; Lillie Mae Gardner, 11 years; Endia Thomas, 6 years; Sandra Gilley, 4 years; and Gladys Neely, 18 years.

Explorer's 4H Club: Heather Boyd, 1 year; Club



Leader: Explorer's Club members receiving certificates were: Abigail Boyd, Maggie Boyd, Courson Brookins, Katherine Brookins, Olivia Brookins, Quinn Brookins, Roger Carroll, Colton Harter, Ethan Harter, and Huxley Harter.

Jasmine Addison recognized 4H members who participated in public speaking, food preparation, food science, safety, nutrition, share-the-fun, fashion revue clothing construction, and clothing selection.

Hickory Hill 4H Club Leaders: Ruth Ann Scurry, 18 years; Carolyn Andrews, 18 years; Kathy Campbell, 18 years; Lillie Mae Gardner, 11 years; Endia Thomas, 6 years; Sandra Gilley, 4 years; and Gladys Neely, 18 years.

The following Clover Buds (5-7 years old) were recognized: Joshua Payne received a certificate and gift bag from the Hickory Hill 4H Club. Kato Henry, Kelvontae Gilley, Jr. and Johnny Crawford received a certificate and gift bag from the Hickory Hill 4H Club. Isabella Gray received a Certificate of Participation.

The following Juniors (8-10 years old) were recognized: Khloe Jennings received a trophy for participating in Public Speaking County Events and a plaque and a certificate for participating in District III Events. Carlissa Shuler received a trophy for participating in the Fashion Revue Clothing Selection, public speaking, a plaque and a certificate for participating in District III Events. Demeica Gilyard received a trophy for participating in Fashion Revue Clothing Construction and a red ribbon for her Sewing Project Book. Jamaya Steen received a trophy for participating in Fashion Revue Clothing Selection. Jordan Hildreth and Abigail Hildreth received trophies for participating in the Consumer Choice Judging. Kiyerra Henry received a trophy for participating in the Fashion Revue Clothing Construction, a certificate and a gift bag from Hickory Hill 4H Club. She also received a blue ribbon for her Sewing Project Book. Pedro Contreras, Jr. received a trophy for Consumer Choice Judging in



the Junior Division. Kerrick Henry, Jr. received trophies for Consumer Choice Judging and Fashion Revue Clothing Construction. He also received a blue ribbon for his Sewing Project Book, and a certificate and gift bag from Hickory Hill 4H Club. Abigail Boyd received a trophy for participating in Food Preparation at County level, a plaque and a certificate at District III Events.

The following intermediates (11-13 years old) were recognized. Tanesea Jones received trophies for Fashion Revue Clothing Construction, Food Preparation Team and Share-The-Fun. She also received a blue ribbon for her Sewing Project Book and received plaques and certificates for participating in District III Events for Food Preparation Team and Share-The-Fun. Christian Steen received trophies for Consumer Choice Judging, Public Speaking, Fashion Revue Clothing Construction and Selection. He also received a plaque and a certificate for participating in District III Events Public Speaking and a blue ribbon for his sewing project book. Miara Jones received a trophy for Health & Safety, Team Demonstration. She also received a plaque and a certificate for participating in District III Events. Shaye Johnson received a trophy for Health & Safety-Team Demonstration. She also received a plaque and certificate for participating in District III Events. Kheica

Jones received trophies for Share-The-Fun, Fashion Revue Clothing Construction and Food Preparation Team. She also received a blue ribbon for her sewing project book and for participating at District III Events, and plaques and certificates. Tremelody Robinson received trophies for Share-The-Fun, Public Speaking, and Fashion Revue Clothing Construction. She also received a blue ribbon for her sewing project book and a plaque for participating at District III Events. Makayla Brown received a participation certificate and a Camp Counselor

CIT Certificate. Emerald Graham received a participation certificate. Otis Scott received a certificate as Camp Counselor at Camp Cherry Lake.

The following seniors (14-18 years old) were recognized. Monica Jones received a trophy for Public Speaking at County level, a plaque and a certificate for participating in District III Events. Jasmine Addison received a certificate for being a Camp Counselor at Camp Cherry Lake. She also was Most Spirited and Most Outstanding Counselor at Camp Cherry Lake. Allison Cone received a trophy in the Health & Safety category. She received a plaque and a certificate for participating in District III Events. She also attended 4H State Congress and participated in the Health & Safety Category, placed second, receiving a blue rosette and blue strip ribbon and re-

ceived a certificate. Ta'Neshia Scott received trophies in Fashion Revue, Clothing Selection and Public Speaking. She also received a plaque and a certificate for participating in District III Events. She was also a Camp Counselor at Camp Cherry Lake, and attended 4H State Congress, receiving a certificate of participation. Dondray Hopkins received a certificate as a Camp Counselor at Camp Cherry Lake. Flora Walker also received a camp counselor certificate. She was selected the Most Dependable Counselor. Tearra Scott received trophies for participating in Fashion Revue Clothing Selection and Food Preparation. At District III Events she received a plaque and certificate. She was a camp counselor at 4H Camp Cherry Lake and received a trophy at camp for the Most Helpful Counselor. She attended 4H State Congress and participated in food preparation, placed second with a Blue Rosette and Blue Strip ribbon. She also received a certificate. Hannah Haselden received a certificate for participation.

Installation of 4H officers for the 2012-2013 year and the new slate of officers are: President Allison Cone, Vice President Jasmine Addison, Secretary Tearra Scott, Assistant Secretary Hannah Haselden, Treasurer Ta'Neshia Scott, Sgt-At-Arms Otis Scott, District Delegates are Allison Cone, Jasmine Addison and Tearra Scott.

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Jefferson County Living

Christmas Holiday Cakes

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The Monticello Woman's Club will hold its annual Christmas Auction at noon on Tuesday, December 4, in its clubhouse on East Pearl Street. Members will bring in a wide variety of handmade gift items for the auction, maybe even a few fresh baked goods! The cost of this luncheon is just \$10 or bring a covered dish item. The public is invited to attend this event. What a great opportunity to purchase those hard to get Christmas presents!

The MWC Holiday Cake Sale is underway, and there are quite a few cakes still available. These cakes are made with the freshest of ingredients: cherries, pineapple, butter, flour, sugar, eggs and locally grown pecans.

The cost of the cakes: 1-pound \$8, 2-pound \$16 and 5-pound \$38. These cakes may be purchased from any club member, or contact MWC President Ethel Strickland directly at 850-997-3382 or Betty Bard at 850-264-2109. The members will also have a booth setup downtown during the MainStreet Christmas event

on Friday evening, December 7. The ladies are also in the planning stages of a December Yard Sale at the clubhouse, so keep watch in the News for information to come.



Unemployment

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Likewise for Jefferson and Madison counties, whose jobless rates showed small declines in October. Specifically, Jefferson County's rate was 7.7 percent, down from 8.0 percent in October, and Madison's was 10.0 percent, down from 10.5 percent the previous month.

The FDEO reports that the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 1.7 percentage points lower than the 10.2 percent rate recorded last October.

The 8.5 percent jobless rate translates into 790,000 jobless Floridians out of a labor force of 9,342,000.

Mind: The jobless rate does not reflect individuals who have given up the search for work or who are underemployed or employed part time, inclusions of which would inflate the rate.

Seasonally adjusted, meanwhile, means that the figures have been purged of seasonal and other factors that would also increase the rate if counted.

The U.S. unemployment rate, meanwhile, was 7.9 percent in October, up 0.1-percentage point from the 7.8 percent reported in September.

The FDEO notes that Florida's seasonally adjusted total nonagricultural employment was 7,371,500 in October, "an increase of 14,700 jobs over the month".

"On an annual basis, the number of jobs in the state was up 67,600, an increase of 0.9 percent from October 2011," the FDEO reports. "Nationally, the number of jobs was up 1.6 percent over the year."

October was reportedly the 27th consecutive month showing positive annual job growth after the state lost jobs for three straight years.

For Jefferson County, the 7.7 percent rate translates into 532 jobless persons out of a labor force of 6,916, compared

with 550 jobless persons out of a labor force of 6,907 in September.

In October 2011, the comparable figures were 582 jobless persons out of a workforce of 6,890, when the unemployment rate was 8.4 percent.

For Madison County, the 10.0 percent translates into 723 jobless persons out of a labor force of 7,233, compared with 759 jobless persons out of a labor force of 7,245 in September.

In October 2011, the comparable figures were 838 jobless persons out of a labor force of 7,281, when the unemployment rate was 11.5 percent.

The FDEO reports that the industry gaining the most jobs continued to be professional and business services, up 25,600 jobs, followed by trade, transportation, and utilities, up 23,300 jobs; private education and health services, up 23,100 jobs; leisure and hospitality, up 12,500 jobs; and financial activities, up 6,900 jobs.

The industries losing jobs over the year continued to be total government, down 12,900 jobs; construction, down 4,900; other services, down 4,200 jobs; information, down 1,000 jobs; and manufacturing, down 900 jobs.

Monroe County continued to have the state's lowest unemployment rate at 4.7 percent, followed by Walton County at 5.4 percent; Okaloosa County at 5.7 percent; and Wakulla County at 5.9 percent.

Hendry County continued to have the state's highest unemployment rate at 12.6 percent, followed by Flagler County at 11.3 percent; St. Lucie County at 10.9 percent; Putnam County at 10.3 percent; and Indian River County at 10.2 percent.

The FDEO reports that six of Florida's 67 counties experienced double-digit unemployment in October, down from 12 in September.

BBH/ ROTC Make The Rounds For Veterans



Big Bend Hospice volunteers with members from the JCMHS ROTC and their leader join together at the Big Bend Veteran's Day Parade in Tallahassee.

Woman's Care

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The occasion was to introduce Dr. Christopher Sundstrom, the NFWC physician assigned to the Gerry Medical Clinic. Among the services that Dr. Sundstrom will provide are annual well woman exams, family planning, contraception, incontinence, infertility consultations and obstetrical and gynecological services.

Dr. Sundstrom will be here for limited hours, however. For more information on his hours or to schedule an appointment, call (850) 877-7241.

The NFWC has been providing obstetric and gynecologic medical care to area women for more than 20 years, with offices currently in Tallahassee, Blountstown, Carrabelle, Marianna, Perry and now Monticello.

The organization has a team of qualified physicians who are on call at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital 24 hours a day,

seven days a week.

The organization maintains that its unique collaborative team approach enables it to "offer complete and compassionate care through all the stages of life."

The organization works with women of all ages and advocates overall health and disease prevention. It represents that its physicians are skilled in vaginal and cesarean deliveries, as well as high-risk pregnancies.

And its obstetrical suite reportedly features onsite, full ultrasound testing facilities that include 3D and 4D ultrasound services.

The organization also offers aesthetic products and services, including laser hair removal, facials and chemical peels.

For more information about the NFLWC, call (850) 877-7241 in Tallahassee or call toll free at 1-855-466-3592.

Development

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Rehberg noted that anyone who understood economic development understood that it was a slow process. Yet once a project hit the commission and became public, the expectations and speculations got exaggerated and tended to spiral out of control, she said. "Once it hits the commission it's public," Rehberg said. "That's what I'm talking about when I say controlling the message."

EDC Chairman Ron Cichon noted that tremendous strides had been made locally in recent years in terms of economic development, thanks to the greater involvement and commitments of the city and county commissions. He recalled the intransigence of earlier boards that failed or refused to see the need for economic developments.

"We now have a County Commission that is sensitive to economic development," Cichon said. "We're in the best shape that we've been in 30 years. That's a major step forward."

He talked of the Harrell Nut Company as an example and offered that the 50 jobs that the company would create, even if they paid only minimum wages, would have a multiplier effect that would translate into about \$3 million being pumped into the local economy. And wouldn't that be wonderful, Cichon said.

"It will have a huge impact on our community," he said. A general lament of the group was that the average person simply didn't understand or appreciate the difficulty and complexity of attracting businesses, given the fierce competition for each and every potential client and this community's limited resources.

Economic Development Director Julie Conley then gave a report on the various ongoing activities she had been undertaking relative to the promotion of economic development.

She said progress was being made in the effort to bring American Hunter Inc. here, in terms of the steps to secure a construction loan from Farmers and Merchants Banks and the submittal of an amended grant application for funds to expand the stormwater retention pond at the industrial park.

She reported that site preparation work was proceeding at the Harrell Nut Company property at the industrial park and that the city had approved the site plan for the Tractor Supply Company on U.S. 10 South.

Conley also mentioned the various conferences and seminar on economic development and related topics that she had attended in recent weeks. These included the Gulf Power Economic Development symposium in Destin, the North Florida Economic Development Academy in Lake City and the Florida Redevelopment Association in Daytona Beach, where she made a brief presentation.

She had also, she said, attended various local and regional meetings, including the Apalachee Regional Planning Council's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy workshop in Bristol and the Monticello City Council and Jefferson County Commission.

Special guest Dr. Dallas Garrett, director of the Small Business Development Program, gave a brief presentation on the progress of his program.

Dr. Garrett shared that the program was now up to 125 clients, which was double what he had expected to accomplish in six months.

He said 25 business plans had been completed so far and 10 funded, identifying some of the funded plans as a vendor who sells NASGAR insignias and such, an individual who was going to start a taxi service, a cooking television show, a water filter manufacturer and a goat raising operation.

He said the funded plans had the potential to create 20 jobs. He said another 13 plans were out for funding. The 13 plans, he said, represented \$2.5 million and would create 79 jobs. He conceded, however, that "not a person on this list can go to a bank", given their credit ratings. Meaning that each would have to be funded by local and other private investors.

Which was why he was trying to set up a micro loan program, Dr. Garrett said. "It's moving much faster than in the mountains of Virginia," he said, referring to his previous assignment. "It should end up averaging 80 to 100 jobs a year."



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Jefferson County Living

FCNWF Elects Walker To Board

Farm Credit of Northwest Florida has elected R. Douglas Walker to a three-year term on its Board of Directors.

Walker has been president of Walker and Sons Farms, Inc. for 30+ years. This has been his principal occupation for the past five years. He was also president of a family logging business from 1973 through 2001.

His farm consists of two family-owned dairy farms, which include 2,250 cows on a combined basis. The farms produce 1,200 acres of corn and



Douglas Walker

1,800 acres of oats and rye grass for feed. He also has a 70-acre pecan grove and a 200 head beef cattle cow/calf operation.

Walker serves on the

board of Southeast Milk, Inc. and the Commercial Feed Technical Council of the Florida Department of Agriculture. He received the Southeast Milk, Inc. 2011 Milk Quality Award and was named the NRCS Cooperator of the Year in 2009.

He and his wife Sonja were named the Jefferson County Farm Bureau Outstanding Farm Family in 2007. They also received the Farm Bureau and Florida Commissioner of Agriculture CARES award for responsible environmental stewardship in 2012.

Altrusa De-Stress Before Holidays



Altrusa Member Jana Grubbs, left, presents a gift to meeting speaker Dr. Paul Knoll, director of the Tallahassee Memorial Healthcare Recovery Center, on November 8, 2012.

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Altrusa of Monticello held its November 8 meeting on Thursday afternoon at the First United Methodist Church Family Ministry Center. Visiting from Tallahassee to speak to the membership was guest speaker Dr. Paul Knoll, director of the Tallahassee Memorial Healthcare Recovery Center. Altrusa member Jana Grubbs invited Dr. Knoll.

The Recovery Center is offering counseling services at the Gerry Medical Clinic in Monti-

cello. Dr. Knoll's tips for reducing stress were as follows: 1) Learn to plan your time by taking on projects one at a time; 2) Prioritize and ask for help, and delegate; 3) Recognize and accept limits; 4) Say "no", recognize healthy boundaries; 5) Learn to play, escape from pressure and have fun; 6) Be a positive person, avoid criticizing and learn to praise others; 7) Learn to tolerate and forgive others; 8) Avoid unnecessary competition; 9) Get regular physical exercise; 10) Learn a systematic, drug-free method of

relaxing; 11) Talk out your troubles; 12) Change your thinking; 13) Build and maintain support systems; and 14) Change expectations of yourself and the situation.

Altrusa is involved in service, leadership and fellowship... leading to a better community. Altrusa meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursday of the month, at noon, at the FUMC Family Ministry Center. For further information, contact Dianne Westbrook at 850-997-2973 or Betty Messer at 850-997-2230.

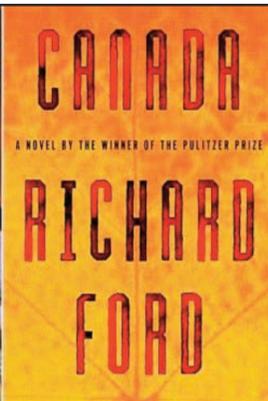
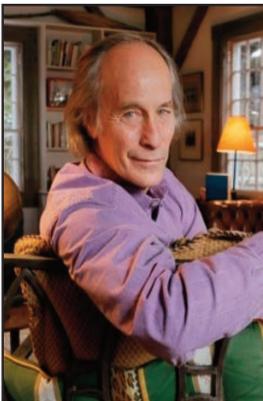
Palmer Book Club Reads *Canada*

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The Palmer Place Book Club held a well-attended and exciting meeting on November 13, discussing the book "Canada," a new novel authored by Richard Ford, about a 15-year-old boy who watches his family fall apart, and flees north to something even worse.

The book for reading and discussing in December will be "A Dangerous Woman" by Mary McGarry Morris. She also wrote "Songs in Ordinary Time and Vanished."

The evening meeting will be held on the second Monday, December 10; and will continue with its traditional gift exchange. Gifts should be wrapped, but not for a par-



ticular person, so newcomers are welcome to join the fun.

In January, the group will go back to using the traveling book club title list from the Leon County library system. Many titles have been added since the club last used it.

For questions about the club, or suggestions for

books you would recommend, go to douwanadance@yahoo.com or call the Jefferson County Bailor Public Library at 850-342-0205.

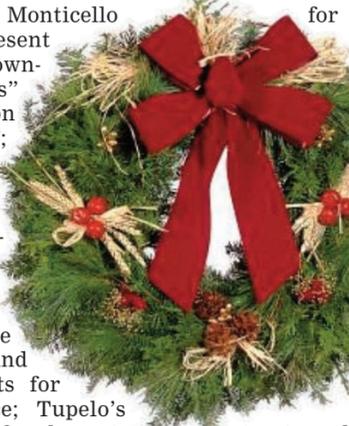


Around The Downtown Christmas

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Main Street of Monticello Florida will present "Around the Downtown Christmas" from 4 to 10 p.m. on Friday, December 7; and Santa Claus will be coming to town!

Visit Monticello Florist and Gifts for snacks and beverages; The Brick House Eatery for music and dining; Pat's Gifts for cookies and juice; Tupelo's Bakery and Café for desserts and beverages; the Jefferson Arts for desserts and beverages in the gallery; Bugsy's Bling for hot chocolate; Huckleberry's Creations for hot coffee; The Peddler's Marketplace for hot apple cider; Gelling's Floral Design for some



delicious eggnog; Monticello's World Famous Pizza for a few saucy snacks; Rancho Grande Mexican Restaurant for some spicy snacks; Sweet Pickens will also have some snacks and treats; visit Rosemary Tree for treats; and Wag-the-Dog for cookies and cider.

Stores, restaurants and a few businesses will stay open late, some until 10 p.m.

There will be food and arts and crafts vendors lining the streets. Music and carolers will be walking the streets and a few will be stationed at various locations. The trees will be lighted and store windows will be decorated... and to be admired!

What a lovely night to show off our hometown of Monticello to all your family and friends.

ANOTHER HALLOWEEN MONSTER



A scary pose from this monster on 2012 Halloween Day. Arden Campbell is the granddaughter of June and Roy Campbell of Monticello.

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Tonya Bell gave a brief presentation recently on the Florida KidCare Insurance program. She shared some great news for state employees. Beginning July 1, children of state employees may be eligible for subsidized Florida KidCare coverage, provided they meet all of the eligibility requirements. The Florida KidCare programs include MediKids, for uninsured children ages one through four; Florida Healthy Kids for ages five through 18; Children's Medical Services Network for children ages birth through 18 who have special health care needs or ongoing medical conditions including behavioral health; and Medicaid, an entitlement program for qualified children ages birth through 18. The family premium would be \$15 or \$20 per month if the family's income is less than 200 percent of the federal poverty level and there are no copayments for children enrolled in MediKids and CMSN. There are \$5 and \$10 copayments for children enrolled in Healthy Kids. State employees can submit an application online at www.floridakidcare.org or request an application by calling 1-888-540-5437, or receive assistance from Tonya Bell by calling 850-253-5355. Once the family is approved, a state employee may change coverage without waiting for open enrollment and has 60 days from the date of notification to contact People First to request a prospective change to their state status. The state employee coverage change will take effect the first of the month following the request to change coverage. Since coverage is paid in advance, an employee may be eligible for a refund and should contact People First by calling 1-866-663-4735. Florida KidCare premiums are due a month in advance and failure to pay will result in termination of coverage for 30 days. Payments can be made by check, credit card, cash, automatic payments from bank accounts, and you

can make advance payments. Thornton Davis works with the Twin Oaks Juvenile Center and the Project Connect program, which works to prevent re-offenders. He claims this program has cut re-offenders from 65 percent down to 10 percent. He works in counties across Florida from Jacksonville to Pensacola. When talking about the Beau Turner Youth Conservation Center in Capps, he says the facility has been a godsend for children at Twin Oaks JC, as most of them have never been fishing before and really tend to enjoy the outdoors. He also brings the boys out to work at the facility doing weed cutting on the property and cleaning up and relayed what a great experience it has been for them.

George Handley is with the Beau Turner Youth Conservation Center and also chief instructor with the Florida Wildlife Commission for the Youth Hunting Program in Jefferson County. He reminds the community that though the BTYCC is privately owned, its open to the public free of charge. The facility can be reserved for birthday parties, family reunions and fundraisers. When the BTYCC held its Open House in March there were 2,500+ in attendance. There is a hunting camp held each year for four weeks. Five area youth are selected to attend. The camp provides fishing and archery for children. A Fishing Tournament is held each year

JCCC To Meet Tuesday

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Jefferson County Community Coalition will meet on Tuesday, November 27 from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. at the Jefferson County RJ Bailar Public Library in the Community Meeting Room, just inside the main entrance.

On the agenda: welcome, introductions and sign-in; review and approval of minutes of previous meeting; agency sharing; Whole Child technical forum; Guest Speaker Tonya McClure, with Tallahassee Lending Consortium.

Jefferson County Community Coalition meetings are a collaboration of community agencies working together for Jefferson County. Anyone and everybody are invited to attend.

For more information, or to present a program about your agency, contact Cindy Hutto at cjhutto@healthystartjmt.org or call 850-948-2741. For directions, call the library directly at 850-342-0205 or 850-253-5400.

The next JCCC meeting will be on February 26, 2013.

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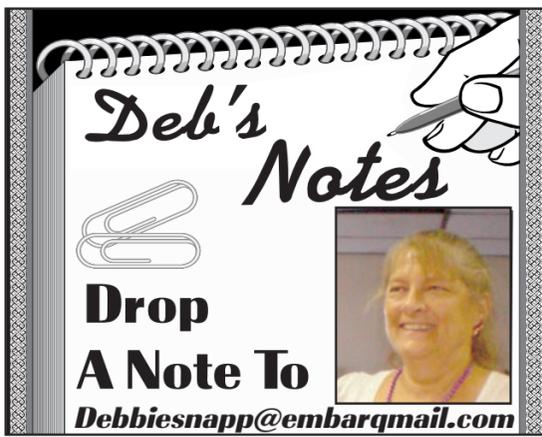
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for children, at no charge. Handley adds that there is always a need for volunteers and mentors.

Jana Grubbs has been with Healthy Ways for the last 26 years and is very much involved in its parent/child program, which consists of 48 home visits. The instructors work with, and leave books and toys in the participating homes twice a week. She also reports that Tallahassee Memorial Hospital has taken a lease on the Gerry Medical building on North Jefferson. Many more services are offered at the facility now, including physical therapy, diabetes counseling, recovery counseling, and OBGYN services. Eye Savers will be moving into the building soon and will offer eye care services on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Make New Friends But Keep The Old will be held on December 8, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Eleanor Lewis Service Center located at 1515 St. Andrews Boulevard in Panama City. This Reunion Tea Celebrating Girl Scouts' 100th Anniversary will offer something for Girl Scouts of all ages. Former and current Girl Scouts will gather for an afternoon of tea, songs, sharing and celebration activities, including exhibits of Girl Scout history and memorabilia sure to spark memories in the adults. Current Girl Scouts can earn steps towards the Legacy Girl Scout Way badge and trade SWAPS. Troops can also contribute to the official GSCFP Time Capsule, to be opened in 2037.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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November 24

Jefferson County Branch of the NAACP meets at noon on the last Saturday of each month at the MLK Center. Contact Charles Parrish at 850-997-3760 for more information.

November 24

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 24

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 26

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

November 26

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.

November 26

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.

November 26

Martin Luther King Community Center meets 6 p.m. on the last Monday of each month at the MLK Center. Contact Charles Parrish at 850-997-3760 for more information.

November 26

Alzheimer's and Dementia Support Group is held 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the fourth Monday of every month at First United Methodist Church in the Family Ministry Center on West Walnut Street in Monticello. A light lunch will be served. This is a free monthly program. Call the Alzheimer's Project at 850-386-2778 for more information or 850-997-5545 for directions. The group will not meet in July.

November 27

Jefferson County Shared Services meets at 9:30 a.m. on the last Tuesday of each month at the Jefferson County Bailar Public Library. Contact Cindy Hutto, business manager of the Healthy Start Coalition of JM&T Counties, at 850-948-2741 or cjhutto@healthystartjmt.org for meeting location, questions and concerns. Community residents and agencies are invited to attend these informational meetings about the goings-on in the area.

November 27

Triple L Club (LLL) will meet for a program and luncheon at 10:30 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday at First Baptist Church Monticello. A program, potluck luncheon and good Christian fellowship will be provided. Contact Ethel Strickland at 850-509-9445 for more information.

CHURCH NEWS NOTES

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November 23

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.

November 25

St. Phillips AME Church will pause to honor its pastor Rev. J.W. Tisdale for his unwavering spirit and commitment to preaching, teaching, and ministering the Gospel to all of humankind at 4 p.m. on Sunday. Guest preacher will be Rev. Dr. Melvin Roberts, with the Greater Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church.

November 25

Transforming Life Church will host nationally known Gospel Music Group 'The Walkers,' on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. The Walkers are in full-time ministry, traveling from their home base in Florida to nearly every state in the continental U.S. and all the way to Alaska and Canada. For more information and directions call 850-997-8527 or transforminglifechurch.com.

November 25

House-to-House Prayer Band will host its annual program at 3 p.m. on Sunday at the St. Stephens Missionary Baptist Church. Speaker will be Pastor Henrietta Randolph and the congregation of the Church of God in Christ Written in Heaven, of Tallahassee. Rev. Lucille Graham, chairperson. Evangelist Miner Brookins, president.

December 1

StoryTime Ministry is held from 1 to 2 p.m. every other Saturday at the Jefferson County Bailar Public Library. For more information contact First United Methodist Church Min-

istry Chairman Barbara Hobbs at 850-523-1813.

December 5, 19

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.firstpresbyteriannmonticello.org.

December 5

Business Community Prayer Breakfast will begin at 7 a.m. on the first Thursday for a program and a meal. Serving begins at 6:45 a.m. If you have names for the prayer list, email them to Coordinator L. Gary Wright at lgwright39@embarqmail.com or call 850-997-5705 or 850-933-5567 for more information. This fellowship and promotion of Christian values is a non-denominational group, and it continues because of your participation. Come and bring a friend. Bring a non-perishable food item for the community food pantry.

December 7

First United Methodist Church and First Baptist Church Monticello will host a 'Christmas Cantata' with live musicians at 7 p.m. on Friday at the FBC with light refreshments to follow at FUMC. For more information call 850-997-5545.

December 9

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.

November 27

Silver Dome Chapter of the American Business Women's Association meets at 6 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday at the Hilton Garden Inn located at 1330 Blair Stone Road in Tallahassee. The cost of this every fourth Tuesday evening meeting and dinner is \$20. Contact Hospitality Chair/Fundraising Committeewoman Ann Walker at 850-556-4729. The evening will include a business meeting, a program speaker and a meal. Plan to attend this monthly dinner meeting. For more information about ABWA contact Von Holmes at 850-212-7373. The membership will be happy to have you join for a wonderful time of fun, information and fellowship.

November 27

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.

November 28

Monticello Kiwanis Club meets every Wednesday at noon at the Jefferson County Club on the Boston Highway for lunch, a program and a meeting. For more information, contact President Rocky Gavins at 850-997-2646

November 29

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

November 29

AA meetings are held weekly at 8 p.m. on Thursday at the Christ Episcopal Church annex, 425 North Cherry Street. For more information call 850-997-2129 or 850-997-1955.

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December 11

Sons of Allen of the Union Bethel Circuit meets monthly on the second Tuesday at 7 p.m., rotating between the Elizabeth and Union Bethel AME churches; encouraging young men and older males to come be part of the meetings. If you have any questions, contact President Leman Ulee at 850-274-6268.

December

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 9 to 10 a.m. usually on the fourth Saturday at the New Bethel AME Church located at 6496 Ashville Highway. Volunteers are also welcome to come on Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. to help bag the food packages. Contact Nellie Randell at 850-997-5605 or 850-997-6929 to volunteer or for more information about this program.

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The Aucilla Christian Academy cross country teams have performed very well as of late, which has resulted in the middle school boys advancing to State and the high school boys and girls teams qualifying for Regional.

It all started with the City Championships, held Saturday, October 27. Coach Dan Nennstiel decided to try something different this year. "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 and qualified for the State Championship. Those results will be forthcoming.

In the City Championship, the boys representing ACA on the middle school level were Gatlin Nennstiel, who passed one runner to finish in first place, with a time of 10:00.

JT Harp finished 13th, with a time of 12:09.

Brandon Slaughter finished 19th with a time of 12:21.

Chaz Hamilton finished 20th, with a time of 12:29.

Dilyn Stowers finished 43rd, with a time of 13:44.

Coach Nennstiel said that with three of the varsity runners missing to run for the middle school team, that the varsity scores would not be as well as they usually are.

The varsity boys running for Aucilla included Braden Mattingly, who passed five runners to finish seventh, with a time of 22:41.

Jay Finlayson was passed eight runners to finish 17th, with a time of 18:20.

Taylor Nugent was passed by three runners to finish 45th, with a time of 20:34, setting a personal record.

Carson Nennstiel passed four runners to finish 47th, with a time of 20:53.

Sammy Ritter passed one runner to finish 65th, with a time of 22:10, setting a personal record.

Devin Courtney finished 87th, with a time of 25:47, setting a personal record.

Running for the girls, Taylor Copeland finished seventh, with a time of 22:41.



Sarah Tharpe passed one runner and finished 10th, with a time of 22:49.

Jessica Giddens was passed by four runners to finish 18th, with a time of 23:12, setting a personal record.

Grace Beshears was passed by four runners to finish 17th, with a time of 24:10, setting a personal record.

Hanna Searcy passed one runner to finish 21st, with a time of 24:23, setting a personal record.

Sarah Peeler passed three runners to finish 27th, with a time of 25:41.

Brittany Hughes passed six runners to finish 30th, with a time of 26:12, setting a personal record.

Kinzi Mattingly passed four runners to finish 31st, with a time of 26:24.

Cali Burkett passed three runners to finish 34th, with a time of 26:39, setting a personal record.

Gaige Winchester was passed by six runners to finish 40th, with a time of 28:00.

Dena Bishop was passed by nine runners to finish 41st, with a time of 28:08.

Sarah James passed four runners to finish 43rd, with a time of 28:14.

Summerlyn Marsh passed four runners to finish 45th, with a time of 28:24.

Katie James was passed by five runners to finish 46th, with a time of 28:36, setting a personal record.

Chloe Reams passed two runners to finish 48th, with a time of 28:42.

Sarah Hall was passed by three runners to finish 51st, with a time of 29:15.

Samantha Peeler was passed by one runner to finish 53rd, with a time of 29:53.

Heidi Mims passed two runners to finish 54th, with a time of 29:57.

The ACA varsity teams competed Thursday, November 1 in the District meet. Coach Nennstiel said that the results were good enough that both the boys and girls had qualified to go to the Regional final, November 10.

ACA Runners Head To State

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The Aucilla Christian Academy cross country teams performed excellently during the Regional Championship November 10 and many will now head on to the State Championship at Apalachee Regional Park in Tallahassee.

The girls ran at 10:05 a.m. and the boys ran at 10:55 a.m. Coach Dan Nennstiel said this was the first time for the State Championship to be held in Tallahassee, making it much easier for fans to attend.

Going into the meet, the girls were ranked in ninth place, yet they overcame the odds and finished in sixth place. "The girls did a fantastic job," said Nennstiel. "The boys finished eighth and will not continue, however, two of the boys did qualify as individuals and will go on to State. This will be the first time Aucilla ever had boy runners at State," said Nennstiel.

Running for the boys, Braden Mattingly passed four runners to finish 10th with a time of 17:21, setting as personal record and setting the school record. He will go on to compete in State.

Gatlin Nennstiel passed one runner to finish 11th with a time of 17:22, setting a personal record. He will also go on to compete in State.

Carson Nennstiel passed three runners to finish 49th with a time of 19:26, setting a personal record.

Jay Finlayson, who was running with the flu, was passed by 12 runners to finish 74th with a time of 20:37.

JT Harp finished 79th with a time of 20:57, setting a personal record.

Brandon Slaughter passed two runners to finish 83rd with a time of 21:17, setting a personal record.

Taylor Nugent was passed by four



runners to finish 84th with a time of 21:22.

Running for the girls, Taylor Copeland was passed by three runners to finish 29th with a time of 22:36.

Sarah Tharpe passed two runners to finish 32nd with a time of 22:43.

Jessica Giddens passed four runners to finish 43rd with a time of 23:20.

Hanna Searcy passed nine runners to finish 45th with a time of 23:28, setting a personal record.

Grace Beshears passed six runners to finish 47th with a time of 23:36, setting a personal record.

Sarah Peeler was passed by three runners to finish 66th with a time of 25:34.

Kinzi Mattingly was passed by seven runners to finish 85th with a time of 27:33.



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NFCC Practical Nursing Graduates Achieve 100% Pass Rate



NFCC's July 2012 Practical Nursing graduates are: Standing (l-r): Jannah Hancock (Jacksonville), Kehli Tuten (Madison), Jesse Morris (Mayo), Fanta Hunter (Greenville), Sealy Crider (South Carolina). Seated (l-r): Alexandria Griffin (Perry), Brittany Denmark (Perry), Courtney Pape (Jennings).

North Florida Community College's July 2012 Practical Nursing graduates achieved, on their first attempt, a 100% pass rate on the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN). Although NFCC's Allied Health graduates traditionally post NCLEX pass rates consistent with or above the National average, having an entire class achieve a 100% pass rate on their first try is quite an achievement. According to the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, the 2012 NCLEX-PN national pass rate for first time test takers is currently 84.9%.

"We are confident these new LPNs are equipped to care for our community and will make an extraordinary impact on healthcare," said Julie Townsend, NFCC Director of Allied Health.

NFCC Practical Nursing graduates last achieved a 100% first attempt pass rate in 2010. NFCC's 2011 Registered Nursing graduates made history in 2012 by becoming NFCC's first RN class to achieve, on their first attempt, a 100% pass rate on the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). The NCLEX exam is a required step in a graduate's career in healthcare. Achievement of a passing score on the exam and licensure by the Florida State Board of Nursing enables graduates to seek employment in the state of Florida.

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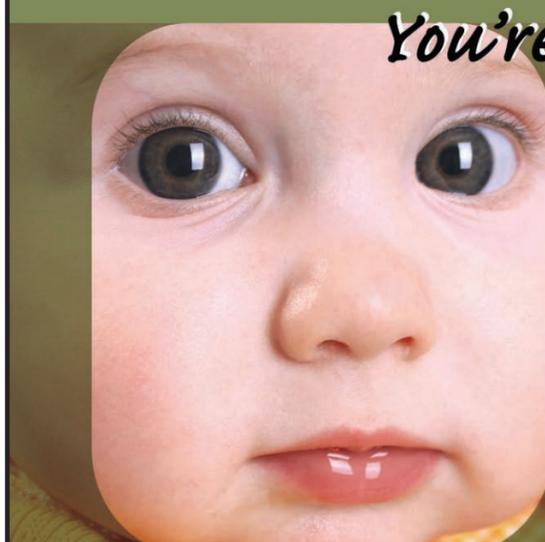
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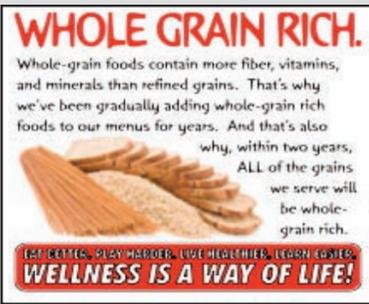
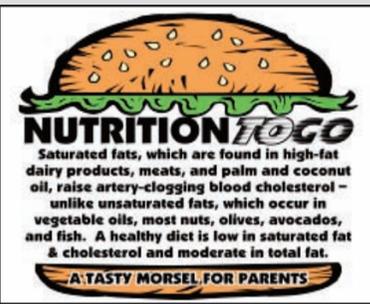
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ACA Fall Festival Huge Success

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The Aucilla Christian Academy Fall Festival was a huge success, as it has proven to be in years past.

The ever-popular class theme baskets raffle was again very popular, producing many lucky winners.

Roslyn Bass' K-4 class and the ACA PTO sponsored the ACA Spirit Basket, valued at \$247, which was won by Monica Demott.

Debbie Stephens' K-5 class sponsored the FSU basket, valued at \$110, which was won by Steve Philistin.

Tonya Roberts' first grade class sponsored the Pamper Me Basket, valued at \$325, which was won by Leona Prine.

Debbie Love's second grade class sponsored the Gift Card Basket, valued at \$315, which was won by Jennifer Hill.

Carol Aman's third grade class sponsored the Hunting/Fishing Basket, valued at \$400, which was won by Tanya Moore.

Shona Whiddon's fourth grade class sponsored the Gator Basket, which included four Jacksonville/UF tickets, valued at \$550. The name of the winner was not available at press time.

Jennifer Falk's fourth/fifth grade multi-class sponsored the Rainey Day Basket, valued at \$250, which was won by Chloe Reams.

Coach Drew Sherrod's sixth grade class, Coach Colby Roberts' seventh grade class and Coach Daryl Adams' eighth grade class sponsored the Vera Bradley Pattern Ellie Blue Basket, valued at \$624, which was won by Bradley Williams.

The basket selling the highest number of tickets was Debbie Love's second grade class' Gift Card Basket. The class will choose from either a pizza party or ice cream party.

Food booths sponsored by the high school students included the ninth grade, French fries; tenth grade, snow cones; eleventh grade, pizza; and

twelfth grade. Chic-Filet sandwiches.

There was also a costume parade for the children who chose to come to the Fall Festival in costume.

Each class also sponsored different game and activity booths.

Booths included the K-4 Candy Count; K-5 Plinko; first grade Roberts Rowdy Ropers; second grade Balloon Dart; third grade Skee-Ball; fourth grade Pick A Pumpkin; fourth/fifth grade multi-class Bean Bag Toss; and fifth grade Goldfish, which won the judging. The class will choose from a pizza party or ice cream party.

The sixth grade had the Country Store; seventh grade Football Toss; and eighth grade ACA Ink.

Ninth grade had Cow Patty Bingo. This was a new game, where the ninth grade class was selling a chance to win \$100 and a staff member to win \$25. Game participants purchased a square and put a staff members name in it, and at the end of the festival a cow was brought out. When she pooped in a particular

square the purchaser and the staff member won the money. Tiffany Strickland won the \$100, and the cow pooped on Lisa Roland's square. She won the \$25.

There was also the tenth grade Jump House; and the twelfth grade sponsored the FWC Skeet Shoot, as well as the Cake Walk.

Tickets for the senior raffle were also sold.

The first place prize was a Mossberg bolt-action rifle with scope, with the caliber of choice, which included .243, .308, .270, or 30-06. The winner was Trevor Clark.

Second prize was a Ruger 10-22 automatic rifle. The winner was David Jackson.

Third prize was a one-day deer hunt on Boyd Farms. This prize included a morning and an evening hunt. Linsey Taylor was the winner.

Tonja Dukes was also on hand selling sports necklaces and bracelets. She donated a percentage of her sales to the ACA PTO.

All proceeds from the Fall Festival go toward further improvements to the school.

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The Monticello City Council will conduct its next monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 4, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will take place at City Hall, 245 S. Mulberry Street, Monticello. Persons with disabilities who need an accommodation to participate in the meeting should contact City Clerk Emily Anderson at 342-0292 or at eanderson@mymonticello.net. 11/23/12

NOTICE

THE JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL HOLD A SPECIAL SESSION TO ELECT A CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR, APPOINT BOARD AND COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS, AND DISCUSS THE LOW INCOME SENIOR CITIZEN EXEMPTION, AND DISCUSS OTHER BOARD BUSINESS ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH AT 3 PM AT THE ANNEX 11/23/12

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CAPITAL CITY BANK, Plaintiff,
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NOTICE is hereby given that KIRK B. REAMS, Clerk of the Circuit Court for Jefferson County, Florida, will on the 13th day of DECEMBER, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. at the Jefferson County Courthouse in Monticello, Florida, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Jefferson County, Florida, to-wit:

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pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in a case pending in said Court, the style of which is as set out above, and the docket number of which is 12-120-CA. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of said Court, this 13th day of November, 2012.

KIRK B. REAMS
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 Jefferson County, Florida

By: Sherry Sears
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA

IN RE: ESTATE OF : PROBATE DIVISION
 LOIS JULIE PETERS, : CASE NO: 12-75 CP
 Deceased. :

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The administration of the estate of LOIS JULIE PETERS, deceased, Case No: 12-75 CP is pending in the Circuit Court for Jefferson County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Jefferson County Courthouse, Monticello, FL 32344. The names and addresses of the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All interested persons are required to file with this Court, WITHIN THREE MONTHS OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE: (1) all claims against the estate and (2) any objection by an interested person on whom this notice was served that challenges the validity of the Will, the qualifications of the personal representative, venue, or jurisdiction of the Court.

ALL CLAIMS AND OBJECTIONS NOT FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

Publication of this Notice has begun on November 23, 2012

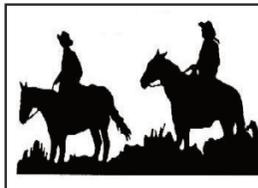
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Hopes & Dreams Benefit Trail Ride

DEBBIE SNAPP
 ECB Publishing
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The Hopes & Dreams Benefit Trail Ride will be held on Saturday, December 1, with a ride-out time of 9 a.m. Registration will begin at 7 a.m. The ride participation fee is \$15 per adult rider and \$10 for children 16 years of age and younger.

A proof of negative Coggins is required for all horses on the property. Stud horses will not be permitted, for safety reasons. Helmets are required for all children age 16 and younger, and a responsible adult or guardian must accompany minors.

The ride will begin at the Hopes & Dreams Riding Facility, just south of Quitman, Georgia, located at 6300 Madison Highway/Georgia Highway 333.

Lunch will be provided at the Hopes & Dreams Riding Facility at a cost of \$5 per plate, drink included. Water for horses will be available at the parking area. Bottled water and drinks will be available for purchase, or bring your own.

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Checks should be made out to: Hopes & Dreams Riding Facility, Inc. For more information about this ride and upcoming events, contact Jackie Kirkland at 850-929-4759, or Jo Williams at 850-929-4117, or Bernita Broome at 229-834-5028; Jean Stick 850-973-3613

This Hopes & Dreams Benefit Trail Ride is sponsored and coordinated by the Madison County Trail Riders of Madison, Florida; South Georgia Trail Riders of Valdosta, Georgia; and Hopes & Dreams Riding Facility, Inc.

Hobbs Gives Holiday Driving Safety Tips

FRAN HUNT
 ECB Publishing
 Staff Writer



With more people on the roads around the holidays more accidents are likely to occur. Jefferson County Sheriff David Hobbs gives his observations over the years and some words of wisdom.

"What I suspect," Hobbs relates, "is that many times people are out on the roads behind the wheel of an automobile and their minds are on everything else but driving. "They talk on the phone, or they tend to things going on inside of the vehicle.

"That automobile can be a big killing machine," said Hobbs, "if people behind the wheel are not in control. I've seen it a million times.

"A trooper would be along side of the road, lights flashing, motioning for people to slow down and they are just not paying attention," said Hobbs. "Anything can happen at any time and you never know when you're going to have to stop abruptly.

"If you see a trooper, or anyone, along side of the road, slow down, change lanes if you can," he added. "Pay attention to what is going on around the area and ahead, otherwise, you could be the next scene."

Hobbs, who has served 13 years as a trooper for Florida Highway Patrol and eight years as a county deputy, has spent many hours on the roadways of the county and has made many observations.

He said that the holidays beginning in November, consistently brings out more drivers. "They're thinking about tying up those loose ends for business or travel, on their way to do last-minute shopping, or thinking about what gift to buy for whom, or which destination is next on their list, everything but driving," said Hobbs. "There is a lot of impatience. People are preoccupied, and they're anxious, and not paying attention to what they should be.

"During the holidays, there are a lot more people on the road and that adds to the problem," said Hobbs. "People can't drive the interstates at 60 or 65 mph anymore. They're hitting 80 and over, and they have to be prepared to stop at any given time.

He said that two things to keep in mind are always drive defensively and watch out for the other guy because he may not be watching out for you.

FDOT Urges Safety For Political Campaign Sign Removal

With the 2012 election season at an end, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is reminding citizens to use caution during the removal of political signs near state right of way.

To reduce visual clutter, it is recommended that all political campaign signs be removed within a reasonable time following the election. Improperly located signs on or near state right of way pose a safety hazard that can distract motorists or block their view, endanger the safety of individuals who are removing signs and present obstacles to crews who maintain roadways.

FDOT is offering safety tips to pedestrians removing political signs and motorists in areas with visible political signs.

Sign Removal Volunteers... *Don't pick up signs on the roadway surface at any time. *Don't cross the highway unnecessarily; cross only at designated locations. *Avoid working during peak travel times when traffic is heavy. *Work only in daylight and in fair weather. *Park all vehicles well clear of the roadway and at least 10 feet from the shoulders surface. *Wear



light-colored clothing at all times when working on or near the right of way. *Face oncoming traffic when picking up signs and look up often to ensure that no vehicle is encroaching the area.

Motorists... *Drive within the posted speed limits. *Dedicate full attention to the roadway. *Disengage from distracting activities, such as changing radio stations and especially using mobile phones. *Watch out, not only for clean up activities in the area, but also parked vehicles.

In Section 479.11(8), Florida Statutes provide that no signs shall be erected, used, operated, or maintained on the right of way of any highway on the State Highway System. Political signs placed on state right of way will be removed by FDOT staff and placed at one of the department's operations centers. FDOT personnel will make reasonable attempts to preserve campaign signs that are taken down and to provide campaign offices an opportunity to claim the signs.

The roadway right of way includes the roadway surface, concrete or grassy median, intersections, entrance and exit ramps, and a strip of land, usually bordering either side of the road, which is reserved for shoulders, drainage ditches, sidewalks, traffic signs/signals, fencing, electrical traffic signal control boxes, utility lines and future road expansion.

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How to use: The major and minor feeding times for each day are listed below. The major feeding times are the best for the sportsman and last about 2 hours, the minor feeding times can also have good success, but last only about 1 hour.

The Week of November 23, 2012 through November 30, 2012
Major Feed Times are marked by an asterisk (*)

Friday, November 23 1:10 AM *7:20 PM 1:30 PM *7:35 PM	Saturday, November 24 1:50 AM *8:00 AM 2:10 PM *8:20 PM	Sunday, November 25 2:30 AM *8:30 AM 2:50 PM *9:00 PM	Monday, November 26 3:20 AM *9:20 AM 3:30 PM *9:40 PM
Tuesday, November 27 3:55 AM *10:00 AM 4:20 PM *10:30 PM	Wednesday, November 28 4:40 AM *10:45 AM 5:00 PM	Thursday, November 29 5:20 AM *11:30 PM 5:45 PM	Friday, November 30 *12:10 AM 6:20 PM *12:30 PM 6:50 PM

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Taking Amberjacks To A Whole New Level

When I first heard my brother-in-law, James "Jim Bob" Higgins, talking about catching full-grown greater amberjack on spinning tackle and top-water plugs, I was a bit skeptical, to say the least. Old Jim Bob, who has caught his share of AJs out of Carrabelle, is known to tell a fish tale or two. But this one has been verified, and if you get a chance to see what I'm talking about, I promise you won't be disappointed.

Greater amberjack are one of the strongest fish in the sea. They have been known to break expensive rods and bring the burliest of fishermen to their knees. Social in nature, when you find one, you generally find a whole bunch. They love artificial reef structures with an ample amount of vertical relief.

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Water depth is also very important. In my experience, which is primarily limited to the Florida Panhandle region, the minimum depth for good amberjack fishing is about 65 feet, and most of the larger jacks will be in water depths greater than 80 feet.

Once you are anchored over the right location, what's next? I like to start with some live bait to get them all fired up. Using a standard slip-lead bottom/fish finder rig with 60- to 80-pound test, drop a few frisky pinfish, grunts or blue runners halfway to the bottom. If AJs are in the area, it shouldn't take long for the live bait to be inhaled. Remember, circle hooks are required when using natural bait and

fishing for reef fish, which includes amberjack. Be sure to have your drag set appropriately for the tackle. With a circle hook, don't ever try to set the hook. The AJ will do all the work, so just hang on till your rod bends over and it's pretty much "fish-on" from there!

Once you catch a few on the grouper rod, put all that heavy tackle away and break out the spinning rods and bait-casters. I don't mean your bait rod with 8-pound test, but something in the 17- to 30-pound range is perfect.

The next thing you want to do is tie on a short piece of 40- to 50-pound mono leader and a big, obnoxious, top-water popping plug. I don't think the color matters as long as it's something bright and highly visible. Anything that catches your eye in the tackle store will also catch the jacks', but you



want to use one of the flat-faced chugger-type plugs that are designed to make a lot of commotion when you snatch them across the water.

Remember to remove the treble hooks and replace with a single hook. You might also want to smash the barb down to facilitate hook removal or go with no hook at all if you're not intending to keep any more fish and just want to see some action.

Work the plug fast and watch the jacks explode in excitement! Get close-up photos or video of the action by dragging the plug in a figure-eight pattern right next to the boat. To keep the school of AJs in range, you might need to periodically chum with some of the live bait.

Good luck, and if you



Kyle Miller holds his catch, a greater amberjack, after reeling it in off the waters of Panama City.

try them on the top-water plugs, give me a shout and let me know how you did or send me some photos or video to post on our website: MyFWC.com.

Remember, on the Atlantic side, there is no closed season, so you can enjoy this fishery on a year-round basis. The minimum size limit is 28 inches fork length in the Atlantic and 30 inches fork length in the Gulf, and the daily bag limit is one fish per person.

This second monthly issue of Gone Coastal is one of many ways that the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

(FWC) Division of Marine Fisheries Management will be helping recreational anglers understand complex saltwater regulations and learn more about saltwater fishing opportunities in Florida. We are also available to answer questions by phone or email anytime, and we would love the opportunity to share information through in-person presentations with recreational or commercial fishing organizations.

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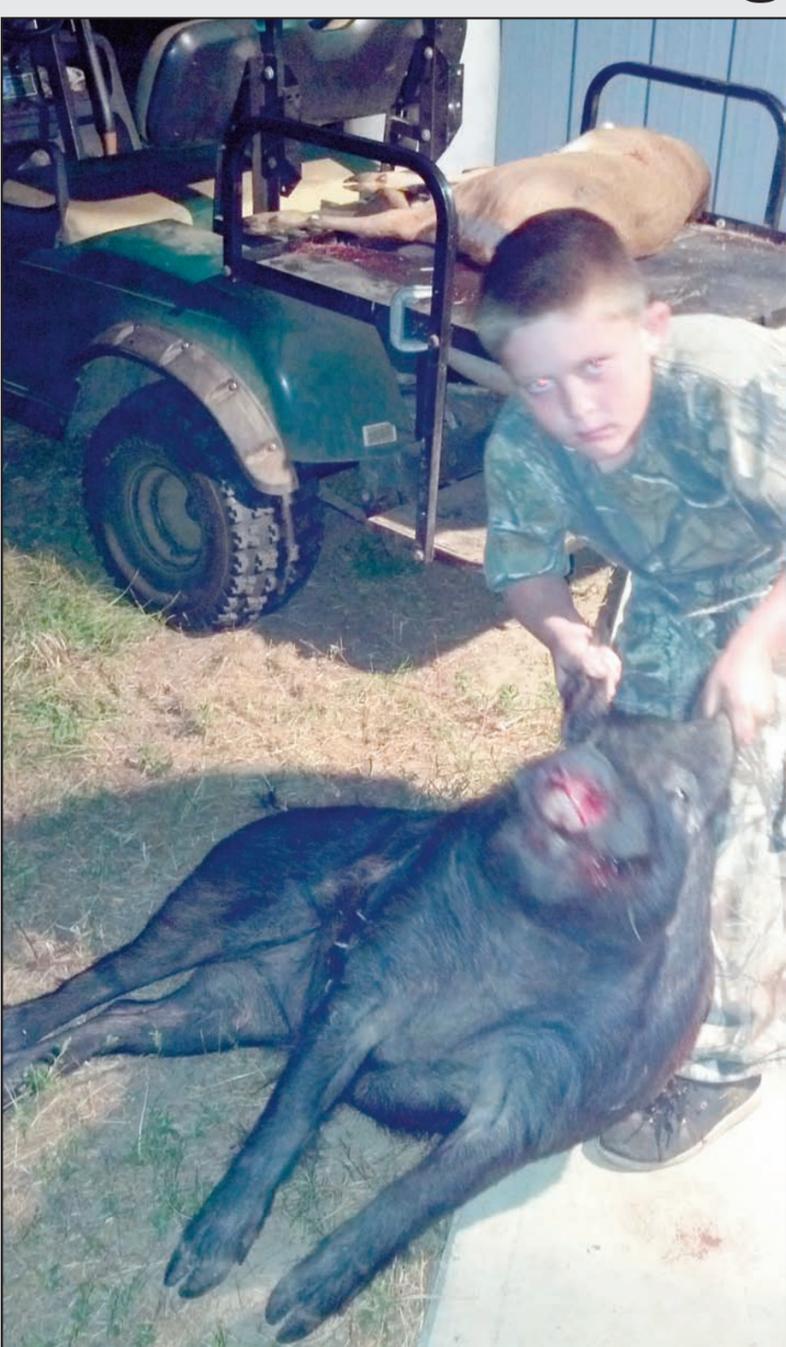
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Levi Shoots First Hog



Levi Singleton, age 9, shot his first hog on Sunday, November 18, 2012 while on a family hunting trip in the woods of Jefferson County. He shot the hog from a tree stand with a .223 Remington rifle. He is the son of Mary and Jeffrey Singleton and brother to Devin. The hog was donated to a local church.