

## Constitutional Officers Get Hefty Pay Increases

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In the aggregate, Jefferson County constitutional officers are scheduled to receive average annual salary increases of \$2,700 in the coming fiscal year, which starts Oct. 1.

Admittedly, the increases for the individual constitutional officers vary, ranging from \$887 at the low end to \$3,669 at the high end. Still, the increases are noticeably higher than in previous years, and in a county where the per-capita personal income is \$28,954 by

2011 figures, these are noteworthy salary increases.

Following are the finalized annual salaries for constitutional officers and school district officials for fiscal year 2013-14, as presented by the Office of Economic and Demographic Research (EDR), a research arm of the Florida Legislature principally concerned with forecasting economic and social trends that affect policy-making, revenues, and appropriations and that has calculated constitutional officers' salaries since the mid 80s.

The table on the

EDR website shows the 2013-14 annual salaries for Clerk of Court, Property Appraiser and Tax Collector will be \$95,056, an increase of \$3,348 over their current year's salaries of \$91,708; for Supervisor of Elections, the new salary will be \$77,751, an increase of \$2,731 over the current year's salary of \$75,020; for Sheriff, \$103,972, an increase of \$3,669 over the current year's salary of \$100,303; and for county commissioners, \$26,899 each, an increase of \$907 per commissioner over the current year's salary of \$25,992.

For school officials, the EDR Table shows the annual salary for the School Superintendent will be \$95,056, an increase of \$3,348 over the current year's salary of \$91,708; and for School Board members, the salary will be \$25,160 each, an increase of \$887 per member over the current year's salary of \$24,273.

Steven O'Cain is a senior legislative analyst with the EDR. O'Cain explained that the EDR Table represents "straight salary increases", excluding health insurance, pensions and other fringe benefits. When these

benefits are added, the full salary packages are much greater.

The finalized salaries posted on the EDR website also do not include an additional \$2,000 in special supplemental pay that is available to clerks of courts, property appraisers, sheriffs, supervisor of elections, and tax collectors who successfully complete a certification program in their particular areas of expertise.

The finalized salary for school superintendents also does not reflect an additional supplement available to this official upon com-

pletion of the required certification program or as a special performance incentive. The amounts of these additional supplements have ranged from \$5,000 to \$9,500 in the recent past.

O'Cain attributed the larger than usual salary increases this year to the pay raises given state workers for the first time in several years. State employees' salary increases are one of multiple variables that are factored into the formula that determines the constitutional officers' annual salaries. **Please See INCREASES Page 3A**

## Dr. Garrett Honored, Program To Continue

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Dr. Dallas Garrett may soon be gone, but his admirers want to ensure that his legacy endures via continuation of the Small Business Development Program that he founded and will direct until Monday, Sept. 30.

Dr. Garrett has accepted a position in Leesburg, which he is already commuting to on a part-time basis until his last day here.

On Tuesday evening, Sept. 17, Commissioner Hines Boyd presented Dr. Garrett with a plaque in appreciation of what he called the latter's exceptional work here. About 15 of Dr. Garrett's supporters attended the brief ceremony, which took place at the start of the commission's regular meeting.

Boyd offered that it was most people's wish to be remembered for having made a difference. Dr. Garrett, he

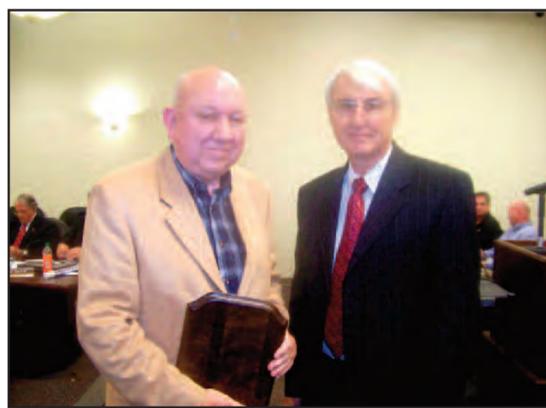
said, had made such a difference in a great many people's lives in Jefferson County.

"His work in small business development is something that we should all be proud of," Boyd said, underscoring Dr. Garrett's reputation for giving tirelessly of his time and expertise to clients and never discouraging or turning anyone away.

"Dallas inspired people," Boyd said. "He gave people inspiration and hope, and that's something that's missing in today's world."

Following the presentation, businesswoman Bobbie Golden, of Golden Acres Ranch, petitioned the commission for continuation of the Small Business Development Program and for steps to be put into motion immediately to find Dr. Garrett's replacement.

Golden said it was her understanding that the budget for the Economic Development Council (EDC) contained \$24,000 for the



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**Dr. Dallas Garrett (left), founder and director of the Small Business Development Program, is presented with a plaque in appreciation of his work here. Presenting the plaque is Commissioner Hines Boyd.**

Small Business Development Program. She asked that this money be utilized for the hire of a new person, that a Request For Proposal be developed, and that a selection committee be appointed to review the candidates and effect "a cohesive transition".

Golden offered that the Planning Department's office would make an ideal location for the new person hired, given that space was available there and

also the clerical staff to assist with the phone calls and paperwork.

Boyd immediately moved to grant Golden's request, saying that given the many clients in the pipeline, it was imperative that the board continue its commitment to the program.

The vote to approve the measure was 3-2, with Commissioners Betsy Barfield and John Nelson voting in the negative.

## City Adopts Budget For New Fiscal Year

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The Monticello City Council earlier this week adopted a final budget and millage rate for the 2013-14 fiscal year.

That budget, as advertised in the newspaper, totaled \$23,398,483, including the fund balances, reserves and assets; and the adopted millage rate was 5.9000 mills, a 0.22-percent decrease from the current fiscal year's rate.

The newly adopted budget represents a nearly 10-percent increase in operational costs over the current year's budget.

A quick review of the budget adopted on Monday evening, Sept. 23, shows a combined carried-forward balance of \$13,059,108, with \$514,946 of it coming from the general fund and \$12,544,162 coming from the water/sewer fund. It also shows an additional \$73,000 coming from transfers-in.

The total estimated revenues and expenditures — minus the carried-forward balance and transfers-in — are \$10,153,875 and \$10,339,375, respectively.

Among the larger revenue sources for the general fund are ad-valorem taxes, \$521,000; sales and use taxes, \$420,500; franchise fees and taxes, a combined \$371,000;

grants and appropriations, \$799,500; and service charges, \$300,750.

In the enterprise water/sewer funds, the largest revenue sources are grants and appropriations, \$6,420,000; and service charges, \$974,235.

On the general fund side of the budget, the largest expenditures include \$418,806 for general government or administration; \$707,737 for law enforcement or public safety; and \$889,697 for upkeep of the physical environment.

On the water/sewer fund side of the budget, the larger expenditures include \$313,285 for administration; \$2,549,350 for upkeep of the physical environment; and \$313,300 for the debt service.

The budget also includes a three-percent pay increase for city employees, with the exception of two positions that are receiving higher raises because of special circumstances.

A total of \$23,000 in the budget is going to private organizations such as the Economic Development Council, Main Street, the Fourth of July Fireworks Committee, the Chamber of Commerce and the Humane Society.

The new budget goes into effect Tuesday, Oct. 1, and runs through Sept. 30, 2014.

## August Continues To Be Wet Month

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Rainfall continued to drench the Suwannee

River Water Management District (SRWMD) during August, making for the third consecutive month of unusually high rainfall in parts of the region.

The latest hydrologic conditions report from the Suwannee River Water Management District (SRWMD) shows the average rainfall in August was 7.8 inches, or slightly above the long-term average of 7.5 inches.

"This was the third straight month of unusually high rainfall in coastal counties and along the middle Suwannee corridor, with some areas receiving in excess of 40 inches since June," the report states.

Notwithstanding the wet summer, however, the SRWMD re-

ports that the average rainfall for the 12 months ending on Aug. 31 was barely a half-inch higher than the long-term average of 54.61 inches.

Jefferson County received 6.85 inches, compared with the August average of 6.46 inches. The county received 54.10 inches of rainfall during the last 12 months, or 89 percent of the annual normal. Madison County, meanwhile, received 8.20

inches, compared with the August average of 6.13 inches. Madison County received 59.66 inches during the last 12 months, or 106 per-

cent of the annual normal.

Most river levels dropped during the month. **Please See RAINFALL Page 3A**

**Lois Howell-Hunter**  
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**Letter To The Public**  
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# Viewpoints

## Letters To The Editor

Letters to the Editor are typed word for word, comma for comma, as sent to this newspaper  
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### What Is Going On?

So Lois Lerner is retiring. I guess she will get a big, fat pension. She is the one that the Obama administration has chosen to fall on the sword for the sins of this administration. She took a job that was supposed to be administered in an objective, unbiased way and she ridiculed and harassed the conservative groups. She denied them equal treatment under the law. She routinely approved the applications of liberal groups for non-profit status and denied conservative groups the same approvals. She did not do her job. But she is rewarded for it. In my opinion she should be tried for high crimes. And if it turns out from the investigation of these

matters that high powers influenced her decisions those responsible should also be held accountable.

The Internal Revenue Service must be objective and independent in all decisions coming before it. The American people have the right to expect no less. It must be objective or be abolished. It cannot exist in a biased state.

In too many instances this administration has been involved in sleazy matters. Not since the Nixon Administration have we seen such questionable actions. Does President Obama have an enemies list?

Charles McClellan

### Lois Howell-Hunter.....

## An Open Letter To The Public

I, Lois Howell-Hunter, Jefferson County Tax Collector would like to first say "thank you" to the citizens of Jefferson County and I really appreciate the support shown during these recent events that have plagued this office. In my capacity as the Tax Collector, I have served honorably and appreciate the confidence shown in my abilities to serve you as the tax collector.

As your Tax Collector, I have the courage of my convictions. I secured my own counsel, which I had every right to do so, to represent me in the lawsuit brought against me by Mayor Idella Scott Loggins. There have been instances where others have secured their own counsel and nothing was said, however when I sought the same option it was a problem. I have been criticized publicly and through the media by county commissioners and others who

thought I should have simply settled the case.

The case was settled through a court of law and I prevailed in my actions to better serve the Office of the Tax Collector and the great citizens of Jefferson County. I would like to apologize to each of you for the frivolous lawsuit

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brought against me by the mayor, however I had to defend myself and my actions. If you don't stand for something you'll fall for anything.

I submitted my budget to the Florida Department of Revenue for approval, becoming a Fee Officer since I obviously don't have the support of the Board of County Commissioners. Again, I was attacked and ridiculed both in the media and during commission meetings. The Office of the Tax Col-

lector is self supportive in the fees generated/received from the citizens of this county. I have had to defend every action taken in my bid to serve this county. It feels like an unjustified "witch hunt". I would like you to know my budget has been approved by the Florida Department of Revenue which is no different than being approved by the County Commissioners and

in no way does it adversely affect Jefferson County. My actions will better serve the citizens of Jefferson County; at the end of the fiscal year, excess fees collected will be turned over to the county. My office will function solely on the fees generated through the tax collector's office.

I would like to challenge each of you, since my budget has been scrutinized so closely, to take a long hard look at each county office budget to include salaries and all other expenses. You will find my salaries and budget comparable to my counterparts in this county. I don't want preferential treatment; however I would like to be treated fairly and equitably.

I humbly thank you again for your support and please know that I take my duties seriously and would never do anything to compromise my position as your Jefferson County Tax Collector.

Lois Howell-Hunter

## 'Brew' Ha Ha: Conversations for Coffee

Amber Houston  
Staff Writer



### Inside Civil War Reenacting

I'll never forget my first reenactment. I was young, perhaps fifteen, and I dressed as a lady.

I had a beautiful dress with hoops underneath, and a cape, and petticoats. But even under all those layers, the cold of winter can always find its way in. It was the first weekend of March, and spring seemed like an eternity away. Everywhere, cooking fires had sprung up across the campsites and women and men huddled around them for warmth and companionship. The sweet smell of wood smoke was pervasive and inviting, and there was an air of camaraderie and light-hearted fun. Our reenacting goofball, a middle-aged man who—in his day-to-day life—is a serious, business-minded architect, Boudreaux, was assuming the podium where on Sunday a preacher would preach. Boudreaux had his own sermon prepared.

"Now it is true—I tell you it is true," his voice rang out and he gestured wildly, "that Adam was made of the dust of the Earth! The Bible says so, and it is true!" His breath came out as a cloud of mist, in the clear, cold afternoon sun.

Someone from the crowd was egging him on, shouting, "Amen, Boudreaux!" The crowd twittered, and his eyes glowed satisfaction at their growing numbers and enthusiasm.

"And it is true—truly, truly true—that Eve was made from his rib!" He rubbed his side, and rapped his knuckles on his ribcage.

"And nowadays, little has changed! Little—I say little has changed: men still treat women like prime rib, and women still treat men like dirt!" We laughed, and he jumped off the low podium, clicking his heels and grinning as he went.

Five years have passed since then. It is the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Chikamauga.

I am not in a lady's hoops this weekend, and well enough. When we first arrived it was a dustbowl and unbearably hot. The next night it rained and rained—the front stretched from New Orleans to Chicago, and the drizzle sat over our little valley for about 12 hours. Cold followed rain, and the fine clay that had once been dust turned to calf-deep mud the consistency of tapioca pudding. My lady's clothing would have never survived the weekend, no. Instead I wear plain soldier's garb. My hair is braided neatly and unobtrusively under my kepi.



Left to Right: Billy Colwell, Amber Houston, and Nicholas Jones. Colwell is the commander of my unit, Kolb's Battery, an independent battery that was based out of Eufala, Alabama.

Without any makeup, an oversized uniform, and a dust-smudged face, I reasonably pass as male. In helping a young girl down a steep, slippery passage, her grandfather soothed her by saying that "this young soldier-boy" would help her.

I have researched this battle extensively. The two Generals in this one were Rosencrans (Union) and Bragg (Confederate). Rosencrans had crossed the Tennessee River a week before, using his engineers to make pontoon bridges in barely a week's time—one of these spanned over 2700 feet in just three days. Then he had split his forces into three to make a noose around Chattanooga, Tennessee and drive Bragg out. It worked, but by splitting his forces, he gave the Confederate General exactly what he had been waiting for—an opportunity to take Rosencrans' army bit by bit, without the 2:1 numerical advantage Rosencrans had over him.

Bragg struck. Rosencrans tried to manage a fighting retreat north to Chattanooga from Chikamauga, GA but in his complicated maneuvers, a hole was left in his line and Bragg (by chance of timing and luck) punched through it. The Union beat a hasty, disorganized retreat to Chattanooga—except the divisions under Union Generals Thomas and Granger, who willfully disobeyed the order to retreat and covered the retreat, paying for the lives of their comrades with their own.

It was extraordinary. Bragg had used soldiers to pose as deserters following his "defeat" at Chattanooga, to make Rosencrans think they were in a fearful retreat and draw him into chasing him into Georgia. Rosencrans concealed the construction of his bridges by placing a division of infantry and artillery far north of Chattanooga, who sawed boards and banged tubs to make the Confederates think he was building rafts to cross far north of their bridges. The artillery he ordered to bombard the city from the ridge to the north to reinforce the belief. Intrigue abounded, maneuvers were complicated, and this was the second bloodiest battle in the entire Civil War.

But the most extraordinary part is not the history, but the reenactors. It is Saturday night. It has rained all day, and after the mud-soaked battle we returned to camp and I cooked dinner for our small unit. My commander, a veteran of the U.S. Army and a flight instructor, has invited a group of other veterans to talk. Soldiers from the Vietnam War and Korea and the Gulf War are in attendance. These men have killed other men in service of their country, have been wounded, and that have come close to death. Some were present when the Berlin Wall came down, others remember camping in Vietnam when the monsoons came and they were

in water and mud six inches deep for months. The worst part, one man exclaimed, was when they didn't have another uniform to change into. The others agreed heartily. For my part, I took my commander's night of dish duty, and listened as unobtrusively as possible, wishing all the while for a recorder.

Their wealth of Civil War history was not even as valuable as this conversation. While the second veteran in my unit is easy-going, not all veterans are as open about their time in the military.

Whether it be Civil War history or more recent events, edifying conversation or campfire stories told a hundred times, rain or heat, each reenactment is rewarding, challenging, and enjoyable.

There is a sense of family and a sense of home to the events. There are people around campfires together, or under the shade of a tent fly. Everywhere, we gather and talk, face to face. The lack of technology is pervasive but never noticed.

It's friends new and old—here and now—that we focus on. Perhaps that is why reenactors connect so well to each other. We forge real connections, real relationships.

Reenacting children are everywhere. Usually they run around in a giant herd, all dressed in 1860s' clothing. They play with wooden toys, or—like all children—sticks and pinecones, and camp items they have taken from their mothers (who may or may not be aware that the handkerchiefs they hand-embroidered are being used for "Capture the Flag"). While it may seem chaotic, they are some of the best-behaved children I've ever met. If any adult corrects them, they adjust their behavior right away. That means any adult—spectator, reenactor, volunteer, or state park personnel. And everyone watches after them.

Most reenactors are friendly, outgoing, and well educated and love the opportunity to research battles and military/home life of the era. The only thing they love more is sharing that information with spectators young and old, in a hands-on environment that takes the boring parts out of learning.

And if you like camping and history, most units will help you get started in the hobby. Artillery crews train men to work the guns, and will help them with uniforms until they can purchase their own. If infantry is more your speed, it is not uncommon for people to lend tents and guns to first-time reenactors. Even a cavalry captain I know is well-known for bringing multiple horses to the reenactments for his men that cannot afford their own.

If camping is not your thing, day trips as a reenactor or as a spectator are highly possible. Keep your eyes out for events, and attend!

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## Increases

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nual salary increases.

Another of the important variables in the calculations is county population and population growth. This county's small population puts constitutional officers here at the lower-end of the salaries scale, compared with their counterparts in the larger counties. Compared with the average resident in Jefferson County, however, these are standout salaries.

O'Cain offered that constitutional officers can choose to forego the increases or reduce their salaries. Historically, however, the only known instance of constitutional officers declining their annual raises in the last 20 years occurred a few years back, when several commissioners forewent their increases in the face of public pressure and a budgetary crunch that forced them to lay off 22 county employees.

The largest salary increases for constitutional officers occurred between fiscal years 1986-87 and 1989-90, when the increases ranged from 7.2 to 18.9 percent, or an average of \$5,000+ per officer, with the exception of county commissioners.

Since 1986, when the EDR (formerly known as the Florida Legislative Committee on Intergovernmental Relations) began calculating the salaries of constitutional officers, the amounts have easily more than doubled.

Compare the salaries in 1986 to the current fiscal year (2012-13): Clerk of Court, Tax Collector and Property Appraiser, \$36,458 to \$91,708, an increase of \$55,250; Supervisor of Elections, \$29,066 to \$75,020, an increase of \$45,954; Sheriff, \$40,277 to \$100,303, an increase of \$60,026; county commissioner, \$11,102 to \$25,992, an increase of \$14,890; School Superintendent, \$40,277 to \$91,708, an increase of \$51,431; and School Board member, \$10,661 to \$24,273.

The practice of the state determining constitutional officers' salaries was sanctioned by the 1885 Constitution and reaffirmed by constitutional revision in 1968. It wasn't until 1973, however, that the Legislature devised a salary compensation method that became the precursor of today's formula. Prior to establishment of the formula, the authorization of compensation changes required frequent legislative action.

The reason given for the Legislature setting constitutional officers' salaries is that lawmakers decided that a uniform method of determining the salaries had to be devised to replace the various local methods, which were generally considered arbitrary, haphazard, preferen-

tial, inequitable and likely unconstitutional.

The Legislature intended for county officials performing substantially equal duties and assuming relatively equal responsibilities to be compensated on uniform salary schedules, largely based on the respective counties' populations.

The exceptions to the rule are charter or home-rule counties, which set their constitutional officers' salaries, irrespective of the Legislature.

Per the Florida Association of Counties (FAC), state electors in 1968 granted local voters the power to adopt charters to govern their counties. The FAC describes charters as formal, written documents that confer specific powers, duties

and privileges on a county. Charters and charter amendments, like the state or federal constitution, must be approved by a majority of local voters.

To date, 20 of the state's 67 counties, representing 75 percent of the state's population, are charter counties, including Leon (2002) and Wakulla (2008).

Charter counties, among other things, can be tailored by the local electorate to meet the specific needs of the county; may provide for initiatives and referendums at the county level; and can require an administrative code detailing all regulations, policies and procedures. They may also include such things as nonpartisan elections, term limits, and recalls for elected officials, as well as setting officials' salaries.

## Rainfall

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first half of August after having risen to unseasonably high levels the previous month, only to rise again significantly during mid August as result of heavy rainfall, including the Aucilla River.

Lake levels generally fell during August, as did groundwater levels in coastal counties, following near record highs in July. Overall, however, district wells mostly rose during the month.

The National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center's three-month outlook shows equal chances of above or

below normal rainfall through November.

The SRWMD continues its Phase I Water Shortage Advisory, which urges the reduction of the unnecessary usage of water.

The hydrologic conditions report is a compilation of water resource data collected from radar-derived rainfall estimates, groundwater and surface water levels, and river flows, among other sources.

The district encompasses all or parts of 15 counties in north-central Florida, including Madison County and the eastern portion of Jefferson County.



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### Swedish Man To Tour With "Jesus Fish"

In Gothenburg, Sweden, a factory worker found a salmon with a cross shape on its belly. Lars Ludwigson found the fish and kept it to take home and have a "blessed dinner" after showing it to the other workers, but changed his mind after getting the fish home. Ludwigson said, "It seems that the Jesus fish has been brought back to life and will begin touring." He continued with, "My original plan was to eat it, but I can't do that now. I've hidden the fish in a freezer because of this hysterical interest and I'm the only one who knows exactly where. But I must conserve it in some way, putting it in alcohol might upset some Christians so the most biblical method must be to salt it...if I remember correctly, Jesus said something about that." Ludwigson said he will begin touring with the fish at an Ica store in Malmo.

### Guide Dog Saves Owner's Son

In Leigh, England, a heroic guide dog belonging to Jessica Cowley, pushed her one-year-old son's stroller out of the path of an oncoming car. When talking about her black Labrador retriever Cowley said that Jet broke free from her and shoved the stroller with her son Jacob, out of the way of the car. "She is a strong dog and she pulled out of my hand and actually pushed the stroller out of the way." Cowley was crossing the entrance to a parking lot near her Lancashire home when the event happened.

### Man Arrested For Urinating On Supermarket Fruit

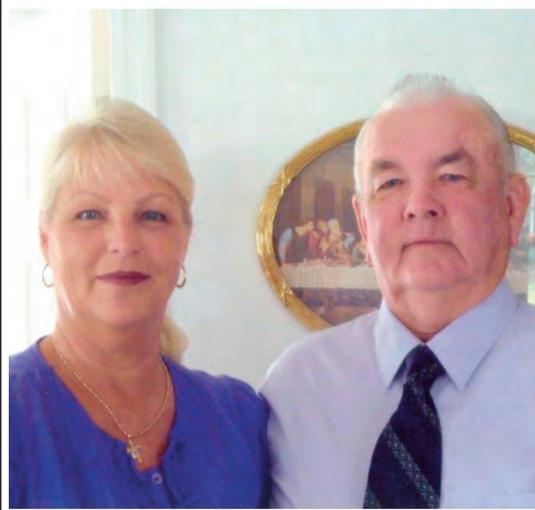
In Gothenburg, Sweden, a Swedish man was arrested for vandalism when he entered a supermarket, stumbling drunk, and began urinating on a pile of apples and oranges. Store security held the man down while police responded to the scene. Store employees said the fruit was estimated at \$110 and was thrown away.

### Queen Elizabeth Places Ad For A Clock Winder

In London, if you are seeking a new job, you can apply to Queen Elizabeth's official website for the position of Royal Horological Conservator. She is looking for someone to be responsible for winding her 1,000 clocks. The candidate will travel to Windsor Castle, the Palace of Holyroodhouse, Balmoral and Sandringham to make sure all the monarch's clocks are wound and set to the accurate time. The position's primary responsibility will be to reset the clocks for time changes in March and October. The posting says an ideal applicant would be "experienced at working with hand and machine tools and have the ability to strip and clean mechanisms and make new

# Jefferson County Living

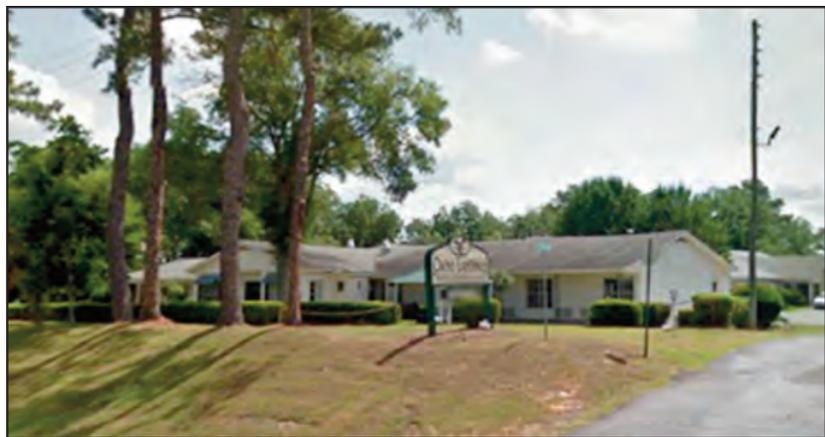
## 50th Anniversary



Mitchell and Myra Sheffield are celebrating 50 years together!

Please come help them celebrate their anniversary on Saturday, October 12, at Lamont Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, Lamont, Florida from 2-5 p.m. In lieu of gifts, a money tree will be available for donations toward their anniversary trip. Please RSVP to Michele Sheffield at 850-661-5675.

## Cross Landings Fall Festival



**DEBBIE SNAPP**  
ECB Publishing Staff Writer

The Cross Landings Health & Rehabilitation Center will hold its annual Fall Festival on Saturday, October 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at its location 1780 North Jefferson Street.

Local health agencies and the public are invited to come join in the fun and help host

the event by setting up a booth to share your valuable information and products. Bring your own table and chairs. A \$5 donation is requested.

The Cross Landings staff and volunteers will make available free food, games, entertainment, and lots of prize giveaways.

Contact the facility at 850-997-2313 for more

information about the event. Bring your lawn chairs to sit and enjoy the camaraderie.

Individuals hosting the event include Mae Kyler, social services director; Vonnell Thomas, activities director; Jeannie McGovern, dietary director; Kay Malley, administrator; Nancy Jackson, director of nursing; and Kat McKown, director of therapy.



**Jefferson County Solid Waste & Recycling Center**  
1591 S. Waukeenhah Street  
850-342-0184



PLEASE! NOTE

Please take notice of the signage posted at each collection site for the proper disposal of items.



All clear, brown, and green glass and jars



Any newspapers & magazines



Plastic soda and water bottles (any size), milk jugs, laundry detergent bottles



Hazardous waste items such as pesticides, swimming pool chemicals, paints, paint thinners. Please mark container to identify contents.



All types of cans such as tin, food, dog & cat food, aluminum, soda and beer



Grocery bags, cereal and food boxes, laundry detergent boxes, and shipping boxes



Waste Tires



Medications must be given directly to an employee of JCSWD at the 1591 S. Waukeenhah Street location.



Any alkaline or re-chargable batteries. Lithium ion batteries (cell phones, computers) must be contained separately.



Refrigerators, freezers, washing machines, dryers, air conditioner units and other "white goods"



Used Oil & Filters

**\*Note: Recyclable items are accepted at all county collection sites with the following exceptions:**

- S. Waukeenhah St: does not accept tires, white goods or tree debris.
- Aucilla: does not accept used oil.
- Lloyd: does not accept used oil, hazardous waste or tree debris.

## Historical Association Meeting October 3

**DEBBIE SNAPP**  
ECB Publishing Staff Writer

The Jefferson County Historical Association (JCHA) invites the public to its general meeting on Thursday, October 3 at The Downtown Club located at the corners of Cherry and York streets. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m.

An interesting program will be presented, Heritage Roads of Jefferson County; their economical influence

and the county's vision for them.

All are encouraged to attend, and bring a friend. Refreshments will be served.

Also, save the date of October 18 for a Harvest Moon Game Dinner to be held in the garden of the Wirick-Simmons House. There will be limited seating.

Call and reserve tickets or a table for eight of your friends. Ticket cost is \$50 and includes hors d'oeuvres and cocktails with a dinner of duck casse-

role, quail, venison, and dessert

If you are not a JCHA member, you are encouraged to become a member under one of the following membership plans: \$25 individual, \$35 family, \$100 business, \$125 patron, and \$200 sponsor.

Memberships are active from January through December of each year and are tax deductible. To get more information, call 850-997-2661, or 850-997-2465, or jcha1827@yahoo.com, or jcha1827.com.

## Multi-Unit Dwelling Facilities Going Smoke-Free

The Tobacco Free Jefferson Partnership is promoting smoke-free air policies by meeting with local owners and landlords at multi-unit dwelling facilities to aid in changing the sociological norm to prevent secondhand smoke exposure. There is indisputable evidence that implementing 100-percent smoke-free environments is the only way to protect the population

from harmful effects of exposure to secondhand smoke.

Many owners and landlords have the false belief that if creating separate nonsmoking areas, cleaning the air, and ventilating buildings eliminates secondhand smoke exposure. Actually, tobacco smoke can move along air ducts, through cracks in the walls and floors, through elevator shafts, and along plumbing and elec-

trical lines to affect units on other floors.

Research demonstrates that up to 65-percent of air can be exchanged between units, involuntarily exposing individuals in adjacent units. There is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke, breathing a small amount of cigarette smoke can be dangerous, due to a deadly mix of approximately 7,000 chemicals, and 69 of these toxic chemicals cause cancer.

How do smoke-free housing policies benefit landlords and property Managers? Survey findings indicate that tenants are often bothered by tobacco smoke and four out of five non-smokers would prefer a smoke-free building. In fact, 80.7-percent of Florida adults are non-smokers.

In addition, implementing a smoke-free policy with local multi-unit dwellings has comprehensive benefits. Smoke-free policies can eliminate the need to repair or replace carpeting, floors, fixtures, countertops or appliances damaged by burns or nicotine stains. At the end of a lease, smoke-free units require less turnover time due to fewer preparation and repainting needs.

If you are an owner or landlord for a multi-unit dwelling and would like to have more information concerning smoke-free policies, contact Chastity McCarthy at the Florida Department of Health in Jefferson County, 850-342-0170 ext. 2101.

## PETS OF THE WEEK

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**Benny**  
2 year old, male

**Brianna**  
3 year old, female

**JEFFERSON COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY:**  
1250 MAMIE SCOTT DR. MONTICELLO, FL  
(850)342-0244

# Jefferson County Living

## DCF's Jefferson County Service Center To Close

The Department of Children and Families (DCF) will permanently close the ACCESS service center in Monticello, Jefferson County on September 27. Since implementing a number of changes making it easier for people to apply for benefits online, DCF has assisted an average of 12 people each day at this location.

The majority of area residents seeking assistance apply from a home computer or from one of our ACCESS community partners instead of using the resources available at the service center. DCF will have an employee available each Monday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Public Library in Monticello for clients who need assistance submitting an application.

The closure, which is expected to produce a savings of more than \$38,000 next year, is part of a statewide effort to reduce the amount of leased office space, saving taxpayer dollars through increased telecommuting and community partnerships. DCF has saved \$4.5

million over the last two fiscal years by training employees to telework and reducing leased office space.

DCF determines eligibility for federal public assistance benefits, including Medicaid, food and cash assistance. More than 95 percent of public benefits recipients apply online at [www.myflorida.com/access-florida](http://www.myflorida.com/access-florida). Clients do not need to come in to the office in order to receive their benefits. Residents who need assistance applying or access to a computer can also go to one of our nearby local community partners. Information on these partners and their locations can be found at <http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/access/CP-SLookup/search.aspx>.

To find out information about a current case, clients can log onto the My ACCESS Account to reapply, submit changes and verifications, and get notices and updates from any computer at <http://www.myflorida.com/accessflorida/>. Clients can also call the Customer Call Center at (866) 762-2237.



## Connie Heath New Humane Society Shelter Director

FRAN HUNT  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

Connie Heath officially took over as the Humane Society Shelter Director September 20. She not only brings with her a very deep love of animals, but also a wealth of experience when it comes to dealing with animals.

She has served as a veterinary technician for the past 26 years, which could come in very handy in an emergency situation at the shelter.

Heath, a Jefferson County resident, has worked in Georgia and Tallahassee, and then she heard that the Humane Society was taking applications for a shelter director.

"I live here and figured why spend \$70 a week traveling back and forth to Tallahassee to work, when I could work here and serve my community at the same time," said Heath. "Besides, my 97-year old mother lives with me, and if need be, I could be right there if she needed me," she added.

Heath's love of animals is so very great that she has 20 cats, six dogs, three horses, one burro, two goats, and one parrot. "As a vet tech, I couldn't stand it when someone would bring in a perfectly healthy cat to

be put down, so I told the vet to check and if they were feline leukemia free, I would take them, that's how I ended up with so many cats. I have one cat that had apparently been run over, and her eye was completely out, so the vet removed the eye and I took her. I also have a three-legged cat named Pod," she added.

"Working here gives me a chance to help the animals at the shelter," said Heath. She will be overseeing the complete operation of the shelter from taking care of adoptions, seeing that the animals get proper medical treatment and care, spaying and neutering, everything, including battenning down the hatches in case of a hurricane or other emergency situation.

Heath is looking to get the foster program back into full swing, and she will also be looking for sister shelters and rescue groups to work with when it comes to finding the animals their forever homes. She is currently seeking volunteers to come in a walk the dogs, play with the cats, and just spend time with the animals. Heath reminds high school students that all volunteer hours at the shelter are community service hours toward their college years.



Connie Heath

"I want to get more people involved," said Heath. "I'm looking forward to working with the animals, the community, and making a difference," said Heath.

Currently, there are approximately 25 cats and 27 dogs at the shelter looking for their forever homes.

For further information on adopting or volunteering, call the shelter at 342-0244.

## Church News Notes

debbiesnapp@embarqmail.com or 850-997-3568

**September 27, 28**  
Second Harvest Food Program, together with the churches of New Bethel AME, Elizabeth MB, Hickory Hill MB, Mt. Pleasant AME and Philadelphia MB, will provide food to anyone needing assistance, including the needy, infants, and the elderly. This is done monthly on the fourth Saturday with distribution from 8 to 9 a.m. at the New Bethel AME Church, located at 6496 Ashville Highway. Volunteers are also needed to come on the Friday evening before at 6:30 p.m. to help bag the food packages. Contact Nellie Randell at 850-997-5605, or 850-997-6929 to volunteer, or for more information about this program.

**September 27**  
Nazarene Church Family Skate Night is held from 6 to 8 p.m. on the last Friday evening of every month. Light snacks and soft drinks

available. For more information, contact Rev. Clay Stephens, pastor, at 850-528-5451.

**September 28**  
Union #2 of the Jefferson County Ministers, Deacons, and Home Mission Society commenced with Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church, 669 Groover Road, for Union Bible Study on Wednesday evening. The session will continue on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. for Union Leadership Council; then on Sunday at 9:45 a.m. with Church School. All members and friends are invited to attend.

**September 29**  
Mt. Zion AME Church, Barrington Road, will host a 'Welcome Back' program at 11 a.m. on Sunday for its pastor, Rev. Dr. Edward Scott II. Speaker will be Rev. Theodore Houston, from Tallahassee. All are invited to attend this special service.

**September 29**  
New Bethel AME Church and its pastor, Rev. Jimmie F. Dickey, will host 5th Sunday Missionary Worship Service at 11 a.m. Mt. Pleasant AME Church and its pastor Rev. Maryetta Cromartie and Philadelphia AME Church and its pastor Rev. David Williams will join the church family. Rev. Williams will bring the messages.

**September 29**  
Greater Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church will hold its 5th Sunday Night Gospel Sing at 6:30 p.m. All groups, choirs, soloists, and dance ministries are invited to join the program. Rev. Dr. Melvin Roberts, pastor. September 29 -

**October 4**  
First Baptist Church Monticello will hold Revival services at 6:30 p.m. on the evenings of Sunday through Friday. All are invited to come hear some great preaching and special music.

### NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners has tentatively adopted a budget for the 2013 – 2014 fiscal year. A public hearing to make a FINAL DECISION on the budget AND TAXES will be held on

September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

at

Jefferson County Courthouse Annex  
County Commission Chambers  
435 W. Walnut St.  
Monticello, Florida 32344

### BUDGET SUMMARY

COUNTY OF JEFFERSON-FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014

THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ARE 9.73 % MORE THAN LAST YEAR'S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES.

	General Funds	Special Revenue Funds	Debt Service Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Total
<b>General Fund</b>	6,6491				
<b>Fine &amp; Forfeiture Fund</b>	1,6623				
<b>Estimated Revenues:</b>					
Taxes: Millage Per \$1,000					
Ad Valorem Taxes	6,6491	3,674,596	0		3,674,596
Ad Valorem Taxes	1,6623	0	918,648		918,648
Sales & Use Gas Taxes		2,223,580	1,728,878		3,952,458
Tourist Development Taxes		24,068	0		24,068
Special Assessments		2,400	1,732,373		1,734,773
Licenses & Permits		157,000			157,000
Intergovernmental Revenues		4,494,193	1,720,391		6,214,584
Charges for Services		779,000	338,468		1,117,468
Fines & Forfeitures		0	184,500		184,500
Miscellaneous Revenues		81,000	360,000		441,000
<b>Total Revenues</b>	\$11,435,837	\$6,983,258	\$0	\$0	\$18,419,095
Less 5%	(571,792)	(349,163)			(920,955)
Add Interfund Transfers	0	2,635,124	559,835		3,194,959
Add Bond/Loan Proceeds					
Fund Balance	635,486	1,592,940		2,000,000	4,228,426
<b>Total Estimated Revenues and Balances</b>	\$11,499,531	\$10,862,159	\$559,835	\$2,000,000	\$24,921,525
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
General Governmental Services	2,767,976	0			2,767,976
Public Safety	1,153,191	4,960,086			6,113,277
Physical Environment	329,542	2,116,635			2,446,177
Transportation	3,283,557	1,759,232		2,000,000	7,042,789
Economic Environment	23,850	1,100,000			1,123,850
Human Services	389,719	0			389,719
Culture & Recreation	452,462	0			452,462
Debt Service	0	0	559,835		559,835
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	\$8,400,297	\$9,935,953	\$559,835	\$2,000,000	\$20,896,085
Add Interfund Transfers	2,899,234	295,725			3,194,959
Add Reserves	200,000	630,481			830,481
<b>Total Appropriated Expenditures &amp; Reserves</b>	\$11,499,531	\$10,862,159	\$559,835	\$2,000,000	\$24,921,525

THE TENTATIVE, ADOPTED, AND/OR FINAL BUDGETS ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED TAXING AUTHORITY AS A PUBLIC RECORD.

## Zumba® Classes Begin Tuesday

DEBBIE SNAPP  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

Zumba® classes will begin in Monticello on Tuesday, October 1 and will continue on Mondays and Tuesdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the MADCO Studio located at 262 North Cherry Street.

Certified Zumba Instructor Susan Hayes explains that Zumba® is an aerobic fitness program featuring movements inspired by various styles of Latin American dance, Salsa, Meringue, Cumbia, and such, and is done primarily to Latin American dance music.

"Zumba® attracts such a diverse group of people that everyone feels comfortable," she adds. "So, put on some



comfortable clothes, lace up those tennis shoes and come join me for the most fun hour of the day."

For a schedule of classes, contact Hayes at [www.susanhayes.zumba.com](http://www.susanhayes.zumba.com). Monthly cost for the classes is \$25, due at the first class, or \$5 for each class. Cash and local checks will be accepted.

Hayes has been doing Zumba® since January 2009. She fell in love with it after the first five minutes of her first class. She loved it so much that she became an instructor in October 2010.

# Jefferson County Living

## Volunteer Firefighter in Training: Richard Peters

**AMBER HOUSTON**  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

At 42, Richard Peters is broad, smiling, genuine, and apparently very busy.

Peters is a heavy equipment operator for the City of Tallahassee, a small businessman who cuts lawns and sells firewood, a father of two preteens, a husband, and a volunteer firefighter in training. He hopes to serve Wacissa as a volunteer firefighter when he finishes his coursework and physical training later this fall.

And his motivation to do so is about as honest and humble as he is. "I just want to help the community," Peters said. "There are a lot of elderly that live in Wacissa and they need volunteer firefighters. We rely on those volunteers a lot. They can do more than just fires: they handle first aid, too. When someone gets hurt down at the Wacissa River or if there's a car accident, we get called out for that just like we would for a fire."

Indeed the county does rely on volunteer firefighters a lot. The Jefferson County Fire Rescue (the paid, professional firefighters) are stationed in Monticello, and even with their skill and equipment, that distance could mean the difference between saving a house—or a life—and losing one.

Recently his life-long friend, Houston Brock's, house burned down. "If we had more volunteers on call, his house might have been saved," Peters explains. "But they lost the house, and everything inside it. How hard is that for a family, to see everything they own go up in smoke? They were out there on their lawn with just the clothes on their back. Everything else was ruined."

Luckily, his "first partner" is a supportive, loving wife. "My wife is the best," Peters said. "She supports me 100% and that means a lot. Some of our coursework was on the computer, and she'd sit down with me at the table. I'd have her on one side and Brock on the other, talking through stuff."

"Really I have two lifelong partners to depend on. I'd trust Houston with my life in a heartbeat, and my wife

Brock, Peters' "second partner for life" (behind his wife, of course) is also in training to become a volunteer firefighter. "That fire really pushed us to help out the community. And once we found out that Mike Long could train us locally, we signed up."

"During our physical training, we had a lot of things that we had to do in full gear. I guess my favorite part of all of this is finding out that I can do stuff I didn't think I could. Like climbing a 24 foot ladder, and locking my leg through the rungs and leaning back. You do that so that you can be on a ladder and use your hands. And crawling through a house and checking under chairs and beds in blackout gear, so you can't see. The whole time we were doing stuff like that, Houston had my back. He'd keep checking on me. He'd say, 'How you doing, Big 'un?' That's what he calls me—Big 'un.'"

Between physical and academic training, Peters has completed a large amount of his required 216 hours of training, and has enjoyed the entire experience, however many sacrifices he has had to make to do it. "I don't get much time around my family," Peters admitted. "I didn't have time for hobbies before I started training. Now, I don't even get to see my family much at all."

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Richard Peters poses in front of a fire truck during one of his training days. Peters works a regular job, owns his own business, and is in the middle of his 216 hours of Volunteer Firefighter training.



Peters steadies a ladder for one of his fellow trainees during a training day. The trainees go through hours of hands-on training as well as academic training.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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### Thru 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 27

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 28

Early Head Start will host a Fall Family Fun Day from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday at its location, 395 East Washington Street, on the playground. Enjoy hands-on children's activities like climbing, swinging, playing Twister, riding trikes, building Lego structures, playing ball, and drawing. There will be Oobleck (is it solid or liquid?) and Gak. You can pull it, shape it, and after a few days you can even bounce it like a ball! It's all free and fun for the whole family. Community partners including Refuge House, Healthy Start, and Capital City Bank will be on hand with valuable information and goodies.

### September 28

Jefferson County Branch of the NAACP will meet at noon on the last Saturday at the MLK Center. Contact Charles Parrish at 850-997-3760 for more information.

### September 29

Operation Patriotism will host a festival with live music and vendors, and admission is free! The event will be held on

Sunday at Willow Pond Plantation, in Monticello, with performances from Gavin Moyer, Drew Tillman and Bruised Grass. For more details on how you can get involved, contact M.W. Simpson, chairman of education for Operation Patriotism, at Simpleman Music 850-997-1733, or simpleman\_mws@yahoo.com, or www.facebook.com/simpleman1971, or www.reverbnation.com/bruisedgrassband.

### September 30

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

### September 30

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 30

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 30 - 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.

# Local Business Directory

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# Jefferson County Living

## Photo Of The Week



This picture was taken on Freeman Road in Jefferson County by Price Bryan. Thanks for the great photo Price!

## Local Business Expands Venue



ECB Publishing Photos By Debbie Snapp, September 16, 2013.

Vintage Treasures storefront at 255 North Jefferson Street.

**DEBBIE SNAPP**  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

Local business Vintage Treasures, located at 255 North Jefferson Street and owned by Pam Willis, is expanding its venue to include a public auction, with the help of Pam's husband, Mike, and one of their vendors, Dan Schall.

The first auction, featuring antiques, collectables, tools, and much more, will be held on Saturday, October 12, at 2077 South Jefferson Street (US19 South) the site of the old apron

factory. Preview of items will be at 9 a.m. and the sale will begin at 10 a.m. There will be a 10-percent Buyers Premium.

For more information about this auction, or if you have items that you would like to sell, contact Mike Willis at 850-228-2542 or Dan Schall at 850-251-3878.

Vintage Treasures is pleased to offer its first public auction and hopes to have an auction several times yearly.

Auctioneers License #AU3641 AB2718

**Deb's Notes**

**Drop A Note To**  
Debbiesnapp@embarqmail.com

Happy Birthday greetings go out to Joan Moehle and Nita Howard!

This Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Jefferson County Humane Society will have an adoption booth set up at the Tractor Supply store on South Jefferson Street. Come out! Adopt a friend!

In conjunction with the wildflower exhibit at the Jefferson Arts Gallery, the Monticello Crazy Quilters are displaying their handmade 'Flowering Vines' quilt at the show. Raffle tickets are being sold for this flower themed work of art to benefit Jefferson Arts. The quilt is made of brightly colored 100 percent cotton, is queen sized, and has been called a very happy-looking quilt. It is machine pieced and hand quilted. Arts Gallery members were delighted that the quilters made this quilt just for them and just in time for the show.

The Florida Museum will host its 8th annual ButterflyFest October 19 and 20. This free event celebrates the importance of backyard wildlife and its role in the ecosystem and includes the largest butterfly plant sale of the year, beginning on Friday. A change for this year's event includes the museum's first ButterflyFest Facebook Photo Challenge. Participants should submit their best picture incorporating the "Water and Wildlife" theme to photo-office@flmnh.ufl.edu by September 30. The museum will post the top 10 photos on its Facebook page, and the public will select the overall winner online. Florida Museum Lepidoptera researcher Jaret Daniels, who also leads the museum's exhibits and public programs division, said the theme of this year's event, 'Water and Wildlife,' is an effort to help showcase the importance of this critical natural resource. ButterflyFest is a family event committed to growing awareness about the many intimate connections and interactions of organisms with their environ-

ment. Visitors will have the opportunity to view Lepidoptera specimens normally not displayed and speak with representatives from groups including the Florida Bluebird Society, Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens, Lube Bat Conservancy, and several museum and University of Florida divisions. Also, family-friendly activities include live butterfly releases, a pollinator parade, live entertainment, movie screening with panel discussion and more. For more information on ButterflyFest, registering for the Picture Perfect Photography workshop, or entering the ButterflyFest Facebook Photo Challenge visit [www.flmnh.ufl.edu/butterflyfest](http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu/butterflyfest) or call 352-273-2061.

Correction for the "Jefferson County High School Class of 1989 sets 25th Reunion" News article. The article indicated that the reunion would allow participants to "BYOB" (Bring Your Own Bottle) to the Opera House. This was written in error and the Class of 1989 would like to apologize and make a correction. Participants cannot BYOB. Instead, the participants will be served drinks from a bartender on duty. Again, classmates are not allowed to bring any alcoholic drinks to the Opera House. "Please accept our apology for this error," Class of 1989.

Melanie Mays has been very busy lately, with the opening of her new studio for dance, theatre, piano, and crochet. Her studio is located at 262 North Cherry Street in downtown Monticello. So, she's no longer at the Jefferson Arts Gallery. She's also director/ choreographer/producer for her 'Little Shop of Horrors' stage play at the Monticello Opera House. The show will continue through this weekend. If you would like dinner with the show, call and make reservations at 850-997-4242 or go online to [monticellooperahouse.org](http://monticellooperahouse.org). And, if you've been watching WCTV a commercial for the play has

been airing; and listen to 98.9 for the play's radio commercial. Contact Mays at 850-321-0036 and let her know how much you appreciate her work in our little community.

The Liberty County Arts Council is presenting Art Alive 2013 through October 5; which features art work from all over the Panhandle and Big Bend area; and admission is FREE (donations are always appreciated.) The show includes art mediums of various types from watercolor and oil paintings to quilts and shell carvings, and includes artists of all ages. On Saturday, September 28, there will be live art demonstrations by several artists in the area from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, contact Meiko Whitfield (Meiko@fairpoint.net) at 850-519-3425 or Babs Moran at BMoran@fairpoint.net or call 850-643-5491.

The 9th annual Paula Bailey Dining in the Dark will be held on Sunday, October 13, at the Florida State University Club Center Ballroom. A reception begins at 4:30 p.m., with dinner beginning at 5:30 p.m. The Honorary Host of this year's event is Florida Senator Bill Montford. Past years' events have sold out, so call to sponsor, reserve a table, or to purchase individual tickets. Proceeds go to help the blind and visually impaired clients of Lighthouse of the Big Bend. For more information, contact Marianne Salcedo at 850-942-3658, or email to: [msalcedo@lighthousebigbend.org](mailto:msalcedo@lighthousebigbend.org).

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

## Obituaries

### EMMA L. ROBINSON

Emma L. Robinson, 86, of Tallahassee died Monday, September 16, 2013. Funeral Service will be held Saturday, September 28, 2013 at 3:00 pm at New Zion BP Church, with burial at Clifford Hill Cemetery. Survivors include; Robert Lindsey (Eunice), James Brown (Donna), Dr. Ivory Taylor (Joyce).



## Did You Know?

### Food For Thought:

Stephen Baldwin worked in a pizza parlor, Jean-Claude Van Damme delivered pizzas, Bill Murray was a pizza maker, Madonna worked at Dunkin' Donuts. Julia Roberts worked in an ice cream parlor, Queen Latifah worked at Burger King, Jennifer Aniston worked as a waitress in a burger cafe.

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# Jefferson County Living

## Two Sisters Share New Beginnings: Two Sisters New Beginnings, LLC

**AMBER HOUSTON**  
Staff Writer  
ECB Publishing

It is a good thing that Sandra Hood and Pat Marchman didn't quantify the new beginnings in the name of their business, because they'd be hard-pressed to count them.

The sisters refurbish furniture and sell hand-crafted items on consignment in their new shop in downtown Monticello. This business venture marks the main new beginning for them both. Sandra explains, "I am a two-time survivor of Ovarian Cancer. The last time I beat it was quite recently. And at the end of 2012, my sister was laid off from her job."

Pat continues, "I had worked in insurance for 30 years altogether, and had spent eight of the most recent years at Allstate as a Sales Manager. When I was trying to find a new job, Sandra kept telling me to 'think outside the box.'"

Sandra picks up, "I never thought she'd drag me outside the box with her!"

Their new beginning is their own little shop, in a building that has been a gas station and a hot dog stand—among other things. It's hard to believe that a building like that would be home to a chic, airy boutique, but the building has received a new beginning of its own.

"We painted and painted," Pat confides, and a shadow of exhaustion crept across her face. We liked the character of the build-

ing from the very start. We didn't want to ruin it—we wanted to enhance it. And I feel like that's what we did."

While both of them may have once (upon a time) had hobbies outside of furniture refurbishing, their hobbies are now their work. "It all started," Sandra said, "when we rediscovered an old dresser—that we had bought 12 years ago—in the attic. It was in pretty rough shape, but we said, 'Look at this! We can pretty this up.'" The two found that they enjoyed giving the piece of furniture a new beginning.

Now the sisters can most often be found at the shop, working on more furniture. Unless they're out and about, finding new pieces to give a new beginning and a little TLC. Pat laughed, "No more office politics—just furniture and my sister! We have so much fun working together."

And in a delightfully nosy small town that is lacking in ladies' shops, their presence has not gone unnoticed. Sandra said, "We've had so many people come in and tell us that they had seen us working on the building and wanted to say hello and see what we had for sale."

The sisters also credit their business neighbors for encouraging their own customers to visit the new store. "They don't treat us like competition," Sandra said. Pat agreed, "They're all so kind and supportive. We're all working towards revitalizing

Monticello, and they treat us like team members, working towards the same goal."

And the sisters don't just sell furniture. They have 17 different artists that lend their talents as well. Wine glasses, carafes, and centerpieces decorate the sisters' revitalized dining table. Another table that they have given a new beginning holds entirely hand-crafted wooden utensils and cutting boards. There are many racks of jewelry, crocheted scarves and shawls, children's clothing, and accessories. One artist is a blacksmith and contributes his outdoor/indoor utensils. Their long handles, and hand-crafted durability are just begging for a grill and tailgating season. In their store, lamps go from so-retro-they're-obsolete, to trimmed-in-lace and chic.

Their artists rotate for a visit about once a month, for a Meet the Artist Saturday. This month's artist was Barbara Pace of Tallahassee, who repurposes men's shirts into charming little girl's dresses, makes purses out of table runners, and makes Christmas stockings out of everything. It sounds a little rustic, but the results are quite classy indeed.

Next month's artist has yet to be chosen, but "the best way to keep in touch and keep current with our new items is to follow us on Facebook," Pat said. Their Facebook page is titled Two Sisters New Beginnings LLC.

Of course, they also



Sandra Hood and Pat Marchman pose in front of the gentleman's chest that started it all: the original just-for-fun project that led them to furniture revitalization.



The store is open and airy, and includes anything from home decor to cooking utensils, to jewelry and accessories, to children's clothing, and more.

welcome people to come in any time they are open. Their shop hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Their phone number is (850) 977-2550—give them a call if you have questions about an item, what they have in stock, or just want to welcome them to the

community. They are always on the lookout for new artisans, but are very careful of the term 'consignment.' Sandra explained, "We aren't looking for used clothing and toys and other things that you think of when someone says 'consignment shop.' We are looking for local

artists that have hobbies in making things—sewing, sculpting, crocheting, painting, blacksmithing, woodcrafting, and all. And we never want the shop to get so cluttered that it loses its personality." And personality is exactly what customers will find at Two Sisters New Beginnings, LLC.

## Blocktoberfest October 19 Downtown

**DEBBIE SNAPP**  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

Southern Music Rising (SMR) will sponsor another block party on Saturday, October 19. Blocktoberfest will be held on Dogwood Street

in downtown Monticello. Music will begin at 5 p.m. with Dave Allen, Cliff Miller, Rex Ware, and Busted Strings scheduled to perform.

All are local musicians with the exception of Rex, a tax attorney by profession, who is from

Tallahassee. Allen has been a favorite performer at the Brick House Eatery on Friday nights.

Miller and Ware will perform a John Prine loaded set; and Busted Strings will encore as Monticello's hottest bluegrass band.

Blocktoberfest will benefit SMR so that great entertainment can be provided for the 2014 SMR Festival. Admission is free. Donations will be accepted and are greatly appreciated. And, a big screen television will be set up so that no football will be missed!

The 2014 SMR Festival is scheduled to be held on Friday, May 9 and Saturday, 10. SMR announces that the entertainment lineup to date includes Connor Christian and Southern Gothic (CCSG) to headline on Friday on the Monticello Opera House stage.

CCSG is one of the hottest Americana bands in the country at this time, with its music described as a blend of rock, bluegrass, and country music. Their newest album 'New Hometown' is tracking on Billboard Magazine's HeatSeekers album charts with hit single 'Sheets Down' getting considerable video and radio airplay.

Opening for CCSG will be Atlanta blues legend Bill Sheffield. His music is briefly described as "powerfully acoustic blues." He has 11 albums to his credit, with his latest 'In Other Words' getting fantastic reviews.







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# Sports

## David Brumfield Honored At Death Valley

**FRAN HUNT**  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

A very special ceremony was held at half-time on Friday, September 20 at Death Valley Stadium, honoring longtime Tigers equipment manager David Brumfield, who was killed earlier this year in a Leon County traffic crash.

Serving as the emcee for the event was Reverend Eddie Yon.

“Tiger Nation” mourns the loss of one of our very own, Coach David Brumfield, equipment manager of the Jefferson County Tigers of Monticello, Florida,” said Yon. “And even though our hearts are saddened, there are two things we do thank God for in this time of sorrow. First of all, we thank God for the chance to have such a special person in our lives. There was nobody like ‘Coach B’ (which he was affectionately referred to as). He’d have you cracking up about anything, he loved what he did and was a great part of the team.”

“Secondly, we thank God for allowing Coach B. the awesome opportunity to go to

State and get his ring before he left this earth. For him, we’re sure that, that was Heaven on earth, but now, Coach B. has the real thing,” Yon added.

“He was a Tiger, always proud to be a Tiger, but most importantly, he was family and that’s why we say what we say, ‘It’s bigger than football!’ Rest In Peace Coach B. We were blessed to have you, but Heaven has you now,” he concluded.

Superintendent of Schools Al Cooksey, School Board members, and Jefferson County Middle High School staff then made a special presentation of a commemorative plaque to the family of Tiger football’s number one fan, David Brumfield. Those family members included Bill Brumfield, Nikki Shephard, Kristi and Caroline Cooksey, and Scott Holt.

“David worked for the school for 26 years,” said Cooksey. “He was a graduate of the Jefferson County school system, and he played football here. He was a big part of the community and the staff. Football was his love. He took care of the locker



During a dedication ceremony last Friday evening at Death Valley Stadium, a commemorative plaque to the memory of longtime equipment manager David Brumfield was presented to his family members. Pictured from left to right are, Caroline Cooksey, Kristi Cooksey, Nikki Shephard, Superintendent Cooksey, Bill Brumfield, and Scott Holt.

room, the equipment, and the field. Anything that was needed, David was always the first one there. David was lovingly known by ‘Coach B’ and he helped many, many student athletes through the years. He was very instrumental at the school, and on the field. David went overboard to help anyone any way that he could. He was very, very devoted to

sports and the football program. He was here 24 hours a day and seven days a week if you needed him. David was a true Tiger at heart, all the way,” he concluded.

Speaking of the ceremony and plaque, Bill Brumfield said, “I would like to thank Mr. Cooksey and the School Board for placing this honor on David. He never would have expected anything like this. He was a dedicated employee and

very dedicated to the program. David was always the first one on the field during the day, and the last one to leave the field at night. He did it because he loved it. I am very appreciative that they would honor David like this. I can’t thank them enough for honoring him like this. I couldn’t have been any happier if it were me. I know that David is looking down from Heaven and smiling,” he concluded. The plaque will be

placed over the football locker room in his honor this week for everyone to see. The plaque reads; “Dedicated in the Memory of David Brumfield, Determined, Dedicated, Devoted, Faithful to the Fighting Tigers 1987-2013”.

Pastor Eddie Yon presided over the ceremony where the Superintendent along with school board members and JCMHS Staff presented the plaque to the family.

## First United Methodist Church Feed Tigers



Many thanks to the First United Methodist Church family for feeding the Jefferson County Tigers football team a delicious pre-game meal on September 20, 2013. It is greatly appreciated by the team. Go Tigers!



Photos taken by Angela Gray, September 20, 2013

This commemorative plaque to the memory of longtime Tigers equipment manager David Brumfield will be placed at the entrance of the football locker room this week.

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# School

## FAMU School Of Nursing Students Visit Monticello



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Some 35 FAMU School of Nursing students came to Monticello recently, separating into small groups to visit businesses in the city limits. They were conducting a community assessment for their school projects. Visiting the Monticello News office on Wednesday afternoon and pictured from left to right are: Marlene Young, New York native moved to Jacksonville; Shakeyra Pertee, Miami; William Hernandez, Miami; Jessica Beaugris, Miami; and Adenike Oyedemi, Orlando.

## Firefighter I Classes Forming Now At NFCC



The Firefighter Program at North Florida Community College prepares students for certification as a Firefighter I. The Firefighter I course (FSFC 109) can be completed in one semester, 206 credit hours, and provides entry level training for individuals looking to enter the firefighting field or to serve as a Volunteer Firefighter.

According to the Division of the State Fire Marshal, Volunteer Firefighters in Florida are required to have this training – “Volunteer Firefighters who have successfully completed the Firefighter Part I curriculum standard are able to operate in the ‘exclusionary or hot zone’ and in an Immediately Dangerous to Life or

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Firefighter I classes are forming now at NFCC. For more information on the program and class start dates, contact Mac Leggett at (850) 973-1673 or leggetta@nfcc.edu. More information is also available online at <http://www.nfcc.edu/programs-of-study> or [www.nfcc.edu/emergency-medical-services](http://www.nfcc.edu/emergency-medical-services).

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## Radio Telescope To Be Installed At NFCC

“Art is the queen of all sciences communicating knowledge to all the generations of the world.” says Leonardo da Vinci, the Italian pioneering scientist of the 15th and 16th centuries, and painter of the “Mona Lisa”.

A radio telescope is being installed at North Florida Community College as part of the instrumentation available for teaching science, physics, and astronomy. The telescope has a seven-foot fully steerable dish and a high-sensitivity receiver for the so-called 21-cm hydrogen line, or HI. It is

used to explore radio signals from our Sun, the galactic center of the Milky Way, and cosmic background radiation. In addition, radio telescopes may be used for the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI).

It is unique to NFCC. It is exciting that such an instrument is available to the students at our college for hands-on experience. Radio astronomy is an important field in science; however, many universities or other colleges do not have the instrument within their science education programs. Within the past year, the use of

the radio telescope has been integrated into the Physics and Astronomy curriculum at NFCC.

The college believes that Arts and Science are interrelated. NFCC commissioned sculptor Mark Dickson, art instructor at the college, to create an art piece as the supporting structure of the telescope. This work of art is an outstanding example of the integration of esthetic design, technology and engineering. The whole instrument is located at the Southeast side of the Science Building on NFCC’s campus in Madison, FL.

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A PARCEL OF LAND COMPRISING 2.25 ACRES, ALL BEING A PORTION OF LOT "W" OF THE NORTH FLORIDA PECAN COMPANY SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN DEED BOOK "EE", PAGE 600, PUBLIC RECORDS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA, MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN O. R. BOOK 4, PAGE 294 (25 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2013.

Clerk of the Circuit Court  
 Kirk B. Reams

By: [Signature]  
 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-J4 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 332009-CA-000142

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.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated 8/14, 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-J4 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 BIANCA 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 125.52 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF A 60 FOOT EASEMENT, THENCE LEAVING THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SAID COUNTY GRADED CASA 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 54 MINUTES 42 SECONDS WEST 623.45 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO COUNTY GRADED CASA BIANCA ROAD ALONG A PORTION OF THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY THEREOF.

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2013.

Kirk Reams  
 As Clerk of the Court

By: [Signature]  
 As Deputy Clerk

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**NOTICE**

The Heritage Road Committee will meet in the Courthouse Annex at 3:30 pm October 1, 2013 and every Tuesday thereafter in October. Troy Avera, Heritage Road Committee Coordinator 850-321-6975 9/27/13

**NOTICE**

The committee appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to recommend a Small Business Consultant to operate the Small Business Development Program will meet on September 28, 2013 at 10:00 AM in the Courthouse Annex on Walnut Street to evaluate proposals and candidates and to formulate a recommendation. 9/27/13

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

*The Week of September 27, 2013 through October 3, 2013  
Major Feed Times are marked by an asterisk (\*)*

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

## National Hunting And Fishing Day: How A Good Idea Became A Great Tradition

Over 100 years ago, hunters and anglers were the earliest and most vocal supporters of conservation and scientific wildlife management. They were the first to recognize that rapid development and unregulated uses of wildlife were threatening the future of many species.

Led by fellow sportsman President Theodore Roosevelt, these early conservationists called for the first laws restricting the commercial slaughter of wildlife. They urged sustainable use of fish and game, created hunting and fishing licenses, and lobbied for taxes on sporting equipment to provide funds for state conservation agencies. These actions were the foundation of the North American wildlife conservation model, a science-based, user-pay system

that would foster the most dramatic conservation successes of all time.

Populations of white-tailed deer, elk, antelope, wild turkey, wood ducks and many other species began to recover from decades of unregulated exploitation.

During the next half-century, in addition to the funds they contributed for conservation and their diligent watch over the returning health of America's outdoors, sportsmen worked countless hours to protect and improve millions of acres of vital habitat—lands and waters for the use and enjoyment of everyone.

In the 1960s, hunters and anglers embraced the era's heightened environmental awareness but were discouraged that many people didn't understand the crucial role that sportsmen had played and continue to play in



the conservation movement.

The first to suggest an official day of thanks to sportsmen was Ira Joffe, owner of Joffe's Gun Shop in Upper Darby, Pa. In 1970, Pennsylvania Gov. Raymond Shafer adopted Joffe's idea and created "Outdoor Sportsman's Day" in the state.

With determined prompting from the Na-

tional Shooting Sports Foundation, the concept soon emerged on the floor of the U.S. Senate. In June 1971, Sen. Thomas McIntyre, N.H., introduced Joint Resolution 117 authorizing National Hunting and Fishing Day on the fourth Saturday of every September. Rep. Bob Sikes, Fla., introduced an identical measure in the House. In early

1972, Congress unanimously passed both bills.

On May 2, 1972, President Nixon signed the first proclamation of National Hunting and Fishing Day, writing, "I urge all citizens to join with outdoor sportsmen in the wise use of our natural resources and in insuring their proper management for the benefit of future generations."

By late summer, all 50 governors and over 600 mayors had joined in by proclaiming state and local versions of National Hunting and Fishing Day. The response was dramatic.

National, regional, state and local organizations staged some 3,000 "open house" hunting- and fishing-related events everywhere from shooting ranges to suburban frog ponds, providing an estimated four million Americans with a chance

to experience, understand and appreciate traditional outdoor sports.

Over the years, National Hunting and Fishing Day boasted many more public relations successes, assisted by celebrities who volunteered to help spotlight the conservation accomplishments of sportsmen and women. Honorary chairs have included George Bush, Tom Seaver, Hank Williams Jr., Arnold Palmer, Terry Bradshaw, George Brett, Robert Urich, Ward Burton, Louise Mandrell, Travis Tritt, Tracy Byrd, Jeff Foxworthy and many other sports and entertainment figures.

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# Home Improvement Guide



B Section



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# Termites And Dead Trees: Protecting Your Home

LYNETTE NORRIS  
ECB Publishing, Inc.

That dead tree in the backyard, the one that got hit by lightning a couple of years back, really needs to go. But because it's leaning away from the house and

isn't going to fall on anything important, the homeowner has left it be for a while. After all, cutting down a tree and hauling away the cut-up pieces is a major chore, and if the tree is really, really big, it may require a professional tree service.

So, the tree stays around awhile, until the bark starts falling off. Then, the homeowner decides its time to take a deep breath, grab the chainsaw and cut that tree down.

What he finds when he peels away a section of bark is an unpleasant surprise – the tree has become home to a colony of termites, just a few steps from his back door.

Removal of dead trees and even stumps in your yard is one of the ways you can lower your home's risk of termite infestation.

Subterranean termites are the most common type of termites in the United States. Pale, white and squishy, their bodies are mostly water and they need lots of moisture to survive, so they live underground or stay close to the ground, typically nesting in the soil near a food source, such as a dead tree. Or, they may build a series of nests connected with a network of narrow tunnels. They can also tunnel through the soil for very long distances, sometimes hundreds of feet, in order to reach a food source.

Cellulose, especially wood, is their main food, and in a natural setting, they will feed on roots, stumps, and dead trees. They prefer the partly rotted wood of dead trees to the timber in a home, and around the home's perimeter, the wood mulch used in landscaping is like a termite buffet.

Next on the list is any wooden part of the home that is located close to the soil. To reach it, they construct mud tubes up the side of the foundation, and then start excavating tunnels in the wood. They may also carry soil up to line the wood tunnels as they work through the wood, following the framework of the house to reach the upper levels of the house, lining their tunnels with damp soil to preserve their moisture needs (which also contributes to damp rot in the wood). They will also tunnel through materials they can't eat, such as foam or plaster board, in order to reach wood on the other side.

Determined little buggers, aren't they?

Termites are the most economically ruinous wood-destroying organisms in the U.S., according to the Ohio State University's Department of Entomology, and a home is often the homeowner's single largest investment.

Fortunately, there are a number of cost-effective methods homeowners can use to lower their home's risk of infestation, by disrupting the termite's ability to find food, moisture and shelter near their homes.

If there is any wood in contact with the soil around your home, that is like an all-night diner for termites. To alleviate the problem:

- Keep all wooden parts of the house at least six inches above the soil line.

- Keep mulch levels several inches below the siding and wooden parts of the structure, or better yet, avoid or minimize use of wood mulch next to the foundation.

- Remove dead trees, stumps and roots near your home and in your yard. If you find termites in one of them, don't panic. A home termite inspection with a trusted, reputable company may be your next best bet. Don't put it off too long. If you have termites, you'll catch them before they go any further; if you don't find any, you can heave a sigh of relief.

- Never store firewood, lumber or

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**A dead pine tree, hit by lightning some time ago, had remained in this backyard for quite a while.**

paper against the foundation or in the crawl space.

- Remove wood debris from around the house and yard, and remove form boards from around concrete structures like paths and walkways.

If moisture accumulates around or near the foundation of your home, it provides the water needed for the termite's survival. To alleviate this problem:

- Grade or slope soil away from foundation.

- Divert rainwater away from the foundation with gutters, downspouts, downspout extenders, or drain tiles.

- Aim water sprinklers away from foundation.

- Promptly repair all leaking faucets, water pipes, and air conditioning units.

- Use mulch sparingly and keep plants and ground covers 3 – 4 feet away from the house.

If moisture is accumulating in the crawl space:

- Put a vapor barrier on the

ground under the house

- Install vent openings in the crawl space, one square foot of opening per 300 to 500 square feet of crawl space area if you have a vapor barrier, or one square foot of open per 150 square feet if you don't, and keep vegetation from covering the vents.



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**Looking like a bag of spilled white rice, these termites went scurrying for cover when the protective layer of bark was peeled back.**

Termites use hidden routes of access into your home, so make sure any trellises, planters or shrubs don't touch your house. Regularly inspect cracks in any concrete slabs or joints for termite activity. Remove any mulch that contacts siding or obscures a clear view of your home's foundation, and never install foam board insulation below grade.

Every year, check your home and make sure water is still flowing away from your foundation, that any wood, mulch or other cellulose is away from the foundation, that you have a clear view of the foundation all the way around the house and that the basement or crawl space is relatively dry.

And finally...cut down those dead trees.

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# 5 Good Reasons To Buy The Best Interior Paint

Maybe it's the power of suggestion, but just as the leaves begin to turn, many of us get the urge to change the colors inside our homes by doing some interior painting.

Which, for most of us, raises the question: What type of paint should I use?

Here are five compelling reasons to spring for the best quality coating this fall, courtesy of experts at the



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- **Better stain resistance.** Nothing can ruin a new paint job quicker than a nasty stain – whether it's due to a careless spill, dirty fingerprints, or something totally unforeseen. If you spend a little more for a quality acrylic latex paint, think of it as buying some insurance against these color calamities. This type of paint is highly resistant to many of the most common stains, especially in higher

sheen levels, such as semi-gloss or high gloss paint.

- **Paint and primer in one.** Top quality 100% acrylic latex paint offers an important performance advantage over all lower quality, non-acrylic coatings: Many are “self-priming” – in other words, they do double-duty as both primer and paint. Just think how much time and effort you'll save by having to apply fewer coats!

- **Good adhesion to various surfaces.** Should your painting project involve several different materials, such as wallboard, wood, vinyl, or metal (think not just walls, but doors and trim, too), you'll be able to paint them all with high-end 100% acrylic latex paint. Go with lower-grade paint and you might have to buy several different kinds of coatings, complicating your decision-making and possibly adding to the cost of the job.

- **Best overall durability.** Let's face it, while interior painting can be a fun project, most of us are more than happy to put away the brushes and rollers, sit back, and enjoy the new colors for a while. That's part of the beauty of top quality acrylic paint. It offers exceptional durability, so once you finish painting, your home interior will look great until you again get the urge to paint.

If you want to know more about paints, painting and color selection, you may want to visit the Paint Quality Institute blog at [blog.paintquality.com](http://blog.paintquality.com), or the Institute's website at [www.paintquality.com](http://www.paintquality.com). Both are chock full of good advice

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## Six Steps To A Beautiful Landscape Next Season

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**D**on't let a busy schedule stop you from creating a beautiful landscape. Incorporate a few of these changes in your fall landscape care. You'll create beautiful results with a limited investment of time and effort.

Cut the grass, recycle fall leaves, and improve the soil with a pass of the lawn mower. Shred leaves and leave them on the lawn as you mow this fall. As long as you can see the grass through the leaf pieces, the lawn will be fine. As the leaves break down they add organic matter to the soil, improving drainage in clay soil and water holding ability in sandy soils.

Or, as an alternative, use excess leaves as a soil mulch. Shred the leaves with your mower and spread a layer over the soil to conserve moisture and insulate the roots of perennials. Fall mulching gives you a jump on next spring's landscape chores.

Improve your lawn's health by fertilizing this fall with a low nitrogen slow release fertilizer, like Milorganite. You'll reduce the risk of disease problems and with slower weed growth in fall, your lawn, not the weeds, will benefit from the nutrients. Fall fertilization also helps lawns recover from the stresses of summer by encouraging deep roots and denser growth that can better compete with weeds and tolerate disease and insects.

Southern gardeners should make their last fall fertilization at least 30 days before the lawn goes dormant or the average first killing frost to avoid winter kill.

Do a bit of planting. Cool season annuals brighten up the fall garden and, for those in warmer regions, the winter garden. Consider adding cold hardy pansies. They provide color in the fall garden, survive most winters, and are back blooming in the spring just as the snow melts.

Fall is also a good time to plant perennials, trees and shrubs. The soil is warm and the air cooler, so the plants are less stressed and establish

more quickly. Select plants suited to the growing conditions and be sure to give them plenty of room to reach their mature size.

Plant daffodils, tulips, hyacinths and other bulbs in fall for extra color next spring. Set the bulbs at a depth of two to three times their height deep. Then cover them with soil and sprinkle on a low nitrogen slow release fertilizer. This type of fertilizer promotes rooting without stimulating fall growth subject to winter kill.

Base your bulb planting time on the weather not the calendar. Start planting after the night-time temperatures hover between 40 and 50 degrees. Be patient, waiting until the soil cools reduces the risk of early sprouting that often occurs during a warm fall.

Those gardening in the far south and along the gulf coast can purchase pre-cooled bulbs to compensate for the warm winters. Or the chilling can be done at home by storing the bulbs in a 35 to 45 degree location for at least 14 weeks before planting.

Leave healthy perennials stand for winter. This increases hardiness and adds beauty to the winter landscape with their seed heads, dried foliage and the birds they attract. Plus, it will delay cleanup until spring when gardeners are anxious to get outdoors and start gardening.

However, be sure to remove any diseased or insect-infested plants to reduce the source of pest problems in next year's garden.

Start composting or add shredded leaves and other plant debris to an existing compost pile. Combine fall leaves with other plant waste, a bit of soil or compost, and sprinkle with fertilizer to create compost. Recycling yard waste saves time bagging, hauling and disposing of green debris. You also reduce or eliminate the need to buy soil amendments to improve your existing garden soil.

Incorporate one or all six of these practices to increase the health and beauty of your landscape now and for years to come.

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# Using Generators Safely

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Before everyone shifts toward settling in for the fall holidays, there is the small detail that hurricane season is still on until Nov. 30, and in fact, is just coming off its peak (Sept. 10), as the sun heads south again, passing directly overhead and heating up oceans that have already been warmed all summer long, greatly increasing the potential for tropical storms and hurricanes.

Along with potential storms, are the potential power outages that can last anywhere from a few hours to a few days, depending on the storm's severity. Some households will get through it with battery-powered lights, ice chests for food and gas-powered hot plates or barbecue grills for cooking, while others will be able to run the household off portable generators until the power comes back on.

## Things to think about:

At first glance, portable generators seem like the ideal solution for those who don't want to depend on batteries that can be depleted and ice that will eventually melt no matter how well insulated the cooler. However, with their convenience comes the caveat that generators have the potential to be dangerous if used incorrectly, and homeowners should be well aware of the proper handling and safe use of generators.

Number one on the list of safety precautions is to read all of the manufacturer's instructions carefully and make sure you understand how the generator works and where it should be placed – what you should do as well as what you shouldn't. Although "reading the instructions" should be something that goes without saying, FEMA reports that from 1999 through 2011, nearly 600 people died from generator-related carbon monoxide poisoning, from something as simple as improper placement – people either placed the generators inside their homes, in their garages or basements, or if outside, too close to a window, door, or vent.

One portable gas-powered generator can produce as much carbon monoxide as several hundred cars. Invisible and odorless, carbon monoxide can incapacitate and kill you within minutes.

Safety tip number one is to follow the manufacturer's instructions as to how far to place the device from your house. Safety tip number two is to have several battery-powered carbon monoxide alarms installed throughout your home, just in

case (ideally, you would have these alarms up and running year round, changing the batteries in them whenever you change the batteries in your smoke alarms).

For more detailed information on placement of generators in relation to your house, visit <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/citizens/co/generator.shtm> and click on the video presentation "How Close is Too Close?"

Another consideration for placement of generators is its requirement for a patch of dry ground with some type of canopy-like covering over it – which may be one of the reasons people are tempted to run the things in their garages, discounting the danger. "Canopy-like covering" does not translate into the enclosed space of a garage, or even underneath an open carport, where the device will still be far too close to a door or window. Some generators may come with these special canopy-like coverings, or they may be purchased separately. The key thing is these covers are specially made to be used with generators, away from the house.

Now, back to the requirement for a patch of dry ground: Much of Jefferson County, particularly the southern half, has a rather high water table much of the time, where water tends to stand in places. Does your yard tend to collect large areas of standing water after a rainstorm? If you have an outage due to a severe storm, how long will you have to wait before you can use your generator in that case? Can you build a cinderblock or other type of platform somewhere that you could use if necessary?

Another thing to remember is that these machines generate power – electricity – to run household appliances, and presents all the inherent dangers of electrical power; the same dangers as the electricity that comes from the power company through the heavy-duty utility lines and into your home.

To illustrate, one 60-watt light bulb pulls .5 amps, while .1 amps, or one-fifth the power needed to light that bulb, is enough to stop your heart. This is also the reason that generators should never be plugged directly into your home's electrical system; the back feed can make downed power lines from your house "hot" or "live," posing a danger to utility workers sent out to repair them. Only the appliances you need to power should be plugged into the generator.

These are all things to think through before you buy a generator, but there are

other important considerations as well, such as what you want to power with it. Freezer? Refrigerator? Lights (how many lights and how much wattage)?

Calculate how many things you might need to run at the same time to determine your maximum wattage needs. As an example, a typical hairdryer pulls 1900 watts and a typical coffeemaker, 600 watts.

The average total wattage pulled for an average 1500-square-foot-home on a typical day is about 13,000 to 15,000 watts, assuming the use of air-conditioning. However, if you think about it and prioritize, can you tolerate two or three days without air-conditioning? If so, you may lower your wattage needs considerably.

Each generator is rated for a certain amount of wattage, which limits the number of appliances it can safely power. For example, a typical small generator rated for 3000 watts can run a few lights, fans and a refrigerator. If it is used to start and run only one major item at a time, it can run a half-horsepower pump or a small window air conditioner of about 5000 BTUs.

Also, you don't have to run everything at the same time. If you're good at math (for calculating wattage loads) and don't mind switching out appliances, you can rotate the larger items and get by with a smaller generator, which is cheaper to buy and easier to move. Just don't overload your generator; you could end up damaging the appliances you're trying to power.

All these things should be considered before you buy your first generator; well before storm season, and certainly long before a hurricane or other severe storm is on the way. If you wait until the middle of a hurricane, there will be little time to figure out exactly what you need; even if you know what you want, the size and type of generator you're looking for may be sold out. Buying a generator is a considerable investment for most homeowners, and you certainly won't get the best deal by waiting until the last minute.

## Getting ready for storm season:

Assuming you already have a generator that suits your needs, early spring is the time to take it out of storage, drain the old gasoline from the tank (make sure you dispose of it properly) and inspect the fuel line for cracks or damage. If you find any, replace the line.

Refill the tank with fresh gasoline and run the generator. Plug in one or two

small appliances (such as a light or hairdryer) to make sure it's running properly.

After about 15 minutes running time, turn off the fuel valve and let the fuel line dry. After the engine stalls, turn off the run switch, change the oil, add fuel stabilizer to the gasoline, and drain the carburetor float bowl, and put the generator back in its storage place until it's needed. On the other hand, if you experience any kind of trouble with your generator, this is the time to take it to the repair shop. If you wait until a storm is approaching or the middle of hurricane season, you may find a lot of people ahead of you.

While you're inspecting your generator, inspect all of your extension cords for any cracks or damage, and replace them if necessary.

## Getting started:

- Never refuel a generator while it is running, or while it is hot. Wait for it to cool down first.
- Turn off all connected appliances before starting it up again.
- After you have it running, turn the appliances back on one at a time. Make sure you never exceed the recommended wattage.

## Getting the most from your generator:

- Don't leave a running generator unattended; turn it off at night or when you need to be away from home.
- Remember that appliances such as refrigerators only need to run a few hours a day to keep food cold enough. Use a refrigerator thermometer and aim for 40 degrees in the fridge and zero in the freezer.
- Save gas by shutting off the generator if you're not running any appliances; if you're only using a few lights, another energy source such as batteries may be more cost effective than using your generator.

## After the storm season:

- Fill the tank with fresh gasoline.
- Add fuel stabilizer.
- Drain the carburetor float bowl.
- Change the engine oil, if needed.
- LOCK IT UP AND CHAIN IT DOWN. \$1000 generators get stolen frequently, and an unsecured generator sitting under an open carport is a very tempting target for thieves.

For more information on portable generators, visit the website <https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/electrical/>, scroll down to Hazard Recognition and click on the "Portable Generator Safety" document link.

# DIY: Fall Projects For Winter

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While it may seem early to start on winter home improvement projects, winter is already on its way. And the last thing any homeowner wants is to work in the cold.

There are several improvements that a homeowner can make to their fireplace to make it more efficient, as well as some quick and easy fixes around the house. While some of these projects involve initial investment, the fixes pay for themselves in money saved from heating the house over the long term.

The cheapest fix is investing in weather stripping, several tubes of caulk, and a caulk gun. Unfortunately, the easiest way to get the project done is to teach a teenager or paying a neighbor how to do it. Finding and sealing leaks may be time-consuming, but a homeowner could save up to 20% on their heating and cooling costs just by sealing leaks, according to the Energy Star program.



That seems like a lot, but little cracks can cost big: if a door has a crack just one eighth of an inch wide that runs for 6 feet from the top of the door to the bottom where it doesn't seal properly, that is the equivalent of a nine inch square hole in the wall. Also, air leaks can also let in moisture, which leads to mold and structural damage. Sealing leaks can also prevent that buildup of moisture.

The first thing to do is find the air

leaks. One common trick is to use a stick of incense (make sure that you like how it smells) and hold it around windows, doors, wall bases, electrical outlets, etc. If there is an air leak, the smoke made by the incense will be blown by the incoming air.

Once you have found the leaks, install weather stripping or caulk. Weather stripping is useful for doors and windows that you'll still want to open in the springtime. Caulk is useful for leaks with no moveable parts. To caulk, follow all directions on the container, and always clean the area you want to caulk first. That ensures that the caulk adheres properly.

Fireplaces, despite the cozy, picturesque warmth they provide, can be a major source of energy loss. If a fireplace is not properly set up, some sources say that it runs between 10% efficiency and negative 10% efficiency. Experts advise purchasing both a fire grate and a fire back. Fire grates hold the wood up off the floor of the fireplace. This offers better airflow, which creates a hotter fire.

Another improvement to the fireplace is to purchase a fire back. Usually made of cast iron, these are large, often ornate slabs of metal that reflect heat back into the room, and also protect the back masonry of the fireplace, which can deteriorate over time with use, as the bricks are heated and cooled.

It is also advised to have the chimney cleaned before winter use, and to make sure to gather only seasoned wood for use in the fireplace. Green wood deposits creosote on the inside of the chimney, which can cause dangerous chimney fires. For winter, burning green wood produces significantly less heat and lowers the energy efficiency of the fireplace.

The last project is to install glass doors over the front of the fireplace, to keep closed when it is not in use. With the glass doors (and the damper) closed, heated air cannot escape when the fire is not in use.

These projects and others can help your heating and cooling bills in the winter months, and also help your home to last longer.

## Remodelers Continue To See Increase In Business

The National Association of the Remodeling Industry's (NARI) second-quarter Remodeling Business Pulse (RBP) data of current and future remodeling business conditions continues to soar, as quarter-over-quarter increases are seen nearly all sub-components measuring remodeling activity.

Deep into the "remodeling season," so to speak, remodelers are reporting the highest overall rating on overall business conditions at 6.31, up from 5.97 reported during the first quarter. This rating has steadily increased in the six quarters NARI has been tracking thus far.

Growth indicators in the second quarter of 2013 are as follows:

- Current business conditions up 5.7 percent since last quarter.



- Number of inquiries up 4.7 percent since last quarter.

- Requests for bids up 3.3 percent since last quarter.

- Conversion of bids to jobs up 4.6 percent since last quarter.

- Value of jobs sold is up 5.9 percent since last quarter.

This trend is expected to continue, as remodelers predict that three months out, their sales will be as strong as they are now. The number one and two reasons for growth continues to be post-

ponement of projects (up five percent at 87 percent) and improvement of home prices (up six percent to 65 percent), but economic growth has moved into the number three reason for growth, at 49 percent (up seven percent).

Remodelers, although optimistic, remain cautious about the future, with the outlook from three months from now going down 1.3 percent from last quarter.

Other significant contributors to overall activity:

- Certainty about the future was reported by 47 percent of respondents.

- Low interest rates was reported by 35 percent of respondents (its lowest rating in three quarters).

- Growth in stock market was reported by 37 percent of respondents.

To review the research in its entirety, please send your request to [marketing@nari.org](mailto:marketing@nari.org).

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# Six Reasons To Paint Before You Move In

Moving to a new house, condo, or apartment this summer? Before filling your home with furnishings, there's something you might want to do first: paint. Experts of every stripe – from realtors to authorities on painting say that one of the very best times to do interior painting is just before moving into a new home. Here are six reasons why:

• **Reason #1.** It's easy now. Interior painting is a very simple project – and not at all physically demanding when you can move freely within a room. Why wait till later when you may have to move heavy furniture from side to side, or work around big items, to do your painting?

• **Reason #2.** It saves time. Painting can take a lot longer when you have to cover and uncover things, move them back and forth, and take down and re-hang artwork. It's better to paint just before moving and short-circuit these time-consuming and un-



productive steps.

• **Reason #3.** It can save you money – lots of it. If you're using a professional painting contractor, he or she can complete the work far faster in rooms that are empty. That's extremely important, since time

charges for labor typically account for 80% of the cost of painting.

• **Reason #4.** It safeguards your furnishings. No matter how carefully you or your contractor work, there is always the chance of a paint spill, or a few stray flecks finding their way onto a prized possession. Painting before bringing in your furnishings keeps these items out of harm's way.

• **Reason #5.** It can simplify interior decorating. Don't yet have your furnishings? There's no better way to set the stage for your décor than by adding a fresh paint color scheme before decorating. Doing so greatly simplifies the selection of new furniture, carpeting, and accents, allowing you to choose just the right tints, tones, and shades to make your new home picture perfect.

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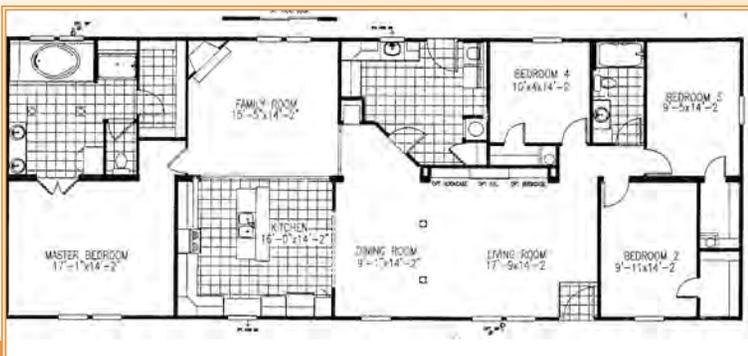
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