

Tax Collector Budget Causes Large Deficit At Last Minute

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The Jefferson County Commission has scheduled an emergency meeting for 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 12, to deal with a \$175,000 deficit that suddenly developed in its previously balanced budget.

Knowledge of the deficit reportedly surfaced last Wednesday, after Tax Collector Lois Howell-Hunter had submitted her operation's budget to the Florida Department of Revenue (FDOR) for approval.

By law, tax collectors can choose to have the state or their respective

local county commissions approve their budgets. Up to the present, the Jefferson County Commission has approved Hunter's budget. This year, however, Hunter informed the commission that she would henceforth submit her budget to the Florida Department of Revenue (FDOR) for approval.

In the budget that Hunter submitted to the FDOR, and that commissioners only learned about last Wednesday, it shows a significant jump in operating costs. Most notably, the proposed budget shows expenditures of \$50,000 for legal fees as of June 30 of the current year, and it re-

quests another \$100,000 for legal fees in the coming year.

The legal fees stem from a lawsuit that Monticello Mayor Idella Scott filed against Hunter over the latter's termination of Scott's employment in the Tax Collector's office earlier this year.

In January, Federal Judge Robert Lewis Hinkle denied granting Scott a temporary injunction and rein-

stating her to the job, ruling that Scott would first have to prove her case in a jury trial. That trial, in fact, is now set for Sept. 3 in federal court in Tallahassee. Scott, at the time of the injunction hearing, was seeking reinstatement to the job, as well as \$75,000 in damages.

Particularly disturbing to commissioners was a letter made public at their meeting of Aug. 6. The letter

indicates that Hunter has refused to allow attorneys for the county's insurance carrier to participate in the defense of the lawsuit.

"As a result of this denial, the county and its taxpayers are exposed to potential damages should any adverse judgment result from this litigation," states in part the undated letter, which was addressed to Hunter and identified as coming from the commission.

Commissioners' comments relative to the issue on Tuesday morning were mostly cryptic and circumstantial, with the exception of Commissioner Hines Boyd, who requested its addition to the

agenda and stopped just short of calling the Tax Collector's action irresponsible.

Boyd noted that the board had managed to eliminate a nearly \$600,000 deficit and balanced the budget only to find itself back in the red.

"We had just balanced the budget a couple of days earlier and allowed the TRIM notices to go out," Boyd said. "Then the budget the Tax Collector delivered at the last minute puts a \$175,000 hole in our budget."

Even if the board had wanted to raise taxes to make up for the deficit, it

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Jefferson County Tax Collector Lois Howell-Hunter

State's 65-Year-Olds Fare Well In Terms Of Health

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Despite new findings that life expectancy and quality-of-life are generally lower for seniors in the southern part of the United States, Florida stands out as a bright spot in an otherwise dismal picture of the South.

A recently released first-ever study of the 50 states by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) found that Florida, the Northeast, the Upper Plains states and the West had the healthiest seniors in the country.

The study looked not only at how long Americans 65-year-old could expect to live on average, but also how many of those remaining years would be healthy ones.

Hawaii fared the best, with its seniors enjoying an average life expectancy of 21.3 years, 16.2 of them relatively healthy. Mississippi fared the worst, with its seniors enjoying an average life expectancy of 17.5 years, 10.8 of them healthy.

Other states that fared poorly in terms of life expectancy (LE) and healthy life expectancy (HLE) were Kentucky, West Virginia and Alabama.

Accounting for the lower numbers in the Southern states were the prevalence of such risk factors as higher rates of smoking, obesity, diabetes, heart disease and a range of other illnesses. Southern states also tended to have less educated populations and more problems - factors that impact on health.

In Florida, by comparison, the overall life expectancy was 20.4 years, with individuals remaining relatively healthy for 15.4 of those years.

The study found that overall, Americans 65 years of age have about 19 years of life ahead of them, including nearly 14 years in relatively good health.

In general, women fared better than men, and Caucasians fared better than African Americans.

In Florida, for example, the LE for males was 19.0 and the HLE was 14.3, versus 21.7 and 16.4 respectively for females. When it came to Caucasians and African-Americans, the first group had an LE of 20.5 and an HLE of 15.9, compared with 19.1 and 11.7 respectively for the latter.

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City Allows Sunday Sale Of Alcoholic Beverages (Certain Restrictions Apply)

Alcohol sales on Sundays are now permitted in Monticello for off-premises consumption and during limited hours.

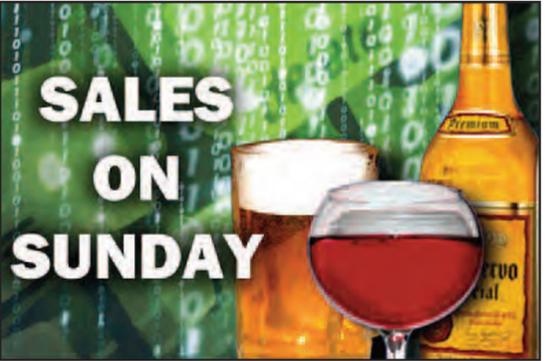
By a 3-1 vote on Tuesday evening, Aug. 6, the Monticello City Council approved Ordinance 2013-05, which allows the sale of alcoholic beverages between the hours of noon and 10 p.m. on Sundays.

Applicable restrictions are that the drinks must be in sealed containers, they are carried by a licensed establishment, and their consumption does not occur on the premises.

Voting for the measure were Councilmen John Jones and Gerrold Austin and Mayor Idella Scott. Voting against was Councilman George Evans.

Councilman Tom Vogelgesang recused himself because of a conflict-of-interest, as he is part owner of an establishment that sales alcohol beverages.

The issue generated little public discussion.



Two citizens spoke in support of the measure and two against.

Speaking in support were Troy Avera and Jay Adams.

Avera said he wished the ordinance had gone further, but he expressed satisfaction as far as it went. Most importantly, it removed the economic disadvantage to city merchants, he said.

Adams asked that the council consider amending the ordinance to allow for on-premises consumption. Such a change would help the Monticello Opera House, the Monticello Pizza, the Brickhouse Restaurant and other legitimate downtown businesses, he said. And it would not affect Allen's Bar, the Blue Heron and other places of concern, as the latter were either closed or weren't licensed for on premises consumption, he said.

The opponents were Rev. Harriett Cuyler and Eugene Hall, who earlier had read a poem to the council about children's rights and the need of grownups to protect those rights.

Cuyler told the council to mind that if they amended the ordinance to on-premises consumption, it would apply to all the convenience and other stores that sold alcohol beverages.

Hall implied that approval of the ordinance was a done deal. Or so a councilmember had told

him, he said.

"Have you already made a decision," he questioned the council. "I was told it was a done deal, scout's honor."

He asked the council to think of the ordinance's impact on children, young mothers and other churchgoing folks who would be subjected to the obscenities and unwanted advancements of alcohol-addled roughnecks lounging on street corners and under the trees.

Evans likewise asked his colleagues to reconsider the action they were about to take.

"This ordinance is not good for this city," Evans said. "What kind of image are you going to project to people coming into town on US 19 and US 90?"

The ordinance would encourage the gathering of alcohol-consuming individuals at certain locations in the town, he said. Was that the image of Monticello the council wanted to project?

There were plenty of thriving businesses that didn't open on Sundays, Evans said. Monticello didn't have to be like other

places. He noted that Monticello had roundabouts instead of traffic lights, and now Tallahassee also was adopting roundabouts. Monticello could be a leader rather than a follower was the implication.

Immediately upon the conclusion of Evans' appeal, Jones moved to approve the ordinance and Austin seconded the motion. The vote being unclear, however, City Clerk Emily Anderson called for a show of hand to ascertain the count.

It turned out that Scott hadn't voted, making for a 2-1 vote. City Attorney Bruce Leinback advised Scott that by law she had to vote.

Scott hesitated a moment then reluctantly voted yes with the majority.

Anderson confirmed on Wednesday that the ordinance had taken effect immediately upon adoption.

In approving the lifting of the ban on the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sundays, the city followed the lead of the county, which lifted its own ban in March.

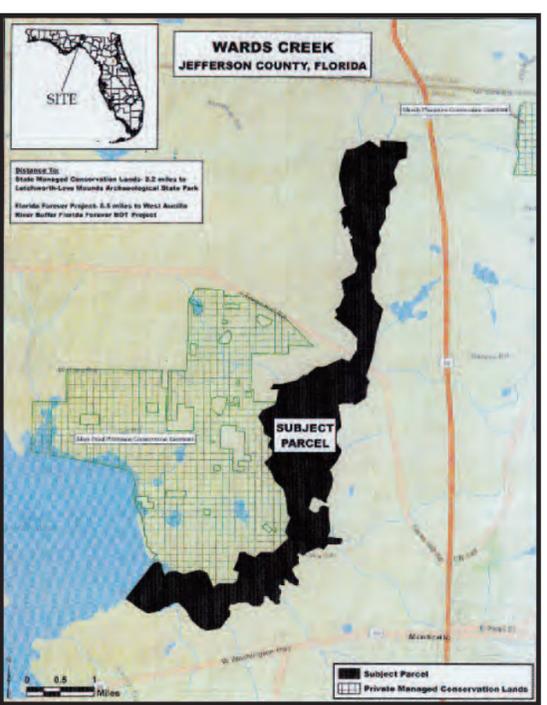
County Awaiting State's Decision On Ward Creek

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As of Tuesday morning, Aug. 6, Jefferson County officials had yet to hear from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) on a resolution that commissioners adopted on July 25, asking that the state forego the sale of Ward Creek to private entities and instead transfer or lease the land to the county.

The resolution, adopted in response to popular outcry, noted both the historical and traditional value of the property, which consists of 3,750 acres and is located just east and northeast of

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Local Building Activity Continues To Be Slow

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The number of building permits, as well their valuations, dropped some in July, compared with the previous month.

So indicates the latest report from the Jefferson County and City of Monticello Building Inspection and Contractor Licensing Department. The report shows that the city and county issued a combined 28 permits in July, compared with 33 in June.

The 28 permits generated \$3,362.31 in fees, compared with the \$3,621.41 generated by the 33 permits in June. Of the 28 permits, the city issued six and collected \$339, and the county issued 22 and collected \$3,023.31.

A breakdown of the

permits shows 25 were for repairs and additions; one was for residential construction; and two were for miscellaneous uses, such as sheds, signs, workshops or barns.

In the residential permit category, the valuation was \$244,598 in July, compared with \$275,867 in June. This valuation was \$302,098 in July 2012.

The valuation for commercial permits was zero in July, the same as the previous month. It was likewise zero in July 2012.

And the valuation for other permits (a category that includes additions, roofs and non-residential structures) was \$416,326 in July, about half the \$861,082 recorded in June. This valuation was \$202,091 in July 2012.

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Viewpoints

Letters To The Editor

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A Great Lady Passes

Betty Buzbee passed away on Monday morning this week. She was a very spiritual lady. Her influence will be felt in our community of Waukeelah for years to come. She was the mother of six, two sons and four daughters. She was married to Melvin Buzbee who passed away several years ago. Together they ramrodded the fish fries that were so successful in raising money for the Waukeelah United Methodist Church. Twice a year in September and October of each year Melvin and a group of men from the Church would go fishing and catch the mullet that would be the mainstay of the fish fries. On Thursday representatives of the

entire community would meet at the "meat" house to clean the fish. This occurred up until the "net ban" prevented the catching of the fish. The fish fries still continue but the church has to buy the fish now.

Miss Betty taught the adult Sunday school class at the Waukeelah Church for years and years. She was a spiritual genius. She affected an untold number of people in a very positive way. She will be greatly missed.

Today she basks in the glory and happiness of heaven. She has had a life well lived.

Charles E. McClellan

Please Re-Install Basketball Court At Jefferson County Park

With the growing number of Americans at risk for heart disease and obesity it is vitally important that we overcome the unhealthiness that faces our nation today. That statement from the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) re-affirms our belief that all communities, including rural ones should exceed basic requirements for providing adequate outdoor recreational pursuits to everyone.

Presently, the Jefferson County regional recreation park is woefully inadequate when it comes to providing one favorite sport for many youth and active adults. Why did the County Commissioners have the basketball goals adjacent to the tennis courts totally removed? As it stands right now, we have only one publicly funded

basketball court in the entire county. By in large, the users of these type courts are primarily poor, vocationally challenged, under-resourced black, white, and Hispanic youth who are just trying to stay physically fit while seeking to eek out an existence for themselves. Most of them live within County Commission District 2.

Therefore, let us contact Jefferson County Commission Chair John Nelson and other board members and request they upgrade the asphalt and re-install new basketball goals and nets on what used to be the second court, at our regional park real soon. Besides, NRPA research shows that great rural parks make better, more sustainable communities that enjoy lower crime rates, and higher property values.

Rev. Gene Hall

Taxpayer Assets Should Not Be Used To Maintain "Non-County" Roads

I want to begin by taking exception with Commissioner Boyd's preference to call private property roads "Non-County" roads. At best, this is a tactic politicians use to distract the low information voters from the reality of an issue by renaming it something soft and fuzzy. At worst, it is an elected official diluting the fundamental right of private property rights by inserting "Government" into the definition of a private thoroughfare.

Specifically, I'd like the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) that support the use of the Jefferson County Road Department to consider a few questions before deciding to use tax payer personnel and equipment to maintain private property:

Are the public roads in Jefferson County currently in such pristine condition that the Road Department has the time, equipment, material and personnel, to take on private property roads? If I remember correctly, the Road Department discontinued maintaining private cemeteries due to the lack of resources and the conflict of interest of using tax payer resources for private property?

The recommendation proposed by the BOCC is to bill the property owners for the service provided by the County. Are there no private companies or trucking companies in the County that can do this type of work? Do the private property owners think that the County will do the work cheaper or do a better job than a private contractor? Even if it can, why would the elected members of the BOCC vote to take business from hard working private citizens trying to earn a legitimate dollar? So why are the private property owners unwilling to use Jefferson County businessmen anyway? Will the private property owners be required to pull a permit if the County does their work? If not, doesn't the County lose that revenue? In my opinion, the BOCC is treading on the free marketplace by subsidizing the work on private property with taxpayer assets and undercutting private business. Government buys their equipment on State con-

tracts, gets discounts on insurance, and has other benefits that private businesses must pay for. I think this is a huge conflict of interest.

If a County employee gets hurt or a piece of County equipment breaks down while on a private property job, does the bill to the private property owner include the cost of Workers Comp insurance, or the cost and loss of use of the County equipment? How about the amortization of wear and tear of the County equipment? Probably not. That means that the Jefferson County taxpayer will be on the hook for the loss of these resources and the incurred cost associated with them.

Who is going to decide the schedule and priority for the Road Department's weekend and off duty days to do the private property contracts? If a private property owner has a dispute with the performance of the County Road Department, do they have the right to sue the County? Taxpayers can't sue when the Road Department makes a mistake on a public road. As elected politicians, does the BOCC want the responsibility of doing this? I'm sure that if this issues passes, each Commissioner will be receiving calls from private property constituents asking for the same service. If I were the residents of Aucilla Shores, I'd be the first in line expecting my Commissioner to get me on that list.

Finally, I'd like to propose a question to the BOCC Attorney. If a private thoroughfare is redesigned, by an official government body, to be a "non-county road" vs. a private roadway, and taxpayer resources are used to maintain that "non-county" road...do the taxpayers have the right to use that "non-county" road? Probably not, but it's food for thought.

Well, it stopped raining, so I guess I better go out there and box blade my "non-county" road. Thanks for your indulgence and I appreciate having this forum to express my opinion.

All the best,
Jim Billberry

'Brew' Ha Ha: Conversations for Coffee

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Where Do Your Footsteps Lead?

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I am not a parent yet, so perhaps I am a bit naive. If I am, go ahead - write, call, tell me.

A friend of mine has a five-year-old little girl - we'll call her Rae. She insists that the child have the best of everything and only the name brands of toys and clothes and accessories. That's fine by me: if it's your money, you can spend it however you want to, and there are much worse ways to spend your money than doting on a beloved child.

She hardly pays attention to the child, though. All the time, she's outside smoking, or on her phone texting. She parties many nights, leaving Rae with relatives. When she is with family, she has family put the little girl down for a nap, take care of meals, bath time, and bedtime. She seems to think that by getting Rae things, she is being a good parent.

My parents were poor, when my sister and I were growing up. We never missed a meal, because my mother was an excellent shopper and could stretch a budget better than those people on "Extreme Couponing." We often lacked for toys and rarely had clothes that weren't hand-me-downs or Goodwill finds, but that never made them bad parents.

They spent time with us. We'd go out to Dog Lake and swim, or sit in

our car by the airport and watch planes come in with a child's wonder. They would sit down and help us with homework - I still remember my mother patiently explaining the finer points of algebra, even though the subject brought me to frustrated tears every night. Dad got us ready for school in the mornings and made us breakfast, and we listened to the "John Boy and Billy Show" and laughed all the way to school together. Mom brushed our hair, even when the curls were long enough for us to sit on, and we were squirmy and impatient children. No matter what, we always sat down and ate dinner together and talked. That made them good parents.

Rae likes presents. Her birthday party came and went recently, and she was chomping at the bit to open presents all day. But even at her age, that isn't what is truly important to her. She often acts out, so that her mother will fuss at her. She prefers negative attention to being ignored - all children do, it seems, as I have seen that in my Sunday School class and years of camp counseling often enough.

She talks over adults, because she isn't listened to. There's a Monroe boy I know from church. His name is Stanton. Even when I first met him a couple years ago, he always waited his turn to speak. First, that is how his parents taught him to

act. Secondly, when it is his turn to speak, his parents actively and lovingly listen. He feels secure in that he will be heard and that his parents think that what he has to say is important. Rae doesn't have that security. She feels like she has to fight to be heard and to be loved. That is no way to raise a child.

I know that I am not a parent, and that raising children is the hardest thing I will ever do when my time comes. I know that what I am about to say is grossly oversimplified, but here goes:

Put the phone down, and pay attention to your kids. There will be a time when Rae doesn't want anything to do with "mommy" and she won't see the wisdom of your words until she's thirty and sees that you were right about that awful boyfriend or that 18th Century English Literature is a major that doesn't have positive job placement. From 13 to 30 you'll need your phone to call on the support of your friends to complain to about how Rae doesn't listen to you anymore. But right now her ears are open: her eyes are open. She is listening to you and watching you. You have to be consistent and attentive: you have to be the person you want her to become, because if you're anything less, she will be less. She is following in your footsteps.

Where do your footsteps lead?

Kiwanis Clubs Working Together

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Heather Locke and Sue Shoemaker were guest speakers to the July 24 meeting of the Kiwanis. Locke is the incoming Kiwanis Lt. Governor for the division

that includes the Monticello Club. She will take office this October. Shoemaker is a Kiwanis Key Club sponsor from Tallahassee.

They both spoke of their plans and goals for the new year and are seeking input from area Kiwa-

nis Club members as they work together to serve the areas' children.

Local Kiwanis Club members meet at noon every Wednesday at the Jefferson Country Club for lunch, a program, and usually a guest speaker. For more information about Kiwanis meetings and events, contact Rocky Gavins at 850-997-2646.



Kiwanis Members Heather Locke and Sue Shoemaker

The Jefferson County Utility Coordinating Committee will meet at 9:00 a.m. August 14, 2013, at the Jefferson County Road Dept, 1484 South Jefferson Street

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Talk Show Host Gives Away Babies On Air

Aamir Liaquat Hussain, a popular Pakistani talk show host, is known for being fierce in his battle for ratings, but his latest screening has many Pakistanis expressing disgust. His latest stunt was giving away two abandoned infant girls to childless families and has future plans to continue. The Chhipa Welfare Association provided the babies and says it is happy to provide the next. The association is searching garbage dumps and other sites for discarded newborns. Poverty and illness have caused families to discard or even kill babies. A notice on Hussain's website states, "If any family cannot afford to bring up their newborn baby due to poverty or illness, then instead of killing them, they should hand over the baby to Dr. Aamir." The shows producers did not respond to calls and were not clear if the poor families wishing to keep their children would also be helped.

Attack Goose Keeps Meter Reader From Home

In Norsewood, New Zealand, Lyn McConchie, homeowner, called the Norsewood electric company after her bill didn't arrive in the mail. The receptionist informed her that under the notation of "unable to access property" it was written, "ferocious gander" by the meter reader. McConchie says she owns a gander (a mature male goose) who keeps guard when she's away from home and has been known to bite late-night prowlers.

Montreal Man Ordered To Pay Large Sum To Panhandler

In Montreal, a man who called a local panhandler "overweight," a "drunk" and "with no apparent IQ," was later ordered to pay the panhandler \$7,708 by the Quebec Human Rights Commission. The Canadian man wrote the words in an email that he sent to the manager of a liquor store where the panhandler stays a few days a week. The 60-year-old plus woman suffers from a degenerative bone disease and says she panhandles to supplement her social assistance payments. In his email, the man further suggested "solutions" to the city's panhandling problem, including a "Chinese solution" proposing the panhandlers each get "a bullet to the neck and send the bill for the bullet to the deceased bum's family." A liquor store representative said the customer had previously sent hostile emails to the store. The store shared the email with the woman who was advised by police to go to the Human Rights Commission.

London Sewer Collects 16 Ton Mass Of Fat

In London, a British water company removed what they called a "fat-berg," which is a mass made up of food fat and wet wipes. The mass was removed from a sewer beneath a London suburb. The fatberg weighed 16.5 tons and could have led to flooding in homes and on the streets if it hadn't been removed. Gordon Hailwood, waste contracts supervisor said, "While we've moved greater volumes of fat in the past, we've never seen a single, congealed lump of lard this big....we reckon it has to be the biggest such berg in British history."

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was prevented from doing so now because the TRIM notice had already been mailed, Boyd said.

By law, once recorded on the TRIM notice, the millage rate can be reduced, but it may not be increased.

"If this doesn't qualify as urgent, I don't know what does," Boyd said, calling for an amendment to the agenda to allow for immediate discussion of the issue. "We need to talk how we're going to deal with this budget crisis laid on our laps at the last minute."

Boyd also took Chairman John Nelson to task for not allowing the item to be placed on the agenda for discussion when the issue had first come to light the previous week.

"It's my understanding that you blocked place-

Ward Creek

Lake Miccosukee.

Per the resolution, the commission registered its strong objection to the sale, lease or conveyance in any fashion of the property into private partnership, especially if such a transaction "would prevent public access that has been enjoyed for more than 150 years."

The resolution asks that the state remove Ward Creek from the list of surplus lands to be sold and that it transfer ownership or lease of the property to Jefferson County for no more than \$300 annually.

On Tuesday morning, Commissioner Betsy Barfield informed the board that she had been in communications with the FDEP and the agency had acknowledged receipt of the county's resolution. But other than that, she had nothing else to report, she said. Nor had anyone else heard anything more.

For his part, Commissioner Hines Boyd, who voted against adoption of the resolution at the board's emergency meeting on July 25, restated his opposition.

"I'm believe very strongly that it's not in the best interest of the citizens of Jefferson County to assume responsibility for 3,700 acres of swampland," Boyd said. "It's a burden to the citizens. Most people on the street, if you ask them, will tell you the same thing. I do not support the county becoming the custodian of Ward Creek."

Public opposition to the sale of the property developed quickly, once word of the proposal got out. The item reportedly appeared on the June 14 agenda of the FDEP's Acquisition and Restoration Council (ARC) without much prior public notice, and it was swiftly approved.

State officials offer as rationale for the sale that the property is no longer needed for conservation purposes and that it is furthermore problematic.

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ment of this item on the agenda, which is an abuse of your chairmanship," Boyd charged.

Nelson responded that he wasn't going to argue the merits of his chairmanship or leadership and asked Boyd to observe civility. As for his decision not to put the item on the agenda, it had been his determination that more information was required before the board could address the issue, he said.

The need for additional information was a point raised earlier by Commissioner Betsy Barfield. Although she agreed with Boyd that the Tax Collector's budget warranted emergency treatment, she didn't think all the necessary information was available, Barfield said. She sug-

gested that the board set an emergency meeting on the following Monday, both to allow time for the gathering of the needed information and to request that a FDOR representative attend the meeting.

"I have a full page of questions to ask the FDOR," Barfield said. Words commissioners variously use to describe the evolving situation were "explosive", "disturbing" and "a political hot potato".

They say the tract has limited access, is undeveloped and affords no recreational opportunities. They further say that it hasn't been surveyed and that it is subject to poaching, trespassing and other illegal activity.

Opponents of the sale make the point that the land has been surveyed. As for what state officials consider undeveloped, they consider it pristine land that is ever more rare and precious to find in Florida.

In the more cynical view of some opponents, the deal smacks of a land grab by vested private interest working in conjunction with a money-hungry state that is catering to, if not in cahoots with, the former.

The issue, they say, is same one that arose in 1993, and which they were able to beat back at the time, only to have it surface anew.

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In the more cynical view of some opponents, the deal smacks of a land grab by vested private interest working in conjunction with a money-hungry state that is catering to, if not in cahoots with, the former.

The issue, they say, is same one that arose in 1993, and which they were able to beat back at the time, only to have it surface anew.

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Health

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The findings were based on 2007-2009 data from the National Vital Statistics Systems, the U.S. Census Bureau, and the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System.

The analysis couldn't say why states varied as much as they did. Environment certainly plays a role, the study's authors said. But

so do healthy behaviors, such as exercise and refraining from smoking; getting preventive care, such as vaccinations, cancer screening and blood pressure treatment; and having access to good medical care when needed.

The results were published in Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report.

Building

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Meanwhile, the Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Department issued 14 permits and collected \$4,228.92 in fees, compared

with six permits and \$2,273.82 collected in June. In July 2012, the department issued 14 permits and collected \$6,076.38.

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- Almost out of
 - Attire for Dracula
 - Brother of Little Joe on '60s TV
 - Spanish tourist center
 - Soon, in verse
 - "Ulysses," for one
 - U.S. money market
 - Anniversary, e.g.
 - Tough to trick
 - Stick of gum, informally
 - Sweater type
 - Heroic deed
 - Holm of "Still Breathing"
 - Preacher's admonition
 - Strongly opposed
 - Publicist's assignment
 - "Warmer" or "colder"
 - "You gotta be kidding!"
 - 45 or 78
 - Cagney's TV partner
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 - "Ivanhoe" author
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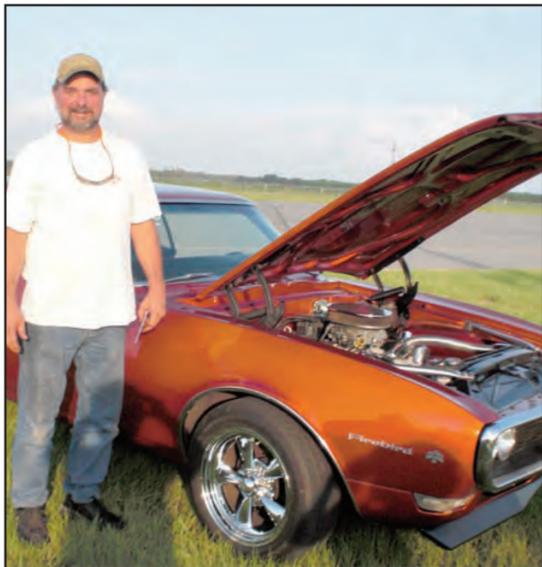
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 - Shift-6
 - One more time
 - "The Gold-Bug" writer
 - Plea
 - Crop-dusting plane
 - Iridescent gems
 - Occupy, as a table
 - Noisy public fight

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Jefferson County Living

Lloyd Pavilion Car/Bike Show



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This 1968 Firebird belongs to Rob Boutwell, of Christmas Acres. He participated in the Car/Bike Show at the Lloyd Pavilion on Sunday afternoon.

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Lloyd Pavilion hosted a Car/Bike Show Meet/Greet on Sunday, July 28 at its location on Gamble Road in Lloyd, at the I-10 exit 217. Automobile and motorcycle clubs and interested vehicle owners from Florida and bordering states contributed to

the event by coming out and showing off their treasured rides.

Gates opened Sunday afternoon for the long awaiting participants and arriving guests. 25+ cars and 50+ bikes were on show by their proud owners.

Live performances from area bands took to the stage in the late afternoon for the crowd's entertainment. The event continued



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Lucille and David Hall organize events held at the Lloyd Pavilion, like the successful 'Car/Bike Show' held on Sunday afternoon.

into the evening.

For more information about this event and upcoming events contact Entertainment Coordinators Lucille and David Hall at 850-597-5722, or visit www.lloydpavilion@yahoo.com.

A 'Music for Miracles' concert will be held on November 9 at the Lloyd Pavilion from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., for the Make A Wish Foundation, Central and North-

ern Florida. Plan to join with local groups and surrounding artists as they unite to make wishes come true.

On Monday, September 2 join DH Entertainment/Lloyd Pavilion in welcoming Fantasia, Karen Wolfe, Falisa Janaye, The Way Band, Lil Man, and others for a Labor Day Jam at Tanyard Creek in Quincy.



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Big Papa & The Shuffle Brothers was just one of the bands to take the stage at the Lloyd Pavilion during its Car/Bike Show on Sunday afternoon.

Rotary Sponsors Dynamic Youth Activities

Monticello Rotary learned the details of the Rotary Youth Programs during its Friday, July 26 meeting. Pictured from left to right



are: Interact, Rotary Youth Exchange, and Rotary Youth Leadership Awards.

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Rotarian James Muchovej explained to the Monticello Rotary membership on Friday afternoon the workings of the Rotary Foundation. The Foundation offers outstanding youth programs to develop leadership and personal growth.

'Interact' is a high school service club. Its members complete two community service projects each year.

'Rotary Youth Exchange' allows a student to spend a year with a host

family in another country. This program has been active for 75+ years, with 80 countries and 80,000 students participating.

'Rotary Youth Leadership Awards' offer a four-day retreat focusing on leadership and personal growth training for youth 14 to 30 years of age.

'Service Above Self' is the Rotary motto, and the Monticello Rotary is very active in its motto.

For more information about the Rotary and its happenings and services, contact President Angela Gray at angelagray@yahoo.com.



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Automobiles and motorcycles lined the grounds of the Lloyd Pavilion on Sunday afternoon for the Car/Bike Show.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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August 9
Annual Monticello Opera House Board Meeting for all members will be held on Friday. The 'Beach Party' will begin at 6:00 p.m. For more information and tickets visit the Opera House website or call 850-997-4242 during business hours. Americana music and entertainment will be provided by Bodega Bob and Sugar Harris of the group Cheap & Easy.

August 10
Farmer, artist, and Jefferson County resident, Alice Cappa will hold a

'Tri-Weave' workshop on Saturday at Mission San Luis. The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and requires pre-registration. Space is limited. Participants will learn how to build their own weaving frame and how to make a triangular scarf. For the cost of this workshop and for more information call 850-245-6406.

August 10
Scarlet O'Hatters will meet at 11:30 a.m. on the second Saturday for lunch and a program at Rancho Grande. Contact Queen Mum Pat Mu-

chowski at 850-997-0688 for more information about the Red Hat Society.

August 10
Annual Hors D'oeuvres for the Brain and Soul fundraiser, with Robert Olen Butler and Michael Purvis Saturday, at 6 p.m., at the Monticello Opera House. Ticket cost is \$35. Cash bar. 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.

August 12
Big Bend Horseman's Association will meet at 7 p.m. on the second Monday at Green Industries Institute for a brief program and meeting. This is an open horse club for all breeds. Everyone is welcome. Go to www.bigbendhorse.com for more information.

August 12
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.

August 12
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.

In Loving Memory Obituary

ENA MAE KEYS

Ena Mae Keys, 92, of Monticello, went to rest in her Savior's arms on Sunday, August 4, 2013. She is preceded in death by her parents, Roland L. and Adelaide A. Pettingill and son-in-law John P. Roberts, Jr.

She was born in Maryland and worked for the government during WWII. At age 50 she went to school to become a CNA, working to help others. At 86 years of age was still, to quote her, "driving her elderly patients to their doctors appoints".

She loved the ocean, reading, raspberries, chocolate and her family.

Treasuring her love and precious memories are her children Richard M. Keys (Barbara), San Dimas, CA., Ena Lee Hollley (Joe), Dickinson, TX., Robin Roberts, Monticello, FL, and Glenna Stafford (Bobby), Accokeek, MD.

Also left to cherish her memory are 13 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, eight great-great-grandchildren and a host of friends and family.

The family would like to thank the church family of Monticello Church of the Nazarene for all the years of good fellowship, the love during the healthy years and the love, support and prayers in this time of trial and final Victory.

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Jefferson County Living

Remembering "The Good Ol' Days"

With Flossie Byrd

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Flossie Byrd has lived in Monticello since she was 13 years old. She moved to this town in 1940, and has grown to love Jefferson County in her 73 years as a resident.

At thirteen, that was quite a different story. Byrd was born and raised in Haines City, a somewhat larger town in central Florida. "My parents moved here, because my daddy got a job here. We—my siblings—had never heard of Monticello," confided Byrd. "We cried halfway from Haines City here, but after that we dried our eyes. Our parents had made the decision, and crying wasn't going to change that."

Byrd was an exceptionally bright child. "When I was in first grade, during my first week, I had this teacher who wouldn't let me read ahead in our class book. My mother had already taught me to read, but she explained to me that there were other kids in the class that didn't know how to read as well as I did. Still, I didn't see why I had to wait on account of them. I gave that teacher fits. Then one day, I went to school, and they brought



Flossie Byrd is proud to call Monticello her home.

me to the second grade classroom and told me that that was my new class."

She excelled in Jefferson County just as well. She and her brother attended Bunkel Hill School. "It was—oh—three or four miles through the woods to walk to school, but we didn't mind. There was one man who owned a piece of property we had to walk across. His grandson went to the same school. We never spoke then, but in 1994, that grandson got in touch with me and told me that his granddaddy asked every day if that little bitty girl and her brother got to school each day." Byrd laughed,

"If kids had to walk three miles to school nowadays, they wouldn't go."

Byrd was a member of a large family, she says, "seven brothers and six sisters made it to adulthood, plus myself." Her family planted a garden every year, and owned chickens, hogs, and cows. Her father worked in citrus in Haines City, and worked between agriculture and brick masonry in Monticello. Between his hard

work and decent family farming, he was able to provide for all 14 children, sending many of them to college.

Byrd herself went to college, finally receiving a PhD from Cornell University. She taught at various schools across Florida, was a professor for a time at FAMU, and worked at Prairieview A&M in Texas. "Then it was time to come home," Byrd said. "I retired at 67 and I have written two books."

Despite their garden, certain supplies and food could only be bought in town, and Byrd remembers them vividly. "I remember Monticello Milling—we called it 'The Elevator.' They'd have it running and the dust would be flying everywhere. It was big business. And Monticello Lumber—it had these big oak trees by the road."

When Byrd first moved to Monticello, Byrd said, "it looked like a little country town. Now," she smiled, "it looks like home."

Can you remember the Good 'Ole Days? Do you have a nomination for this column? Email monticellomedia@embarqmail.com or call Amber at 997-3568. And "I don't have anything else to add that hasn't already been said," is not true! Your perspective is unique and important!

HAPPY 66th BIRTHDAY NELLIE KAY AKINS

Lifelong Jefferson County resident Nellie Kay Akins celebrated her 66th birthday on Thursday, August 8, 2013. She enjoyed the special day with her husband Jerome Akins. Her son Jerrod, daughter-in-law Tieshia Akins, and grandchildren Ma'Khya Monique and Jamiyah Janae Akins joined with them for cake and ice-cream.

Groom And Bueschel To Wed

Marisa Bueschel, a graduate of Florida State University, with a Bachelor of Arts degree with majors in English Literature, History and an Education minor, is to be married to Jeffrey Groom, a graduate of Florida State University, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance and Management Information Systems.

The bride-to-be, the daughter of Richard Bueschel and Kathryn Bueschel of Monticello, is an M.Ed candidate at Florida State University. The bridegroom, son of Claude and Emily Groom of Monticello, is a Web designer at Canopy Software.

A fall wedding is planned.

Church News Notes

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August 9
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.

August 10
St. Philip AME Church will host an 'Appreciation Service' for presiding elder of the Tallahassee AME District Dr. Carlton Taylor on Saturday at 1 p.m. The congregation will take this time to salute Elder Taylor for the outstanding work he is doing in the Tallahassee District. Rev. Julius W. Tisdale, pastor.

August 10
C.H. Henry Chapter #20

Order of Eastern Star, PHA, invites the community to come and enjoy the taste of fresh mullet and/or fresh tilapia fish from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, in the parking lot of the *Monticello News*. Fish sandwiches and dinners will be sold. This is a fundraiser.

August 10
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.

August 11
Memorial Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate

its 'Dual Day' program on Sunday at 11 a.m. with guest speaker Rev. Terry Presley and his congregation from Union Branch Baptist Church, on Highway 90 East; and at 3 p.m. with guest speaker Rev. Stewarts and his congregation from Greater Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church in Lloyd. Come and fellowship and join with others for dinner after the services. Sis. Dorothy Wise, chairperson; Bro. Timothy King, co-chairperson; Moderator/Reverend J.B. Duval, pastor.

August 11
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church will host a

'Jewel Day' program on Sunday, at 3 p.m. The honorees will be Deacon Richard Scott and Mother Ellen Scott. Guest speaker will be Rev. Gloria Cox, from St. Phillip AME Church. Rev. Cassandra Brockman, pastor, 850-997-8010. "Still I rise... on fire for the Lord"

August 11
New Bethel AME Church will observe an Anniversary Worship Service for its pastor, Rev. Jimmie F. Dickey on Sunday at 4 p.m. Speaker will be Rev. E.O. Gilliam, and the Salem AME Church congregation from Greensboro will be guests for this special time. Dinner will be served. The public is invited.

August 11
Philadelphia Missionary Baptist Church will hold its 'Women in White' program at 3 p.m. on Sunday. Guest speaker will be Min. Rashonda Denson with St. James MBC in Madison. The Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church Choir of Madison will present the music. Refreshments will be served after the service. For more information and directions call 850-464-9901. Rev. Ernest Bruton, pastor.

August 13
Sons of Allen of the Union Bethel Circuit meets monthly on the second Tuesday at 7 p.m., rotating between the Elizabeth and Union

Bethel AME churches; encouraging young men and older males to come be part of the meetings. If you have any questions, contact President Leman Ulee at 850-274-6268.

August 13-15
Springfield AME Church will hold its three day Fall Revival nightly at 7:30 p.m. Guest Evangelist will be Rev. Isaac Manning, Jr., with Bethpage Missionary Baptist Church, Wacissa. Come listen and learn from this powerful man of God. For more information, call the church at 850-997-5400. REVIVAL Tuesday! REVIVAL Wednesday! REVIVAL Thursday! Rev. Stefon McBride, pastor.

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Jefferson County Living

4-H Completes Successful 5-7 Year Old Camp

The theme for this year's 4-H 5-7 year old summer camp was "Ready, S.E.T (science engineering and technology), Go!". The Jefferson County Extension Office offered week-long camps of fun learning activities. Research has provided evidence that positive leisure activities build positive youth development. Positive youth development is defined by:

- Competence in academic, social, and vocational areas
- Confidence
- Connection to family, community, and peers
- Character development
- Care and compassion

In addition to developing the above psychosocial skills, youth had lots of fun! The "get acquainted games" introduced campers to each other and set the foundation supporting collaboration. The 4-H mission: A world in which youth and adults learn, grow and work together as catalysts for positive change. They learned the 4-H pledge, motto, slogan and what the emblem represents.

Dr. Howard Gardner Theory of Multiple intelligence define intelligence in eight domains. These eight domains are how human understand, learn, remember, perform, and process what they learn.

In recent years Naturalist intelligence has been added. The summer camps expanded the campers' time with nature to improving their skills, confidence and sense of comfort outdoors; increasing their naturalist intelligence. 4-H Campers went on field trips to Beau Turner Youth Conservation Center (fishing) and Maclay Garden State Park (swimming). The youth made a craft to fine tune their motor skills and encourage creativity.

Five to seven year old campers also participated in organized recreation. By midweek everyone was bugging with Dr. Janice Peters from FAMU Entomology Department. Dr. Peters and her staff brought exotic insects from around the world and campers had an opportunity to identify, learn about different insect parts, which insects can walk on water, how insects communicate, and learned about their habitats. 4-Hers had an opportunity to catch bugs on the premises of the Extension Office; they also identified them and learned about their habitats too. The kids participated in three rotations of classes that consisted of tie-dye, ice cream in a bag, as well as fitness and nutrition. After the classes, youth participated in an exercise dice game.

Another highlight was their visit to Golden



Adult volunteer Steve Scott assists a proud Caleb Mayo with a bass he caught at the Beau Turner Youth Conservation Camp. 4-H camps provide education, recreation, social activity, physical fitness, and a sense of accomplishment to campers.

Acres Ranch. Can you tell the difference between a sheep a goat? Jefferson County 4-H campers can! This was one of the first questions that Mrs. Golden asked campers as they toured her farm. Youth were then asked to put their knowledge to the test and identify goats and sheep as they continued their tour. They were able to take the information Mrs. Golden provided and identify the character traits in the animals that distinguished goats from sheep and make informed educated guesses on the animals. Youth are able to not only recognizing and recite concrete information, but confidently analyze information and apply that information to new situations, thus indi-

cating higher order thinking.

Thanks to our teen counselors and campers for sharing their summer with us. We extend a special thanks to Kitty Brooks and her staff at the Jefferson County Library for hosting our 4-H kids. Mrs. Brooks did a remarkable job storytelling and the kids made a craft.

The following teen counselors that made this camp a success are: Ta'Neshia Scott, Tearra Scott, Jasmine Addison, Allison Cone, and Tyler Rivers. We extend special thanks to our adult volunteer Mrs. Shirley Faglie.

As you can see, each day of 4-H "S.E.T" camp was jam-packed with hands on learning activities.

Meet Your Neighbor:

Tyler McNeill

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Staff Writer

Meet Tyler McNeill, a Monticello resident since he was ten years old.

McNeill can most often be seen at the Courthouse, where he is the Chief Deputy Clerk, and also in charge of Human Resources. However, his favorite place to be is anywhere with his wife and three beautiful girls. "I don't want to come off as an overzealous dad, but parenthood has been the biggest adventure that my wife and I have embarked upon yet," said McNeill.

He and his wife, Jenny, are in the loving process of raising Morgan, Mae and Molly. Their girls are creative and full of energy, and the couple is always looking for fun stuff for them all to do as a family. The summer rain has definitely stood in the way of their fun—so much so that Tyler and Jenny "sacrificed" a wall in their home to the children's fun.

"It was primed to be repainted," Tyler explained, "and the girls were getting bored of tea parties and indoor games. We want them to be creative, so we bought that chalkboard paint, and painted the wall in that. They love it!"

The family also has a Welsh Corgi named Arthur Fonzarelli. It is unknown how many times the girls have made him "play" dress up, or the amount of table scraps they sneak him. "We all love him," said McNeill. "We got him as a puppy when our eldest daughter



was six months old. We wanted the kids to have a pet to grow up with."

Outside of time with his family, Tyler's second favorite hobby is fantasy baseball. He is also a self-proclaimed geek, with a deep love for Star Wars especially. He has nicknamed his daughters R2, C-3PO, and Wicket—according to their personalities, of course.

"My eldest is very compassionate and excitable," Tyler explains. "Sometimes she gets so excited and talks so fast we can't even begin to understand her. My wife and I thought it sounded like R2D2's beeps and clicks and whirrs when he gets excited. The middle child, she's much more logical. Emotionally, she is outwardly level all the time. For those reasons, she's C-3PO. It's the youngest you have to watch out for. She's little and cute, but you never know what she's thinking or what she's up to! That's why she is named after an Ewok."

Of parenthood, Tyler says, "It is as much work as everyone tells you, but it is more rewarding than you could ever imagine. That's it—my Tyler McNeill original quote."

Hohmeister Speaks To Kiwanis

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Mark Hohmeister, associate community conversation editor for the Tallahassee Democrat, was guest speaker at the Monticello Kiwanis July 31 meeting. He spoke to the membership about changes in the newspaper industry and how these changes affect delivery of content nowadays.

He still remembers when he first walked into the Tallahassee newsroom in 1976; he saw Bill McGrotha, cigarette in his mouth and phone cradled on his shoulder, doing an interview.

All the in-house technology changes over the years, from pagination to digital photos to digital archives, really didn't change the basic way stories were reported or written.

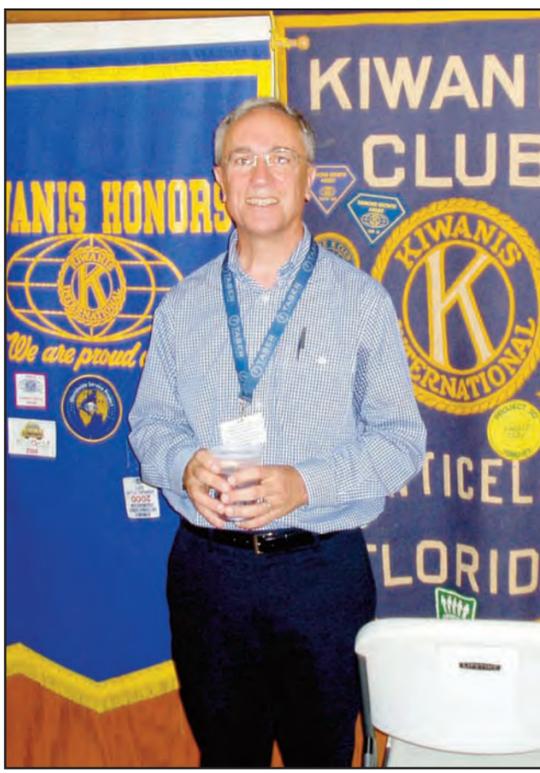
"But today," he says, "with the online revolution, it HAS changed. No longer

are we limited to five photos... now we can have huge galleries. No longer must a 'story' even be 'written.' We have interviews and other video coverage online that doesn't even appear in print. It's a whole new world!"

A question-and-answer session followed his presentation. The audience asked about everything from the Zing! column to Tallahassee businessman DeVoe Moore.

Hohmeister seemed to have a great time visiting with David Frisby, Rocky Gavin, and a few others. "Well worth the trip to a lovely town," he said. He can be reached for comment at 850-599-2330 or mhohmeister@tallahassee.com.

He also gave a good plug to the Monticello News saying the future of newspapers is local, if you want to know who died or what the school board is up to, there's only once place to get it, and that's in the local newspaper.



Mark Hohmeister is an associate community conversation editor for the Tallahassee Democrat.

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Duke Energy Foundation Awards Jefferson Arts And MADCO



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Monticello Opera House stage theatre group MADCO received a 12,500 grant from DUKE Energy for future plays and services. Melanie Mays received the check from Duke Energy district manager Bobby Pickels on Wednesday afternoon in front of the newly renovated MADCO studio at 262 North Cherry Street in Monticello. Also pictured are students, teachers, mothers, and volunteers of recent MADCO theatre performances.

DEBBIE SNAPP
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

Jefferson Arts and MADCO theatre group recently received a \$12,500 contribution each from the Duke Energy Foundation.

The grant is already being used to provide free art classes to children ranging from age 5 to 18 in Jefferson County. In addition to paying the children's class tuition, the grant will cover the cost of the art teachers' pay and the art supplies. The contribution will also help continue to provide free art classes for adults and seniors throughout the year.

"We believe that encouraging, nurturing, and teaching future generations of artists is important to the vitality of our community," said Melanie Mays, the grant writer. "Duke Energy's support will allow us to continue to make a difference through

art, and we are grateful."

"Duke Energy is proud to support the good work of Jefferson Arts," said Bobby Pickels, Duke Energy district manager. "They are the only fine arts gallery in Jefferson County, and in addition to helping beautify the community, they provide an economic stimulus through their quality exhibits. MADCO works with the areas children also, keeping them involved in the art of theatre.

Jefferson Arts is a community driven organization dedicated to enhancing Jefferson County and the Monticello Community through hands-on art experiences and awareness. Every month, the organization conducts art exhibits featuring North Florida artists. The exhibits are free to all Monticello/Jefferson County residents. In addition, the organization offers art classes either free of charge or at a reduced rate,

depending on level of funding received from partnering businesses. Jefferson Arts believes that providing arts education and awareness to people of all ages helps contribute to the vitality of the community through its citizens' appreciation of art.

Duke Energy Florida provides electricity and related services to approximately 1.7 million customers in Florida. The company is headquartered in St. Petersburg, and serves a territory encompassing more than 20,000 square miles including the cities of St. Petersburg and Clearwater, as well as the Central Florida area surrounding Orlando. Duke Energy Florida is pursuing a balanced approach to meeting the future energy needs of the region. That balance includes increased energy-efficiency programs, investments in renewable energy technologies and a state-of-the-art electricity system.

Major Mark Andrew Slik Speaks To American Legion

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American Legion Post 49 and the Ladies Auxiliary will meet on Tuesday, August 13 for dinner and their meetings. Discussion during the meetings will be related to the upcoming Fourth of July Fireworks program and display to be held on Saturday, August 31. The members will be planning for concession booths and volunteering to help with the program wherever needed.

Major Mark Andrew Slik was guest speaker to the July meeting of the American Legion. He is the son of Sheila and Ronald Slik of Monticello, and was home for a two-week stretch, the first time ever to spend consecutive days with his family.

He is an Air Force Basic Training Instructor with 26 years in the service, and is an ROTC Instructor at Brigham Young University in Utah.

He told the group that the Air Force is smaller now than ever. He also wanted the group to know that every day someone steps up to serve... God and Country. "I appreciate my hometown, and I'm proud to be able to say this," he goes on to say. "I appreciate that the American Legion cares for me."



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Major Mark Andrew Slik with his parents Sheila, on his right, and Ronald Slik, on his left, during the July meeting of the American Legion and Ladies Auxiliary.

Workforce Mobile Services Location Change In Monticello

North Florida Workforce has been bringing Mobile Services to its six-county region since 2007.

Jobseekers will be able to search for jobs, complete Re-Employment Assistance claims, as well as work on resumes, meet with a career consultant and utilize phone, scan or email services. The Career Coach is a state of the art unit complete with five workstations for jobseekers.

A change to the mobile unit schedule is the location where the mobile Career Coach will park in Jefferson County. Jobseek-

ers will now find Mobile Services in the Winn-Dixie parking lot at 1245 South Jefferson Street in Monticello, on Wednesdays. Previously, the unit has parked across from the First Baptist Church in downtown Monticello. Workforce thanks the First Baptist Church for allowing them to use their space for the past five years.

For more information about mobile services and to view a current schedule, visit www.NFWorkforce.org/js-mobile.aspx. The mobile unit schedule is subject to change due to inclement weather or me-

chanical issues. Call 850-973-WORK (or toll-free at 866-367-4758) for the most up-to-date information, or like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/NorthFloridaWorkforce.

Contact Deputy Director Diane Head at 850-973-2672 or headd@nfwdb.org for more information.

7 Days, 7 Ways to Stay in the Know

Friday

Q: What should you wear this week?

A: Check out the weekly weather forecast.

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• Died: July 5, 1988 (Age 68)
• Specialty: Elementary Education
- * Doretha Lane Hagan- Jones
• Died: July 6, 2011 (Age 88)
• Specialty: Elementary Education
- * Raleigh Roosevelt Cox, Jr.
• Died: July 8, 2000 (Age 83)
• Specialty: Algebra/ Mathematics
- * Beatrice Gamble Sloan
• Died: July 12, 2013 (Age 91)
• Specialty: Elementary Education
- * Wilma E. Alford
• Died: July 24, 1993 (Age 58)
• Specialty: English
- * Ruby Smith Brooks
• Died: July 24, 2013 (Age 94)
• Specialty: Elementary Education
• Mamie B. Scott Elementary School
- * Belle Clark
• Died: July 30, 1992 (Age 78)
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Submitter: Rosa Bassa
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Monticello Christian Academy Welcomes Students

Dear Monticello Christian Academy Families, Monticello Christian Academy hopes everyone has had a great summer! We look forward to seeing our returning students and families as well as extending a great big welcome to our new students and their families! MCA staff is working diligently to prepare for an exciting year of fun and learning and teachers are looking forward to working with you and your children.

Our staff this year is as follows: MCA teachers are Miss Sandra Greer and Miss Sarah Baker; our school custodian, Mr. Dale Cleckner; and our school treasurer, Mr. Jerry Parker. We also have some new additions to our MCA family this year as well. They are as follows: Mrs. Jackie Clemens will hold the position of teacher assistant; and our new pastor of the Monticello Church of the Nazarene; Pastor Clay Stephens. Welcome to MCA!

There is a mandatory parent orientation that will take place Thursday August 8, at 6:30 p.m. for all new parents. Students are not required to attend this orientation but are welcome. Students first day back to school will be Wednesday August 14. Until then,

MCA's office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. If parents have any questions or concerns or if you would like more information on our school you may contact the school office at 850-997-6048. The Monticello Church of the Nazarene also has planned a community wide "Back to School Bash" (Skate Night) on Friday, August 30. There will be a live band and food.

All students are important at MCA and that is why we will continue to offer a curriculum that is tailored to meet the needs of each individual student. With positive parental attitudes and involvement; parents can improve their child's success and increase student interest, motivation, and achievement. Each student will be encouraged to demonstrate the best of themselves every moment of every day. And as always, Monticello Christian Academy will continue to maintain the focus of providing a safe environment where students can grow spiritually, academically, physically, and socially.

Welcome back to school!
In Christ,
Brenda Bailey
Administrator

Music Academy To Begin September 3

Monticello Music Academy, an after school program offering music enrichment to any child in the community, will begin classes September 3.

Classes will be held on Tuesday afternoons from 4:30-5:30 at First United Methodist Church. Children from three years to first grade will enjoy singing, melody bells and rhythm instruments. Children 2nd, 3rd grade will be



taught to play recorder and melody bells in addition to some fun singing. And 4th-6th grades (and up) will receive instruction in keyboard and guitar as well as singing. We also invite adults who enjoy music and working with children to join us. Registration forms can be picked up at the FUMC church office on Walnut Street and should be returned by August 23. For more information call 997-5545.

NFCC Community Theatre Presents The Wizard Of Oz

Local stars, students and community members star in this timeless production

North Florida Community College Community Theatre presents The Wizard of Oz Saturday, Aug. 10 at Van H. Priest Auditorium. Two show times are being offered, a Saturday matinee at 2 p.m. and an evening show at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$6 (general admission) and available in advance or the night of the performance.

Enchantment abounds as Dorothy begins her wondrous journey to the Land of Oz. Good Witch Glinda and the Munchkins point Dorothy toward the Yellow Brick Road, a magical path to The Emerald City -- and we're off! Off to see the Wonderful Wizard of Oz! All the favorite char-

acters join in the journey including the Scarecrow, Tin Man, Cowardly Lion and of course the Wicked Witch of the West.

True to L. Frank Baum's heartwarming tale The Wonderful Wizard of Oz, NFCC Community Theatre's production brings the timeless children's classic and all its favorite characters to life on the Van H. Priest Auditorium stage. The play, written and adapted by Kathryn Schultz Miller of ArtReach Children's Theatre Plays, is being directed by NFCC's own Denise Bell. Local stars, students and community members are starring in the production.

"We are thrilled to

bring this production to the NFCC stage," said Bell. "I invite everyone to come out and support the students, children and community members who are putting this production together and bringing our Land of Oz to life. It's a lot of work, but it's so much fun to see the creativity and enthusiasm that surrounds each production."

For more information about the production, contact Denise Bell at (850) 973-9481 or belld@nfcc.edu. The Wizard of Oz tickets are on sale now in the NFCC College Advancement Office (Bldg. 32, NFCC campus). For more information or to purchase tickets call (850) 973-1653 or email news@nfcc.edu.

STEM Scholars Explore STEM Careers

Through the FloridaLearns STEM Scholars Project's University of Florida Immersion into STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Experience, talented and gifted high school juniors and seniors from small and rural districts across Florida spent five full days immersed in STEM learning on the university's campus. From the Panhandle Area Educational Consortium (PAEC) area, twenty-nine STEM Scholars and seven teachers took advantage of this unique opportunity. This customized experience, tailored to the unique needs of these students, was made possible through a partnership with the University of Florida's Center for Precollegiate Education and Training (CPET). STEM Scholars representing Jefferson County were Jefferson County Middle/High School seniors Ja'Lexia Sloan, Roxie Bellamy, and Taylor Clemens.

Throughout the week students interacted with university faculty and graduate students as opportunities were provided to learn about a variety of STEM career options and the post-secondary preparation required. They also gained familiarity with techniques and procedures used in scientific research by conducting experiments involving crystallization, DNA extraction, PCR, gel electrophoresis, and construction of morphological and molecular phylogenies of a group of plants. These experiments took place in the Health Science Center and were led by UF College of Medicine students and university faculty members. Students also took advantage of some of the outside classrooms on campus as they learned about soils, explored a Florida wetland ecosystem where they waded through wetlands to collect various types of data, spelunked in a dry cave associated with the Floridan Aquifer, and visited Blue Springs, where water from the Floridan Aquifer emerges.

Throughout the week students used university-provided iPads to document their experiences daily on Edmodo and Blogger. The iPads were also used to create a photographic journal and develop final presentations covering a range of STEM careers. The week was packed full of fun learning and students went home with many new friends and an expanded outlook on STEM career options.

The FloridaLearns STEM Scholars Project is funded through the Florida Department of Education's Race to the Top award and involves a partnership among Florida's three educational consortia, which provide critical educational

support services to Florida's small and rural school districts. The consortia are Panhandle Area Educational Consortium in northwest Florida, Heartland Educational Consortium in south central Florida, and North East Florida Educational Consortium in the northeast part of the state. The project is focused on serving gifted

and talented students in grades 9 - 12 who reside in the small and rural school districts served by PAEC, HEC, and NEFEC. The Project affords increased access to rigorous STEM courses, provides collaborative problem-solving experiences, and ensures that students are well informed about STEM career options.



Jefferson County Middle/High School students Roxie Bellamy, Ja'Lexia Sloan, and Taylor Clemens conduct an imaging activity in the UF Materials Science Department.



Parent Involvement Matters

From the desk of Edna Henry, District Parent Involvement Coordinator



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SUNTRUST BANK, Plaintiff, vs. ADELE DIEHL, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION
To: **ADELE DIEHL**
2660 SW 54TH ST, FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33312
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS STATED, CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose Mortgage covering the following real and personal property described as follows, to-wit: **LOT 29, OF TALLY HILLS ESTATES SUBDIVISION, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK B, PAGE 91, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

has been filed against you and you are required to file a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Jessica D. Levy, McCalla Raymer, LLC, 225 E. Robinson St. Suite 600, Orlando, FL 32801 and file the original with the Clerk of the above- styled Court on or before 30 days from the first publication, otherwise a Judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court on the 23rd day of July, 2013.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
As Clerk of the Court
BY: Sherry Sears
Deputy Clerk 8/9,9/13

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2013-CA-124

PRIME CREDIT CORPORATION, Plaintiff,

vs. FANNIE MAE JONES-ANDERSON; CHARLES ANDERSON; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF FANNIE MAE JONES-ANDERSON; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CHARLES ANDERSON; and UNKNOWN TENANTS,

NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: FANNIE MAE JONES-ANDERSON; CHARLES ANDERSON; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF FANNIE MAE JONES-ANDERSON; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CHARLES ANDERSON; and UNKNOWN TENANTS
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a complaint for Foreclosure on the following property in Jefferson County, Florida:

Begin at the intersection of the South boundary of the North Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 4, Township 1 North, Range 3 East, Jefferson County, Florida with the West right-of-way line of County Road 59 and run North 89 degrees 45 minutes 10 seconds West, along the South boundary of the North Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Said Section 4,691.13 feet to a point, thence North 00 degrees 14 minutes 48 seconds East 126.15 feet to a point, thence South 89 degrees 45 minutes 10 seconds East 690.13 feet to a point on the West right-of-way line of said County Road 59, thence South 00 degrees 13 minutes 00 seconds East, along said right-of-way line, 126.15 feet to the Point of Beginning.
PARCEL ID# 041N3E000000710000

has been filed against you and others, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on ANDREW J. POWER, ESQUIRE, SMITH, THOMPSON, SHAW, MINACCI & COLÓN, P.A., Plaintiff's attorneys, 3520 Thomasville Road, 4th Floor, Tallahassee, Florida 32309-3469, no more than thirty (30) days from the first publication date of this notice of action, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorneys or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

DATED this 25th day July, 2013.
KIRK REAM, Clerk of Court
By: Sherry Sears
Deputy Clerk 8/2,9/13

SRWMD Governing Board Meeting
On Tuesday, August 13, 2013, the Suwannee River Water Management District's Governing Board will meet at 9:00 a.m. at the District Headquarters, 9225 CR 49, Live Oak, FL 32060. The meeting is to consider District business and conduct public hearings on regulatory, real estate, and other various matters. A workshop will be held immediately following the meeting. All meetings, workshops, and hearings are open to the public. 8/9/13

NOTICE OF MEETING
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF JEFFERSON COUNTY will meet in Regular Session on Monday, August 12, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Auditorium located on Water Street next to the District Office at 575 S. Water Street, Monticello, FL. A paper agenda may be viewed at the District office Monday thru Friday from the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Any questions may be directed to the District at (850) 342-0100. 8/9/13

THE JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL HOLD A SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEETING ON MONDAY, AUGUST 12TH, 2013 AT 6 PM AT THE COURTHOUSE ANNEX. ISSUES BEING DISCUSSED ARE THE BUDGET IMPACT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE AND PUBLIC OFFICIAL'S LIABILITY COVERAGE. 8/9/13

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on Tuesday, August 20, 2013, at 7:00 P.M., in the Jefferson County Courthouse Annex, to hear comments on the renewal of two proposed Ordinances, to-wit:

AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A TWO (2) CENT LOCAL OPTION GAS TAX UPON EVERY GALLON OF MOTOR FUEL AND SPECIAL FUEL SOLD IN JEFFERSON COUNTY AND TAXED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 206 AND 336.025, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING THAT THE IMPOSITION SHALL BE EFFECTIVE FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS, BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2014 AND TERMINATING DECEMBER 31, 2019; PROVIDING FOR DISTRIBUTION PURSUANT TO F.S. 336.025 (4) (a), BETWEEN JEFFERSON COUNTY AND THE CITY OF MONTICELLO; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

and
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 01-02 - AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A TWO (2) CENTS LOCAL OPTION TAX UPON EVERY GALLON OF MOTOR FUEL AND SPECIAL FUEL SOLD IN JEFFERSON COUNTY AND TAXED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 206 AND 336.025, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING THAT THE IMPOSITION SHALL BE EFFECTIVE FOR A PERIOD BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2013, TERMINATING DECEMBER 31, 2019; PROVIDING FOR DISTRIBUTION PURSUANT TO F.S. 336.025(3)(a) BETWEEN JEFFERSON COUNTY AND THE CITY OF MONTICELLO; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The complete ordinances are available for inspection at the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Courthouse Room 10, Monticello, Florida 32344. 8/9/13

NOTICE
The following units have been seized for non-payment and will be sold at public auction under the authority of the Self-Storage Act section 83:805, Florida Statutes, on August 24, 2013, 10:00am, at **Monticello Mini Storage** located at the Corner of York and Railroad Streets, Monticello, FL.

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How to use: the major and minor feeding times for each day are listed below. The major feeding times are the best for the sportsman and last about 2 hours, the minor feeding times can also have good success, but last only about 1 hour.

The Week of August 9, 2013 through August 16, 2013
Major Feed Times are marked by an asterisk (*)

Friday, August 9 *2:45 AM 8:55 AM *3:10 PM 9:20 PM	Saturday, August 10 *3:35 AM 9:45 AM *3:55 PM 10:10 PM	Sunday, August 11 *4:25 AM 10:35 AM *4:45 PM 11:00 PM	Monday, August 12 *5:20 AM 11:30 AM *5:40 PM 11:55 PM
Tuesday, August 13 *6:10 AM 12:20 PM *6:35 PM	Wednesday, August 14 12:50 AM *7:10 AM 1:20 PM *7:30 PM	Thursday, August 15 1:45 AM *7:55 PM 2:10 PM *8:25 PM	Friday, August 16 2:40 AM *8:50 AM 3:00 PM *9:20 PM

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Understanding Recreational Bag Limits

Fishing can sometimes be famine, but on the days when it is feast, it's important to know your bag limit, aka the number of fish you can keep and take home for dinner. These limits are a useful tool in helping protect many of our recreationally important species.

There are several types of bag limits and, sometimes more than one type applies. Some even vary by region (spotted sea trout, red drum, weakfish and bay scallops).

"Bag limit" is defined as the number of a particular species that an individual angler can harvest and possess in a given day. For example, the recreational bag limit for red drum in the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) northeast and northwest management zones is two fish per person, per day. This means that a licensed (or exempt) angler can harvest two red drum in a given day. This does not mean that you have to stop fishing after

you have put two fish in the box. You can enjoy catch-and-release fishing for the rest of the day. Just make sure that you are using proper catch-and-release techniques to help the released fish survive.

Another common term is "vessel limit," which is the maximum number of a particular species that can be possessed on a vessel at any given time. Vessel limits are always used in addition to individual bag limits and do not exempt any single angler from the individual limits.

Let's say you are fishing in one of the two northern regions and your daily individual bag limit is two fish. If there are two anglers on the boat, there can be no more than four fish on board; three anglers can have a total of six fish; but four or more anglers can have no more than eight fish altogether.

That's pretty straightforward if you understand that both the individual bag limit and the vessel limit

apply simultaneously.

One question that always comes up is, "Can one angler share his or her fish to help fill a bag limit for another angler?" The answer is no. Bag limits are individual even when an overlapping vessel limit applies. This keeps folks from taking, for example, their infant nephew fishing just so they can keep two more fish. But, you may ask, if an FWC law enforcement officer checks my cooler, how will he or she know who caught how many fish? If an officer's observations, inspection or investigation reveals you have caught more than your individual daily bag limit, you could be subject to fines.

A third type of bag limit that you will see in FWC rules is an aggregate bag limit. Like your basic bag limit, this type applies to individual anglers but instead of applying to only one species, it applies to several

closely related species. Snappers and groupers are currently managed with aggregate limits in Florida waters.

Let's use snapper as our example. Currently, there is a 10-snapper aggregate bag limit in Florida waters. This means that you can harvest up to 10 snapper regardless of what individual species they are, as long as they are included in the aggregate. Keep in mind, this aggregate limit applies to most, but not all, species of snapper.

Read the regulations carefully. Vermilion snapper, for example, is not included in the 10-snapper aggregate bag limit. It has its own bag limit of 10 fish per angler, per day in the Gulf and five per angler, per day in the Atlantic.

The other nuance that should be pointed out is that some snappers that are included within the aggregate limit also have individual

bag limits. For example, red snapper has a two-fish bag limit and gray snapper has a five-fish bag limit. Both species are counted as part of the 10-snapper aggregate. So, if anglers caught their two red snapper and their five gray snapper, they could still bring home three more snapper included in the aggregate, as long as the three were not additional gray or red snappers.

There are two more types of bag limits you should know about: the spiny lobster onshore possession limit and the red drum transportation limit.

The spiny lobster possession limit applies during the two-day sport season in late June and limits an individual angler to no more than a daily bag limit of lobster on the first day of the sport season and no more than two daily bag limits onshore on the second day of the sport season. This limit clarifies that bag limits are "daily" and allows folks who are taking advantage of both

days of the sport season to take their two-day catch home.

For red drum, no more than six fish per person can be transported by vehicle on land. If I'm fishing with three or more of my buddies and we catch our vessel limit of eight red drum, I can take as many as six of those in my truck back to my house if I'm traveling in the truck by myself. If one of my buddies is traveling with me to my house, we can take all eight fish. (That is, if my buddies decide I should have the fish. But because I'm such a great cook, I'm sure they would.) This limit helps deter attempts to sell red drum, which can only be harvested for recreational purposes.

We hope this clarifies the various types of limits used in Florida's saltwater fishing regulations.

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Health Focus

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8 Superfoods For Your Heart

To Prevent Heart Attacks, Avoid Unhealthy Foods, And Eat Foods Rich In Nutrients, Fiber, And Healthy Fats.

While deaths due to heart disease have dropped in recent years, it's still the No. 1 killer of Americans. The good news is that we now know a ton about how to prevent cardiovascular disease, which includes both strokes and heart attacks.

It's clear that healthy eating and living (like exercising more!) can make a huge difference.

Salmon



Salmon and other fatty fish such as sardines and mackerel are the superstars of heart-healthy foods. That's because they contain copious amounts of omega-3 fatty acids, shown in studies to lower the risk of arrhythmia (irregular heart beat) and atherosclerosis (plaque build-up in the arteries) and decrease triglycerides. The American Heart Association recommends eating fish and preferably fatty fish at least twice a week. Omega-3 fatty acids are also available as dietary supplements.

Oatmeal



Oatmeal is high in soluble fiber, which can lower cholesterol. "It acts as a sponge in the digestive tract and soaks up

the cholesterol so it is eliminated from the body and not absorbed into the bloodstream," says Lauren Graf, a registered dietician and co-director of the Cardiac Wellness Program at Montefiore Medical Center in New York City. Graf recommends avoiding instant oatmeal, which often contains sugar, and heading instead for old-fashioned or even quick-cooking oats. Other whole grains such as bread, pasta and grits are also good for the heart as long as they still contain the entire grain.

Blueberries



Not just blueberries, but strawberries and other berries as well. According to one recent study, women aged 25 through 42 who ate more than three servings of blueberries and strawberries a week had a 32% lower risk of heart attack compared with those who ate less. The authors of the study attributed the benefit to compounds known as anthocyanins, flavonoids (which are antioxidants) that may decrease blood pressure and dilate blood vessels. Anthocyanins give plants their red and blue colors.

Dark chocolate



Several studies have now shown that dark chocolate may benefit your heart, in-

cluding one in 2012 that found that daily chocolate consumption could reduce non-fatal heart attacks and stroke in people at high risk for these problems. The findings applied only to dark chocolate, meaning chocolate made up of at least 60-70% cocoa. Dark chocolate contains flavonoids called polyphenols, which may help blood pressure, clotting, and inflammation. Unfortunately, milk chocolate and most candy bars don't make the grade when it comes to protecting your heart.

Citrus fruits



Women who consume high amounts of the flavonoids found in oranges and grapefruits have a 19% lower risk of ischemic stroke (caused by a clot) than women who don't get as much of these compounds, a recent study found. Citrus fruits are also high in vitamin C, which has been linked with a lower risk of heart disease. Beware of citrus juices that contain added sugar. And be aware that grapefruit products may interfere with the action of the cholesterol-lowering drugs known as statins.

Soy



Soy products, including tofu and soy milk, are a good way to add protein to your diet without unhealthy fats and cho-

lesterol. Soy products contain high levels of polyunsaturated fats (good for your health), fiber, vitamins, and minerals. What's more, soy may reduce blood pressure in people who eat a diet high in refined carbohydrates. And compared with milk or other proteins, soy protein can actually decrease LDL or "bad" cholesterol.

Potatoes



There's no reason to shun potatoes because they're white and look like a "bad" starch. As long as they're not deep fried, potatoes can be good for your heart. They're rich in potassium, which can help lower blood pressure. And they're high in fiber, which can lower the risk for heart disease. "They are definitely not a junk food or refined carbohydrate," says Graf. "They have a lot of health benefits."

Tomatoes



Tomato consumption in the U.S. has been rising and that's a good thing. Like potatoes, tomatoes are high in heart-healthy potassium. Plus, they're a good source of the antioxidant lycopene. Lycopene is a carotenoid that may help get rid of "bad" cholesterol, keep blood vessels open, and lower heart attack risk. And because they're low in calories and low in sugar, they don't detract from an already-healthy diet. "They're excellent for the body in a number of ways," says Graf.

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Health Department Immunization Fair Well Attended

DEBBIE SNAPP
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

The Florida Department of Health Immunization Fair hosted by the Jefferson County Health Department on Thursday was very well attended by parents and students preparing for the upcoming school year. Screenings were given through the day; there are immunization requirements for students entering Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 7th Grade.

District School staff was onsite to answer questions regarding school registration, parent involvement, and to distribute educational materials and information about the county schools and school schedules.

Also, adding to the annual event, were representatives with area health related agencies. Agencies sharing information included South East Eye Specialist, offering vision screening, eye exams, and eye instruction for the students and parents;

Healthy Start, offering secondary abstinence instruction and information; the Healthyways Parent/Child Home Program, offering information about schooling at home to prepare the child before entering the school system; TobaccoFree Jefferson, offering information about secondhand smoke; Florida KidCare, offering insurance information; and the County Extension Office, offering 'smart, healthy habits' information and food guidance.

Booths were set up and filled with informational and educational literature, games, and other sorts of goodies for the participants. All students attending received bookbags, healthy snacks, nutritional and exercise information, and lots of freebies.

The Jefferson County Extension Office will host a workshop about making your own baby food safely. This hands-on workshop will be held on Tuesday, August 13 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at 2729 West Washington. Call now to reserve, 850-342-0187.



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At this booth, from left to right are: Kristin Jackson with the County Extension Office; Edna Henry with the County School District; and Tonya Bell with Florida KidCare.



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Chastity McCarthy with TobaccoFree Jefferson talked with the students about secondhand smoking and other smoking issues.



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Jessica Grubbs spoke with the parents of the youngest children about the Healthyways Parent/Child Home Program. Pictured here with soon to be 1st grader Kristina Everly. She was a client of the program.



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At this booth, pictured from left to right are: Lisa Hayes providing information on secondary abstinence; Jennifer Brown with Healthy Start; and Nicolette Castagna suggesting healthy eating to the students and their parents.

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August 9

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

August 10

Half-N-Half Four Band at the Dixie Community Center at 7 p.m. on Saturday for music and cardio 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.

August 12

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.

August 12

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.

August 12, 15

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.

August 13

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.

August 15

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.

August 26

Alzheimer's and Dementia Support Group is held at the First United Methodist Church from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the fourth Monday in the Family Ministry Center on West Walnut Street in Monticello. Alzheimer's Project, Inc., a non-profit organization, extends a warm supportive welcome to caregivers. Any questions or comments may be relayed to Rural Outreach Coordinator Recie Culpepper at Alzheimer's Project, Inc. at 850-386-2778 or visit <http://www.alzheimersproject.org> or call the church at 850-997-5545 for directions. A light lunch will be served. This is a free monthly program.

September 24

Jefferson County Shared Services meets quarterly at 9:30 a.m. on the last Tuesday of the month at the Jefferson County Bailer Public Library. Community residents and agencies are invited to attend these informational meetings about the goings-on in the area. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this very informative community meeting. This is an opportunity for agencies to share services. Agenda items include agency sharing and a Whole Child Technical Forum. For more information about these meetings, or to be a speaker at any of these meetings, contact Cindy Hutto, business manager, at cjhutto@healthystartjmt.org or 850-948-2741. Community Agencies Working For Jefferson County.

September 27

Big Bend Hospice Joyful Noise Dinner Concert and Silent Auction will be held at 6 p.m. on Friday evening. For agenda information contact Michele Brantley at 850-566-7491, or micheleb@bigbendhospice.org.

Are You At Risk? Top 5 Lists Of Cancer-Causing Foods

ROSE KLEIN

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If you've ever found yourself saying, "Everything causes cancer," you may not want to read this article. Science has proven, however, there are certain foods that have been identified in increasing the risk of getting cancer:

Processed Meats

Most processed meat products contain Sodium Nitrate, a chemical preservative that is added to give meat a pinkish color so that it appears fresh. When a food containing sodium nitrate is eaten, it converts into Nitrosamine, the carcinogen that causes the cancer risk.

Foods containing sodium nitrate include: deli meats such as sliced turkey and bologna, bacon, ham, sausage and hot dogs.

Hydrogenated Oils

Hydrogenated and partially hydrogenated oils undergo a heating process created to prolong shelf life in food items, but simultaneously creates trans fats. These fats are well known to cause cancer, but also promote heart disease and increase belly fat. The hydrogenated process also removes the essential fatty acid necessary for important metabolic processes and adversely affects: brain cell function, hormones, gland function, oxygen transport, cell wall function and digestive tract operation.

Any foods containing hydrogenated fats or are cooked in hydrogenated fats contain trans fats. Good examples of these foods are chips, crackers, cookies and french fries.

Refined White Flours and Sugars

Refined flour and sugar are both common ingredients in processed foods. Both give foods excess carbohydrate content and rapidly raise blood sugar levels in the body. Foods high in fructose sweeteners, such as high-fructose corn syrup, is particularly offensive because cancer cells have been shown to quickly and easily metabolize them. This means that foods containing these items "feed" cancer cells, causing them to rapidly grow and spread.

Processed foods fall mostly under this category: cookies, cakes, pies, sodas, juices, sauces, cereals and the big daddy of them all, donuts (which contains a double whammy with hydrogenated fats).

Conventionally Grown Fruit

Fruit grown conventionally can be cancer causing due to pesticide use. EWG, the Environmental Working Group, found that 98 percent of all conventional produce is contaminated with cancer-causing pesticides. Unless fruits are certified organic or verified to be pesticide-free, they could be a major cancer risk.

The top 10 fruits on the EWG list to be aware of are: apples, strawberries, grapes, celery, peaches, spinach, sweet bell pepper, imported nectarines, cucumbers and potatoes.

Alcohol

There is a strong scientific association between alcohol drinking and several types of cancer. The research indicates that the more alcohol a person drinks, especially the more regular drinking done over time, the higher the risk of developing an alcohol-associated cancer. The following types of cancer have been related to alcohol consumption: oral cavity, pharynx and larynx, esophageal, liver, breast and colorectal. It is also proven that heavy alcohol consumption raises the risk of: heart disease, high blood pressure, stroke, osteoporosis, malnutrition, inflammation of the pancreas, damage to the brain, liver cirrhosis, accidents, violence and suicide.

Scientific evidence also shows that moderate alcohol consumption may help protect against coronary heart disease and type-two diabetes. Moderate consumption is classified as: no more than one drink per day for women, no more than two drinks per day for men.

If after reading through this list you are wondering what is left for you to eat, let me help you out. Moderation is the key when choosing foods that are considered unhealthy. If you want to decrease your chances of cancer, eat less processed foods, buy organic fruits and vegetables whenever possible and eat lots of them. Drink alcohol in moderation or not at all. Other things you can do is to get plenty of exercise because tumors can't grow in a highly oxygenated environment and keep your blood sugar stable by reducing or eliminating refined flour and sugar. Drink plenty of water to help rid your body of toxins. The World Health Organization says that 70 percent of all cancers could be prevented with simple changes in diet and lifestyle. That's a good percentage to keep in mind the next time you fill your shopping cart.



Grief Support Group Offered



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Feelings of grief and loss can be overwhelming. For this reason, Covenant Hospice will be offering a six-week grief support group from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. beginning on Thursday, August 15 at the Covenant Hospice Office, located at 1921 Capital Circle NE, in Tallahassee.

Those who attend will have the opportunity to explore their grief in a safe and caring environment. The support group meetings will run for six Thursday evenings through September 19.

The support group is free but registration is required. Light refreshments will be served. To register for this support group, or for additional information, contact Bobbie Massey, LCSW at 850-575-4998 or email to bobbie.massey@covenant.hospice.org.

Covenant Hospice is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing comprehensive, compassionate services to patients and loved ones during times of life-limiting illnesses. The focus of Covenant Hospice is to enable its patients to live as fully and comfortably as possible, to provide dignified palliative care, to assist patients' loved ones in coping with end-of-life issues and the eventual death of the patient, and to improve care for all patients at the end of their lives by example and education.

Big Bend Hospice Music Therapy

According to the American Music Therapy Association, "Music Therapy is the clinical and evidence-based use of music interventions to accomplish individualized goals within a therapeutic relationship by a credentialed professional who has completed an approved music therapy program." Research in music therapy supports its effectiveness in a wide variety of healthcare and educational settings.

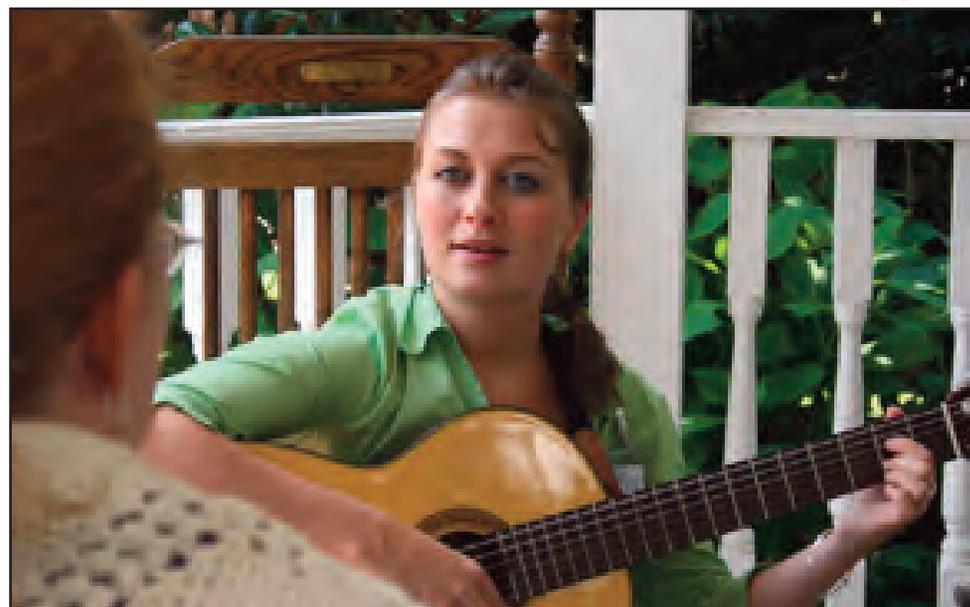
Big Bend Hospice is among a very small group of hospices nationwide that offers music therapy to all of their patients. Licensed therapists utilize Music Therapy to manage stress, alleviate pain, express feelings, improve communication and promote physical wellness.

For a hospice patient, dealing with a terminal diagnosis can be overwhelming, especially without adequate support. The live music interventions that Music Therapists (MT-BC) provides can be a great source of support and comfort. Music Therapy for Big Bend Hospice patients usually occurs one on one, though it may occur as part of a group or include the patient's family if this is the patient's preference.

Music Therapists (MT) almost always use live, patient preferred music. Often MTs use guitars or keyboards, but are able to use other instruments as needed. Music therapy may appear entertaining, but each music therapy session is intended to meet specific therapeutic goals.

Since 2001, Big Bend Hospice's Music Therapy program has been unique. The program has hosted international researchers and delegates and regularly hosts music therapy trainings. They have written the music that Big Bend Hospice uses with various Remembrance Services, Dedications, at Camp Woe-Be-gone and Hope for the Holidays. In August of 2008 as part of BBH's 25th Anniversary, their Music Therapists were able to record these special songs on a CD and have it professionally mastered and recorded. In May 2009, Big Bend Hospice celebrated the release of the CD, "In the Shelter of Our Tree: The Songs of Big Bend Hospice". BBH Music Therapists worked with Winterstone Productions to produce a professional recording of special songs to distribute to patients and families.

Big Bend Hospice employs three full-time board-certified music therapists, three part-time music therapist and four interns. MTs often co-treat with nurses, family support counselors, volunteers,



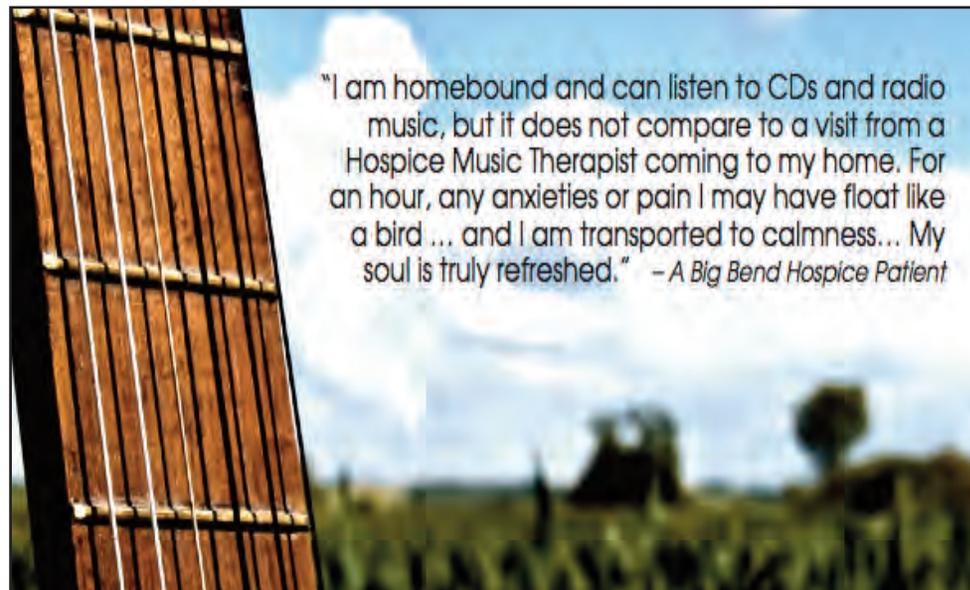
chaplains, and/or fellow music therapists for the benefit of patients. "I have been privileged to be a part of the BBH MT team for almost six years. During that time, I have witnessed countless end of life journeys made easier through the provision of skilled Music Therapy care. Our staff is highly trained and skilled and is among the best in the nation at providing this important service. Big Bend Hospice is grateful to the community for their support of this program," says Susan Droessler, MT-BC, Music Therapy Department Manager & Internship Director.

Board Certified Music Therapists (MT-BC) have completed a degree in music therapy, a full time six-month internship, and passed the music therapy board certification exam. Music Therapists are trained in musical techniques, psychology, biology/anatomy, counseling

skills, and other areas.

Hospices are not required by Medicare or Medicaid to provide Music Therapy services, however through donations and community support Big Bend Hospice continues to provide quality, licensed Music Therapy care to hospice patients and their families, especially in the rural areas. Funds such as these provide live, research based music therapy care at the bedside to those who need it most.

Big Bend Hospice has been serving this community since 1983 with compassionate end of life care along with grief and loss counselors available to provide information and support to anyone in Jefferson, Madison, Leon, Taylor, Gadsden, Liberty, Franklin or Wakulla County. If you would like additional information about services, call 850-878-5310 or visit www.bigbendhospice.org.





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