

Sneads Smokehouse Lake Dam Set To Be Removed

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Representatives of the various state's agencies involved in the proposed removal of the dam at Snead Smokehouse Lake in the northern part of the county came out in force on Thursday evening, Sept. 12, to argue their case for the removal of the nearly 50-year-old earthen structure.

Indeed, staff and experts from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and the Suwannee River Water Management District (SRWMD) easily outnumbered the citizenry.

With the exception of an audience member who strongly objected to the dam's removal

and a second who raised concerns about the lack of a post removal management plan, however, the proposal drew no opposition from the few citizens present.

Michael Hill, a longtime FWC biologist in the habitat restoration section and the acknowledged leader of the project, headed the presentation. Hill noted that the proposed dam removal was no hasty decision on the part of his agency, given that the idea had been under consideration for some 15 years. The dam's removal, moreover, had the support of hydrology and other experts and wildlife and environmental organizations, he said.

Hill said the project's history dated from 1995, when John Wilson had deeded the property to the FWC. In the time since, Hill

said, the lake habitat had degraded to the point that it was no longer viable for fish or wildlife.

Hill showed a series of aerial and on-the-ground photos of the Aucilla River, both prior to and following the dam's installation in the mid 60s, with the more recent shots showing a vegetative covering that made detection of the waterway near impossible.

Sneads, in fact, hadn't been a lake originally, but a wide part of the river, Hill said. And it was now a vegetation-choked area that had spread to the river and was choking it also. It was what happened when water bodies were stabilized, Hill said. Stabilization created an environment where aquatic and other plants proliferated, he said.

As a result, vegeta-



tion now clogged the waterway and organic muck from the plants' decomposition layered the lake bottom, depriving fish of oxygen and of the sandy bottom

they needed to spawn, he said.

Not to mention that ducks and other waterfowl no longer frequented the lake because of the lack of

open water, Hill added.

He said the FWC had tried harvesting, spraying and cookie-cutting the vegetation to re-
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New Band Teacher At High School Has Spark - Pizzazz



New JCMHS Band Teacher Jeremy George is excited about the upcoming year.

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Enthusiasm is not something that Jeremy George lacks. If the new band teacher at Jefferson County Middle High School (JCMHS) has his way, the sounds of music will soon abound in Monticello and its surroundings.

George made a presentation to the Jefferson County School Board on Monday evening, Sept. 9. His purpose, George said, was to introduce himself and share his vision for the school band, as well as pass

the hat, figuratively speaking.

George undoubtedly impressed the board. Indeed, if his energetic presentation was any indication of his teaching style, he should have no problem firing his student with enthusiasm and a sense of mission.

A graduate of FAMU and former member of the 100 Marching Band, George has performed professionally with top acts and continues to do so, all the while pursuing a Masters in music at FSU.

A self-described C student in high school who didn't find academic subjects particularly appealing, George said music had given him a purpose and helped to center him. Music had also helped to pay his way through college and it was helping to pay his way through graduate school at FSU, he said.

Why was the offering of music in a school setting important? George asked.

He proceeded to tell the board why, citing

studies and statistics to underscore the benefits of participation in a school band. Among the benefits that he enumerated: better mathematical ability, improved reading and comprehensive skills, enhanced cognitive skills and acquisition of time management and organizational skills.

Not to mention the development of an appreciation of cultural history, an enhancement of critical thinking and problem solving skills, and a sense of achievement via the mastery of a musical instrument, he said.

His vision for the JCMHS Band, George said, was eventually to have it play at varsity football games and community events, participate in music performance assessments and give occasional symphonic concerts.

Additionally, he wanted eventually to develop a small jazz band and other similar ensembles that could
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County's First Budget Hearing Draws Zero Public Participation

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It took a mere 10 minutes for the Jefferson County Commission to approve the tentative budget and millage rate for the coming fiscal year on Monday evening, Sept. 16.

That millage rate is 8.3114 mills, the same as last year, and it is expected to generate \$4,593,244 in property taxes.

As for the budget, it is \$25,500,000 -- an amount that far exceeds what will actually be spent and reflects an infusion of state funding for special uses and specified road-improvement projects.

The hearing, the

first of two required public hearing prior to adoption of the final budget and millage rate, is largely a formality, as the budgetary process has pretty much been completed by this point.

As it was, the commission's action played to an empty chamber. Not even Paul Henry was present, an absence duly noted by the commissioners. Henry is a citizen who regularly attends board proceedings and routinely registers protests over wasteful government spending.

Clerk of Court Kirk Reams reminded the commission that the budget was the one that the board had approved in late July. He said the document remained es-

entially unchanged, except for a few minor adjustments.

Other minor adjustments, he said, would result from the Tax Collector's newly approved budget, a copy of which he had just received from the Florida Department of Revenue (FDOR).

The Tax Collector this year changed from a budget to a fee office, meaning that the department's operational funding will now come from a portion of the fees that it charges for its services. The change also means that the FDOR, rather than the County Commission, approves the department's budget.

Reams said that he
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County Man Charged With Attempted Murder

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A county man was arrested and charged with attempted murder earlier this week.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office (JCSO) reported that on September 15, two local women and one local man, the victim, were in Tallahassee, when one of the women saw her boyfriend, Arnaz "Chuck" Barrington, 39, of Jefferson County, with another woman.

She confronted Barrington, wanting her house key back.

The victim also confronted Barrington about \$40 that Barrington owed him and a physical altercation ensued between the victim and Barrington over the money.

The women broke up the fight and the victim left in his vehicle.

While the victim drove the women back to their mother's house in Jefferson County, the three saw Barrington following them.

The victim pulled the vehicle into the women's mother's yard, got out of his vehicle and approached the white Chevrolet Tahoe driven by Barrington.

While walking towards Barrington's vehicle, the victim bent down,

picked up a brick, stood up and was shot by Barrington.

The victim sustained a single gunshot wound to his lower abdominal area and was transported to Capital Regional Medical Center for treatment.

Both of the women and their mother gave deputies sworn statements to what they had seen happen, and that Barrington shot the victim.

Prior to the victim's surgery, JCSO Investigator Logan Wilcox arrived at the hospital and spoke with the victim about the shooting.

He collaborated what the women had reported to deputies, and she said he saw something in Barrington's hand that he thought was a stick or something, so he bent down, picked up a brick, stood up, and Barrington shot him.

After being shot, the victim ran off until help arrived.

Deputies noted that on September 8, 2003, Barrington was sentenced to the Florida Department of Corrections for 10 years, on a drug related offense in Jefferson County.

Barrington was arrested September 16 and charged with attempted second-degree murder, and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Bond was withheld and he remained at the County Jail September 17.



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Fri 9/20 90/66
Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 60s.

Sat 9/21 88/69
Slight chance of a thunderstorm.

Sun 9/22 78/67
Thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 60s.

Mon 9/23 86/66
Scattered thunderstorms possible.

Tue 9/24 87/64
Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 60s.

Viewpoints

Letters To The Editor

Letters to the Editor are typed word for word, comma for comma, as sent to this newspaper
- All submitted Letters must be 600 words or less -

Going Paperless Has Consequences

Dear Editor: Recently several conglomerates launched a "Go Paperless" campaign advocating the use of electronic devices over paper products. According to them, going paperless is better for the environment.

As the president of the Florida Forestry Association, a statewide membership association that promotes the responsible and sustainable use of our forest resources, I can

attest that this is not true. Working forests provide wildlife habitat, water recharge areas and a natural way to remove carbon dioxide from the air, among many other environmental benefits.

A strong market for paper and other products is necessary to keep our working forests in production. Also important to the people of Florida—especially those in your area—are the 90,000 jobs created by the state's forest industry, as well as its

\$14.7 billion impact to the state's economy.

While going paperless to help the environment might seem trendy at the moment, in the long run it is an extremely harmful choice with lasting effects.

Sincerely,
Lynetta Usher
Griner

President,
Florida Forestry
Association

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PLEASE NOTE

Jobseekers will now find Mobile Services in the Winn-Dixie parking lot at 1245 South Jefferson Street in Monticello, 1st through 4th 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.

'Brew' Ha Ha: Conversations for Coffee

Amber Houston
Staff Writer



A Wife's Idea of Proverbs 31

Proverbs 31: 10-31
(Kind of)

10 Who can find a virtuous husband? For his price is far above rubies.

11 The heart of his wife trusts in him, and she will never lack.

12 He does her good and not harm all the days of his life.

13 He seeks dishes and laundry, and works willingly with his hands.

14 He is like the ships of the merchant, and—disembarking—takes her out to eat.

15 He rises while it is yet night, and wakes her up with a kiss and a cup of coffee.

16 He considers his wife and goes shopping with her: with the tact of his lips, he tells her she's beautiful in everything she tries on.

17 He dresses himself in a nice button up when they go out, and cradles her in his strong arms.

18 He perceives that his job is good: the electricity is never cut off.

19 He puts his hands

to the poopy diaper, and his hands hold the baby powder.

20 He opens his hands to the poor and reaches out to the needy.

21 He is not afraid of snow for his household, because he made sure all the kids remembered their jackets when they left for school.

22 He finishes the honey-do list the second time his wife asks him about it, and fixes leaky pipes.

23 His wife is known at the spa, where he schedules regular appointments for her.

24 He makes business proposals and earns promotions: he buys sashes for his wife from the merchant.

25 Strength and dignity are his clothing, and he protects his wife from creepy spiders, bugs, and amphibians.

26 He closes his mouth with wisdom, and—no, really, wouldn't that be nice?

27 He looks well to the ways of his household and always remem-

bers to take out the trash.

28 His children rise up and call him blessed: his wife, too, and he praises her.

29 "Many men have done excellently (especially that handsome actor, Richard Gere), but you surpass them all," she says.

30 Charm is deceitful, and handsome athleticism is vain, but a man that has both and fears the Lord is a woman's dream!

31 Honor him for the house he has cleaned and let his wife praise him at the sewing circle.

Writer's Note: So I know you can't just rewrite the Bible, but I've always thought it would be funny if a bunch of women got together and had a convention, writing what the "Virtuous Husband" might look like according to Biblical standards.

I encourage a side-by-side comparison if you don't know this Scripture by heart. I also recommend that you don't take this too seriously.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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September 20- October 25 Jefferson Arts Gallery will host the 'Wildflower Photography' exhibit of John Moran. This exhibit is sponsored by Viva 500, Florida Wildflower Foundation, and MainStreet Monticello. The exhibit can be enjoyed in the gallery located at 575 West Washington Street. Special hours of operation will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. For more information, call 850-997-3311 or go to www.jeffersonarts-gallery.com.

September 20 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 fun and camaraderie with neighbors and friends. This is a nonprofit charitable event; donations are accepted. For questions or concerns, contact Curtis Morgan at 850-933-8136 or Bobby Connell at 850-445-0049.

September 23 Alzheimer's and Dementia Support is held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the fourth Monday at First United Methodist Church

in the Family Ministry Center on West Walnut Street in Monticello. A light lunch is provided and your loved one is provided respite care during the group meeting. This is a free monthly program. Call the Alzheimer's Project at 850-386-2778 for more information or 850-997-5545 for directions.

September 23 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. **September 23** 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.

September 23 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.

September 23 - October 21 Prime Time StoryTimes is a free six-week 90-minute event that revolves around food, fellowship, and family centered stories. The upcoming one will start on

Monday, at 6 p.m. and will finish six weeks later on Monday. Critical thinking skills are emphasized as the core of the StoryTime. Prime Time's intended audience is families with children who are struggling readers between the ages of six through 10. Dinner is served followed shortly by the main event... then the fun begins! Local storyteller Sallie Worley and art educator and artist Penny Hackett bring to life two award winning classic stories; all families are then encouraged to discuss those stories. Free childcare is available for siblings under six and doorprizes are given at every program. For more information or to register call or visit the library at 375 South Water Street, or 850-342-0205. Any library staff member will be happy to answer your questions or sign you up.

September 24 DCF Mandated Reporter Training at the Jefferson County R J Bailar Public Library from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. The community is invited to attend this training. For more details and information, contact Cindy Hutto, business manager for the Healthy Start Coalition of Jefferson, Madison, & Taylor Counties, Inc. at 850-948-2741 or cjhutto@healthystartjmt.org.

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duce or kill it. But these efforts afforded only partial, temporary relief, and then the vegetation returned, he said.

Hill explained that damming bodies of water was a common management practice of the 50s and 60s. That practice, however, had now been discarded, as it led to stabilization and the degradation of the water bodies. The accepted practice now, he said, was to allow water bodies to fluctuate naturally with dry and wet spells, with the result that droughts tended to kill the vegetation and rejuvenate the water bodies.

The problem with man-controlled structures such as the ones at Lake Miccosukee, Hill said, was that such systems depended on humans to determine when dewatering measures should be implemented. Ideally, drawdowns should be timed to droughts, he said. But who could predict drought or rainy season cycles? Which was the reason that it was best to allow nature to decide the process, he said.

Hill shared the results of various tests conducted on the Aucilla and Sneads Smokehouse Lake. He said one of the most disturbing of the test results involved the water quality, given the sinkholes at the lake's bottom that fed into the aquifer. The tests, he said, showed fecal bacteria levels in the water exceeded the state's safety standards.

"This alone is a strong reason to take the dam down so that the cleaner river water can dilute the lake water," Hill said, suggesting that the fecal contaminated water could potentially enter the aquifer via the sinkholes and ultimately surface in residents' water wells.

Hill said the sample tests of the lake's fish population had barely produced enough fish to fill a pocket. Not to mention that the top of the earthen dam was overgrown with trees that were weakening the structure.

"It makes for an unsafe structure," Hill said. "The dam is in terrible condition. It's poised to fail."

He said the proposed project entailed temporarily closing of the boat ramp, removing the trees, excavating the earthen structure, and hauling the material to an appropriate disposal site. Once the dam was removed, the river would return to its natural hydrological cycles and the habitat would improve over time to the benefit of the fish, waterfowl and other wildlife, he said. It would also improve the water quality and allow the river to naturally recharge the aquifer, he said.

Winston Connell, who owns riverside property farther south, strongly objected to the

proposal.

"I'm almost scared to talk there are so many damn game fish wardens around," Connell said, looking around the room and noting the large representation of state personnel.

Connell said he was frankly "upset and pissed". He would refrain from letting loose with his language, however, given the presence of women in the room. Even so, Connell proceeded to refer to the FDEP representative next to him as "an a—hole", an epithet that elicited a strong response from the individual.

His issue, Connell went on to say, was that the FWC had not bothered to inform or get input from riverside property owners who stood to be affected the most by the dam's removal. He wanted to know what was going to happen to the water level downriver once the dam was removed?

None of the answers he received satisfied Connell, and ultimately, the response boiled down to the fact that no one really knew what the water level might be in the future, other than that it would be naturally determined.

Stephens Williamson, of United Waterfowlers of Florida (UW-F), had a different worry. His concern was the apparent lack of a roadmap or plan on the part of the FWC that clearly showed what steps would be taken in future and when and

what funds would be dedicated to ensure that the lake wasn't forgotten once the dam was removed. His concern, Williamson said, was that once the dam was removed, nothing more would be done, notwithstanding the staff's expressed intentions to restore the lake. It was his fear that, absent a written plan, future generations of FWC staff wouldn't know what the intention had been, Williamson said.

What he would like to see happen, he said, was for a management plan to be developed and for the lake to be designated a wildlife management area.

The FWC leadership assured Williamson that a management plan was in fact already in the works and that the project would not be abandoned once the dam was removed. However, they added the caveats that budget dollars were limited, the FWC's habitat restoration responsibilities were statewide, and that even under the best of scenarios, it would take decades for the lake to be fully restored. But the fact that they had dedicated the present money and staff time to remove the dam argued as to the seriousness of their commitment to the lake's restoration, they said.

It was the FWC staff's representation that removal of the dam would proceed as soon as the end of this month and take about two months to complete.

George

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perform at special events in the community, he said.

To accomplish the stated goals, however, would require a commitment from the School Board, George said.

The good news, he said, was that 136 students had enrolled for band. Which was atypical. Typically, such classes attracted 50 or 60 students, he said. What's more, these were kids who were full of energy and enthusiasm, he said.

The bad news, he said, was that the school had a total of 120 wind instruments. And of the 120, only 50 were in working order. The remainder needed repairs of one kind or another, ranging from minor to major, he said.

"I'm not a repair guy, but most of the instruments only have minor issues," George

said.

All told, he said, he figured it would cost \$7,000 to bring all the damaged and malfunctioning instruments back up to par.

"If we could rebuild these instruments we could have a nice healthy band in this community," George said, adding that participation in the group required that students maintained a 2.0-point average minimum.

The School Board was generally supportive of George and the program and praised his energetic presentation. The board, however, stopped short of making a commitment to the \$7,000 request. It did, however, indicate that it would do everything possible to find the money somewhere in the budget during the coming weeks.

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planned to contact the FDOR to learn exactly what revenues the state agency expects the Tax Collector's office to generate in fees in the coming year. Once he knew these figures, he would be able to adjust the budget accordingly, Reams said.

He noted that the county would likely have to fund the Tax Collector's operation upfront once the new fiscal year started on Oct. 1, with the understanding that the department would reimburse the county once it began generating revenues from its fees.

According to the summary budget sheet that the FDOR provided

the commission, the state agency approved a budget of \$448,135 for the Tax Collector for the coming fiscal year, which is \$138,030 less than the \$586,170 that the department was requesting. The \$448,135 is also less than the \$464,256 that the department received for the current fiscal year.

The Tax Collector's FDOR-approved budget is opened to appeal, provided that the state agency receives the appeal and supporting documentation prior to the County Commission's final budget hearing.

The commission's final budget hearing is scheduled for 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 30.

ROSE KLEIN

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Women And Girls Lost In Cemetary

In Voronino, Russia, authorities said two women took a group of girls, ages seven to seventeen, into a cemetery to visit a relative's grave and ended up lost and intoxicated. They called officials with the Emergencies Ministry for help when they couldn't find their way out. A rescue team used flashlights and sound signals to show the group how to get out and then escorted them home. Officials said it is not unusual for relatives and friends of a deceased person to gather at their grave with food and alcohol.

Woman Accidentally Shot In Foot By Her Dog

In Fort Worth, Texas, a 78-year-old woman told police she was at home watching television when her dog accidentally shot her in the foot. She said her shotgun was sitting beside her and her dog walked past it and knocked it off, causing the gun to fire. The following morning she sought treatment for her foot and police spokeswoman Sharron Neal said, "The victim advised it was an accident and the dog was not to blame." Police did not identify the breed of the dog and Neal said, "He has the right to remain silent."

School Teacher Gives Birth In Classroom

In Chigwell, England, a primary school teacher, Diane Krish-Veeramany gave birth in one of the school's classrooms. She was working in the classroom when she went into labor. "Everyone was so supportive and just acted on instinct," Krish-Veeramany said. One person was on the phone to my husband, one was on the phone to my hospital and the other to an ambulance, she said. "It all just happened really quickly and within 20 minutes of the phone calls, I'd had Jonah." Krish-Veeramany said she gave birth to her son, Jonah, with the help of teaching assistants Dita Gojnovci, Chris Sword and Sam Mustafa. The school has named the classroom, "Jonah's Room."

82-Year-Old Man Steals For Sick Wife

In Genoa, Italy, an 82-year-old man was arrested for breaking into a tourist's car. After being apprehended by the police, the man told them, "I only know how to steal. That was my job. I'm broke and my wife is ill so I started stealing again, I was forced into it." Arresting officers said the man needed money for his wife's illness and didn't know anything other than crime.

CROSSWORDS

"Elementary Beginnings"

Across

- 1. Lucy's hubby
- 5. Japanese seafood dish
- 10. After-shower application
- 14. Original sin site
- 15. "The Cherry Orchard" playwright
- 16. Length times width
- 17. Hollywood's nickname
- 19. Marty Feldman's "Young Frankenstein" role
- 20. Paula of 59-down fame
- 21. Yes, in France
- 22. Companionless
- 23. Church official
- 25. Nonstick stuff
- 27. Excommunication candidate

- 29. Haifa's land
- 32. Did a cobbling job
- 35. Japanese wrestling
- 36. Funny Stewart
- 39. Picket-line participant
- 41. Groom's garb
- 42. Perlman of "Cheers"
- 44. Surround
- 46. Oklahoman
- 48. Dinnerware washer
- 52. Later
- 55. Layers
- 56. Beast of burden
- 58. Architect I. M. _____
- 60. Bridge seats
- 61. Tiny bit
- 62. Being in charge
- 64. Ardor
- 65. One-way sign symbol

Down

- 1. Disengage
- 2. Like many mushrooms
- 3. "Return to _____" (Elvis song)
- 4. Underwriter
- 5. Minco of movies
- 6. Second word of the golden rule
- 7. Thickset
- 8. "Deal or No Deal" name
- 9. Bed-and-breakfast
- 10. Clothes pros
- 66. Model Macpherson
- 67. With competence
- 68. Crystal of country music
- 69. Twosome

- 11. Golden Fleece seeker
- 12. Russian revolutionary Trotsky
- 13. Part of TLC
- 18. Authority-exercising groups
- 22. Bundy and Yankovic
- 24. Water reservoir
- 26. "Semper _____" (Marine's motto)
- 28. It grows in ears
- 30. Ostrich look-alike
- 31. Bagel topper
- 33. Tyler of "The Incredible Hulk"
- 34. Supplemented, with "out"
- 36. PSAT takers
- 37. Exclamation of surprise
- 38. Of newborns

- 40. Roll-call list
- 43. Deviation from the norm
- 45. Put into words
- 47. Greek vowel
- 49. How bad decisions may be made
- 50. Hun honcho
- 51. Caught one's breath
- 53. "Carmen," for one
- 54. Fatigued
- 56. Ms. Minnelli
- 57. Leopold's partner in crime
- 59. "American _____"
- 62. Jet _____
- 63. Farm female

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Jefferson County Living

American Business Women's Association To Meet Tuesday



Silver Dome Chapter members of the American Business Women's Association were just a few of the many volunteering to help with the annual Sickle Cell Walk/Run. Participating in the 5K event, from left to right, front row: Von Holmes, Ann Walker, Dysha' Weems, and Teresa Nix. Back row: Gloria Mitchell, Connie McCaskill, and Stephanie Wilson.

DEBBIE SNAPP
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

Full enrollment for the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) begins this month. Every ABWA chapter across this nation will be encouraging members to invite a prospective person to join their specific chapter.

"So, let's get the ball rolling by being the first chapter to increase membership and be a more viable chapter in our city and surround counties," states Silver Dome Chapter Membership Chairperson Von Holmes. "I am encouraging every member to bring someone to our September 24 meeting.

"We are meeting at a fresh new site this administrative year. For those who were unable to attend the August 27 meeting, we

are now meeting at the TCC Ghazvini Center for Healthcare Education, located at 1528 Surgeons Drive (it's sort of behind TMH.)"

All members and guests will need to contact Dysha Weems at sha0381@aol.com to make reservations. Dinner/meeting cost is \$20 each person. Networking will kickoff the evening from 6:00 to 6:15 p.m., with the meeting following. Speaker this month will be a representative from Regions Bank; speaking to the group about financial management.

Members should remember that the chapter is working towards achieving a Best Practice Award (level III) and one of the criteria is to increase membership to 30+. Public recognition always encourages the heart and this is such a great opportunity for the

members to be recognized publicly for the great women they are.

The mission of the American Business Women's Association is to bring together businesswomen of diverse occupations and to provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow personally and professionally through leadership, education, networking support, and national recognition.

Chapter members met on September 14 to help with the Sickle Cell Walk/Run event. The ladies were a true inspiration of the mission of ABWA and the Chapter's vision on this Saturday morning. The members will also be collecting donations for area homeless shelters.

For questions or concerns contact Von Holmes at 850-893-2771, or 850-212-7373.

Meet Your Neighbor:

Lynn Long

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Lynn Long is a longtime resident of Monticello, having moved here ultimately from Pennsylvania 21 years ago.

Long and her husband Mike were both from Pennsylvania originally. Mike went to college for forestry. "When he graduated," Lynn said, "the only place that had a lot of jobs in his field was Florida."

The couple moved around Florida for many years, finally (more or less) retiring in Monticello. They had looked at other old towns because Lynn "was in love with old houses. We really wanted a beautiful old house," said Lynn. "We looked in other towns, but there just wasn't the same charm as Monticello."

Lynn's idea of retirement involves having a vignette at the Antique Store on the Northeast corner of Highway 19. Mike's involves being a volunteer firefighter that trains

other volunteer firefighters. Together, they hike, kayak, and collect antiques, though the latter is mostly Lynn's hobby.



Lynn Long

Scholarship Gospel Concert Saturday

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The Monticello Consistory #331, PHA will host a free Scholarship Gospel Concert on Saturday, October 5, at 7 p.m. This fundraising event will be held at the old Jefferson County High School, in the auditorium.

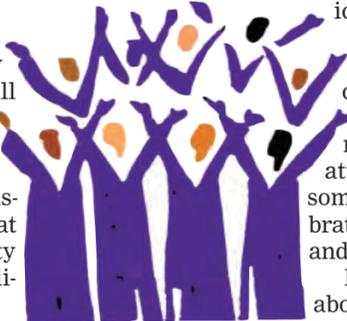
Pastors and members of the Carrie White Boone As-

sembly #331 will be recognized and honored for their community service during this gospel extravaganza.

All local churches and members of the community are invited to attend. Come have some fun, and help celebrate several area friends and neighbors.

For more information about this event, contact Coordinator Art Brown

at 850-284-3250.



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September 25 - November 6

Wacissa United Methodist Church, Waukeenah Highway, will offer classes each Wednesday, teaching the importance of prayer and study, to ages five to 15, from 3:35 to 5:45 p.m. Also, join with the church family for supper at 6:00 p.m. and prayer meeting for adults at 6:30 p.m. and youth group for all ages at 6:30 p.m. and adult choir practice at 7:00 p.m. For more information contact Kathy Walker at 850-997-3019 or WUMC phone at 850-997-2179. Parents must send a permission slip to the school to allow the bus driver to drop off students at the church.

September 21

Tri-County Harvest Christian Center will hold a Clothing Giveaway from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday at 5199 Springhollow Road.

September 21

Memorial Missionary Baptist Church Pastor's Aid Board will honor its Elect Lady Sister Teresa Duval with an appreciation program at 6 p.m. on Saturday. Sweetfield Missionary Baptist Church

will be in charge of the service. "Above all we are praying for your presence." For more information contact President Sis. Betty Russell or Co-Chairman Sis. Dorothy Wise at 850-997-4251. Moderator J. B. Duval, pastor.

September 21

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.

September 22

Memorial Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate its 110th anniversary at 11 a.m. on Sunday. Guest speaker will be Min. Lisa Stevens, with the Faith Chapel Pentecostal Church of Tallahassee. Join the church family as they bless God for bringing them through 110 years of praising His Holy Name. For more information, contact Deac. Minnie Matthews at 850-224-3484 or Deac. Eddie Johnson at 850-997-8639. The church is located at 780 Second Street, at the corner of MLK. "To God be the glory

for all He has done."

September 25

First United Methodist Church will host a fellowship fundraising meal for the Guatemala Mission Team at 6 p.m. on Wednesday. Rev. Wayne Cook, pastor.

September 27

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.

September 27

Joyful Noise Dinner, Concert, and Silent Auction at 6 p.m. on Friday at the First United Methodist Church, in the Family Ministry Center. All proceeds will benefit Jefferson County Big Bend Hospice patients. This annual fundraising event is sponsored by the Jefferson County Advisory Council of Big Bend Hospice and the First United Methodist Church. For information contact Coordinator Michele Brantley at 850-566-7491, or 850-997-2827, or email to bigbend-hospice.org.

Helping Families Cope With Alzheimer's

September is World Alzheimer's Month, a great time to help families in Jefferson County be aware of new, free tools and materials designed to help them care for loved ones who are living with the disease.

As one of the most feared diseases, an Alzheimer's diagnosis presents many challenges for families living with this disease. Because an estimated 70-percent of people with Alzheimer's live at home, the responsibility of caring for them usually falls on their families, who frequently face, and dread, the unexpected and unknown. While it may be impossible to predict behaviors exhibited by a person struggling with Alzheimer's, there are free resources available to help area families cope with whatever situation may arise.

"Many family caregivers wake up every day with anxiety and fear be-

cause they don't know how a loved one with Alzheimer's will act or react," said Scott Harrell, owner of the Home Instead Senior Care office serving Monticello, Tallahassee, Wakulla, and Quincy. "We have a network of support including free tools and materials available to help family caregivers navigate the challenges that come with caring for someone with Alzheimer's."

In recognition of World Alzheimer's Month (September 2013,) the Home Instead Senior Care network is offering a number of free resources to help local families who are living with Alzheimer's, including a free Confidence to Care at Home kit, an at-a-glance collection of information, tips and resources to help handle difficult situations, avoid household accidents, encourage engagement and prevent caregiver stress, that is designed for any member of the household to reference,

anytime they need it.

In addition, Home Instead Senior Care has developed Alzheimer's and Other Dementias Daily Helper, a free smartphone app that families can use to search behaviors and help find solutions when they have to react quickly to a situation. The app is designed to help families manage issues as they arise, whether at home or in public.

"According to experts, Alzheimer's either is or may someday be a reality for about one-third of the families in our community," said Harrell. "We want to replace their fears with a sense of confidence that they are equipped to handle any situation."

For more information about the Home Instead Senior Care network or its free Alzheimer's resources, visit www.helpforalzheimersfamilies.com or call the local Home Instead Senior Care office at 850-297-1897.

Health Department Needs You To Make Improvements Happen

In April of this year the Florida Department of Health in Jefferson County held a community meeting to prioritize and strategize ways to combat health related issues within our community. Members from different local sectors including the police and fire departments, school district, non-profit social service organizations, and more were in attendance and gave valuable input about the needs of Jefferson County residents.

The top issues agreed upon were: Education and Outreach, Obesity, and Teen Pregnancy. Each of these issues has a negative social and economical

impact on our community. For each issue an action plan was developed using various strategies such as educational campaigns, grant applications, and better community collaboration to improve the health of our community.

Community improvements will be achievable through community partnerships and evidence based programs targeting the priority issues. At this time we are seeking interested citizens to serve on a committee for each separate issue. Committee involvement will vary from simply giving your input in an email to helping plan and promote commu-

nity events.

For more information, contact Nicolette Castagna at the Florida Department of Health in Jefferson County, at 850-342-0170 x 2051 or Nicolette_Castagna@doh.state.fl.us.

We are in this together; let's work to make Jefferson County a healthier place. Community involvement can make change happen!

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Suwannee River Water Management District has tentatively adopted a budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014

This notice is applicable to the following counties:

All of: Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor, Union
Parts of: Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Jefferson, Levy, Putnam

A public hearing to make a FINAL DECISION on the budget AND TAXES will be held on Tuesday, September 24, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at:

Suwannee River Water Management District
9225 County Road 49 (corner of US 90 and CR 49)
Live Oak, FL

SRWMD Distributes More Than \$340,000 In PILT Funds To Counties This Year

The Suwannee River Water Management District (District) paid \$342,908.93 to 11 counties for Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) for Fiscal Year 2012-13. When District staff presented the checks to the counties recently, they also provided information on District activities relevant to the region, such as the development of the Lower Santa Fe River, Ichetucknee River, and Priority Springs minimum flows and levels (MFLs).

The PILT program was created by the Florida Legislature to help reduce the fiscal impact to rural counties when the State or District acquires lands. Since land owned by the District is tax-exempt, PILT funds offset the loss of tax revenue when the District purchases property for flood control, water

quality, water supply and natural resource protection.

The District's PILT funding comes from the Legislature. Only through Legislative funding is the District able to provide PILT to its rural counties.

The District will pay PILT funds to counties until their populations reach 150,000.

The following are totals that each county received:

- Bradford: \$15,093.45
- Columbia: \$38,902.02
- Dixie: \$21,647.39
- Gilchrist: \$44,392.72
- Hamilton: \$37,752.42
- Jefferson: \$9,163.41
- Lafayette: \$76,959.95
- Levy: \$30,401.84
- Madison: \$20,464.85
- Suwannee: \$30,429.59
- Taylor: \$17,701.29

Suwannee River Water Management District			
Budget Summary			
Fiscal Year 2013-2014			
	General Funds	Special Funds	Total
CASH BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD	\$5,985,000	\$424,874	\$6,409,874
TAXES			
Ad Valorem Taxes (Millage per \$1000 / 0.4143 Mills)	\$5,384,693	\$0	\$5,384,693
PERMIT AND LICENSE FEES	\$0	\$171,939	\$171,939
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES			
Water Management Lands Trust Fund - Operations	\$0	\$4,913,150	\$4,913,150
Water Management Lands Trust Fund - Springs Protection	\$0	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
Florida Forever	\$0	\$363,000	\$363,000
Wetlands Grant	\$0	\$247,000	\$247,000
Environmental Resource Permitting Grant	\$0	\$453,000	\$453,000
Delineated Areas Grant	\$0	\$40,000	\$40,000
DEP Santa Fe River Nutrient Reduction Grant	\$0	\$1,134,750	\$1,134,750
DEP Springs Protection and Restoration Grants	\$0	\$5,448,000	\$5,448,000
FEDERAL GRANTS			
FEMA Grants	\$0	\$1,123,000	\$1,123,000
LOCAL REVENUES			
Madison Blue Monitoring	\$70,000	\$0	\$70,000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			
Interest and General Sales	\$333,794	\$0	\$333,794
Timber Sales	\$146,318	\$0	\$146,318
TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES	\$5,934,805	\$16,893,839	\$22,828,644
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES AND BALANCES	\$11,919,805	\$17,318,713	\$29,238,518
EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES			
Salaries and Benefits	\$3,680,250	\$2,069,463	\$5,749,713
Contractual Services	\$3,828,031	\$14,180,826	\$18,008,857
Operating Expenses	\$1,020,698	\$244,050	\$1,264,748
Operating Capital Outlay	\$127,600	\$101,500	\$229,100
Fixed Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0	\$0
Interagency Expenditures	\$3,263,226	\$722,874	\$3,986,100
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$11,919,805	\$17,318,713	\$29,238,518
Reserves	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND RESERVES	\$11,919,805	\$17,318,713	\$29,238,518
THE PRELIMINARY, TENTATIVE, ADOPTED, AND/OR FINAL BUDGETS ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED TAXING AUTHORITY AS A PUBLIC RECORD.			

Jefferson County Living

Monticello Acting & Dance Company Opened Season With 'Little Shop Of Horrors,' Sept. 13.

RAY CICHON
Special for
ECB Publishing

Monticello Acting & Dance Company (MADCO) opened its musical production of "Little Shop of Horrors" to coincide with Friday the 13th, and continues the weekends of Sept 20-22; 28 and 29.

Directed and choreographed by Melanie Mays, the performances combines the talents of all performers to best advantage, from song and dance, costuming, to drama, comedy, and horror, and just plain fun.

The production is sponsored by Duke Energy, Music Masters, and Gelling's Florist, with catering by Carrie Ann and Company.

Briefly stated, the story is narrated by a police detective about a

series of mysterious disappearances. It tells the story of a ne'er do well who cross breeds plants, when much to his surprise he discovers a plant that talks and feeds on flesh!

The show has become a cult classic, though not quite of the extent of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show."

The plot is based on the 1960 low budget black comedy film "The Little Shop of Horrors." The musical version was composed by Alan Menken, in 1982, and had an extensive run off-Broadway and subsequently on Broadway.

Critics remark that because of its small cast and relatively simple orchestrations, it has become popular with community theatre, school, and other amateur groups.

The MADCO musi-

cal production has the setting on Skid Row, a street in front of Mushnik's Flower Shop. A lively prologue performed in front of a "frightful" curtain is rendered by Brittany Phillips, (Crystal); Rachael Britton, (Chiffon); Damaris Britton, (Ronnette); and Alex Brookins (Rosaria), all of whom are in top form as they strut their stuff and belt out their lyrics.

These "Street Urchins" set the scene, and comment on the action throughout the show. Omar Nossair, (Seymour) is a poor young man, and orphan living in an urban skid row. Colleen McClure, (Audrey) is an attractive blond with a fashion sense said to "lean towards the tacky."

Audrey and Seymour lament their stations in life, and seek a life away from the urban blight. They are co-workers at Mushnik's Skid Row Florist, a run-down flower shop owned and operated by the Mr. Mushnik.

Seymour has recently obtained a mysterious plant that looks like a large venus fly-trap, while he was browsing the flower district and a sudden eclipse of the sun occurred. When the light returned, the weird plant had appeared! As

Seymour is secretly in love with Audrey, he names the plant Audrey II in her honor.

The plant does not thrive in its new environment and appears to be dying, and Seymour is baffled, as he takes good care of the plant. When he happens to prick his finger on a rose thorn and draws blood, Audrey II perks right up and its pods open thirstily.

Typical of "horror" shows, blood is usually a key element, Seymour learns that Audrey II requires blood to survive, and Seymour allows the plant to suckle blood from his finger. As Audrey II thrives, it becomes an attraction and starts to generate a brisk business for the shop.

In the meantime, we learn Audrey's boyfriend, Jeff Whitty, (Orivn Scrivello DDS) beats her. As a sadistic dentist, he enjoys causing his patients pain, and enjoys the effect of nitrous oxide or laughing gas which he inhales at will.

Not to spoil the rest of the plot for those not having seen the play as yet, we'll move on to other players. As the voice of Audrey II, Fred Lee is perfect, threatening at times, and cajoling at others.

As a bag lady passing by and later a customer at the shop,

Mary Hartsfield is creditable and somewhat comical at the same time.

Because Audrey II continues to grow as the play progresses Brannan Salter plays Audrey when it is only medium size, with Valentin Vargas playing the large, full grown plant. Rebekah Johnson is the arm of Audrey II and is also a member of the crew.

Lisa Litteral (Polly Wolf) is the Music Director for MADCO and been so for the past six years. She has also played piano for the company as required during those years.

Janis Courson plays the piano for the show and is also the rehearsal pianist. Among her other musical accomplishments, she has been a soloist, pianist, and church musician for many years, and is a charter member of the women's chamber choir Voices Angelorum. She is indeed one talented lady who is always willing to share her talents.

Orchestra members include: Jason Brookins, bass; Michael Hanselman, drums, and Jonathan

Brookins, synth.

Crew and designers include: Abby Starling, stage manager; Rebekah Johnson, Anna Bowling, Olivia Brookins, Val Vargas, and Brannan Salter, crew.

Todd Randall, technical advisor; Travis Spencer, sound; Ben Johnson, spot; Gabe Starling, lighting; Courson Brookins, assistant. Bob Cooper, set design and scenic artist; Gabe Starling, Samir Iskander, Caleb Vaughn, Brannan Salter, set movers.

TCC Theater Department and Ken Frederickson, Audrey II puppets, Denise Tosado, Melinda Cooper, Lisa Litteral, prop artist.

Deborah Pauley, costumes; Judi Persons, seamstress; Kathleen Miller Tonski, makeup; Amy Harrison, wig styling; and Gellings Florist, Memorial Flower Arrangement.

Productions continue the next two weekends, with doors open at 6:30 p.m. for dinner at 7, with show to follow at 8. Call the Opera House at 997-4242 for reservations.

JC Straight Shooters Meets Sunday

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This Sunday at 3 p.m. the Jefferson County (JC) Straight Shooters will meet.

Waukeenaah United Methodist Church (WUMC) Men's Group hosts the event, which is held at the private shooting range of Bob Jones, Men's Group President.

Everyone is invited to attend this fun shooting match. It is an afternoon of friendly competition and fellowship. Attendees are male and female, young and old. Beginners, experts, even no-experience shooters can come. There is a friendly, encouraging crowd that only makes fun of WUMC Pastor, Don Thompson, because his wife consistently shoots better than he does.

The match is pistols-only. Registration is \$5. If you do not have your own pistol, one can be provided for you with ammunition for an additional \$5.

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We (Foster) Care: Roger and Mary Hughs

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Twenty-eight years ago Roger and Mary Hughs started their lives as foster parents. At about 70 years old, they are still doing it today, and urging other parents to join them.

Today, they have two adopted children, ages 5 and 6 along with five grown children. They also have three foster children that they are lovingly raising on Anchor Oaks Farm in Waukeelah.

Mary was the one who started it all. She said, "I wanted to be able to give back to the community in some way. I felt like I had the skills and the training (I have a degree in Early Childhood Education) to do it. I also thought it would be positive for my kids, and it was."

"My children not only learned to act as role models towards these kids and learn to nurture small children, but a few of them sought careers based on their experience." Roger agreed: "One went on to be a pediatrician, another became a social worker, and another is a foster parent now. Out of five kids, you can see that it had a profound impact on them, just as it had a similar impact on Mary and me."

For Roger and Mary that impact covered difficulties, rewards, and a long process of becoming foster parents.

Difficulties

Obviously, there are sacrifices to be made in becoming a foster parent. For an older couple like Roger and Mary, those sacrifices are greater. Roger said, "We had to give up certain dreams we had about retirement. We don't have date nights much because it's so hard to find babysitters for so many kids."

However, for a younger family, the sacrifices are fewer. For example, a couple with one or two children can easily add a single foster child to their family routine. The foster child can attend the same school, eat the same meals, and follow the same rules as their foster siblings.

One problem is that—for so many kids—babysitters are hard to find. "Especially," Roger explained, "when the children have been exposed to the family environments that lead them to foster care."

And that obviously presents a problem. As a foster parent, you have to adjust to each foster child's personality. Unlike raising a child yourself, where you know every facet of the child's behavior, foster kids can be placed with fos-

ter parents on any notice and the information provided by the birth parents to case workers are not always factual.

Roger explained, "Some young children are exposed to drug use [and] it affects the child's behavior. Of course they aren't going to come out and admit the use of illegal substances to their case worker for fear of legal consequences."

And the possibility of children being exposed to first-hand drug use, no matter how shocking, is very real. Roger said, "One of our foster children was used as 'party entertainment' by his own mother. They would get him high on drugs until he danced around and made a fool of himself and then passed out. He was three at the time." Mary explained that he needed discipline and a calm environment to begin to overcome the behavioral problems that resulted.

Foster parents also go through emotional difficulties. Some children are withdrawn when they first come into foster care. For children that have been abused, physical affection can be difficult and it's hard for a foster parent to want to love a child who can't love them back.

Mary said, "One of our fosters wouldn't let me give him a hug goodnight. He'd clam up and say, 'get away from me—you go away.' That hurt so bad." But for every difficulty, there is a reward—physical, spiritual, emotional, or mental.

Rewards

In the case of the little boy that wouldn't accept a goodnight hug, Mary said, "patience won. I would just ask him every night if he was ready for his goodnight hug, and a week later, he said 'yes.'"

And no matter how hard it is for a foster parent to give a baby or child up, the rewards only multiply. Mary said, "We've had adoptive parents adopt not only the child, but in a way, adopt us. And we've had kids contact us twenty years later and tell us that they're getting married, or joining the military, or moving off to college."

Roger added, "That is rewarding—seeing them become contributing citizens to society. They're independent and what they went through as children didn't define them."

One girl expressed her gratitude often. Mary said, "We always feed them lots of vegetables. Some of them resist, especially when they don't get dessert unless they finish their supper. One girl, though would say almost every night, 'Thank you for feeding us good food. Thank you for this good, healthy

food.'"

Another reward is seeing foster kids bring home good grades, "especially when they started bringing home bad grades," Roger said. What it comes down to, Roger said, "is seeing kids' lives transformed because of your efforts. That makes any amount of work pay off."

parents.

"It's a big commitment," Roger said. "You really have to be called to being a foster parent, or you'll burn out after two or three cases. If you're in it just for the money, it'll be even faster than two or three."

"But let me stress this: the rewards far outweigh



Roger and Mary Hughs pose for a picture with their adopted children, Madilyn and Charles Hughs.

What It Takes

Roger and Mary suggest that families have commitment to helping the children in the foster program. They also suggest understanding of what the children have experienced or been exposed to. Lastly, Roger says foster parents need this most: "Patience. Lots of patience. Make the 'lots' bold, capitalized, and underlined, because that's what these kids need the most."

And the Department of Children and Families is in dire need of foster families. "The state is in a race every week to place children that their case workers decide need to be removed from their homes," Roger explains. "There are children every week in the state of Florida that die from abuse or neglect. It truly is a race to save these children."

In Jefferson County, the need for foster parents is even greater than in other counties. Only two families in Jefferson County are certified foster

parents. The difficulties, and the state and non-profit organizations involved will provide every kind of support you could imagine."

How They Help

Foster parents, before they ever receive a foster child, will go through a process of screening, training, and licensing. A prospective foster parent must be 21 years old or older.

First, all an interested party would have to do is call the Big Bend Community Based Care office at (850) 410-1020 or the Children's Home Society at (850) 219-4235. "Whoever answers will be a specialist or get you in touch with a specialist in the process of becoming a foster parent," Mary explains.

From there, a 30-hour MAPP training course is required by the state. This course is not just a parenting course—it covers how to care for children who have suffered physical or emotional trauma.

After that, the inspection process begins. Fire

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and health inspections will be required, but the Children's Home Society writes this on their website: "We'll help you set these up!"

An income screening will also be required. Roger said, "They will give you a monthly board rate. That's a check every month you have foster children in your home. It helps cover the extra water and electricity and groceries the kids use." He laughed, "I think my wife and I figured it out one time just for fun. As I recall, it came to fifty cents per hour for the work you put in, so you have to really be in it for the kids."

A health assessment is another requirement. This will be a physical and mental health screening to determine if the prospective foster parents are capable of fostering.

Lastly, a background check will be required. "Naturally," Roger explained, "they wouldn't want a foster parent that had a history of domestic violence, drug use, or violent crime."

He goes on, "After all of that, you get your foster care license, and you could be offered children immediately."

Offered is the key word though. "When they call and say that they have children available, you can turn them down. So say, for example, you just had a death in your extended family, and you and your spouse are not emotionally ready to take on foster children, it's okay."

The children that are in the foster program are all on Medicaid, Roger explained, so health care is covered. And as a foster parent, if you notice a developmental challenge, emotional barrier, speech problem—anything—

Roger said to call the caseworker. "They have an army of specialists, therapists, doctors, and others that can see to the needs of the child. All you have to do is notice the problem and be willing to ask," Mary said.

Free daycare for foster children is also provided for preschoolers, according to the Hughs couple. And, "they're working on a program," Mary said, "that would facilitate experienced foster parents to mentor new ones."

In addition to state resources, Roger and Mary offered their own phone number to parents who want to get involved, (850) 997-0678.

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Jefferson County Living

JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIME BEAT

All information is printed as taken from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office. All Suspects Should Be Considered Innocent Until Proven Guilty In A Court Of Law

FRAN HUNT
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

Clyde Mosley, 47, of Tallahassee, was arrested September 10 on an outstanding Leon County warrant for his arrest, charging him with failure to register as a sexual offender. He was turned over to Leon County authorities the same day to face charges there.

Ronald Benton, 30, of Tallahassee, was arrested September 10 and charged with writ of attachment. Bond was set at \$2,000 and he remained the County Jail September 17.

Aundra Raynard Akins, 34, from Madison Correctional Institution, was in for court September 10 for a hearing on the tourist killing in 1993. He was returned to Madison County the same day following the hearing.

Clint Eastwood

Morris, 24, of Jefferson County, was arrested September 11 and charged with violation of probation on the charge of aggravated battery on a pregnant victim violation of probation on the charge of tampering with a witness or victim; and violation of probation on the charge of failure of a sex offender to report. Bond was withheld and he remained at the County Jail September 17.

Anthony Ivey, 42, of Tallahassee, was arrested September 11 and charged with writ of attachment for non-payment of child support. Bond was set at \$1,000 and he bonded out of jail September 13.

David Allen, 61, of Jefferson County, was sentenced in court September 13 to 30 days work release on the charge of driving under the influence subsequent conviction.

He was continuing to serve his sentence September 17.

John Wesley Williams, 32, of Jefferson County, was arrested September 15 on an outstanding Alabama warrant for his arrest, charging him with failure to appear on the charge of stolen property. Bond was withheld and he remained at the County Jail September 17.

Roy Parrish, 37, of Monticello, was arrested September 15 and charged with writ of attachment. Bond was set at \$100 and he bonded out of jail the same day.

Arnaz Barrington, 39, of Jefferson County, was arrested September 16 and charged with attempted second degree murder, and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Bond was withheld and he remained at the County Jail September 17.

American Legion And Ladies Auxiliary Meetings



ECB Publishing Photo By Debbie Snapp, August 13, 2013.

American Legion District Officer Randy White spoke to the Post 49 Legion members and Ladies Auxiliary about the importance of increased membership. Pictured from left to right are: Buddy Westbrook, Commander Travis Hussey, White, and Ron Slik.

DEBBIE SNAPP
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

The American Legion and Ladies Auxiliary meet at 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month for a business meeting and program at the Otto Walker Post 49 on South Water Street. The evening begins with a dinner, prepared by the members.

Auxiliary members have been busy planning their involvement in upcoming events and fundraisers, including a Pet Festival on November 2, and a Veteran's Day Parade, also in November. The group has also taken on the planning of the monthly dinners before each Tuesday evening meeting.

Most recent meetings have included speakers Sherman and Reba Chandler-Reams-Williams of Tallahassee. They shared about how to locate informa-

tion on servicemen and women, through library searches and online locations. They are very passionate about their work and helping people locate military loved ones. They can be contacted anytime at 850-385-2687.

The Legion also presented member Hardy Brumbley with a Certificate of Appreciation for his military service during the Korean War, in conjunction with the 60th anniversary of the Conflict.

American Legion

District Officer Randy White spoke to both groups in August; encouraging membership and exciting meetings.

Contact Commander Travis Hussey at 850-997-5106, or President Debbie Mitchell at 850-997-3860 for more information about the American Legion Post 49 or Ladies Auxiliary.

Auxiliary members are especially encouraged to attend the October meeting, as a District official from out of the area will be in attendance to install the new officers.



ECB Publishing Photo By Debbie Snapp, June 11, 2013.

Sherman and Reba Chandler-Reams-Williams were guests of the Ladies Auxiliary to the American Legion Post 49 Tuesday evening meeting.



ECB Publishing Photo By Debbie Snapp, June 11, 2013.

Korean War veteran Hardy Brumbley, left, received recognition on the 60th anniversary of the Conflict. He is pictured here with Post Commander Travis Hussey.

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The City of Monticello, Florida, has tentatively adopted a budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014. A public hearing to make a FINAL DECISION on the budget AND TAXES will be held on Monday, September 23, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.

at
City Hall, 245 S. Mulberry St., Monticello, Florida

BUDGET SUMMARY CITY OF MONTICELLO FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014

THE PROPOSED BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF MONTICELLO ARE
9.85 PERCENT MORE THAN LAST YEAR'S OPERATING EXPENDITURES

Millage Per \$1,000		GENERAL FUND		SPECIAL FUND	WATER/SEWER FUND	TOTAL
General Fund	5.9000					
ESTIMATED REVENUES:						
Taxes: Millage Per Thousand						
Ad Valorem Taxes	5.9000	521,000				521,000
Sales and Use Tax		420,500				420,500
Utility Service Taxes		117,000				117,000
Franchise Fees		180,000				180,000
Franchise Taxes		191,000				191,000
Licenses & Permits		9,400				9,400
Grants/Appropriations		799,500			6,420,000	7,219,500
Intergovernmental Revenues		131,140				131,140
Charges for Services		300,750			974,235	1,274,985
Fines & Forfeitures		5,150				5,150
Miscellaneous Revenue		29,000			39,200	68,200
Internal Service Charges		8,000			8,000	16,000
TOTAL SOURCES		2,712,440	0	0	7,441,435	10,153,875
Transfers In		112,500			73,000	73,000
Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets		514,946			12,544,162	13,059,108
TOTAL REVENUES, TRANSFERS & BALANCES		3,339,886	0	0	20,058,597	23,398,483
EXPENDITURES						
General Government		418,806			313,285	732,091
Public Safety		707,737				707,737
Physical Environment		889,697			2,549,350	3,439,047
Transportation						0
Debt Services					313,300	313,300
Internal Services		500			18,500	19,000
Grants/Appropriations		808,200			4,320,000	5,128,200
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		2,824,940	0	0	7,514,435	10,339,375
Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets		514,946			12,544,162	13,059,108
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & BALANCES		3,339,886	0	0	20,058,597	23,398,483

The tentative, adopted, and/or final budgets are on file in the office of the above-referenced taxing authority as a public record

Humane Society Dog Wash

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Sports

Tigers Lose To Newberry

FRAN HUNT
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Staff Writer

The Jefferson varsity Tigers manned the field against Newberry September 13, and the Tigers were downed for a 35-12 loss.

Head Coach Vic Culley said the game was in a dead heat until midway through the fourth quarter. "It was a back and forth dogfight, and we hung tough until the end. But when our boys began to tire, the other team exploited it and ran away with the game," he added.

On the offensive side of the field, quarterback John Burns passed for 180 yards and one touchdown.

Joe Daniels had three pass receptions for 49 yards.

Damion Crumitie had three kickoff returns, two of which were called back. The one kickoff return that stood was for 85 yards. He also has four pass receptions for 34 yards. He was named the offensive player of the week.

Azenda Thompson had 14 yards receiving.

Tyrone Ivey had 65 yards receiving and one touchdown.

Calvin Footman had five carries for 20 yards.

Adrian Hawkins had one pass reception for four yards.

Keondrea Parker had one pass reception for 20 yards.

On the defensive side of the field,

Robert Williams had 21 tackles, and six assists.

Tyrone Ivey had 10 tackles, and two pass interceptions.

Damion Crumitie had 12 tackles, and two assists.

Azende Thompson had 18 tackles, and one assist.

Jalen Jones had one tackle.

Adrian Hawkins had one tackle.

Terrell Jackson had two tackles.

Calvin Footman had 22 tackles, one assist, and one forced fumble.

He was named the defensive player of the week.

Keondrea Parker had 17 tackles, and one assist.

Zoron Wade had six tackles, two pass interceptions, and one pressure.

Tanner Aman had six tackles, and two pressures.

Montrez Simmons had 11 tackles, one tackle for a loss, and three pressures.

John Brooks had nine tackles, two assists, two tackles for a loss, seven pressures, and five quarterback sacks.

Nikolas Branham had seven tackles, one tackle for a loss, and two pressures.

Robert Beverly had one tackle.

Brandon Bradley had one tackle.

Ronzo Wade had one tackle, and one forced fumble.

The Tigers face off against Port St. Joe, September 20 at 7 p.m., home.



Jefferson County Tiger Volleyball Roster And Schedule

FRAN HUNT
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

The roster and schedule has been released for the Jefferson County Middle High School volleyball team.

Playing for the Lady Tigers this year are, Lillie Akers, Carlie Barber, Taylor Clemens, Ciera Fishburn, Alexis Fountain, Rayana Gary, Alexis Glass, Allison Hefner, Alexis James, Hebrasha James, Janashia Jones, Jania Merritt, Jakeia Morris, and Au-

drianna Noel.

Coaching the Lady Tigers this year is Kimberly Cummings, assisted by Delromando Smalls.

Action began August 29 against Branford, and continued against Taylor County, September 3; Hamilton County, September 5; Lafayette, September 10; West Gadsden, September 17, and East Gadsden, September 18. Those results and statistics will be forthcoming.

Action continues against Taylor County,

September 30 at 5 p.m., there; Branford, October 1 at 5 p.m., there; Lafayette, October 3 at 5 p.m., there; West Gadsden, October 8 at 5 p.m., there; East Gadsden, October 9 at 5 p.m., home; and wrapping up the regular season, Hamilton County, October 10 at 5 p.m., there.

The District Championship will be held October 22 at 5 or 7 p.m. at Hamilton County, and the District Championship will be October 24 at 7 p.m., also at Hamilton County.

ACA Golf Roster, Schedule And Results Released



FRAN HUNT
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

Coach David Jackson has released the roster, schedule, and results of the first two matches.

Playing for Aucilla this year are Ricky Finlayson, Timothy Finlayson, Ryan Jackson, Alex Parker, Meagan Schofill, and Joe Walton.

The Aucilla golf team got off to a solid start with two second place finishes in their first two matches.

The Warriors were paced by Ricky Finlayson's 41 in the first match at Killlearn on August 27.

Timothy Finlayson and Ryan Jackson shot 45 each, and Alex Parker pitched in a 55, as the Warriors finished in second place, behind Taylor County.

In their second match, against John Paul on August 29, Timothy Finlayson led the Warriors with a 41, while Ryan Jackson continued his consistent play, with another 45.

Ricky Finlayson

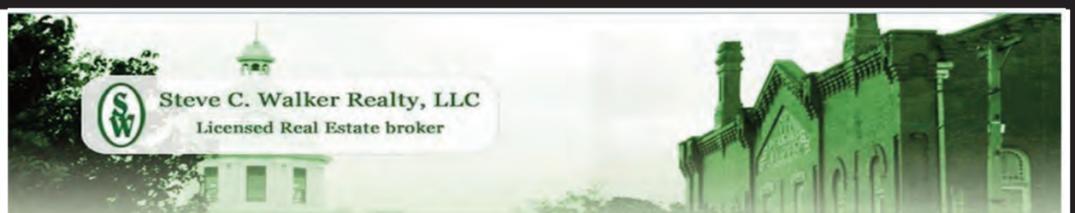
added a 48, while Megan Schofill rounded out the scoring with a 53. The Warriors score of 187 was 2nd to Maclay on September 3.

The schedule continued on September 5 at Quincy County Club to face off against Munroe, at 3:30 p.m.; Maclay on September 10 at Golden Eagle County Club at 3:30 p.m., September 12 at the Jefferson Country Club to face off against Wakulla, Rickards, and Godby; Quail Heights in Lake City on September 17 at 3:30 p.m. on September 17, against Branford; Jefferson Country Club on September 18 at 3 p.m., to face off against Munroe; September 26 at 1 p.m., to take on Rickards at Hamilton; on the morning of October 2 they face off at Hamilton to take of the Big Bend area golf teams; October 4 at 3:30 p.m., to hit the Madison Country Club against Madison County; October 9 at the Jefferson Country Club; and wrapping up the regular season, John Paul II and Taylor County on October 10, at 3:45 in Perry.

Tigers Treated To Meal Before Game



Before the Friday, September 6 game against the Dixie County Bears, the Jefferson County Middle High School Tigers football team was fed a meal by the Christ Episcopal Church family and friends. Area churches and businesses have teamed up to make sure the Tigers are well fed before each home game. So, keep watch for more pictures! GO TIGERS!



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District Parent Involvement Coordinator

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After completion of college, I was able to get a good job and continue using the education I had obtained.

My parents set the rules in our home and I had no choice but to follow. I was constantly reminded that I was not going to drop out of

school and I would do as I was told. Loving and caring parents are the best to have in this world.

High expectations of your child can play a key role in them becoming successful. If parents and teachers hold high expectations, children usually live up to them. That's true in academics, athletics and behavior as well. Set the rules, expect the best from your child and get it. Make it clear in your expectations that attendance, attitude, and

achievement at school are the three most important things that must be done to become a winner.

Parents should always try to remain positive, be consistent and most of all, be there for your child. Take time to talk, listen and plan together. During these times alone, you can talk about your hope and expectations for your child.

As parents, let's do our best. Expect the best from your child and get it.

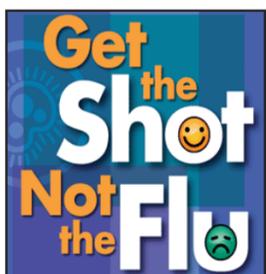
To Vaccinate Or Not To Vaccinate?

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ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

While flu season doesn't start until October, kids are going back to school and subsequently passing around illnesses. So everybody is asking: "To get a flu vaccine or not to get a flu vaccine—that is the question!"

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that almost everyone get a flu shot, with very few exceptions. Children younger than six months of age should not be vaccinated, as the vaccine is not manufactured for infants. The CDC also does not recommend people who have had allergic reactions to chicken eggs or to flu vaccines in the past to be vaccinated. Additionally, people who already have a moderate-to-severe illness with a fever should wait

until the illness has passed.



The flu vaccine does not simply cover one strain of the influenza virus. CDC specialists determine which three strains will be the most prevalent during the flu season, and includes each of these top three in the vaccine.

Side effects can result from the vaccine, such as soreness around the injection site, a low-grade fever, and achiness. These can last 1-2 days, but certainly do not compare to the inconvenience of having the

flu. Once a person gets vaccinated, it takes about two weeks for their body to build up the necessary antibodies, so the sooner one is vaccinated, the better.

Unfortunately, there are times when production does not meet demand. In these times, certain cases should be given precedence. These cases represent people who would more likely develop complications from the flu, and need the vaccine most.

They are: people with medical conditions like chronic lung disease, asthma, and diabetes; women who are pregnant; people over the age of 65; people with immune system deficiencies as a side effect of medication or those that suffer from HIV or AIDS; children younger than 5; people with cancer; people who are in constant, direct contact with a person from any of these groups. For example, even an extremely healthy 20 year old, who is a caretaker for an elderly individual, or a mother with a child under 5 years of age should be given precedence.

Vaccines are available at most doctor's offices, colleges, clinics, and some pharmacies. For children, many schools make them available through the school clinic. And of course, anyone with specific questions about the flu vaccine should consult their doctor.

Recognizing Outstanding Students

Southwest Georgia Technical College (SWGTC) hosted a President's Reception on September 9, to honor some of its exceptional students. Scholarship recipients for Fall Semester 2013, Students of the Semester for Summer Semester 2013, and the students who made the President's List for Summer Semester 2013 were announced. Forty-six students were named on the President's List for Summer Semester 2013.

Each semester, this List is a way for SWGTC to recognize students who have accomplished high academic achievement. In order to qualify for the President's List, students must meet two criteria: they must earn a grade of 'A' in all coursework attempted and be enrolled in 12 hours or more at the College. Each student was awarded a certificate and token of recognition from the College. Students who made the List this past semester included: Christina Bailey, Charles Brown, Marla Bush, Stephanie Butler, Lemorn Cornell, Joseph Dean, Renia Drew, Jennifer Hand, Catherine Harris, Ashley Hart, Arne Hietala, Susan Hill, Melissa Holton, Willie Howard, Kimberly Howell, Thomas Hoyt, Thomas Joyner, Warren Kearns, Amber Kelley, Jarid Krause, Natasha Mack, Teresa Maeweather, Bonnie McCarty, Kendall McLeod, Alisha Meadows, Stephen Moore, William Murphy, John Norton, Stephany Odom, Sara Parramore, Courtney Pierce, Tyler Reeves, Kristy Rich, Christopher Riordan, Eva Rivero, Chelsea Roberts, Jennifer Slater, Dennis Thompson, Lindsey Thompson, Allison Timms, Ethel Torres, Amber Walley, Lauren Wentworth, Tammy Williams, Jerri Wisely, and LaSaha Young.

Additionally, at the reception, four students were named Student of the Semester for Summer Semester 2013. These students were recognized for their academic achievement, dedication, and work ethics. Each student was awarded a certificate and a \$50 gas card provided by the SWGTC Student Council. At the end of each semester the teachers nominate one of their outstanding students. Then, nominees are reviewed by the Student Activities Department who selects a winner from each division at SWGTC. Those selected students for Summer Semester 2013 were Roderick Suber (School of Industrial Technology), Jade Marshall (School of Business), Sara Parramore (School of Health Sciences), and Freida Clark (School of Professional Services). SWGTC students who received scholarships for Fall Semester 2013 were recognized. Front row (from left to right): Stephanie Bryant, Bobbi Pullium, Kenzi Harrison, Sara Parramore, Ashley Mitchell, Kaitlyn High, Kaitlyn Ramhofer, and Matthew Wharton. Back row (from left to right): Alfred Barnes, Stephanie Butler, Tammy Williams, Tyler Reeves, Shameka Cole, and Brandy Smen.

Lastly, students who were awarded a merit-based scholarship for Fall Semester 2013 were recognized. This fall the SWGTC Foundation awarded over \$30,000 in merit-based scholarships to over 50 SWGTC students; these funds assist students with education related costs such as tuition, clinical scrubs, dissection kits, books, and much more. The students receiving scholarships include: The Lillie Jackson Gregory Memorial Scholarship – Brandy Smen; The Red Hills Radiology Scholarship – Kaitlyn High and James Thomas; The Non-Traditional Student Scholarship – Ryan Allen and Ron Tillman; The Jump Start Professional Services Scholarship – Wendy Beatty; The Jump Start

Business Scholarship – Ashley Mitchell; The Jump Start Health Sciences Scholarship – Bobbi Pullium; The Kathryn Read Scholarship – Matthew Wharton; The Grady County Student Scholarship – Sherrell Fountain and Andrew Young; The Mitchell County Student Scholarship – Jennifer Everson, Courtney Barnes, and Kimberly Castillo; The Debbie Griffiths Scholarship – Ron Tillman; The Growing Nurses Recruitment Scholarship – Lyndsey Bearden, Melissa Rodriguez, and Shameka Cole; The Gap Scholarship – Ryan Allen, Sarah Warmack, Lindsay Unfricht, Ashlie Parker, Alfred Barnes, Lawanda Ellis, Tammy Williams, Kaitlyn Ramhofer, Brandi Jackson, Melissa Murray, Timothy Cox and Tynise Cleveland; The John Deere TECH Scholarship - Tyler Reeves and John Norton; The Albert and Esther Thomson Scholarship – Stephanie Bryant, Jessica Oxendine, Melissa Proietti, Ashley Hall, Tynise Cleveland and Kenzi Harrison; The Maddox Veterinary Technology Scholarship – Sara Parramore; The William Howard Flowers & Maury Tice Flowers/Archbold Medical Center Scholarship – Melissa Rodriguez, Leslie Hand, Megan Long, Candace Donaldson, Margaret Thorsson, Amanda Rowan, Melissa Proietti, Chris Hall, Katelyn Reed, Lydia Troutman, Destany Atkins, and Joy Agabali; The Kiwanis Club of Thomasville Scholarship – Stephanie Butler; and The Jeff Harris Memorial Scholarship – Timothy Cox and Christine Morris.

More information may be obtained by calling 229-225-4096 or by logging onto www.southwestgatech.edu.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,
vs.
ANNIE ESTER BYRD, GREGORY A. WOODEN, CACH, LLC., AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS, Defendants.

Case No. 33-2010-CA-000195
Division

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on August 14, 2013, in the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Jefferson County, Florida described as:

A PARCEL OF LAND COMPRISING 2.25 ACRES, ALL BEING A PORTION OF LOT "M" OF THE NORTH FLORIDA PECAN COMPANY SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN DEED BOOK "EP" PAGE 60, PUBLIC RECORDS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN O. R. BOOK 4, PAGE 394 (23 ACRES) AND O. R. BOOK 106, PAGE 595 (2 ACRES), PUBLIC RECORDS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA, ALL BEING IN SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST, JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA

and commonly known as: 1240 OLD LLOYD RD, MONTICELLO, FL 32344; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash. Sales are held at the north door of the Jefferson County Courthouse, on 10/31/13 at 11am.

Any persons claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated this 15th day of August, 2013.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Kirk B. Reams

By: *Sherry Sears*
Deputy Clerk

9/20,27/13

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS CWMBS, INC., CHL MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH TRUST 2006-34 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, PLAINTIFF,
VS.
GREGORY A. BARGER AKA GREGORY BARGER; TERRI L. BARGER AKA TERRI BARGER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF TERRI L. BARGER AKA TERRI BARGER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GREGORY A. BARGER AKA GREGORY BARGER; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR DECISION ONE MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2, DEFENDANTS.

GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. 332009-CA-000142

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated 8/19, 2013, entered in Case No. 332009-CA-000142 of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit, in and for Jefferson County, Florida, wherein The Bank of New York Mellon FKA The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Certificateholders CWMBS, Inc., CHL Mortgage Pass-Through Trust 2006-34 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates is the Plaintiff and Gregory A. Barger aka Gregory Barger; Terri L. Barger aka Terri Barger; Unknown Spouse of Terri L. Barger aka Terri Barger; Unknown Spouse of Gregory A. Barger aka Gregory Barger; Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for Decision One Mortgage Company, LLC; Unknown Tenant #1; Unknown Tenant #2 are the Defendants, that I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at, the north door of the courthouse, 1 Courthouse Circle, Monticello, FL 32344, beginning at 11:00 AM on the 10th day of October, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST, JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA AND RUN NORTH 60.10 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE EAST 881.06 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST BOUNDARY OF FLORIDA POWER CORPORATION (FORMERLY C.S.X. TRANSPORTATION RAILROAD), THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID WEST BOUNDARY, 1066.17 FEET TO A RAILROAD IRON, THENCE SOUTH 82 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 52 SECONDS WEST 391.16 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT, THENCE NORTH 19 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 05 SECONDS WEST 110.86 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT, THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 47 SECONDS WEST 118.64 FEET FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING CONTINUE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 47 SECONDS WEST 533.17 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT ON THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF COUNTY GRADED CASA BLANCA ROAD, THENCE RUN ALONG SAID EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE AS FOLLOWS: SOUTH 24 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST 151.58 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE SOUTH 42 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST 178.68 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE SOUTH 13 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 24 SECONDS WEST 125.32 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF A 60 FOOT EASEMENT, THENCE LEAVING THE BIANCA ROAD RUN ALONG SAID 60 FOOT EASEMENT AS FOLLOWS: SOUTH 23 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 51 SECONDS EAST 339.43 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE NORTH 75 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 03 SECONDS EAST 278.51 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE NORTH 85 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 46 SECONDS EAST 238.29 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE LEAVING SAID 60 FOOT EASEMENT RUN NORTH 01 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 42 SECONDS WEST 623.45 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SUBJECT TO COUNTY GRADED CASA BLANCA ROAD ALONG A PORTION OF THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY THEREOF.

Dated this 14th day of August, 2013.

Kirk Reams
As Clerk of the Court

By: *Sherry Sears*
As Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Susan Wilson, ADA Coordinator, at 850.577.4401, 301 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. 9/20,27/13

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR AFC TRUST SERIES 2000-3, Plaintiff,
vs.
EMILY FAYE SMITH A/K/A EMILY FAYE HAGAN, et al, Defendant(s).

CASE NO.: 33-2013-CA-000058
DIVISION:

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated August 27, 2013 and entered in Case No. 33-2013-CA-000058 of the Circuit Court of the SECOND Judicial Circuit in and for JEFFERSON COUNTY, Florida wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR AFC TRUST SERIES 2000-3 is the Plaintiff and EMILY FAYE SMITH A/K/A EMILY FAYE HAGAN; ERNEST HAGAN A/K/A ERNEST CARL HAGAN, JR., are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at NORTH DOOR OF THE COURTHOUSE LOBBY IN JEFFERSON COUNTY, MONTICELLO, FLORIDA

at 11:00AM, on the 26th day of September, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

COMMENCE AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF THE OLD MONTICELLO-GROOVERVILLE ROAD AND THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SR 149 AND RUN SOUTH 39 DEGREES 52 MINUTES WEST 221.5 FEET ALONG SAID MONTICELLO-GROOVERVILLE ROAD TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE SOUTH 47 DEGREES 50 MINUTES WEST 60.45 FEET ALONG SAID ROAD TO A POINT, THENCE NORTH 42 DEGREES 42 MINUTES WEST 235.7 FEET ALONG AN OLD ABANDONED RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY LINE TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SR 149, THENCE EASTERLY ALONG A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE NORTH, HAVING A RADIUS OF 2342.01 FEET, A CHORD BEARING OF NORTH 85 DEGREES 54 MINUTES EAST 185.7 FEET ALONG SAID ROAD TO A POINT, THENCE SOUTH 07 DEGREES 35 MINUTES EAST 147.2 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, BEING A PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 5 EAST, JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on August 28th, 2013.

Kirk B. Reams
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Sherry Sears
Deputy Clerk

****See Americans with Disabilities Act**
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact:

Kirk B. Reams
Jefferson County Courthouse
1 Courthouse Circle Room 10
Monticello, FL 32344
Phone: 850-342-0218 9/13,20/13

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY REGIONS BANK, An Alabama banking corporation, as successor by merger with AmSouth Bank, Plaintiff,
vs. NATHANIEL GALLON, an individual; LILLIAN I. RANDOLPH, an individual; and JANE DOE n/k/a TRACY GALLON, an individual, Defendants.

CASE NO: 11-166-CA

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Florida, pursuant to the Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure, entered in this cause, will sell the property at public sale to the highest bidder for cash, except as set forth hereinafter, on September 26, at 11:00 am Eastern Time at the North Steps of the Jefferson County, Florida Courthouse at 1 Courthouse Circle, Monticello, Florida 32344 in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, the following described real property lying and being in Jefferson County, Florida, to-wit:

Commence at the Southwest corner of Section 6, Township 1 North, Range 6 East, Jefferson County, Florida and run North 1321.84 feet to the point of beginning; from said point of beginning, run North 89 degrees, 59 minutes, 35 seconds, East 902.37 feet; thence South 29 degrees, 23 minutes, 45 seconds, West 1336.26 feet to the Northernly right of way of State Road 10 (US90); thence North 59 degrees, 12 minutes, West along said right of way 0.70 feet to a point of curve to the right; thence continue along said right of way on a curve having a radius of 2756.13 feet; a delta angle of 12 degrees, 28 minutes, 37 seconds for an arc distance of 600.19 feet to the point of tangent; thence North 46 degrees, 43 minutes, 23 seconds, West 1171.71 feet to the North line of SE ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 3, Township 1 North, Range 5 East, thence leaving said right of way, run East along said North line to the SE ¼ of SE ¼ of Section 1, Township 1 North, Range 5 East for a distance of 1084.67 feet to the point of beginning.

Less and except:

Commence at an iron rod (L.S. #963) marking the Southwest corner of Section 6, Township 1 North, Range 6 East, Jefferson County, Florida and run North 00 degrees 31 minutes 10 seconds East along the West boundary of said Section 6 a distance of 1322.72 feet to the point of beginning, thence North 89 degrees 07 minutes 46 seconds East 169.16 feet, thence South 29 degrees 01 minutes 38 seconds West 883.43 feet to the Northernly right of way line of U.S. Highway 90, thence North 47 degrees 08 minutes 10 seconds West along said right of way a distance of 1121.40 feet, thence leaving said right of way line run North 89 degrees 37 minutes 36 seconds East 1081.49 feet to the point of beginning.

Being new parcel more particularly described as:

Commence at an iron rod (L.S. #963) marking the Southwest corner of Section 6, Township 1 North, Range 6 East, Jefferson County, Florida and run North 00 degrees 31 minutes 10 seconds East along the West boundary of said Section 6 a distance of 1322.72 feet, thence North 89 degrees 07 minutes 46 seconds East 169.16 feet to the point of beginning, thence continue North 89 degrees 07 minutes 46 seconds East 741.80 feet, thence South 29 degrees 01 minute 38 seconds West 1346.08 feet to the Northernly right of way line of U.S. Highway 90, thence North 59 degrees 27 minutes 15 seconds West 0.70 feet to a point of curve to the right, thence run Northwesterly along said right of way and curve with a radius of 2756.13 feet, through a central angle of 12 degrees 28 minutes 37 seconds, for an arc length of 600.19 feet (chord of said arc being North 53 degrees 12 minutes 57 seconds West 599.00 feet, thence North 47 degrees 08 minutes 10 seconds West along said right of way a distance of 50.31 feet, thence leaving said right of way run North 29 degrees 01 minute 38 seconds East 883.43 feet to the Point of Beginning. Containing 16.64 acres, more or less.

Any Person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Susan Wilson, ADA Coordinator 301 South Monroe Street Tallahassee, FL 32301. 850.577.4401 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. This Notice dated this 29th day of August, 2013.

Clerk, of Circuit Court
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NOTICE

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON APPLICATIONS FOR SITE PLAN APPROVAL

The City of Monticello Local Planning Agency will consider Applications for Site Plan Approval for the following developments:

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*Jefferson County Solid Waste Administration Building to be located at the corner of Nacoocha Road and U.S. 19 South, Monticello

These public hearings will be held during the regular Local Planning Agency Meeting on October 8, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at Monticello City Hall, 245 S. Mulberry Street, Monticello, FL 32344.

Interested persons may appear at the hearing and be heard with respect to the application. The complete application may be inspected at City Hall between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Agenda information may be obtained from City Hall or at the city website at [HYPERLINK "http://www.cityofmonticello.us"](http://HYPERLINK) www.cityofmonticello.us. 9/20/13

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners is seeking proposals from contractors to operate and direct a Small Business Development Program in Jefferson County, FL. The duties of the contractor will be:

- to identify and recruit citizen clients who want to start or expand a small business in Jefferson County,
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- to assist clients in locating suitable funding sources to implement their business plan.

The contractor is expected to work a minimum of 20 hours per week recruiting and providing services to small business development clients.

Bid packages are available on the Jefferson County website at jeffersoncountyfl.gov or in the office of the County Coordinator at [HYPERLINK "mailto:coordinator@jeffersoncountyfl.gov"](mailto:HYPERLINK) coordinator@jeffersoncountyfl.gov, 450 West Walnut Street, Monticello, FL 32344, phone (850)342-0287. Please submit (1) original and (5) copies, including and an electronic copy. Completed proposals are due in the County Coordinator's office by 4:00 PM on September 26, 2013. 9/20,25/13

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Tuesday, September 24 *4:50 AM 11:00 PM *5:20 PM 11:30 PM	Wednesday, September 25 *5:45 AM 11:55 PM *6:10 PM	Thursday, September 26 12:25 AM *6:30 PM 12:45 PM *7:00 PM	Friday, September 27 1:20 AM *7:30 PM 1:30 PM *7:50 PM

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Going "Paperless" Does More Harm Than Good For The Environment

LYNETTA GRINER, President, Florida Forestry Assoc.

Recently it has become fashionable to disparage the use of paper in favor of electronic devices and transmittals. Like a lot of fashions, this makes no sense.

The premise of anti-paper campaigns is that paper is bad for the environment and unnecessarily consumes vital natural resources. In reality, using paper and other forest products provides environmental benefits that electronics cannot match. Paper comes from trees, which



are a renewable resource. When trees are cut down to make paper, more are planted and grown to take their place. Through this cycle, working forests provide habitat for wildlife; recharge areas for clean water; and a natural process for removing carbon from the air.

The electronic alternatives being pushed to replace paper are not as

environmentally friendly as their supporters would have you believe. Science of the Total Environment, an international research journal, estimates that discarded devices create approximately 50 million tons of electronic waste each year. These products contain a variety of non-renewable materials that are not only harmful to the environment but also to the

people living in the areas where they are dumped.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) reports that only eight percent of mobile devices are recycled. The rate for recycling computers is 38 percent. The rate for recycling paper? More than 63 percent.

Recycled paper fills a variety of needs. Among others things, it is used to make dollar bills. This is especially appropriate considering the forest industry's \$14.7 billion impact to our state's economy. In addition to the many environmental benefits, working forests also provide jobs to 90,000 Floridians.

The connection between the environmental benefits and the economic impact cannot be emphasized enough.

Sustainable forests are not free; proper land management costs money. Our government cannot afford to own or maintain all the forestland that is needed for environmental purposes or public use. Without the forest industry, private landowners cannot afford to, either.

Like all of us, forests must work if they are going to survive. By buying and using paper and other forest products, consumers help maintain the health and sustainability of working forests. In turn, working forests help maintain a healthy environment and strengthen the economy.

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"Outta' the Woods"

By Tony Young

Pull Back On A String; Huntin' Season Is Here!

Even though you can hardly tell, summer is almost over. Kids have returned to school, football is back on TV, and hunting season has been going on for a month now in south Florida. Most of us have already finished our preseason scouting, and we've hung our tree stands along well-traveled deer trails - next to a mature oak tree that'll soon begin dropping acorns, if we're lucky. Finally, the time of year we've been waiting for is here!

Hunting season still comes in first in Zone A, which is that part of the state south of State Road 70. Archery and crossbow seasons there started Aug. 3 on private lands.

Hunting Zone B is made up in part by the Green Swamp Basin and lies south of S.R. 50, west of U.S. 441 and the Kissimmee Waterway, north of S.R. 60 and east of the Gulf of Mexico. Archery and crossbow seasons on private property in Zone B start this year Oct. 19.

The line that divides zones C and D has been modified slightly this year, so please make sure you know which zone you're hunting in. The line still begins at U.S. 27 at the (Gadsden County) Florida-Georgia state line and runs south on U.S. 27 until it meets S.R. 61 in Tallahassee. From there, it follows

S.R. 61, running south until it hits U.S. 319. There, the line follows U.S. 319, continuing south to U.S. 98; it then runs east along U.S. 98. And here is the part that changed. The line used to turn south on Spring Creek Highway, but now it continues east along U.S. 98 until it gets to the Wakulla River, where the river becomes the line, heading south until it meets the St. Marks River and continues downriver until it meets the Gulf. If you hunt west of that line, you're in Zone D, where archery and crossbow seasons begin Oct. 26 on private lands. In Zone C, archery and crossbow seasons opened on Sept. 14.

To hunt during archery season, you'll need a Florida hunting license and an archery permit. During crossbow season, you'll need a hunting license and crossbow permit. If you're a Florida resident, an annual hunting license will cost \$17. Nonresidents have the choice of paying \$46.50 for a 10-day license or \$151.50 for 12 months. Archery and crossbow permits cost just \$5 each, and all deer hunters must have the \$5 deer permit. Anyone planning on hunting one of Florida's many WMAs must purchase a management area permit for \$26.50. And don't forget to pick up the WMA brochure for the area you wish to hunt, because hunting season

dates on many of the areas are often different from what the zonal dates are. You can pick up a copy of these WMA brochures at your local tax collector's office or read them at MyFWC.com/Hunting.

You can hunt wild hogs on private lands year-round with no bag or size limits. On most WMAs, there's also no bag or size limits, and hogs are legal to take during most hunting seasons except spring turkey. On a few WMAs, bag and size limits do apply, so be sure to check the brochure for the specific area to be certain.

It's also legal to shoot gobblers and bearded turkeys during archery and crossbow seasons, given you have a turkey permit (\$10 for residents, \$125 for non-residents). You can take only one turkey per day, and there's a two-bird fall-season limit. It's against the law to hunt turkeys in Holmes County in the fall, and it's illegal to shoot them while they're on the roost, over bait, when you're within 100 yards of a game-feeding station when bait is present or with the aid of recorded turkey calls.

Tony Young is the media relations coordinator for the FWC's Division of Hunting and Game Management. He can be reached with questions about hunting at Tony.Young@MyFWC.com.

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