

## School District's Personnel Shakeup Hits Upper Levels

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The shakeup of personnel continues in the Jefferson County School District, with the notable departure of several key administrators in recent weeks, a development that came to light at the School Board meeting on Monday evening, July 8.

Conspicuously absent from the meeting were Dr. Kelvin Norton, assistant superintendent and a longtime district administrator; Dr. Melvin Roberts, head of Human Resources; and Orlando

Burch, director of technical support services.

The how and why of their departures is largely conjectural at this point, as School Superintendent Al Cooksey doesn't discuss personnel matters at School Board meetings, other than to assert his right to rule in this arena.

Clearly, however, the three named individuals were not on the list of recommended personnel reappointments that Cooksey submitted to the School Board for approval. And Dr. Norton, for one, has since accepted a position as headmaster of the

Steele-Collins All Male Charter Academy in Tallahassee.

As for the other two, Cooksey's personnel recommendations included the appointment of Tom Vogelgesang as director of technical support services and the contract extension of Sherman Stroman as interim Human Resource specialist.

Conspicuously absent also from the list of recommended administrative reappointments were the names of Loretta Holmes and Kimberly Cummings, principal and assistant principal respectively at



**Jefferson County School District Superintendent Al Cooksey**

Jefferson County Middle High School (JCMHS). The two positions were in-

stead labeled TBA (To Be Announced).

The few administrators who were recommended for reappointment were Alfreddie Hightower, transportation/facilities specialist; Tammy McGriff, federal program specialist; Robert Lloyd, chief financial officer; Gwen Coverson, principal at Jefferson Elementary School (JES); and Nancy Whitty, assistant principal at JES.

The School Board by now has conceded the superintendent's right to rule in matters pertaining to personnel. Should any

doubt have existed, Attorney Opal Williams hammered home the point on Monday evening.

If the board wanted to challenge any of the superintendent's recommendations, it had better have legitimate cause, Williams said. Otherwise, the superintendent's recommendations were what they were, and the board had no option but to accept them, she said.

Powerless although the board might be in matters of personnel, that didn't prevent School Board **Please See SHAKEUP Page 3A**

## JES Classroom Building Demolished

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A Jefferson Elementary School classroom building that was severely damaged by fire on the morning of January 23 is being demolished.

Demolition began on the morning of Tuesday, July 9, and School Board officials expected the building to be completely demolished and the debris removed by the end of next week.

"Our goal is to have it all done by the first day of school," said Debbie Lingle, secretary to School Superintendent Al Cooksey. She added that plans were that when the debris is cleared, to add rebar to the existing cement slab, and build it up and level it out.

"We'll have basketball hoops out there," she added. There may also be the possibility of things such as hopscotch boards, tetherball and paddle ball as well.

As to the demolition of the building, Lingle said they requested that the Insurance Adjuster recommend that it be destroyed, and he followed their recommendation.

The fire caused \$300,000 damage to the building and \$30,000 damage to the buildings contents. Prior to the fire, the building was valued at \$400,000 and its contents were valued at \$50,000. Lingle said their insurance company gave the school district the total amount for the value of the building.

She added that years ago, that building had been condemned, so the School Board surplused it, and then renovated it.

Recapping the fire, Jefferson County Fire Res-



ECB Publishing photo by Fran Hunt, January 23, 2013

The fire damage to the JES classroom building was estimated at \$300,000 and the damage to its contents was estimated at \$30,000.



ECB Publishing photo by Fran Hunt, July 9, 2013

This was the scene during the demolition of the JES classroom building on Tuesday morning.

cue (JCFR) received the alarm at 4:04 a.m., and they were on the scene five minutes later.

Dispatch paged out

for mutual aid from the Monticello Volunteer Fire Department (MVFD).

Upon arrival command was established and

firefighters found the single-story masonry constructed building with

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## Annual Sales Tax-Free Weekend Set For Aug. 2-4



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It's getting close to time for back-to-school shopping again, and Florida's Department of Revenue is here to help you. There will be a three-day tax holiday that goes into effect from 12:01 a.m. Friday, Aug. 2, through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 4.

This means that if you are in Florida and do your shopping during these times, you will be able to purchase qualifying clothing and footwear, school supplies, personal computers and related accessories free of any sales tax or local option tax (also known as discretionary sales surtax).

The sales tax exemption will apply to a piece of clothing or footwear selling for \$75 or less, any individual school supply item selling for \$15 or less, or any personal computer or related accessory selling for \$750 or less. The exemption will apply no matter how many items are sold on the same invoice to a customer.

When it comes to applying the law to transactions, there are some guidelines that a shopper will need to be aware of:

- Groups of items sold as a package, or packages that contain both eligible

and non-eligible items, cannot be broken down to make individual items tax exempt.

- Manufacturer's coupons cannot be used to reduce the price of an item to make it tax exempt, although in-store coupons and discounts will apply.

- Rebates that occur after the sale are not eligible, as they do not affect the price of the item purchased.

- If a tax exempt item is purchased and then returned after the exemption period for the same item (different color, size, etc.) there will be no penalty, but when returning the item to receive credit, the full sales price will then be added to the return.

- Items purchased with rain checks and gift certificates, or items purchased through mail order or in layaway, are eligible as long as they are purchased within the exemption period.

For more information on the 2013 Sales Tax Holiday, and for a complete list of eligible items, go to [www.myflorida.com/dor](http://www.myflorida.com/dor) or call Taxpayer Services, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, at 800-352-3671.

## School Official's Assertion Doesn't Go Unchallenged

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Jefferson County School Board Member Shirley Washington isn't one to let an assertion go unchallenged if she considers it to be wrong, and particularly where it concerns the school district.

So it was in character that Washington took School Superintendent Al Cooksey to task this week for a comment he made at the June 24 meeting that Jefferson County Middle High School had been an "F" school for the last six years.

Cooksey's comment came in response to a woman in the audience who objected to latest

change of personnel at the high school, calling the situation "crazy".

"What's crazy is having an 'F' school for six years and not doing anything about it," Cooksey shot back.

At the School Board meeting on Monday evening, July 8, Washington noted that per the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) website, the Jefferson County School District had two "Fs" from 2004 to 2012.

"I want to correct the record so others don't repeat that this has been an "F" school for the last six years," Washington said.

In fact, from 1998 until the present, JCMHS had only had four Fs,

Washington said, apparently excluding school year 2011-12, in which the school also received an "F".

Following are the school grades for JCMHS from 1998-99 onward, per the FDOE website: 2011-12, "F"; 2010-11, "D"; 2009-10, "D"; 2008-09, "F"; 2007-08, "I"; 2006-07, "D"; 2005-06, "F"; 2004-05, "D"; 2003-04, "F"; 2002-03, "C"; 2001-02, "F"; 2000-01, "C"; 1999-00, "D"; and 1998-99, "D".

Altogether then, JCMHS has had three "Fs" in the last six years and five since the 1998-99 school year. During the same 14-year period, the school has had two "Cs", six "Ds" and one "I," or incomplete.

## Building Activity Declines Slightly

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Building activity dropped in June compared with the previous month, although the valuations of permits for other than the residential and commercial categories saw a significant jump.

The activity report released by the Jefferson County and City of Monticello Building Inspection and Contractor Licensing Department on Wednesday, July 3, shows that the city issued 35 permits in June, compared with 43 permits in May.

The 33 permits generated \$3,621.41 in May. Of



the 33, the city issued 35 and collected \$420.35, and the county issued 25 and collected \$3,201.06.

A breakdown of the permits shows 28 were for repairs and additions; two were for residential con-

struction; one was for a mobile homes; and two were for miscellaneous uses, such as sheds, signs, workshops or barns.

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| <b>Local Weather</b> | <b>Fri 7/12</b> 83/71<br>Scattered thunderstorms. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 70s. | <b>Sat 7/13</b> 84/73<br>Scattered thunderstorms possible. | <b>Sun 7/14</b> 86/73<br>A few thunderstorms possible. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 70s. | <b>Mon 7/15</b> 84/72<br>Scattered thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 70s. | <b>Tue 7/16</b> 83/72<br>Scattered thunderstorms. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 70s. |
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# Jefferson County Living

**Deb's Notes**

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Elizabeth Phillips, Circuit 2 Coordinator Serving Jefferson, Leon, Wakulla, Gadsden, Liberty, and Franklin counties for the Department of Juvenile Justice reports that the Florida Department of Health is presenting an 'Anti-Bullying Teen Summit' on Saturday, July 13, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Lawrence-Gregory Community Center, located at 1115 Dade Street. There will be planned activities for the youth, a panel discussion, and free food. There is no cost for admission, or the registration process. For more information, contact her at 850-921-1066 or 850-251-8132. She adds that the mission of the Department of Juvenile Justice is to increase public safety by reducing juvenile delinquency through effective prevention, intervention, and treatment services that strengthen families and turn around the lives of troubled youth. Get Educated, Get Empowered, Make Change! This event is sponsored by Refuge House. Crisis Hotline 850-681-2111, anytime.

Jefferson Arts Gallery received a generous grant from Duke Energy through the Duke Foundation Grant. The grant will pay for summer art classes for children ages five through 18 for summer 2013 and summer 2014. If anyone is interested in art classes for the week of July 15 through 19 for your children, call 850-997-3311. A second week may be added if there is a lot of interest. Also, the Jefferson Arts Gallery is looking for new art teachers to work with children primarily with drawing, painting, and sculpture.

Do you like cars? Can you play an instrument? Do you have a collection you would like to share, or do you have time for a game of chess or checkers? Are you an artist? If so, your time and interests can be used to let someone know you care. Brynwood H&R Center is looking for community volunteers to visit with its residents. Spend time with the residents and share what you know with them. Please volunteer to share your hobbies, interests, and even aspects of your

career. This program hopes to broaden the horizons and help engage Brynwood residents. Contact Administrator Lisa McGinley at 850-997-1800 and volunteer your time today!

Carol Austin is asking for a favor. She has entered a fund raising photo contest with the humane society and is asking for votes. If you think Gracie and Millie are cute she would appreciate your vote at: [www.pawprints-calendar.com](http://www.pawprints-calendar.com). After you login you will be asked to register with your email address. At this time Gracie and Millie (adopted by Austin from Attorney David Collins) are looking for all the votes they can get, to be on the front cover of the fall calendar!

A 'Fish Fry' benefit will be held for Lily Ann Matthews on Saturday, July 13, beginning at 12 p.m. in the Winn Dixie Shopping Plaza, on South Jefferson Street. Fish plates will be sold for \$5; add a drink for another \$1. Desserts and t-shirts will also be available for a contribution. Join with the Mathews family to raise funds in support of their Lily Ann, who was born with bilateral cleft lip/palate, bilateral kidney reflux, and recently diagnosed with epilepsy. Proceeds will go towards travel expenses to multiple doctors appointments at Shands Hospital in Gainesville. Also for overnight stays during the multiple surgeries, and special needs feeding supplies... as well as any other needs she has as she continues her journey. 'Lily's Smile' is a great cause for a local family, so thank you in advance and hope to see you there.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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**July 13**  
 Scarlet O'Hatters will meet at 11:30 a.m. on the second Saturday for lunch and a program at the World's Famous Monticello Pizza Kitchen, on Dogwood Street. It's going to be a 'Pajama Party' filled with fun and games for the ladies, so dress accordingly! Contact Hostess Illean Vorce at 850-997-1757 or Queen Mum Pat Muchowski at 850-997-0688 for more information about this meeting or about the Red Hat Society.

**July 13**  
 Asheville Area Volunteer Fire Department will hold a 'Pulled Pork BBQ' fundraiser on Saturday, around the Courthouse Circle. Community support is much needed.

**July 13**  
 Jefferson Arts Gallery July exhibit will begin with a reception in the gallery on Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. and will feature the watercolor and oil works of local artists Susanna Winton and Kay Cromartie. Two artists... two different styles. The gallery is located at 575 West Washington Street. The gallery is open on Wednesday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., or by appointment by calling 850-997-3311. The general monthly meeting is held at 11 a.m. on the last Wednesday; RSVP for lunch. For more information go to [www.jeffersonartsgallery.com](http://www.jeffersonartsgallery.com) or [info@jeffersonartsgallery.com](mailto:info@jeffersonartsgallery.com).

**July 16**  
 Jefferson County Lions Club will meet at 1 p.m. on the first and third Tues-

day at the Brick House Eatery, in the community room for a program and business meeting. For more information about this organization and its fundraising efforts, contact Lion Debbie at 850-997-0901.

**July 17**  
 Monticello Kiwanis will meet at 12 p.m. on Wednesday at the Jefferson Country Club for lunch, a program and a meeting. For more information, contact Rocky Gavins at 850-997-2646.

**July 18**  
 The Jefferson County Democratic Executive Committee is hosting its annual 'Beat The Heat Party' on Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Monticello Opera House. Guest speakers will be Gwen Graham, a candidate for Congress in the Second Congressional District and Bill Montford, running for re-election in the District 3 Senate race. Enjoy a Southern supper of pulled pork with all the trimmings, and a healthy dose of inspiration to elect Democrats in 2014. Cost of the event is a \$10 donation. For more information, contact DEC Chairman Gladys Roann at 850-997-5209, [roann6@aol.com](mailto:roann6@aol.com) or DEC Secretary Beth Davis at 850-544-6561, [davisbb9@aol.com](mailto:davisbb9@aol.com).

**July 18, 22, 25**  
 Fun Fitness Classes for all levels! Mondays and Thursdays: Golden Girls Revival 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. and Girls Revival with Core 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. For more information contact Doris Bishop at 850-591-0085 or go to [www.GirlsRevivalFitness.com](http://www.GirlsRevivalFitness.com).

**July 18**  
 AA meeting at 8 p.m. on Thursday at the Christ Episcopal Church annex, 425 North Cherry Street. For more information call 850-997-2129 or 850-997-1955.

**July 19**  
 Rotary will meet at 12 p.m. on Friday at the First Presbyterian Church, in the fellowship hall, for lunch, a meeting, program, and speaker. For questions or comments, contact Neill Wade at 850-545-4940.

**July 19**  
 Monticello Jamboree Band will perform music for dancing at 7 p.m. on Friday at 625 South Water Street. There will be door-prizes, cold soft drinks, and snacks. Everyone is welcome to come dance, listen to some of the finest music, and just enjoy some fun and camaraderie with neighbors and friends. This is a nonprofit charitable event. For questions or concerns, contact Curtis Morgan at 850-933-8136 or Bobby Connell at 850-445-0049.

**July 20**  
 Half-N-Half Four Band at the Dixie Community Center at 7 p.m. on Saturday for music and dance. Refreshments and good fellowship are available during intermission. For more information contact Kenneth Price at 1-229-263-7231. DCC is a nonprofit organization.

**July 22**  
 Al-Anon meetings are held at 8 p.m. on Mondays at the Anglican Church, 124 Jefferson Avenue in Thomasville. For more information go to [www.al-anon.alateen.org](http://www.al-anon.alateen.org).

## Democrats Set Their Beat The Heat Party

Jefferson Democrats will hold their annual "Beat the Heat Party" 6 p.m. Thursday, July 18, in the Monticello Opera

House, with special guests State Sen. Bill Montford and Gwen Graham on hand. Montford is a leader

in the State Senate known for working across party lines for the good of all Floridians, and Graham is a candidate for Congress in the Second Congressional District.

A Southern supper of pulled pork with all the trimmings will be served, along with a healthy dose of energy to elect Democrats in next year's elections. A cash bar will be available. Cost of the event is a \$10 donation. Live music will be provided by Cheyenne.

Party Chair Gladys Roann urges all Democrats to attend this important party function.

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**July 8-12**  
 Ford Chapel AME Church, located at 7581 West Lake Road, continues to hold its Community Revival Services through Friday at 7 p.m. nightly. Rev. Clifford Hill, Sr. will be speaker. All are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Mary Seabrooks at 850-242-8543.

**July 8-12**  
 Greater Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church continues to hold its Vacation Bible School through Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. beginning with refreshments at 5 p.m. 'Text Jesus' will encourage students to use today's technology to reach out to others and share the gospel. For more information, contact Coordinator Patricia Hall at 850-933-8736 or [hallp850@gmail.com](mailto:hallp850@gmail.com). Rev. Dr. Melvin Roberts, pastor.

**July 12-14**  
 Transforming Life Church, located at 1206 Springfield Road in Lloyd, presents its Vacation Bible School 'Hay Day,' beginning on Friday evening from 6 to 8:30 p.m.; continuing on Saturday from 9 to 11:30 a.m.; and concluding on Sunday 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Come enjoy a 'hay-larious' time on the farm learning one Bible truth, that Jesus will always love you. Just go to the church website at [transforminglifechurch.com](http://transforminglifechurch.com) to download the fill-in-the-blank registration form, or call the church at 850-997-8527.

**July 12**  
 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.

**July 13**  
 Northside Church of Christ will hold its Vacation Bible School from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday; for all ages. For more information, contact Carl Anderson at 850-212-8420.

**July 13**  
 StoryTime Ministry is held from 1 to 2 p.m. every other

Saturday at the Jefferson County Bailar Public Library. For more information contact First United Methodist Church Ministry Chairman Barbara Hobbs at 850-523-1813.

**July 14**  
 Springfield AME Church will celebrate its 133<sup>rd</sup> Church Anniversary on Sunday at 3 p.m. with Rev. Terry Presley and the Union Branch Missionary Baptist Church Family of Tallahassee in charge for this great occasion. Chairperson Rev. Barbara Frazier and Rev. Stefan McBride, pastor, invite the community to come fellowship and praise the Lord with them, as He is worthy of all the praises. For more information, contact the church office at 850-997-5400.

**July 14, 21**  
 Union Hill AME Church, located at 148 Tin Top Road in Wacissa, offers Morning Worship at 11 a.m. on the first, second, and third Sunday of each month with 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Worship at 8 a.m. Church School is held at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study begins at 7 p.m. Church Pastor Joseph O. Love.

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# From Front Page

## Nation and World News

### Shakeup

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members Shirley Washington and Sandra Saunders from speaking out.

Washington granted that personnel were in the superintendent's domain. But that didn't excuse a lack of adherence to procedure and protocol, she said.

Washington decried that one of the newly hired individuals had allegedly received congratulations on his new position via email months before the job was even advertised.

"I can't go along with wrongdoing," Washington said. "I have a problem with people knowing two months ahead of when we hear about it. That doesn't go well with me. I know it's a personnel issue, but there are procedures."

Too, she wanted to know the salaries for the newly hired individuals. Personnel might well be the superintendent's purview, but salaries were the School Board's, she asserted.

Cooksey promised to provide Washington with a list of the salaries on the following day.

Saunders next took issue with what she characterized as the demotion of Cummings from JCMHS assistant principal to a teacher on special assignment. Saunders said it was amazing to her that Cummings would be demoted, given that Cooksey had praised the same

individual for a job well done only weeks earlier.

It was bad enough to demote an individual, but to further reduce the individual's salary in nearly half was unconscionable, Saunders said, likewise asserting the board's right to rule in matters of salaries.

"I don't think the money is right," Saunders said. "When it comes to dollars, this board has a say." Cooksey responded that the recommended changes were in keeping with the guidelines set by turnaround option #2, the plan selected by his administration to effect a transformation of JCMHS into a high achievement school. Option #2 puts the school's turnaround effort in the district's hands.

"We're following the guidelines under the Florida Department of Education (FDOE)," Cooksey said. "That's why the changes are being made."

Cooksey's response struck Washington as suspect, prompting her to say, "Mike must be talking out of both sides of his mouth."

"Mike" being Michael G. McCauley, Region I executive director of the FDOE Bureau of School Improvement and the leader of the team assigned to help the Jefferson County school administration reach its goal of turning around

JCMHS.

Washington was referring to McCauley's comments before the School Board on June 10, wherein he said that how the district chose to achieve the turnaround was the district's decision; the FDOE wouldn't tell the district how to do it.

"My role is to support the Superintendent and the School Board," McCauley said. "We won't tell you what to do. It's your school. Our job is to support your plan to the best of our ability. And if you can't do it, we'll find someone else."

Washington reminded Cooksey of McCauley's words.

"He stands here and says one thing to us and then he must say another thing to you," she said. "I'm confused."

Saunders returned to the issue of the JCMHS assistant principal.

"So you're saying you had to change the position, the person and the money," Saunders said to Cooksey, relative to Cummings.

"He (McCauley) said about the person and the position, not the money," Cooksey said, adding that he was working to correct the money part of the equation.

In the end, the School Board approved the superintendent's personnel recommendations, although not unanimously.

### Building

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permit category, the valuation was \$275,867, compared with \$133,096 in May. This valuation was \$187,866 in June 2012.

The valuation for commercial permits was zero, compared with \$69,500 in May. It was likewise zero in June 2012.

And the valuation for other permits (a category that includes additions, re-roofs and non-residential structures), the valuation

was \$861,082, a significant increase from the \$201,034 recorded in May. This valuation was \$140,907 in June 2012.

Meanwhile, the Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Department issued six permits and collected \$2,273.82 in June, compared with 11 permits and \$4,213.86 collected in May. In June 2012, the department issued eight permits and collected \$1,448.00.

### Read Your Local Papers Online

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

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### Classroom

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smoke and flames showing.

Engine 1 had dispatch page out MVFD again, and had all on duty Jefferson County Fire Rescue respond was well.

Engine 1 made an interior attack, while Engine 2 supplied water. All fire personnel on the scene helped with the attack, ventilation, and salvage and overhaul.

The power company and State Fire Marshal were notified, and responded to the scene.

The fire was located in the center of the building on the north side in what appeared to be storage rooms.

The fire had penetrated the roof, and the roof had partially collapsed in the walkway, prior to firefighters' arrival.

JCFR Captain Dexter Walker reported that the fire was difficult to extinguish because it had extended to the area above the old asphalt roof, and under the newer metal roof.

After the blaze was under control, firefighters brought out several filing cabinets that were found in one of the rooms that were on fire.

The fire was under control by 6 a.m. Firemen departed the scene at 10:25 a.m., while the insurance adjuster and Fire Marshal remained on the scene.

The cause of the fire was an electrical malfunction. A contributing factor to the spread of the

fire was paper items such as newspapers and magazines.

"The fire did severe damage," said Cooksey the day of the fire. "Five classrooms were destroyed. It started in the middle room and spread outward on both sides. Probably, the entire building will be unusable due to smoke and water damage."

age.

Cooksey then advised that a plan to move the students had been devised, who utilized those classrooms, somewhere else. "We have plenty of room to house the students whose classrooms were burned. Most of the students go to class in the pods, so the move will not affect many students."

## CROSSWORDS

### Group Theory

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  - Miss World et al.
  - Strengthen by tempering
  - Switch positions
  - Dead heat
  - Smelter refuse
  - Murphy \_\_\_
  - Painted with dots
  - Western plateaus
  - \_\_\_ d'oeuvres
  - Zero, in tennis
  - Wharton School subj.
  - Mubarak's predecessor
  - Diva's performance
  - Like most workhorses
  - Jazz vocalist Anita
  - Mournful ring
  - Starts by short-circuiting
  - Suffix with neat or beat
  - Currier's partner
  - Swerve at sea
  - Word of advice
  - Ray-Bans, e.g.
  - Short Beethoven work
  - Libel, e.g.
  - Mule or burro
  - "To \_\_\_ his own"
  - Wind ensemble member
  - Peace goddess

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- Paid player
- Body decorations, slangily
- Male and female
- Ship-to-shore connection
- Camelot lady
- Carpet fuzz
- Alley cat, e.g.
- Range of radio frequencies
- Fountain drinks
- Handed-down stories
- Wicked doings
- Negotiation's end, hopefully
- Fishnet stocking pattern
- Off-the-wall response?
- Santa suit soiler
- Where the Styx flows
- Touchy subject
- Service club since 1915
- "\_\_\_ got a mule ..."
- "Peter Pan" dog
- Oxen connectors
- Casio competitor
- Totally absurd
- Turns white
- Aerobics move
- Frosty coating
- With the bow, in music
- Dundee denizen
- Get bushed
- Lawyers' org.

answers on page 9

### Sudoku Puzzle Answer

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Sudoku Solution

# New Leaf Market Farm Page



## Eleven Local Farms Announce Participation In New Leaf Market Tour

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ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

Though the New Leaf Farm Tour is not until October, registration has just closed for farms that want to participate. Among the 41 total farms from all over north Florida and South Georgia, eleven of them are from Jefferson County. "That is a record for Jefferson County participation," said Cristin Burns, Marketing and Project Manager at New Leaf Market.

Burns attributes the widespread response to the tour to consumers' interest in connecting with their farmer and vice versa saying, "The farm tour wasn't an instant success. The number of farms and attendees has grown since 2008, which parallels the local food movement. [...] Buying locally produced products is a win-win for consumers. Not only is their hard-earned money going to support their own community, but [also] by buying locally consumers are able to meet the people behind their food. Issues of food safety, land management and pesticide use

can be addressed directly with the farmer."

The Jefferson County farms are as follows: Aunt Louise's Farm; Caney Branch Farm; Clear Lake Farm; Dickerson Farms; Dyed 'N Wool Homestead; Full Moon Apiary; Golden Acres Ranch, LLC; Green Meadows Farm; Holly Hill Farm; Monticello Vineyards & Winery and Ladybird Organics; and Red Hills Grazers.

**Aunt Louise's Farm** will be hosting THE MAZE during the tours, a 3-acre corn maze with scarecrows, signs, and fun. She will host a petting zoo complete with Zebu cattle, exotic and katadin sheep, chickens, guinea fowl, goats, pigs, and Great Pyrenees dogs. The dogs are scheduled to have seven-week-old puppies by the time of the tour. During the year, Aunt Louise's Farm offers homemade soaps, rabbits, goats, and more for sale. Aunt Louise invites you to "like" to her facebook page, "Aunt Louise's Farm."

**Caney Branch Farm** is an extremely diverse farm that is interested in sustainability and education. The farm is home to



the southernmost flock of Icelandic Sheep in the world. They raise chickens, turkeys, ducks, horses, goats, peacocks, geese, hogs, and Belted Galloway cattle. They recently added a new greenhouse, raised bed garden, poultry barn, and chicken tractors. The raised bed garden is home to plants, vegetables, and herbs that are useful in the wool dyeing process. The owners, Ellyn Hutson and Roger Twitchell, also run a small apiary and sell chemical-free honey. They love hosting groups and teaching about sustainable farming. To learn more, call Twitchell at (850) 294-8883.

**Clear Lake Farm** is a family run farm just between Lamont and Madison. They offer pigs, turkeys, chickens, chicken eggs, and shiitake mushrooms. For the farm tour, owner Christine Fair and her teenage sons will be offering walking tours and selling lunches made with their own pork and chicken. On the tour, you will meet all the farm animals mentioned plus Marigold the horse, and even geese (though they will be penned up). During the tour, Fair invites you to bring a lawn chair or blanket and sit by the lake and enjoy a piece of farm life. For more information, "like" them on Facebook at "Clear Lake Farm." Fair updates the site often with pictures and daily farm happenings.

**Dickerson Farms** is a nursery specializing in native plants and perennials. Owner William Dickerson is experienced in organic composting, nematode control, and permaculture. Dickerson Farms uses goats, chickens, and rabbits in organic composting. He can answer all sorts of questions. During the tour, Dickerson will be offering guided tours, and selling earthworms, eggs,

and jams in limited supply. He offers tours throughout the year by appointment: guests can see Silverbells, Greybeards, and more. For more information, call Dickerson at (850) 363-8981.

**Dyed 'N Wool Homestead** is a diversified homestead. It includes sheep, vegetables, fruit trees, and woods and pasture for the sheep. It's owner, Alice Cappa is a wool artist who makes clothing, shawls, throws, and more out of her hand-spun and hand-dyed yarn. During the farm tour, she will be giving demonstrations of wool spinning and dyeing techniques, and letting people go in small groups to visit her herd of Shetland, Florida Native, and Suffolk sheep. She sells her wares throughout the year, and offers demonstrations and workshops. She opens her farm during the year to offering private groups and summer camps, with plenty of fun "fiberart" activities. To schedule a visit, call Cappa at (850) 997-5505.

**Full Moon Apiary** will hold its event at Tupelo's Bakery, allowing guests a lunchtime reprieve from the heat, proper indoor restrooms, and access to Tupelo's Bakery and their delicious lunch salads, soups, and sandwiches. During the tour, the Hogg family and other beekeepers will be offering workshops. At 9:30 a.m. there will be an introduction to beekeeping. At 11:15 a.m. there will be a class on making your own lip balm. Guests can roll candles hourly, and professional beekeepers Rebecca and Tony Hogg and Bob Livingston will be available all day to answer questions. The family offers tours by appointment year-round, honey, candles, soap, lotions, lip balms, beekeeping supplies, beeswax, nucleus (nuc) colonies of bees, and more. The Hogg family is happy to mentor new beekeepers, and answer all bee-related questions year-round, and their wares can be seen at Tupelo's Bakery in downtown Monticello. They are currently running an essay contest for children ages 10-14. Interested in bee keeping, honey, candles, and other offerings? Full Moon Apiary can be reached at (850) 997-3974.

**Golden Acres Ranch, LLC**, is a beautiful, diverse farm just north of Monticello. It is owned and operated by Bobbie Golden. During the tour, Golden gathers local farmers and craftsmen as vendors, offers wool handling workshops throughout the day, and even brings out a local blacksmith to run demonstrations. For the tour, Golden will be offering tours, with the opportunity to meet goats, sheep, chickens, guineas, a horse, and their Great Pyrenees livestock guardians. Golden offers USDA Certified goat and lamb, Deep Roots grass-fed beef, farm-fresh eggs, and homemade jellies. Golden is a local dis-

tributor for Golden Blend Feed, EZ Hutch Shelters, and Diatomaceous Earth. She also offers pet boarding for all sizes and breeds of dogs: for more information see the ad on this page.

**Green Meadows Farm** could be considered a one-trick pony, but it is a really great trick. The farm does one thing: plump, delicious Certified Organic blueberries. It is open during the month of June on weekends, though recent demand has left only enough ripe berries per week for one weekend day. The only other time during the year that it is open is the New Leaf Tour. During the tour, owner Dolores Green welcomes you to tour the facility, including her personal flower garden, vegetable garden, and two-level organic greenhouse. When blueberries are not ripe, the farm sells their recently published cookbook and blueberry treats. They will also be inviting Ed and Liz Coon, a couple of other local blueberry farmers that will have blueberry bushes for sale.

According to its owner, Margie Cole, "**Holly Hill Farm**, located in Jefferson County, is a USDA Certified Organic producer of vegetable transplants and potted herbs for retail and wholesale. We also produce seasonal cut flowers. Our spring and fall retail sales are held at Tupelo's Bakery & Café and Wag the Dog Thrift Store in Monticello. For the 2013 New Leaf Farm Tour, we will be set up at Tupelo's on Saturday, October 19, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m." Cole can answer all sorts of questions about organic gardening from her wealth of experience.

**Monticello Vineyards & Winery** and Ladybird Organics is a local USDA Certified Organic farm that offers organic fruits by their season, nursery plants, microgreens (organic sprouts), and worms and worm castings. The owner, Cynthia Connolly, offers workshops on vermiculture. She also offers wine tastings every weekend and by appointment during the week. In a typical Jefferson County spirit of hospitality, Connolly notes, "If we are here, we are always happy to accommodate." During

the tour, Connolly will offer walking tours on the hour or as a group gatherers, and will be able to answer a wide variety of questions concerning organic gardening. To schedule a visit, sign up for her September 28 workshop on vermiculture, or for more information, call (850) 997-7224.

**Red Hills Grazers** will offer tours of its facilities for the New Leaf farm tour. R. Alan Boyd just moved from a location near Live Oak back to his home in Monticello, bringing 80 ewes and all their newborn lambs with him—in the midst of spring lambing season! Boyd will be able to show a unique perspective in organic farming: a farm in transition. He will surely have lambs, sheep, meat chickens, and laying hens to visit. By the time of the farm tour, he hopes to have milk cows and Kiko goats. Boyd is busy clearing land so that he has more pasture space, and doing so painstakingly by hand in order to have less of an impact on the property and environment. During the year, he offers eggs, whole lambs through Johnston's Meat Market, purebred St. Croix breeding sheep, and free-range chickens. He also offers farm shares. To contact, call Boyd at (850) 567-1105.

Burns enjoys facilitating this event, the only one like it in the area that directly engages farmer and consumer at no cost to either party. "The farm tour continues to grow because seasoned and new farmers alike recognize the importance of working directly with their consumers. They relish the opportunity to educate residents about the love and work that goes into making their unique products.

"Attendance grows because residents understand that other than growing their own food, understanding how their food is produced is the best way to eat the freshest, healthiest and tastiest food out there. The diversity of farms and activities on the tour makes it a great family event. Families can tailor their tours to their specific needs and make the day both educational—but more importantly—fun!"

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# Jefferson County Living

## The Long Awaited Reunion



Mark and Fran as they were during the long awaited reunion.

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Many people are into some kind of technology today, and many depend on such sites on their computers as Facebook. Facebook is used for many reasons; to conduct business, getting to know school friends again, gaming, chatting, and many other uses.

But imagine Facebook bringing two long-lost siblings together after 34 years. That is exactly the story of Mark Dalton of Eagle MI, and his sister, Fran Hunt of Monticello, FL.

"It was the first week of October, 2012, that I discovered my sister Fran on Facebook," said Mark. He recalls the approximate date so well because this was during a time called to the church, the Feast of Tabernacles, he added.

"I was talking for a short while with my sister Mary, who Fran grew up with, and she told me that Fran would never speak to me," Mark reported. "So even though at this time, I had added Fran to my Facebook friends, I had not initiated a conversation for at least a month or two after, believing what Mary had told me."

"When I first received the friend request, I looked at the name and said, no, that can't be him, thinking that there had to be more than one Mark Dalton, and this one was probably just someone wanting to be a neighbor or something on one of the games I play," added Fran. "So I accepted the request."

"I began the conversation with a simple hello on chat," Mark said. "Then we began talking, and I realized that Mary was wrong about Fran not wanting to talk to me."

"After the first chat of about an hour or so, I realized this was my brother after all," said Fran.

Mark went on to explain the past for the two siblings. "We had not seen or heard from each other since I was 14 years of age, around 1979. Fran and I were not raised together and she had lost contact with our mom over the years."

"In 1979, I wanted to find my mom, so I began calling everyone in Detroit

with the last name of Van Meter, which was her maiden name. One of the calls I made was to her brother, who said he would contact her and give her the number where I was. She called, we cried, and she gave me directions to her home," said Fran.

"When Fran came to visit our mom, the first thing she said was, where is Mark? The first and last time that Fran had ever seen me prior to that, I was a newborn and she was only five. During one of our chats she told me that she remembered mom sitting her on the couch because Fran wanted to hold me. She cradled me in her arms, and created a bond that was never broken after all of these years," said Mark.

"I clearly remembered holding my baby brother, loving those big, dark, beautiful eyes, beautiful blonde curls, and talking to him, and he even smiled at me," Fran added. "When I found mom again and asked about me, she said she didn't think I would remember him, but I did, even his name, which never left my mind or my heart."

Over the months Mark and Fran continued to chat every night for at least an hour or two, and the more they chatted, the more they found they had in common.

"On April 5, 2013, my family and I were in Daytona Beach, FL, and even though it was nearly three hours out of the way, we decided to pay Fran a visit for a day on the way back home to Michigan," said Mark.

"When he opened the motel room door, I grabbed him by the neck and held on, I have my brother, I kept repeating, and feeling a lump in my throat," said Fran.

"We had a real nice visit, meeting people she worked with, some of the people around Monticello, and browsing through some of the local downtown shops. One of her co-workers even told me that in all the years they had known her, they had never known Fran to look so happy," Mark added.

"On June 27<sup>th</sup>, I took a flight to Florida to spend a week with my sister. The plane landed in Orlando/Sanford, so I had a four-hour car ride to get to

her place. I arrived around 2 a.m.," Mark reported.

Before coming down, Fran mentioned to Mark that her desktop was going bad, and she described the computer symptoms. Mark, who is an ordained minister and extremely techno savvy, told her he would bring her a new graphics board and install it when he came down.

He asked Fran what she thought the weather would be like for his visit, and Fran told him that it would either be so hot that he couldn't breathe, or it would rain every day, and rain every day it did.

"Eagerly awaiting his arrival, I hoped that my life style would not bore him, due to being stuck inside most of the time in the rain," said Fran. "When he got there, I ran out to him in the driveway and gave him a hug. Wanting to unwind a couple of hours before going to bed, we walked through the living room to talk and perhaps watch a movie. Before we got to the couch to sit down, one of my Chihuahuas bit him on the knee, which that dog had never done before. I'm glad to report that by the time Mark was to leave, that dog which had bit him, would snuggle in his lap."

"After we sat down for a while, Mark said I have to show you something, and he went and got a laptop out of his luggage. I thought he was just going to show me something on his computer, but after he got it hooked up, he asked me what I thought of it. It looked fancy to me (Dell Inspiron with Windows 7). I told him it was real nice and he said out of the blue, it's yours. What? Are you sh—ing me? After saying that I felt bad saying that to a minister, but he laughed it off and told me it was okay," Fran said.

Mark added, "We had a very relaxing time watching movies and old TV shows, and one night we ate at the Outback steakhouse for dinner. We visited her daughter Alfa and her new husband Adam for dinner on my last night there. It was really good to meet them."

"Fran and I talked about our lives, although it may sound boring to most, it was a good time for us. Even though we were not raised together, we have more in common with each other than the siblings that we were raised with. I believe it was the bond we formed and had since I was an infant."

On July 4, 2013, at 8 a.m., Mark had to leave to be at the airport to return home.

"I've never enjoyed being around someone so much. Just being with my brother and talking, watching movies and TV, I felt 20 years younger," said Fran.

"The bond and love we have, is very great. It was a long awaited reunion."

"It was nice visiting my sister and spending time with her," Mark said. "After 34 years of not seeing one another, we still have a close relationship, and bond that can never be broken; the love of two siblings," he concluded.

Siblings Mark Dalton and Fran Hunt when they last saw each other in about 1979.



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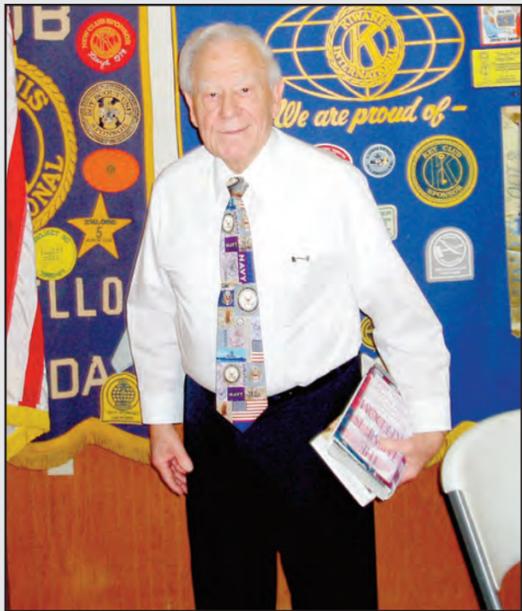
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# Jefferson County Living

## Dodson Talks About America



Retired United States Military Veteran Leonard Dobson talked with the Monticello Kiwanis on July 3 about freedom and what it means through history up to the present. He spoke candidly about his military career and told a few stories that 'stand out' in his memory. He looks forward to celebrations about America and its military war heroes, soldiers, and veterans.

## Magnolia Circle Helps Local 4H

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Magnolia Garden Circle members of the Monticello Garden Club and a few friends came together to help gather much needed items for the Jefferson County 4H summer campers.

Items purchased and donated to the 4H Summer Camp program included twin-size flat sheets, washcloths, shampoo, toothpaste w/brushes, body wash, aloe lotion, hair ties, and other needed accessories.

Those included in the collection of these articles of need included: Circle President Anne Horton, Dianne Braren, Debbie Bailey, and Cissy Boyd. Wag the Dog Thrift & Treasure Shop donated two large bags filled with gently used sheets to the Circle for the 4H Summer Camp program.



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4H Agent Kristin Jackson meets with Magnolia Garden Circle members to pick up their donated toiletry items for this year's 4H Summer Camp program. Pictured from left to right are: Jackson, Circle President Anne Horton, and Dianne Braren.

Magnolia Garden Circle sponsored two students to attend this year's summer camp at Cherry Lake in Madison. 104 students will be attending 4H Camps this summer; thanks to generous area donors.

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If you are not sure of your child's vaccinations, please consult your physician or the Florida Department of Health in Jefferson County. There will be a last minute rush so please go now and avoid the hassle of waiting.



## Question of the Week

AMBER HOUSTON

What is your favorite way to put the "Fear of God" into a daughter's boyfriend?



"Where's the shotgun?" Syd Atkinson, straightforward father of one daughter.



"My dad always said, 'his hair better be cut.'" - Margaret Levings, daughter of a creative father.



"I would hope most guys this day and age would know how to treat a woman. One dad had a shovel and a gun sitting next to him and said, 'I've got a shotgun and a shovel, and I don't think anyone would miss you.'" Michael McCormick, father of four daughters who aren't old enough to date yet.



"Nobody threatened me. I was real nice." - Sam Plaines, who in his youth was a boyfriend who never had to get bullied into behaving.



"My dad looked at me and said 'you know the rules.'" - Lee Terzis, daughter of a trusting, loving father.



"Oh, I had a mean, hateful look I'd give him. I'd say, 'don't touch my daughter. Don't put your hands on her. If she says no, it means no.'" - Carolyn Nealy, the beautiful, fierce mother of one daughter.

*Writer's note: My daddy always looked at a guy with a little smirk and said, "I know plenty of swamps where the gators will find your body before the police do. You understand, boy?" I could never tell if he was happier when they squirmed uncomfortably at that, or looked him in the eye and confidently said, "Yes, sir."*

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# Jefferson County Living

## Local Churches Return From Detroit



Elizabeth AME Church members and members of Union Bethel AME Church take a joint bus trip to and tour of Detroit, Michigan in June 2013.

**DEBBIE SNAPP**  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

Elizabeth AME Church members and members of Union Bethel AME Church visited the Detroit, Michigan area last month; transporta-

tion was provided by Astro Travel & Tours Charter Bus Company.

The members stayed three days and nights at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Troy, Michigan. Together they had an opportunity to tour the Motown

Museum, Detroit Historical Museum, Henry Wright African Museum, and the Henry Ford Museum Village. The tour was very educational for the children in attendance as well as the adults.

The group also took a

trip downtown to the RiverWalk, where members spent time shopping and exploring different attractions and checking

out the great view of Canada. Everyone in the group had a wonderful time; enjoying the bus trip as well as the tours. For some in the group, this was their third church road trip.

Coordinator Leman Ulee notes that this was the third trip that both church families participated in together. "Each year the trip seems to get better," he remarks. "I was very happy to see the excited expressions on the travelers faces during trip. Everyone enjoyed the trip so much, they can't wait for next year's trip!"

According to Ulee, the purpose for coordinating these trips is to allow the members to visit cities that they would not visit otherwise; and to develop a closer bond among the memberships. He is already making plans for next year's trip... hopefully it will be to New

York. He is also attempting to coordinate a local trip to maybe Orlando or Daytona Beach; it will take place within the next couple of months.

43 church members, and a few non-members, participated in this trip to Detroit, Michigan. The non-members were very glad the church pastor extended his love, and invited them along.

Rev. Clarence Little was very pleased on how well the trip went. He and his family enjoyed themselves very much and are looking forward to the next trip.

"As coordinator, I would like to thank Rev. Little for all his support and for allowing us to participate on these trips," adds Ulee. "According to the feedback that I have received from the community, I'm confident that we are going to have more participants next year."

## Summer Reading Program Continues At Library



ECB Publishing Photo By Debbie Snapp, June 20, 2013.

'Game Day' is a new youth program this summer, held every Thursday at the Jefferson County Bailar Public Library, during the Summer Reading Program 'Dig Into Reading.' Pictured from left to right are: Jackie Beat and Elizabeth Kessler, learning to play Qwirkle.

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The Jefferson County Bailar Public Library Summer Reading Program 'Dig Into Reading' is well underway. Stop by the library any time and get your bag filled with goodies, including a bookmark, reading log, and craft.

Families are invited to see performers every Tuesday, at 2 p.m. at the Jefferson County Elementary School, in the Media Center. Storytellers, pup-

peteers, and magicians are guaranteed to enthrall participants.

'Game Day' is a new youth program this summer, held every Thursday. Learn to play chess, or come and play a variety of board games.

Due to popular request, Summer Science Camp will be held again August 6 to August 9. Visit the library website at <http://jcpl.wilderness-coast.org> or call 850-342-0205 for more information. Hope to see you at the library!

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### Pictures from the PAST

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**This trio of budding entrepreneurs maintained its concept of a lemonade stand on South US 19 to make money for the summer, in July, 1991. From left, Daniel Gibbs, Tamika Gibbs, and Keith Freeman.**

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# Sports & School

## Express Flattens Adel

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The Sunshine Express softball team faced off against Adel last weekend, and the Express flattened Adel for a 33-1 victory.

The Express quickly jumped out to a 7-1 lead, leaving their opponent in the dust wondering what happened.

Jarvis Atkins went five for five, with four RBI's.

Kelvin Jones went four for five, with three RBI's.

Puddle Daniels went four for four, with two RBI's.

Clark Mitchell went four for four, with two RBI's.

Rodney Barnard went three for five, with five RBI's and one homerun.

Mario Rivers went three for five, with four RBI's.

Jay McQue went three

for five, with one RBI. Calvin Holmes went three for five, with two RBI's, and a homerun.

Skip Arnold went three for three, with two RBI's.

Coach Roosevelt Jones reported that the team hero for the day was Destiny Vangates, who went three for three, with nine RBI's, and three home-

runs. Karlon Blue went one for two, with two RBI's.

Joe Andrews went one for two.

Eldred Jennings went one for two, with one RBI.

Coach Jones named Destiny Vangates and Jarvis Atkins as the MVP's of the game.

He also advised that he named Puddle Daniels and Clark Mitchell as the team base coaches. Coach Jones is also in search of a scorekeeper, and a bat-boy or girl for the team.



## Jefferson School District 2013-2014 Calendar

**FRAN HUNT**  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

The calendar for the Jefferson District school year of 2013-2014 has been released.

August 1 is new teacher orientation. August 5-9 is professional development days, and on August 12 new teachers report. August 14-16 is pre-planning days, and August 19 is the first day of school.

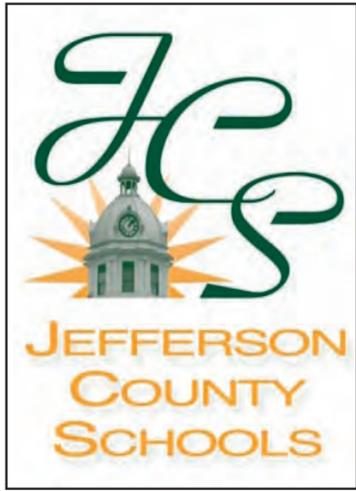
September 2 is the Labor Day holiday, and September 20 interim reports go home.

October is FCAT retakes, and October 18 is a teacher planning day, as well as a student holiday. October 18 is also the end of the first nine-weeks marking period, and October 25 report cards go home.

November 8 interim reports go home, and November 11 is the Veteran's Day holiday. November 25-29 is the fall break.

December 20 is the end of the second nine-weeks marking period, early release day, and the end of the

first semester. On December 23 the Christmas holiday begins.



January 6 is a teachers planning day, and on January 7 students return to school. January 10 report cards go home, and January 20 is the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

February 7 interim reports go home, and the FCAT 2.0 writing test.

March 14 is the end of the third nine-weeks marking period. March 17-21 is spring break, and March 24 is a teacher planning day, as well as a student holiday. March 28 report cards go home.

April is FCAT/FCAT 2.0 testing.

May 2 interim reports go home, and May 19 is the Emancipation Day holiday. May 26 is the Memorial Day holiday, and May 30 is the last day of school for seniors.

June 4 is the last day of school, report cards go home for Jefferson Elementary, and it is an early release day. June 4 is also the end of the second semester. June 5-6 is post planning days. June 6 is also graduation.

June 9-13 is professional development days, and June 13 Jefferson County Middle High School report cards go home. On June 16 summer school begins, as well as the four day work week begins.

## ACA School Calendar For The 2013-2014 School Year

**FRAN HUNT**  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

Aucilla Christian Academy has released the calendar for the upcoming 2013-2014 school year.

New teachers report on August 5, and returning teachers report on August 6. New family orientation is at 10 a.m. August 9, and students return to school on August 12. On August 26 there will be an Open House at 5 p.m., and August 26-30 is the ever-popular Book Fair.

September 2 is the Labor Day holiday, and September 20 is the end of the first six-weeks marking period. September 23 is a teachers planning day, and on September 29 report cards will be issued.

On October 11 the annual Fall Festival will be held from 2:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.

November 1 is the end of the second six-weeks marking period, and November 4 is a teachers planning day. November 8 is Homecoming, report cards will be issued November 8, and the Annual Board Raffle dinner will be held November 15. November 27-29 is the Thanksgiving break.

The Christmas Musical will be held at 7 p.m. on December 12, and December 18-20 is semester exams. December 19-20 will be early release at 1 p.m., and December 20 is the end of the third six-weeks marking period. December 23 through January 3 is the Christmas holidays.

January 6 is a teachers planning day, and January 7 the students return to school. January 10 report cards will be issued, and January 20 is the Martin Luther

King, Jr. holiday. January 27 is the Stockholders meeting.

February 14 is the end of the fourth six-weeks marking period, and February 17 is the President's Day holiday. February 18 is a teachers planning day, and conference day for PK-4 and K-5 students. February 21 report cards will be issued, and February 22 is the Father/Daughter Dance.

March 15 is re-enrollment deadline, March 20 at 7 p.m. is the Spring Musical, and March 24-28 is the spring holiday.

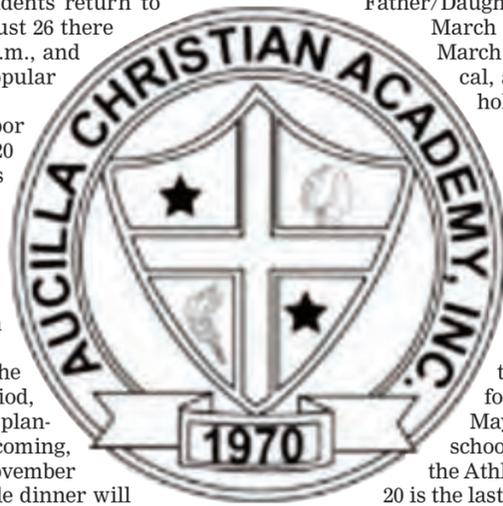
April 4 is the end of the fifth six-weeks marking period, and April 7 is a teachers planning day. April 8-11 is achievement testing, and April 11, report cards will be issued. April 18-21 is the Easter break.

May 1 at 7 p.m. will be the May Day program, and May 15 book fees are due. May 16 is the Academic Awards Program for grades 6-12, at 8:30 a.m., and May 16 is also the last day of school for seniors. May 17 at 6 p.m. is the Athletic Awards Banquet, and May

20 is the last day of school for PK-4 and K-5 students. May 20 is also the Kindergarten graduation at 7 p.m.

May 21-23 are semester exams, and May 22-23 are early release days at 1 p.m. May 23 has much going on. It is the Academic Awards Program for grades 1-5 at 8:30 a.m.. it is the end of the sixth six-weeks period, the last day of school for students, and the Baccalaureate at 7 p.m.

May 24 is senior graduation at 7 p.m., May 26 is the Memorial Day holiday, and May 27-29 is a teachers post planning period.



## ACA JV Football Schedule

**FRAN HUNT**  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

Aucilla Christian Academy had released the JV football schedule for the 2013 season.

Gridiron action begins on August 29, against Sherwood Christian, at 6 p.m., away; and continues against FAMU on September 5 at 6 p.m., home; North Florida Christian on September 12 at 6 p.m., away; Sherwood Christian on September 19 at 6 p.m., home; Governors Charter on September 26 at 6 p.m., home; and wrapping up the season is Governors Charter on October 3 at 6 p.m., home.

Coaching the JV Warriors is Daryl Adams.



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## Applications Being Accepted Now For The Colin Rolfe Scholarship For The Arts

The Opera House Stage Company announces that it is again accepting applications for The Colin Rolfe Scholarship for the Arts. The purpose of the scholarship is to assist individuals of all ages to study the art form

of their choice.

Scholarship amounts range from \$100 to \$500, and are available to adults and children to study music, singing, dance, acting, writing, painting, or sculpture. "Applicants may plan to attend a college or university, or they could take private lessons," says Jack Williams, chairman of the Opera House Stage Company.

While anyone in the Big Bend Area may apply, extra consideration will be given to young people,

those who have participated in the arts (especially at the Monticello Opera House,) those with modest means, and residents of Jefferson County.

The Board of the Opera House Stage Company decided to establish the scholarship after dear friend and fellow actor Colin Rolfe passed away in 2011. Rolfe loved acting and theater in all of its aspects... from playing the lead to building the set. He always said he just "loved being part of the Opera House family." His

first role, as Victor Laszlo in 'Casablanca' came when he was 62-years of age. He took piano lessons for the first time at age 68. "That's the reason this scholarship is open to people of all ages," adds actor/director Jan Williams, "Inspiration can come at any age."

The current deadline for applications is August 15, 2013. For more information, or to obtain a copy of the application, email to: jackbwill@juno.com or call 850-728-1867.



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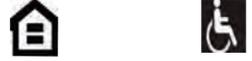
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# Legals

**NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
The Monticello City Council has scheduled a meeting for July 23, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. for purposes of discussion of budget issues and decision on proposed ad valorem taxes. The meeting will take place at City Hall, 245 S. Mulberry Street, Monticello. 7/12/13

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

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment entered in Case No. 33-2012-CA-000204 of the Circuit Court of the SECOND Judicial Circuit in and for JEFFERSON County, Florida, wherein, NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff, and, JAMES K. STEINMETZ AKA JAMES STEINMETZ, et. al., are Defendants. The Clerk of Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the North Door of the Courthouse at the hour of 11:00AM, on the 19th day of September, 2013, the following described property:  
**LOT 42, HIAWATHA FARMS SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK B, PAGE 88, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA.**  
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.  
DATED this 4th day of June, 2013.  
KIRK REAMS  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
By: Sherry Sears  
Deputy Clerk  
**IMPORTANT**  
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of Court Administration at (850) 577-4401, or at the Leon County Courthouse, Room 225, 301 S. Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301 within 2 working days of receipt of a notice compelling you to appear at a court proceeding; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.  
The ADA Coordinator for the courts in Leon County is Doug Smith. He may be reached at (850) 577-4444 or through the Florida Relay Service, TDD at 1-800-955-8771. The address for the Office of Court Administration is: Leon County Courthouse, 301 S. Monroe Street, Room 225, Tallahassee, FL 32301. In all other counties in the circuit please contact the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office and ask for the ADA Coordinator. The Clerk's number is included on each county page. 7/12, 19/13

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL DIVISION  
CASE NO. 33-2009-CA-000112  
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR ABFC 2006-OPT2 TRUST, ABFC ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-OPT2  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
JERRY A. HANCOCK; RITA H. HANCOCK; WATHA E. WARD A/K/A WATHA E. ARD; HIAWATHA FARMS HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY;  
Defendants.  
**RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated June 25, 2013, and entered in Case No. 33-2009-CA-000112, of the Circuit Court of the 2ND Judicial Circuit in and for JEFFERSON County, Florida. WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR ABFC 2006-OPT2 TRUST, ABFC ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-OPT2 is Plaintiff and JERRY A. HANCOCK; RITA H. HANCOCK; WATHA E. WARD A/K/A WATHA E. ARD; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; HI-AWATHA FARMS HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC; are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash AT THE NORTH DOOR OF THE COURTHOUSE, at CLERK OF COURTS, MONTICELLO in JEFFERSON County, FLORIDA, at 11:00 a.m., on the 1st day of August, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:  
**LOT NUMBERED TWO (2) OR HIAWATHA FARMS SUBDIVISION, A SUB DIVISION RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK B PAGE 88 IF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA.**  
A person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim with 60 days after the sale.  
DATED this 28th day of June, 2013.  
KIRK REAMS  
As Clerk of said Court  
By: Sherry Sears  
As Deputy Clerk  
This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No.2.065.  
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to provisions of certain assistance. Please contact the Court Administrator at Clerk Of Courts, Rm.10, Monticello, FL 32344, Phone No. (850)342-0218 within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice or pleading; if you are hearing impaired, call 1-800-955-8771 (TDD); if you are voice impaired, call 1-800-995-8770 (V) (Via Florida Relay Services). 7/12, 19/13

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The Week of July 12, 2013 through July 19, 2013  
Major Feed Times are marked by an asterisk (\*)

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| <b>Friday, July 12</b><br>*4:10 AM<br>10:20 AM<br>*4:30 PM<br>10:45 PM | <b>Saturday, July 13</b><br>*4:55 AM<br>11:10 AM<br>*5:20 PM<br>11:30 PM | <b>Sunday, July 14</b><br>*5:40 AM<br>11:50 AM<br>*6:10 PM             | <b>Monday, July 15</b><br>12:20 AM<br>*6:30 AM<br>12:40 PM<br>*6:55 PM |
| <b>Tuesday, July 16</b><br>1:10 AM<br>*7:35 AM<br>1:30 PM<br>*7:50 PM  | <b>Wednesday, July 17</b><br>2:10 AM<br>*8:20 AM<br>2:20 PM<br>*8:40 PM  | <b>Thursday, July 18</b><br>2:55 AM<br>*9:10 PM<br>3:10 PM<br>*9:30 PM | <b>Friday, July 19</b><br>3:45 AM<br>*9:55 AM<br>4:10 PM<br>*10:30 PM  |

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## Free Hunter Safety Course Offered In Leon County

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

The class is in the second-floor conference room of the Farris Bryant Building, 620 S. Meridian St., Tallahassee. Instruction is from 6-9 p.m. July 16, 18, 23 and 25. The range portion of the class is July 27.

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

Anyone born on or after June 1, 1975, must pass an approved hunter safety course and have a hunting license to hunt alone (unsupervised). The FWC course satisfies hunter-safety training requirements for all other states and Canadian provinces.

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



## Florida Department Of Agriculture And Consumer Services Announces Applications For Southern Pine Beetle Assistance And Prevention Program



Florida Commissioner of Agriculture Adam H. Putnam and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Florida Forest Service announced that the Southern Pine Beetle Assistance and Prevention Program will accept applications from non-industrial, private forest landowners through July 31.

The southern pine beetle is one of the most destructive forest pests in the southeast, and periodic outbreaks can rapidly kill millions of pine trees on tens of thousands of acres. The last major outbreaks in Florida occurred from 1999 to 2002, resulting in an estimated \$59 million in timber losses.

"This program promotes forest management activities that increase the

natural resistance of pine forests to southern pine beetle infestations," said Jim Karels, Director of the Florida Forest Service. "Conducting these activities now will reduce the likelihood of losses from future outbreaks."

The program, supported through a grant by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service, offers an incentive payment for landowners who conduct a first pulpwood thinning and partial cost reimbursement for prescribed burning, mechanical underbrush treatments and planting longleaf or slash pine. Since it was first offered in 2005, the program has supported these practices on more than 120,000 acres.

The program is limited to 44 northern Florida

counties located within the range of the southern pine beetle. Qualified landowners may apply for no more than two approved practices per year. Funding re- quies may not exceed \$10,000. All qualifying applications received during the submission period will be evaluated and ranked for approval.

To obtain application forms and more information on program requirements and procedures, visit a local Florida Forest Service office, call 519-3331, or go to: [www.floridaforestservice.com/forest\\_management/fh\\_insects\\_spb\\_prevention\\_program.html](http://www.floridaforestservice.com/forest_management/fh_insects_spb_prevention_program.html). For more information about the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, visit [www.FreshFromFlorida.com](http://www.FreshFromFlorida.com).

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## Apalachicola National Forest Seeking Volunteer Camp Hosts



The Apalachicola National Forest is accepting applications for volunteer camp hosts at various recreation sites throughout the forest. Campground hosts play a key role in supporting forest activities and projecting a friendly, helpful face to visitors.

Volunteers that support our campgrounds receive a free site that includes full hookups, propane reimbursement and tools needed for the job, in exchange for 30 hours of service per week. Camp hosts on the Apalachicola National Forest are unpaid volunteer positions. The time requirement may be divided up when there is more than one individual occupying the host site.

Some of the duties that camp hosts are required to perform include welcoming visitors and providing them with information about the forest, performing general site maintenance and assisting Forest Service personnel. Current positions

available include camp hosts for:

Lost Lake Recreation Area, a trailhead for the off-road motorcycle trail system in the Apalachicola National Forest in Leon County;

Camel Lake Recreation Area, surrounding one of the few crystal-clear lakes its recreation area provides a quiet place to relax and take in the beauty of the longleaf pine forest in Liberty County;

Wright Lake Recreation Area, surrounds a spring-fed lake offering both a day use area for swimming, picnicking and hiking, as well as a campground in a beautiful forest setting in Franklin County.

Volunteers of all ages can apply for positions and individuals under 18 years old may volunteer with signed permission from a parent or guardian. The Apalachicola offers diverse projects and a chance for an individual or group to become in-

involved in meeting visitors, working in a natural setting and learning about the forest.

Groups are welcome to help with individual projects such as trail maintenance, forest cleanups, recreation area projects and various other activities.

The Apalachicola National Forest, at 571,088 acres, is within short driving distance from Tallahassee and the beaches at Carrabelle and St. George Island. Outdoor recreational activities are centered on campgrounds, lakefront beaches, hiking, fishing, boating and OHV and equestrian trails. Other attractions include the Florida National Scenic Trail and Bradwell Bay Wilderness.

For more information on volunteering, contact Crystal Dillard at 850.575.9064 ext. 6618 or e-mail at [cddillard@fs.fed.us](mailto:cddillard@fs.fed.us). Interested applicants can also go to [www.volunteer.gov/gov/](http://www.volunteer.gov/gov/) to fill out an application.