

Belated Honor



Jefferson County School District Teacher of the Year Nicole Roddenberry, (second from right), a first-grade teacher at Jefferson Elementary School (JES), was recently presented with the Shine Award by Gov. Rick Scott in recognition of her outstanding performance as a teacher. The award ceremony took place during a meeting of the Governor and his Cabinet. Roddenberry was unable to attend the original award ceremony in April because of the death of her father.

County Now Has Ice Machine Bandit In Custody

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Jefferson County now has John Thomas Steiner, Jr., 47, of Chattanooga, TN, the man known as "The Ice Machine Bandit," in custody.

After burglarizing the ice machine in Monticello on September 4, 2012, he was arrested in Wakulla County after burglarizing two ice machines there.

He was tried in Wakulla County February 14, 2013, and with the time he served in jail there, he was released June 12, 2013, and turned over to Jefferson County on an outstanding warrant for his arrest. In Wakulla County, he was also sentenced to two years probation.

Recapping the case, the Monticello Police Department (MPD) reported that on the morning of September 4, 2012 the Twice The Ice machine, located on East Washington Street was burglarized.

Upon arrival at the scene, MPD Investigator Cpl. Jennifer Jackson made contact with Ramish Chauvri, storeowner of the Stop & Go, who advised that earlier a patron had advised him that the ice ma-



John Thomas Steiner

chine was out of order. After surveying the machine for malfunctions, he noticed that the bolted lock securing the establishment, had been cut from the door, and he immediately contact MPD.

MPD said the perpetrator, who was driving a BMW SUV, did leave behind physical evidence at the scene, which was gathered by Investigator Jackson.

While assessing the scene, it was confirmed that the bolted lock securing the ice machine door, was forcibly cut from the door and the money removed. A 5 1/2 inch yellow

saw blade was found approximately three feet away from the steps leading to the door of the ice machine. Yellow paint from the blade left at the scene was still visible on the metal plate of the door.

MPD advised that the burglary was captured on Shop & Go video surveillance.

The burglary occurred, according to the surveillance video, just after midnight (12:37 a.m.) and the perpetrator who was equipped with high-speed cutting tools, only took five minutes from start to completion.

After making contact at the scene with George Koller, the owner of the ice machine, it was confirmed that the total amount taken during the burglary was \$273, which included \$30 in rolled quarters, and \$243 in single dollar bills. The damage to the door was approximately \$100. Koller also advised that he owned another Twice The Ice machine in Tallahassee, and that he had learned from another business owner, that several ice machine burglaries had taken place there as well.

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Woman Charged After Going After Boyfriend With Gun

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A city woman was charged last weekend after going after her boyfriend with a gun.

The Monticello Police Department reported that on June 15 at 5:45 a.m., Officer Brent Parramore responded to a North Jefferson Street residence in response to a reported fight.

Upon arrival the officer learned that an altercation had occurred between Lisa Marie Harris, 46, of Monticello, and her live-in boyfriend.

Officer Parramore

learned that Harris and the victim were sitting on the couch in the living room when a verbal altercation occurred, and the victim attempted to console Harris.

Harris then became violent and attempted to attack the victim. The victim defended herself by wrapping his arms around Harris, but she bit him on the right arm, at which point, he threw her off of him.

Harris then threw a vase at him, and grabbed a baseball bat, and went after



Lisa Marie Harris

the victim.

He then defended himself from her by using a pillow. He then threw an ottoman at her, in an attempt to get away from her, which caused her to drop the

baseball bat.

The victim ran to the other side of the house and locked himself inside the bedroom.

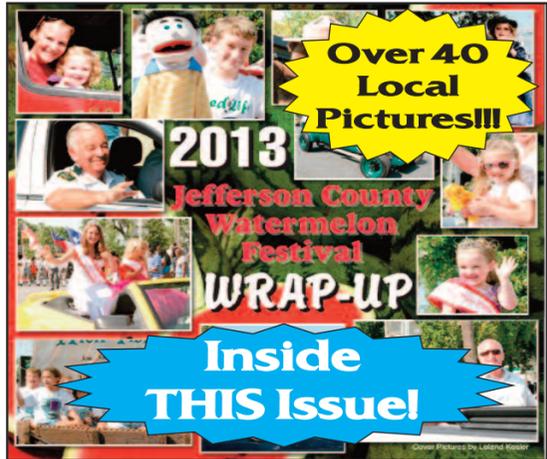
Harris then fired a gun at the bedroom door. The slug went through the bedroom door and lodged in the front door.

The victim then ran

from the house, departing the scene in his vehicle, to get away from Harris.

Officer Parramore asked Harris about the baseball bat, which she gave him from under the couch in the living room, which is where the victim had indicated that it was used.

Harris was placed under arrest and transported to the Jefferson County Jail, where she was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, and battery, domestic. A total bond of \$18,500 was set and she bonded out of jail the same day.



Mosquito Control Program Suspended

(Health Department's Reluctance To Share Information Notable)

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After repeated requests to the Health Department here for information about the cancellation of the mosquito control program, the department finally responded with a press release late Tuesday evening stating that the program was suspended effective June 3 because of a lack of funds.

The mosquito control season typically runs April 1 through Oct. 31.

"The Jefferson County mosquito control (program) has exhausted all available funds for the current 2013 mosquito season," the prepared statement reads, underscoring that the department operates the program for the Jefferson County Commission via a contractual agreement.

The press release alludes to an issue that county and department officials are working jointly to resolve.

The issue, as identified by the release, is a lack of operating money, a consequence of both increased demand for the program's services and reduced funding for the operation.

"Funding became an issue after the number of customers receiving mosquito control services doubled in response to Tropical Storm Debby and the resulting explosion in the mosquito population in July of last year," the press release states. "The demand for services has increased every year since the program began, but the dramatic increase for services in 2012 was unprecedented."

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Just a reminder to everyone that you can read the actual Monticello News and Jefferson County Journal newspapers online.

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Madison County business owner, John Lothridge of Lothridge Computer Services, informed ECB Publishing of a scam that citizens should be aware of.

A customer brought in a laptop in need of a Hard Drive Password. The customer related that he had received a call from someone, the night before, saying they were from Microsoft and that they had released an update that was causing



problems. The caller then said that his computer was reporting that it was one that did not install the update correctly.

The caller requested access to remote into the

computer to make the needed repairs. When they were "in there," they then uninstalled Norton Internet Security software and also all of the Anti-Malware soft-

ware.

A fake hard-drive password was set up, hoping the customer would try typing in all of their passwords, to see if it would work. Luckily they realized something was wrong and brought it to a repair shop first. The program was designed to send all of the passwords to someone online.

Beware of Microsoft calling you without you requesting it. They will NOT call you first!

Jefferson County Living

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

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Sybil Irene Watson, 55, of Jefferson County, was arrested June 12 and charged with petit theft and possession of a controlled substance. A total bond of \$2,000 was set and she bonded out of jail the same day.

Johnny Joseph Day, 34, of Jefferson County, was arrested June 12 and charged with the local charges of criminal use of personal identification, resisting arrest without violence, and driving while license suspended or revoked. He also had several outstanding warrants for his arrest, including a Nassau County warrant charging him with failure to appear on the charge of driving while license suspended or revoked, and Leon County warrants charging him with failure to appear on the charge of battery, violation of proba-

tion on the charge of battery, and failure to appear on the charge of resisting arrest without violence. Bond was withheld and he remained at the County Jail June 20.

John Thomas Steiner, 47, of Chattanooga, TN, was arrested on an outstanding county warrant, on June 12, and charged with criminal mischief, burglary of an unoccupied structure, theft from a coin operated device, and possession of burglary tools. A total bond of \$25,000 was set and he remained at the County Jail June 20.

Kashari Harris, 24, of Monticello, was arrested June 14 and charged with unlawful use of a driver's license. Bond was set at \$1,000 and he bonded out of jail the same day.

Kenneth Williams, 36, of Jefferson County, was arrested June 14 and charged with battery, domestic. Bond was set at

\$500 and he bonded out of jail the following day.

Lisa Marie Harris, 46, of Monticello, was arrested June 15 and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, and battery, domestic. A total bond of \$18,500 was set and she bonded out of jail the same day.

Evelyn Marie Paramore, 21, of Tallahassee, was arrested June 15 and charged with driving while license suspended and driving under the influence. A total bond of \$1,000 was set and she bonded out of jail the same day.

Eduardo Valdes, 53, of Tallahassee, was arrested June 17 and charged with violation of probation on the charge of driving under the influence. Bond was withheld and he remained at the County Jail June 20.

Debi's Notes

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The Jefferson County Class of 1981 turns '50' this year and according to Corinne Broxie there will be a celebration at the Monticello Opera House on July 5, beginning at 7:30 p.m. All JCHS alumni and friends, 21 years and up, are invited to come enjoy some good food, music, dancing, and a cash bar... all for the ticket price of \$10. Contact Broxie at 850-212-0225 for more information.

Transforming Life Church, located at 1206 Springfield Road in Lloyd, will present its weekend Vacation Bible School 'Hay Day,' beginning on Friday evening July 12; continuing on Saturday morning July 13; and concluding on Sunday morning July 14. Children ages 5 through 12 years old will have a 'hay-larious' time on the farm learning one Bible truth... that Jesus will always love us. Just go to the church website at transforminglifechurch.com to download the fill-in-the-blank registration form, or call the church at 850-997-8527 to have a registration form sent to you.

Magnolia Garden Circle members are collecting twin fitted and flat sheets for the 4H campers this summer. Anyone interested in making a donation of new and gently used sheets are invited to contact Chairperson Anne Horton at 850-997-

6035 or Dianne Braren at 850-997-1317.

Buddy Westbrook with the local American Legion is reminding everyone that Fourth of July volunteers and funds are still needed and would be greatly appreciated. Contact him at 850-997-2973 or Wallace Bubba Bullock at 850-528-3096 to make a generous donation, or to volunteer.

Dana Lastinger, chairman for the Jefferson County Relay For Life weekend event, reminds the community that the Relay Wrap-up dinner and program will be held on Friday, June 28

at 6 p.m., at the Beau Turner Youth Conservation Center. "We are having it 'pot luck' style meal, so we are asking everyone to bring a meat, side dish, or drink," she says. "Just let me know what you are planning to bring so we will know what we are missing." There is a playground at the facility so everyone is invited to bring his or her children. Team totals to date look like this: Aucilla Christian Academy, \$2100.00; Avalon Plantation, \$1,071.55; Country for A Cure, \$145.00; Daughters of Deborah #60, \$380.58; Elizabeth Baptist, \$533.00; Farmers and Merchants Bank, \$1,935.00; FUMC, \$3,670.39; FUMC Youth, \$100.00; Hayley's Angels, \$15.00; Jefferson Elementary School, \$3,786.46; Jefferson County Health Department, \$285.09; Lions Club, \$493.00; Memorial Missionary Baptist Church, \$100.00; Paintin' for A Cure, \$132.00; Wacissa United Methodist Church, \$1,042.60; Tax Collector's Office, \$675.00. There are more donation totals to be added to the team totals, from online gifts and sponsorships.

Painting The Courthouse Flagpole

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By Debbie Snapp,
June 19, 2013.

Climbing 65 feet from the bottom to the top of the Courthouse Flagpole is how Harold User gets his painting job done. It takes just one gallon of industrial enamel silver paint for the pole, and a can of gold spray paint for the ball at the top. He enjoys this job every two years. "Lots of folks stop, look up, and just start talking to me," he says. "It's nice."



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A short time later, Cpl. Jackson learned that Wakulla County investigators had apprehended a suspect committing similar crimes in their jurisdiction the same morning.

Wakulla Investigators provided MPD with photos of the suspect and the suspect's vehicle. Both the vehicle and suspect matched the images from the surveillance video.

MPD prepared an arrest warrant to charge Steiner with the local burglary and theft.

The Monticello warrant for Steiner was obtained for burglary and theft and a detainer was placed on him to face the local charges.

Wakulla County reported that Steiner was captured after breaking into two automated ice machines in Wakulla County and he would be facing charges in approximately 10 jurisdictions in four southern states after breaking into 59 ice machines around the region, according to Wakulla County Sheriff Donnie Crum.

The jurisdictions in TN, AL, FL and GA included: Tallahassee, Wakulla County, Bay

County, Washington County; Decatur, AL; Collegedale, TN; Monticello, FL; Fort Oglethorpe, GA; and Chipley, FL.

According to WCSO fast action by Wakulla County Sheriff's Office deputies and the WCSO dispatch unit resulted in the arrest of Steiner, who was charged with criminal mischief, burglary, possession of burglary tools and grand theft in the cases.

WCSO was alerted to the 2:27 a.m. burglary at an automated ice machine at a bait and tackle shop on Woodville Highway. Security footage was collected from the scene and nine minutes later at 2:36 a.m. a second alarm was received at a second automated ice machine at a hardware store on Crawfordville Highway.

Sgt. Jeremy Johnston observed the suspect vehicle in the Crawfordville area and conducted a traffic stop. Sgt. Johnston observed an electric saw and spare battery inside the vehicle.

During the Monticello investigation, it was confirmed that the 5 1/2 inch yellow saw blade would have come from the sawing

equipment found in Steiner's vehicle.

Steiner admitted that he was on his way to a third automated ice machine in Panacea when he was stopped.

Sgt. Johnston spoke to Deputy Randy Phillips and confirmed that Steiner used the same type saw equipment he observed in the vehicle at the first crime scene on Woodville Highway.

The vehicle was seized and taken to the WCSO impound yard and a large quantity of coins and cash was recovered inside the vehicle.

The money was handed over to the evidence division for storage. Steiner remained in the Wakulla County Jail under a \$13,100 bond, until his sentencing in February 2013, then he was released to Jefferson County June 12, following his sentence.

Locally, Steiner was charged with criminal mischief, burglary of an unoccupied structure, theft from a coin operated device, and possession of burglary tools. A total bond of \$25,000 was set and he remained at the County Jail June 20.

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The release goes on to say that the increased demand for services translated into increased labor, fuel and pesticide costs. Meanwhile, the funding provided by the county remained the same; and the state funding coming from an annual grant administered by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services was reduced in 2012 because of state budget shortfalls stemming from the economic downturn.

A check of Jefferson County's budget shows its contribution for the current fiscal year was \$27,300, the same as the previous fiscal year. Assuming the constancy of the county's contribution, as stated in the press release, the county has contributed \$27,300 since the program started.

As for the state's contribution, Clerk of Court Kirk Reams said the state's contribution has traditionally matched the county's amount, with the exception of last year, when the state reduced its funding to \$18,500. It's the representation of the Health Department that the state's contribution will again be \$18,500 for the coming fiscal year.

Will the county kick in the extra money to compensate for the state's funding reduction and in recognition of the increased demand for the program's services? All the Health Department says in the press release is that the appropriate parties "continue to work together to resolve the issue."

It's been difficult at best to get information from the Health Department about the status of the program other than for repeated email responses stating "trying to get permission to talk with you", which apparently was never granted; and "please see the (online) 2012 accomplishment report... previously embargoed for release."

The referenced 2012 accomplishment report — evidently produced last fall — describes the then just completed mosquito season as the busiest in five years. The report also talks of considerably expanded services to accommodate "the more than doubling of residences requesting services as compared to the previous year."

The report additionally notes the program's inability to respond in scale to the demand because of a lack of resources.

"The operating budget for the fiscal year was exceeded and reserve fund-

ing was heavily relied upon," the report states. "Even operating at peak capacity we were unable to meet demands of residents requesting services as we had in previous seasons."

The report attributes the increased mosquito population to two factors: a warmer than usual winter, which accounted for the earlier than normal emergence of mosquitoes; and Tropical Storm Debby, whose sustained rains and flooding provided ample breeding sites for the insect.

"As a result of the increase in mosquito population, requests for mosquito control services increased from 502 to 1,145 customers," the report states. "Every measure of performance sharply increased as operations were adapted and expanded to more effectively deal with the situation."

The majority of requests for services came in two peak periods, according to the report. These two periods were just before the official start of the mosquito season in March and again in July after TS Debby.

The reports notes that notwithstanding the expansion in both the number and length of rural routes, as well as the extension of spraying hours to midnight and the inclusion of Sunday as a scheduled spraying day and once-a-week spraying of the city, the program was unable to spray each route every week.

The report notes that the mosquito control effort, and the funding necessary to operate it seasonally, is largely dependent on weather. Which is to say that cold winters and droughts inhibit the production of mosquitoes and so reduce the program's costs; and conversely, warm and wet winters serve to explode the mosquito population and augment the costs of the control measures.

In budgetary language, the report foreshadows the program's current suspension. It notes that at a time when expenditures and demands for service are increasing, revenues or incoming monies for the program are declining, as is the reserve, or that portion of the money carried forward from the previous year.

"The combination of reduced revenues and reserved funding may at some point prove inadequate to fully fund an active mosquito season," the report states.

Residents wanting more information about the program's future

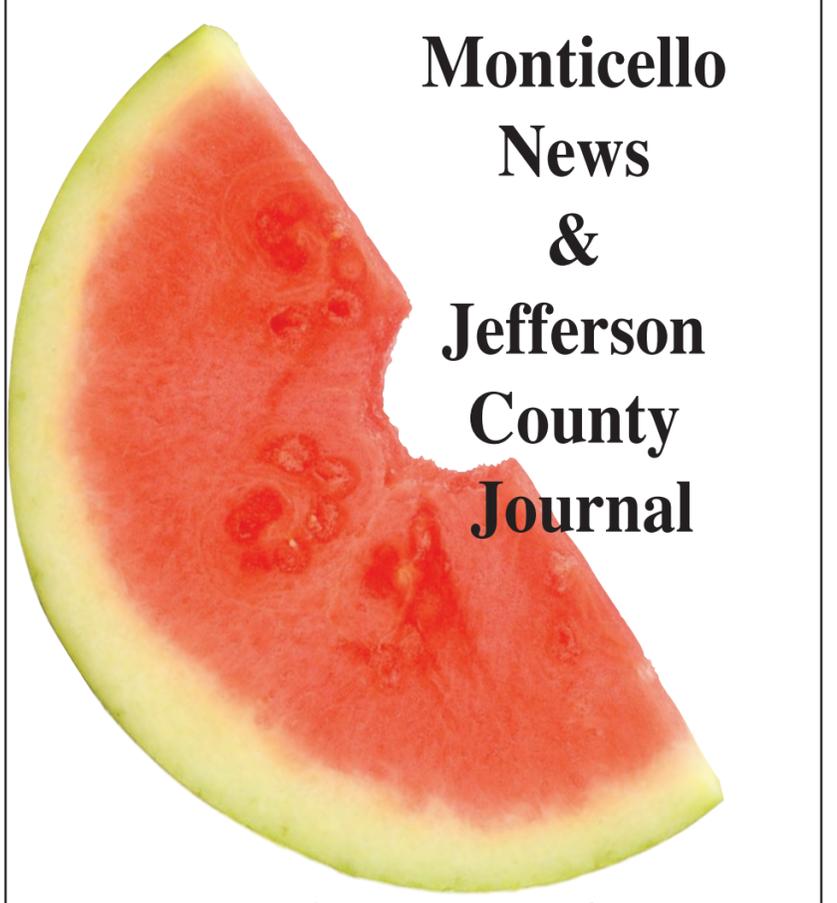
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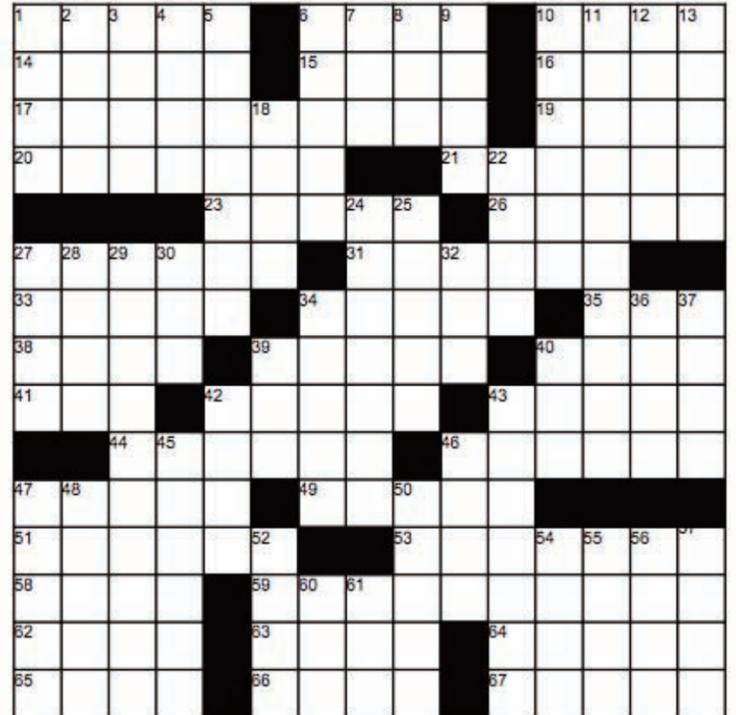
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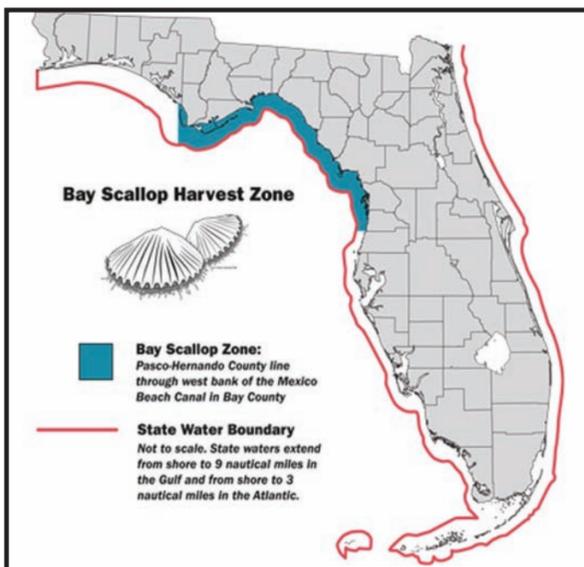
July 1 - September 25

Bay scallops may only be harvested in state waters from the Pasco-Hernando County line (near Aripeka - latitude 28 degrees, 26.016 minutes North) to the west bank of the Mexico Beach Canal in Bay County (longitude 85 degrees, 25.84 minutes West).

It is illegal to possess bay scallops on waters outside open harvest areas. It is also illegal to land scallops outside open harvest areas. For example, it would be legal to take scallops from waters off the Hernando County coast, but it would be illegal to dock your boat in Pasco County with the scallop catch onboard.

Gear Requirements:

Legal Gear: Harvest permitted by hand or landing or dip net.



Bay Scallop Season Extended
The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) decided to permanently extend the recreational season by adding two weeks to the end at the June 28, 2013, Commission meeting in West Palm Beach.

The recreational season, which starts July 1 and closed annually on Sept. 11, will now close Sept. 25.

Commissioners also directed staff to look into the possibility of a future commercial harvest of bay scallops. The commercial harvest of bay scallops has been closed in Florida state waters since 1994. For more information, visit <http://myfwc.com/fishing/saltwater/recreational/bay-scallops/>.

Florida Recreational Regulations:

Regulations	Bay Scallop Harvest Zone
Minimum Size Limit	None
Daily Bag Limit	*2 gallons whole bay scallops in shell, or 1 pint of bay scallop meat per person *Maximum of 10 gallons of whole bay scallops in shell, or 1/2 gallon bay scallop meat per vessel
Season	July 1 - Sept. 24

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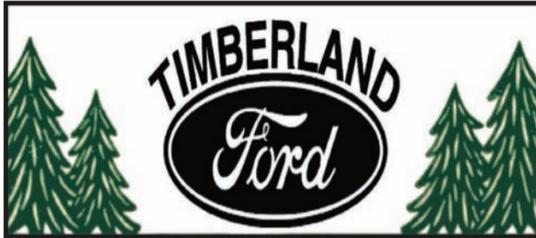
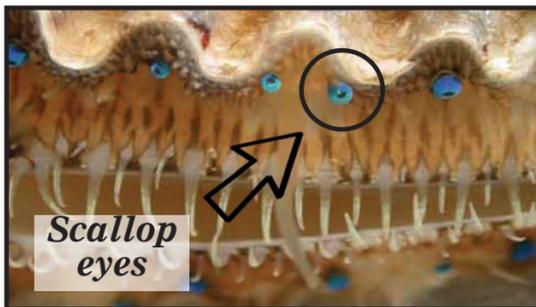
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MAURICE DYER

Maurice Dyer died on June 13, 2013 at the age of 78 in Tallahassee, Florida. He was born in Monticello, Florida on August 25, 1934 as the second child of three to Emma Lou Kersey and Arnold James Dyer. He was a resident of Tallahassee since 1960, and for the past three years he received loving care by the staff and personnel of Harbor Chase Memory Care.

Maurice served the US Army in Alaska from 1957-1959 during which Alaska became the 49th state. Upon returning to Tallahassee, Maurice met the love of his life, Sara Duggar, while bowling with his sister. The two were married February 5, 1961. Maurice's profession was carpentry and acoustical ceilings. He worked for Specialty Contractors, Acousti Engineers, and later formed his own company: Dyer's Acoustical Ceilings and Repair.

Maurice's love for nature and the outdoors began as a young child. His maternal grandparents, Mattie and Jesse Kersey, cultivated him as an outdoorsman through fishing and hunting. The traditions of hunting and fishing were pastimes which Maurice enjoyed throughout his life and instilled in his children and grandchildren. Maurice not only hunted and fished, but spent countless hours walking, sitting, and listening to the sounds of nature. He was often found wandering around the yard as he enjoyed being among the fruit trees, shrubs, and plants, which he and Sara planted over the years around their residence.

In 1986, Maurice and his wife built a second home—a log cabin in Franklin, North Carolina. This cabin, located in the middle of the smoky mountains, became a beloved retreat and vacation home. Maurice enjoyed roaming the abundant waterfalls and creeks, as well as rocking in his chair during sunrise and sunset on the front porch of the cabin. The family shares his love for this cabin and would spend countless time relaxing, hiking, fishing, exploring, and enjoying nature with him.

Maurice also had a passion and love for dogs and cats. He bred Brittany Spaniels for many years and truly enjoyed the love and company that these four legged friends provided. He instilled this love for animals in his children and grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, Sara, Maurice is survived by daughter, Maureen Bussell (Gary); son Scott Barrett Dyer (Alicia); granddaughters Bethany and Kaitlyn Bussell; and Aubry Dyer, all of Tallahassee; sister Carolyn Hamilton (Orrin) of Monticello; niece Valerie Beaudreau (Brian) and great nephews Hunter and Cole, all of Tybee Island, Georgia. Being so young, Aubry, who is only two, will never experience the loving grandfather that the older girls have.

Maurice was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Allen Dyer; nephews, Orrin Hamilton Jr. and Curtis Hamilton. Services were held Tuesday, June 18 at Evangel Assembly of God Church in Tallahassee, FL., with a private family interment at Mt. Zion Cemetery in Jefferson County, Florida.

Maurice Dyer will be missed dearly by his loved ones, and memorial contributions may be made to the local Alzheimer's Project, Alzheimer's Association, or Big Bend Hospice. Bevis Funeral Home, (850) 385-2193, www.bevisfh.com, is assisting the family with the arrangements.

RITA JOYCE STAFFIERI



Rita Joyce Staffieri, 69, of Whigham, GA, passed away at her home on Saturday, June 15, 2013. Memorial services will be held by the family at a later date.

Mrs. Staffieri was born on June 5, 1944, in Philadelphia, PA, to the late Richard Charles Bolton and Katherine Joyce Bolton. She married John Michael Staffieri, who preceded her in death on April 24, 2009. She was a homemaker and of the Catholic faith. She was a wonderful wife, mother, and best friend to all that knew her. She especially loved and enjoyed playing with her grandchildren. Rita is finally back home in the arms of her beloved husband in Heaven.

Survivors include: her children and spouses, David Staffieri of Whigham, GA, Angelina and Steven Thornsberry of Whigham, GA, John Michael and Michele Staffieri of Ashville, FL, Aimee and Michael Moore of Cairo, GA, and Tony and Marcie Staffieri of Warrington, PA; 15 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

Guests may sign the online register at www.clarkfuneral.com

JOE E. GOODWIN



Joe Edward Goodwin, 69, of Monticello, FL passed on Thursday, June 13, 2013. Funeral services are 12 noon Saturday, June 22, at Greater Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church with burial at Gilley Cemetery. Viewing-visitation is 3-7:30 p.m. Friday at TILLMAN OF MONTICELLO 850-997-5553.

A native of Thomasville, GA, Joe attended the public schools of Miami (Dade County). He had been a healthcare aide and was an accomplished artist. Cherishing his love and memory are: his former wife, friend and mother of his children, Evangelist Gladys Goodwin; daughter, Indy (Norman) Mack; sons, William, Victor and Steven (Sheryl) Goodwin; brother, Ronald (Virginia) Goodwin; sisters, Yvette Sammuell and Masie Reddy; an uncle, John Henry Adams; ten grandchildren; five nieces and nephews; along with numerous other relatives and friends.

His parents, Edward and Emma Adams Goodwin both preceded him in death.

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Steve Anderson Named Wacissa VFD Chief

FRAN HUNT
ECB Publishing Staff Writer

During the regular monthly meeting of the Wacissa Volunteer Fire Department on June 11, Steve Anderson was named the new Fire Chief.

The department is seeking additional volunteers. Anyone interested in volunteering is asked to contact Chief Anderson at 997-1659.

Regular business meetings of the Wacissa Volunteer Fire Department will be held on the first Tuesday of each month, at 7 p.m., in the Wacissa Volunteer Fire Department building.

Volunteers will meet with Chief Anderson on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

Cross Landings H&RC Staff Recognized



ECB Publishing Photo By Debbie Snapp, May 14, 2013.

In recognition of National Nursing Home Week, Big Bend Hospice recognized the Cross Landings Health & Rehabilitation Center staff with an 'Ice Cream and Coke Social' on Tuesday afternoon. Pictured from left to right are Patricia Byrd, Nichelle Woodson, Michele Brantley, BBH; Cross Landings Administrator Paul Kovary; and Kathy Bass, BBH.

Humane Society Holding Logo Contest

FRAN HUNT
ECB Publishing Staff Writer

The Jefferson County Humane Society (JCHS) is holding a logo contest for the JCHS "Wolf Creek Adoption Center, and the winner will receive \$250.

The Wolf Creek Pet Adoption Center logo contest began June 15, and all entries must be received by midnight July 31.

Contest applications can be downloaded at www.jeffersonhumane.org, and applications must be

submitted with each entry.

The artwork must be in high resolution and reproducible in black and white and color, in either JPG or PDF format.

By submitting an entry form and artwork for the contest the entrant grants permission to JCHS to use the artwork.

The winning logo will become the property of the JCHS, and will be used in all printed, marketing and media materials to benefit the organization's mission.

The JCHS Board of Directors will select the winning artwork, and the winner will be announced after August 15.

Email artwork and at-

tached entry form to info@jeffersonhumane.org, or mail entry form, artwork and digital file to JCHS, PO Box 954, Monticello, FL, 32345.

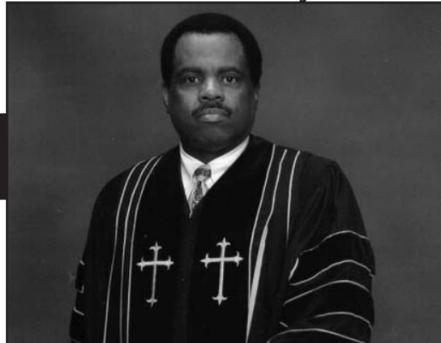
Gelling's Hosts Chamber After 5



ECB Publishing Photo By Debbie Snapp, June 18, 2013.

Gelling's Floral Design on East Dogwood Street hosted the quarterly Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce After 5 event on Tuesday evening. Chamber Director Melanie Mays and several Chamber members were in attendance to help Business Owners John and Kim Kennedy welcome guests. The event was very well attended by all in the community and surrounding area.

Pastor, Rev. Dr. Melvin Roberts Anniversary



Monticello, Florida, June 19, 2013

Greater Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church located at 690 Cypress Street, will celebrate the thirteenth anniversary of their pastor, Dr. Melvin Roberts on Sunday, June 23, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. with the Rev. Norman Clary and the Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church congregation of Boston, Georgia in charge of service. The anniversary will culminate at 3:00 P.M. with the Rev. Harvey Virgil and the Vision of Hope Missionary Baptist Church congregation of Thomasville, Georgia in charge of service. All are invited to come and worship with us during this time of praise, and thanksgiving to God for our many blessings. Dinner will be served after the 3:00 p.m. service.

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Church News Notes

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June 22-30
Olive Baptist Church, 7369 Boston Highway, will begin its Vacation Bible School with a kickoff Saturday from 4 to 6 p.m. and continuing Monday through Friday from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m., with a family night on Sunday at 5:00 p.m. Hang on tight and join the VBS Colossal Coaster World; facing fear, trusting God. For more information call 850-997-1596 or 1-229-224-5588. Rev. David During, pastor.

June 23
Shiloh AME Church in Aucilla will hold its Homecoming on Sunday at 11 a.m. Guest speaker will be Minister Wayne Hall of Tallahassee; he will be joined by the St. Phillip AME Church Male Choir. Rev. Gilbert Connelly, pastor. For more information and directions, call 850-509-1899.

June 23
New Bethel AME Church will hold its annual 'Stewards and Trustees' anniversary on Sunday at 11 a.m. Guest minister will be the retired Rev. Queen E. Miller, from Tallahassee. Rev. Jimmie F. Dickey, pastor. For more information, call 850-997-2313 or 850-294-7656.

June 23
First Baptist Church of Lloyd Youth will present a medieval Drama on Sunday at 6:30 p.m. Hear ye! Hear ye! The public is invited to share in this enactment and fellowship.

June 23
Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church, 4731 North Salt Road, will celebrate 'Family and Friends Day' on Sunday beginning with Morning Worship at 11:30 a.m. and Mid-Day Worship at 3:00 p.m. Pastor Chris Burney with the St. Mark Primitive Baptist Church will be guest speaker for the services. 'Break Every Chain' and plan to attend. Dinner will be served after the Mid-Day Service.

June 23
Greater Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate the anniversary of its pastor,

Dr. Melvin Roberts, on Sunday at 11 a.m. Rev. Norman Clary and the Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church congregation from Boston Georgia will be in charge of the service. The celebration will culminate at 3 p.m. with Rev. Harvey Virgil and the Vision of Hope Missionary Baptist Church congregation from Thomasville, Georgia. All are invited to attend this glorious event.

June 23
Mt. Zion AME Church Lloyd will hold its 128th anniversary beginning at 10 a.m. with Sunday School and Worship Service following at 11 a.m. Bishop Michael R. Moore, pastor of Church of Christ Tallahassee will be speaker. Church pastor Rev. Edward R. Scott, II and the congregation invite the community to come and worship with them and to pray for a spirit-filled and joyous celebration. For more information and directions, call 850-544-7818.

June 23
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church on Thompson Valley Road will hold a 'Fundraiser Musical Program' Sunday at 5 p.m., featuring Tony Vicks and Dedicated Purpose, Chris Whitehead and 1st Thessalonians, Ladies of Faith, and others. Please come out to help support this program. For more information contact Pastor Cassandra Brockman at 850-997-8010.

June 23
Springfield AME Church will celebrate its annual 'Step Back In Time' program beginning at 3:30 p.m. on the fourth Sunday. Rev. Lenny Marshall and the Friendship AME Church family of Tallahassee will be in charge of the service. Come help lift up the name of Jesus! For additional information contact the church office at 850-997-5400. Rev. Stefon McBride, pastor.

June 23
Lamont Baptist Church will celebrate its 143rd Homecoming on Sunday beginning with a Worship

Service at 11 a.m. A covered dish dinner served after the service. Come and join the church family. Visit with friends and family... and meet new friends.

June 23
Mt. Ararat AME Church, on South Waukeenah Highway, will celebrate its annual 'Dual Day' (Men and Women) program on Sunday at 3 p.m. Guest speaker is Jefferson County's very own Rev. Jeffery Graham, pastor of Bethelonia African Methodist Episcopal Church, in Tallahassee. Rev. Graham will bless us with his presence along with his entire congregation, choir, and ushers. Refreshments will be served after service in the Louise Allen King fellowship Hall. For more information, contact Louise King or Barbara Blow at 850-997-2853. Rev. Margaret Brown, pastor.

June 24-28
Calvary Baptist Church will hold Vacation Bible School from 6 to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday.

June 24-28
Waukeenah United Methodist Church will hold Vacation Bible School from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Monday through Friday.

June 24-28
First United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Monday through Friday for a 'Rip-Roaring Time With Jesus!' Call 850-997-5545 for more information.

June 26
Heaven's Kitchen Noon Bible Study and Prayer every Wednesday at Memorial Missionary Baptist Church, with speakers Rev. JB 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.

June 28
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.

Local Republican Party To Meet June 25

DEBBIE SNAPP
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

The Jefferson County Republican Party was unable to resolve the 'future meeting date' issue at its May meeting because the group was one short of a quorum. As decided at the April meeting, the decision meeting will be held on the fourth Tuesday instead of the third Tuesday of each month. As a result, the June meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 25 at Willow Pond Plantation.

Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. A \$10 contribution per person is requested; with the proceeds going to the Jefferson

County Republican Executive Committee. Dinner reservations will need to be made before the meeting by emailing to chairman@jeffersongop.com or by contacting Clyde Simpson by phone at 850-228-4400.

This meeting is very important... a decision is needed to decide the future meeting dates; whether or not to have a July meeting; and to vote on seating some alternate committeemen and committee-women.

The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. Plan to attend, and bring a friend and anyone you would like to have considered as your alternate.



Rotary President Neill Wade Is Congratulated For His Giving



Monticello Rotary President Neill Wade, on right, is recognized as a member of the Bequest Society from Rotary District Governor Ed Philman, on left, during the June 14, 2013 weekly meeting.

DEBBIE SNAPP
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Staff Writer

Rotary District Governor Ed Philman recognized Monticello Rotary President Neill Wade recently, on becoming a member of the 'Bequest Society'. Membership in the Bequest Society helps to secure the future of Rotary's educational and humanitarian programs through the Rotary Foundation. Membership requires a \$10,000 designated gift to the Rotary Foundation as part of a member's will.

Wade received a recognition crystal piece and a Major Donor lapel pin from Philman at the June 14 afternoon Rotary meeting for "demonstrating compelling leadership as a Rotary President and to commemorate his 'giving'".

His tenure has been distinguished by active service projects including the construction of four handicapped ramps, two roadway cleanups, increased scholarships for local high school seniors, and a successful golf tournament fundraiser and for another successful barbecue dinner fundraiser.

'Doing Good in the World' is the motto of The Rotary Foundation. The Bequest Society was established to recognize support for the Permanent Fund of The Rotary Foundation through bequests... gifts at death. The Bequest Society's growing membership includes Rotarians, family members, and friends who have each committed to give \$10,000 or more in their estate plans to The Permanent Fund of The Rotary Foundation.



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Lackey's Celebrate 65 Years Together



Fred and Christine Lackey celebrated 65 years of marriage on June 6, 2013.

FRAN HUNT
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Staff Writer

Fred and Christine Lackey, who reside on the Jefferson/Leon county line at Lake Miccosukee, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on June 6, 2013.

"Our family suggested that we take a cruise to celebrate our anniversary, but can you imagine old people on a cruise? I'm not going on any plane or boat. I'm keeping my feet planted firmly on the ground," said Christine.

They had a quiet little celebration. "We didn't need anything big. For our 50th anniversary, the church threw us a big party celebration and we had family come in from everywhere."

They were wed on June 6, 1948 in Omega, GA, as childhood sweethearts.

"I fell in love with Fred when he played basketball in high school," recalled Christine. "On our first date, he came to see me in a mule-pulled wagon."

In Omega, they lived and worked on a farm as sharecroppers, growing their own produce, vegetables and cotton. On November 20, 1952, their first son, Jerry was born.

"I remember putting him in a basket and bringing him to the field with us when we were picking cotton," Christine said. "We were a family of farmers. It was a struggle, and a lot of hard, hard work. But we couldn't make it on a farm as sharecroppers, so we moved here in 1954."

Fred got a job at Velda Farms in the milk delivery department and eventually worked himself up to supervisor, a job he maintained until his retirement in 1981.

Meanwhile, on November 9, 1954, their second child was born, a son

they named Larry.

A third son, Mike, was later born on November 23, 1963.

Though life was hard, they refused to part from their Christian beliefs, and they regularly attended as members, the Indian Springs Baptist Church. They have been members of the Indian Springs family for the past 44 years.

During those years, Fred serves as a Deacon and head usher. Christine serves by teaching Sunday school classes, and on many committees. They continue to be very active in the church.

Their spiritual roots run deep. "Fred's father was a Deacon, and his mother, a good Christian woman. I married into a good Christian family. They loved me as much as I loved them. They were my second family," she said.

When Larry was attending Jefferson County High School, he received some special help. "Kelly Kilpatrick gave him extra things to do, so that he could pass, graduate, and go into the service as military police," said Christine. "When he got out of the service, he started working with the Monticello Police Department."

Their sons are now grown with families of their own, and the Lackey's feel as blessed today as they felt on the day they first met.

"We raised three boys on a minimal income, and they all turned out to be good Christian men, with beautiful Christian wives, and they all have good jobs," said Christine.

Jerry lives with his wife Mary in Tallahassee, where he works in the property appraisers office.

Larry is married to Bonnie and they reside in Waycross, GA. He serves as a law enforcement offi-

cer. Mike is a medical engineer, creating such items as hip, knee and shoulder replacement joints.

Fred and Christine have also been blessed with extended family, which includes, 10 grandchildren, and 11 great-grand children.

Through all the highs and lows, ups and downs, good and bad, the Lackey's agree that they "would most certainly go through it all over again."

"We still have a very blessed life. I'm happy being me," Christine added.

"The upbringing in Christian families, and continuing to do so, has brought us so many loved ones and good friends.

A hard life makes you stronger, and you realize who leads you. We were led by the best, our best friend who leads us to this day, our Lord Jesus Christ."



The Lackey family years ago. Pictured in the back, from left to right are Jerry, Fred, and Larry. Christine sits in front holding Mike.

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Adoption Spotlight: Lajerrica



Lajerrica is a funny, energetic 16-year-old girl. She's very sweet, well adjusted, and lovable. She loves to laugh and have a good time, and gets along with peers and adults very well. She likes to spend time outside playing sports like soccer and basketball. Best of all, she loves *everything* Tinkerbell. She is very social and loves being around other people. Her favorite food is down-home macaroni and cheese. She is intelligent: she does well in school and her favorite subject is science. When she grows up, she wants to be a doctor, police officer, or hair stylist. A good family for her would be one that would give her time, attention and love, that would also provide structure. She would love to be part of a family. Please contact Michelle Morris at the Children's Home society, michellemorris@chsfl.org

School & Sports

NFCC "Kids in College" Summer Camps Offer Fun And Educational Experiences

Looking for summer fun for your little camper? North Florida Community College's "Kids in College" program offers children in 1st through 6th grades everything from cooking camps to art camps.

NFCC's "Kids in College" camps offer a creative and educational outlet for children throughout the summer. Camps will run Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with several day camping options. Choose between half days from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. or 1-5 p.m. Campers can also choose to go all day long from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. There will be no camp programs scheduled during the week of July 4.

Camp costs vary and are based on half or full day camp options. A discount will be applied for each second and third child in a family. To enroll today or pick up a registration packet contact Denise Bell at (850) 973-9481 or belld@nfcc.edu. More information is also available at <http://www.nfcc.edu/kids-in-college>.

NFCC's "Kids in College" Camp Topics:

- Reading & Creative Writing: This camp is de-



signed for young minds with a love for reading as well as for the future writers of the next generation. Kids will be able to express the creativeness they had not been able to during the school year, as well as dive into a world of relatable and imaginative reading through reading comprehension and fun activities.

- Math Camp: The math camp will consist of utilizing the fundamentals of math such as adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing. Each week, the difficulty will increase, going from basic equations to using variables. The math camp I am providing will give the kids a feel for STEM courses such as mathematics and science.

- Art Camp: Kids will draw, color and paint with

a variety of mediums. Their creations will become memories of their summer of 2013. The main focus is to be expressive while having fun.

- Culinary Camp: Cooking made fun! Learn about knife safety, microwave safety, using an electric mixer, blender, or other kitchen appliances. Additional kitchen basics such as: how to tell when noodles, cakes and cookies are done, and how to double a recipe or "half" it.

- Kelly Center Kids: Every day is about being healthy and getting active. Find out which fun, healthy activity is for you or just do it...sign up and get challenged. Comfortable clothing and athletic shoes required. Held at NFCC's Colin P. Kelly Fitness Center.

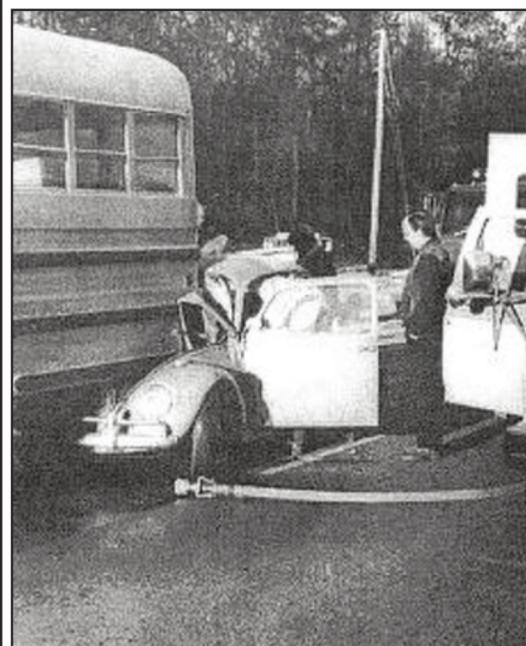
- Tech-Know Kids:

This hands-on techno camp will allow students to explore computers and other hardware to promote creativity and technical skills. Students will use hardware, search engines and various software programs to create stories, pictures, and explore technology resources.

- Science Camp: This camp is designed to expose kids to the various branches of science in a three week period. Over this course of time we will adventure into worlds known and unknown as a part of Earth/Space science, Animal Sciences, Chemistry, Physical Science, and Technological sciences. Kids will learn the scientific method, through various hands on activities and use of technology.

RETRO NEWS

A BLAST FROM THE PAST



Monticello News File Photo 1988

This driver blinded by the morning sun, plowed into an Aucilla Christian Academy school bus in January of 1988.

The Jaws of Life helped free the occupants of the car as onlookers watched.

Jefferson County High School Class of 1983 To Host 30TH Reunion

Graduates of the Jefferson County High School Class of 1983 are being sought.

The Jefferson County High School Class of 1983 cordially invites you to participate in their 30TH Year Class Reunion. The reunion is scheduled for August 3-4. The reunion activities will be held at The Mays House, 925 E Washington Street, Monticello.

Please RSVP no later than July 10, 2013 so appropriate arrangements can be made for attendance. The deadline for fees is July 22.

If you have any questions about the event, please contact Teresa Penny Thompson at (850) 363-4699, via email: penny4@myway.com or inbox her on Facebook.

Also, do not forget, your fees will be needed prior to the deadline and to please share this information with other classmates that you may be in contact with.

NFCC Students Select Rose Knox As The College's 2013 Student Support Services Instructor Of The Year

Each year North Florida Community College students who participate in the TRiO Student Support Services Program select an outstanding instructor. This year's 2013 Student Support Services Instructor of the Year is NFCC English Instructor Rose Knox.

NFCC students pre-

sented Knox with the award at the Student Support Services Faculty Appreciation Reception which is held annually and organized by students who participate in the program. Students also wrote thank you notes to different NFCC instructors sharing what they, the student, found beneficial



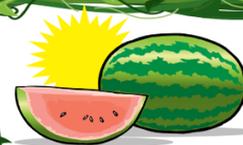
NFCC Director of Student Support Services Suzie Cashwell, left, and 2013 Student Support Services Instructor of the Year Rose Knox

from the instructors' classes and teaching methods.

"The faculty here at NFCC are among the best I have worked with," said Suzie Cashwell, Director of Student Support Services at NFCC. "They balance the rigor of academics with the hu-

manity of first generation students. This combination is leading to success and we want instructors to see this."

Knox was specifically recognized by students for offering a creative and interactive learning environment where students are engaged, involved and interested in learning. "Creating life-long learning is my goal," said Knox. "If students are enjoying the process, learning becomes a joyful experience!"



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"I want to thank everyone that contributed to or helped in any way in making this year's yearbook the very best," concluded Mr. Saffo. Yearbooks can be purchased at JCMHS main office. The yearbooks will be on sale throughout the summer. Please call (850)997-3555 for any questions. Thanks in advance for your contribution and help!

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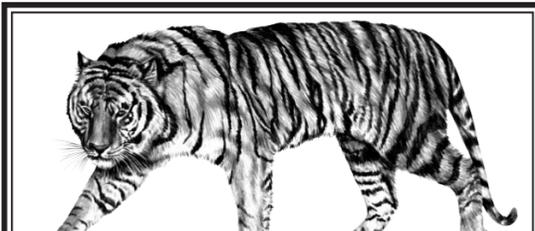
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Upcoming AANF Board of Directors Meeting

The Area Agency on Aging for North Florida, Inc. it will hold its Board of Directors Meeting, Thursday June 27, 2013 at 10:30 am ET. The Agenda will be available upon request. The meeting will be held at the Area Agency on Aging for North Florida, Inc.: 2414 Mahan Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32308. The meetings are open to the public; if additional information is needed please contact Linda Burns, Office Manager at 850-488-0055. 6/21/13.c

NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF JEFFERSON COUNTY will meet in executive session for the purpose of Union negotiations on Wednesday, July 26, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. All Executive Sessions are closed to the public. Any questions may be directed to the District offices at (850) 342-0100 Monday thru Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 6/21/13

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Major Feed Times are marked by an asterisk (*)

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

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Beginner Or Experienced Anglers: There Is Something To Learn At A Women's Fishing Clinic

By Alan Peirce And Guest Columnist Amanda Nalley



I'd like to talk a little about one of the important outreach and education programs we have at the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC): our Women's Fishing Clinics. Since I haven't yet had the opportunity to attend one of these events, this month, I'm passing the pen over to guest writer Amanda Nalley to tell you more about learning the lifetime sport of saltwater fishing.

Because we aren't born knowing how to tie a clinch knot....

Not everyone is as lucky as me. I can't remember how old I was when someone first stuck a fishing pole in my hand. At my grandpa's pond, I learned the basics: patience, how to not hook your finger or the person behind you, and how to not be afraid of touching that slimy fish.

Unlike me, many women, and many men for that matter, didn't get the experience I did growing up around the water. And while fishing is fun, it

doesn't always come naturally. New and better gears are invented. The mind, out of practice, forgets how to tie an improved clinch knot. Just trying to figure out which way to hold a fishing pole for the first time can be daunting.

It's with this in mind that, in 2010, the idea for the Women's Fishing Clinic was conceived. These free, statewide events aim to educate current and future adult anglers who would like to learn about Florida's natural resources.

Participants learn the difference between a spinning rod and a bait-caster, the basics on how to use a rod, how to cast a line without hooking someone behind you and how to toss a cast net and actually catch something.

Local fishing guides will teach you the tricks of the trade. The sessions help folks get comfy with being on the water, while an FWC officer reviews boating safety. And, as if that isn't enough, at the end of the day, you'll get to test out your new skills with your own fishing experience.

Think you already know it all? Everyone needs a refresher on how to be an ethical angler now



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Participants learn fishing skills at a Women's Fishing Clinic in Crystal River.

and then. Participants will also learn how recreational anglers impact local fisheries and what they can do as "fisheries managers." One thing is the importance of and how to actually use a de-hooking device. Another lesson is how to catch a fish with a circle hook and why fish handling can make or break your catch-and-release experiences.

This course is also great for visitors to the state who want to make sure they know what they are doing before hitting the shore.

The first Women's

Fishing Clinic was held on March 5, 2010, in Crystal River. It was a small program, drawing only four participants but allowing more student-teacher contact. Since then, the program has expanded into new areas, including Jacksonville, Cedar Key, Panama City and Melbourne Beach, with each program drawing more and more attendees.

Now, in the close of the second year, the Women's Fishing Clinic is casting into 2013 with high expectations and new locations on the horizon, including Pensacola,

Daytona, West Palm Beach, Port Charlotte and St. Petersburg.

The next Women's Fishing Clinic will be June 22 at MacArthur State Park in North Palm Beach, 10900 Florida A1A. Register today, as the event is limited to 20 participants.

The clinics also are always in need of experienced angler volunteers.

For more information, to volunteer or to register, contact Jennifer Saranzak at 352-543-9219 or Jennifer.Saranzak@MyFWC.com.

Also check out Ladies,

Let's Go Fishing!, another program for women interested in learning more about saltwater fishing. The FWC participates in and sponsors the program. Learn more at ladiesletsgofishing.com.

Don't forget to record all of your catches on the iAngler phone app or at snookfoundation.org. Share your photos, video and fishing tales with us as well by emailing them to Alan.Peirce@MyFWC.com.

Gone Coastal is one of many ways that the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) Division of Marine Fisheries Management is helping recreational anglers understand complex saltwater regulations and learn more about saltwater fishing opportunities and issues in Florida. We are also available to answer questions by phone or email anytime, and we would love the opportunity to share information through in-person presentations with recreational or commercial fishing organizations. To contact the FWC's Regulatory Outreach subsection call 850-487-0554 or email Alan.Peirce@MyFWC.com.



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The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) reminds boaters and divers of the importance of using a divers-down flag.

"Divers-down flags are not only required by law, but they are necessary to stay safe, particularly in areas of high boat traffic," said Maj. Bruce Cooper, commander for the FWC's Northwest Region.

Divers-down flags help both divers and boaters. Divers use them to notify boaters that they are in the water. Boat operators see the flags and know to steer clear.

Cooper says "Everyone just needs to remember what to do to keep themselves and others safe. Boaters should be particularly vigilant of swimmers and snorkelers in and around these dolphin-viewing areas."

Divers must do their part by ensuring the flag is properly displayed when divers are in the water, and removed when they exit the water. Boaters need to be aware at all times, scanning the water for dive flags.

The specific regulations regarding divers-down flags are as follows:

- Divers-down flags displayed on vessels must be at least 20 inches by 24 inches, and a stiffener is required to keep the flag unfurled. Dive flags carried on floats must be at least 12 inches by 12 inches. Also, divers-down flags on vessels must be displayed above the vessel's highest point so that



the flag's visibility is not obstructed in any direction.

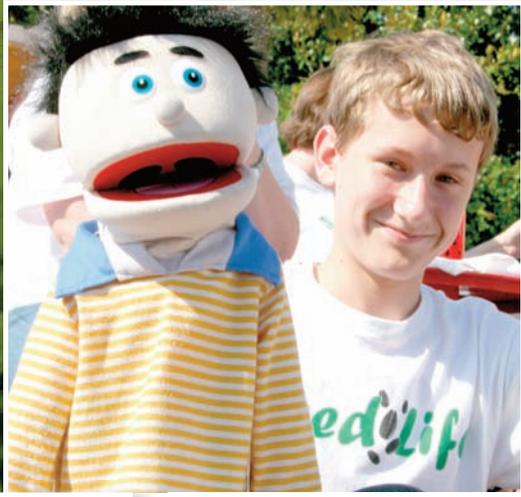
- Divers must make reasonable efforts to stay within 300 feet of a divers-down flag on open waters and within 100 feet of a flag within rivers, inlets or navigation channels.

- Vessel operators must make a reasonable effort to maintain a distance of at least 300 feet from divers-down flags on open waters and at least 100 feet from flags on rivers, inlets or navigation channels. Vessels approaching divers-down flags closer than 300 feet in open water and 100 feet in rivers, inlets and navigation channels must slow to idle speed.

- When divers are out of the water, a dive flag must not be displayed.

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KICK-OFF DINNER WELL ATTENDED

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The Chamber's annual Kick Off Dinner at the Monticello Opera House kicked off the Watermelon Festival activities on June 7. It was very well attended.

Rather than a barbecue meal, the menu included a special lasagna dinner, with salad, garlic toast, ice tea, and watermelon slices for dessert.

According to those dining on the delicious meal, the lasagna was a real big hit.

During dinner, Chamber Director Melanie Mays began the program by introducing the winners of the pageants. They included; the 2013 Miss Watermelon Queen Taylor Clemens; Teen Miss Watermelon Queen Jenny Jackson; Baby Miss Watermelon Queen Brooke Barrett; Tiny Miss Watermelon Queen Maggie Walker; Mr. Watermelon King David Peck, II; Little Miss Watermelon Queen Jordian Boucher; Junior Miss Watermelon Queen Jady Kinsey; and Tween Miss Watermelon Queen Hannah Holton.

The Baby Photo Contest Winners were announced and each were invited to the stage to receive their trophy; they included, in the boys category, Bentley Daniel Lankford, the son of Shelby and Noah Lankford, who was named the winner in the new born

to five months division; Rhett Tyler Raker, the son of Amanda and Tyler Raker, who won the six to 12 months division; Ryder Everett Lacy, the son of Richard and Sheila Lacy, who was named the winner in the one year-old division; Christopher "Brody" Houpp, the son of Chris and Carie Houpp, was



Selling t-shirts and welcoming guests to the Watermelon Festival Kickoff Dinner were (left to right): Cassi Anderson, Nan Baughman, Cathy Allen, and Julie Conley.

named the winner in the two-year old division; Noah Clayton Fulford, the son of Ernest and Sarah Fulford, who won the three-year old division; John "Hayden" Holton, the son of Amy and Jeremy Holton, who won the four-year old division; and Jhamari Djuan Britt, the son of Falecia Wiggin and Nathaniel Britt, who won the five-year old division; and in the girls category, Harper Leigh McLeod, the daughter of Matthew and Chasity McLeod, who was named the winner in the newborn to five months division; Elizabeth West, the daughter of Jennifer Blake and Ira West, Jr., who was the winner in the six to 12 months division; Kinley Leigh Key, the daughter of Vern and Jessica Key, was named the winner in the one year old division; Chloe Elizabeth Pitts, the daughter of Jack and Lyndsay Pitts, was named the winner in the two-year old division; Christine Lee Lastinger, the daughter of Perry and Dana Lastinger, was named the winner in the three-year old division; Aubrey Elizabeth Raker, the daughter of Amanday and Tyler Raker, was named the winner in the four-year old division; and Morgan Shea McNeill, the daughter of Tyler and Jenny McNeill, who was named the winner in the five-year old division.

The winners of the Capital City Bank Essay Writing Scholarship Contest were announced and awarded cash prizes. First place winner Ashley Schofill received \$500.

Second place winner Samantha Douglas received \$300. Third place winner Abigail Starling received \$200.

The winners of the art contest for the Watermelon Festival program cover were then announced and introduced. They included, first place winner Allen Washington,

Keaton and Guo were each awarded a Watermelon Festival T-shirt.

Also during the dinner, judges from the Jefferson Arts Gallery chose the best watermelon carvings for the \$150 cash prize. Those in attendance could also vote on which carving would win the People's Choice award. Valentin Vargas, 16, won both contests with his creative carving.

There was also a chance drawing for one lucky attendee, to receive a 32-inch flat-screen TV from Buddy's Home Furnishings. Brad Mueller was named the winner.

Sponsors for the Watermelon Festival were also acknowledged. They included Duke Energy; Freidel and Dick Bailar; Buddy's Home Furnishings; Tri-County Electric; Florida Lottery; Capital City Bank; Monticello News/Jefferson

Journal; Bob and Frances Morris; Johnston's & Companies; and Cone Distributing, Inc.

At 7 p.m., attendees stepped over to Mulberry Street, where they were entertained by the annual Altrusa Bed Races.



Selling chance tickets for a flat screen television and dinner tickets for the Watermelon Festival Kickoff Dinner were (left to right): Friedel and Dick Bailar and Anne Holt.

11, of Jefferson Elementary School (JES); second place winner Amya Keaton, 10, of JES; and Mandy Guo, 8, of Aucilla Christian Academy.

Washington won a \$50 savings bond, and a Watermelon Festival T-shirt, and



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The Watermelon Festival Kickoff Dinner and Program was great! Participants voted on their favorite melon carvings including: a turtle, a basket of flowers, and a ship.

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KIWANIS TAKES BED RACE

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The 12th annual Altrusa Bed Race, held Friday, June 7, on Mulberry Street, adjacent to the Opera House, resulted in Kiwanis once again taking the Prestigious Traveling Bed trophy, and Rotary, once again taking the Best Dressed Bed contest.

Rotarians were dressed in hospital garb to include red nurses uniforms and patient's robes, and those in uniform were even wearing red metallic wigs. Their bed was fashioned as an ambulance, complete with flashing red lights and siren. They also won last year.

The City received Honorable Mention for their bed, "Men At Work."

Kiwanis was awarded \$100, which they will donate to Youth Incorporated. Rotary was awarded \$25.

Serving as the official starter for the race was Sheriff David Hobbs.

In the first race of the first heat, the City, made up of Curt Register, Rico Watkins, and Ron Brumbley, was pitted against the Jefferson County Recreation De-

partment, made up of the team, Mike Holm, Bradley Holm, and Pamela Watt.

And they're off! Both teams took from the finish line in a flash and the race was pretty much on an even pace, until just south of the Monticello Police Department, the recreation Department's bed veered to the west, throwing the team of course.

The City continued on a straight course for the finish line and took the victory.

In the second race, old rivals Rotary, made up of team members Kessean Lewis, Leitaras Stokes, and Angie Hurtado, was pitted against Kiwanis, with the team of Jared Jackson, Hans Sorensen, and Rene Beshears.

And they're off! Once again the teams were pretty evenly matched, but with the Kiwanis just inches ahead of Rotary. The Kiwanian bed veered slightly to the west, also pushing Rotary slightly to the west. But both teams kept up the pace, crossing the finish line and giving Kiwanis the victory, by mere inches.

In the third race Buddy's Home Furnishings, with the team of Kendrick Higgins, Dondray Hopkins, and Natashia Allee,



The ladies of Altrusa smile for the camera prior to judging the Best Dressed Bed contest.

were put up against the City.

And they're off! Buddy's shot from the starting line with the City right on their heels. There were no mishaps during the race, which resulted in Buddy's taking the victory.

In the final race of the day it was Buddy's against Kiwanis.

Kiwanis began at the east end of the starting line, and Buddy's began on the west side.

And they're off! Kiwanis shot from the starting line, and veered to the west, ahead of Buddy's and overtaking the west side lane. Buddy's veered to the east in an attempt to catch Kiwanis, but Buddy's couldn't catch up with them in the end, and Kiwanis took the win.

Following the results of the races, Sheriff Hobbs, representing the 2012 winners (The Sheriff's Office), presented the "Prestigious Traveling Bed," trophy to the members of Kiwanis.

In 2002, Rotary took the victory; in 2003 the Kiwanis won; in 2004 the Kiwanis retained the trophy; in 2005 Gerry Medical/Pickney Hill Plantation took the trophy; in 2006 United Way won the trophy; in 2007, Kiwanis took back the trophy; in 2008, Farmers and Merchants Bank won the final heat; in 2009 Monticello Hairlines won; in 2010 FMB took the trophy back; in 2011 Rotary was once again the conquering hero; last year (2012) the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office won the trophy; and in 2013, it was once again a Kiwanis victory.



As the teams in the final race of the day approach the finish line, it was obvious that it would be the Kiwanis who took the victory.

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161 SERVED AT FMB BREAKFAST



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The FMB Watermelon Festival Breakfast volunteers served approximately 161 meals.

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The Farmers and Merchants Bank (FMB) Watermelon Festival Breakfast held from 7 a.m. until 9 a.m., Saturday, June 15 under the FMB drive-thru, served approximately 161 people, including 122 paying customers and 39 free plates to law

enforcement, firefighters, EMT/paramedics, and city workers.

The menu included scrambled eggs, bacon, grits, biscuits, coffee and orange juice.

Spokesman Joe Anderson said FMB personnel purchase, prepare, and provide the meals as a service to the community.

This year's volunteers who helped



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Among those enjoying the FMB Watermelon Festival Breakfast Saturday morning were Jefferson County Fire Rescue Firefighter/Paramedics Chris Lundstrum, left, and Nathan Roberts, right.

set-up, serve, and/or clean up included Tanner Aman, Jani Bedell, Jerry Boatwright, Henry Etta Boatwright, Becky Branch, Sheila Croy, Ian Donkin, Ashley Evans, Pam Evans, Brooke Joiner, Bobby Kempinski, Bob McElroy, Dan Peel, Patti Sherer-Evans, and Brenda

Smith.

"Special thanks, as always, to the First Presbyterian Church for graciously allowing us to use their Fellowship Hall to store the food, and to Calvary Baptist Church for the use of their tables and chairs," Anderson concluded.



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Monticello Police Department Dispatcher Betty Branch, right, takes a break with Maria Rosas to enjoy a meal during the FMB Watermelon Festival Breakfast.

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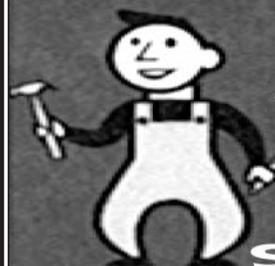
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WOMAN'S CLUB WATERMELON FESTIVAL LUNCHEON SERVES 80+



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The Monticello Woman's Club Watermelon Festival Luncheon was a great success due to the hard work of MWC President Ethel Strickland (front, left) and Event Emcee Cassi Anderson (front, right), pictured here with Watermelon Queens Taylor Clemens (back, left) and Jenny Jackson (back, right).

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The Monticello Woman's Club hosted their annual Watermelon Festival Luncheon, Thursday, June 13 at the Monticello Opera House, and the event was a huge success, serving 80+ meals.

Spokesperson Ethel Strickland said this year's event was different, if it was not a fashion show, so it was something that the men could also enjoy, and those who attended, did just that.

This year's event featured the music of Rick Knowles and Friends (Josh Noland, Ben Reed, and Rebecca Rigdon), and a portion of Melanie Mays' group Monticello Acting and Dance Company (MadCo), performing songs, movement, and dance routines from this year's Children's Theater event, "High Tide, A Musical Pirate Tale (ARGGGH)!"

Door prizes were also awarded, as well as raffle prizes. In the raffle, Ann Horton won two prizes, and Jane Hand, Ethel Strickland, and Sherri Bernard each won gift certificates.

The door prizes were many, and all hand-crafted/created by Woman's Club members.

Everyone in attendance enjoyed a fantastic chicken salad meal, with some very talented local residents showcasing their talents for the audience.

Members of the Woman's Club wished to thank the community for their attendance and support in this annual fundraising event for the club.

"And I personally, would like to thank the Woman's Club ladies for their dedication in helping to make this event a success," Strickland concluded.



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The 63rd Watermelon Festival Queens, Taylor Clemens (left) and Jenny Jackson (right) and Festival Chairperson Nan Baughman could be seen everywhere during festival time.



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Rick Knowles & Friends entertained during the Monticello Woman's Club Watermelon Festival Luncheon.



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Anne Horton was one of the big winners during the doorprize drawings at the Monticello Woman's Club Watermelon Festival Luncheon.



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Also entertaining during the Monticello Woman's Club Watermelon festival Luncheon were a few of the MadCo cast members from 'High Tide' and Melanie Mays.

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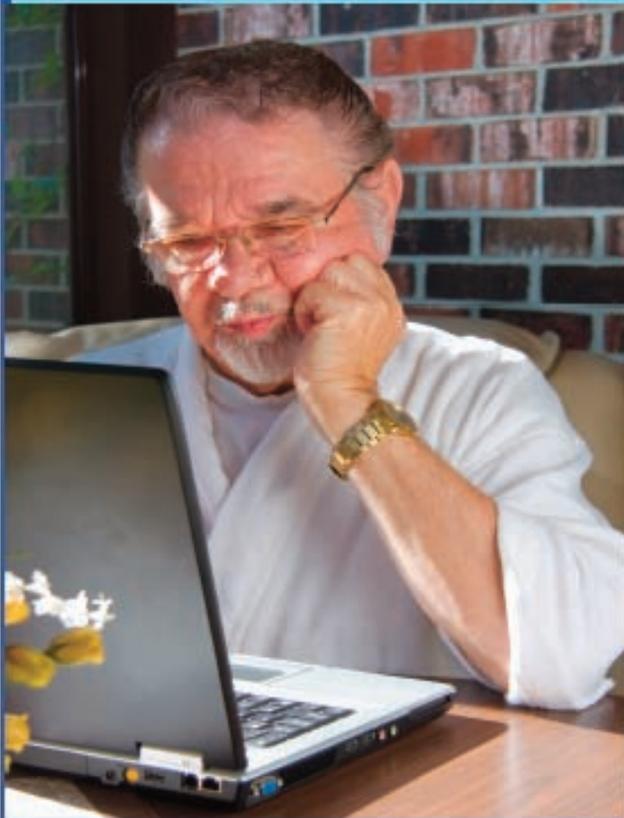


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WATERMELON PARADE SEES MANY ENTRIES



ECB Publishing Photo By Debbie Snapp, June 15, 2013.
'Best Merchant' New Leaf Market.



ECB Publishing Photo By Debbie Snapp, June 15, 2013.
'Best Civic Group' Sons of the Confederate Veterans Finley's Brigade.

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Hundreds of spectators lined the streets Saturday morning awaiting the Watermelon Festival Parade. Promptly at 10 a.m., they got what they were waiting for.

Spectators waved to those in the parade and walkers in the parade handed out assorted goodies to the spectators.

Prior to the beginning of the parade, all of the entries were judged for this year's 63rd Annual Watermelon Festival. This year's theme was "Hot! Hot! Hot!" New Leaf Market was voted the Best Merchant.

The Son's of Confederate Veteran's Finley's Brigade was named Best Civic or Group.

Swamp Thing, which included Swamp Thing, Mudd Slinger, and the Reaper, was named Most Unusual.

The Monticello Acting and Dance Company was named Best Spirit.

The Scarlett O'Hatters won Best Theme.

The Baby Photo Contest winners were named Best In Show.

Parade entries included; Monticello Police Department Chief Fred Mosley; Jefferson County Sheriff David Hobbs; Florida Highway Patrol; Jefferson County Fire Rescue; Greenville Fire Department; American Legion Post #49; Parade Grand Marshall Mark Kessler; City of Monticello; Florida Forest Service; Taylor County Forestry; Brooke Barrett, 2013 Baby Miss Watermelon Queen; baby Photo Contest winners; Monticello Acting And Dance Company; RJ Bailar Public Library; Watermelon King; Buddy's Home Furnishings; Scarlett O'Hatters; Whole Child Mobile Unit; Maggie Ann Walker, 2013 Miss Tiny Watermelon Queen; Gelling's Florist; Sickle Cell Foundation; the Whetsel family; Beau Turner Youth Conservation Center; Swamp Thing, including Swamp Thing Mudd Slinger, and the Reaper; First Baptist Church of Lloyd; New Leaf Market; William Stewart Cleaning Solution; ECB Publishing/Monticello News; Jady Kinsey and Hanna Holton, Watermelon Queens; Finley's Brigade, Sons of the Confederate Veterans; Jefferson County Tax Collector Lois Howell-Hunter; Gadsden Extreme Dance Team; Covenant Hospice; Jenny Jackson, 2013 Teen Miss Watermelon; Billy Simmons; Sgt. Major Herbert Whaley; Jefferson County Health Department Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT); 2013 Watermelon Queen Taylor Clemens; Cuyler/Howard Family Reunion; Florida department of Health (Leon County); Antique car show entrants; Brynwood Center; Central Baptist Church; Tri County Electric; and Marzuq Shrine.

"I would like to thank my parade committee: Brenna Kelly, Lisa Wheeler, Kayla Gebhard, Melissa Perez, Daniel McKown, Trevor Boland, and Cole Joiner. Also my set up manager Demott Anderson, Denise and Tom Vogelgesang, Nan Baughman, and local businesses: Boyd Sod Farm, Simpson Nurseries, and Plant Me Green," said Parade Chairperson Cassi Anderson.



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The 'Best Themed' float during the parade was the Red Hat Scarlett O'Hatters.



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The ECB Publishing staff could be seen marching through the streets of Monticello passing out copies of the Monticello News and the Jefferson County Journal newspapers. Pictured left to right: Emerald Greene, Ken Parsons, Carl Painter, Cheryl Painter, Amber Houston and Sunny Houston.



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'Most Unusual' Swamp Thing Mudd Slinger The Reaper.



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'Best Spirit' Monticello Acting and Dance Company.



ECB Publishing Photo By Emerald Greene, June 15, 2013.
The 2013 Miss Watermelon Queen, Taylor Clemens, was on hand during the two weeks of the Watermelon Festival activities, since her crowning. She is pictured here as she rides in the Watermelon Parade, last Saturday morning.



ECB Publishing Photo By Emerald Greene, June 15, 2013.
Marching in the parade is Finley's Brigade - Sons of Confederate Veterans . Left to right are: Bryanna Cline, David Cline, Marshall Carroll, Richard Witt, Anthony Harvey, Ellis Harvey, Chris Miller, and Graham Smith.

ROTARY BARBECUE SERVES APPROXIMATELY 400

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Rotarians hosted their annual Watermelon Festival barbecue dinner sales, 5 p.m. until 8 p.m., Friday June 14 at the Monticello Opera House. Rotarian James Muchovej reported that approximately 400 meals were served, "give or take about 25," he added.

Eat in or carry out was available many chose to enjoy their meals while visiting friends and family in the Monticello Opera House, while many more patrons picked up multiple to-go trays.

The menu included the Rotary's world famous barbecue Boston Butt, corn on the cob, secret recipe baked beans, coleslaw, bread, iced tea and a wide variety of homemade desserts.

Preparations began bright and early the morning of the event, about 7 a.m.,

taking a total of about 20-25 people from Team Rotary behind the scenes to prepare the delectable meal.

The flavor-fragrant air wafted through the city throughout the day, leading up to the event.

In preparations, first, Rotarians began the husking, cleaning and cooking of the corn. The meat was cooked, cut, chopped and seasoned, late in the day; baked beans were started at about noon, while the coleslaw was prepared fresh.

It takes much work and planning from many to make the ever-popular annual barbecue, the huge success it continues to be.

All of the proceeds from the event will go toward promoting vocational studies, club scholarships for local deserving youth, and community projects.



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Smells of the delicious Boston Butts filled the air for the Rotary Barbecue during the Watermelon Festival.



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Rotary Barbecue is always a big seller on Friday before the Watermelon Festival Street Dance and other evening events. Cooking Boston Butts for the last 18 years is Honorary Rotarian Dalton McMullen.

About 75 Enjoy Haunted Tours



Palmer House is one of the houses that is included in the Ghost Tours in Monticello.

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Approximately 75 people enjoyed the 90-minute Haunted Tours presented by members of the Big Bend Ghost Trackers (BBGT) on June 14 and 15, and some opted to add in the 75-minute mini ghost hunt in the old 1827 cemetery immediately following the tour.

Many caught images of orbs and ectoplasm on their cameras, and some even reported seeing "strange things" at both the John Denham House and the

Wirick-Simmons House.

Two tours were offered on June 14, and one tour on June 15.

Those attending learned not only the history of the town but also something of those said to still haunt the living.

In past years, many have witnessed strange occurrences and taken many photos of orbs, ectoplasm and strange dark figures that go bump in the night.

As usual, BBGT donated 50 percent of the proceeds to the Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce.

WATERMELON FESTIVAL STREET DANCE HAS GOOD SHOWING



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The Watermelon Festival Street Dance is enjoyed by the youngsters too. Dancing the night away to the Southern Satisfaction Band, on the Lotto Van stage, are: Kayli Replogle, Tris Replogle, and the 2013 Little Miss Queen Jordian Boucher.

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The Watermelon Festival Street Dance held, Friday, June 14 on the Lotto Van stage, located at the corner of Cherry and High streets, from 7:30 p.m. until

10:30 p.m., had a very large showing with many in attendance and joining in the fun.

The entertainment for the evening was provided by the duo of Bobby Kennedy and Michelle Milligan. They provided a wide

variety of music to satisfy all tastes.

During the Street Dance the ever-popular watermelon seed-spitting contest took place at 8:30 p.m., There were many spitters on hand, all of them making their mama's very proud.

When all was said and done, the winners were announced and awarded their trophies.

In the adult division, Linda Footman won first place with a distance of 18 feet, four inches.

Zo Rudd won second place with a distance of 12 feet, 10 inches.

Karen Lane won third place with a distance of eight feet, four inches.

In the children's division, Jackson Cruce finished in first place with a distance of 18 feet, 11 inches.

Tris Replogle came in second place with a distance of 17 feet, 5.9 inches.

Mike Long finished in third place with a distance of 16 feet, 10 inches.



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The Watermelon Festival Seed Spitting Challenge drew quit a few participants on Friday evening. Winning first place in the adult category was Linda Footman, with a spit of 18.4; also winning first place in the children division was Jackson Cruce with a spit of 18.11.



CDH & The Porch Lizards perform on the Lotto Van stage during the Watermelon Festival.

WMP Platform Events Enjoyed By Many

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The Watermelon Festival Platform Events were held at 11 a.m., Saturday, June 15 on the stage of the Lotto Van, located at the corner of Cherry and High streets, were enjoyed by very many in at-

tendance during the Watermelon Festival.

There was a wide variety of music, and those that surrounded the stage area, tapped their feet, clapped their hands, and swung their hips to the sounds of CDH and the Porch Lizards, The Hot Tamales, The Red Hill Cloggers, and Caleb Vaughn.



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Enjoying the Lotto Van stage performance band CDH & The Porch Lizards on Saturday afternoon were Leo Russell and his children Shari, Jazlyn, and Justin.

WALLY BENTLY CAR SHOW BRINGS OUT 60+ VEHICLES

Winners of the 6th Annual Wally Bentley Memorial Car Show included, left to right: Don Pumphrey, who won "Best 1931 or Older"; Jessie Gains, who won "Best Custom/Street Rod"; Daves Law, who won "Best 1932 - 1954"; Craig Brown and Lori Forster, who won "Best 1955 -19 87"; Vernon Brandt, who won "Best Late Model"; Otis Loper, who won "Judge's Choice"; and Richard Lassiter, who also won "Judge's Choice".



This 1985 Chevy Monte Carlo, owned by Craig Brown and Lori Forster, won, "Best 1955-1987."

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The 6th Annual Wally Bentley Memorial Car Show brought out 60+ entries and resulted in many winners.

If you watched the 63rd Jefferson County Watermelon Festival parade on Saturday, you would have seen 10 of those antique/classic vehicles drive by on their way to the car show in the FMB parking lot.

Of those 60+ entries, one was a 1946 Ford, which was previously owned by Wally Bentley, and now owned by his daughter, Brenda Bentley who keeps the car at the same Monticello carport that her father did.

Wally Bentley was a member of the Tallahassee Region Antique Automobile Club of America (TRAACA), whose members host the annual car show.

Prior to the judging and trophy presentations, two lucky winners received \$68 each from the cash raffle.

Car Winners included; Don Pumphrey won "Best 1931 or Older" with his 1931 Ford Model A roadster pickup; Jessie Gains won "Best Custom/Street Rod" with his 1934 Ford 3 window coupe; Daves Law won "Best 1932 - 1954" with his 1935 Buick Series 90; Craig Brown and Lori Forster won "Best 1955 -19 87" with their 1985 Chevy Monte Carlo; Vernon Brandt won "Best Late Model" with his 2004 Ford Mustang Mach 1; Otis Loper won "Judge's Choice" with his 2004 Chrysler Crossfire; and Richard Lassiter also won "Judge's Choice" with his 1988 Buick GNX.

"We had two Judge's Choice trophies this year to allow flexibility as the car show is open to any vehicle, so we never know what might turn up," said TRAACA Car

Show Co-Chair Craig McCollum.

All vehicle owners received at least one prize, which were donated by: Advance Auto Parts, Badcock Home Furniture & More, Burger King, CarQuest Auto Parts, Gulf Coast Lumber & Supply, Johnston's Old Fashion Meat Market, NAPA Auto Parts, O'Reilly Auto Parts, Tupelo's Bakery & Café, Tallahassee Automobile Museum, Tallahassee Region Antique Auto Club of America (TRAACA) members, and Winn Dixie.

The TRAACA was established in 1970, is family oriented, and participates in many activities to include tours, displays, cruises, rallies, and regional/national AACA events. Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at the old Tallahassee Antique Car museum across from Costco on Mahan Drive starting at 6 p.m. Car ownership is not a requirement.



The 1988 Buick GNX, owned by Richard Lassiter, won "Judge's Choice."



This 1935 Buick Series 90, owned by Daves Law, won Best 1932-1954."



This 1943 Ford 3 Window Coupe, owned by Jessie Gains, won "Best Custom Street Rod."



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STANLEY LINTON TAKES KIWANIS 5-K MELON RUN

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This year's annual Kiwanis 5-K Melon Run brought out 284 runners, and resulted in Stanley Linton, 19, of Crawfordville, FL to be the first to cross the line with a time of 16:42. The first local runner across the line was David Harrell, who finished seventh overall, with a time of 19:18.

Trophies were awarded three deep in each category, and in each age bracket.

In the male category, under 10 age bracket, Cooper Lastinger finished first, and 118th overall with a time of 30:56.

Camden Riddle, 8, of Windermere, FL, finished second, and 207th overall, with a time of 38:31.

Landon Hamrick, 8, of Tallahassee, finished third, 234th overall, with a time of 42:41.

In the female category, Layla Thompson, 8, of Tallahassee, finished first, 37th overall, with a time of 24:16.

Isabella Gray, 9, of Monticello, finished second, 170th overall, with a time of 35:02.

In the male category, 10-14 age bracket, Bryce Cole, 14, of Crawfordville, finished first, eighth overall, with a time of 19:22.

Gatlin Nennstiel, 14, of Monticello, finished second, ninth overall, with a time of 19:48.

Logan Thompson, 12, of Tallahassee, finished third, 26th overall with a time of 23:14.

In the female category, Rachael Ruman, 14, of Tallahassee, finished first, 46th overall, with a time of 24:43.

Caroline Campbell, 13, of Tallahassee, finished second, 74th overall, with a time of 27:36.

Anna James, 10, of Thomasville, finished third, 95th overall, with a time of 28:48.

In the male category, 15-19 age bracket, Stanley Linton, 19, of Crawfordville, finished first, and first overall, with a time of 16:42.

Jacob Gray, 19, of Monticello, finished second, 51st overall, with a time of 25:06.

Zane Daniels, 16, of Crawfordville, finished third, 73rd overall, with a time of 27:17.

In the female category, Emma Travis, 15, of Tallahassee, finished first, 36th overall, with a time of 24:14.

Raychel Gray, 18, of Crawfordville, finished second, 59th overall, with a time of 25:38.

Julia Rose Travis, 15, of Tallahassee, finished third, 63rd overall, with a time of 26:19.

In the male category, 20-24 age bracket, Reiken Lin, 23, of Tallahassee, finished first, 15th overall, with a time of 21:12.

Colby Gillis, 23, of Thomasville, finished second, 119th overall, with a time of 30:56.

Timothy Collins, 22, of Tallahassee, finished third, 223rd overall, with a time of 40:23.

In the female category, Kaitlin Jackson, 20, of Monticello, finished first, 52nd overall, with a time of 25:08.

Rachel McElreath, 21, of Thomasville finished second, 72nd overall, with a time of 27:00.

Mellanie Roder, 23, of Thomasville, finished third, 114th overall, with a time of 30:37.

In the male category, 25-29 age bracket, David Harrell, 28, of Monticello, finished first, seventh overall, with a time of 19:18.

Bill Starling, 25, of Crawfordville, finished second, 32nd overall, with a time of 23:56.

Kyle Sill, 29, of Tallahassee, finished third, 41st overall, with a time of 24:24.

In the female category, Sheryl Rosen, 29, of Tallahassee, finished first, second overall, with a time of 18:49.

Renee Cox, 26, of Tallahassee, finished second, 12th overall, with a time of 20:23.

Martha Mademan, 28, of Tallahassee, finished third, 42nd overall, with a time of 24:36.

In the male category, 30-34 age bracket, Gareth Pyle, 34, of Thomasville, finished first, 13th overall, with a time of 20:45.

Dominic Milner, 32, of Tallahassee, finished second, 28th overall, with a time of 23:22.

Jason Cumberledge, 34, of Tallahassee, finished third, 64th overall, with a time of 26:25.

In the female category, Michelle St. Onge, 32, of Monticello, finished first, 54th overall, with a time of 25:20.

Melissa Zapata, 34, of Tallahassee, finished first, 122nd overall, with a time of 31:02.

Alexis Phillips, 32, of Tallahassee, finished second, 133rd overall, with a time of 31:48.

Chika Okoro, 33, of Tallahassee, finished third, 138th overall, with a time of 32:12.

In the male category, 35-39 age bracket, Paul Guyas, 35, of Tallahassee, finished first, third overall, with a time of 19:02.

Michael Kennett, 39, of Tallahassee, finished second, fourth overall, with a time of 19:10.

Brian Topchik, 37, of Tallahassee, finished third, 21st overall, with a time of 22:29.

In the female category, Micah Adriani, 35, of Tallahassee, finished first, fifth overall, with a time of 19:14.

Andrea Duffy, 37, of Monticello, finished second, 19th overall, with a time of 22:11.

Beverly Hamilton, 35, of Thomasville, finished third, 38th overall, with a time of 24:21.

In the male category, 40-44 age bracket, Joel Piotrowski, 43, of Tallahassee, finished first, sixth overall, with a time of 19:17.

Chad Johnson, 42, of Thomasville, finished second, 16th overall, with a time of 21:40.

Jason Wright, 40, of Tallahassee, finished third, 17th overall, with a time of 22:08.

In the female category, Cathy Cushing, 44, of Tallahassee, finished first, 85th overall, with a time of 28:15.

Gena St. John, 42, of Tallahassee, finished second, 101st overall, with a time of 29:34.

Stephanie Krutchick, 40, of Miami, finished third, 111th overall, with a time of 30:19.

In the male category, 45-49 age bracket, James Taylor, 49, of Perry, finished first, 10th overall, with a time of 19:49.

Michael La Bossiere, 47, of Tallahassee, finished second, 11th overall, with a time of 20:20.

Doug Cole, 48, of Crawfordville finished third, 24th overall, with a time of 23:01.

In the female category, Jennifer Shafer, 45, of Tallahassee, finished first, 53rd overall, with a time of 25:10.

Cindi Goodson, 49, of Tallahassee, finished second, 79th overall, with a time of 28:05.

Meredith Snowden, 45, of Tallahassee, finished third, 92nd overall, with a time of 28:39.

In the male category, 50-54 age bracket, Jay Silvanima, 53, of Tallahassee, finished first, 18th overall, with a time of 22:09.

Pieter Booyen, 51, of Tallahassee, finished second, 35th overall, with a time of 24:11.

Leo Welch, 50, of Tallahassee, finished third, 47th overall, with a time of 24:42.

In the female bracket, Paula O'Neill, 51, of Tallahassee, finished first, 20th overall, with a time of 22:23.

Nancy Stedman, 51, of Tallahassee, finished second, 22nd overall, with a time of 22:52.

Susan Stevens, 54, of Tallahassee, finished third, 78th overall, with a time of 27:53.

In the male category, 55-59 age bracket, Buddy Levins, 59, of Tallahassee, finished first, 34th overall, with a time of 24:08.

Hal Davis, 57, of Tallahassee, finished second, 61st overall, with a time of 25:49.

Bobby Plaines, 56, of Monticello, finished third, 97th overall, with a time of 29:04.

In the female category, Andrea Young,

55, of Tallahassee, finished first, 93rd overall, with a time of 28:41.

April Brown, 56, of Greenville, FL, finished second, 126th overall, with a time of 31:10.

Dana Raybon, 56, of Thomasville, finished third, 153rd overall, with a time of 33:40.

In the male category, 60-64 age bracket, Joel Mynard, 60, of Tallahassee, finished first, 131st overall, with a time of 31:29.

Huey Young, 61, of Tallahassee, finished second, 171st overall, with a time of 35:05.

Thomas Zaccardi, 60, of Tallahassee, finished second, 209th overall, with a time of 38:37.

Russell Valentine, 62, of Orlando, finished third, 238th overall, with a time of 43:24.

In the female category, Tonya Kelly, 64, of Havana, FL, finished first, 130th overall, with a time of 31:26.

Mary Stutzman, 64, of Tallahassee, finished second, 134th overall, with a time of 31:53.

Linda Levins, 60, of Tallahassee, finished third, 146th overall, with a time of 32:40.

In the male category, 65-69 age bracket, Nick Nichols, 69, of Tallahassee, finished first, 58th overall, with a time of 25:34.

Carlos Zapata, 67, of Tallahassee, finished second, 96th overall, with a time of 28:49.

Al Cooksey, 65, of Monticello, finished third, 109th overall, with a time of 30:11.

In the female category, Kate Rines, 67, of Monticello, finished first, 262nd overall, with a time of 51:31.

Dana Gripka, 66, of Windermere, FL, finished second, 283rd overall, with a time of 51:33.

In the male and female categories, 70-74 age bracket, there were no runners.

In the male category, 75-79 age bracket, Bob Keller, 79, of Tallahassee finished first, 169th overall, with a time of 34:58.

There were no female runners in this age bracket.

In the male category 80 and older, there were no runners.

In the female category, Margaret Deckert, 80, of Tallahassee, finished first, 260th overall, with a time of 46:51.

Michele Reliford, 81, of Monticello, finished second, 270th overall, with a time of 49:32.

Following the race, athletes filed over to the water station to hydrate themselves, then they walked to the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, where they all enjoyed some ice-cold watermelon slices.



5-K MELON RUN - WHERE EVERYONE IS A WINNER!



ECB Publishing photos by Fran Hunt, taken June 15, 2013

284 runners took off from the starting line of the Kiwanis Annual 5-K Melon Run.



Runners enjoy some ice-cold watermelon slices following the Kiwanis 5-K Melon Run.



Stanley Linton, 19, of Crawfordville was the first runner to cross the line in the Kiwanis 5-K Melon Run.



Sheryl Rosen, 29, of Tallahassee, was the second runner to cross the finished line in the Kiwanis 5-K Melon Run, and she was the first female to cross the line.



Here comes the judge, Bobby Plaines, who finished third in his age bracket during the Kiwanis 5-K Melon Run.



Runners hydrate after the Kiwanis 5-K Melon Run.



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