

## Commissioners Face \$600,000+ Gap At Start Of Budget Process

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The Jefferson County Commission was scheduled to hold its second workshop on the budget on Thursday evening, July 25, posing the possibility that it has since been able to reduce or eliminate any deficit.

But as of earlier this week, the commission was still facing a \$600,000+ gap in next year's proposed budget, in terms of what revenues the county could expect for the coming fiscal year and the expenditures that the various departments were requesting.

And mind, the Sheriff and Tax Collector had yet to submit their respective budgets as of Monday afternoon, July 15, when commissioners held their first budget workshop and encountered the \$600,000 deficit. One can only surmise

that when the two latter operations submitted their respective budgets in the interim, the deficit only increased.

It's a tricky balancing act that commissioners and department heads must undertake each year, deciding between what's absolutely essential and what's desirable but able to be done without in the final analysis. And in the bargain hinges property taxes, the types and levels of public services provided, and the efficiency and effectiveness of the various county operations, among other considerations.

No one takes the exercise lightly, and sometimes, in the clash of values and ideas, priorities, personalities and politics get intermixed.

None of this was evident at the workshop on July 15; but then again, it was yet early in the process.

As Clerk of Court Kirk Reams characterized the proceeding, the workshop represented "a first stab at putting the budget together."

The summary page of the 33-page document that Reams distributed to each commissioner showed projected revenues of \$7,821,854, versus projected expenditures of \$8,402,576, making for a difference of \$580,722.

Add the prior year's state-required five-percent reserve holdback of \$352,531, subtract the current year's required five-percent holdback, and the deficit balloons to \$619,283.

And again, the figures for the operations of the Sheriff and Tax Collections had yet to be added to the equation at this point. Nor had the commission decided on the amount of the contingency or reserve fund, which also would likely increase the gap.

All of which is to say that commissioners and department heads are faced with having to make some hard choices in terms of cutting expenditures. The alternative is to raise revenues, which translates one way or another into raising taxes.

Commissioners and department heads, in short, are caught between the devil and the deep blue sea -- a place they've been frequenting on a fairly regular basis in recent years.

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## Opponents of Ward Creek Land Sale Try To Organize

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About 25 residents and outdoors lovers gathered in the courthouse annex on Tuesday evening, July 22 -- brought together by concern over a 3,750-acre tract of public land in Jefferson County just east and northeast of Lake Miccosukee that the state is proposing to sell to private entities.

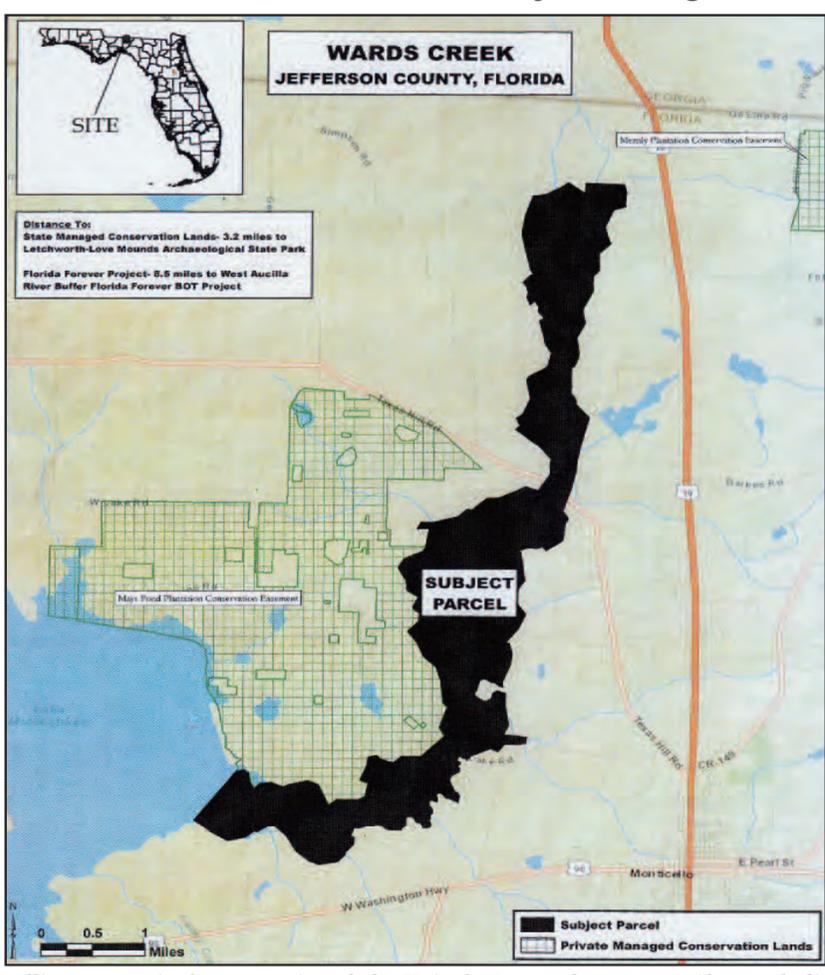
Almost all in attendance appeared to have personal knowledge of, and attachment to, the 3,750-acre tract, derived from their hunting experiences on Ward's Creek, as the property is called.

At least one of the participants, Steve Cleckner, a former Jefferson County resident and now a pastor in South Florida, had driven five hours from his Sarasota home to attend the meeting, testament of the issue's importance to him.

Another was an individual who identified himself as Kevin and told of regularly making trips from Boston to Jefferson County to hunt deer on the property. And yet another was Robert Daniels, a former wildlife officer with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), who patrolled the area for years.

All were motivated by an abiding passion for hunting and the outdoors, a desire to keep the property in public ownership for their children's sake, and a sense of frustration and outrage that once again, in their estimation, special interests were trying to trump the public interest.

They acknowledged also that bigger issues than simply hunting were involved. And these bigger issues, they said, included the sale of sovereign land, which state statute and the Florida Supreme Court forbade; and the fact that



selling a recognized watershed to private entities set a dangerous precedent.

"This is a stepping stone," Daniels said. "If they can do this, then there is no limit. They can sell the Aucilla and Sneads Smokehouse watersheds next."

"It's not just about hunting," said someone from the audience. "It's about protection of a big watershed area."

Participants at the meeting tried to come up with a strategy to combat the proposed sale, all the while conceding that they were, as one individual expressed it, "way behind the power curve."

Among the speakers who addressed the group directly were Cleckner, Daniels, Paul Henry, an individual who identified himself as a representa-

tive of the United Waterfowlers of Florida (UWFF), and another who related a similar failed attempt to take over the same property in 1993.

Most others, however, simply spoke from the seats, rarely bothering to identify themselves.

A sampling of the sentiments expressed by the audience: "Once it's gone, it's gone"; "Our kids won't have the opportunity we have had if we don't stop this"; "It's selling the lake from under us, it's still the lake"; and, "Is it a budget issue, or a greed issue?"

The UWFF representative said his organization was fighting the same kinds of battles in South Florida. He pointed to inconsistencies in the state's alleged reasons for selling the land, calling some of the inconsistencies near

humorous, if not ludicrous.

For example, he said, the state denied public access to the land, then turned around and claimed no one used the property.

Likewise, the state claimed the property was inaccessible, yet it proposed that it be made available to disabled veterans and youths once it was sold and put into conversation.

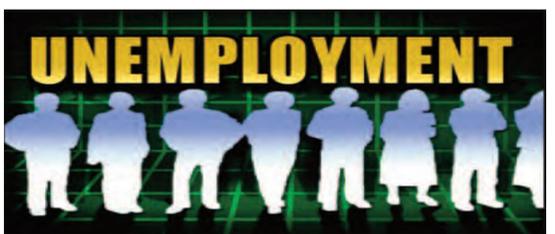
"If the property has no access, how are wounded warriors and youths going to access it if we can't access it?" he asked.

His main point, however, was that the group needed to take a stand and make its case before the Board of Trustees.

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## Florida's Jobless Rate Holds Steady At 7.1%

(Rates Rise In Jefferson & Madison)



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Florida's jobless rate held steady at 7.1 percent in June, making for the second month in a row that the rate was the lowest it's been since September 2008, when it was 7.0 percent.

For the fourth consecutive month, moreover, the state's rate was lower than the national rate, which remained at 7.6 percent.

For Jefferson and Madison counties, however, their rates increased noticeably during the same period, from 5.5 and 8.6 percents, to 6.3 and 9.3 percents respectively.

So indicates the latest jobless report from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (FDEO), released on Friday, July 19.

The sunnier unemployment situation statewide continued to give Governor Rick Scott cause to celebrate his administration's policies.

"Florida's June unemployment rate of 7.1 percent will continue to contribute to the long-term trend of decreasing unemployment throughout the state," Scott said.

"The creation of more than 2,000 private sector jobs last month is further evidence of the state's continuing economic recovery. As Florida families

are getting back to work, it is clear that it's working."

Statewide, the 7.1 percent represents 665,000 jobless Floridians out of a labor force of 9,416,000 -- not counting individuals who have given up the search for work, are underemployed, or are employed part time.

The FDEO reports that Florida's seasonally adjusted total nonagricultural employment was 7,521,900 in June, an increase of 9,300 jobs over the month. Seasonally adjusted means the numbers have been purged of seasonal and other factors that could skew the results.

"The number of jobs in the state was up 127,200 from June a year ago, an increase of 1.7 percent," the FDEO states. "Nationally, the number of jobs was up 1.7 percent over the year."

June was the 35th consecutive month showing positive annual job growth after the state lost jobs for more than three consecutive years, according to the FDEO.

For Jefferson County, the 6.3 percent rate translates into 408 jobless persons out of a labor force of 6,515, compared with 350 jobless persons out of a labor force of 6,411 in May, when the rate was 5.5 percent.

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**Correction: In the story titled "School Superintendent Declares District In State of Emergency" on the front page of the Monticello News on Wednesday, July 24, it erroneously stated that school begins Aug. 12. The actual startup date for school is Aug. 19.**

## Pickup Vs. Semi

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Miraculously, no one was injured in a pickup vs. semi accident near the 219-milepost on Interstate 10, on Monday afternoon, July 22.

According to a Florida Highway Patrol report, Donna Weimer Custard, 66, of Monticello, was westbound on I-10 on the north paved shoulder, when she attempted to re-enter the travel lanes.

For unknown reasons, Custard began to lose control of the 2006 Toyota Tundra she was driving. She then traveled

across both westbound travel lanes and into the left travel lane.

At the same time, Michael J. Chenevert, 57, of West Monroe, La., was traveling westbound in a 2010 International Prostar on I-10 in the left travel lane, when he observed Custard lose control of the pickup.

Chenevert attempted to evade Custard by steering his truck into the

right travel lane. This caused the left front of the semi to strike the right rear of the pickup.

Custard's pickup rotated in a clockwise direction and the right front of it collided with the left rear side of the trailer that Chenevert was towing.

Both vehicles traveled onto the north shoulder of the roadway and Custard's Toyota collided

with a tree on the north shoulder.

The Toyota Tundra came to a final rest, facing north on the north shoulder.

The International tractor-trailer came to a final rest, facing west in the tree line on the north shoulder.

In addition to Custard and Chenevert, Custard's two passengers, 12-year-old Calista Custard and nine-year-old Kiona Custard were not injured in the accident.

FHP Trooper M.V. Fillyaw was the investigating officer.



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**Local Weather**

**Fri 7/26** 92/73  
Isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.

**Sat 7/27** 89/73  
Slight chance of a thunderstorm.

**Sun 7/28** 87/73  
Scattered thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 70s.

**Mon 7/29** 86/73  
Scattered thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 70s.

**Tue 7/30** 86/73  
A few thunderstorms possible. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 70s.

# Viewpoints

## Letters To The Editor

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### The President

I am seventy years old. I do not recall in my lifetime a President that has so divided this country. The Trayvon Martin affair is just the latest example. Instead of providing leadership when it was needed the President continues to divide this country. He simply is the worst President ever. He has a chip on his shoulder. He is so prejudice against white Christian or Jewish people that he is incapable of providing unbiased leadership.

I will acknowledge his ability to speak, I will acknowledge his native in-

telligence, and I will acknowledge that he has a good personality. However, he is very divisive and he possesses little, if any, leadership abilities. The reason is that he has an ingrained resentment for white people. He believes that the white people in this country are by and large prejudiced against black people. However, he was elected to office by the vote of white people. White people who wanted to show that they were not racially prejudiced by voting for a black man for President. White people who are now proud

that this country has a black man as President. It apparently relieves some of the guilt many of them have for the way black people have historically been treated by this country.

But, because of his divisive nature, Barack Obama is incapable of being a good leader for this country. As long as he is President we will have little progress in this country. It is unfortunate because he could have been the greatest President ever instead of the worst.

Charles E. McClellan

## 'Brew' Ha Ha: Conversations for Coffee

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Staff Writer



During an unexpected and nevertheless delightful visit from a college friend, I was introduced to Conrad Aiken. Well, not personally—you see, the man was a great poet though he is not as well known as he should be. He has long since passed from this life.

As a youth, as a boy of but eleven tender years, his life was marred by tragedy. His father—once a prominent and successful doctor—sought out his wife. He killed her and then committed suicide.

In his 1950's autobiography, Ushant, Aiken describes the event in shattering detail. Note that Aiken writes about himself in the third person: "After the desultory early-morning quarrel, came the half-stifled scream, and the sound of his father's voice counting three, and the two loud pistol shots and he tiptoed into the dark room, where the two bodies lay motionless, and apart, and, finding them dead, found himself possessed of them forever."

"How could a man, laid so low by such a horrific event," my friend, Zachary Hill, posed, "write this?" He pulled up a copy of "The Morning Song of Senlin," and read it in a low, affected voice. For the full impact of its beauty, I encourage you to read this aloud, as it was read to me:

"It is morning, Senlin says, and in the morning When the light drips through the shutters like the dew, I arise, I face the sunrise, And do the things my fathers learned to do. Stars in the purple dusk above the rooftops pale in a saffron mist and seem to die, And I myself on a swiftly tilting planet, Stand before a glass and tie my tie. [...]

There are horses neighing on far-off hills Tossing their long white manes— And mountains flash in the rose-white dusk, Their shoulders black with rains. [...]

There are shadows across the windows, clouds in heaven, And a God among the stars; and I will go Thinking of Him as I might think of day-break And humming a tune I know. [...]

Vine-leaves tap at the window, Dew-drops sing to the garden stones, The robin chirps in the chin-aberry tree Repeating three clear tones."

Afterward, Zach posed another question: How could Aiken forgive God for exposing him to such tragedy? Why would God do that to a child?

Furthermore, I asked myself, why do the good die young, and why do bad things happen to good people?

I was reminded of a philosophy that I have struggled with since reading it in *The Shack*, a novel by Canadian author, Christian P. Young. The philosophy has finally become clear to me, and I delight in the opportunity in sharing it with you.

In simplest terms it is this: God does not bring tragedy upon us. We chose this life, and chose this world when Adam and Eve—the firstborn of our species, the heads of our entire human family—ate of the forbidden fruit. The world—not God—brings tragedy, though out of evil God can create good—even though he does not need evil to accomplish good. I know: it's pretty dense.

I think that Aiken understood that God was not responsible for the loss of his mother or his father. Neither is God responsible for the tragedies in our own lives. This world, these problems, societal ills, and bodily sickness are of this world, and they are the price of knowledge of good and evil. They are the price we pay for the freedom to choose whether to love God or stand against Him that created us. They were not in God's original plan—He had no dream of harm running amok in this world, affecting His children.

"But God is all-powerful and all-seeing," that voice of doubt in the back of my head nags. "Psalms praise his power, and the demonstrations of his ability to save through miraculous means are documented throughout history and the Bible. Why doesn't He swoop in and rescue us?"

Why does an adult let a child beat them at hide and seek? Why does even a mother bear allow her cubs to tumble all over her, nipping at her ears and tugging on her tail—why would she restrain all her strength in wrestling with them?

For that adult, hide and seek is not about winning, it is about sharing. Likewise, the mother bear does not desire to flaunt her superior strength over her children: she wishes to share a moment of play. God cares about relationships—He likes the sharing, which any parent can tell you is often so much more important than the winning. He is our parent: He is our Father.

Why does a father stand by and let their teenage daughter date that guy he really hates, or a mother allow her son to fail a class in school?

That mother could go to bat for her son, lobby with all the teachers for more time, help him with

his schoolwork, and more. The father could forbid his daughter from dating a guy with shoddy school attendance records, a reputation for his lack of manners, and a bad haircut. But what would the children learn without experiencing the consequences of their actions? How would they grow?

There are lessons that we, as God's children and as people, must learn ourselves, though not alone. God is all-powerful, but He limits himself for us like any mother, and delights in sharing our lessons with us like any father.

Aiken's losses and gains—the tragic loss of his parents, the friendships he made in college with T.S. Elliot and George Santayana, a student and professor respectively, with whom he shared intimate, lifelong friendships—defined him, and shaped the beauty of his poetry and his perspective on life, God, and the universe.

The good in our lives and the bad—our hurts, our tragedies, our losses, our trials, our triumphs, our gains, our successes—likewise define us, and so our Father lovingly and patiently stands aside, allowing us to experience joy and pain equally, and delighting in sharing all our moments with us.

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Happy Birthday wishes are being sent out to longtime Jefferson County resident Nellie Randell! I don't know how young she is but I do know that she recently celebrated her 50<sup>th</sup> high-school reunion with 60+ Howard Academy classmates. She now keeps herself very much involved with her church and with the monthly Second Harvest Food Program, together with other volunteers with the churches of New Bethel AME, Elizabeth MB, Hickory Hill MB, Mt. Pleasant AME and Philadelphia MB. The church volunteers provide food to those needing assistance in the

Jefferson County area. Call her on her special day, August 1st and wish her a 'Happy Birthday!' 850-997-5605.

Doctor Wes Scoles reminds all about the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Hors D'oeuvres for the Brain and Soul fundraiser, with Robert Olen Butler and Michael Purvis is scheduled for Saturday, August 10 at 6 p.m. at the Monticello Opera House. Ticket cost is \$35 each, and there will be a cash bar. Plan to spend your Saturday evening with friends, listening to the readings of this Pulitzer Prize winning author and enjoying the music and songs of our very own local musical genius. Reservations

are suggested as this benefit usually ends with a standing room only crowd. For more information, contact Wes Scoles at 850-545-8276 or call the Opera House at 850-997-4242. All proceeds from this event go directly to A Doctor's Heart; a local charity that serves 72-villages in the heart of the Brazilian Rain Forest.

Phyllis Brown with the Veterans Memorial Park mentions free train rides of the dates of August 10, September 14, October 12, and November 9. So, put these dates on your calendar and plan to bring family and friends from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Donations are appreciated. She says the train goes 1.3 miles around the park and there is a good possibility that the train will stop at the maintenance building so you can see the steam train. Someone will tell you all about it. The park has two pavilions, a walking trail, a playground, a RR Caboose you can enter, an air conditioned depot with a train table filled with trains for the young children to play, and a museum. For more information and directions, contact her at Veterans-MemorialRailroad.org or call 850-643-6646, 850-643-5491, 850-320-2765.

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## Budget

Reams explained that a large part of this year's increases resulted from hikes in health and retirement costs -- factors over which neither the department heads nor commissioners had any say so.

The cost of Medicaid also was going up significantly, Reams said.

The good news, he said, if there was any, was that the county's reserve fund was about \$2.3 million, as confirmed by the auditor. Which confirmation more or less put to rest earlier expressed concerns that the reserve maybe was being depleted.

The reserve, variously described as a "rainy-day fund" or safety net, is supposed to help the county get through rough times when revenues are scarce or nonexistent.

A perusal of the budget's summary page relative to the estimated revenues for the coming fiscal year shows expected increases overall, although some categories

indicate no changes and a few actually show decreases.

Overall, the total non ad-valorem revenues projected for the coming year are \$3,254,474 -- up from \$2,570,257 in 2012-13.

And the total ad-valorem revenues for the coming fiscal year, figured at the rollback rate of 8.2644, come to \$4,567,380, which exceeds last year's amount of \$4,480,370.

Going back to the \$600,000+ deficit, some of the projected increases readily stand out in the summary page. Following is a simple listing of some of the more notable funding increases, absent explanation or justification: Road Department, \$245,510 increase; Property Appraiser, \$70,993 increase; county's Medicaid obligations, \$71,106 increase; County Commission salaries and benefits, \$30,814 increase; Emergency Medical Service, \$59,706 increase; and mosquito control, \$49,047 in-

creased.

The only decrease was in housing assistance, which showed a \$49,047 drop.

Commissioners mostly discussed the budget in generalities at this first workshop. In the end, they instructed County Coordinator Parish Barwick to return to the various department heads and have the latter make cuts to their requests. Or in the words of Commission Chairman John Nelson, "bring back something more realistic."

Beyond the workshop scheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday, July 25, commissioners have two other possible budget workshops scheduled, one for 4:30 p.m. Monday, July 29, and the second for 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 30.

The board must decide the millage rate by the first week of August, as it's due at that time to the Property Appraiser's office.

## Jobless

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In June 2012, the comparable figures were 516 jobless persons out of a workforce of 6,505 when the unemployment rate was 7.9 percent.

For Madison County, the 9.3 percent translates into 664 jobless persons out of a labor force of 7,113, compared with 614 jobless persons out of a labor force of 7,102 in May, when the rate was 8.6 percent.

In June 2012, the comparable figures were 777 jobless persons out of a labor force of 7,343, when the unemployment rate was 10.6 percent.

The FDEO report indicates that the industry gaining the most jobs continued to be trade, transportation and utilities, up 40,700 jobs; followed by private education and health services, up 23,300 jobs; leisure and hospitality, up 23,100 jobs; professional and business services, up 20,900; construction, up 12,200 jobs; financial activities, up 8,100 jobs; information, up 1,800 jobs; and other services, up 1,100 jobs.

The industries losing jobs over the year continued to be manufacturing, down 3,300 jobs, and total government, down 700 jobs.

"These industry job losses were partially due to declines in computer and electronic parts manufacturing and the federal government," the report states.

Monroe County continued to have the state's lowest unemployment rate at 4.1 percent, followed by Walton County at 4.2 percent; Okaloosa County at 5.1 percent; Franklin County at 5.5; and St. Johns County at 5.6 percent.

Hendry County continued to have the state's highest unemployment rate at 13.5 percent, followed by Flagler at 10.2 percent; St. Lucie County at 10.1 percent; Putnam County at 9.7 percent; and Dixie County at 9.5 percent.

The FDEO reports that three counties had double-digit unemployment figures in June, up from one in May.

## Land Sale

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"You have to go in front of the Governor and Cabinet and say we won't take this," the UWFF representative said. "If you don't show up there in numbers, we're going to lose. We need to be realistic. If we don't put butts in seats, it's going down. We're way behind the power curve on this."

He encouraged the audience to focus on the traditional use of the land when making their arguments before the Governor and Cabinet.

"That grabs their attention," he said.

It was the consensus that the state's allegations of poaching and illegal hunting on the tract were generally false. Rather, went the consensus, it was the adjacent plantations that were committing violations and encroaching on the public land.

There was also an expressed belief that interested parties had been working behind the scene for some time to bring the sale about, and that the dealings had been purposely kept under wraps to defeat any public opposition.

Daniels called the report that the Florida Forest Service (FFS) produced to justify the sale of the land as biased, erroneous and one-sided. The FFS is the state agency pushing for the sale of the land.

Daniels said that if the assembled group went before the Acquisition and Restoration Council (ARC) and argued its case, it might well be able to turn the thing around. ARC is part of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and its review and recommendation a critical step in the process. "I believe we can turn the ARC committee around on this," Daniels said. "But it's going to take all of us. I think there is statutory law and case law on sovereign lands that will make their legal staff do some research."

But others pointed out that ARC had already approved the FFS recommendation at its June 14 meeting and the committee wouldn't meet again before Aug. 6, when the Governor and Cabinet were scheduled to decide the matter.

"The train has already left the ARC station," one audience member said.

Another speaker who identified himself as Jeffery told of his and others battle to save the Ward Creek tract in 1993, when other private entities had made a similar grab for the land. It also had been a done deal in 1993, but public outcry and opposition had defeated the deal, he said.

Like now, the powers-that-be had attempted to

vilify the public, he said. A pattern, in fact, was evident, he said. It was a pattern of the plantations using their wealth to get what they wanted, he said. But a unified people could make a difference, he said. "This is the second time since 1993 that this thing rears its ugly head," the speaker said. "But people can make a difference."

Beyond agreeing to continue spreading the word about the importance of the issue via email, twitter and other social media, participants indicated an intention to attend the Governor and Cabinet's meeting.

They also looked to the Jefferson County Commission to do something when the latter met to discuss the issue on Thursday evening, July 25.

### Sudoku Puzzle!

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### Sudoku Puzzle Answer

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Sudoku Solution

## CROSSWORDS

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- "Waterloo" pop group
- In any way
- Mah-jongg piece
- Landlocked Asian country
- "That's the truth!"
- SIS
- Left, after taxes
- In a draw
- Flared skirts
- Part of a bedroom suite
- One of the Mavericks
- Cocks and bulls
- "Yay, team!"
- OK Corral lawman
- "Taras Bulba" author
- Sport with mallets
- Route word
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- Greets the judge
- "O.K., why not?"
- Has too much, for short
- Just great
- Still capable of exploding
- Feast finale
- Agreeing
- \_\_ qua non
- Alternative spelling: Abbr.
- BAH
- "Waste not, want not," e.g.
- Purple shade
- Big furniture retailer
- Exodus commemoration
- Some are inflated
- For fear that
- An end in \_\_
- Drive-in employee
- "Scat, cat!"
- Glider wood
- Suite parts
- Hertz rival
- Altar happening
- Shells out
- Including land including present-day France
- Fairy tale monster
- Urbane fellow
- Serengeti group
- Short-billed shore bird
- End of a #2
- Barbecue fare
- lcky stuff
- Some property borders
- Reason out
- Hustle music
- Conjure up
- Goes ballistic
- Pick up the tab for
- "As \_\_ saying ..."
- Junction point
- Like much folk mus.
- Overly self-assured
- Expose, in verse
- "Black gold"

**DOWN**

- Defensive effort
- One with no hope of getting out
- Make joyful
- Rep. counterpart
- Axis force
- Big name in aspirin
- Investor's purchase
- Faulkner's " \_\_ Lay Dying"
- Bracelet site
- This evening, on marquees
- Author Paton
- Lawn application
- Fermentation dregs

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## After Eight Beers, Man Swims From Canada to Detroit

John Morilla, from Canada, swam across the Detroit River after drinking 8 beers. He claims he was drinking, but not drunk, after being apprehended by the U.S. Coast Guard. Morilla said he's been telling people for 20 years that he was going to swim across the river and he was glad he was able to make it to the other side, but admits it was a stupid thing to do. A neighbor of Morilla's contacted the police after losing sight of him; police then notified Canadian and U.S. Coast Guards. Morilla was charged with being intoxicated in a public place and will likely be fined \$5,000 to \$25,000 for swimming in a shipping channel.

## Teen Sinks Stolen Cars In Lake

In Russia, a 17-year old boy is likely to face criminal charges after admitting to stealing 10 cars and sinking some of them in Glinka Lake. Divers discovered the vehicles at the bottom of the lake and brought them to the shore. Police are working to assess damages to the vehicles.

## Baby Grand Piano Stolen From Hospital

In Toronto, a baby grand piano, worth \$26,200 was stolen in broad daylight. Workers at the hospital said three men loaded the piano on a dolly and claimed they were taking the piano for a tuning. The piano was donated in 2006. Members of the Canadian Opera Company and other performers used it once a week to perform for cancer patients and their families.

## Woman Banned From McDonalds For Taking Horse Inside

A British woman was banned and fined from the Greater Manchester McDonalds after taking her pony inside with her, when told she couldn't go through the drive-thru on horseback. While waiting in line, the pony relieved herself on the floor. Police reported that, "The sight and smell of this caused obvious distress and upset customers trying to eat, as well as staff members". Other riders in the neighborhood, that use the horse stables or attend nearby riding schools, complained over the inconsistency in McDonald's policy. One rider claimed to have gone through the drive-thru several times on horseback and had always been served.

## Rare Zonkey Born In Italy

In Italy, a zebra-donkey hybrid was born at an animal reserve in Florence. The rare hybrid is called a zonkey. Serena Aglietti, whose family runs the animal reserve, says Ippo the zonkey is a mix of an endangered donkey breed and a zebra, and the only one of it's kind in Italy. Other zonkeys have been reported in Germany, China and Georgia.

### Did You Know?

All the blinking in one day equates to having your eyes closed for 30 minutes

# Jefferson County Living

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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**July 27-31**

Jefferson Arts Gallery July exhibit 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 27**

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 27**

Jefferson County Branch of the NAACP will meet at noon on the last Saturday at the MLK Center. Con-

tact Charles Parrish at 850-997-3760 for more information.

**July 28**

Lloyd Pavilion will host a Car/Bike Meet/Greet on Sunday at 2616 Gamble Road in Lloyd, at the I-10 Exit 217. All automobile and motorcycle clubs and/or individuals are invited to contribute to this event by coming out and showing off your ride(s). Gates will be open from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. for all cars and bikes for showing; you will park on the field. There will be a designated parking location limited for clubs and individuals participating in the show only. Live performances start at 3:30 p.m. Contact Lucille Hall if your club and/or individual riders would like to take part in this 'first time' Lloyd Pavilion Car/Bike Meet/Greet at 850-597-5722. For more information visit [www.lloyd-pavilion@yahoo.com](http://www.lloyd-pavilion@yahoo.com).

**July 29**

Martin Luther King Community Center will meet 6 p.m. on the last Monday at the MLK Center. Contact Charles Parrish at 850-997-3760 for more information.

**July 29**

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.alanon.alateen.org](http://www.alanon.alateen.org).

**July 29**

AA will meet at 8 p.m. on Monday at the Christ Episcopal Church Annex, 425 North Cherry Street. For more information, call 850-997-2129 or 850-997-1955.

**July 29**

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 30**

AA classes are held on Tuesdays at 8 p.m. for those seeking help. The classes are held at the Harvest Christian Center, 1599 Springhollow Road. Contact Marvin Graham, pastor, at 850-212-7669 for more information.

**July 30**

A new 'National Wild Turkey Federation' chapter is kicking off in Monticello this month with a membership drive and meeting on Tuesday, from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Beau Turner Youth Conservation Center, located at 9194 South Jefferson in Lamont. For more information, contact Kenny Barker at 850-251-0638, or Patty Foster at 904-210-1110. A gift will be given to everyone who attends this informative meeting.

## Meet Your Neighbor Downtown Louie

**AMBER HOUSTON**  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

Meet Downtown Louie the Havana Brown. Louie has been living in Monticello for two years, and currently lives with his house servant, Joan Breault.

Louie has an excellent sense of humor about his servant. "She thinks she has me trained, but it's really the other way around. I ring a bell: she gives me a treat. I get in a little cart: she gives me a treat. I give her a high five; she gives me a treat. She's so gullible.

"I do fundraisers for the Jefferson County Humane Society, too—I'm totally active in civic affairs, really. If people put money in a jar, I ring a bell. I got a huge fan club from that, actually—all the beautiful women fawn over me and pet me. It's a great gig—oh, I mean it helps the shelter and I love shelter animals. Yeah, civic stuff."

Louie reports that his favorite food is filet mignon, salmon, and fried chicken, even though his house servant gives him canned and dry food most



Downtown Louie showing off the trick he has taught his house servant, Joan Breault: when he rings a bell, his human offers him a treat. "I have an excellent human," Louie said.

of the time. His hobbies include sleeping, singing (read: meowing incessantly), strolls around town (with Breault pushing him in his carriage, of course), sleeping, licking himself in public, patrolling the Wag the Dog Thrift Store for people who will pet him, and sleeping.

He can often be found at events that the Humane

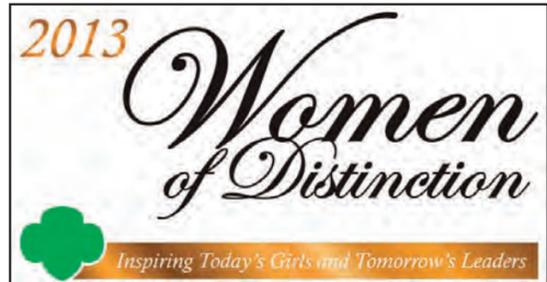
Society participates in and strolling through town with his house servant.

Writer's Note: This article was meant to be fun and prove that we do not take ourselves overly seriously at *ECB Publishing*. Downtown Louie did not talk to me, but I hope you enjoy this dog-person's interpretation of cats.

## Girl Scouts Women Of Distinction

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2013 Women of Distinction awards program. Nominees must live or work in Jefferson, Madison, Franklin, Gadsden, Lafayette, Leon, Liberty, Taylor, and Wakulla counties.

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This formal event will be held on Thursday, November 14, at the Tallahassee-Leon County Civic Center. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the program will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The deadline for nominations is Monday, September 9. Nomination forms and more information can be obtained by visiting [www.gscfp.org](http://www.gscfp.org) to complete online or download.



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# Jefferson County Living

## Parent Child Home Program Graduation



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The Parent Child Home Program for the Jefferson County area held its graduation ceremony at the local Pizza Hut. Those students attending the graduation from left to right are: Megan Hill, Ja'shonni Howard, Ja'zavin Howard, Kaleb Stewart, and Germomni Barnhart, with Home Visitors/Instructors Jessica Grubbs and Bonnie Loveless.

**DEBBIE SNAPP**  
ECB Publishing Staff Writer

A graduation ceremony was held on Tuesday afternoon for the students participating in the Parent Child Home Program. Family and friends gathered with the students at the local Pizza Hut for lunch and the program with instructors Jessica Grubbs and Bonnie Loveless.

The graduating students included Germomni

Barnhart, Megan Hill, Ja'shonni Howard, Ja'zavin Howard, and Kaleb Stewart. They each received certificates and bags of school supplies and other goodies.

The Parent Child Home Program is an organization of professionals, paraprofessionals and volunteers, all working together to ensure that every child has the opportunity to enter school ready to be a successful student.

The program is an ev-

idence-based, research-validated early childhood literacy, parenting and school readiness program. The program uses trained paraprofessionals to work with families who have not had access to educational and economic opportunities, preparing children for academic success and strengthening families through intensive home visiting.

This is the seventh year of graduating students from the program. Bonnie Loveless and Jessica Grubbs are the Home Visitors/Instructors for the Parent Child Home Program in the Jefferson County area. Monticello Altrusa has been donating books to the program for the students each year.

## Church News Notes

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**July 26**

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

**July 26, 27**

Second Harvest Food Program, together with the churches of New Bethel AME, Elizabeth MB, Hickory Hill MB, Mt. Pleasant AME and Philadelphia MB, will provide food to anyone needing assistance, including the needy, infants, and the elderly. This is done monthly on the fourth Saturday with distribution from 8 to 9 a.m. at the New Bethel AME Church, located at 6496 Ashville Highway. Volunteers are also needed to come on the Friday evening before at 6:30 p.m. to help bag the food packages. Contact Nellie Randell at 850-997-5605, or 850-997-6929 for more information about this program.

**July 27**

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

**July 28**

St. Rilla Missionary Baptist Church family will celebrate their 45th Homecoming beginning with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m. Guest Speaker for this annual event will be Rev. Kenneth Tellis, from Tallahassee and the Sweetfield Missionary Baptist Church Choir. Everyone

is invited to come hear this dynamic speaker and to listen to some really great music and song. Dinner will be served after the program.

**July 28**

Elizabeth AME Thompson Valley Church will celebrate its 'Homecoming' beginning with Sunday School at 10 a.m. and Worship Service at 11 a.m. Speaker will be Minister Ralph Hagan of Monticello. Everyone is cordially invited to attend this annual event. Rev. Clarence Little, pastor.

**July 28**

New Bethel AME Church Sons of Allen and President Eric Shields will observe their annual Scholarship Worship Service at 11 a.m. on Sunday. Guest minister will be Rev. Sinclair Madry Jr., of Monticello. The public is invited. Rev. Jinnie F. Dickey, pastor.

**July 28**

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate 'Youth Day' at 3 p.m. on Sunday with Minister Timbre Denmark and the Memorial Male Choir in charge of the service. Rev. Cassandra Brockman, pastor.

**July 28**

Memorial Missionary Baptist Church will hold its annual Deacons, Deaconess', Mothers, Ministers, Wives Anniversary at 3 p.m. on Sunday. The theme of this afternoon service is 'Working together for the Kingdom of God.' The scripture is from Matthew 12:25. God's Messenger will be Rev. Artes Rambo Jr. with Greater Refuge of Deliverance Ministries, in Boston, GA. For

more information contact Evelyn Williams at 850-997-3444. Rev. J.B. Duval.

**July 29-31**

Union Branch Missionary Baptist Church will hold its Revival nightly ay 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, with Evangelist O.J. Sloan. Rev. Terry Presley Sr., pastor.

**July 29-31**

Casa Bianca Missionary Baptist Church and Sweetfield Missionary Baptist Church will host a joint revival services from Monday through Wednesday at 7 p.m. nightly. This annual revival will be held at the Casa Bianca MBC, located at 1097 Waukeenah Highway at Highway 259. Revival speaker will be Apostle James Lofton, Jr., from Riviera Beach. He is founder and senior pastor of House of God International Ministries Church in Riviera Beach. For more information about this event contact Burnette Thompson at 850-997-4484 or call the church at 850-997-5018.

**July 31**

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.



ECB Publishing PhotoBy Carl Painter July 23, 2013.

Home Visitors/Instructors Bonnie Loveless celebrates with Ja'shonni Howard during the Parent Child Home Program Graduation Ceremony.

## Auditions For Upcoming Play

**DEBBIE SNAPP**  
ECB Publishing Staff Writer

The Opera House Stage Company will hold open auditions for the comedy 'Arsenic and Old Lace' on Saturday, August 17 beginning at 3 p.m. and on Monday, August 19 beginning at 7 p.m. at the Monticello Opera House.

The play is a farcical comedy revolving around Mortimer Brewster, a drama critic who must deal with his crazy homicidal family and local police in Brooklyn New York as he debates whether to go through with his recent promise to marry the woman he loves.

His family includes two spinster aunts who have taken to murdering lonely old men by poisoning them with a "nice glass" of homemade elderberry wine; a brother who believes he is Theodore Roosevelt, and a career criminal brother who has received plastic surgery performed by his accomplice, Dr. Einstein.

The characters involved are as follows: Abby Brewster, a darling lady in her sixties who poisons elderly men. She is the sister of Martha and an aunt to Teddy, Jonathan, and Mortimer.

Rev. Dr. Harper, an Episcopal priest and father of Elaine. Teddy Brewster, nephew of Abby and Martha Brewster. Teddy thinks that he is Theodore Roosevelt. He spends his time charging up San Juan Hill and dig-

ging the Panama Canal in the basement.

Officer Brophy, a police officer; Officer Klein, a police officer; Martha Brewster, a sweet elderly woman with Victorian charm who poisons elderly men. She is the sister of Abby and an aunt to Teddy, Jonathan, and Mortimer.

Elaine Harper, an attractive young woman and Mortimer's fiancée. She is the daughter of Rev. Dr. Harper. She is surprisingly wise in the ways of the world for a minister's daughter.

Mortimer Brewster, nephew of Abby and Martha. He is a drama critic who is engaged to Elaine. He is a nice man who cares for his aunts.

Mr. Gibbs, an elderly man who wishes to rent a room from the Brewster sisters.

Jonathan Brewster, nephew of Abby and Martha Brewster. He is a psychopath who has had plastic surgery and now looks like Boris Karloff; Dr. Einstein, a plastic surgeon and an alcoholic who is has changed Jonathan's face three times.

Officer O'Hara, a police officer. He is a would-be playwright who pesters Mortimer to read his play; Lieutenant Rooney, a tough and dominating police lieutenant; and Mr. Witherspoon, the superintendent of Happy Dale Sanitarium.

Show dates will be the first three weekends of November. Judy Turner

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## Farm Credit of Northwest Florida Pays Borrowers \$2.5 Million in Cash



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Directors of Farm Credit of Northwest Florida hold up a check for approximately 1.3 million dollars. Directors, shown left to right are: Mark Fletcher, Fred Beshears, Richard Terry and Douglas Walker.

The Board of Directors of Farm Credit of Northwest Florida is pleased to announce the cash retirement of \$1,293,693 in 1997 allocated surplus.

Earlier this year, Farm Credit borrowers also received \$1,250,000 in patronage from 2012 earnings, bringing the total amount of money distributed to current and former borrowers in 2013 to over \$2.5 million.

Farm Credit's Board of Directors has declared over \$72 million in dividends to its member-borrowers since 1988.

"We are pleased that our cooperative structure allows Farm Credit to share its success with our loyal stockholder/borrowers by returning a portion of our profits to them," said Richard Terry,

Chairman of the Board. "When our borrowers receive distributions of the company's profits through patronage and surplus payments, it reduces their effective borrowing cost," said Rick Bitner, CEO.

Farm Credit of Northwest Florida is a member-owned financial cooperative that serves 18 counties throughout the Florida panhandle and is headquartered in Marianna.

Farm Credit offers highly competitive credit to meet the various financing needs of farmers, agribusinesses, rural landowners and homeowners. For more information about the types of financing available, or how cooperative lenders share their profits with borrowers, go to [www.farmcredit-fl.com](http://www.farmcredit-fl.com).

## McGinley Talks About Good Health

DEBBIE SNAPP  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

Monticello Rotarian Lisa McGinley spoke to her fellow Rotary members about the importance of 'Better Nutrition.' She used a 'My Plate' demonstration to explain smarter food choices.

Her presentation advised that we should take notice that half the food on your plate should be vegetables and fruit. Also, hydrate daily with six to eight glasses of water, and try to eliminate sugary drinks full of calories. A combination of better food choices and physical activity is critical for good health.

She talked about our ideal body weight (IBW) and explained how to calculate an individual's IBW. For a woman: 100 pounds equals five feet tall plus five pounds per inch (5'6" = 130 lbs.) For a man: 110 pounds equals five feet tall plus five pounds per inch (6'1" = 175 lbs.)

McGinley is administrator at the Brynwood Center H&R. She practices her program every day at work. She makes sure that



Lisa McGinley, Rotary member and Brynwood Center H&R administrator, talks with her fellow Rotary members about better nutrition and good health, on Friday afternoon July 19.

her dietary staff prepares a variety of nutritional foods, joined with physical, occupational, and speech therapies for residents. Are you in good health? Today is the best day to make a change.

### Good Health

Rotary's motto is 'Service Above Self.' If you, or someone you know, are interested in learning more about the Monticello Rotary, contact Rotary President Angela Gray at [angelagray@yahoo.com](mailto:angelagray@yahoo.com).

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# Jefferson County Living

## Duke Energy Donates To The Arts



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The Jefferson Arts Summer Art program received a generous donation from Duke Energy representative Bobby Pickles on Thursday morning. From left to right are: Melanie Mays, Judi Persons, and Bobby Pickles, with just a few of the students from the first week of art classes, in the Gallery.

## Jefferson County WIC And Nutrition Celebrates World Breastfeeding Week

On Monday, August 5, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, Jefferson County WIC will celebrate World Breastfeeding Week 2013 at the Jefferson County Health Department. WIC staff will provide fun prizes and refreshments along with information about nutrition and breastfeeding for WIC participants.

This year's World Breastfeeding Week theme, Breastfeeding Support: Close to Mothers, highlights the importance of providing support to breastfeeding families.

Infant feeding is one of the most important decisions that new families make. Evidence is clear that breastfeeding is the ideal way to feed an infant. Research shows that infants who are not exclusively breastfed for their first six months of life are more likely to develop a wide range of chronic and acute diseases, including ear infections, diarrheal diseases, asthma, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, obesity and respiratory illnesses. Mothers also benefit from breastfeeding with a decreased risk for breast and ovarian cancers.

The WIC program plays a vital role in providing support to breastfeeding moms. The WIC program offers a breastfeeding friendly environment with support from trained breastfeeding peer counselors. We are currently looking for a Breastfeeding Peer Counselor for Jefferson, Taylor, and Madison County. If anyone one is interested please contact, Christell Walker at 850-838-7221.

WIC's other clinics will also hold World Breastfeeding Week Celebration on the following days:

- Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 11am - 12pm, Madison County Health Department
- Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 10am-12pm, Taylor County Health Department
- Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 10am - 12pm, Wakulla County Health Department
- Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 11am-12pm, Franklin County Health Department in Carrabelle.

World Breastfeeding Week is coordinated globally by the World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action (WABA). For more information, visit the WABA website at www.waba.org.

## August Chamber After 5

**DEBBIE SNAPP**  
ECB Publishing Staff Writer

The next Chamber After 5 is schedule for August 20 at Capital City Bank on South Jefferson. The quarterly event will be combined with the retirement of Bank President Bill Gunnels. Gunnels also served on the Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce Board for many years. He will be surely missed at the monthly meetings and at the local bank.

Gunnels announces his retirement date as August 31, after 30 years of service to the bank and its clients. Justin Forehand will succeed to the role upon his retirement. Gunnels began his banking career nearly 37 years ago at People's Banking Company in Boston, GA. As president for Capital City

Bank, he was charged with overseeing operation of the Capital City Bank offices in Monticello and Madison, and further strengthening the company's position in Jefferson and Madison counties.

Chamber members, and perspective members, meet at noon on the first Tuesday of each month at the Chamber facility on West Washington. For more information, contact Director Melanie Mays at 850-997-5552.

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First United Methodist Church opened its doors to help with this summer's overflow of students attending the Jefferson Arts classes. So many children... so little room at the Arts facility. Center back is: Melanie Mays accepting a donation from Duke Energy Representative Bobby Pickles, for the Arts programs and activities.

**DEBBIE SNAPP**  
ECB Publishing Staff Writer

Summer Art Classes are free to area students this year thanks in part to the generous donations from local residents, and from Duke Energy.

Summer Arts Coordinator Judi Persons says that so many students signed up for the program

this year that the First United Methodist Church Youth Center was opened up due to the shortage of workspace for the young artists.

Instructors and volunteers have been working together with the 200+ children during the two-week of classes. Students are rotating every hour to a different station and

teacher so as to learn different art skills and instruction. The children are

having a great time. The atmosphere is filled with excitement... and noise!

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# School

## Mt. Ararat Celebrates 5TH Annual Beatrice Allen Glenn Book Scholarship

**DEBBIE SNAPP**  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

Beatrice Allen Glenn (Mrs. B) is remembered each year at Mt. Ararat AME Church with a 'Book Scholarship' program in her honor. This 2013-year was the fifth year for this special scholarship. The speaker was Rev. Eddie L. Yon, with Restored Glory Christian Center, and his wife Lady Veronica, along with the 'RGCC Praise Team'. Yakira Steen received this year's college book scholarship.

Beatrice Allen Glenn taught elementary school in Jefferson County for 48+ years from 1943 to 1991. Before segregation, she taught in Waukeelah, Capps, Lamont, Wacissa, St. Phillip, West Lake, and finally retired from Mamie Scott Elementary, now Jefferson Elementary School. She was a native of Jefferson County. She graduated from Howard Academy and earned her Bachelor's degree from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU).

Although her contributions to education were great, her love for the Lord and her church were even greater. If you were to mention, Mt. Ararat AME Church, people would often say, "Oh! That's Mrs. B's Church."

She was a proud member of her church and when she was out and about in the community, everyone knew



Beatrice Allen Glenn

it. She was well known for being the chairperson of the church's 'Evening In White' program. This was her program for many years. She would invite many of the local elected officials and community leaders to this event... grand still today! She was a dedicated worker of the church, leading the way for the remodeling of the church, adding a church steeple, and many other improvements.

If she could have loved something more than her church, it would have been the love she had for her husband, Thomas Glenn. They were married almost 50 years, until her passing in September 2002. Although she is gone, she is not forgotten.

The Mt. Ararat Church family celebrate her many years of dedicated work and contributions to Jefferson County and her church with this annual 'Book Scholarship' award. The church has awarded near to \$2,500 worth of scholar-



Yakira Steen

ships to deserving Jefferson County Middle High School graduating seniors. The scholarship is a one-time award to a student for his/her first college semester. The applications are available from the school guidance counselor, and the award recipient is notified during the Jefferson County Middle High School Awards Night in early June.

Co-Chairs for this year's event were Derrick Farmer, 850-980-2726, Lauri Woodson, 850-264-8408, and Gerri Wildgoose, 850-264-7654.

Many from the community were in attendance to this afternoon event, sharing in their love for Christ, and celebrating the contributions of Beatrice Allen Glenn. Proceeds from this program go toward the college book scholarship of the Beatrice A. Glenn Foundation. Afterwards, all joined together for fruit punch and cake in the Louise Allen King Fellowship Hall. Rev. Margaret Brown, pastor.



## Parent Involvement Matters

From the desk of Edna Henry,  
District Parent Involvement Coordinator

### Parent Power: How Can We Use It To Ensure A Successful School Year?

those who struggle in school. Always try to provide positive feedback.

- Be Patient - Show your child that you care through your commitment and encouragement.

- Be Attentive - Stop your child immediately when bad behavior appears. Show them what to do and provide an opportunity to do it correctly. Discipline should be appropriate and consistent.

- Be Precise - Provide clear and direct instructions.

- Be Mindful of Mistakes - Record your child's performance. Look over all the work your child brings home from school and keep it in a folder. Help him or her correct any errors.

- Be Diligent: Work from the beginning to the end of the year with your child and the teacher(s).

- JUST BE THERE-

Just to be there for your child - to answer questions, to listen, to give ad-

vice, to encourage and to speak positively about his or her life. Be there to support your child whenever needed.

Parents, we can't tell our kids to do well in school and then fail to support them at home. For our children to become successful, we have to accept our responsibility to help them learn. That means putting away the Video Games and making sure they are in bed at a reasonable hour. It means attending those Parent - Teacher Conferences, reading to our children and helping them with their homework. No government policy will make any difference unless we also hold ourselves more accountable as parents. Teachers, no matter how dedicated or effective, cannot make sure your child gets to school on time and does their homework once they are at home. These are things that you must do as a parent.

## NFCC Public Safety Academy Enrolling Now

Correctional Officer And Law Enforcement Recruit Programs Accepting New Students

The Public Safety Academy at North Florida Community College is now accepting students for its Law Enforcement Recruit, Correctional Basic Recruit and Cross-Over programs. New classes are set to begin Aug. 12. Those interested in enrolling are encouraged to contact the Public Safety Academy now. Classes are held Monday through Thursday from 6-11 p.m. at the NFCC Public Safety Academy complex on the NFCC campus in Madison, Fla.

The NFCC Public Safety Academy is one of

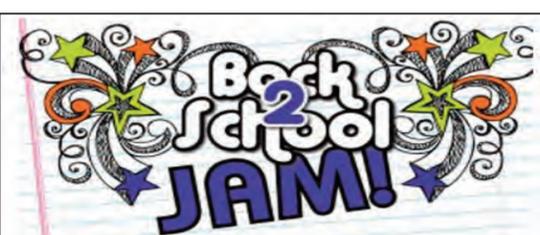
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training. Acceptance in these programs are limited to meeting requirements established by the Florida Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission, North Florida Community College, The Public Safety Academy, and our Criminal Justice Advisory Board.

Students can complete training in one year or less. Those interested in training at NFCC are encouraged to begin the enrollment process now. You must be at least 18-years-old to enter NFCC's Law Enforcement and Correctional Basic Recruit programs and must pass the Florida Criminal Justice Basic Abilities Test (CJBAT) before submitting an application for admission. The CJBAT can be taken on the NFCC campus. Official high school/GED diploma and transcripts and passing background checks are also required for admission. Financial assistance may be available for qualified students.

For more information, contact Gail Hackle, at (850) 973-1617 or hackleg@nfcc.edu. Information is also available at [www.nfcc.edu/public-safety](http://www.nfcc.edu/public-safety).

## Wham! Bam! School Jam!



**DEBBIE SNAPP**  
Ecb Publishing  
Staff Writer

Restored Glory Christian Center will hold its annual 'Wham! Bam! School Jam!' event on Saturday, August 3 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., at its location at 1287 South Jefferson, in the Winn Dixie Plaza next to Family Dollar.

Students must be present to receive a free school backpack filled with school supplies and other goodies.

This effort is held each year to help support youth in the Jefferson County communities. RGCC Pastor Eddie Yon announces this giveaway

program saying, "This will prepare students for the upcoming school year, with everything they will need to succeed!"

The school year begins on Monday, August 19 for Jefferson County Public Schools. There are some requirements for students to enter school, such as up-to-date immunizations. Contact the County Health Department at 850-342-0170 for more detailed information.

Visit RGCC for Sunday Morning Worship at 10 a.m. and Thursday Evening Worship at 7 p.m. For more information call 850-997-RGCC or go to [www.restoredglory.org](http://www.restoredglory.org).

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John 8:34-36

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 24 day of June, 2013, and entered in Case No. 12000105CA, of the Circuit Court of the 2ND Judicial Circuit in and for Jefferson County, Florida, wherein ARLINGTON WEST VERNON INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION is the Plaintiff and KENNETH J MCCOY and UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KENNETH J MCCOY are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the, NORTH DOOR OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COUNTY COURTHOUSE, MONTICELLO, FL 32344, 11:00 AM on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: **LOT 7, BLOCK "A", OF LLOYD ACRES UNIT III, AN UNRECORDED SUB-DIVISION LOCATED IN JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:**

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### NOTICE OF MEETING

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF JEFFERSON COUNTY will meet in Special Session on Monday, July 29, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Board Room located at 1490 W. Washington Street.

An agenda is posted on their district website at [www.edline.net/pages/jcsb](http://www.edline.net/pages/jcsb). Any questions may be directed to the district at (850) 342-0100 Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 7/26/13

### LEGAL NOTICE

The Jefferson County Planning Commission will hold its regular monthly meeting on August 8, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will consist of general business and a workshop on the Land Development Code.

The meetings will be held in the Courthouse Annex located at 435 West Walnut Street in Monticello, FL. The meeting may be continued as necessary.

Information concerning the meeting is available at the Jefferson County Planning Department, 445 W. Palmer Mill Road, Monticello, FL. 32344, Telephone 850-342-0223. From the Florida "Government in the Sunshine Manual", page 36, paragraph c: Each board, commission, or agency of this state or of any political subdivision thereof shall include in the notice of any meeting or hearing, if notice of meeting or hearing is required, of such board, commission, or agency, conspicuously on such notice, the advice that, if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings, is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. 7/26/13

### NOTICE

The Jefferson County Tourist Development Council will meet Monday, July 29th at 10:00am in the Courthouse Annex at 450 West Walnut Street for a budget workshop. 7/26/13

### LEGAL NOTICE

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Troy Avera, Heritage Road Committee Coordinator 850-321-6975 7/26/13

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The Week of July 26, 2013 through August 2, 2013  
Major Feed Times are marked by an asterisk (\*)

<b>Friday, July 26</b> *4:20 AM 10:30 AM *4:40 PM 10:55 PM	<b>Saturday, July 27</b> *5:10 AM 11:20 AM *5:35 PM 11:50 PM	<b>Sunday, July 28</b> *6:00 AM 12:10 AM *6:30 PM	<b>Monday, July 29</b> 12:40 AM *6:55 AM 1:10 PM *7:20 PM
<b>Tuesday, July 30</b> 1:30 AM *7:30 AM 1:45 PM *8:00 PM	<b>Wednesday, July 31</b> 2:20 AM 8:20 AM 2:30 PM *8:45 PM	<b>Thursday, August 1</b> 3:00 AM *9:10 PM 3:20 PM *9:30 PM	<b>Friday, August 2</b> 3:45 AM *9:50 AM 4:00 PM *10:20 PM

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## Updated Information For New Leaf Farms

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A couple outdated versions of farm blurbs were printed in the July 12 New Leaf Farm Page. I wrote the versions that were printed with only the limited understanding of the farmers' day-to-day operations that could be gleaned through interview. The corrections are as follows:

Aunt Louise of Aunt Louise's Farm requested that "exotic and katadin" be removed as modifiers for her sheep, and that her phone number (850) 251-7708 be included.

Ellyn Hutson submitted this for Caney Branch Farm, "Caney Branch Farm is an extremely diverse farm that promotes sustainability and education. The farm is home to the southernmost flock of Icelandic Sheep in the world as well as chickens, geese, ducks, turkeys, horses, goats, peacocks, hogs, and Belted Galloway

cattle. A new greenhouse and raised-bed gardens are home to herbs and vegetables as well as plants used in the wool-dyeing process. A skirting shed has been added for cleaning and processing wool. A large poultry barn and chicken tractors were recently constructed to house breeding flocks of rare and heritage chickens. The owners, Ellyn Hutson and Roger Twitchell, also run a small apiary and sell chemical-free honey. Products offered for sale also include eggs, natural colored or hand-dyed Icelandic wool yarns, rolled and poured beeswax candles and trinket boxes, and meats from the world's top-rated sheep, beef, and chicken breeds. Ellyn and Roger enjoy hosting groups and teaching others about sustainable farming. To learn more, call Roger Twitchell at (850) 294-6162."

Alice Cappa is a "fiber-artist," not a wool artist, and works in several kinds



of fiber media. Also, she wishes to make clear that her flock is small: she has a single flock of mixed-breed sheep.

Margie Cole, of Holly Hill Farm wished to include further contact information and Farm Tour details: "To be notified of sale dates/times, contact us at cole32344@yahoo.com or (850)509-1768. For the 2013 New Leaf Farm Tour, we will be selling our plants at Tupelo's on Saturday, October 19, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m."

Red Hills Grazers has asked that you disregard the information included in the original printing of the article, especially the

concept that he sells his meat sheep through Johnston's. In fact, he sells his meat sheep live to local consumers, who often choose Johnston's for its excellent facilities and qualified, friendly staff for processing. He has asked that his own submission be printed: "Red Hills Grazers will offer tours of their new site they call home at Dancing Leaf Farms here in Monticello. R. Alan Boyd a.k.a. Farmer Sow and Sow or Alan as he is most comfortable with just moved from a location near Live Oak, after a two year farm intensive, to be closer to family and friends. He

came bringing 80 ewes and all their newborn lambs with him--in the midst of spring lambing season, followed by an egg mobile with 100 plus roosting chickens. There are tales and lessons learned. Alan will be able to show a unique perspective in organic farming: a farm in transition. There will be lambs, sheep, meat chickens, and laying hens to visit. By the time of the tour, he hopes to have milk cows and Kiko goats—all of which he considers partners in clearing the land painstakingly by hand, hoof, mouth, and beak in order to have the least impact on the prop-

erty and environment. The goal of this endeavor is a sylvopasture under the pecan trees and native hardwoods that have called this land home for over 60 years, alongside the creek that meanders through the farm and what definitely appear to be hobbit holes. During the year Alan offers eggs, lambs, and purebred St. Croix breeding sheep and free-range chickens. He also offers farm shares. With plenty of room to run, play and explore the day should prove just the cure for adult or child suffering from nature-deficit disorder. To contact, call Alan at 850-567-1105."



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