

Jefferson County Living

Letters To The Editor

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Same Sex Marriage-Not Necessarily

The Supreme Court of these United States is considering whether a marriage can be between two members of the same sex. I was just thinking that maybe they should also consider whether a marriage can be between a human and an animal. I guess that is what is next and they might as well get it out of the way now. A person could marry his or her dog or cat or horse or whatever and they would not have to be of a different sex. I mean whatever makes you happy do it. Then we could authorize health benefits and marital benefits for the animal after the

human dies. We could also authorize the human and the animal to adopt kids. A dog would make an excellent mama or daddy. So would a horse, particularly, if we could find one like Mr. Ed.

I just do not know where all this is going. We have now drifted so far away from any moral fiber that the Republicans are considering inviting Lady Gaga to the next Republican Convention. I am a lost sheep in the world we now live in.

Charles E. McClellan

Church News Notes

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April 5
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. Call 850-342-3541 for more information.

April 6
Monticello Nazarene Church Yard Sale on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Family Life Center on US19 north. Proceeds will be used to send children and teens to church camp.

April 6
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 Ministry Chairman Barbara Hobbs at 850-523-1813.

April 5-7
Springfield AME Church invites the community to its Spring Revival, scheduled for Friday and continuing through Sunday. Services will be held at 7 p.m. nightly. Speaker for this occasion will be Elder Lissa Steven of Faith Chapel Church of Tallahassee. Come hear this powerful woman of God, and remember Christ wants to do a New Thing in you! For additional information, contact Rev. Lucille Graham at 850-264-1739 or 850-997-5400. Rev. Stefon McBride, pas-

tor.
April 7
First Baptist Church of Lloyd will host a Chicken Perlou Dinner from 12 to 2 p.m. on Sunday; donations will be accepted. This is a fundraising effort to benefit Stanley Clark, who is undergoing a liver transplant at Shands Hospital in Gainesville. If you plan to come as a group, reserve by April 4. Call the church office at 850-997-5309. Rev. George Smith, pastor.

April 7
Transforming Life Church in Lloyd is excited to have well-known and much sought after Christian Comedian Justin Fennell coming to perform at its Five Year Anniversary Celebration!

Don't miss this amazing day, Sunday, April 7; starting at 10:30 a.m. with cake and ice cream served following this fun filled service.

April 9
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.

April 10
Wacissa United Methodist Church will hold after-

school classes every Wednesday through April 17 for children ages 5 to 15 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. The classes will be filled with activities for the children. Contact Kathy Walker at 850-997-4800, 850-997-2179, or 850-997-3019 for more information. Parents must send a permission slip to the child's school to allow the bus driver to drop them off at the church after school. Rev. James Gamble, pastor.

April 10
Heaven's Kitchen Noon Bible Study and Prayer every Wednesday at Memorial Missionary Baptist Church, by Rev. J. B. Duval and Rev. Semmeal Thomas. Come as you are; take your lunch break; for just one hour. Be spiritually filled as you study God's word. After Bible Study, Feed My Sheep Ministry will fill your physical body with a prepared meal. For more information, or to make a contribution, contact coordinators Sis. Mary Madison at 850-997-4504 or 850-210-7090, or Sis. Betty Russell at 850-997-4251.

April 14
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church on Thompson Valley Road will hold its Fruit of the Spirit Program at 3 p.m. on Sunday; a variety of speakers will be on the program. For more information contact Pastor Cassandra Brockman at 850-997-8010.

Dog Wash Clients, Volunteers, And All Jefferson County Residents

Thank you for turning out for the March Spa Day/dog wash in such good numbers. Forty dogs received pampering at their spa day. With the great volunteers who participated the spa day flew by without delays. The Jefferson County Humane Society appreciates your support.

Due to the wonderful events already scheduled in April, we will NOT be having a Doggy Spa Day. April 20 is the Southern Music Rising event where we will be selling grilled sausage dogs (from Johnston's) and have an adoption booth. The following Saturday, April 27 from 6 PM to 9 PM we will be hosting the Bless The Beast Event at the Mays House. You will have a great dinner; there will be music, live auction items, silent auction items and the premier event will be the auctioning of the winner of the quilt donated by the Crazy Quilters of Monticello. You may see the quilt in advance at Wag The Dog downtown. Tickets for the Bless The Beast event may be purchased there as well as raffle tickets for the quilt. You need not be present to win the quilt. However, if your raffle ticket is drawn, think how much fun it would be to win in person!!!

Tickets for the Bless The Beast event are also available at Rosemary Tree, Tupelo's, Animal Medical Clinic and Veterinary Associates. Hope to see you at SMR and Bless The Beast!

Sincerely,
Jeri Kimbrel
Volunteer Treasurer, Jeff. Cnty. Humane Society

JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIME BEAT

All information is printed as taken from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office. All Suspects Should Be Considered Innocent Until Proven Guilty In A Court Of Law

FRAN HUNT
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

Althai Lee Streeter, 52, of Tallahassee, was arrested March 20 and charged with driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$100, and he was released on his own recognizance the following day.

John Wesley Williams, 32, of Jefferson County, was arrested March 20 on an outstanding Alabama warrant for his arrest, for being a fugitive out of state. Bond was withheld and he remained at the County Jail April 4, awaiting transport to Alabama to face charges there.

Jeremiah Genesis Symank, 35, of Jefferson County, was arrested March 20 and charged with violation of probation on the charge of driving under the influence. He was released on his own recognizance the following day.

Kerry Dewayne Brooks, 38, of Jefferson County, was arrested March 26 and charged with felony domestic battery. Bond was set at \$7,500 and he bonded out of jail the same day.

Nyren Jones, 25, of Monticello, was arrested

March 26 and charged with violation of probation on the charge of burglary of a conveyance, grand theft, and violation of probation on the charge of burglary of a conveyance. He was released on his own recognizance the same day.

Joe Felix Jones, Jr., was arrested March 27 and charged with battery, domestic. Bond was set at \$1,000 and he bonded out of jail the same day.

Fredrick Maui Robinson, 23, of Sarasota, FL, was arrested March 29 and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Bond was set at \$500 and he bonded out of jail the same day.

Desiree Lynn Cary, 18, of Monticello, was arrested March 31 and charged with animal nuisance. Bond was set at \$27 and she bonded out of jail the same day.

Kevin Audrey Boland, 30, of Jefferson County, was arrested March 31 and charged with disorderly intoxication. Bond was set at \$500 and he bonded out of jail the same day.

Candace Wynelle Cloud, 32, of Tallahassee, was arrested March 31 and charged with possession of a controlled sub-

stance, possession of drug equipment, and possession of marijuana less than 20 grams. A total bond of \$3,500 was set and she bonded out of jail the following day.

Cedric Jones, 40, of Monticello, was arrested April 1 for two counts of writ of attachment for nonpayment of child support. A total bond of \$6,356.39 was set and he remained at the County Jail April 4.

Victor Wendell Miller, 27, of Jefferson County, was arrested April 2 on an outstanding Leon County warrant for his arrest, charging him with violation of probation on the charge of cultivation of cannabis and violation of probation on the charge of possession of cannabis with intent to sell. Bond was withheld and he was turned over to Leon County authorities the same day to face charges there.

Steven Morris, 33, of Jefferson County, was arrested April 2 and charged with two counts of violation of probation on the charge of sale or possession of a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of a school. Bond was withheld and he remained at the County jail April 4.

College Career Fair April 30

The Jefferson County Middle High School Guidance Department will host a College and Career Fair on Tuesday, April 30, beginning at 1:30 p.m. The community is invited and encouraged to attend this event to offer support to the students... OUR FUTURE! A complimentary luncheon will be offered during this event.

Area agencies and institutions are invited to help with this event by



we thank you for supporting our endeavors and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, April 30, at 1:30 p.m.," says Dr. Williams. Arrive early to setup your station.

Dr. Williams goes on to say, "We are committed to excellence here at JCMHS. I personally extend to you an opportunity to engage in this frontline program aimed at raising the educational and career aspirations of our students. It has been said that it takes a whole village to raise a child, and that is why we need your help."

JCMHS is located at 50 David Road just south of Monticello, on Highway 19, before I-10.

providing the learning community with knowledge of the workforce and collegial programs. Plan to commit to an afternoon session; make a difference in the educational choices of area youth.

To prepare for a 20-minute presentation for the rotating sessions, contact JCMHS Counselor Donna Elizabeth Williams. Any presentation materials or handouts that you may provide to exemplify your profession or superlative institution would be most helpful.

For further information and to secure your slot, contact Dr. Williams at donna.williams@jeffersonschoolsdistrict.org or 850-997-3555x213. "Once again, on behalf of the faculty and staff,

The Jefferson County Utility Coordinating Committee will meet at 9:00 a.m. April 10, 2013, at the Jefferson County Road Dept, 1484 South Jefferson Street

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City Alcohol

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have to drive outside the city to purchase alcoholic beverages; and it would be a recognition that new people were moving into the community and attitudes favorable to the lifting of the ban were in evidence.

The council members' brief discussion of the topic — before setting a workshop for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 11, to further delve into the issue — gave every indication that they were not surprised by the request and possibly anticipated it.

Councilman Tom Vogelgesang, for one, acknowledged that he had given the matter much prior thought, as apparently had Councilman George Evans. Although neither Vogelgesang nor Evans necessarily expressed opposition to the possibility of lifting the ban, both expressed concern that the issue might pose a trickier situation in the city.

"If we do this thing in the city, it's going to start impacting neighborhoods," Evans said, specifically citing a notoriously known bar and its potential for disturbing

the peace if Sunday alcohol sales were permitted. The discussion then briefly touched on the possibility of applying limitations on the types of venues that would be allowed to sell alcoholic beverages on Sundays and/or placing restrictions on the allowable hours of alcohol sales on Sundays.

City Attorney Bruce Leinback, however, cautioned that although the imposition of time restrictions was within the council's discretion, it was best to apply the lifting of the ban across the board.

"There are a lot of options in terms of time," Leinback said. "But I suggest that you don't differentiate between different venues. It's safer and more legally defensible."

Kate Calvin, one of two creators of the *Jefferson County Voice* — a website dedicated to offering information and soliciting opinions on local issues — offered to run an online survey of city residents on the issue.

Which offer the council accepted, with the

stipulation that the survey be made up of multiple questions and delve into respondents' preferences, in terms of allowable hours and other restrictions, should the ban to be lifted.

Depending on the outcome of the April 11 workshop, the council will decide whether to drop the matter or instruct Leinback to draft an amendment to the existing ordinance, with the possibility of a first public hearing on the issue as early as the May 7 council meeting.

The change allowing unincorporated areas of Jefferson County to sell alcoholic beverages on Sundays went into effect March 25, following commissioners' approval of the change on March 21.

The commission's vote essentially ended a longstanding prohibition dating from the 1970's. Two previous attempts to lift the ban during the last 20 or so years failed. This time around, however, when Arun Kundra, owner/manager of the Lloyd truck stop, proposed the idea, its time seemingly had come.

Building

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The report shows the city and county issued a combined 44 permits in March, compared with 46 permits the previous month.

The 44 permits generated \$5,574.07 in fees, compared with the \$6,049.36 generated by the 46 permits in February. Of the 44 permits, the city issued eight and collected \$1,112.55 and the county issued 36 and generated \$4,461.52.

A breakdown of the permits shows 32 were for repairs and additions; one for residential construc-

tion; three for commercial uses; four for a mobile home; and four for miscellaneous uses, such as a shed, sign, workshop or barn.

There was a valuation of \$96,816 in the residential permit category in March, compared with zero in February. This valuation was \$328,809 in March 2012.

The valuation for commercial permits was \$60,999 in March, compared with \$71,100 in February. It was zero in March 2012.

And the valuation for

other permits (a category that includes additions, re-roofs and non-residential structures), was \$398,560 in March, compared with \$352,452 in February. This valuation was \$207,438 in March 2012.

Meanwhile, the Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Department issued 15 permits and collected \$3,988.70 in March, compared with seven permits and \$1,466.25 collected in February. In March 2012, the department issued 15 permits and collected \$4,658.21.

February

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monitored upper Floridan aquifer wells were in a range considered normal, based on records beginning no earlier than 1976.

The report notes that the National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center's three-month outlook indicates a probability of below-normal precipitation in north Florida through May. Meanwhile, the most re-

cent issuance of the U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook shows the persistence of a drought in central and southeast Florida through at least the end of May.

The SRWMD continues a Phase I Water Shortage Advisory urging consumers to refrain from unnecessary water uses.

The hydrologic conditions report is a compila-

tion of water resource data collected from radar-derived rainfall estimates, groundwater and surface water levels, and river flows, among other sources.

The district encompasses all or parts of 15 counties in north-central Florida, including Madison County and the eastern portion of Jefferson County.

Naming

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pect a minimum/maximum wait period of six months to one-year from the time the committee receives the application until the commission takes up the issue.

The criteria to be considered in a naming or renaming evaluation will include neighborhood, geographic or common usage identification; natural geologic features; and significant historical or cultural attributes.

For organizations or businesses to merit the recognition, they must have made an exceptional contribution in the form of financial support, service, volunteer effort or be of an enduring historical significance.

For individuals to merit the honor, they must, among other things, have achieved su-

perior levels of performance in their chosen field of endeavor, be of excellent character and reputation, and exemplify high standards and ethics.

The policy allows for interior features of buildings to be named separately from the main structure.

Some other applicable rules of the policy are: Individuals, organizations, neighborhood residents and even the media may suggest names for parks or park facilities; a minimum of a year must elapse between receipt of a name proposal related to a current event and the time the final recommendation is made; applications for naming or renaming must be complete and supported with the appropriate docu-

mentation; and the burden of providing the supporting documentation will rest with the applicant.

The stated purpose of the policy is to ensure fairness, consistency, equity and transparency in the naming process going forward.

The policy stems from the request of a recreational advisory board that in late 2011 asked the commission to rename the Jefferson County Recreation Park in honor of Franklin Hightower, one of the park's founders and a longtime supporter.

At the time, Barfield asked that the board postpone the decision until standard rules and procedures for handling such requests could be drafted. Which drafting the board assigned to her.

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year in which the application was made.

Gray said the exemption would stay in place as long as the parent or grandparent lived; once they died, the exemption would go away.

She noted that only 40 percent of Florida's 67 counties currently had the exemption in place. And of the 10 sim-

ilar sized counties with total assessed values of less than \$1 billion in 2012, only Calhoun and Madison counties in this area offered the exemption.

Gray calculated the two counties' assessed value reductions to be \$22,600 and \$132,400 respectively, based on each having a single qualified

exemption. That's how she had arrived at assumption of the losses of between \$1,000 and \$10,000 here, she said.

Gray promised to keep both the city and school district officials apprised of whatever the County Commission did. The commission has yet to make a decision on the issue.

4H Nature Trail Cleanup



4H County Council members spruced up the Jefferson Elementary School 4H Nature Trail on Friday afternoon, March 15. Members pictured from left to right are: Khieca Jones, Tearra Scott, Hannah Haselden, Allison Cone, Otis Scott, Stefone Roberts, and Jasmine Addison.

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April 5

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Prime Time Comes To Local Library

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For the past five weeks I've been helping a small group of caring people bring the magic. Not magic in the "pick up a wand and ZOOP ZOOP things happen" sense, but in the "slowly building, look-around-the-room and it hits you" sense.

Librarian Kitty Brooks applied for a grant from the State of Florida. She was awarded the money and brought PRIME TIME to our Library. The pilot program began in Louisiana's Endowment For the Humanities in 1991 and it's spread through forty of our United States. The website states their mission best, and I quote it here:

"A storyteller reads beautifully illustrated, award-winning children's books that consist of culturally diverse stories from around the world spanning fairy tales, folk tales, fables, historical accounts, and other narrations of real-life circumstances that are familiar to adults and children alike. The discussion leader, or scholar, then guides the group to personally connect with literature and think beyond shallow considerations of who, what, when, and where. The program demon-

strates how literature can enrich one's life, models strategies for continued family bonding through literature, and provides families critical information on library resources for continued reading once the program ends."

On Monday nights we gather for food, which has been donated by individuals and businesses from around our town. We move into the community room for Sallie Worley's mesmerizing reading of this week's books, and Penny Hackett's gentle questioning. No answer is wrong and much is shared. Parents and grandparents, aunts, teachers, interested adults join with the children to testify to the fact that stories are POWERFUL. They are the things that tie us together. They help us make sense of the world. Not only the stories we read in books, but the ones we tell each other about our families and history. It's a very special thing to witness people reaching across divides and finding common ground in our kids.

Next week is our last meeting for the session. New ones begin in the fall. Don't miss the magic!



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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April 5

Spring Fling, a benefit for the Monticello Opera House, will be held on Friday from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. with music by the Purvis Brothers and hors d'oeuvres by Carrie Ann & Co. Ticket cost is \$15 per single and \$25 per couple. For advance tickets call 850-997-4242 or go to www.monticelloopera-house.org.

April 5

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

April 5

Monticello Jamboree Band will perform music

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

April 6-24

Jefferson Arts will host a reception and a solo exhibit by Dani Godreau at 2 p.m. on Saturday, in the Gallery, exploring female gender roles in Thai culture on both a personal and global level. The Gallery and exhibit will

continue to be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays through the month at 575 West Washington Street for public viewing. For information about the Arts, artist's pages, monthly calendar, class schedules, and more, call 850-997-3311 or go to info@jeffersonarts-gallery.com or www.jeffersonartsgallery.com. Monthly business meetings are held at 11 a.m. on the last Wednesday and a painting group meets from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Wednesdays.

April 6

Martial Arts classes are held from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday in the Memorial Missionary Baptist Church fellowship hall. Contact Diane Hall at

850-264-1195 for more information.

April 6

Half-N-Half Four Band at the Dixie Community Center at 7 p.m. on Saturday for music and dance. Refreshments and good fellowship are available during intermission. For more information contact Kenneth Price at 1-229-263-7231. DCC is a nonprofit organization.

April 6

Artisans and Growers Market will open in the Wirick-Simmons Garden area, at the corners of Pearl and Cherry streets, on the first Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., beginning this Saturday.

All are welcome to show your support by selling or buying. If you make it... bake it... or grow it... you can sell it here. The cost for a table under one of three canopy tents is \$5; \$10 for a 12x12 space on the lawn for your tent or pick-up.

All proceeds from this monthly event will benefit the Monticello Old Jail Museum project. For more information contact Anne H. Holt at 850-576-0721, or ahholt@ahholt.com.

The second Pioneer Journey Stories is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 2, at the Christ Episcopal Church, in the Fellowship Hall. Speakers will be Sallie Worley, who will tell how her ancestors came to Monticello and Dr. Jim Sledge, who will tell stories about the quieter, more calm days in Monticello and Jefferson County.

April 7

VFW Post 251 will meet 5 p.m. on the first Sunday at the Learning Center on Marvin Street for a meeting. Contact Commander Ned Hill at 850-339-5524 for more information.

April 8

Big Bend Horseman's Association will meet at 7 p.m. on the second Monday at Green Industries Institute for a brief program and meeting. This is an open horse club for all breeds. Everyone is welcome. Go to www.bigbend-horse.com for more information.

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Debi's Notes

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MainStreet will host an informal gathering for any and all interested citizens of Monticello and Jefferson County. The gathering will take place on the patio at the Avera-Clarke House, 580 West Washington, on Monday evening, April 15, at 6:30 p.m. Come enjoy light refreshments, good company, and get a special heads-up on community activities and small business events around the area. For more information contact Anne Haw Holt at 850-576-0721 or aholt@ahholt.com.

Wacissa Equestrian Center Family Play Day Saturday, April 6 beginning at 11 a.m. at 12840 Gamble Road. Enjoy one or more of the following planned events: egg race, buddy pickup, cake walk, flag race, egg toss, arena race, calf scramble, stick horse race, poles, dummy roping, barrel racing, and

an 80/20 jackpot. Spectators are welcome too! For more information call 850-510-6876.

Italian pastries, traditional dishes, opera singers, Ferraris, Ducatis, bocce ball, and original artwork will grace the grounds of the Tallahassee Automobile Museum, on April 13 and 14 for the third annual Italian Fiesta; celebrating all things Italian and fun for the whole famiglia. The event kicks off at 10 a.m. on Saturday. Fiesta's lucky beneficiaries are CIAO, Capital Italian American Organization and the FSU Florence program. For more information contact Shelley Duke at 850-766-9307, or the Andiamo Management, at 850-201-8810 or www.ItalianFesta.org.

The Florida Museum of Natural History will host "Celebrating La Florida: Spanish Explorers

at the Edge of the World" from 10:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, discussing the people, environment and cultures encountered by the state's early explorers. The free program sponsored by University Press of Florida features five scholars covering a variety of topics, including history, geography, archaeology and ethnology. The event is part of Viva Florida 500, a Florida Department of State initiative to highlight 500 years of history, people, places and events since Ponce de León's arrival to the land he named La Florida in 1513. Celebrating La Florida guests will receive a discounted value admission to the Florida Museum's "Titanoboa: Monster Snake" and Butterfly Rainforest exhibits with proof of event attendance. For more information, visit <http://upf.com/LaFlorida.html> or call 352-846-2000.

As part of National Healthcare Decisions Day, Big Bend Hospice in partnership with Florida State University presents "Consider the Conversation a Documentary on a Taboo Subject," April 16, at 6 p.m., at the FSU College of Medicine Auditorium, 1115 West Call Street. This is free to the public and free parking near the auditorium will be available. Consider the Conversation is a remarkable thought-provoking film that looks at many of the issues that we will all face at the end-of-life. It opens the floodgates

of thought and conversation on this most difficult and often taboo subject. A panel discussion will follow this 60-minute documentary. For more information, visit <http://www.considertheconversation.org/>

It's free to become an exhibitor at the 12th annual Kidsfest, which will be held Saturday, May 4 at the North Florida Fairgrounds from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. You can share information about your business or organization and reach several thousand folks by participating in Kidsfest. It's a great way to reach adults; to provide a hands-on activity for the children and while they're playing, you have the chance to talk with the grown-ups. Tables and chairs will be provided. In addition to exhibitors, there will be live children's entertainment on stage in The Green Room and food vendors will be on hand to sell food. General admission is \$3 per person and proceeds benefit Kids Incorporated programs. For more information contact Judie Miller at jmiller@kidsincorporated.org or call 850-414-9800x104.

Christ Episcopal Church has a new priest... Rev. James Bowen May. Make him welcome. Sunday services begins at 9 a.m. with adult and children Sunday School; and 10 a.m. for Holy Eucharist; a nursery is provided for children under five years of age.

Obituaries

BETTY BISHOP

Betty (Belle Gene) Bishop died peacefully in her sleep Wednesday, April 3, 2013. Betty was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who was preceded in death by her husband of 67 years, Rex Carey Bishop, Sr.

She was born November 17, 1927 in Homestead FL and lived most of her life in Miami, Homestead and Aucilla FL. The last eight years were spent near her children and family in Georgia.

Betty loved doing word search puzzles and watching game shows on television. She often would be frustrated by her late husband's overzealous passion for University of Florida sports, especially football, but in his absence this fall she followed his Saturday passion.

She was also preceded in death by her parents Felix and Laurie Bullard, brothers Truett and Felix, sisters Willela and Lelia.

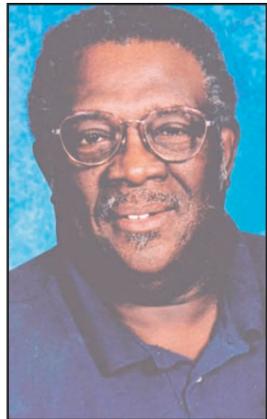
Betty loved her family, especially her grandkids and great-grandkids.

She is survived by her sons, Raymond and Rex Bishop, daughters-in-law, Susan and Carol Bishop; grandchildren, Crystal and Kennon Carter, Jason and Kim Bishop, Ray Bishop; great-grandchildren, Michaela, Colin, Natalie, Mallory and Riley; sisters, Nina Chapman and Margaret (Kenneth) Garrett.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, April 6, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at Beggs Funeral Home, 485 East Dogwood St., Monticello, FL, with burial at the Bishop Family Cemetery in Aucilla FL. The family requests in lieu of flowers that you make donations to your favorite charity in Betty's memory.

Condolences may be submitted on-line at <http://www.scotward.com> Scot Ward Funeral Services, 699 American Legion Road, Conyers, 30012.

CLEVELAND "COOTER" FRAZIER



Cleveland "Cooter" Frazier, Sr., 71, of Lamont, FL, passed unexpectedly on Tuesday, March 26, 2013 at home. Services are Saturday, April 6, at 2 p.m. at his beloved Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church, Lamont, where he served diligently as a deacon.

Burial will follow at Mt. Olive Cemetery. Viewing-visitation is 3-7 p.m. Friday at Tillman of Monticello.

A lifelong Lamont resident, he was a retired mechanic for Aucilla Christian School. He was also a logger and farmer.

Cherishing his love and memory are his loving wife, Louise Bellamy Frazier; sons, Cleveland Jr., Willie Mac and McCleve Frazier; daughters, Evelyn, Kellia and Robin Frazier; Darlene F. Cox, Yolanda (David) Dery, Yvette F. Johnson and Yvonne F. Alexander; seven grandchildren; brothers, Joseph Lee (Verna) and Mac "Sam" Frazier; sisters, Helen Williams, Ruth Bythewood, Ida Mae Crim and Olivia Snead; an aunt, two uncles, a godson and numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was predeceased by his parents, Brazier and Hattie Jones Frazier; a grandchild, Tatyanna Howard; a brother, Brazier "Brad" Frazier and sister, Roxie Ann F. Bellamy.

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Rosa continues to serve as an instructor of Basic and Advanced Tax' classes, working evenings

or weekends, and continues to serve as the Public Relations Officer for the District. She is also a public speaker for the firm, informing businesses about new tax laws, as well as single subject classes, i.e. Schedule C Sole Proprietorship.

Rosa and Master Tax Advisor are committed to providing excellent, personalized service to the client. She is a member of the National Association of Enrolled Agents, the Florida Association of Enrolled Agents, and the National Association of Tax Professionals. She subscribes to accountingtoday.com, e alerts for tax professionals from the IRS, and natp.com, all of which keeps her informed of the most recent rules and regulations affecting individuals, corporations, and non-profit organizations.

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Sports

Warriors Trash John Paul II

FRAN HUNT
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The Aucilla Christian Academy varsity Warriors manned the diamond on March 15 against John Paul II, and the Warriors trashed their opponent for a 9-2 victory, to now stand 8-2 on the season.

The Warriors kicked off the game outscoring John Paul 3-2 in the first inning, and 1-0 in the second. Wrapping up the ACA scoring, the Warriors knocked five additional runs across the plate in the fifth inning.

At the plate, as a team, the warriors carried a .296 batting average, with 31 plate appearances, 27 at-bats, nine runs, eight hits, seven RBI's, three doubles, one triple, one home-run, one sacrifice fly, two walks, four strikeouts, one hit by pitch, three reach on errors, three fielder's choice, two stolen bases, an on base percentage of .355, and a slugging average of .593.

Individually, Josh Wood had a batting average of .000, with three plate appearances, three at-bats, one run, two fielder's choice, two stolen bases, and an on base percentage and a slugging average of .000.

Hans Sorensen had a batting average of .500, with three plate appearances, two at-bats, one hit, one RBI, one double, one walk, one fielder's choice, an on base percentage of .667, and a slugging average of 1.000.

Russell Fraleigh had a batting average of .250, with four plate appearances, four at-bats, one run, one hit, one RBI, one double, one strikeout, one reach on error, an on base percentage of .250, and a slugging average of .500.

Casey Demott had a batting average

of .667, with three plate appearances, three at-bats, one run, two hits, one RBI, and an on base percentage and slugging average of .667.

Kaleb Wyche had one run.

Hunter Horne had a batting average of .000, with three plate appearances, two at-bats, one walk, an on base percentage of .333, and a slugging average of .000.

Tres Copeland had a batting average of .333, with three plate appearances, three at-bats, one run, one hit, one RBI, one double, one strikeout, an on base percentage of .333, and a slugging average of .667.

Austin Bishop had a batting average of .250, with four plate appearances, four at-bats, one run, one hit, one RBI, one home-run, one reach on error, an on base percentage of .250, and a slugging average of 1.000.

Jared Jackson had a batting average of .667, with four plate appearances, three at-bats, two runs, two hits, one triple, one strikeout, one hit by pitch, an on base percentage of .750, and a slugging average of 1.333.

Gus Smyrnios had a batting average of .000, with four plate appearances, three at-bats, one run, two RBI's, one sacrifice fly, one strikeout, one reach on error, and an on base percentage and slugging average of .000.

In fielding Wood caught one attempt to steal base.

On the mound, Sorensen had an earned run average of 0.00, with seven innings pitched, two hits, two runs, three walks, five strikeouts, 27 batters faced, 23 at-bats, a batting average of .087, an on base percentage of .222, two wild pitches, three stolen bases, and one hit by pitch on 100 pitches.



Lady Warriors Scalp John Paul II

FRAN HUNT
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The Aucilla Christian Academy varsity Lady Warriors hit the diamond against John Paul II on March 15, and the Lady Warriors scalped their opponent for a 13-0 victory, to now stand 8-3 on the season.

As a team, at the plate, the Lady Warriors had 35 plate appearances, 28 at-bats, 13 runs, 12 hits, seven RBI's, five walks, three strikeouts, one double, one triple, one sacrifice fly, three reach on errors, one hit by pitch, and four stolen bases.

Individually, Pamela Watt had four plate appearances, three at-bats, two runs, two hits, one RBI, one sacrifice fly, and one stolen base.

Carly Joiner had four plate appearances, two at-bats, one run, two hits, two RBI's, two walks, one double, and one stolen base.

Kelly Horne had four plate appearances, three at-bats, one run, two hits, two RBI's, one hit by pitch, and one stolen base.

Ashley Schofill had four plate appearances, three at-bats, one run, one hit, and one walk.

Whitney McKnight had four plate appearances, three at-bats, one run, one walk, and two strikeouts.

Michaela Metcalfe had four plate appearances, four at-bats, two runs, one hit,

one RBI, and one reach on error.

Whitney Stevens had four plate appearances, three at-bats, two runs, two hits, one walk, one strikeout, and one triple.

Hadley Revell had four plate appearances, four at-bats, one run, and two reach on errors.

Taylor Copeland had three plate appearances, three at-bats, two runs, two hits, one RBI, and one stolen base.

On the field, Aucilla had 21 total chances, six assists, 14 putouts, one error, and a fielding percentage of .952.

Metcalfe had six total chances, six putouts, and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

Joiner had three total chances, three assists, and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

McKnight had seven total chances, one assist, six putouts, and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

Schofill had one total chance, one assist, and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

Horne had one total chance, one putout, and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

Stevens had one total chance, one error, and a fielding percentage of .000.

Copeland had one total chance, one assist, and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

On the mound, Stevens had 16 outs, 5.1 innings pitched, 16 batters faced, 39 total strikes, a strike percentage of 81.2, nine total balls, one hit, five strikeouts, six ground outs, and three fly outs, on 48 pitches.

JV Lady Warriors Stand 5-4

FRAN HUNT
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Staff Writer

The Aucilla Christian Academy junior varsity Lady Warriors split the past four games on the diamond, to now stand 5-4 on the season.

On March the 7 Aucilla hosted Lincoln, and suffered a 14-4 loss. "The Lady Warriors played poorly all the way around," said Coach J'son Sullivan.

On the mound, Abigail Morgan faced 42 batters, striking out three in six and one third innings.

Ramsey Sullivan struck out one batter in relief, pitching two thirds of an inning. "In a less than stellar performance Aucilla committed five errors, while struggling at the plate," Coach Sullivan added.

Lee Lee Rogers, however, did not struggle at the plate, going three for four, with two doubles and driving in three runs.

Sullivan was two for three, driving in one run.

Natalie Sorensen, Abigail Morgan, Gaige Winchester, Katie James and Megan Schofill also had hits.

"We simply did not play well. The bright spot in the game was Rogers putting on a hitting display to all fields. The one time they did get her out, she hit an absolute bullet to the right fielder," said Coach Sullivan.

On March 8 the Lady Warriors traveled to Florida High, and suffered a 7-1 loss.

Sullivan took the circle for Aucilla and pitched fairly well. Facing 29 batters, she struck out three, while walking one, and giving up seven runs, only one of which was earned. She threw 86 pitches, 59 of which were strikes. Again the Warriors played poor defense committing six errors in the 7-1 loss.

"The Lady Warriors also left their bats back in Jefferson County, scratching out only four hits in the seven-inning contest," said Coach Sullivan.

Witmer, Sorensen, Monique Restrepo, and Winchester each had one hit, with Witmer driving in the lone Aucilla run.

"If you don't hit or play defense, it is tough to win softball games," Coach Sullivan added.

On March 11 the Lady Warriors took the hit squad on the road to take on Hamilton County, and Aucilla waltzed out with a 15-0 win.

Starting in the circle for the Lady War-

riors, Hightower pitched a nearly flawless two innings, striking out six batters and only giving up one hit. She threw only eight balls in the 28 pitches she needed to get through the two innings.

"With a large lead we got a chance to put in some other pitchers who had yet to pitch this season," said Coach Sullivan. Cali Burkett and Schofill made appearances and pitched well getting through the final three innings with little trouble."

At the plate, the Lady Warriors banded out 15 hits, scoring 15 runs.

Sorensen and Witmer led the Lady Warriors with three hits each.

Morgan, Winchester and Schofill had two hits each.

Burkett, Sullivan and Hightower each had one hit.

Sorensen and Morgan each had doubles in the game.

"The Lady Warriors looked good throughout in this game, and they seem to be improving with each practice," added Coach Sullivan.

On March 15 The Lady Warriors again traveled to Godby, and Aucilla tilted Godby for an 18-3 win.

Pitching for Aucilla, Sullivan pitched the first two innings, striking out five batters, giving up one hit, and one run. "She struggled a little bit with control, but she pitched good enough to win," said Coach Sullivan.

Rogers and Burkett also entered the circle for the Lady Warriors. In the last inning Burkett came in to pitch with the bases loaded and no outs. On her first pitch, the batter hit a weak line drive back to her, which she caught for the first out, she then turned and threw to Rogers at third to double off the runner that was there, then Rogers threw across the diamond to Morgan to complete the triple play. "One pitch, three outs. We practice that. We like to use our pitches efficiently," said Coach Sullivan.

At the plate the Lady Warriors' bats were hot.

Sullivan, Witmer, and Hightower each had two hits to lead the charge for Aucilla. Hightower and Sullivan also had two RBI's each.

Witmer, Sorensen and Sullivan each scored three times as well.

Other Lady Warriors with hits were, Morgan, Dena Bishop, Winchester, Cameron Grant and Schofill.

Morgan and Witmer each hit doubles in the contest.





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ACA MS Lady Warriors 5-2

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The Aucilla Christian Academy middle school Lady Warriors lost two of the past three games to now stand 4-2 on the season.

On March 4 the young Lady Warriors hit the diamond against Florida High, and Aucilla was knocked for a 20-8 loss.

The young Lady Warriors had four hits on 14 at-bats, with seven walks and one hit by pitch.

Camryn Grant had one single and one in-the-park home run.

Ashlyn Rogers had one in-the-park home run.

Megan Schofill and Katie James each had one single.

On March 7, the young Lady Warriors faced off

against Trinity Catholic, and Aucilla pranced out with a 13-0 victory.

The young Lady Warriors had 12 hits on 25 at-bats, with five walks, and one hit by pitch.

Cali Burkett went two for three, with two singles.

Grant was two for two, with two singles, and one hit by pitch.

Elizabeth Hightower went four for four, with two doubles, and two singles.

Summer Dee went two for four, with two singles.

Hanna Lewis went two for four at the plate, with two singles.

On the mound, Elizabeth Hightower pitched the entire game, striking out 14 of 15 batters for a perfect game.

The young Lady Warriors squared off against Madison Academy on

March 14, and Aucilla was tilted for an 11-4 loss.

Madison Academy dominated the contest with 13 hits on 29 at-bats, and excellent base running, pitching, and taking advantage of four errors on the Aucilla defense.

The young Lady Warriors had eight hits on 22 at-bats.

Grant was three for three at plate, with one triple, one double, and one single. w/1

Schofill was two for three, with one double, and one single.

Rogers was two for three, with two singles.

Abby Morgan went two for three, with one with one single.

On the mound, Morgan pitched, recording seven strikeouts and walking one batter.

School

Former ACA Alum Pilots ACA Senior Class Trip

LYNETTE NORRIS
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When Aucilla Christian Academy's Class (ACA) of 2013 left for their senior trip several weeks ago, they flew on a plane piloted by a former ACA graduate (Class of 1985) Ream Stokley for the first leg of their journey.

Stokley, the son of Louis and Jeannie Stokley of Monticello, grew up in Monticello; his grandparents, Bailey and Carmella "Minnie" Stokley, ran Stokley's Pecan House, a longtime fixture there. "We called her 'Minnie' because she was kind of petite," Stokley said of his grandmother. "But she was a real firecracker."

Ream Stokley has a Masters degree from the University of North Dakota in aeronautics, including space vehicle design, and says he can't remember a time when he didn't want to fly, especially in high school. After graduating he attended Huntingdon College in Montgomery Alabama, where he played on the collegiate golf team and then enrolled in the Air Force ROTC during his junior year. He served in the Air Force from 1990 until 1999, reaching the rank of major, but oddly enough, that wasn't where he learned to fly.

Part of it was the timing; 1990 was when the first Gulf War erupted, and Stokley found himself reclassified, along with about 3000 other Air Force pilot candidates. In his case, he was assigned as



The 2013 ACA senior class is seen with their pilot, Ream Stokley, whom is seen at the far left of the picture. Stokley, a Monticello native and a 1985 graduate of ACA, was the pilot of the ACA senior classes' flight from Jacksonville to Atlanta during their senior trip.

an officer on the crew in charge of ICBM launches and nuclear operations in North Dakota.

Flight school would not be in the cards until after he was out of the Air Force. Then, in the fall of 1999, he enrolled in San Juan College in Farmington, New Mexico. In December of 2000, just two days before Christmas, he

finally received his aviation degree.

As a former graduate of Aucilla Christian Academy, he came full circle as he flew 24 ACA seniors and their chaperones from Jacksonville to Atlanta, where he then walked them to the gate where they would board their next flight out to Colorado. While they waited

for their plane, he had a chance to chat with them for a few minutes.

"I think most of them were looking forward to seeing snow for the first time," he said. "Many of them, having grown up in Florida, had never seen snow, before."

Stokley has a lot of fond memories of ACA, where he played for the

football, basketball, and golf teams. Some of his favorite memories, he says, are of the good times he shared with his friends and classmates. He has stayed in touch with almost everyone he knew from back then.

"It was a small school in a small community," he said. He cherished those good times with his

friends and now cherishes the memories in this still small world where he has now flown a few children of some of his old classmates on their senior trip. Someday, the class of 2013 will look back on their own memories of times shared with friends and classmates, and the senior trip will undoubtedly be a highlight.

ACA Seniors Travel To Keystone Colorado

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The Aucilla Christian Academy senior class traveled on their annual senior trip at the end of February. The seniors departed on Sunday, February 24 from Jacksonville and arrived by

plane in Denver that night. They then took a two-hour charter bus to their final location, Keystone, Colorado.

The students spent their first day, Monday, checking out the sights at Keystone. They then spent Tuesday each tak-

ing skiing or snow boarding lessons. Some of the students had some experience at skiing or snowboarding, so they were able to ski down the mountain side, about 3.5 miles from top to bottom, by the end of the day. That evening the class

went ice-skating.

Wednesday and Thursday the students were able to perfect their skiing and snowboarding skills and enjoy more time on the slopes. The students were also able to see snow showers at most every day of the

trip. Brandi Hughes, ACA teacher, added, "I think the highest temperature while we were at Keystone was 18 degrees and the low was -2 degrees." On Thursday evening the students were able to go night snow tubing, skiing and

snow boarding.

The students began their travel home on Friday. While taking their morning ride back to Denver, the students were able to see buffalo and mule deer. They arrived back in Florida on Friday evening, March 1.



Preparing to hit the slopes are some of the senior ACA boys. From left to right are: Russell Fraleigh, Kaleb Wyche, Josh Wood and Austin Malloy.



Josh Wood snowboards during the ACA senior trip to Keystone.



Brooke Kinsley (left) and Whitney McKnight (right) take a quick picture before going ice-skating.



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ACA seniors prepare to go snow tubing during their senior trip.

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From The Desk Of The Superintendent

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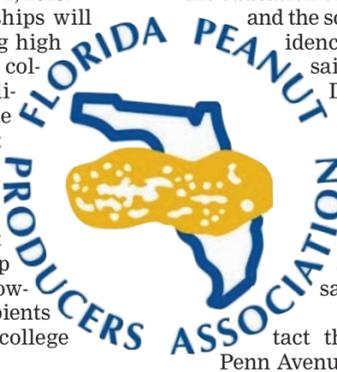
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Each winner will receive \$600 when the scholarship winners are announced. The remaining \$600 will be awarded after the completion of one semester and documentation of passing grades is submitted to the FPPA Office.

"The Florida Peanut Producers Association is committed to helping further the education of young people in Florida and the scholarship program is evidence of our commitment," said Ken Barton, Executive Director of the FPPA.



"The FPPA welcomes all applicants. The final selection will be made by the committee and all applicants will be notified by mail, as will the scholarship winners," said Barton.

For an application contact the FPPA office at 2741 Penn Avenue, Suite 1, Marianna, FL 32448, call (850) 526-2590 or you can print the application off the FPPA website www.flpeanuts.com. The Scholarship applications must be postmarked no later than July 1, 2013.

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From the desk of Edna Henry,
District Parent Involvement Coordinator

ENGAGED PARENTS AND COMMUNITIES MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Being an involved parent, I strongly believe and also recognize that the family is the primary influence in a child's life. However, a child's education is also a responsibility that should be shared by school staff and the community during the entire time the child is in school. Families, communities and school staff must work as knowledgeable partners, but the Parents must play a positive role in providing for student success.

Don't be afraid to be-

come engaged in our schools. Families that are engaged and good community support are the foundation of a child's life. Children need healthy environments to do their best at school and elsewhere. They need to know what is expected of them and how to behave. They also need to know that when things don't go as they had hoped, the family and community are there to let them know they can still survive.

A structured, stable household along with engaged parents and communities can help our children perform better in

school. Discipline is a part of the structure, which should be used to teach, not to punish. As parents, we should set rules, see that they are enforced and let children know they should always obey. Children should be taught that there are consequences when rules are not followed.

I firmly believe that children should always be complimented for good behavior, accomplishments and progress as much as possible by Parents, Communities and School Staff. Praises can bring more commitment than criticism to any Family.

Public Invited To Gallery Talk And Art Reception With Artist Paho Mann Thursday, April 18 At NFCC

The North Florida Community College Art Department invites the public to a gallery talk and art reception with artist Paho Mann on Thursday, April 18 from 12-1:30 p.m. at the Hardee Center for the Arts (Bldg. 11, NFCC campus). Mann will discuss his featured work in the Hardee Center's April exhibit entitled "Paho Mann: Amassed". Light refreshments will be served.

"I invite everyone to stop in April 18 to meet our featured artist Paho Mann," said Lisa Thompson, NFCC Art Instructor and Gallery Director. "Mann's work invites us to reexamine everyday objects and consider how we individually participate in consumerism."

The exhibition includes images from three of Mann's projects: The Phoenix Recycling Project, a public art project originally commissioned by the city of Phoenix to be displayed at a large recycling transfer station in Phoenix, Arizona; One Dollar Electronics, a grid of twenty-four photographs of small electronics manufactured in China and sold for \$1 in stores in Dallas, Texas; and Junk Drawers, a typology of the nearly ubiquitous catch-all drawer in where we put objects that don't have a specific place.

"Central to my understanding of the works in this exhibition, is that looking at what we own and consume can reveal something about our identity and culture, and that this examination underlines the importance of making thoughtful choices in what we do with these objects," said Mann.

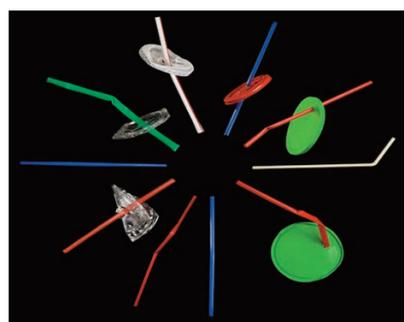
Mann's work investigates the physical manifestation of individuality, using both traditional photographic practices and contemporary digital technology. His work has been included in exhibitions at the Arizona State University Art Museum (Tempe, AZ), Tucson Museum of Art (Tucson, AZ), Walker Art Center (Minneapolis, MN) and the Carnegie Museum of Art (Pittsburgh, PA) among others. Mann's work is included in the Tucson Museum of Art's permanent collection and has been commissioned for public art projects by the city of Phoenix.

Mann was born in 1978 on his par-



ents homestead near Snowflake, Arizona. In 1992 he moved with his family to Albuquerque, New Mexico where in 2001 he received a BFA from the University of New Mexico. He received his MFA from Arizona State University in 2007. Currently, Mann lives and works in Dallas, Texas where he is an Assistant Professor of Photography at the University of North Texas.

The "Paho Mann: Amassed" exhibit is open now through April 30 at NFCC's Hardee Center for the Arts. Regular gallery hours are Monday and Wednesday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information, contact NFCC Art Instructor and Gallery Director Lisa Thompson at (850) 973-1642 or ThompsonL@nfcc.edu. More information is also available at www.nfcc.edu/departments/academics/hardee-center-for-the-arts. More information about Paho Mann can be found on his website www.pahomann.com.



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
 Nationstar Mortgage, LLC
 Plaintiff,
 -VS-
 Terry L. Gilmore, Jr. a/k/a Terry Gilmore and Shalimar Gilmore, Husband and Wife et al.
 Defendant(s).
 Case#: 2011-CA-000323

NOTICE OF ACTION FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS-PROPERTY TO: Terry L. Gilmore, Jr. a/k/a Terry Gilmore; ADDRESS UNKNOWN BUT WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS IS: 2511 Old Lloyd Road, Monticello, FL 32344 and Shalimar Gilmore; ADDRESS UNKNOWN BUT WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS IS: 2511 Old Lloyd Road, Monticello, FL 32344
 Residence unknown, if living, including any unknown spouse of the said Defendants, if either has remarried and if either or both of said Defendants are dead, their respective unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, creditors, lienors, and trustees, and all other persons claiming by, through, under or against the named Defendant(s); and the aforementioned named Defendant(s) and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendants and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendants as may be infants, incompetents or otherwise not sui juris.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been commenced to foreclose a mortgage on the following real property, lying and being and situated in Jefferson County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:
 COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST, JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA AND RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 51 SECONDS EAST 440.02 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST 709.73 FEET FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING CONTINUE NORTH 00 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST 514.23 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD 158-A, THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 34 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE, 420.40 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 40 SECONDS EAST 510.53 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST 430.63 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

more commonly known as 2511 Old Lloyd Road, Monticello, FL 32344.
 This action has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, upon SHAPIRO, FISHMAN & CACHE, LLP, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is 4630 Woodland Corporate Blvd., Suite 100, Tampa, FL 33614, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this notice and file the original with the clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
 WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on the 4th day of February, 2013.
 KIRK REAMS
 Circuit and County Courts
 By Sherry Sears
 Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator; 301 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32301; (850) 577 4430 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification of the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. 3/29, 4/5/13

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

Green Tree Servicing LLC
 Plaintiff,
 -vs-
 Shawn Cecil Holland a/k/a Shawn Holland; Sherry Ann Holland
 Defendant(s).
 Case #: 2010-CA-000219

NOTICE OF SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order dated March 14, 2013, entered in Civil Case No. 2010-CA-000219 of the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for Jefferson County, Florida, wherein Green Tree Servicing LLC, Plaintiff and Shawn Cecil Holland a/k/a Shawn Holland are defendant(s), I, Clerk of Court, Kirk Reams, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash ON THE FRONT STEPS OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF U.S. 90 AND 19, JEFFERSON COUNTY, MONTICELLO, FLORIDA, AT 11:00 A.M. on April 25, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

TRACT 3: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 5 EAST, JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND RUN NORTH 0 DEGREES 09 MINUTES WEST, 330.0 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 648.0 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE SOUTH 33 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 223.5 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTHWESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF STATE ROAD 146, THENCE NORTH 28 DEGREES 40 MINUTES EAST 306.54 FEET, ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SAID POINT BEING ON THE NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF A 60-FOOT WIDE ROAD, THENCE NORTH 33 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST 215.53 FEET, ALONG SAID ROAD TO A POINT, THENCE NORTH 56 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST, 40.72 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE SOUTH 75 DEGREES 36 MINUTES EAST 177.31 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTHWESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF STATE ROAD 146, THENCE SOUTH 28 DEGREES 40 MINUTES WEST 180.0 FEET, ALONG SAID ROAD TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, BEING A PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 5 EAST, AND TRACT 16: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 5 EAST, JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND RUN NORTH 0 DEGREES 09 MINUTES WEST, 330.0 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 648.0 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE SOUTH 33 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 223.5 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTHWESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF STATE ROAD 146, THENCE NORTH 28 DEGREES 40 MINUTES EAST 486.54 FEET, ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE NORTH 75 DEGREES 36 MINUTES WEST 177.31 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST BOUNDARY OF A PROPOSED 60-FOOT WIDE ROAD, THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 16 SECONDS WEST 86.22 FEET, ALONG SAID PROPOSED ROAD TO A POINT, THENCE DUE EAST 201.49 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 21 SECONDS EAST 75.33 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTHWESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF STATE ROAD 146, THENCE SOUTH 28 DEGREES 40 MINUTES WEST 62.68 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, BEING A PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 5 EAST.

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.

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Kirk Reams
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 Jefferson County, Florida
 Sherry Sears
 DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT 3/29, 4/5/13

NOTICE
 THE SCHOOL BOARD OF JEFFERSON COUNTY announces a Regular Board meeting to be held on Monday, April 8, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Board Room located at 1490 W. Washington Street, Monticello, FL. An agenda may be viewed by visiting the District's website at www.edline.net/pages/jcsb. The public is encouraged to call their offices with any questions/concerns Monday thru Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; (850) 342-0100. 4/5/13

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
 NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC
 Plaintiff,
 -VS-
 JAMES K. STEINMETZ AKA JAMES STEINMETZ, et al.,
 Defendants.
 CASE NO. 33-2012-CA-000204

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment entered in Case No. 33-2012-CA-000204 of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Jefferson County, Florida, wherein, NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff, and, JAMES K. STEINMETZ AKA JAMES STEINMETZ, et al., are Defendants. The Clerk will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the Jefferson County Courthouse, North Steps, 1 Courthouse Circle, Monticello, FL 32344 at the hour of 11:00AM on the 16th day of May, 2013, the following described property:
LOT 42, IRAMATHA FARMS SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK B, PAGE 88, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 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 this 16th day of March, 2013.
 KIRK REAMS
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 By: Sherry Sears
 Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT
 If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of Court Administration at (850) 577-4431 or at the Leon County Courthouse, Room 228, 301 S. Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301 within 2 working days of receipt of a notice compelling you to appear at a court proceeding. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
 The ADA Coordinator for the courts in Leon County is Doug Smith. He may be reached at (850) 577-4444 or through the Florida Press Service, LTD at 1-800-955-8771. The address for the Office of Court Administration in Leon County Courthouse, 301 S. Monroe Street, Room 228, Tallahassee, FL 32301. In all other counties in the circuit please contact the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office and ask for the ADA Coordinator. The clerk's number is included on each county page.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA
 U.S. BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR MANUFACTURED HOUSING CONTRACT SENIOR/SUBORDINATE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATE TRUST 1997-6, acting by and through GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC, in its capacity as Servicer
 7360 S. Kyrene Road
 Tempe, AZ 85283
 Plaintiff,
 CASE NO: 12-123-CA
 -vs-
 SHARON B. JONES, et al.,
 Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to Plaintiff's Final Summary of Foreclosure entered in the above-captioned action, I will sell the property situated in Jefferson County, Florida, described as follows, to-wit:

LOT 21, NOBLES ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF MONTICELLO, FLORIDA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK "B", PAGE(S) 19, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA; TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1992, 48 x 27 CHANDELEUR MOBILE HOME, SERIAL NUMBER CH14L03046A&B, Commonly known as: 470 ALABAMA STREET, MONTICELLO, FLORIDA 32344.
 at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash on the at the Jefferson County Courthouse, 1 Courthouse Circle, North Steps, Monticello, Florida 32344, at 11:00 AM (EST), on the 16th day of May, 2013.

If you are a subordinate lien holder claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the Clerk of Court no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim, you will not be entitled to any remaining funds.
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Clerk of the Circuit Court
 By: Sherry Sears
 Deputy Clerk 4/5,12/13

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The Week of April 5, 2013 through April 12, 2013
Major Feed Times are marked by an asterisk (*)

Friday, April 5 3:20 AM *9:30 AM 3:30 PM *9:50 PM	Saturday, April 6 4:10 AM *10:10 AM 4:20 PM *10:30 PM	Sunday, April 7 4:50 AM *10:55 AM 5:10 PM *11:20 PM	Monday, April 8 5:30 AM *11:40 AM 5:50 PM
Tuesday, April 9 *12:00 AM 6:20 AM *12:20 PM 6:30 PM	Wednesday, April 10 *12:45 AM 7:00 PM *1:10 PM 7:10 PM	Thursday, April 11 *1:30 AM 6:40 PM *1:55 PM 8:00 PM	Friday, April 12 *2:20 AM 8:30 AM *2:45 PM 9:00 PM

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Sea-Turtle Nesting Begins With Post-Storm Issues At Play

Marine-turtle nesting season began in March on Florida beaches from Brevard through Broward counties, although two leatherbacks laying their eggs in late February got a head start. May 1 marks the official start in other coastal counties.

This year, Florida's nesting sea turtles face specific challenges due to the aftereffects of Hurricane Sandy, which slammed the Atlantic coast last October, and Tropical Storm Debby, which hit the Gulf coast in June 2012.

"The impact of two strong storms last year and the resulting beach re-nourishment and repairs have altered many Florida beaches where sea turtles nest," said Dr. Robbin Trindell, who is responsible for sea turtle management at the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC). "Changes in the coastal landscape, such as a shallower strip of sandy beach or an unnatural profile, can make it more challenging for sea turtles to successfully lay their eggs and pro-

duce hatchlings," she said. The FWC reminds beachgoers that it is illegal to disturb sea turtles, their nests or hatchlings. The loggerhead is listed as a federally threatened species, and the leatherback and green turtle are federally endangered species. State law restricts things like beach renourishment and repairs on structures such as seawalls during nesting season, which continues through October.

Coastal residents and visitors can help ensure successful nesting of threatened and endangered sea turtles by:

- Ensuring beach-repair work is completed before nesting turtles arrive;
- Removing all equipment, beach furniture and other potential obstructions from the beach at night, when nesting females and hatchlings need to move unimpeded across the sand;
- Managing artificial light at night, by turning off lights when not in use, closing curtains and shades, and shielding lights needed for human safety so no light is



visible from the beach.

Nesting and hatchling sea turtles may become confused by artificial nighttime lighting and head in the wrong direction when trying to find the water. If confused hatchlings end up heading landward instead of toward the sea, they often die from dehydration, get run over or become prey for raccoons, ghost crabs and fire ants.

Each year, about 2,500 FWC-permitted volunteers patrol more than 800 miles of sandy shoreline around the state on a regular basis, scanning the beach for leatherback, loggerhead and green turtle nests. The Marine Turtle Permit Holders mark and count nests and educate the public about protecting turtles, eggs and hatchlings.

Eggs in most nests will have finished incubation and hatch by the official close of nesting season on Oct. 31, although green turtles may continue laying eggs into October, keeping volunteers busy.

Last year was a good one for sea turtle nesting on Florida beaches, especially for loggerheads, which had a record number of nests statewide. Based on a monitoring program the FWC began in 1989, loggerhead nesting had continued a positive overall trend after several years of decline. Leatherback and green turtle nesting also had improved.

To help conserve sea turtles, people can donate \$5 and receive a sea turtle decal or just learn more about sea turtles at MyFWC.com/Sea-Turtle.

FWC To Unveil Photo Contest, Launch 'Lionfish Control Month' With Twitter Chat

The lionfish have invaded, and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) wants the public to join its Lionfish Control Team for the month of April.

This nonnative, invasive species has infiltrated state waters and has great potential to negatively impact Florida's reefs and wildlife. These fish not only prey on native species, they also compete for food with economically important species such as grouper and snapper, and they can disrupt the balance of native populations, ultimately causing a cascade effect that can alter habitats.

Have you caught a lionfish? Photographed one? Want to know more about the lionfish problem? Join the FWC's live Twitter chat from 1 to 2 p.m. Thursday, March 28.

To participate, sign in to Twitter and follow



@MyFWCLife or #FWCLionfish. The chat will feature experts, including FWC Division of Marine Fisheries Management biological scientist Mason Smith and public information specialist Amanda Nalley.

During the chat, the

FWC will unveil its "Lionfish Control Team" photo contest. Tune in Thursday to find what your reward will be for submitting a photo.

Learn more about lionfish at MyFWC.com/Non-natives; click on "Marine Life."

Free Hunter Safety Internet-Completion Course In Jefferson County

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is offering a free hunter safety Internet-completion course in Jefferson County.

The course will be at the Beau Turner Youth Conservation Center, 9194 S. Jefferson Highway, Monticello. Instruction is from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 14.

Students must complete the Internet course before coming to class and bring a copy of the final report from the online portion of the course. The final report form does not have to be notarized.

An adult must accompany children under the age of 16 at all times. Students should bring a pencil and paper with them to take notes.

Successful completion of an approved



hunter safety course is required for people born on or after June 1, 1975, before they can purchase a Florida hunting license. The FWC course satisfies hunter safety training requirements for all other states and Canadian provinces.

People interested in attending this course can register online and obtain information about future hunter safety classes at MyFWC.com/Hunter-Safety or by calling the FWC's regional office in Panama City at 850-265-3676.



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