

New Courthouse Circle Kiosk Highlights Town's Offerings

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The courthouse square has a new addition on the northeast corner, compliments of Main Street Monticello and the Tourist Development Council (TDC).

The addition is an attractive, weatherproof informational kiosk that serves both to promote local businesses and inform visitors (as well as residents) of the town's many offerings and happenings.

On one side of the kiosk, behind glass, is displayed a large color-coded map of Monticello identifying its many businesses and points-of-interests. These numbered sites are categorized under the listings of dining, shopping, services, realty and landmarks.

On the other side, also behind glass, is an area available to the public for the display of advertisements, flyers, posters and other promotional information relative to coming events.

The kiosk is additionally being fitted with 24 weatherproof boxes that



ECB Publishing Photo by Laz Aleman, April 30, 2013
Main Street Monticello representative Margie Stern and Dr. Anne Holt, president and program manager respectively, show off the newly erected kiosk on the northeast area of the courthouse circle.

will be available to businesses and organizations for the display of brochures. And installation of lighting is supposedly in the works for the illumination of the kiosk at night, so that its information is easily visible.

The kiosk is located

on the northeast corner of the courthouse circle in front of the Farmers & Merchants Bank annex. Main Street Monticello President Margie Stern, whose red-painted shop The Peddler's Marketplace sits nearby, is gatekeeper, insofar as what

materials get displayed in the promotional display case.

Stern is asking for community input to help her organization keep the kiosk's information accurate, current and viable.

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City Officials Take Up Issue Of Alcohol Sales On May 7



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The Monticello City Council is expected to take up the issue of the Sunday sale of alcohol beverages at its meeting on Tuesday evening, May 7.

City Clerk Emily Anderson said last week that City Attorney Bruce Leinback is expected to present the council with language for various options.

Among the possibilities the council can choose: Leave the current ordinance as is; clean up some of its existing inconsistencies but otherwise leave it intact; lift the ban on the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sunday but establish limited hours for the permitted sale of alcoholic beverages; limit the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sundays to only package stores; or do like the county and completely lift the ban.

The council, Anderson observed, never really gave Leinback a clear indication of which way it wanted to go at the workshop that it held on Thursday, April 11, to discuss the issue. Hence, the various options that Leinback is offering.

The council did, however, indicate at the workshop that it planned to hold hearings on the matter and solicit the public's input.

Mayor Idella Scott told the *Journal* that the workshop had revealed a basic division within the council on the issue. She said the public hearings should help council members make a decision one way or the other.

City officials signaled a willingness to take up consideration of the ban on April 2, at

which time they scheduled the workshop, both in recognition of the county's earlier lifting of its longstanding ban and in response to the specific requests of several city merchants, who claimed the city's ban was putting them at a disadvantage with merchants in both the county and in surrounding counties.

The merchants' specific arguments for the lifting of the ban were based on reasons of fairness, economic development, convenience to city residents desiring to purchase alcoholic beverages on Sundays, and changing demographics and attitudes in the population that they said argued for lifting of the ban.

Even so, a couple of council members expressed concern at the time, particularly with regard to the potential impact that the sale of alcoholic beverages might have on the peace and quiet of certain neighborhoods.

"If we do this thing in the city, it's going to start impacting neighborhoods," said Councilman George Evans, voicing that concern.

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 1970s. Two previous attempts to lift the ban in the 1990s failed. This time around, however, when Lloyd truck stop owner/manager Arun Kundra proposed the idea, its time had seemingly come.

Man Charged With Lewd And Lascivious On 7-Year Old

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A county man was arrested last week and charged with lewd and lascivious acts on a person less than 12 years of age, after rubbing a seven-year old.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office (JCSO) reported that on April 21, Investigator Logan Wilcox contacted Investigator Kevin Sears involving a lewd and lascivious complaint involving a juvenile.

Investigator Wilcox contacted the Department of Children and Families (DCF), and he was assisted by JCSO Deputy OJ Sloan, and DCF Investigator Chuck McGillian.

Investigator Wilcox informed Investigator Sears that he had made contact with the mother of the child when he arrived on the scene. The mother stated that she found some pictures of nude adult women when she used the phone of Ellis Thames Lewis, 26, of Jefferson County. She also found a

picture of a young girl who appeared to be around the age of her daughter, in a two-piece leopard print bathing suit.

When she confronted Ellis about the pictures, he said he downloaded them off the Internet. He then took the phone from the mother and deleted the pictures.

As a result of what she observed on the phone, she became concerned for her daughter. She questioned her daughter and asked if he had ever touched her inappropriately, and the daughter confirmed that he had. She asked where he touched her and she pointed between her legs. She asked her child when he did that, and she told her mother that it happened while the mother was at church.

On April 22, Investigator Sears went to Child Protective Services in reference to the child's interview. During the interview, the child de-

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Committee Proposed To Vet Project For Restore Funding

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The Jefferson County Commission is making plans to appoint a seven-member committee to vet projects for which Restore Act funding is being sought, meaning monies arising out of the BP oil spill and the company's settlement with the federal government.

Commissioner Betsy Barfield is the county's point person on the Gulf Consortium, the legal entity created by 23 of Florida coastal counties that were impacted by the oil spill to one degree or other and are seeking remuneration for the disaster.

Barfield emphasized the importance of forming the committee at a recent commission meeting. She noted that others of the consortium counties vying for the Restore Act funding were already well advanced in the process and had even submitted projects.

"I ask that each com-

missioner submit a list of three people whom they would like to see serve on this committee," Barfield said, explaining that individuals would then be selected from the commissioners' lists to form six-member committee, underneath which would serve informal sub-committees.

Barfield intended her six-member committee to correspond with the six areas of funding under the Restore Act, with each member representing a particular area of expertise. Among the six areas of Restore Act funding, she identified job creation, economic development, environmental restoration and tourism.

"This committee would review projects that come under pot 1," Barfield said, explaining that pot 1 represented BP monies coming directly to the county, as opposed to pots 2, 3 and 4, which were competitive in nature and regional and multi-state

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National Poll Finds Local Officials Most Responsive

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City and county officials can take hope from a recent nationwide poll that found voters find local governments the most responsive to their needs.

The Mason-Dixon poll -- which was conducted on behalf of the National League of Cities (NLC) and canvassed 1,000 registered voters across the country -- reportedly found that "voters trust local government to address the issues that most matter to them more than any other level of government."

"This poll confirms the strength of our nation's cities and towns and their efficiency in managing the various needs of our diverse communities," NLC Executive Director Clarence Anthony was quoted saying. "Local governments are trusted to address the issues that are critical to the everyday lives of Americans."

The poll results indicated that when it came to trust, 37 percent of voters trusted local government the most, versus 22 percent for state government and 12 percent for the federal government.

It found that women put more faith in local government than men; and that those with the most trust in local government and the least in the federal govern-

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Rainfall Varies Across District During March

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Rainfall averages across the Suwannee River Water Management District (SRWMD) were mixed during March, with certain areas receiving below their long-term averages and others receiving typical totals for the time of year.

So indicates the latest hydrologic conditions report from the SRWMD. The report shows the average rainfall across the district in March was 2.96 inches, which is 64 percent of the long-term March average of 4.52 inches.

Meanwhile, the average rainfall for the 12-month period ending March 31 was 60.87 inches, or 6.26 inches higher than the long-term average of

54.61 inches.

The figures show Jefferson County received 3.73 inches of rainfall in March, compared with the March average of 5.72 inches. The county received 57.39 inches of rainfall during the last 12 months, or 102 percent of the annual normal.

Madison County, meanwhile, received 3.86 inches in March, compared with the March average of 4.36 inches. Madison County received 59.29 inches during the last 12 months, or 102 percent of the annual normal.

River levels generally rose and then fell steadily after cresting, with late month storms in South Georgia causing slight

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Reporter Hired, Column Revived

On April 18, the *Monticello News* hired Amber Houston as its newest reporter.

Houston is a 20-year-old native of Tallahassee, who lives in Monticello with her fiancé, Nicholas Jones, and border collie, Fetch.

She has served as the State Editor, State Historian, and National Editor of the Junior Classical League. She has served as a staff writer, Assistant News Editor and News Editor of the Tomahawk Talk, the newspaper of Florida High School in Tallahassee.

"I have been encouraged to revive the column, 'Rememberin' the Good Ole Days,'" said Houston. "I think it is a wonderful idea, and I would be grateful for volunteers."



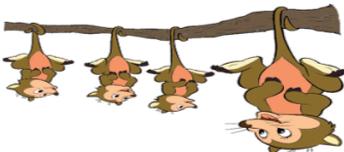
Amber Houston, the newest reporter at the Monticello News.

If you would like to volunteer to be interviewed for the column and can remember childhood fun in Monticello or the surrounding areas, please call the *Monticello News* at (850) 997-3568 to set up an appointment.

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Great Save Friday

ECB Publishing Photo By Debbie Snapp, April 26, 2013.
 One never knows what the cat's going to bring home! Pictured here is Glenda Slater with an opossum that her co-worker's cat brought home on Friday morning.



Confederate Memorial Day



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Confederate Memorial Day was held on Sunday, April 28 at the Old Monticello "1827 City" Cemetery, hosted by the Kate Dilworth Scott Chapter #2496 Daughters of the Confederacy, with the Major Pickens Bird Camp 1327 Sons of Confederate Veterans presenting a program. Together with friends and family they gathered to honor those who fought for what they believed in... whether they be Confederate or Union soldiers.

A ceremony was held with the Presentation of Colors lead by Chris Wilson and the Camp Honor Guard, carrying the

American Flag and the Confederate Flag. After pledging allegiance to the American Flag and saluting the Confederate Flag, Dr. Jim Sledge gave the invocation. Guest Speaker was Jack Carswell, a well versed local historian who spoke on the importance of remembering and taking pride in our ancestors and our history. He also encouraged the local community to increase its attendance at this important event in the future. This is the 152nd Anniversary of the Civil War.

The SCV was founded in 1896 to honor and preserve the history and heritage of Confederate soldiers, sailors and marines and is the direct

heir of the United Confederate Veterans, and the oldest hereditary organization for male descendants of Confederate soldiers. Mrs. Charles Williams of Columbus, GA is credited with convincing nine southern state Legislatures to set aside one day a year to be designated as Confederate Memorial Day. Georgia was the first state to do so in 1874. Most states observe Confederate Memorial Day on April 26 which is the day in 1865 that Confederate General Joseph E Johnston surrendered to Union General William Sherman in North Carolina thereby ending the War Between the States.

Take a moment and remember those in gray and butternut who believed in state rights enough to fight and die for those rights and understood duty as "the most sublime word in the English language."

After the ceremony, Post Commander Roger Champion, invited the children in attendance to place flags and flowers on soldier's graves while the adult attendees visited and enjoyed light refreshments.



Miss and Teen Miss Watermelon Queen Pageant Slated For June 1 • 7:00 p.m. Baby To Tween Pageant June 1 • 10:00 a.m.

The Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that the Watermelon Festival Pageants will be held on Saturday, June 1, at the old Jefferson County High School auditorium, located on South Water Street. This year's pageants will include age divisions from birth through 24 years old.

The Baby to Tween pageant will be held on June 1 at 10 a.m. The age divisions are: 0-11 months old (separate division for boys and girls); 12-23 months old (separate division for boys and girls); 2-3 years old (separate division for boys and girls); 4-6 years old; 7-9 years old; and 10-12 years old. Each girl/boy will compete in the "formal wear" competition only.

The Teen Miss Watermelon and Miss Watermelon pageant will be held at 7 p.m. on June 1.

The Teen Miss Watermelon division is for girls ages 13-15 years old. Each young lady will compete in sportswear and an evening gown competition.

The Miss Water-



melon Queen division is for girls ages 16-24. The Miss contestants will be judged during a private interview, a sportswear competition and an evening gown competition.

Each contestant must reside, work or go to school in Jefferson County in order to participate.

Every contestant will receive a trophy and the queens in each division will receive a crown, trophy and sash.

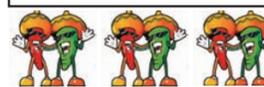
There is a \$50 entry fee to enter the pageant. The absolute deadline to enter the pageant is May 17. Applications may be picked up at the Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce and the Monticello News Office.

For more information please contact the pageant chairman, Emerald Greene, at 997-3568, 973-4141, 973-3497 or 464-0865.

Katrina's Kitchens Wins Again



Katrina FitzSimmons with Katrina's Kitchens took first place for the 'Most Unique and Interesting Chili' in the Bluegrass Chili Cookoff in Perry, on Saturday, April 6, 2013; winning her \$350 and recognition for Jefferson County. She was one of 18 participants. She also took third place in 'Best Overall Chili.' The most important hour of each day is the dinner hour with your family.



Avalon Plantation Relay Team Raffle Winners

The Avalon Plantation Relay For Life Team held a fundraiser, selling raffle tickets for a chance to be the star in a hunting video shot by Game Changers Media... and Jason Sullivan was the winner. Sullivan received an early morning guided turkey hunt on Avalon Plantation during the 2013 Spring Gobble Season. A second drawing was held for a Hunting Gift Basket; Jodi Tillman won it. Pictured from left to right are: Perry and Chrissy Lastinger and Debbie Snapp.



STINGERS

Why is it that those that support foreign wars are the same ones that want to take our guns & open the borders?? Yes, I'm talking about John McCain and Lindsey Graham and their group of 8.

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Already, Stern says, viewers have pointed out that a couple of the town's businesses are missing from the map.

Fortunately, the map is still in its preliminary stage and can be easily corrected, she says. But please, she urges community members, "give us your input and feedback." Funding for the kiosk came from a \$1,000 Cultural Heritage and Nature Tourism Marketing Grant that Visit Florida awarded to the TDC and Main Street Monticello last June.

Main Street and the TDC then jointly contributed \$750 for the con-

struction of the kiosk and the purchase of the printed materials. Credit also goes to David "Ben" Baylor for the design and construction of the kiosk.

TDC Coordinator Nancy Wideman and Main Street Monticello Program Manager Dr. Anne Holt wrote the grant application that resulted in the \$1,000 grant award.

"We were pleased that Visit Florida and Enterprise Florida selected us from among a large number of grant applicants during their most competitive grant cycle to date," Wideman told the Journal last June.

Visit Florida is the state's official tourism marketing corporation that serves to promote Florida as a destination point nationally and internationally. It also helps the state's many tourism businesses and destinations market themselves more effectively and affordably.

At the local level, meanwhile, the TDC and Main Street Monticello work cooperatively to increase visitors to the area, with the former focusing on attracting outside visitors and the latter concentrating on the revitalization of the downtown district.

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rises in flows at the end of the month. The Aucilla River, for its part, remained at or above flood stage throughout the month.

Lake levels, for their part, remained stable throughout the month, with the exception of Snead Smokehouse Lake, which rose to its highest level since Tropical Storm Fay in 2008.

As for groundwater levels, they generally rose

in the northern and central parts of the district and fell in the southern part.

The National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center's three-month outlook indicates a probability of below-normal precipitation throughout June in north Florida.

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

The hydrologic conditions report is a compilation 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.

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scribed how Ellis had rubbed her "too-too." McGillian asked the child what she meant by "too-too" and she said the bottom part you use to go to the bathroom.

He asked her if she was wearing clothes at the time and she said she was wearing pants and panties. She said Ellis had

put his hand in her pants and under her panties and rubbed her.

She also said that Ellis warned her not to tell anyone about what he was doing because he might go to jail and her grandpa would want to kill him.

The child stated that there was another occa-

sion when he reached down the back of her pants and rubbed her rectum area.

Lewis was arrested April 25 and charged with lewd and lascivious acts on a person less than 12 years of age. Bond was withheld and he remained at the County Jail April 30.

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in scope.

The committee, she said, would conduct the initial review and vetting of proposed projects, which project would then go to the commission for further review and ultimately to the consortium for final approval.

In the final analysis, the commission decided instead to create a seven-member committee, with five of its members to be commission appointed,

and one a city appointee and the other a school district appointee.

The commissioners then agreed to bring their respective nominees for the committee to the meeting on Tuesday morning, May 7.

April 20 marked the three-year anniversary of the Deepwater Horizon explosion and oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, considered the largest accidental marine oil spill in the history

of the petroleum industry. The explosion and sinking of the Deepwater Horizon oilrig in April 2010 claimed 11 lives and discharged an estimated 4.9 million barrels of oil into the ocean floor before finally being capped 87 days later.

The spill wrecked havoc on estuaries, harmed commercial fishing, marred beaches and adversely impacted the region's general economic viability and its tourism.

Poll

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ent were men and women between the ages of 35 and 49.

In contrast to the results for the federal government, the poll found that trust in local government was solid across political party lines, "with 32 percent of Democrats, 39 percent of Independents and 40 percent of Republicans saying they

trusted local government most."

State government, in turn, was most trusted by 26 percent of Republicans, 21 percent of Independents and 19 percent of Democrats.

"While trust in the federal government appears to be fractured and tragically low, this survey shows that when it comes

to getting the job done on critical issues in people's lives, voters firmly entrust their local leaders to represent them best," a spokesman for the NLC was quoted saying. "Voters would rather have the issues they care about addressed by their local leaders who are neighbors whom they know and trust."

The results, according to the NLC, underscored that local governments are considered the closest to the people in terms of proximity and accessibility, providing a more uncomplicated path to influence legislation while addressing specific issues that affect their constituents' daily lives.

Small Business Development Program A Success Story

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MainStreet Monticello Florida held a community gathering on Monday evening, at the Avera Clarke B&B, with many from the community attending. The program was about new, small businesses in Jefferson County. Several of these businesses owners were in attendance, and spoke briefly to the audience about how they are doing and how the Small Business Development Program continues to help them with their business success.

Program Director Dr. Dallas Garrett has had 171 individuals come to him for assistance with a business idea in his first year with the program. The program was officially started in late April 2012. The largest number of clients Dr. Garrett has ever had come to him in one year was 176 in Galax, VA. in 2008, and he is sure to exceed that number by April 30 here in Jefferson County.

21 of the individuals who completed a business plan have been funded for over \$900,000. 17 other businesses that have completed business plans are in the process of seeking funding at over \$3.5 million.

Many empty buildings in the downtown Monticello area have been filled with new businesses and many more will be filled as new businesses are funded. The number of jobs created to date is 34 fulltime equivalent jobs, with some businesses hiring as many as 10 part-time individuals per week; divide the total weekly hours by 40 to determine the fulltime equivalent numbers.

What he has been able to accomplish to date is to place Jefferson County in a transition mode for the next phase of business growth. The goal is not to compete with WalMart or any of the other big box



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stores, but to meet the needs of both the visitors and locals who want to shop locally. Store owners have reported to Dr. Garrett that 90 percent of their clientele on several days have been from out-of-state and even from out of the country.

Dr. Garrett reports that the program is working just the way he expected it to work for Jefferson County, and that he expects 90 percent of those completing a business plan with him will eventually be funded. Problems with credit scores is the biggest factor that slows down the funding process, but this issue is tackled together with the clients and the process of improving the credit score is just part of the challenge to keep up with the number of issues that most families face in today's world.

Contact Dr. Dallas Garrett at 850-997-2185 or 850-363-3753 or dgarrett@jeffersoncountyfl.org if you have a business idea.



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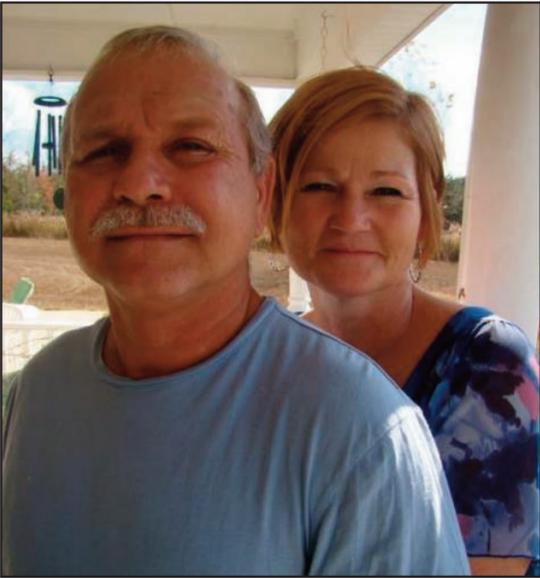
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school. My best friends were Patricia de Sercey Sorensen and Amy Gillette Krystyn.

I want to tell you that we were the cheerleader, A-student type. Actually, I recall that our grades weren't that bad, but having fun was our priority. Amy's dad was a collector of cars. Old model VW bugs to be exact. I can't tell you how many people can fit in to a VW but let's just say more than a few. I have many fond memories with those two. I am sure our parents would be shocked to know that we skipped school a few times.

Once, I recall us driving to Tallahassee right down the Parkway to the Capital. I am not sure exactly where we were heading but what I do remember is that my mama worked at the Capital. And luck would have it, her office window faced the Parkway where she could see every car that was lucky to roll by that way. That even included us. Remember me mentioning that VW's can hold quite a few people? Well that doesn't leave you much room to move around, much less try to hide. Somehow, I don't recall mama ever finding out.

There were other crazy stunts, like paddling across the swamp in a Styrofoam boat that leaked; and sank. They even taught me how to Snipe hunt. Friends..." Norman said, rolling her eyes.

Despite certain escapades, bad ideas, and stunts that began with, "Hey! Watch this!" Nor-



Norman gives her granddaughter, Chloe, a hayride. Chloe is one of four grandchildren of which Norman boasts.

man turned out pretty well. She is the Bureau Chief with the Office of Information Technology Florida Department of Health, a grandmother, and an active member of Waukeelah United Methodist Church. On Sundays, the loudest shouts of "Amen!" usually come from her; a fact she attributes to her upbringing, saying, "I have never regretted being a small town country girl. I am more than thankful for my God fearing upbringing because now I am trying to live a God fearing life. And when people tease me about my accent or my southern twang, I take pride in how I was raised and all my cousins and 'cousins' that were raised with me right here in Waukeelah."



Norman and grandchild Baylee. Baylee is one of four grandchildren of which Norman boasts.

Norman and her husband, Drew, pose for a picture.

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Kim Norman can most easily be found in her backyard, spoiling her newest "grandbaby," a bottle-fed goat kid by the name of Sweetie Pie, who is the start to the family farm she is trying to build.

Norman is no stranger to farming, though. "My granddaddy, Benjamin Buzbee, owned a farm in Waukeelah and he worked as many of the local men as he could," recalls Norman. "All the women would meet at the farmhouse to take care of all of the small kids and they would prepare food to feed all of the men working on the farm. My granddaddy passed away the year I was born so most of the farming was left to my Uncle Melvin after that. I have great memories of

growing up around my grandmother's house.

"I grew up in what I thought was the perfect family: a small town, middle class, God fearing family. Most all of my cousins lived within a one-mile radius. Our family has been in Waukeelah for 6 or 8 generations. And if you weren't related by blood, we still grew up calling each other cousins and the adults were always our Aunts and Uncles. I think that is a southern thing since it seems so impersonal to call them Mr. or Mrs."

In her teenage years, Norman was not the perfect little girl that her childhood might suggest. "Waukeelah didn't have a school when I came along so we had to ride the bus all the way to Monticello. I attended Jefferson County School with the same classmates from K - 12th grade. And of course, you knew everyone in the

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Chamber Holds Ribbon Cutting For Newest Business



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Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting and Chamber After 5 event for Katrina's Kitchens on Tuesday evening, at its new location, 140 West Washington Street, on the Courthouse Circle. At Katrina's Kitchens they believe that dinnertime is the most important hour of the day. Whatever the reason Katrina's Kitchens can solve your dinner challenge without time-consuming shopping, chopping, slicing, dicing, and clean up; call 850-567-6451, or Katrina@katrinskitchens.com or come by.

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Jefferson County Living

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WILLIE J. ROSS, JR.



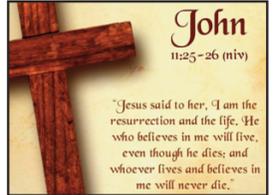
Willie James "Shine" Ross, Jr., 50, of Monticello passed unexpectedly on Saturday, April 27, 2013.

Funeral services are 2 p.m. Saturday at Memorial Missionary Baptist Church with burial at Bolen Community Cemetery. Viewing-visitation is 3-7:30 p.m. Friday at Tillman Of Monticello.

A 1981 Jefferson County High School graduate, he was a member of the Church of God of Prophecy.

"Shine" was an HVAC mechanic and worked for Locke's Heating and Air prior to his retirement.

Forever treasuring his love and memory are his high school sweetheart and devoted wife, Clarettha Geathers Ross, daughter Ja'Vondria Ross; sons Jacarri and Jamison Ross; parents, Pastor Rebecca J. and Willie J. Ross, Sr.; sisters, Gwendolyn R. (Lawrence) Singleton, Sharon Ross and Wanda (Matt) Houston; brother, Gregory (Tresa) Ross; father-and-mother-in-law, Willie and Dorothy Geathers; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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May 3
Jefferson Arts will hold a 'Summer Art Class' fundraiser on Friday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Join in the Art Gallery to purchase from a selection of original small works of art for that one empty spot on your wall. On the Art Gallery lawn, listen to the group drum session with 'Harmony Rhythms.' Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served. Enjoy the beat, be thrilled with your art bargain, and feel good about supporting the Arts. Without this fundraiser, many families would not be able to afford Summer Art classes. This exhibit is one weekend only! The Gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 575 West Washington Street. For information about the Arts, artist's pages, monthly calendar, class schedules, and more, call 850-997-3311 or go to info@jeffersonartsgallery.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.

May 3-4
Relay for life Jefferson County beginning on Friday afternoon at the old JCHS track, on Tiger Lane. Come join this annual 18-Hour Walk and fundraising event for cancer research. Contact Coordinator Dana Lastinger at 850-508-2174 or aucilla90210@aol.com.

May 4
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. 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 and \$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 aholt@aholt.com.

Church News Notes

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May 1-3
St. Phillip AME Church will hold a Spring Revival Wednesday through Friday nightly at 7 p.m. Evangelist will be Bishop Chancey King, Sr., pastor at Greater Works Tabernacle Church, in Atlanta, GA. For more information and directions, call the church at 850-997-4226, or 850-291-6383. Rev. J.W. Tisdale, pastor.

May 4
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.

May 5
Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church at 4731 North salt Road will celebrate its annual Mother's Day program at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday with speaker Min. Eather Harrell-Hill. All are welcome to come enjoy the special occasion. For more information contact Linda at 850-342-3502.

May 5
Indian Springs Baptist Church,

5593 Veterans Memorial Drive in Micosukee, will celebrate its 184th Anniversary and 106th Homecoming on Sunday beginning at 11 a.m. Come enjoy some great preaching, southern gospel singing, and dinner on the grounds. Founded in 1829, the present church building was constructed in 1854, it has been in continual existence since the beginning; is the fifth oldest church in Florida; the oldest Baptist Church in Leon County; and is where the Florida Baptist Association was organized.

May 5
Union Branch Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate its pastor's first anniversary on Sunday at 11 a.m. with the St. Peter MBC family in charge of the service and at 3 p.m. with the Memorial MBC family in charge of the service. The community is invited to come fellowship on this special occasion. For more information, contact Dea. Arthur Lynn at 850-510-1896 or Dea. Henry Reshard at 850-893-3165. Rev. Terry Presley Sr., pastor.

Home Cooked Chicken Dinner Sunday

DEBBIE SNAPP
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

Come enjoy Sunday dinner in the garden area of the Wirick-Simmons House on Sunday, May 5, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Enjoy a home-cooked meal and let the members of the Jefferson County

Historical Association do the cooking of grilled chicken, macaroni and cheese, bean salad, bread, homemade desserts, and a beverage for the bargain price of \$15.

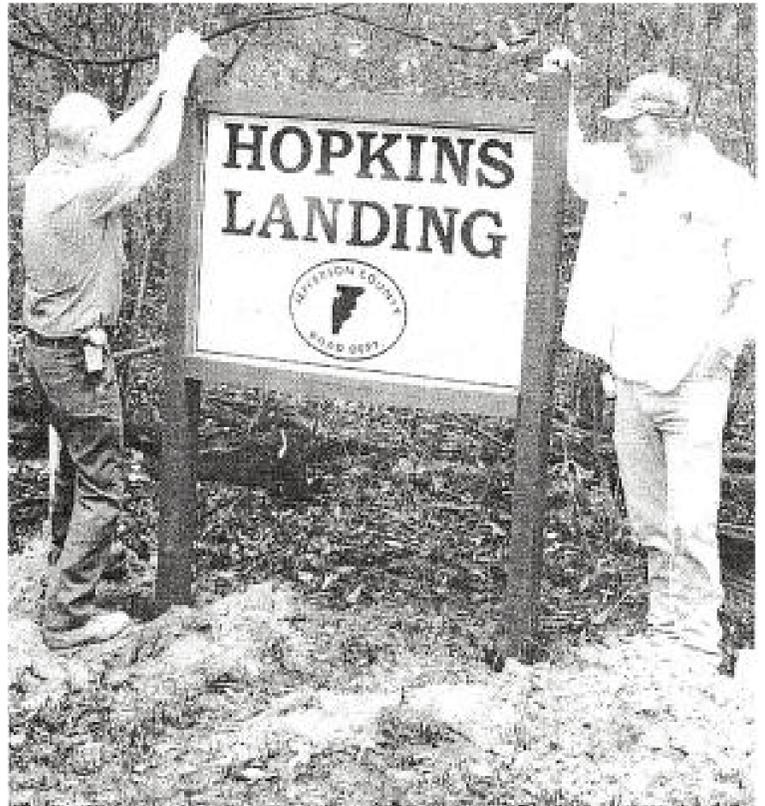
Enjoy your meal in the garden area, or takeouts will be made available. The JCHA would appreciate

the community's support, as the weather was most uncooperative for its Tour of Homes fundraising event.

Tickets are available now at the Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce, and by calling Claudette at 850-997-2116 or Beulah at 850-997-2465.

Pictures from the PAST

March 2, 2005, Monticello News



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From the time I was little and then as I grew
I had to run so fast and hard just to keep up with you
Now I thank you Mama for showing me how to have fun
You made work seem like play, but you always got it done

So in conclusion, I feel I must state
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Happy Mother's Day and we want to say
You're the greatest mother anywhere

Happy Mother's Day, we bring smiles your way
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Jefferson County Living

Bowden Teams Up With Transforming Life Church

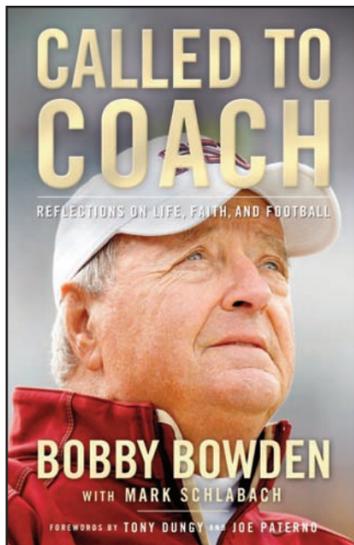
Transforming Life Church in Lloyd has a sincere desire to enrich the lives of the area's students by offering an after-school program for its residents. This would include educational tutoring, mentoring, and extracurricular activities such as music, drama, and art.

To that end, the church is raising funds to build an addition to its current church building. This new building, Transforming Life Center, will accommodate these programs.

Former Florida State University Coach Bobby Bowden has a heart for this undertaking and has agreed to do a fundraising breakfast for Transforming Life Church on Mother's Day morning Sunday, May 12 at 8:00 a.m.

The location will be at the Tallahassee Automobile Museum, 6800 Mahan Drive in Tallahassee. Ticket cost is \$7, available at TransformingLifeChurch.com.

Bowden is known as much for his affable charm as he is for his championship teams. Having coached young men throughout seven decades, he became the winningest coach in major college foot-



Just one of Bobby Bowden's bestselling books.

ball history. He guided FSU to more than three hundred victories, two National Championships, 12 Conference titles, 14 consecutive top five finishes, and led the Seminoles to 28 consecutive Bowl Games during his

34-year tenure.

Bowden was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2006. The patriarch of college football's most famous coaching family, Bowden remains heavily involved in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes; annually awarding the National Bobby Bowden Award to a student-athlete for achievement on and off the field, including that student's conduct as a faith model in their community.

Bowden has authored many bestselling books including 'Called to Coach: Reflections on Life, Faith, and Football,' 'The Bowden Way: 50 Years of Leadership Wisdom,' and 'Winning's Only Part of the Game: Lessons of Life and Football,' just to name a few.

Coach Bowden is also recognized as a great natural evangelist, always using his position to glorify God. He and his wife of 61 years, Ann, live in Tallahassee.

Don't miss this awesome opportunity to have breakfast with one of our nation's dearest treasures! For More Information visit www.TransformingLifeChurch.com.

Thank You!



ECB Publishing Photo By Debbie Snapp, April 27, 2013.

Dub Johnson and his family, including his mother Sandra Johnson and her father Richard Thomas, wish to thank their Jefferson County community, neighbors, and friends for coming together in their time of need; by joining them on their annual Wacissa Trail Ride benefit, held on Saturday afternoon.

This fundraising event will help to pay excessive medical bills and medication for longtime resident W.H. Dub Johnson, who is a quadriplegic.

To make a donation, make checks payable to: Benefit Trail Ride ~ 12206 Gamble Road - Monticello, FL. 32344. Your donations were, and are, greatly appreciated. For more information on how you can help, call 850-997-0631.

Step Up For Students Scholarships Application Season Is Open

Scholarships are awarded on a first come, first-served basis. Scholarships are available to not only public school students but also to home school students who are entering kindergarten through 5th grade. Due to the overwhelming response for the Step Up For Students scholarship for the 2013-14 school year, the Step Up For Students may close the application

season as early as May 30, 2013. Forty-two thousand scholarships have already been awarded to students for next year. Families are encouraged to act fast. Interested families should apply and submit all supporting documents immediately! Also, any families that have already submitted the online application should login to check their status and submit any additional docu-

ments scholarship may need to process their application.

Please keep in mind that the May 30th date is not definitive and that the season may close before or after depending on applicant response. In order to ensure processing for a 2013-14 scholarship, it is imperative that that the online application, the \$36 processing fee and all supporting documenta-

tion be received as quickly as possible!

Step Up For Students 2013-14 applications are now open for NEW and RENEWAL FAMILIES.

The Step Up For Students online application is now available for 2013-14.

Renewal families, please go here: <https://application.sufs.org/SmartApp/Control.aspx?OSP=5>

New families, please go here: <https://application.sufs.org/SmartApp/Control.aspx?OSP=1> to begin the 2013-14 application process, keeping in mind that you must have a valid email address to start your application. Scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis (giving priority to renewal families), so please apply early.

Planning ahead: If you do not wish to apply for the 2013-14 school year, but would like to be notified about the 2014-15 school year, please go here: <https://stepupforstudents.org/HowItWorks/ForParentsGuardians/201415Notification-signup>.

Local Family Participates In 28th Annual Chef's Sampler



Helen and Paul Michael man the Red Eye Coffee stand at the 28th annual Chef's Sampler. Son Zack (not pictured) was present.

AMBER HOUSTON
ECB Publishing Staff
Reporter

Paul and Helen Michael of Waukeelah manned the RedEye Coffee booth at the 28th annual Chef's Sampler on Sunday, April 21.

RedEye Coffee is a non-profit organization run by Element 3 Church of Tallahassee. The non-profit was started in 2009. Reports Mrs. Michael, "RedEye was originally born in the heart of our Pastor, Mark McNeese. He envisioned it as an opportunity to be involved in the coffee community and raise awareness of and funds for various mission-minded groups."

been participating in the Chef's Sampler since 2011. Mrs. Michael said the organization, "feel it is a great opportunity to support a wonderful organization such as the Children's Home Society and it is also a good chance to let the people of that community know the story of RedEye Coffee." RedEye Coffee is not your average business, it is a non-profit organization. The proceeds that Red Eye earn benefit missions in Guatemala, Haiti, and Tallahassee.

Helen Michael is the manager at RedEye Coffee, because, she says, "I love working with people and coffee, and I love that people are benefiting from the proceeds of RedEye. Our motto is: 'Drink Coffee Locally. Change Lives Globally.' And that is what truly happens at RedEye."

The Michael family attended Monticello United Methodist until eight years ago when their eldest daughter began attending Element 3 Church, commonly known as E3, and the Michael family— according to Mrs. Michael— found that they, "enjoyed the vibe of the church and it was a good fit for our family," despite a longer drive to church.

Both Michael parents are Monticello residents, and have raised three kids together in Waukeelah. The youngest, Zack, was even helping at the event.

After reading this, one thing is clear: service, community, and God are all integral parts of the Michael family.



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Mother's Day is Coming May 12th

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School

City Businesses Adopt JES Fifth Grade Classes



ECB Publishing photo by Fran Hunt, April 30, 2013

Govind Chaudhari, right, presents a check for \$500 to School District Parent Involvement/Volunteer Coordinator Edna Henry, left. Local businesses and donors adopted the JES fifth grade classes. Those donors include; Sunny Patel, Pit Stop; Rocky Chaudhari, Stop 'N Go; Jay Patel, Big Save IGA; Govind and Dash Chaudhari, Raj Foods; and Kevin Patel, JP Shell.

FRAN HUNT
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

Several months ago, School District Parent Involvement/Volunteer Coordinator Edna Henry began appealing to different area groups and organizations to adopt different grade levels at Jefferson Elementary School (JES), by supplying them with various school-related supplies.

In that time, the Economic Development Council (EDC) came forward and adopted the JES second grade classes by donating \$500 worth of supplies.

The Jefferson County Democratic Party (JCDP) also stepped forward and they adopted the JES fourth grade classes.

During the April 2 meeting of the City Council, Councilman John Jones asked the Council to adopt one of the JES grade levels, but

he was asked to approach each council member individually and allow them to independently decide if they wished to make a contribution.

During that meeting, local businessmen were in the audience, and heard Jones' plea.

One of those businessmen, Dash Chaudhari, speaking for himself and others, said they would be interested in adopting one of the grade levels.

On April 14, Henry supplied Dash with information about adopting the fifth grade classes.

There are three fifth grade classes, those of Lauren Jones, Shakeila Moxley, and Rosalea Hill, which consist of a total of 70 students.

On April 29, Govind Chaudhari, representing himself and the other donors, presented a check for \$500 to Henry.

"The money will

go toward school supplies and assisting the PTO," she said.

Those donors and businesses which adopted the JES fifth grade classes, include; Sunny Patel, Pit Stop; Rocky Chaudhari, Stop 'N Go; Jay Patel, Big Save IGA; Govind and Dash Chaudhari, Raj Foods; and Kevin Patel, JP Shell.

The money will go toward supplies such as ruled filler paper, copy paper, pencils, crayons, pencil erasers, one or two subject notebooks, regular tablets, folders, rulers, highlighters, box tissue, hand sanitizers, color markers, ball point pens with black or blue ink, hand calculators, and contractors.

JES classes remaining to be adopted include Pre-Kindergarten's, Kindergartens, First grades, and Third grades.

JES Accelerated Reader Program



Students at Jefferson Elementary School are "Reading, Reading, Reading!"

In an effort to encourage students to engage in more independent reading, JES has an Accelerated Reader program in place. This is a program where the student reads a book, takes a quiz, and the teacher gets a report that outlines the quiz scores.

Students' scores accumulate during the year, and the number of points available differs by book... the easier the book, the fewer the points, the harder the book, the higher the points.

During the first half of this school year, students were challenged to a contest to see who could earn the most AR points. There were two

categories: first and second grade students competed, and third through fifth grade students competed.

Displayed in the JES lobby were two bicycles. Daily the students walk by the bikes and are encouraged to "Read, Read, Read!"

In December 2012, the points were totaled and the winners are: fifth grade student Tremaine Robinson, with 106 points, and second grade student Kemya Thomas, with 46 points.

Everyone at JES was so pleased with the success of the program that the organizers decided to hold another contest for the remaining half of the year... but with a few twists!

This time there will be one grand prize for

grades first through fifth. The grand prize is a bike with all the bells and whistles including bells, horns, and really cool helmets. The bike will be once again displayed in the JES lobby.

The PTO donated funds raised from Box Tops to help cover the cost of the bikes. In addition to the grand prize, the class in each grade, first through fifth, who logs the most points, will be rewarded with a pizza party.

Congratulations to the winners of the first contest!

Every student is encouraged to keep on reading. "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go." — Dr. Seuss, "I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!"



Parent Involvement Matters

From the desk of Edna Henry, District Parent Involvement Coordinator

Keep Your Child Hooked On Reading

in reading:

- **Make it a Daily Activity:** Many parents find bedtime the best time to read with their children. After meals can also be a good time. Most important is that you choose a time that works best for you and your child.

- **Check Out Reading Programs:** These help get children excited about reading. Your local library may have a story time program for preschool chil-

dren. Find out about reading clubs and summer reading programs at your child's school.

- **Set a Good Example:** Let your child see you reading often. Ask your child to join you as you read. What's important is showing your child you value and enjoy reading.

- **Have a "Family Reading Time":** Turn off the TV and video games and have everyone grab something to read. Take

turns telling about what you are reading.

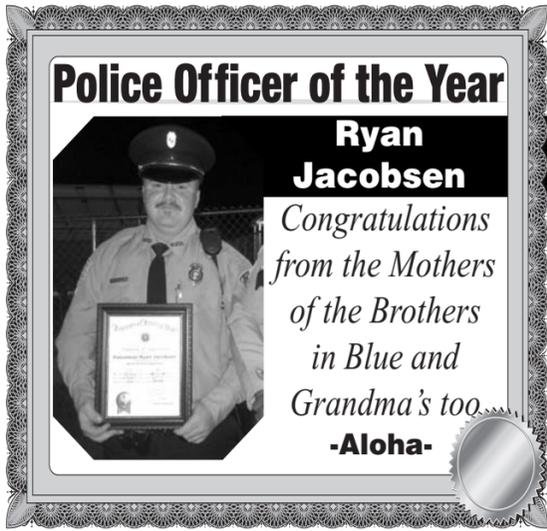
- **Praise your child for Reading:** Let your child know it pleases you when he or she reads. Point out how nice your child's reading sounds. Help with corrections when needed in a positive way.

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JCHS Class Of 1961 Celebrates 70th Birthday

Classmates and graduates of the Jefferson County High School Class of 1961 gathered on Saturday, April 20, to celebrate their 70th birthday. Pictured from left to right seated are: Max Bilinski, Monroe Walker, Terry Fountain, and Bobby Stover. Standing are: Hines Boyd, Charles McClellan, Ronnie Barrett, Mike Clayton, Charlie Jones, Frank Floyd, Charles Bemby, John Ritch, Jack Wirick, and Bill Hunter. Not pictured are: Steve Mann, Mack Shiver, and Mickey Watson.



Graduates of the Jefferson County High School Class of 1961 gathered on Saturday, April 20, to celebrate their 70th birthday. Pictured from left to right are: Katherine Davidson Arrington, Beth Anderson Harper, Elsie Tinnell Malloy, Bess Smith Dickson, Carolyn Boatwright Wright, and Sandra Smith Hamrick. Not pictured are: Linda Sparks and Lola Murphy.

A-B HONOR ROLL

Jefferson Middle/High School Third Quarter A-B Honor Roll Recipients

- 6th Grade**
Chavis, Tahja A; Hill, Kahree Trevon; Mitchell, Taylor Ancise; Anthony, A'shonnee A.; Troutman, Alic D.; Mosley, Terrence; Malcolm, Larry.
- 7th Grade**
Cambell, Madison
- 8th Grade**
Jones, Kheica Alexis; Robinson, Tremelody Lashay
- 9th Grade**
Barber, Carlie A; Bell, Zackary Shane; Brewster, Elicia Shanese; Crumitie, Damien Zarkeuis; Falzone, Alexa Ann; Graham, Shoniycia Quishaun; Heffner, Allison; Long, Jacob Travis; Serna, Felix.
- 10th Grade**
Brown, Breon Davon; Campos, Roberto Carlos; Cazares, Tania V; Jackson, Tarlon Dywuan; Jarrell, Tiana M.; Jones, Monica Dasharra; Roberts, Stefan Malik.
- 11th Grade**
Bellamy, Roxie R.; Greene, Lasheba Janay; Jones, Lynk Erroll; Lewis, Phidell Jawaun; Locke, Kyler James; Morris, Jakeia Benneschia; Siplin, Deion Montez; Sloan, Ja'lexia Nicole.
- 12th Grade**
Blue, Kwintarius Lavon; Brock, Jamen Patrick; Eby, Hanna N.; Francis, Iran Shaquil; Guerrero, Brenda Nogal; Hampton, Noah Oliver; Joiner, Donald Fredrick; Jones, Tykeria Q; Maier, Jessica Kaylorn; Martin, Samiria Te'shay; Massey, Kyyah Janai; Norton, Mikayla Luetricia; Steen, Yakira; Allen, Alexis.

Camp Instructors Needed For NFCC Kids In College Summer Camps

The North Florida Community College Kids in College summer camps program is currently seeking qualified summer camp instructors to run half-day camp programs. Those interested should apply by May 10.

The Kids in College program provides young students, completed 1st grade through completed 6th grade, with an interactive, engaging experience throughout the summer.

Camps will run Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-5 p.m. with a total of four two-hour camps each day. Instructors are paid \$10/hr and are needed for the morning and/or afternoon time slots. Class size may vary between 12-25 students. All camps must have eight pre-registered students in order to run. Camps with a lower enrollment are subject to cancellation.

Summer camp in-



structors are currently being sought for the below possible camp topics: Science; Math; Creative Writing; Sports; Fitness; Crafts; Art; Computers; Technology; Puppetry; Music; Drama; Ecology; Photography; Language/Culture; Living History; Dance; Careers and Culinary.

Priority will be given to proposals and completed employment applications received by May 10, 2013. To submit a Kids in College Summer Camp proposal visit www.nfcc.edu/kids-in-college. Applicants not already employed by North Florida Community College must also complete the NFCC Application for Employment. For more information about Kids in College contact Denise Bell at (850) 973-9481 or email bellD@nfcc.edu.

4-H Fashion Revue & Share the Fun



4-H Fashion Revue Clothing Construction and Clothing Selection was held at the Old High School Auditorium on March 14th. Eighteen participants entered the contest.

Mistress of Ceremony was Ms. Jasmine Addison, 4-H County Council Vice President.

Clothing Construction participants were: Samiah Washington, Isabella Gray, Kiyerra Henry, Ayianna Bradley, Allen Washington, Logan Lamb, Demecia Gillyard, Kalaree King, Khalil Robinson, Cinnamon Peck,



Kerrick Henry, Jr., Tanesea Jones and Kheica Jones.

Clothing Selection participants were: Julius Jerrod Darity, Isabella Gray, Allison Cone, Otis Scott, Ta'Neshia Scott, and Terra Scott.

Clothing Selection Clover Bud Purchase - Julius Jerrod Darity -1st place

Clothing Selection Senior Division Recycled - Allison Cone -1st place

Clothing Selection Senior Division Purchase - Ta'Neshia Scott & Otis Scott -1st Place Tie- Terra Scott - place 2nd place

Clothing Construction Clover Bud - Samiah Washington -1st place

Clothing construction junior division traditional - Logan Lamb- 1st place - Khalil Robinson - 2nd place 3rd place-Isabella Gray - 3rd place -Ayianna Bradley-4th place -Allen Washington - 5th place -Cinnamon Peck - 6th place

Clothing Construction Junior Division Traditional Second Year - Kiyerra Henry-1st place -Demeica Gillyard -2nd place -Kalaree King - 3rd place.

Clothing Construction Intermediate Division Traditional Second Year - Kerrick Henry, Jr. 1st place

Clothing Construction



Intermediate Division Traditional Third Year - Kheica Jones 1st place -Tanesea Jones- 2nd place.

There was only one act in Share-The-Fun, Ja'kayla Meeks, intermediate division, 1st place.

All participants will compete at 4-H District Events on Saturday, May 4 at Astoria Park Elementary School in Tallahassee.





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Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners is seeking applicants for a Part-Time Gate Attendant at the County Solid Waste Department. Job description and applications may be obtained at the Solid Waste Department located at 1591 S. Waukeenah Street, Monticello, Florida.

Hours and days of this position are: Friday - Monday 6:30 am - 10:30 am and 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm.

Essential Job Functions are: Loads and unloads heavy material from trucks. Moves equipment and large bulky objects. Performs custodial duties. Maintains grounds. Rakes grass and waters plants. Weeds flower beds. Shapes hedges and trims trees. Cuts grass. Plants and fertilizes flowers. May operate tractor-mower in mowing grass on right-of-way. Picks up boxes and other materials left by residents. Needs to get along well with people and be able to direct and explain where the different types of materials are to be disposed of.

Minimum qualifications are: Knowledge of operation, maintenance, capabilities, limitations and safety aspects of equipment. Ability to understand and comply with oral instructions. Ability to read street and traffic signs. Ability to perform manual labor. Skill in using hand tools.

Education and experience needed: One (1) year experience in performing manual labor.

Licenses, Certifications or registrations: Possess a valid Florida Drivers License and a valid Social Security Card.

Applications will be accepted until 4:00 P.M., May 1, 2013 at the Solid Waste Department located at 1591 Waukeenah Street. Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. Drug Free Workplace. Drug testing is a required part of the pre-employment physical. Applicants with a disability should contact the above office for accommodations. For additional information please call 342-0184.

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MOSQUITO CONTROL TECHNICIAN-PART-TIME The Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners is seeking applicants for part time seasonal Mosquito Control Technician. Job descriptions and applications may be obtained at the Jefferson County Health Department Annex Building located at 1175 W. Washington St. Monticello. Work hours are mostly in the late evening. Duties include: driving mosquito control truck on assigned routes, operating ULV spray equipment using on-board tracking computer, performing complaint investigations, conducting surveillance, and keeping accurate records. Good driving record required. Pre-employment physical and drug screening required. Starting pay is \$8-10. per hour. Application deadline is May 15, 2013 until 4pm. 4/24-5/3,c

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Size 8 child's - white, long dress, lace around neck with decorative bodice - \$25
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Size 8 Teen Dress - A fuchsia strapless gorgeous dress. The dress has gathers up the bodice and a sequined design down the left side and laces up half the back. There is also a train on this dress and a split up one leg. \$200
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Petitioner/Wife, :
and :
JOHN BRYANT MITCHEM, :
Respondent/Husband, :

NOTICE OF ACTION
To: John Bryant Mitchem
Address unknown

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Dissolution of Marriage has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on MICHAEL A. REICHMAN, Petitioner's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 41, Monticello, FL 32345, on or before May 10, 2013, and file the original with the clerk of this said court either before service on petitioner's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

Dated on April 26, 2013
KIRK REAMS
As Clerk of the Court
Deputy Clerk

4/12, 19, 26, 5/3/13

NOTICE
The following units have been seized for non-payment and will be sold at public auction under the authority of the Self-Storage Act section 83:805, Florida Statutes, on May 11, 2013, 10:00am, at Monticello Mini Storage located at the Corner of York and Railroad Streets, Monticello, FL.
Unit(s) #55 & 61 - Tedrick Dennis - household items
Unit #27 - Lucille Seabrooks - household items

4/26,5/3/13

NOTICE OF MEETING. THE SCHOOL BOARD OF JEFFERSON COUNTY will be in executive session on Monday, May 6, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. An executive session of the Board is a closed session that is not open for public viewing. The meeting will be taking place in the Board Room at 1490 W. Washington Street, Monticello, FL. Any questions may be directed to the District Office at (850) 342-0100 Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 5/3/13

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Sponsored by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) in conjunction with the Sport Fish Restoration

Program, "Ladies, Let's Go Fishing!" is a national organization dedicated to attracting more women to sport fishing and promoting conservation and responsible angling.

During the three-day, hands-on event, FWC educators will demonstrate ethical angler habits, such as safe hook removal, release techniques, fish vent-

ing and more. Local fishing guides will provide instruction on fishing techniques and methods.

Past participants found the event worthwhile.

"Being able to pick, choose and move between skill stations was terrific," said Mary Hackney of Naples. "I loved the flexibility."

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fishing in two days than from my dad in 20 years," said Georgia Allen of Bonita Springs.

On the final day of the seminar, women may embark on an optional fishing adventure.

To learn more, visit ladiesletsgofishing.com, call 954-475-9068 or email info@ladiesletsgofishing.com.

Longleaf Pine Management Workshop Coming To Marianna

Landowners and land managers with an interest in growing and managing longleaf pines are invited to attend a Longleaf Management Workshop May 15 in Marianna.

The 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. workshop is being offered at the Jackson County Agricultural Center, 2741 Pennsylvania St. There is no cost to attend.

"We believe this is a great opportunity for landowners interested in forestry and wildlife management practices to hear from experts who are knowledgeable about longleaf pines, their value in

the timber industry, and how to meet your objectives," said Ad Platt with The Longleaf Alliance. Platt, who covers north Florida and south Alabama, said he will also talk about various landowner incentive or cost-share programs to promote longleaf pines.

Following lunch, which is provided free of charge to all who register in advance, attendees will tour the Hatcher Farm, outside Marianna on Blue Springs Highway, where both longleaf pine and slash pine forests have been established. Those who take the



tour will see the differences between the two forests, which are the same age.

Some of the topics covered at the workshop will include economic and environmental benefits of longleaf pines; native plants and wildlife associated with longleaf forests; prescribed fire and tips for landowners; and how many trees to plant per acre.

Longleaf pine forests were once the dominant forests throughout much of the South, with a natural range extending up to the 2,000-foot elevation in the mountains of Alabama and Georgia. This species, more than any other, built this region.

An estimated 92 million acres of longleaf pines existed when European settlers began moving into the southern states. By the mid-1900s longleaf pine forests were

almost eliminated, with only 3 million acres remaining.

"Longleaf is again becoming a common sight across the south, and landowners are choosing this species for both economic and environmental purposes. Recent plantings have increased the acreage of longleaf by more than 4 million acres, and they continue to gather interest," Platt said.

In addition to The Longleaf Alliance, other partnering agencies putting on the workshop are the University of Florida - IFAS, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the Natural Resource Conservation Service and the Jackson County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Anyone interested in attending is urged to register by calling the Jackson County Extension office at 850-482-9620.

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The Week of May 3, 2013 through May 10, 2013
Major Feed Times are marked by an asterisk (*)

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

Are Water Leaks Costing You Money?

Monticello City Manager Steve Wingate reminds city water customers to check their homes and businesses for lost water. Besides wasting the precious and limited water resource, water drips and leaks can run up large utility bills in a hurry.

"For instance," notes Wingate, "a dripping faucet can waste 15 gallons of water per day, which turns into 450 gallons per month. While the actual charge for the dripping faucet would be less than \$1.00 per month, the accompanying sewer charge, which is based on water usage, could approach \$2.00 per month. Over a year's time, this one drippy faucet can cost over \$30 per year."

Besides replacing or repairing drippy faucets and showerheads, Wingate suggests that customers check for leaks in the plumbing lines, both inside and outside. A 1/32 inch leak can waste 264 gallons of water per day, or a whopping 7,920 gallons per month.

Wingate notes that the City Utility Department routinely audits water usage to assist customers

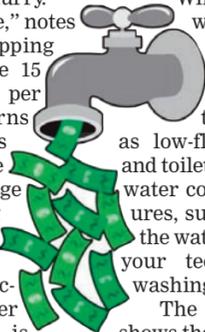
in detecting leaks, but since water usage varies widely between households and between types of businesses, it can be difficult for the city to determine if there are leaks.

Besides checking for water leaks and drips, Wingate encourages

water customers to take advantage of the many water-saving devices on the market, such as low-flow showerheads and toilets, and to institute water conservation measures, such as turning off the water while brushing your teeth, shaving or washing your face.

The following chart shows the amount of water that can be lost (and billed to your account) for various size leaks.

- A dripping leak consumes:** 15 gal. per day, 450 gal. per month
- A 1/8 in. leak consumes:** 3,806 gal. per day, 114,200 gal. per month
- A 1/32 in. leak consumes:** 264 gal. per day, 15,226 gal. per day, 456,800 gal. per month
- A 1/4 in. leak consumes:** 943 gal. per day, 28,300 gal. per month
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To honor veterans and military personnel, active or retired, Veterans Memorial Railroad will be giving free train rides to all military personnel, veterans, and their families on Saturday, May 18, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Travel around the park over a mile of track that has a trestle bridge going through a cypress wetlands. A playground, walking trail, RR Caboose, pavilions, and the start of a museum are also available for your enjoyment. The park is located at 10561 NW Theo Jacobs Way in Bristol. Go to VeteransMemorialRailroad.org or call 850-643-6646 or 850-643-5491 for more information.

Cherri Linn tells me that she's accepting photos and applications for the 63rd annual Jefferson County Watermelon Festival 2013 Baby Photo Contest, and will continue to take them through Friday, May 24 at 2 p.m. Drop the items off at the Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce. Applications may be obtained via email from the Chamber website at www.monticellojeffersonfl.com. Entry fee is \$10. Must be a county resident. Winners from last year are not eligible. Contact Event Chairperson Cherri Linn at 850-997-3252 or call the Chamber at 850-997-5552.

The 12th annual Kidsfest is this Saturday, May 4, at the North Florida Fairgrounds (enter off Tram Road) from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The cost is just \$3 per person general admission. There will be lots of children's activities, live children's entertainment, food vendors, and a day filled with good old-fashioned family fun. There will be a 34' Slip-N-Slide, face painting, toddler area, miniature golf, arts and crafts, bounce house, bicycle obstacle course, disc golf, children's photo booth, magic tricks, and so much more! All proceeds benefit Kids Incorporated of the Big Bend.

Literacy Volunteers of Leon County is offering a

free ESOL Tutor Training on May 7 to help newcomers develop their English language skills; learn new skills from an accredited non-profit educational organization; meet people from around the world; become a volunteer tutor; or just to become a member of a great volunteer organization. The workshop will be held from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, in the Literacy classroom in the Collins Main Library. To register, contact Karen Strange, ESOL Program Coordinator at 850-606-2644 or literacvvolunteersleon.org.

Monticello Christian Academy Administrator Brenda Bailey announces that the Step Up For Students online application is now available for 2013-14 new and renewal families. Applicants must have a valid email address to start your application. Scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, giving priority to renewal families, so apply early. Should you need help with the online application, contact her at 850-997-6048. These scholarships are available to not only public school students but also to home school students who are entering kindergarten through the fifth grade. The application season will close on May 30.

Elder Chester F. Brown, III, pastor and teacher of the Shady Grove #1 PB Church, located at 1478 Chaires Cross Road in Tallahassee, announces the Harvest Time Food Distribution dates for its Food Ministry. If you are in need of food, toiletries, or clothing this monthly assistance is provided to individuals and families that are in need. There's no qualifying, and all assistance is free. All monthly distributions are held on the 4th Saturday of each month, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Whole Life Center, next to the church sanctuary; May 25, June 22, July 27, August 24, September 28, and October 26. For more information regarding distribution days, call the church office at 850-878-1342.

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