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Company With National Footprint Operates A Gateway Facility Here



Con-way Manager Ian Waters and his team ensure for the logistics and smooth operation of the local operation. Pictured from left to right are Josh Schiedenhelm, Willie Mack and Waters.

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With so much emphasis recently on new companies moving into the county, and most specifically into the industrial park (think

Harrell Nut Company and American Hunter Inc.), it seems appropriate to highlight a company that's had a presence there going on 10 years and in the county since 1997.

Originally located in the Lloyd area, Con-way Freight moved to the Industrial Park in

2002 or 2003, according to Manager Ian Waters, who has been with the company 10 years and has headed the Monticello operation for the last four years.

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Hit And Run On I-10



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Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) reported that there was a hit and run on I-10 early Wednesday morning.

According to the report, at 5:45 a.m., a semi hauling a trailer was traveling west on I-10 in the right travel lane, at the 228-mile marker.

Benjamin Siders, 60, of Walterboro, SC, was driving a 2009 Chevrolet Cobalt, traveling west on I-10 in the left travel lane, ahead of the semi, and traveling at a slower rate of speed.

As the semi passed Siders' vehicle, the semi traveled into the left lane.

The left rear portion of the semi's trailer collided with the right side of Siders' vehicle, which was dragged briefly and spun into the grass median.

The semi continued to travel westbound and did not stop.

Sider was wearing his seatbelt and he suffered no injuries.

His vehicle sustained \$3,000 damage.

Tractor Supply Store Slated For Completion In Mid April

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County residents who regularly drive U.S. 19 no doubt are aware of the ongoing construction since mid November of a Tractor Supply Company store on the once vacant lot just south of the medical clinic.

Completion of the project, in fact, is projected for mid April of next year, making the new store the company's 44th location in Florida since 2000. When it opens, the store is expected to employ 12 to 17 full-and-part time employees and include a sales floor and a support service area.

The facility will also have a fenced exterior area that will be used for storage and the display of such items as fencing, sprayers and livestock equipment, a company spokesperson reports.

"Tractor Supply looks forward to being a member of the Monticello community," District Manager Jevin Morris is quoted saying. "Monticello is a great fit due to the part-time and hobby farmers and horse owners in the area."

The Monticello City Council approved the site plan for the Tractor Supply Company store in early November, following the recommendation of the Local Planning Agency.

Tractor Supply Company is purported to be the largest farm and ranch supply store chain in the country, with reported annual revenues of about \$4 billion.

Founded in 1938 as a mail order catalog busi-

ness and presently headquartered in Brentwood, TN, the company operates more than 1,150 retail stores in 45 states and employs more than 17,000 persons.

The company's stores are primarily located in rural areas and the outlying suburbs of major cities, and they typically run 30,000 to 48,000 square feet, counting interior and exterior spaces.

States the company's website, "Stores supply the unique products to support their customers' rural lifestyle, from welders and generators to animal care products and men and women's work wear. You can also find pet supplies, animal feed, power tools, riding mowers, lawn and garden products and more."

Each store reportedly has welders, farmers and horse owners on staff, whose collective experience, the company reports, "provide an exceptional depth of knowledge and resources" to customers.

Tractor Supply Company estimates that the "hobby" or "pleasure" farmer consumer segment spends more than \$5.5 billion annually on farm supplies.

"Today, less than 10 percent of the company's customers classify themselves as full-time farmers or ranchers," states the company's website. "In fact, Tractor Supply's largest customer segment does not farm at all. They are more aptly described as rural or suburban homeowners, or 'self-reliant'."

For more information, visit www.TractorSupply.com.

Commission Opts To Extend Sidewalk On U.S. 19 South

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Presented with an opportunity of expanding an existing sidewalk in Monticello or installing a new one in Lloyd, the Jefferson County Commission ultimately chose the former by a 3-2 vote, with Commission Chairman John Nelson casting the deciding vote.

Engineer Alan Wise, of Preble-Rish Inc., presented the issue to the Jefferson County Commission at its meeting on Thursday, Dec. 6. Wise told the commission that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) had sent the county word that \$118,000 was available for a pedestrian network development. He said commissioners' job was to determine how and where the money should be used.

Wise noted that commissioners had earlier discussed two possibilities. One, he said, was extension of the sidewalk on the east side of U.S. 19 from its present stopping point at the lumber supply store to the medical clinic or possibly beyond to the soon-to-be constructed tractor supply store.

The second choice, he said, was installation of a sidewalk alongside CR-158A in Lloyd, from Gamble Road west to as far as possible toward the Leon County line.

Both Wise and Clerk of Court Kirk Reams expressed a preference for selection of the Lloyd project, noting that the FDOT was likely to fund the US 19 sidewalk in future anyway, given it ran alongside a state highway. It was highly unlikely, however, that state funds would be available again in future for development of a county road, the two said.

Wise estimated that the cost of the US 19 Highway sidewalk extension would be about \$160,000 and the



cost of the Lloyd project would be about \$230,000, especially if the objective of the latter project was take the sidewalk all the way to the Leon County line.

Wise said that regardless which project the commission chose, the \$118,000 would allow for only a portion of either sidewalk to be completed.

Commissioners Betsey Barfield and Stephen Walker expressed a preference for the Lloyd project, as did the several citizens who addressed the commission. The citizens speaking in favor of the Lloyd sidewalk were Mae Kyler, Patricia Pearson, Arun Kundra, C.P. Miller and Chuck Sarkisian.

These individuals basically argued that the lack of sidewalks in Lloyd posed a safety hazard to pedestrians and that it was high time that the community had a sidewalk, not only for the sake of safety but also for community bonding.

Speaking in favor of the Monticello sidewalk extension were Commissioner Hines Boyd and Monticello City Manager Steve Wingate.

Their argument was basically that the Monticello sidewalk warranted a higher priority, given the safety hazards posed to pedestrians trying to access the clinic.

In the end, the board split 2/2 on the extension of the U.S. 19 sidewalk, with the chairman breaking the tie in favor of latter project.

GPS Cause Of Crash



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A driver paying more attention to their GPS than the road was the cause of a two-car crash early Thursday morning.

Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) reported that at 2 a.m., December 20, Kimarie A. Kiley, 19 of Tampa, FL, was driving a 2010 Chevrolet four-door, traveling east on I-10, in the outside eastbound lane at the 226-mile marker.

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Crash Sends Two To Hospital

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A single-vehicle crash on Tuesday morning, resulted in two senior citizens being sent to the hospital.

Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) reported that at 11:20 a.m., Dallas Pope, 80, of Lillington, NC, was driving a 2010 Mercury Grand Marquis, traveling east on I-10 in the right travel lane, at the 232-mile marker.

In the vehicle as a passenger was Dorothy Pope, 80, also of Lillington, NC.

The vehicle began to change lanes into the left lane, and then veered sharply to the right, to avoid a collision with traffic in the left lane.

The vehicle ran off the roadway to the right and skidded until the vehicle's rear passenger door collided with a tree on the south shoulder of the roadway.



The vehicle came to rest in an easterly direction.

The Papes were both transported to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital for treatment of minor injuries. They were both wearing their seatbelts.

FHP did not deem the crash to be alcohol-related.

No charges were filed. The vehicle sustained \$5,000 damage.

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

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Fri 12/21	57/31		Sat 12/22	61/33		Sun 12/23	64/42		Mon 12/24	71/55		Tue 12/25	74/58	
Sunny with gusty winds. High 57F. Winds WNW at 15 to 25 mph.			Sunny. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 30s.			Cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the low 40s.			Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 50s.			A few thunderstorms possible.		

Viewpoints & Opinions

Jefferson County Living

Letters To The Editor

Letters to the Editor are typed word for word, comma for comma, as sent to this newspaper
-All submitted Letters must be 600 words or less -

Ban Guns? I Think Not

I guess I am just a red-neck. My Mother taught me to shoot starting with my Daddy's old single barreled, single shot, shotgun when I was five years old. She stood behind for support while I shot it. It would have kicked me to the ground if she had not been standing behind me.

I got my first BB gun when I was five. I went hunting for blue jays and squirrels around pecan groves in the Waukeenah area. My Daddy gave me a dime for each blue jay I killed. I contracted with several other kids in the neighborhood to pay them a nickel for their blue jays. You see the blue jays ate pecans and my Daddy bought and sold pecans. Anyway at the end of the first week I had 143 blue jays. My Daddy figured I was getting blue jays from other folks and he said he would only pay me in the

future for blue jays I personally killed. My revenue stream dropped significantly after that. I hunted and fished with my Uncle James after my Daddy died when I was 13. We would hunt deer day after day with dogs. I liked it pretty good. My Uncle James could shoot pretty well. He was particularly a good shot when hunting quail. If three or more quail got up, three would likely be on the ground.

I was taught early on how to use a gun safely. My Granddaddy was a law enforcement officer for several years and owned a .38 police special with a six inch barrel. He taught me how to shoot that gun and to handle it safely. I inherited the pistol when he died. I guess you could say I grew up in a gun culture.

I think people should have the right to own guns, not only for hunting, but also for personal protection. I believe that people who are inexperienced with guns fear them. I think folks should demonstrate the ability to safely handle a gun before they are allowed to own and use one. I do not think that the guns used in the Sandy Hook massacre were the problem. The problem was a nut case. There is one mass killing of children at a school in our history

that I understand was worse than Sandy Hook. In that case the killer used dynamite. That instance occurred over fifty years ago.

It is natural for folks to want to do something about it when a massacre like Sandy Hook occurs. However, we need to be careful that we do not over react because of our grief and concern. We need to take measures to protect our children but we need to be careful what those measures are. Perhaps better security at each school may be in order as well as requiring folks owning guns to have a license that indicates they are trained to use and keep them safely. But we cannot deny the right to own guns to our citizens because of one mentally deranged individual. Unfortunately, we will have the mental incompetents with us always. Our focus should be to keep them under control. And yes, throughout the history of the world there have been massacres and, in the future, in spite of everything that we can do, there will be additional tragedies. However, I believe that if even one can be prevented, it is worth the effort. What those efforts should be should be carefully thought about.

Charles E. McLellan



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MOVIE TIMES
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STINGERS

Guns don't kill, it's the people who use them. The movies and unbelievable video games out on the market it's no wonder the thoughts they put in people's minds, it is a great influence. You wouldnt have seen this 10 years ago. A new movie with Santa throwing an axe--- no wonder people's minds are messed up. What happened to the ratings on these movies and decency to the public, some kids just go crazy with this. Parents need to spend more quality time with their children and not just sending them to another room with a movie or texting. How can you even know what they're doing or thinking when you don't talk with them. It's no wonder this masacre has happened in Conneticut. Lets do something to get more control on our children and the ratings on the movies and games on the market.

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

Cash Mob Gathers At Huckleberry's Creations



Huckleberry's Creations owner Donna Skelton waits on one of her many Christmas shoppers during Cash Mob Tuesday.

DEBBIE SNAPP
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Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce members and other interested area residents gathered at Huckleberry's Creations, 210 West Washington Street, on Tuesday evening, December 18... to spend money!

Shoppers were asked by the Chamber to spend at least \$10, but most spent more, because the shop was filled with the most different of items. The Cash Mob idea is to shop local to help the local

retail shops.

According to Huckleberry's Creations Owners/Operators Donna and Maurice, they welcomed a large turnout of shoppers all day long. It was lots of fun, and shoppers got a lot of their holiday shopping done. It was a win/win for all!

Visit your Chamber website at info@monticellojeffersonfl.com, or www.monticellojeffersonfl.com, or call Chamber Director Melanie Mays at 850-997-5552, or stop by at 420 West Washington Street in downtown Monticello.



Huckleberry's Creations owner Maurice Skelton helps Christmas shoppers during Cash Mob Tuesday. Pictured from left to right are: Nadia Fadell, and Skelton.



Cash Mob Tuesday was held at Huckleberry's Creations, offering Christmas shopping deals to its customers, like Melanie Mays, director of the Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce.

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4H Tropicana School Winners

The 4H Tropicana Public Speaking Contest is designed to give fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students experience in the preparation and delivery of a speech. Typically, there is an Elementary School Competition

for 4th and 5th grade students and a Middle School Competition for 6th grade students.

The contest starts at the Classroom Level. Judging at the Classroom Level is the teacher's responsibility. Winners are se-

lected based upon the highest number of accumulated points from the suggested judging sheets provided by Tropicana. Classroom Competition awards are: a blue ribbon, awarded to the 1st place classroom speaker;

a red ribbon, awarded to the 2nd place classroom speaker; and a white ribbon, awarded to the 3rd place classroom speaker.

Schools participating in this year's competition include Jefferson Elementary School,

Aucilla Christian Academy, Jefferson Middle High School and Jefferson Home School Students. To learn more about this exciting program, contact Director John Lilly at 850-342-0187.



4H Tropicana 4th and 5th Grade School winners at Jefferson Elementary School are: 1st place, Cinnamon Peck, 'RESPECT'; 2nd place, Aaliyah Martin, 'Cabin in the Woods'; and 3rd place, Zareyah Wiggins, 'Me and my sister Asha'.



4H Tropicana 4th and 5th Grade School winners at Aucilla Christian Academy are: 1st place, Abby Reams, 'Feeling the Music'; 2nd place, Keira Evans, 'Creep of the Deep'; and 3rd place, Carl Hall, 'My favorite actor and his Roles'.



4H Tropicana 4th and 5th Grade Home School 1st place winner is Abigail Boyd, 'A moooving Experience'.



4H Tropicana 4th and 5th Grade Home School 2nd place winner is Jordan Hildreth, 'Therapy Dogs'.



4H Tropicana 4th and 5th Grade Home School 3rd place winner is Courson Brookins, 'Baseball'.



4H Tropicana 6th Grade Aucilla Christian Academy winners are: 1st place Ryan Jackson, 'My dad's golf Career'; 2nd place Carley Ondash, 'Fun in the sun at Mexico Beach'; and 3rd place winner Maggie Mall, 'Dad and Daddy'.



4H Tropicana 6th Grade Home School 1st place winner is Abigail Hildreth, 'The Biltmore'.

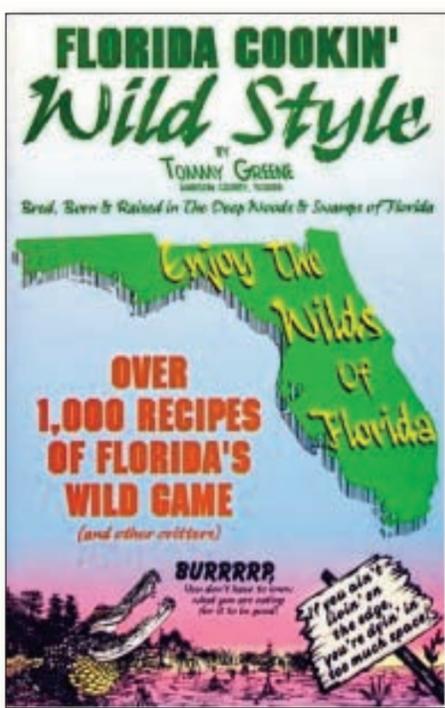


4H Tropicana 6th Grade Home School 2nd place winner is Olivia Brookins, "Life in our pecan Grove."

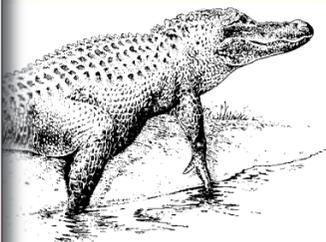


4H Tropicana 6th Grade Jefferson County Middle High School winners are: 1st place Mickayla Courson, 'The color of Friendship', (not pictured); 2nd place Tahja Chavis, 'The secret of Happiness'; and 3rd place Malcom Larry, 'D.C. Comics'.

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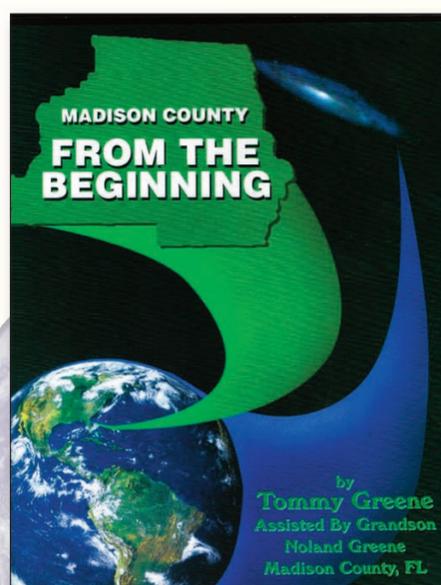


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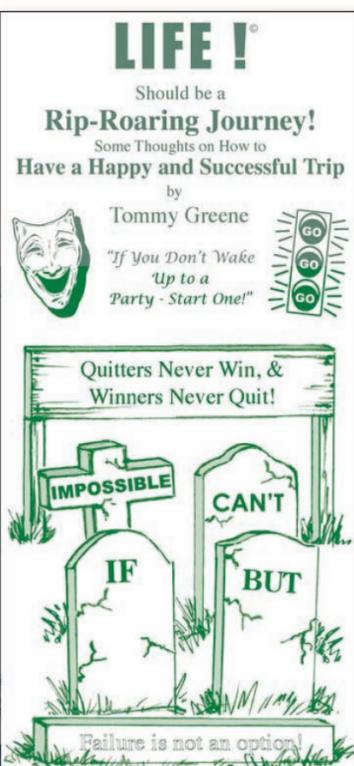
Madison County From the Beginning traces the history of Madison County, Florida from the creation of the supercontinent of Pangea 1,000 million years ago through 1999.

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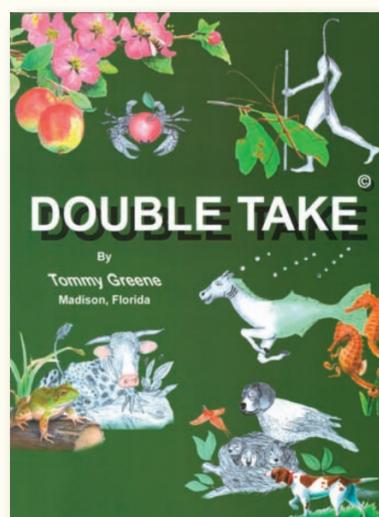


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Con-Way

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A \$5.3 billion publicly traded company employing more than 28,500 workers and with a history of 50+ years of experience, Con-way bills itself as a leader in freight transportation and logistics. Whether it's carrying freight across town, across the continent, or around the world, Con-way purports to lead the industry "with a portfolio of offerings ranging from less-than-truckload (LTL), to logistics, to full truckload."

"Con-way Freight is the premier provider of reliable, regional, inter-regional and nationwide LTL service to customers large and small across our integrated, single North American network of LTL operating locations," states the company's home website.

Such a facility is the Con-way operation at 285 Industrial Park, just west, and adjacent to, the Jefferson County's Sheriff Office.

Not only is the local facility a key component of the Con-way national distribution network, but also its proximity to the Georgia/Florida state line makes it the company's gateway into Florida. Meaning that the facility takes in shipments of goods and commodities from outside the state, as well as from points east and west of here in state, and funnels them down the peninsula to its southernmost tip.

All told, the operation employs 37 people and covers a service that stretches within a 255-mile radius of the Jefferson County location.

As Waters explains it, the operation is part of an extensive network that runs along major interstate corridors and

covers a region of the Southeast that extends from Virginia and Illinois on the north to Mississippi and eastern Texas on the west. Southward, the network extends to Miami and beyond.

"We cover the whole nation," Waters says of the overall company. "We deliver to every zip code."

Relative to the local operation, Waters says one group of drivers handles pickups and deliveries within a relatively short distance of the facility and another group goes farther afield. Waters defines the first group's service area as going east to Lake City, south to Chiefland, west to Chattahoochee, and north to Thomasville and Valdosta. As for the second group, it picks up freight as far north as Atlanta and carries it as far south as Orlando, he says.

Here's how Waters explains the typical process for the transport of freight via the network.

"Say you pick up something in Chicago and want it down to Miami," Waters says. "Chicago picks up the item in the daytime and sends it to Salem, Illinois, at night. During the daytime, Salem drivers carry it to Nashville, Tennessee; Atlanta drivers next run up to Nashville, pick it up, and bring it home to Georgia. Our drivers then go up to Atlanta and bring it home here. And then we'll run it down to Orlando, where they meet the drivers from Miami, West Palm, Pompano Beach and Fort Myers. And everybody takes their (respective) freight home. So in two days, we

go from Salem to Miami."

And what specific goods and commodities do they transport.

Everything, Waters says.

"You call; we haul," he says.

But basically, it's freight that's classified less than a truckload (LTL), Waters says.

"It's palletized freight," he explains. "You'll have one palette here, one palette there, and we'll pick it all up and put in one freighter and send it down the road."

LTL basically applies to shipments that don't necessarily require a full 48 or 53-foot trailer, and that are hauled by specialized carriers that may haul only a few items at a time from each shipper, rather than full loads. Hence, LTL carriers charge less than full load carriers, but they are able to make up for the difference in overall volume and the number of the shippers that they serve.

Like full truck load carriers, LTL carriers themselves specialize in different services such as lift gate, residential pick ups and deliveries, guaranteed services, and protection from freeze, transit and bottom line costs, to name a few.

Although the local Con-way operation doesn't engage in long-distance hauling, a sister company provides the latter service, Waters says.

He says his drivers work about 15 to 16 hours a day, with the overwhelming majority getting paid by the mile.

"That's about 26 who work by the mile and the rest are paid hourly," Waters says.

GPS

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Cameron R. Siegal, 24, of Tallahassee, was driving a 2003 Honda four-door, traveling east on I-10 in the outside east bound lane, ahead of Kiley's vehicle. In the vehicle as a passenger, was Jaclyn R. Teixeira, 23, of Tallahassee.

Kiley stated that she looked at the GPS on her cell phone, and looked up and saw Siegal's vehicle.

The front of Kiley's vehicle collided with the left rear of Siegal's vehicle.

Kiley's vehicle traveled northeast off the roadway, into the grass median, facing east, and came to a rest.

Siegal's vehicle traveled off the roadway onto the south shoulder and came to a rest.

All involved in the crash were wearing their seatbelts, and unharmed.

FHP did not deem the crash to be alcohol-related.

Kiley was charged

with careless driving.

Each vehicle sustained \$3,000 damage.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office assisted FHP on the scene.

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Rotarians Hear About GAL



Second Circuit Guardian ad Litem (GAL) Director Deborah Moore was guest speaker at the December 14, 2012 meeting of the Monticello Rotary. She explained that the needs of abused and neglected children are met through a trained volunteer that is appointed by the court to advocate for the child. GAL volunteers meet with the child and make independent recommendations to help ensure a safe, caring, stable, and permanent environment. (www.gal2.org) If you are interested in dynamic community service by putting SERVICE ABOVE SELF, contact Rotary President Neill Wade at 850-545-4940.

Rotary Salutes Paul Harris Fellows Plus



Rotary International recently recognized three Monticello Rotarians for the highest level of fiscal support... Paul Harris Fellow Plus. Pictured from left to right are: Don Taylor, Fellow Plus 2; Neill Wade, Fellow Plus 1; and Mike Sims, Fellow Plus 1. Conducting the award ceremony on Friday afternoon, December 14, 2012 is Rotarian James Muchovej.

JEFF DUNHAM

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Breakfast With Santa At The Daffodale House

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Area children, with their parents and grandparents, gathered at The Daffodale House on Saturday morning, December 15 to enjoy breakfast with one of their favorites... Santa!

Santa was waiting patiently in his designated chair as the excited children arrived. He conversed back and forth with them; as he shared his "trip down the chimney" with them, they gave him their "detailed lists!" After the sharing, the children were treated to a candy cane and a reading book. Then, it was to the dining room to dine on morning breakfast food items.

All in attendance had

a wonderful time and pictures were taken of all the children, and a few families too! Santa will arrive again on Saturday, December 22 for breakfast and visits with his favorites... children! Contact Cathy or Scotty Ebberbach at 850-997-1111 or www.thedaffodalehouse.com for reservations.

The Daffodale House circa 1827 sits in all its Victorian elegance and splendor among giant oak trees surrounded by world renowned old growth camellia flower bushes in downtown Monticello; known to have been populated by Indians 15-thousand years ago. This Bed & Breakfast estate is open for breakfast in its gardens, on its wrap around porch, on within its exquisite walls.



Ashley Casciotti, 8, with Santa before breakfast.



Sam Austin, 8, and his sister Charlene, 15, visit with Santa before breakfast at The Daffodale House B&B.



Santa visits with the Smidt family; Hannah, 2, mom Erin, and dad Matt.



Christmas just wouldn't be the same without a mother/daughter moment with Santa. Jane Hand, right, and Debbie Snapp, left.



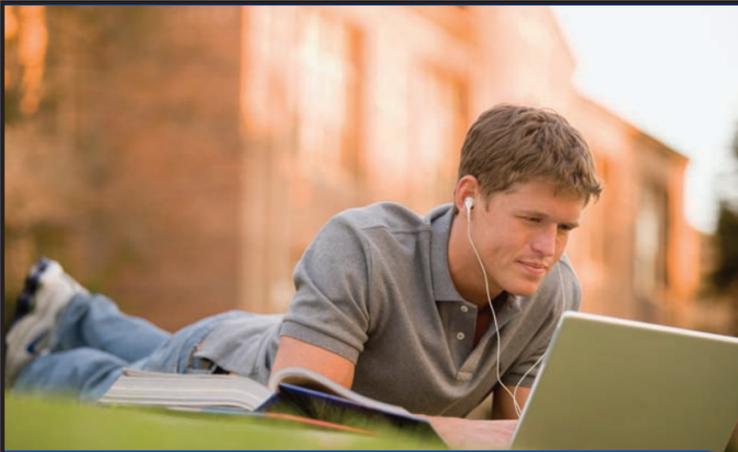
The Faglie children with Santa. Pictured from left to right are: Lauchlin, 7, Leighton, 4, and Benjamin, 4. Bevin, 1, is not pictured but was a part of the breakfast event.



Ashley Casciotti has a serious discussion with Santa.



Santa and Cathy Ebberbach are entrepreneurs of The Daffodale House B&B.



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CHURCH NEWS NOTES

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December 19-21
Second Annual Winter Revival 7 p.m. nightly at the First Corinthian Church located at 955 Lemon Street in Monticello. Speaker for the evening services will be Rev. John Jones, pastor.

December 21
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.

December 21, 22
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.

December 23
Greater Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church will host a Deacon Service for Bro. LeRoy Montgomery at 11 a.m. on Sunday. Rev. Dr. Melvin Roberts, pastor. "Standing firm on God's word."

December 23
Come as you are! You are cordially invited to

attend a "Christmas Celebration" at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday. Come and enjoy testimonials, recitals, and plays relating to the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

December 28
Nazarene Church Skate Night for children and adults is held from 6 to 8 p.m. on the last Friday evening of every month. Light snacks and soft drinks available.

December 29
StoryTime Ministry is held from 1 to 2 p.m. every other Saturday at the Jefferson County Bailer Public Library. For more information contact First United Methodist Church Ministry Chairman Barbara Hobbs at 850-523-1813.

December 31
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church will hold a Watch Night Service beginning at 10 p.m. on Monday evening. Rev. Cassandra Brockman will be speaker for this 'Getting Real With God' themed event. This is an open invitation for all to attend. For more information, contact Church Pastor Brockman at 850-997-8010.

December 31
Welaunee Missionary Baptist Church will hold its Watch Night Service on Monday evening, beginning at 10 p.m.

January 2, 16
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 eagleswingsmonticello@yahoo.com or www.firstpresbyterianmonticello.org.

Donna Hagan, executive director for the Healthy Start Coalition of Jefferson, Madison & Taylor Counties, shares for those interested in staying abreast of the implementation of the Affordable Care Act in Florida, to sign up for this newsletter: <http://www.healthcare.gov/law/features/choices/exchanges/index.html>. Of all of the guides available on the topic, it is certainly the most plain language and mass-audience appropriate. She may be contacted at 850-948-2741, or dhagan@healthystartjmt.org.

Ashley Furniture Home Store project 'A Hope to Dream' was founded in 2010. The project seeks to provide less fortunate children a mattress set. Referring a child for consideration to receive a mattress set is where Ashley Furniture needs your help. A Hope to Dream can only help a child to get a good night's rest if a caring person refers a child, ages 3-16, in need. You can complete an application online at <http://www.ashleyfurniturehomestore.com/events/AHopeToDream.html>. A selection committee will review the application, and then the recipients will be notified and given 30 days to respond. Unselected applications will be kept for one year and will be reviewed for consideration at the next selection. Participating stores in Florida are: Altamonte Springs, Brandon, Daytona Beach, Jacksonville, North Jacksonville, Kissimmee, Lakeland, Orange Park, Orlando, Pensacola, Pinellas Park, Tallahassee, and Wesley Chapel. A good night's sleep is important for all dimensions of growth, health, and mental well-being.

Participation is needed for the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade, hosted by the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center and sponsored by the

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Jefferson County NAACP. Groups, public leaders and officials, churches, schools, and interested residents are encouraged to be a part of this 33rd event. The parade will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, January 21.

Santa will be making a stop at our local Winn Dixie on Saturday from 12 to 4 p.m. He will be visiting with the children and gathering up their gift lists. Then, it's south to McDonald's for dinner and dining with more children from 5 to 8 p.m. So, here's your chance kids, get your picture taken and talk real nice to the big red man with the candy canes!

Please keep in prayer the loved ones affected by the shooting tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut. My nephew and his father's family attended this school and my sister is a school bus driver. She tells me that all the schools in Connecticut now have two armed state troopers watching over the students, daily since the shooting. How awful is that? So, remember, you don't have to live in Connecticut to be affected by this tragedy.

Celebrating 40 Years Together
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Nellie Kay and Jerome Akins will celebrate 40 years of marital bliss on Monday, December 24, 2012. They will celebrate together with their son and daughter-in-law, Jerrod and Tieshia Akins and their grandchildren Ma'khya Mo'niq and Jamiyah Janae.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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December 21
Rotary meets at 12 p.m. every Friday at the First Presbyterian Church, in the fellowship hall, for lunch and a meeting with a program and speaker. For questions or comments, contact President Neill Wade at 850-545-4940.

December 21
Monticello Jamboree Band will perform music for dancing at 7 p.m. every Friday evening at 625 South Water Street, in the old JCHS gym. There will be doorprizes, cold soft drinks and snacks. Everyone is welcome to come dance, listen to some of the finest music and just enjoy the fun and camaraderie with neighbors and friends. This is a nonprofit charitable organization. For questions or concerns, contact Curtis Morgan at 850-933-8136 or Bobby Connell at 850-445-0049.

December 21-29
Jefferson Arts 'Self Portraits', a member's exhibit, will run through December. The Gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays for public viewing at 575 West Washington Street in downtown Monticello. For more information about the Arts call 850-997-3311 or go to info@jeffersonartsgallery.com or www.jeffersonartsgallery.com.

December 22
Santa will visit Winn Dixie on Saturday from 12 to 4 p.m. Come shop while the youngsters sit on Santa's knee... with their toy lists in hand!

December 22
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.

December 22
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. Contact Diane Hall at 850-264-1195 for more information.

December 24
Al-Anon meetings are held at 8 p.m. every Monday at the Anglican Church, 124 Jefferson Avenue in Thomasville. For more information go to www.al-anon.alateen.org.

December 24
AA meetings are held every Monday 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.

December 24
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.

December 26
Monticello Kiwanis meet every Wednesday at 12 p.m. at the Jefferson Country Club on the Boston Highway for lunch, a program and a meeting. For more information, contact President Rocky Gavins at 850-997-2646.

December 27
Weight Watchers meetings are held at 6 p.m. every Thursday at the Jefferson County Bailer Public Library. Make a 'Life Change'. For more information contact Paige Phillips at 850-509-2580.

December 27
AA meetings are held weekly at 8 p.m. on Thursdays at the Christ Episcopal Church annex, 425 North Cherry Street.

For more information call 850-997-2129 or 850-997-1955.

December 27
Alzheimer's Project, Inc. Day Respite Care program is held on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at the First United Methodist Church, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the youth building of the church. Alzheimer's Project, Inc., a nonprofit organization that extends a warm supportive welcome to persons with any form of dementia, such as Alzheimer's disease, Stroke, Parkinson's disease and the like. This Day Respite Care program allows caregivers free time to run errands, shop, go to doctor's appointments, and the like. Day Respite Care offers the clients six hours of stimulating activities that they will enjoy. Activities include music therapy, art therapy, pet therapy, trivia, games, sittercise, and many other enjoyable activities. Meals are provided as well as snacks. A certified nurse assistant, a respite room coordinator and volunteers will assist the clients during this time for the caregivers. All services are provided FREE of charge. Any questions or comments may be relayed to Rural Outreach Coordinator Recie Culpepper at Alzheimer's Project, Inc., 850-386-2778 and visit <http://www.alzheimersproject.org>.

December 28
New Hope Church of God will host a Blood Drive from 12 to 5 p.m. on Saturday in the Winn Dixie parking lot, just look for the Southern Community Blood Center bloodmobile. Donors will have a choice of any t-shirt or other unique item from the SCBC treasure chest. For more information, contact coordinator Barbara Dansby at 850-464-7188. Donors must have photo ID and must weigh at least 110 pounds.

December 29
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.

December 31
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.

January 2, 16
Mah Jongg classes are held at the Monticello Woman's Clubhouse at 11 a.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of every month. A \$1 donation is requested. Bring a brown bag lunch. Try your best with this fascinating game of tiles, luck and skill. It's fun! It's competitive! It's sociable! It requires strategy! This club follows all of the rules of the National Mah Jongg League, Inc of New York. Rules are not made up per group and games are played with 152-tiles. Contact Carol Austin at 850-997-3006 or cwaustin@embarqmail.com for more exciting information.

January 5
Upward Sports Basketball and Cheerleading with Evaluations will continue through Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. Practices will begin the week of January 5, and the first games will be played on Saturday, January 12. More volunteers are needed to be coaches, referees, and outreach team members. So, encourage involvement from anyone who may be interested. If you would like some brochures to hand out to your friends and acquaintances, or if you have any questions or need more information, contact Coordinator Don Self at 850-342-3225, or 850-933-3311, or ebcym@yahoo.com.

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Santa Not Always Ho, Ho, Ho!

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One would think it's a life full of Ho, Ho, Ho's when stepping in for Santa Claus and portraying the jolly old soul. It very often proves to be not only full of ho, ho, ho's, but also ha, ha, ha's, and Oh No's!

Several county residents have volunteered over the years to offer their services and become Santa's helpers as they stand in for Jolly Old St. Nick at many local events. As Santa, these men have dealt with crying babies, infants grabbing their glasses, tugging at their beards, asking a multitude of questions, and even those who didn't want to sit on his lap. Regardless of what happens, they highly enjoy their duties and plan to continue doing them.

Ron Slik has been portraying Santa Claus for over 20 years, both locally and at Governor's Square Mall in Tallahassee. He said that though many Santa's attend Santa School, he hasn't been one of them. "It's a tough job and you have to know exactly what to say," said Slik. He added that it is very hard work when you have a lot of children and you're continually lifting them to your lap. Slik began experiencing leg pains and was informed by his doctor that lifting affects the legs. "You'd think it would be your back bothering you," he said.

Through the years, he has had many experiences including mishaps, cute, funny, and very heart touching. Slik recalls that the year before last, a little girl visiting from China came to see him. "She spoke English very well, so I asked her what she wanted for Christmas? She asked me, what's is Christmas? Then I asked her what would you like to have more than anything else in the world? She thought about it really hard. You could almost see the smoke coming out of her ears, and then she blurted out, 'Macaroni and cheese!' Her mother said she could handle that."

He said that one year, one little girl who came to see him, touched him. She told Santa she had a lot and didn't really need anything, but her friend at school in Tallahassee had lost her house and her family was sleeping in a car. The girl asked Santa to get her friend a warm blanket because it was going to be really cold.

There was one little boy about four years old, who wore a frilly shirt, knickers and tweed jacket and spoke perfect King's English, said to him; "Santa, I have a problem. I liked all the presents I got last year, but I didn't ask for them. This year, could you bring me a sack of money and me and my mom will go shopping and buy what I want?" Slik responded, "Santa Claus doesn't deal with money and he can't print it. I deal with toys." The boy said he thought he would give it a shot any way.

Several years ago, on a very busy night with a very long line of parents and children, a little girl about three to five years old bypassed the line and crawled into his lap. "She kept saying 'St. Nicolas', and playing with my beard. Then I was informed that she was from Russia and had only been in the country for three days." Slik said that he had learned to speak Russian before he learned to speak English, so he spoke to her in Russian. "She



Bert Banks with his wife Nancy.

was thrilled to know that Santa Claus could speak Russian," said Slik.

He recalls that there was one occasion when a little boy brought him a gift bag. "I was polite and didn't open it until he left. Inside, wrapped in tissue paper, there was a big sugar cookie with one bite taken out of it. I guess he wanted to ensure that Santa got a good cookie," quipped Slik. "I still have that cookie."

Slik said he has the same family come and see him every year. "I have a large number of college students come by to see me and this one boy wanted to send a picture of his girlfriend to his mother, so he figured the best picture would be one with her and Santa Claus. They came back every year after that. One year, they informed him that they were married now. And when they had their first baby, they came to see me. The man told me it had become a family tradition to be photographed with Santa, telling me, 'it works!'"

He remembered yet another cute story. Slik said he was working in a flower shop and two little girls outside were talking when one asked the other, "Where does Santa Claus live?" The other girl answered, "Monticello, Florida," just at the moment Slik departed the flower shop. The second girl pointed toward Slik and said, "See, I told you that Santa lives in Monticello!"

Over the years, Slik has had many mishaps as Santa. He said babies are fascinated with his beard and reach for it; he had one instance when a teenage boy sat on his lap reached over and grabbed his beard and pulled to watch it come off. "He almost yanked my face off," said Slik. He has had many babies spit up on him and diapers leaking in his lap. "That's why I have several costumes, just in case one has to be dry-cleaned," said Slik. He added that the biggest problem playing Santa is the children ages six months to about two years. "They have always come to know Santa in pictures or on TV, and he's real small. But when their parents drag them to the mall to get their first photo with Santa, they begin screaming bloody murder."

As Santa, Slik has also had senior citizens have their photos with him. "I remember last year, there was this 93 year-old woman in a wheelchair. She told me that her children were all grown now, but when they were small, every year there was a photo taken with Santa. She said she thought it the best thing to do to take a photo of herself with Santa and send it to her children."

Recalling another sen-

ior, he remembers an 83 year-old woman who had fallen and broken her vertebra and had to wear a brace that came up like a box on both sides of her head. "She said she thought a photo with Santa would help her to remember being alive during this ordeal," said Slik.

As a citizen visiting retailers, he has had many children stare at him over the years. Parents have often told him that he needs to come around more often, because the children have a tendency to behave when he's around.

Slik also portrays Santa Paws for pet lovers who like photos of their little furry family members with Santa. "I don't have a problem with the dogs, but for some reason, I have trouble with the cats, they don't seem to like me. There have also been families who wanted photos taken of their children and pets together with me, and those are really fun. The pet will sit still and the kids are jumping up and down, many excited about 'Santa is going to hold my dog.'"

Bert Banks has portrayed Santa since 2001 and recalls some of his cutest or funny moments. His authentic "Santa Claus" beard has come in handy on many of those occasions.

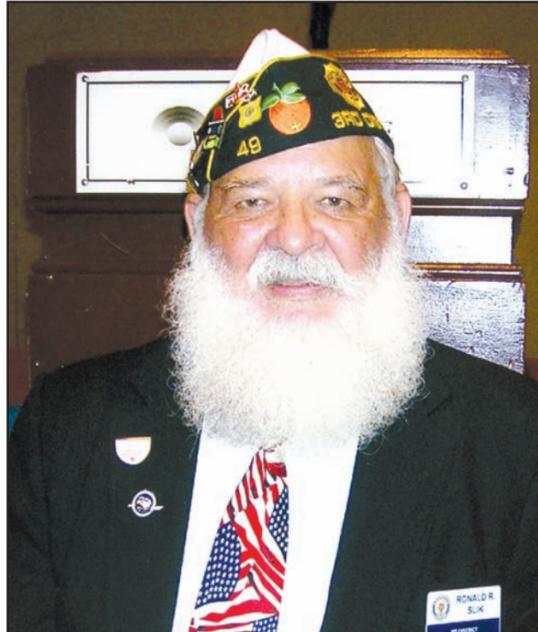
"There was one year during the Downtown Christmas when I played Santa for one day and one night. One little boy came in and told me that he wanted a fire truck for Christmas," said Banks.

"He came back about three more times while I was there, and he kept telling me that he wanted a fire truck for Christmas. I guess he was trying to make sure I wouldn't forget."

"I remember one time, when I was Santa at Little Angels in Training," said Banks. "There was this one little girl who was so excited when she got home, she ran through the house and told her mother, 'I saw the real Santa Claus today, and it wasn't Mr. Larry.'"

He recalled one instance when he was called to do a job in Virginia. "I would eat dinner every night in a restaurant near my hotel room," he said. "I walked in one night and sat near the salad bar where I could see the door." Banks reminds that he was not in his "uniform" at the time. "One man approached me at the salad bar and he told me that his son had told him he thought the gentleman near the salad bar was Santa. So I asked him his son's name and he said Sean, so I got a little more information."

"Shortly after, I walked up behind him and tapped him on the shoulder and said hello Sean, have you been a good boy,"



Ron Slik

said Banks. "Sean had a miraculous look on his face when he looked up and saw me. He kind of hesitated and stuttered 'yes'. Then I asked him what happened in school last week and he was suddenly dumbfounded."

Banks said Sean's dad then told him, "I told you he (Santa) could see you." "I really had a lot of fun with it," he added.

He has had many instances of children tugging on his beard, just to make sure it was real. "It has convinced many that I was the real deal," said Banks.

There are instances as the jolly old soul, when children become frightened. "I went to Freedom Church in Tallahassee and went to visit with the children in the nursery. Some of the children started crying and some refused to sit on my lap," said Banks. "It happens from time to time."

As Santa, one also has to be very quick on his feet coming up with clever answers to the children's questions. "You have to be able to figure out what the children are asking and give them the answer they are looking for. If you don't, they figure out that it's not really Santa."

Some ask him where his sled is and he replies, "There is no snow here, so when we're here, we ride in a red Jeep." Many have asked how many reindeer he has and he tells them, "Eight, but on those foggy nights when I use Rudolph, I have nine." Children have asked him how many elves he has and he tells them a variety of answers, including, "I'm hiring and firing all year round, so I really don't know how many are working for me now." On occasions, he has been asked, 'Do you pay the elves? How do you get the money?' At times, he tells them the money is donated, at other times he tells them that he feeds them and gives them a place to live, so they work for free.

Banks recalls that the year before last, he went to a Chinese restaurant in Madison for some dinner. "There are some Spanish people who worked there and one couple had a little girl. The parents told me that she thought I looked like Santa and I told them I was Santa. I told them that I would be back in uniform the following night at 7 p.m. As all the children came in they

thought it was great to see that Santa had stopped by for dinner."

Banks greeted each with "Feliz Navidad" and gave them candy canes.

He has snuck into his grandchildren's room on Christmas Eve to deliver bicycles and shortly before leaving, he let out a loud, "Ho, Ho, Ho", awakening the children. "My grandson grabbed the camera and took a picture of me with infrared film. The funny thing was, the red suit didn't show up."

Banks has had many children, adults and those who are heavy, sitting on his lap, but it doesn't bother him. "I can take it," he relates. He concluded, "I've been very, very lucky, I want to keep playing Santa. I love to see the look on the kids' faces. There's nothing like it."

Larry Bates, Sr. has been playing Santa Claus since the 1990's. He relates that there are many memorable occasions, some mishaps and just enjoying the expression on children's bright little faces when they see him.

"I have had little babies hands getting entangled in my beard, and I have had babies grab my glasses and pull them off," said Bates.

"I try to be quiet around the little kids, holding back on the Ho, Ho, Ho's, to keep from scaring them," said Bates. "The worst part about playing Santa is when I get ready to leave, the older kids follow me and I have a hard time getting out of their sight."

He has portrayed Santa on many occasions and said that some of those who come to get photos with him, or just tell what they wanted for Christmas. He has even had a few bring in their family pets for photos with him.

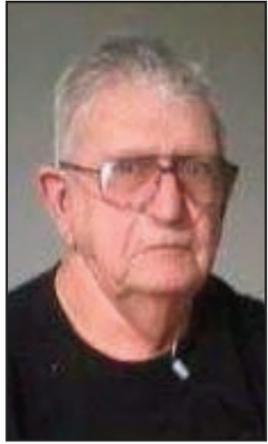
Bates said the cutest kids are those who are amazed with the sight of Santa and they can't take their eyes off him. "They are so amazed, they don't want to leave."

He recalls his funniest story. "When my grandson was little, he told his grandma, 'I wish Grandpa would stop pretending to be Santa Claus.'"

Both Banks and Bates say they have been fortunate and not had any mishaps with babies spitting up on them or leaky diapers. They haven't had that particular problem, "yet."

†† Obituary ††

LONZO WEED, SR.
1933-2012



Lonzo Marquiett Weed, Sr. went to be with the Lord on Friday, December 14, 2012. He will be greatly missed by his family and all that knew him.

He is preceded in death by his father and mother, Kyle and Aline Weed, and a son, Jonathan Weed.

He proudly served his country in the United States Air Force and Navy. He was a member of the Cornerstone Baptist Church. In his early years he worked at Bassett's Dairy in Monticello, FL. He enjoyed fishing and was a pipefitter for many years.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years Margie L. Weed; his son Lonzo Marquiett Weed, Jr. (Sheila); his daughters Tina Waldrop (Eugene,) and Cindy Werneth (Paul,) all of Mobile, AL; 14 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren, who all loved him very much; his brother Oliver Weed (Kim,) of Tallahassee, FL; his brothers-in-law Joe Patrick (Brenda) and Alton Patrick (Debbie); his sisters-in-law Diann Smith (Dickie,) Marilyn Perez, Jeanette Wood, and Catherine Cofield.

Visitation was held on Monday, December 17, 2012 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Faith Chapel Funeral Home South, 100 Beverly Parkway, Pensacola, FL. A funeral service was held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, December 18, 2012 at Faith Chapel South, with Rev. Bobby Lee Smith officiating. Burial followed at Barrancas National Cemetery, NAS Pensacola. Pallbearers in attendance included Mark Weed, Kevin Waldrop, Michael Werneth, Steven Smith, Bobby Weed, and Paul Patrick. Honorary pallbearers were Sammy Spiers and Douglas Davis.

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North Florida Community College Announces Dean's Honor Roll

Thirty-five North Florida Community College students have been named to the Dean's Honor Roll at the conclusion of NFCC's Fall Term 2012. The Dean's Honor Roll recognizes outstanding academic achievement at the completion of each semester. Inclusion on the list is awarded to all full-time students who, during the term, have earned a grade point average of 3.50 to 3.79 on course work of at least 12 hours.

Students on the NFCC Dean's list for Fall Term 2012 are:

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NFCC Announces Jefferson County Graduates For Fall Term 2012

North Florida Community College congratulates the following Jefferson County students who were awarded degrees or certificates at the conclusion of NFCC's Fall Term 2012.

NFCC's Fall Term 2012 graduates are:

JEFFERSON COUNTY		
Beggs, Maurey, Arline	Monticello	Associate in Arts Degree (A.A. Degree)
Davis, Dorothy, Elizabeth	Monticello	Patient Care Technician - PCT (Certificate)
Dollar, Kristin, Keli	Monticello	Patient Care Technician - PCT (Certificate)
Kinsey, Courtney	Monticello	Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN)
Kinsey, Jr., Michael, B.	Monticello	Emergency Medical Technician / EMT-B (Certificate)
Sorensen, Hannah, Marie	Monticello	Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN)
Starling, Jr., Michael, William	Monticello	Associate in Arts Degree (A.A. Degree)
Tinga, Victoria, B.	Monticello	Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN)
Williams, Breeanna, L.	Monticello	Patient Care Technician - PCT (Certificate)

North Florida Community College Announces President's Honor Roll

Thirty-one North Florida Community College students have been named to the President's Honor Roll at the conclusion of NFCC's Fall Term 2012. The President's Honor Roll recognizes outstanding academic achievement at the completion of each semester. Inclusion on the list is awarded to all full-time students who, during the term, have earned a grade point average of 3.8 to 4.0 on course work of at least 12 hours.

NFCC students named to the President's Honor Roll for Fall Term 2012 are:

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Victoria M. Holley	Lamont
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NFCC graduates Breeanna Williams of Monticello, Lynn Wilson of Lee, and Tammy Roach of Perry at Van H. Priest Auditorium before NFCC's Fall 2012 Commencement Ceremony on Dec. 13. Williams, Wilson and Roach were all awarded Patient Care Technician certificates during the ceremony.



NFCC graduate Dorothy Davis of Jefferson County at NFCC's Fall 2012 Commencement Ceremony Dec. 13 at Van H. Priest Auditorium. Davis was awarded a Patient Care Technician certificate at the ceremony.



NFCC graduates Kelli Dollar of Monticello, Leah Brannan of Perry, and Rosalie Jackson of Mayo at Van H. Priest Auditorium before NFCC's Fall 2012 Commencement Ceremony on Dec. 13. Williams, Wilson and Roach were all awarded Patient Care Technician certificates during the ceremony.

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Sports

TIGER BASKETBALL

Varsity Tigers Split Two

FRAN HUNT
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

The Jefferson County varsity Tigers' basketball team split the past two games to now stand 3-3 on the season.

When Jefferson faced off against Hamilton County on December 17, the Tigers were skinned for a 72-50 loss.

The Tigers were outscored in the first quarter, 17-9, in the second quarter, 15-10, in the third quarter, 21-18, and in the fourth quarter, 19-13.

As a team, the Tigers netted 16 of 32 attempts from the field, bucketed two of 10 attempts from the three-point zone, and hit 12 of 25 attempts from the free-throw line for 50 points. They collected five assists, 15 offensive and 12 defensive rebounds for a total of 27 rebounds, with 11 steals, 21 turnovers, and 17 personal fouls.

Individually, Lenorris Footman connected with three of seven attempts from the field, and six of 11 attempts from the free-throw line for 12 points. He had one assist, three offensive and three defensive rebounds for a total of six rebounds, with four turnovers, and three personal fouls.

Gene Noel netted one of three attempts from the field, and one of two attempts from the free-throw line for three points. He had one assist, three offensive and two defensive rebounds for a total of five rebounds, with three turnovers and four personal fouls.

Ramez Nealy targeted 10 of 14 attempts from the field, hit one attempt from the three-point zone and netted one of four attempts from the free-throw line for 24 points. He had one assist, four of-

fensive and two defensive rebounds for a total of six rebounds, with two turnovers and four personal fouls.

Tre'Veyon Edwards netted one of four attempts from the field, missed one attempt from the three-point zone and missed two attempts from the free-throw line for two points. He had one assist, three offensive and one defensive rebound for a total of four rebounds, with seven steals, seven turnovers, and two personal fouls.

Keondrea Parker netted one of two attempts from the field, hit one attempt from the three-point zone, and bucketed three of four attempts from the free-throw line for eight points. He had one offensive and one defensive rebound for a total of two rebounds, and one personal foul.

Robert Nealy missed two attempts from the field, missed seven attempts from the three-point zone and netted one of two attempts from the free-throw line for one point. He had one defensive rebound, one steal, two turnovers, and one personal foul.

Jefferson hit the hardwood against Branford on December 18 and the Tigers mauled their opponent for a 62-17 victory, in the District game.

The Tigers took a commanding lead in the first half, scoring 31 points in the first quarter and 12 in the second quarter, while the team defense held Branford to zero. Branford took the third quarter, 11-7, and the Tigers took the fourth quarter, 12-6.

As a team, Jefferson netted 20 of 38 attempts from the field, bucketed six of 20 attempts from the

three-point zone, and hit four of seven attempts from the free-throw line for 62 points. They collected 18 assists, four blocked shots, 16 offensive and 17 defensive rebounds for a total of 33 rebounds, with 28 steals, nine turnovers, and five personal fouls.

Individually, Footman netted two of three attempts from the field, bucketed three of five attempts from the three-point zone, and sunk two of three attempts from the free-throw line for 15 points. He had two assists, two blocked shots, three offensive and seven defensive rebounds for a total of 10 rebounds and a double-double, and eight steals.

Noel netted three of five attempts from the field, and hit one attempt from the three-point zone for nine points. He had three assists, one blocked shot, three offensive and two defensive rebounds for a total of five rebounds, with four steals, two turnovers, and one personal foul.

Ramez Nealy netted two of six attempts from the field, and two of two attempts from the free-throw line for six points. He had three assists, two offensive and two defensive rebounds for a total of four rebounds, with one steal and one turnover.

Shawn Blue missed one attempt from the field, and hit one of four attempts from the three-point zone for three points. He also had three assists and two steals.

Edwards netted three of six attempts from the field, and missed one attempt from the three-point zone for six points. He had three assists, one defensive rebound, six steals,

and two turnovers.

Chaz Hansberry missed three attempts from the field, had one blocked shot, three offensive and three defensive rebounds for a total of six rebounds, with one steal, one turnover, and three personal fouls.

Robert Williams targeted three of three attempts from the field, and missed one attempt from the three-point zone for six points. He also had two assists, and three steals.

Parker bucketed six of nine attempts from the field, and missed one attempt from the three-point zone for 12 points. He had five offensive and two defensive rebounds for a total of seven rebounds, with one turnover, and one personal foul.

Robert Nealy hit one of two attempts from the field, and netted one of five attempts from the three-point zone for five points. He also had two assists, three steals, and two turnovers.

Going into the New Year, the Tigers face off against Godby on January 4 at 7 p.m., away; Melody on January 8 at 7:30 p.m., home; Branford on January 11 at 7:30 p.m., home; Hamilton on January 15 at 7:30 p.m., home; Mayo on January 17 at 7:30 p.m., home; Madison on January 19 at 7:30 p.m., home; Wakulla on January 22 at 7:30 p.m., home; Lincoln on January 24 at 7 p.m., away; Madison on January 26 at 7:30 p.m., away; North Florida Christian on January 28 at 7:30 p.m., away; Perry on January 29 at 7:30 p.m., away; East Gadsden on January 31 at 7:30 p.m., home; and wrapping up the regular season, North Florida Christian on February 2 at 7 p.m., home.

Lady Tigers Lose Two

FRAN HUNT
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Staff Writer

The Jefferson County Lady Tigers lost the past two games, both of which were District games, to now stand 8-6 on the season and 2-2 in league play.

Jefferson faced off against Hamilton County on December 17, and the Lady Tigers were caged for a 65-40 loss.

Leading the Lady Tigers was Samiria Martin, who racked up a whopping 29 points and 12 rebounds for a double-double. She also had one assist and one steal.

Ambrosia Branham had five rebounds. Jakiea Morris had one rebound and one steal. Yakira Steen had had two rebounds. Shan Scott snagged nine rebounds. Audrianna Noel bucketed for 10 points, had six rebounds, two assists and three steals.

Brianna Graham scored one point, and had five rebounds, and one steal.

Jefferson hit the hardwood against Branford on December 18, and the Lady Tigers were skimmed for a 43-42 loss.

Martin targeted for 27 points, 25 of which, she scored during the second half. She had six rebounds, two assists, and three steals.

Branham had one rebound.

Morris netted for four points, with three rebounds, and two steals.

Steen had one rebound.

Noel racked up 10 points, with four rebounds, one assist, and two steals.

Graham had one point, two rebounds, and one steal.

Action continues against North Florida Christian, January 7 at 6 p.m., away; Melody, in a district game, January 8 at 6 p.m., home; Branford, in a district game, January 11 at 6 p.m., home; Hamilton, in a district game, January 15 at 6 p.m., home; Mayo, in a district game, January 17 at 6 p.m., home; John Pail II, January 18 at 6 p.m., home; Madison County, January 19 at 6 p.m., home; Taylor County, January 24 at 6 p.m., away; and wrapping up the regular season, Madison County, January 26 at 6 p.m., away.

ACA Middle School Girls Stand At 9-0

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The Aucilla Christian Academy middle school girls' basketball team hit the hardwood against Maclay on December 14, and the young Lady Warriors scalped their opponent, 28-4, to now stand at an undefeated 9-0 season.

Ramsey Sullivan targeted for 10 points.

Kelly Horne bucketed for 10 points.

Elizabeth Hightower netted for three points.

Camryn Grant scored two points.

Carly Joiner had two points.

Cali Burkett netted for one point.

After the New Year, action continues against Light-

house, January 8 at 5 p.m., away; Light-

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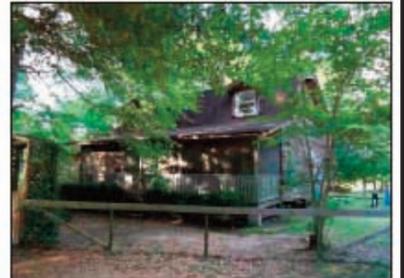
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Sports

Legals

Lady Warriors Take Two Of Three

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The Aucilla Christian Academy varsity Lady Warriors took victories in two of the past three games, to now stand 11-3 on the season.

Aucilla hit the hardwood against FAMU on December 11, and the Lady Warriors were trounced for a 68-13 loss.

Ashli Cline netted for three points, with two rebounds and one steal.

Michaela Metcalf had two points and two rebounds.

Lauren Demott netted for two points and snagged five rebounds.

Whitney Stevens had three points.

Brooke Kinsley bucketed for three points and had one steal.

Marissa Duber had two rebounds and one steal.

Pamela Watt had two assists and one blocked shot.

Ashley Schofill had one steal.

The Lady Warriors squared off against St. Francis on December 13 in a game that proved to be a real barnburner up until the very end of the fourth quarter when Aucilla pulled out the 36-33 win.

Coach Daryl Adams explained the winning scenario. "Aucilla missed six free-throws in the fourth quarter and we were tied at 33-33. It could have been anybody's game, and it looked as if it would go into overtime. With 2.3 seconds remaining on the clock, Pamela Watt threw an in-bound base-line pass to Brooke Kinsley, on the right elbow of our set. With less than one second remaining, Brooke released the ball and got the three-point shot, and the win for Aucilla."

Cline bucketed for eight points, snagged

eight rebounds, and five steals.

Watt netted for 10 points, with five rebounds, six assists, and six steals.

Metcalf had two points, four rebounds, and two steals

Schofill had three points and three steals.

Kinsley targeted for 13 points, and snagged five rebounds and one steal.

Duber had two rebounds.

Aucilla faced off against Munroe on December 14, and the Lady Warriors scalped their opponent for a 53-15 win.

Cline netted for six points, had seven rebounds and four steals.

Kinsley targeted for 11 points and snagged 10 rebounds for a double-double, with three assists and five steals.

Watt bucketed for 14 points, had five rebounds, nine assists, six steals and one blocked shot.

Schofill netted for 14 points, with three rebounds, and six steals.

Demott scored six points and had eight rebounds.

Duber had two points, three rebounds, and one blocked shot.

Metcalf had three rebounds, two assists, and six steals.

Stevens had two rebounds.

Action continues against Chiles, January 4 at 2 p.m., away; Brookwood, January 8 at 6 p.m., home; Tallavana, January 10 at 6 p.m., away; Suwannee County, January 11 at 6 p.m., home; Tallavana, January 14 at 6 p.m., home; John Paul II, January 17 at 6 p.m., home; Munroe, January 18 at 6 p.m., away; Franklin County, January 22 at 6 p.m., home; Madison County, January 24 at 6 p.m., home; and wrapping up the regular season, Liberty County, January 25 at 6 p.m., home.

Warriors Stand 4-2

FRAN HUNT

The Aucilla Christian Academy varsity Warriors hit the hardwood against John Paul II on December 4 and the Warriors capped a 50-48 victory to now stand 4-2 on the season.

As a team, the Warriors netted 12 of 24 attempts from the field, sunk five of 14 attempts from the three-point zone, and targeted 11 of 19 attempts from the free-throw line for 50 points. They had 12 assists, six offensive and 24 defensive rebounds for a total of 30 rebounds, with 12 block/steals and 26 turnovers.

Brad Mattingly sank one of two attempts from the field, missed one attempt from the three-point zone, and netted four of five attempts from the free-throw line for six points. He had one assist, four defensive rebounds and two turnovers.

Jared Jackson targeted five of seven attempts from the field, and netted two of four attempts from the free-throw line for 12 points. He had four offensive and six defensive rebounds, for a total of 10 rebounds and a double-double, with two block/steals and four turnovers.

Brandon Holm netted one of four attempts from the field, and missed two attempts from the three-point zone for two points.

He had five assists, one offensive and five defensive rebounds, for a total of six rebounds, with four block/steals and three turnovers.

Ricky Finlayson hit one of one attempts from the field, targeted four of four attempts from the three-point zone and missed one attempt from the free-throw line for 14 points. He had one assist and one block/steal.

Hans Sorensen hit one of three attempts from the field and missed one attempt from the three-point zone for two points. He had one assist, one offensive and two defensive rebounds, for a total of three rebounds, with two block/steals and nine turnovers.

Jay Finlayson netted two of four attempts from the field, bucketed one of five attempts from the three-point zone, and targeted three of three attempts from the free-throw line for 10 points. He had three assists, four defensive rebounds, three block/steals and six turnovers.

Casey Demott hit one of three attempts from the field, missed one attempt from the three-point zone and netted two of four attempts from the free-throw line for four points. He had one assist, three defensive rebounds and two turnovers.



JV Lady Warriors Drop Four

FRAN HUNT
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

The Aucilla Christian Academy junior varsity Lady Warriors' basketball team dropped the past four games to now stand 2-6 on the season.

On December 6, Aucilla faced off against Leon County and the Lions walloped the Lady Warriors for a 41-24 Aucilla loss.

Kayla Knecht connected for six points.

Kinzi Mattingly targeted for eight points.

Morgan Cline netted fort six points.

Emma Witmer scored two points.

Gaige Winchester had two points.

On December 10, Aucilla once again hit the hardwood against Leon County, and the Lions beat the Lady Warriors, 42-26.

Maddie Everett scored four points and had seven rebounds.

Knecht had two points and three rebounds.

Mattingly bucketed for eight points and snagged seven rebounds.

Taylor Copeland netted for eight points, and had six rebounds.

Winchester had four points and three rebounds.

Sarah Tharpe grabbed 10 rebounds.

Witmer had two rebounds.

Morgan Cline snagged seven rebounds.

The Lady Warriors hit the hardwood against FAMU, on December 11, and Aucilla was bounced for a 31-22 loss.

Everett scored five



points.

Knecht netted for six points.

Mattingly had two points.

Cline scored two points.

Copeland bucketed for five points.

Winchester had two points.

Aucilla faced off against Maclay, on December 14, and the Lady Warriors were tossed for a 27-13 loss.

Everett had two points and three rebounds.

Knecht bucketed for seven points and had two rebounds.

Mattingly had two points and five rebounds.

Tharpe had two points and two rebounds.

Cline snagged seven rebounds.

Copeland grabbed four rebounds.

Action continues against Chiles, January 4 at 12:30 p.m., away; Suwannee County, January 11 at 4:30 p.m., home; Maclay, January 15 at 5:30 p.m., away; Wakulla (two games), January 19, time to be announced, away; Community Christian, January 22 at 4:30 p.m., home; and wrapping up the season, Madison County, January 24 at 4:30 p.m., home.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA.
CASE No. 33-2012-CA-000128

GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC
Plaintiff
vs.
EDITH J. LEWIS, et al.,
Defendants

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO:
THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AND INTEREST BY, THROUGH UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JOHN W. LEWIS DECEASED
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AND TO: All persons claiming an interest by, through, under, or against the aforesaid Defendant(s).

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property located in Jefferson County, Florida:

A PORTION OF LOT "B" OF NOBLES ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF MONTICELLO, FLORIDA, ACCORDING TO A MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PLAT BOOK "B", PAGE 19, AND TO WHICH REFERENCE IS HEREBY EXPRESSLY MADE, AND PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE INTERSECTION OF LOUISIANA STREET AND TENNESSEE AVENUE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT "B", THENCE RUNNING SOUTH ALONG THE EAST BORDER TO TENNESSEE AVENUE A DISTANCE OF 180 FEET, TO A POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE RUNNING EAST 164 FEET, THENCE RUNNING SOUTH 100 FEET, THENCE RUNNING WEST 144 FEET, TO THE EASTERN BOUNDARY OF TENNESSEE AVENUE, THENCE RUNNING NORTH ALONG THE EASTERN BORDER OF TENNESSEE AVENUE 100 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

has been filed against you, as you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to this action, on Greenspoon Marder, P.A., Default Department, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is Trade Centre South, Suite 709, 100 West Cypress Creek Road, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309, and the file original with the Clerk within 30 days after the first publication of this notice in the MONTICELLO NEWS on or before January 17, 2013, otherwise a default and a judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT on this 19th day of December 2012.

As Clerk of said Court
Sherry Sears
As Deputy Clerk

Copy furnished to:
A copy of this Notice of Action, Complaint and Lis Pendens were sent to the above-named Defendant(s) at the last known address.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a reasonable accommodation to participate in this proceeding should, no later than seven (7) days prior, contact the Clerk of the Court's disability coordinator at... (if hearing or voice is impaired, contact (TDD) (800)955-8771 via Florida Relay System.

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

VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
BARBARA L. BRUNSON; et al.,
Defendants.

CLERK'S NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Plaintiff's Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on May 8, 2012 in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on January 17, 2013 at 11:00 A.M. (EST), at the Jefferson County Courthouse, located at One Courthouse Circle, in Monticello, Florida, the following described property:

See Attached Exhibit "A"

To include 2003 CLAY Vin WHC012977GAA #0088563383 and 2003 CLAY Vin WHC012977GAB #00885633531

Property Address: 5585 Turkey Scratch Road, Monticello, FL 32344.

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 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

Dated: December 12, 2012

KIRK REAMS, CLERK
JEFFERSON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Sherry Sears
Deputy Clerk

Exhibit A (Legal Description)

Situated in JEFFERSON County, FL.

THREE (3) ACRES IN THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (NW 1/4 OF SW 1/4) OF SECTION ONE (1), TOWNSHIP ONE (1) SOUTH, RANGE FIVE (5) EAST AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED FORTY ACRES OF LAND AND RUNNING THENCE WEST THREE HUNDRED (300) FEET, THENCE RUNNING NORTH FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE AND 6/10 (435.6) FEET, THENCE RUNNING EAST THREE HUNDRED (300) FEET AND TO THE EAST LINE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED FORTY ACRES OF LAND, AND THENCE RUNNING SOUTH FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE AND 6/10 (435.6) FEET AND TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THE LANDS HEREIN CONVEYED CONTAINING THREE (3) ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AND BEING A PORTION OF THE LANDS CONVEYED UNTO THE ADO R. BYFORD OF THE FIRST PART BY TRUSTEE OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA BY DEED DATED MAY 29th, 1943 AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA IN TRUSTEES DEED BOOK NO. 1 PAGE 148 AND TO WHICH REFERENCE IS HERE Y EXPRESSLY MADE.

Being the same property conveyed from THE ADO R. BYFORD AND SALLIE BYFORD, HIS WIFE to HAMPTON GOFF by deed dated 12/04/1943 and recorded 03/24/1945 in book DDD, page 49 of the public records of JEFFERSON county, FL.

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The Week of December 21, 2012 through December 28, 2012
Major Feed Times are marked by an asterisk (*)

Friday, December 21 12:00 AM *6:10 AM 12:15 PM *6:25 PM	Saturday, December 22 12:40 AM *6:45 AM 12:55 PM *7:10 PM	Sunday, December 23 1:10 AM *7:25 AM 1:35 PM *7:50 PM	Monday, December 24 2:10 AM *8:05 AM 2:15 PM *8:30 PM
Tuesday, December 25 2:45 AM *8:50 AM 3:00 PM *9:15 PM	Wednesday, December 26 3:30 AM *9:35 AM 3:45 PM *10:00 PM	Thursday, December 27 4:15 AM *10:20 PM 4:30 PM *10:45 PM	Friday, December 28 5:00 AM *11:05 AM 5:20 PM *11:30 PM

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SRWMD Ag Cost-Share Partners Save 315 Million Gallons Of Water Annually

The Suwannee River Water Management District (District) Governing Board approved 32 agricultural cost-share projects saving an estimated 315 million gallons annually or 863,000 gallons per day.

The District is investing \$1.5 million dollars to partner with agricultural producers to implement water conservation projects such as irrigation retrofits

and new water saving technologies. Participants are required to implement best management practices and voluntarily participate in the District's water use monitoring program.

Agricultural producers from across Alachua, Columbia, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison and Suwannee counties were approved for their water saving projects. The total District cost is \$512,575 with the growers contributing a total of \$247,825 or 33% of the equipment costs.

Typical projects include installing subsurface drip irrigation systems, center pivot swing arms that eliminate end guns, soil moisture probes, weather stations and remote monitor controllers.

Governing Board Chair Don Quincey stated "the program is cost effective and provides incentives to growers that benefit our water resources. The interest in the District's Ag cost-share program demonstrates the importance of partnering with the agricultural community to make a positive difference in conserving our water supplies," said Don Quincey

The next application funding opportunity for the second quarter ends January 4, 2013. For more information, please contact SRWMD Ag-Team member Kevin Wright, P.E., at 386.362.1001.

2013 Gulf Gag Grouper Recreational Season Draft Rule Discussed At FWC Meeting

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) unanimously decided on a draft 2013 Gulf of Mexico gag grouper recreational season Wednesday, Dec. 5, at its Commission meeting in Apalachicola. After discussing several options and hearing public testimony from 26 people, Commissioners chose draft options that, if approved in February, will make most Gulf state waters consistent with the current federal season, with the exception of a four-county region.

The current proposed federal season for Gulf gag grouper is slated to start July 1 and end when the annual catch target (the number of fish that can be harvested for that year within the rebuilding plan) is expected to be met, which will likely be sometime in November or early December. The federal season ending date should be finalized in spring 2013.

The Commissioners' proposal included an

April 1 through June 30 season in state waters off the counties of Taylor, Jefferson, Wakulla and Franklin. According to the proposal, the four-county region will not open during the July 1 through November/December federal season. Monroe County is excluded from the Gulf of Mexico season because it is included in the Atlantic season for gag grouper.

"In terms of effort, this four-county region had an insignificant impact to the resource but a significant impact to the economy and the culture," said Commissioner Brian Yablonski. "We specifically picked less-populated counties and a lot of that had to do with where the fish are when the season is open. This at least gave the Big Bend area a chance to fish. Full consistency takes the Big Bend out."

The Commission asked staff to work with federal fishery managers in gathering data on the effect this proposal may have on the length of the



federal season and bring back this information to the February Commission meeting.

"The important thing is it looks like we are going in a positive direction for next year," said Commissioner Ron Bergeron about the proposed federal season, which will potentially be lengthened in 2013.

Other options considered by the Commission included full consistency with the federal season in all state waters, split sea-

sons that would open in spring and winter, and regional seasons.

The 2012 recreational gag grouper season was July 1 through Oct. 31 in all federal and most state waters, with the exception of state waters off Taylor, Jefferson, Wakulla and Franklin counties, which were open April 1 through June 30.

Public comment on this draft rule can be sent to Marine@MyFWC.com or can be given by calling 850-487-0554.

Fwc Commission Considering Creating Saltwater Game Fish And Sport Fish Designations



The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) discussed the possibility of creating saltwater game fish and sport fish designations at its Dec. 5 Commission meeting in Apalachicola. After public comment from 18 people and the Commissioners' discussion, the FWC decided to approve the proposed draft rule about the designation. The Commission will possibly make a final decision on this measure at its February meeting in Orlando.

While Florida has many recreationally important species, it does not have an official saltwater game fish or sport fish designation.

Reasons for considering these changes include helping highlight and protect some of Florida's premier recreational fish and encouraging anglers to adopt voluntary conservation practices such as catch-and-release. If adopted, these changes could lead to healthier fish populations and help Florida market its unique fishing opportunities to residents and visitors.

"I think it's an opportunity for this Commission to create a lasting legacy," said Chairman Kenneth Wright. "I think it will send a signal to fishermen around the world that we are a world-class fishing destination."

At the meeting, staff presented the Commission with potential game fish and sport fish definitions and described how fish within these designations could be managed.

Suggested parameters for game fish would include no commercial harvest, possession or sale.

The sport fish designation would offer a higher level of protection than game fish by making selected species catch-and-release only, including no recreational harvest as well as no commercial harvest, pos-

session or sale.

Before moving forward with the proposal, the Commission decided to remove a parameter that would have limited gear to hook-and-line only for both designations. They also removed another parameter that was proposed for the game fish designation only that would have required captain and crew of for-hire vessels such as charter boats to have a bag limit of zero and not be allowed to take fish home for themselves.

Which fish species will be included under the game fish or sport fish designations will not be decided at the February Commission meeting. If game fish and sport fish designations are approved, staff will return to future meetings with suggestions for potential fish species candidates.

Recreational fishing in Florida has a high cultural and economic value, and protecting Florida's premier recreational fish is a priority of the Commission.

Public comment can be sent to Marine@MyFWC.com. Staff members are also hosting webinars on Dec. 10 and 12 to gather public comment. These meetings will be from 6 to 8 p.m. To participate in the webinar, visit <http://fwc.adobeconnect.com/mfm/>. There is a cap of 100 participants that can be logged into the online webinar at once. This is on a first-come basis. To give everyone a chance to participate, please do not attend both webinar sessions. Each webinar will cover the same topic.

Voice-only access is also available for those without computer access. For questions about webinar access, please contact Carly Canion at 850-617-9627 or Carly.Canion@MyFWC.com. Learn more by visiting MyFWC.com/Fishing - click on "Saltwater Fishing," "Rulemaking" and "Workshops."

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