

JC Education Foundation Takes On High School Band As Pilot Project

(Goal Is To Equip Youths With Musical Instruments)

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After various reincarnations and a somewhat lengthy hiatus, the Jefferson County Education Foundation (JCEF) is back in business -- a little wiser and more determined than ever to make a difference.

The reconstituted foundation has taken on as its first project the equipping of the Jefferson County Middle High School (JCMHS) music band with the necessary and appropriate musical instruments to help make it a viable performing group. Meaning that the foundation is looking to supply the band with about \$7,000 worth in repaired, donated and newly purchased musical instruments.

Here's the story, if you

don't know it: The JCMHS Band has a new and dynamic director in the person of teacher Jeremy George, who happens to have great plans for the group and the entire music program at the high school. What George and the program lack, however, are functional musical instruments.

As George informed the Jefferson County School Board not long ago, the band has 130-plus students and 120 instruments all told, only 50 of which instruments are functional. He estimated it would cost about \$7,000 to repair and/or replace the instruments and bring the program up to par.

The foundation has decided that the band's cause is a worthy one to join, based on the organization's redefined philosophy and approach. As foundation Vice President

Tom Love explains it, although the foundation has been around for a while, it hasn't always been altogether successful at accomplishing its mission.

That mission, per the foundation's website, is to support the school district's administrators, instructors, staff, "and most of all, students". Specifically, the foundation aims to provide support for those programs, activities and purchases that lie outside the scope of the school district budget. The foundation does it by providing financial and other assistance through business and corporate sponsors, matching funds that come from the Florida Consortium of Education Foundations, and the support of local parents and citizens.

One of the foundation's past failings, as Love sees it, is that many times



Photo is courtesy of Angela Gray. Acting on the request of School Superintendent Al Cooksey and working through the JC Education Foundation, the Sheriff's Department this week donated 25 thumb drives to the Criminal Justice Academy (CJA) at the high school. Pictured from left to right are CJA teacher Travis Jones, JCMHS Principal Kay Collins, Sheriff David Hobbs, and Foundation President Guy Hood.

the foundation's projects were internally generated, as opposed to school district generated.

What would typically

happen, Love says, is that the foundation would identify and pursue a project and be successful in achieving the desired end,

whether it was to get consortium funding or get equipment donated or purchased. **Please See BAND Page 3A**

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Value Adjustment Board Readies To Hear Petitions

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The Value Adjustment Board (VAB) held its organizational meeting at the courthouse annex on Monday evening, Oct. 7, to set down guidelines, hire an attorney and select a chairperson, preparatory to its scheduled hearing next week.

Property Appraiser Angela Gray reports that the meeting was relatively brief, once all the participants arrived.

Gray said County Commissioner John Nelson was selected chairman, and C.P. Miller, the School Board appointed citizen, was selected vice chair. Hired as the legal counsel, she said, was Attorney Carey Hardee, of Madison County. Hardee has served as the VAB's legal counsel previously.

The other members of the VAB are Commissioner Hines Boyd, School Board Member Shirley Washington, and Paul Michael, the commission appointed citizen.

The VAB is scheduled to hold its petitions hearing at 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 14, in the courthouse annex.

According to Gray, the VAB will hear 31 petitions, all of them dealing with personal tangible property. She said the 31 petitions break down into three tower cell companies that are challenging their assessments.

The VAB basically rules on petitions of property owners who are challenging their assessed values and who are unable to resolve their differences with the Property Appraiser's office by a date certain.

Prior to 2007, the VAB was composed of three county commissioners and two School Board members, who were appointed by the chairpersons of each of the respective boards. The law changed in 2007, however, thereafter requiring the appointment of two property-owning citizens to the VAB, one a County Commission appointee and the other a School Board appointee.

City & County Set Priorities For 2014 Legislative Session

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As secretary of the local community's lobbying arm, the Jefferson Legislative Committee (JLC), Dick Bailar has been making the rounds of late, asking officials of the different elective bodies here for their wish lists of projects for the coming legislative session.

As Bailar explains it, although lawmakers don't officially convene until March, his committee requires the projects to identify on the brochure that it publishes annually and distributes to the legislators, their staffs and other key state officials prior to the session.

Last week, Bailar approached the Jefferson County Commission on Tuesday morning, Oct. 1, and that evening, he approached the Monticello City Council, asking each for their list of projects.

With the exception of some slight modifications, the commission

pretty much stuck to the previous year's wish list, which largely consisted of requests for recurring funding of existing programs or practices, such as continuation of the fiscally constrained funding for small counties and reimbursements of lost revenues from Amendments 1 and 4, respectively the property tax reform and conservation easement measures.

Commissioners also reaffirmed their interest in securing grant funding for the upgrade and restoration of one-time projects such as the A-Building, the old Jefferson County Jail, the Lamont Schoolhouse and the Lloyd Depot.

New to the mix this year was a funding request for restoration of the historic Howard Academy, which many in the African-American community want to see accomplish; and a request for reestablishment of the Small County Courthouse Facility Fund, which in past years al-

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Case Of Waukeenah Fertilizer Employee Attack Remains Open

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Sheriff David Hobbs advised earlier this week that the case of the robbery and attack of a Waukeenah Fertilizer employee last year remains open, and that there are no current leads.

Sheriff Hobbs added that there have been no arrests made in the case, it is still very open and active and deputies remain to diligently track and investigate any and all leads in the case when they are received.

The employee who was severely beaten and robbed Wednesday morning, January 25, 2012, as he attempted to open the gate to get in has remained unable to return to work due to the attack.

A Waukeenah Fertilizer employee reported to the News in late May 2012, that the victim had not yet returned to work and he continued to rehabilitate at home. "It looks like it's going to be a long road for him," she reported at the time.

Recapping the case, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office (JCSO) reported that on January 25 at approximately 6 a.m., JCSO responded to Waukeenah Fertilizer in reference to an armed robbery.

The victim of the

armed robbery sustained severe head injuries during the robbery and was transported to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital, where he was admitted to ICU.

The female employee later reported to the News that the victim had sustained fractures to all the facial bones, a skull fracture and was suffering from a brain bleed.

JCSO is requesting that anyone that was in the area of Waukeenah Fertilizer on the morning of Wednesday, January 25, between the hours of 5:30 a.m. and 6:15 a.m., who has any information pertaining to the robbery, to please call (850) 997-2023 or visit the JCSO website at www.jeffersoncountysheriff1.com or text JCSOTIP information to 274637.

All information received through the website or text will be anonymous.

Contract Of City Manager Renewed Two More Years

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The Monticello City Council last week renewed the contract of City Manager Steve Wingate, allowing for two minor changes to be made to the document at his request.

The two changes are an increase of his severance pay, from three to four months, and an increase of his vacation days from 15 to 20 annually. Otherwise, the contract remained unchanged from previous years.

Per the city's budget, Wingate's annual salary is

\$58,500.

The contract has been renewed every two years since 2009. Before that, the contract was renewable annually.

The contract, among other things, provides for yearly performance evaluations, severance pay in the event of termination,

opportunities for professional development, and a city vehicle.

The council members were generally laudatory in their remarks of Wingate, expressing confidence in his job performance and in the **Please See CONTRACT Page 3A**

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Mr. Williams' "Newspapers Are Dead" Article

I couldn't agree more with both of Mr. Williams' premises.... That newspapers are vital to good communities and that the vitality (or morbidity) of a community is a reflection of its newspaper. Your Jefferson and Monticello papers are a perfect example of his assertions. Your writers provide virtually

the only source of information we have for City and County and School Board news, not to mention church, civic and family events. We so take for granted the fertilizer, glue and pollination your community papers provide to us every week. Without your papers, this community might go pretty dark, pretty rapidly, I'm afraid.

Thank you for your objective, honest, thorough and thought provoking content. You produce an attractive, near flawless, timely and community oriented paper no matter the obstacles, just like the man said.

This little community is mega-mega watts brighter for your work.
Dave FitzSimmons

'Brew' Ha Ha: Conversations for Coffee

Amber Houston
Staff Writer



Standardized Tests Do Not Asses Personal Potential

I recently read the article "When an adult took standardized tests forced on kids" written by Marion Brady, a guest writer for The Answer Sheet, a column of the Washington Post. It was well presented, but it was also poignant.

A member of the Orange County District 3 School Board, Rick Roach took the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) as he "began to increasingly question whether the results really reflected a student's ability," according to Valerie Strauss, the columnist for The Answer Sheet.

When he got the results, he was shocked. He had gotten 10 out of the 60 math questions correct and a 62% on the reading section. In Jefferson County, that would result in remedial math and reading classes.

Roach said, "It seems to me something is seriously wrong. I have a Bachelor of Science degree, two master's degrees, and 15 credit hours toward a doctorate. I help oversee an organization with 22,000 employees and a \$3 billion operations and capital budget, and am able to make sense of complex data related to those responsibilities." Roach has personally trained "over 18,000 educators in classroom management and course delivery skills."

According to Brady he is "by any reasonable measure, [...] a success. His now-grown kids are well-educated. He has a big house in a good part of town. Paid-

for condo in the Caribbean. Influential friends. Lots of frequent flyer miles. Enough time of his own to give serious attention to his school board responsibilities. The margins of his electoral wins and his good relationships with administrators and teachers testify to his openness to dialogue and willingness to listen."

He is a self-made man of obvious intelligence, a businessman who runs a company worth billions, a good father to children who are also well-educated. He has earned the money and the influence that he has by wit and personal touch. And he failed the FCAT. The horrifying thing is that kids with 3.0 grade point averages and above are not receiving their high school diplomas because they did not pass the FCAT. The even more horrifying part is that children use the numerical score they receive on the FCAT and other standardized tests—such as the ACT and SAT—to determine their personal value.

Obviously these tests don't indicate anything. Pass, fail, whatever—every child has marketable talents. No, not every child is a future computer engineer or politician. But there are plenty of other professions that are just as or even more honorable and fulfilling: many children are future elementary teachers, farmers, or journalists. Yes, journalists. When I got my SAT scores, I was pretty proud of myself. I scored well

above average. I was feeling pretty confident-confident enough to compare with one of my friends. He had made an almost-perfect score.

I was crestfallen. And if I thought that was a crushing defeat, the pain I felt when Princeton and Dartmouth turned me down (in the same terrible afternoon) was indescribable. I didn't speak for hours.

But God got ahold of me that evening with the song "My Savior, My God" by Aaron Schust. The lyric that mended me that night was this: "I am not skilled to understand / What God has willed, what God has planned / I only know at His right hand / Stands one who is my Savior."

It reminded me that my value is not based on any test, any opinion, any Earthly measure. I am priceless because I am a child of the Most High God. I am ransomed by God in human form, God's only Son, the One who conquered death, and brought sight to the blind—what price could be greater? How much value does God place on me that He gave His only Son for me?

And how much value do each of those children have, being herded into the FCAT testing room? Those children have the same Salvation, the same Father, and the same promise.

They have unlimited opportunity and boundless potential that no one can measure—especially not a standardized test.

Deb's Notes
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A bus trip to this year's Florida Classic is in the planning stages. There will be a charter bus departing the Walmart store in Thomasville, Georgia for the FAMU vs B-CU football game in Orlando at 7 a.m. The bus fare and ticket price is \$100 per person. If you have your own ticket the bus fare is \$63. The deadline to contact Nathan Wilson is Monday, November 4. Ticket price is \$37. Call 229-226-5619 now to reserve your seat on the bus.

If you're ready to quit... Quit Smoking Now! Is a curriculum developed by ex-tobacco users for those who want to become ex-tobacco users... Tools to quit will be provided to you at the Jefferson County Health Department on Tuesday, October 15 at 5:30 p.m. For more information contact Preston Mathews at 386-956-5788 or pmathews@bigbendahec.org. Sponsored by the Florida AHEC Network and the Florida Department of Health. Call the QuitLine now for help, 1-877-822-6669.

Calling all pets to the Responsible Dog Ownership Day Pet Festival on November 2 from 10 a.m. until closing. Bring the friends you love. Come to learn. Come to play. The Saturday event will feature demonstrations to try yourself or just watch, of retriever trail-

ing, search/rescue, agility, obedience, rally, and earth dog trials. Conformation classes and pet dog classes will be available including doggy tricks and costumes. This year's pet-fest will be held at the old high school baseball field, behind the football field and track, at the end of Tiger Lane. The Bellavigna family, for a charge, will provide lunch. The Ochlocknee River Kennel Club and the American Legion Post 49 Ladies Auxiliary sponsor this day. Call Sheila Slik at 850-997-8103 for more details.

The 4th annual Moon Over Maclay Gardens State Park will be held on October 20 from 6 to 9 p.m. The Sunday event will feature Scotty Barnhart with music by the Thursday Night Music Club. Bring your blan-

kets, lawn chairs, picnic dinners, and your beverage of choice. For ticket information go to www.friendsofmaclaygardens.com or call 850-487-4556. This is a jazz concert you won't want to miss!

The 9th annual Paula Bailey Dining in the Dark event will be held on Sunday, October 13 at the Florida State University Club Center Ballroom beginning at 4:30 p.m. with a reception and dinner at 5:30 p.m. Honorary host will be Florida Senator Bill Montford. For ticket information call 850-942-3658 or msalcedo@lighthousebigbend.org.

Make plans to visit Veterans Memorial Park in Bristol on Saturday, October 12 and get a free train ride from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Donations are always appreciated. The park has a railroad caboose you can walk in, two pavilions for picnics, a walking trail, a playground, an air-conditioned depot with a train table with lots of trains for children's play. On October 25, 26, and 31 there will be a Haunted Depot from 6:30 to 10:00 p.m. Tickets will be \$3 per person. For more information go to veteransmemorialrailroad.org or call 850-643-5491 or 850-643-6646.



Haunted Depot at Veterans Memorial Park.

Everyone Invited To TLC Festival

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Everyone is invited to Friends and Family Day at Transforming Life Church in Lloyd.

The festival will include facepainting, food, music, and fellowship—all free. Church members will be grilling hot dogs and chicken. Hay rides

and pony rides will also be available. "Tommy, Jo, & the Kids" of Mega Verses Ministry in Tallahassee will be performing music throughout the festival.

Pastors Tim and Beverly Buchholtz invite you to bring a lawn chair or pull up a

hay bale and fellowship with them. Invite all of your family and friends!

Festivities start at 10:30 and can be expected to wind down around 2 p.m. The event will be held at the church: TLC Church, at 1206 Springfield Road, in Lloyd.

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THE OFFICIAL AMERICAN LEGION AND VFW VETERANS DAY PARADE

We want to clear up any confusions or misunderstandings which exist or which have been created.

The OFFICIAL American Legion and VFW Veterans Day Parade will be on VETERAN'S DAY, Monday, November 11, 2013, at 11:00 a.m.

The parade will commence at about the 1200 block of South Jefferson Street (US 19 South) and will proceed around the Courthouse

to High Street, with a termination at The Downtown Club parking area (corner of High Street and Cherry Street).

If there are any questions, please contact Travis Hussey, Commander, Post 49, at husseytrav@aol.com or Ron Slik, Adjutant, at santaslik@embarq-mail.com.

Thanks for your support.

*Robert E. Morris,
Acting Post Judge
Advocate, Post 49*

ST'INGERS

I like to walk at the track. Plastic bottles and other trash is littered along the certain areas of the track. There are two trash bins present, but these people apparently don't feel it's necessary to use them...SHAME ON YOU!! You probably throw trash out your car windows too! Also, people walking their dogs on the tracks need to pick up after them, or walk them on the grass! SHAME ON YOU TOO!! Where is your community pride?

Obama has no right to close the WWII Memorial and place guards there! That memeorial was paid for and maintained by PRIVATE funds and has always been open 24-7 as a walk through. Obama does not deserve to be Commander-in-Chief or President, but the evil one!

In the fiscal fight falling funky, It's the elephant versus the donkey. But in Washington's Zoo, there has been a coup, Congress is now run by the monkeys!!!

My average day before the Government shutdown: Get up, go to work, go home, sleep, repeat. My average day after the Government shutdown: Get up, go to work, go home, sleep, repeat.

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chased. No one on the school district side, however, would know what to do with the funding or equipment because the latter hadn't been consulted or involved in the process, Love says. With the result that no one ultimately would take responsibility for following through on the project and the foundation would find itself accounting for the failure.

Under the new approach adopted by the foundation under the leadership of President Guy Hood, the group now takes on no project unless it is district generated, Love says. Meaning, he underscores, that all requests for foundation assistance must come from teachers, staff or other district staff and be transmitted through the School Superintendent.

"This is a major shift, that the School Superintendent has to be the generator of all requests," Love says. "The foundation will not work on anything that the foundation doesn't get a request on first. We'll let the identified needs come from the school administration."

Hence the foundation's choice of the JCMHS Band as a test project. Love says the foundation approached School Superintendent Al Cooksey with a request for a list of priority projects to pursue and the latter identified the equipping of the school band as a top concern.

Music teacher Jeremy George, you must know, has ambitious plans for the band, which plans include

the group playing not only at varsity football games and community events, but also participating in music performance assessments, giving occasional symphonic concerts around town, and diversifying into various small ensembles that can provide entertainment at sundry community affairs.

Which brings us to the point of this article: The foundation is seeking donations, either in the form of musical instruments or money, to help the band achieve its goals. To donate, simply go to the foundation's website at www.educationforjefferson.org, click on "learn more about the band" and follow the instructions. Foundation members will be more than glad to pick up your tax-deductible donation in person if you prefer.

As the website aptly states, "Perhaps you have a clarinet, trumpet or other band instrument in working condition around your house that has gone unused for years and that would make a perfect gift for the band."

Or perhaps you can make a small monetary donation that will go for the repair and/or purchase of a musical instrument.

Whatever your contribution, the foundation would like to hear from you.

For more information about the foundation and its different programs, visit the website or email the organization at info@educationforjefferson.org.

Priorities

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lowed for the upgrade and conversion of the former high school buildings into today's courthouse annex and multi-agency government complex off Water Street.

Finally, there was the standard request for no more unfunded mandates, a perennial cry of local officials, who feel that the state more and more is shifting the burden of government programs and services onto cities and counties and their respective taxpayers.

Of particular and immediate concern to local county officials is recent state legislation that supposedly shifts a greater burden of the cost for Medicaid to local governments. Commissioner Betsy Barfield said it was too late to stop the legislation, which had already passed. But possibly some of its burdensome impact on local budgets could be mitigated, she said.

At the City Council meeting, city officials became a tad creative in their requests under Bailar's urgings.

The council agreed to seek funding again for expansion of the city water system on U.S. 19 north to the dog racetrack and possibly beyond. Funding for the project was approved in the last legislative session, only to be vetoed by the Governor at the last moment.

The council also indicated that funding should be sought for establishment of a welcome center

at the new city park that is being developed off Water Street in the west side of town.

The council also green lighted a proposal from City Manager Steve Wingate that funding be sought for the purchase and installation of a rotating disk filter at the end of the treatment plant being constructed off Mamie Scott Drive.

Wingate explained that addition of the filter system -- at an estimated cost of \$500,000 per filter -- would greatly enhanced the level of the plant's treated water, allowing for its use on golf courses and other public facilities.

Too, he said, it would assure that the city one day would not have to build a costly wetlands to take the treatment plant's effluent if Simpson Nurseries should ever decide not to use the water to irrigate its plants and fields.

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consistency of his leadership during the last six years.

The council hired Wingate in November 2007, following the resignation of longtime City Superintendent Don Anderson.

Prior to coming to Monticello, Wingate was a self-employed contractor. Before that, from 1990 to 2006, he was Public Works director for Hilliard, a rural community of about 3,000 in Nassau County, FL.

Halloween Coloring Contest

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National Fire Prevention Week

Jefferson County Firefighters Recognized

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Jefferson County Firefighters are recognized and honored for their bravery and selflessness especially during National Fire Prevention Week, October 6 – 12.

the Jefferson County Fire Department on Shift A include Chief Jim Iten, Lt. Chris Lundstrom, Captain Nathan Roberts, Lance Blomeley, Robert Gainey, Stephan Valente, Chuck Wincek, Matthew LaMendola, and Mary Jane Dickey. Shift B include Capt. Ron Motter, Lt. Justin

Cosper, Steve Morgan, Luke Gray, Matthew LaMendola, and Brian Hausherr. Shift C include Captain Dexter Walker, Lt. Michael Elbert, Joseph Kacur, Mike Reed, Jared Paramore, and Holly Megna.

Firefighters with the Ashville Area Volunteer Fire Department include Chief Roger Barfield, Assistant Chief John Michael 'Butch' Staffieri, Joe Davis, Denise Tosado, Bill Herman, Kathy Hewitt, Ray Matty, Gary Alday, Judy Turner, and Kirk Jansky. Meeting date is the 1st Friday at 6:30 p.m.

Firefighters with the Wacissa Volunteer Fire Department include Chief Houston Brock, Richard Peters, Steve Anderson, Joey Bryan, Reggie Morrison, and Travis Hewitt. Meeting date is the 1st Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. and the 3rd Tuesday for training.

Firefighters with the Monticello Volunteer Fire Department include Chief Lester Lawrence, William Bates, Zach Emmett, Edward Fessenden, James Hopkins, Michael Long, Jesse Matthews, Brian Powell, Charlie Preston, Daniel Pruitt, Michael Sacco, D'Vondre Seabrooks, Chris Spinnenweber, and Denise Tosado.

Firefighters with the Lloyd Volunteer Fire Department include Chief Nic Cooksey, Assistant Chief Raymond Novello, Captain John Cooksey, Lisa Novello, Derrick Burrus, Tommy Wallace, and Michael Purvis,



ECB Publishing Photo By Debbie Snapp, October 2013. Jefferson County Fire Department Firefighters Shift A pictured from left to right are: Robert Gainey, Mary Jane Dickey, Chief Jim Iten, Lt. Chris Lundstrom, Lance Blomeley, Stephan Valente. Not pictured are: Chuck Wincek, Matthew LaMendola, and Captain Nathan Roberts.



ECB Publishing Photo By Debbie Snapp, October 2013. Jefferson County Fire Department Firefighters Shift B pictured from left to right are: Capt. Ron Motter; Lt. Justin Cosper; Steve Morgan, Luke Gray, Matthew LaMendola, and Brian Hausherr.



ECB Publishing Photo By Debbie Snapp, October 2013. Jefferson County Fire Department Firefighters Shift C pictured from left to right are: Joseph Kacur, Lieutenant Michael Elbert, Mike Reed, Jared Paramore, Holly Megna, and Captain Dexter Walker.



ECB Publishing Photo By Debbie Snapp, October 2013. Ashville Area Volunteer Fire Department firefighter Assistant Chief John Michael 'Butch' Staffieri with future firefighter Dominic Vincenzo 'Nicky' Staffieri.



ECB Publishing Photo By Amber Houston, October 2013. Monticello Volunteer Fire Department firefighters Mike Long, right, and Chief Lester Lawrence, left, fix the newly donated fire truck.

Al "Pee-wee" Cooksey
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Fire Trucks Donated To City

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Monticello Volunteer Fire Department (MVFD) has recently received the gift of a fire truck from the Panama City Fire Department.

It all started when MVFD Firefighter Mike Long mentioned to the Panama City Fire Chief, Wayne Watts, that Monticello's Engine 2 was no longer usable. "I don't even remember what we were talking about," Long admitted. "It was casual conversation, but as soon as I said it he goes, 'You know, Mike, we're about to surplus one of our engines. I wonder if I could arrange for it to be donated to you guys.'

And Watts was true to his word. The Chief made all the arrangements in time for Long to pick the engine up on the way back from the Volunteer Firefighter Weekend on September 18-22.

The engine is a 1984 Spartan, custom built by Spartan Motors Inc. for Panama City the same year that the company went public and allowed investors to trade in Spartan stock. The city has owned the fire truck ever since.

While it may be an older vehicle, it has no end of features that will make it ideal for Monticello. It has a monitor mounted on the top above the hose deck, allowing firefighters to spray into second-story buildings or up on roofs without having to enter the building. It features seven discharges, which means that seven hoses can be attached to it at a time. It features a hookup between a hydrant and the truck so that in the city, the vehicle doesn't have to use water from its own reservoir. It has lights mounted to be able to operate the control panel and fight fires at night.

A team of volunteers got together at the MVFD on Thursday, September 26 to switch over their tools, hoses, and equipment to the new truck. They were: Chris Spinnenweber, Denise Tosado, James Hopkins, Drey Seabrooks, Mike



The new fire truck is so new to the MVFD that it still bears the decals "Panama City Beach Engine 5." That will be changed over as soon as time and funding allows.

Long, and Chief Lester Lawrence.

Though the MVFD was saved the cost of purchasing a new engine, they are still in need of help. Firefighting equipment is specially made and therefore very expensive. "A lot of our equipment is outdated," Long confessed. "And there's new regulations on the equipment so often that we can't keep up. It's so hard for small stations like ours."

These volunteers are on-call to serve the community and are willing to give anything in that service—up to and including their own lives. They go through hours of training and will respond to emergencies



Left to Right: Mike Long and Chief Lester Lawrence tested the control panel, and drained and refilled the reservoir on the truck with fresh water the evening of September 26, before the team of volunteers started switching out equipment.

any time of day or night. They sacrifice time at work and time with their families for Jeffer-

son County. To donate contact the Monticello Volunteer Fire Department at 342-0153.

Volunteer Fire Departments Seeking Volunteers

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All over Jefferson County, the Volunteer Fire Departments (VFDs) are seeking volunteers.

The Monticello VFD has the largest group of volunteers in the county, but with only 14 members, that says very little. Lloyd and Wacissa number less than a dozen put together. Ashville, with 10 volunteers is hardly better off. Firefighters, of course, are needed, but people with expertise in any field are also required and deeply appreciated. Said Monticello VFD firefighter and instructor, Mike Long, There are plenty of things that

need done to have a good viable fire department." These range from the obvious, such as record keeping, fundraising events, and mechanical work, to taking pictures and keeping records of fires, bringing water and food to firefighters who have been fighting a fire for a long time, and more.

Said Long, "Not everyone is cut out mentally or physically to do the actual fire fighting or other emergency response. That doesn't mean they can't volunteer to help. Just think of the value of a retired mechanic helping maintain equipment, [or] of someone who was just willing to go by the station and check out the trucks on a schedule so

we know they are ready and operational and that our air packs are good. Someone to help load hose after a fire when actual firefighters are tired and have to get up to go to work [the next day]. People can be trained to do these kinds of things and be of great value to the departments."

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer with the VFD, attend the Monticello VFD meetings, on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 7 pm. These meetings are held at the Monticello VFD at 1200 N. Jefferson Street. Or contact County Volunteer Coordinator Derrick Burrus at derrickburrus@aol.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

debbiesnapp@embarqmail.com or 850-997-3568

October 12
Cross Landings Health & Rehabilitation Center will hold its annual Fall Festival on Saturday, 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. Donations will be accepted. 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.

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 Main Street 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 and 4 to 7 p.m. on Fridays. For more information, call 850-

997-3311 of go to www.jeffersonarts-gallery.com. There is also an interesting exhibit of local flower photos and paintings in the back room, don't miss that!

October 12
Auction in Monticello, brought to you by Vintage Treasures beginning at 9 a.m. with a review. The auction will begin at 10 a.m. at 2077 South Jefferson. Items include antiques, collectables, tools, and much more. There is a 10 percent buyers fee. For consignments and more information, contact Mike at 850-228-2542 or mtwillis-monticello@yahoo.com or Dan at 850-251-3878 or danschall@comcast.net. AL#AU3641A B2718

October 12
Scarlet O'Hatters will be taking a road trip to El Joelisco's Mexican Restaurant, on Apalachee Parkway in Tallahassee on Saturday. We will order from the menu. Costumes are optional. Those interested in traveling together are to meet at 11 a.m. in the lower Winn Dixie plaza parking lot. Contact Sherry Burnard at 850-997-6298 or Queen Mum Pat Muchowski at 850-997-0688 for more information about this meeting and about the Red Hat Society.

Troop 49 Helps Fill Food Pantries



Monticello Girl Scout Troop 49 would like to say "Thank you for contributing to our local food pantry community service project!" The girls collected canned goods and other non-perishable food items over a period of time. If you would like to continue to help the local Girl Scouts, go to girlscouts49@ymail.com.

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Jefferson County Living

Veteran's Day, 11-11-13

On Monday, November 11, 2013, the combined veterans' groups of Monticello and Greenville will participate in the worldwide recognition of Veteran's Day.

The day will begin with a standard southern style breakfast at the Otto Walker Post 49 of the American Legion, on South Water Street. The breakfast is at 8 a.m., is open to the public, and is free, though donations are gratefully accepted.

Beginning at exactly 11 a.m., there will be a parade on US-19. Lineup will begin in front of Capital City Bank and the parade will go north to Pearl Street and then to Cherry Street, where it will end at the Downtown Club, (the empty lot behind Rancho Grande), where special guest speakers are slated.

Veteran's Day is the only Federal holiday, which, by action of Congress, is set for a particular day and hour, in an attempt to be historically correct.

On November 11, 1918, at 5 a.m. in a fancy railroad car in the woods, about an hour north of Paris, France, Allied leaders and a German leader met and

ironed out an Armistice to end World War II. The Armistice did not, at the time, admit to the surrender of Germany, but did call for the cessation of all armed conflict among their nations. Those in attendance were from Germany, Great Britain and France. The terms of the Armistice were adapted from US President Woodrow Wilson's Fourteen Steps To Peace.

Contrary to public opinion, the Armistice was not signed in a dark and smoky restaurant in Paris, but when it was signed, the signers immediately made their way to such a restaurant where communication could be sent out to all leaders and combatants that the war was to end at exactly 11 a.m. that day.

Beginning the following year, 1919, the event was memorialized forever. The federal government declared Armistice Day to be a federal holiday, beginning precisely at 11 a.m. on the eleventh day of the eleventh month.

Should that day fall on a weekend the day was to be celebrated on the nearest to that date of either Monday or Friday. However, if the

celebrations could not be held on the exact date and time, businesses were asked to pause at exactly 11 a.m. for a moment of prayer and contemplation.

In the aftermath of WWII and the Korean War, Armistice Day became Veteran's Day, changing the focus of the holiday from the Armistice to the Veterans who signed on to fight to bring about the Armistice and cessation of each and every war that followed.

The American Legion Post 131 of Greenville, both American Legion Posts (49 and 234) of Monticello, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 251 of Monticello, as well as the Women's Auxiliaries of all those units, are all cooperating to bring about this parade to honor current and past military personnel.

Special recognition will be given to the MIA's/POW's (missing in action and prisoners of war.)

Applications are due by November 1, and can be obtained from any Legion members. For further information or applications call Ron Slik at 997-8103 or American Legion Post 49 Commander Travis Hussey at 997-5106.

Elizabeth Baptist Church 182nd Anniversary Sunday

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Elizabeth Baptist Church will host its annual homecoming service on October 13 beginning with Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m. and Worship Service at 11:00 a.m.

Guest speaker will be Mike Strickland, a retired Florida Highway patrolman and a longtime member of the Seminole Baptist Church in Tallahassee. Leading the music will be guest music director Richard Hughes. He served as youth and music director for the

church during the late 1980s and early 1990s.

Elizabeth Baptist Church was founded in 1831 and has been in continual service since that time. The church family just recently completed the building of a new outreach center on the grounds, and continues its commitment to reaching people for Christ and ministering to the needs of its community.

Come enjoy the rich heritage and vibrant presence of the church as it moves forward with its all-important message of Jesus Christ. In celebration of the church anniversary,

a family meal will be offered after the morning service.

A wonderful day of worship, fellowship and food is planned. So, spend this special day with the church family, friends, past and present members in attendance.

The church is located at 4124 Bassett Dairy Road. Call 850-997-8444 or go to ebc-monticello@centurylink.net for contact information, services times and dates, directions, pastor contact, prayer requests, or whatever is on your heart. Rev. Wayne Dorsett, interim pastor.

Church News Notes

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October 11
Tent of the Holy Guests offers prayer for the sick and a special scripture message every Friday at 7:30 p.m. The Tent is located at 295 West Palmer Mill in Monticello. Call 850-342-3541 for more information.

Thru October 12
Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in Greenville and its pastor Moderator J.B. Duval will host the 147th annual session of the First Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Association at 7 p.m. through Saturday. Rev. Duval is also pastor of the Memorial Missionary Baptist Church. Special guests in attendance will be President Harry Cloud of the Old West Florida Primitive Baptist Association and President James B. Sampson of the Florida General Baptist Convention. Rev. Duval will give his last annual address on Wednesday evening. For more information about this annual event, contact Rev. Duval at 850-878-9613.

October 13
Transforming Life Church invites you to a special Friends & Family Day on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. The theme for the day is 'Fall Festival' and will include special music from Tommy, Jo and the Kids (Hendricks.) There will be food, games, pony rides, hayrides, and face paint-

ing. TLC is located at 1206 Springfield Road in the Lloyd area. For more information visit transforminglifechurch.com or call 850-997-TLC7.

October 13
Union Branch AME Church will hold its Choir Anniversary at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday. All are welcome to attend. Rev. Clifford Hill, Sr., pastor.

October 13
Memorial Missionary Baptist Church, will sponsor 'Women Coming Together To Praise God' on Sunday at 11 a.m. Speaker will be Minister Myra Mitchell, a member of the Lomax AME Zion Church in Woodbridge, Virginia. Guest choir will be the Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church Gospel Choir from Tallahassee. Come expecting a blessing. Colors for this great occasion are red and silver. Everyone is asked to please wear these colors to show the enemy that we are a united front in Christ. For more information contact Chairperson Sister Duval at 850-878-9613. Sister Celia Jenretta, co-Chairperson. Moderator JB Duval, pastor.

October 16
First Presbyterian Church will host EaglesWings, a ministry of outreach, serving the community on the first and third Wednesday of

each month from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Volunteers are always needed, to distribute food items and to donate non-perishable food items. Call and leave a message for JoAnne Arnold at 850-997-2252, or 850-997-1084, or go to eaglewingsmonticello@yahoo.com or www.first-presbyterianmonticello.org.



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Pet Festival November 2

FRAN HUNT
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Staff Writer

Calling all canines, calling all canines, the Ochlocknee River Kennel Club and the American Legion Post 49 Ladies Auxiliary, will be sponsoring a Responsible Dog Ownership Day Pet Festival on November 2, from 10 a.m., until, on the Jefferson County High School baseball field.

There is no admission fee.

The day is not just for registered breed dogs, but also mixed breed, so bring them on out.

Many locals, and local competitors, will be on hand giving demonstrations including, Retriever Trailing; the Jefferson

County Sheriff's Office and Jefferson Correctional Institution, will be giving search and rescue demonstrations; agility, obedience, rally, and Earth dog trials.



There will also be conformation classes, and pet dog classes, including doggy tricks, costumes, and even look alike.

Also, Dr. Purvis will give a demonstration on how to deal with parasites.

Lunch will be available, provided by the Bellavigna family.

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Sports

Warriors, Down 21, Mount Furious Comeback To Stun Munroe, 36-33

WILLIAM SMITH
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Battered down the hatches, lock up the kids, and feed the dog: this is Aucilla versus Munroe. The most anticipated game of the season each year for two schools who probably have more in common than they would like to admit, and thus desperately vie for Panhandle small-ball supremacy in the annual Interstate Rivalry. Folks, this year's matchup did not disappoint, featuring exhilarating break-away plays and momentum swings of monumental proportions in what will forever be remembered as one of the great victories in Aucilla sports history.

The stage was set exactly 366 days ago when Aucilla pummeled the Bobcats by a nauseating score of 43-0, an outcome which left the Munroe faithful clamoring for the chance to exact revenge, a message made clearer with each opportunity afforded to them by the media. Promises of retribution rang ever vibrant as red and black sought blue and gold for the purpose of bruising black and blue.

This year's game seemed primed for fireworks, and when toe finally met leather at historic Corry Field in Quincy, a frenzied roller coaster of energy ensued that left the crowd raucous from the turmoil of the evening.

The breathless pace was immediate: within the first two snaps from scrimmage of each offense, two 50+ yard touchdowns that left Munroe with a slight 7-6 lead that was quickly built upon as both sides traded blow for blow in a heavyweight matchup reminiscent of Ali-Frazier.

Munroe seemed to be singularly focused on the annihilation of the Warrior defense as they turned the first half into their own personal track meet, as Bobcat receivers dexterously defeated Warrior press coverage and were rewarded with accurate passes from junior quarterback Will Harris for gouging gains and deflating touchdowns.

Before The Warriors could blink, they stood on the brink of blowout as Munroe built a late first-half lead into a seemingly insurmountable 33-12 score. The score itself even seemed generous as both the Aucilla offense and defense were simply outclassed in the opening half. Chief among the offensive issues were several brutal turnovers that halted scoring drives needed to keep stride with the most dangerous team that the Warriors have yet faced in 2013.

However, as foreshadowing of things to come, a late second quarter pass hauled in by offensive weapon Timothy Burrus buoyed the hopes of a fading Warrior team by cutting into the Munroe lead with a touchdown, making the halftime score 33-18.

Emerging from the healing cocoon of the

halftime break was a completely different Warrior football team, one determined to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat. The emotional guts of the game were found in these last two quarters, the stuff of iron wills and the "never surrender" attitude.

"For the first time this season, I saw one single look in the eyes of all of our boys." Re-counted head coach Colby Roberts. "They would not be denied. They weren't holding anything back. Clear consciences. We haven't been determined like that yet this season. It was an incredible feeling."

It was then that the onslaught began. Back and forth, both teams fought like titans, with the Warriors putting together several gutsy drives that ended in scores while stymying the Munroe offense again and again to foster chances to continue the comeback.

Late in the fourth quarter, the Warriors once again stood on the brink, but this time of one of the greatest wins in school history as the score stood 33-30, with the Bobcats still narrowly winning. At that decisive moment though, the Munroe defense fought back, halting the Warriors' go ahead touchdown drive within their own five yard line in a brilliant goal line stand that seemed to seal the win with less than six minutes remaining.

As the Munroe offense slowly marched down the field, bleeding the clock into submission, it seemed as though the Warriors' efforts would be for naught until a crucial holding penalty thwarted the Bobcat drive and forced a punt with 1:16 remaining in the game.

Aucilla then engineered a nearly perfect two minute offense which began inside their own 20 yard line. Junior quarterback Austin Bishop was dazzling, with incredibly accurate sideline passes that preserved the clock and made huge gains down the field. This drive was capped off by an unbelievable 46 yard run by Bishop, eluding the pass rush at first and then weaving in wide swaths from one sideline to the other, eluding defenders en route to the go-ahead touchdown with just over 30 seconds remaining on the clock. As Bishop staggered back to the sidelines, there was utter pandemonium in the stands and the Warrior bench as the realization of what was about to come to completion swept over the stadium.

However, Munroe exhibited the same fight that brought the Warriors back from destruction as they followed suite with their own two-minute drive that brought them within 15 yards of a cold-blooded assassination of the work of the boys in blue, with a first-and-ten in the Aucilla redzone.

Four plays later though, the ball fell incomplete in the Warrior end zone, and the journey was over.

The Aucilla players, many of them limping, bloody, and squinting with pain, hobbled toward their fans with arms raised and relief in their eyes. Later that night they hoisted the Interstate Rivalry trophy, with bandaged hands and icepacks on every conceivable limb.

Said Roberts, "You can't keep a good man down, and tonight was about redemption. I've never been more proud of our team before. Even if we would have lost the battle, they could go the rest of their lives knowing that they fought for every inch. But, it just so happens that we didn't lose, and we'll always remember."

The leaders, both offensively and defensively, are difficult to narrow down. Nearly every offensive skill player contributed. Quarterback Austin Bishop more than mended the fences of earlier turnovers with his second-half play, finishing 24/42 for 387 yards, three touchdowns, and five interceptions. Bishop also rushed for 55 yards and the fourth quarter score.

Junior athlete Timothy Burrus once again was the favorite playmaker, with a monster performance of 11 receptions for 192 yards and a touchdown, to go along with 9 yards rushing.

Senior wide receiver Casey Demott recorded an impressive game, catching five passes for 120 yards and two scores.

Senior running back Brandon Holm had yet another spectacular day with 7 carries for 102 yards and a touchdown, an amazing 14.5 yards per carry. Holm also contributed 7 catches for 57 yards.

Defensively for the Warriors, junior Cole Schwab was excellent at middle linebacker, with 14 total tackles and two tackles for loss; linebacker Brandon Holm finished with 10 total tackles, as well as two tackles for loss; end Casey Demott recorded 10 total tackles; and freshman end Cameron Burns burst on the scene with seven tackles, two tackles for loss, and a fumble recovery.

Following this emotionally exhausting victory, the Warriors (5-1) will enjoy an off week where they will look to heal injuries and prepare for opponent Bishop Snyder (5-1), a supercharged offense that currently averages 31 points per game. The game will take place in Jacksonville on October 18th at 7:30 P.M.



Junior quarterback Austin Bishop brings then Warrior offense to the line in this hard fought match.

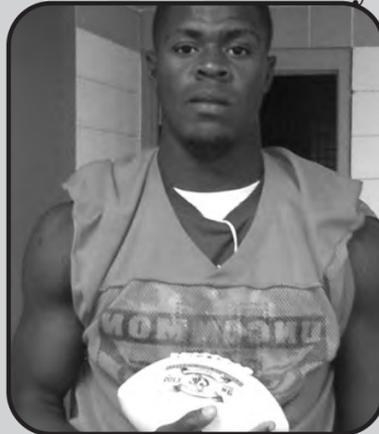


Austin Bishop lunges ahead for more yardage against a tough Monroe defense.



Timmy Burrus looks for a hole in the Monroe defense.

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JES Students Walk To School



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Jefferson Elementary School students Jamie and Jase walk to school with Cindy Brown in celebration of International Walk To School Day.



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Jefferson Elementary School student Sahara walks to school with Cindy Brown and Monticello Police Office Ryan Jacobson in celebration of International Walk To School Day.



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Jefferson Elementary School students Amyia, Julius, Ahmad, and Aazyah walk to school with Cindy Brown and Monticello Police Officer Roger Murphy in celebration of International Walk To School Day.



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Jefferson Elementary School (JES) students, parents, teachers, and community leaders walked to school on Wednesday morning, October 9 in celebration of International Walk To School Day. The Monticello Police Department and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office were out in force to make sure traffic was slowed to watch for the walkers.

The walkers received special treats and were involved in fun activities related to walking and bicycling safety when they got to school.

The Day was designated in an effort to raise awareness for safe walking and biking routes for the students, and promote safety in the community. The mission is to protect, promote and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county, and community efforts; to be the healthiest state in the nation.

The JES event was organized by Cindy Brown and Jackie Guyton; and promoted by the Florida Department of Health in Jefferson County, the Florida Department of Transportation, and the Jefferson County Community Traffic Safety Team.



Parent Involvement Matters

From the desk of Edna Henry,
District Parent Involvement Coordinator

Being Responsible And Making Good

We should constantly remind our children that the choices they make will affect the rest of their lives. Give them opportunities to practice being responsible and help them to understand that freedom and responsibility go hand in hand.

Listed below are some pointers that you can discuss with your children to help them become more responsible and to make better choices.

- Remember that it's your life and you are accountable.
- Hang out with people who behave responsibly.
- Decide to work hard.
- Find a worthy purpose.
- Learn to control

- your temper.
- Learn how to manage your time wisely.
- Make the most of your talents.
- Trust your conscience.
- Learn from your mistakes.
- Learn to avoid temptations.
- Learn to look before you leap.
- Learn to do things when they need to be done.
- Stand up for your beliefs.
- Treat addictive substances like poison.
- Learn when not to quit.
- Have patience.
- Learn to avoid negative peer pressure.
- Don't become a slave to stuff.
- Learn to make better decisions.

Jefferson County Middle/High School invites all parents and community members to attend the Student Advisory Council (SAC) meeting on Tuesday, October 15, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the JCMHS Media Center. Your attendance and support will be highly appreciated.

JCHS Class Of 1973 Plans For Class Reunion

The Jefferson County High School Class of 1973 is planning its August 1-3, 2014 reunion and is in need of addresses, e-mail addresses, etc. from classmates.

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4-H Awards Banquet Honors Local Children

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On Saturday, October 5, the Jefferson County Extension Office held its annual 4-H Awards Banquet to honor local children for the commitment to and success in 4-H.

Before the awards were handed out, though, Extension Office Director, John Lilly introduced keynotes speaker and former 4-Her, Jasmine Hall. Hall spoke of the impact that 4-H had on her life, especially in the formative years of her childhood.

"I never knew that I loved helping people so much until I joined 4-H," Hall opened. "This organization has brought out the best in me. [...] I could go on about 4-H for days; it has had a positive impact on me in every way."

She went on to outline how 4-H developed her confidence, her sense of morality, her socialization, and more, and then transitioned, "4-H did not only help me with my personal character, but also with college and scholarships." Due to the hundreds of community service hours she acquired through community involvement with 4-H, and the personal development that the organization cultivated in her, she was accepted to every college to which she applied. She is now a senior at FAMU.

She closed with a comment both light-

hearted and loving at once, "I know I may be responsible for a few of those gray hairs that the Extension Office staff and volunteers have, but no words or gifts can repay what you have given us."

Not only did Hall credit the staff for their work, but Mayor Idella Scott also credited them. Scott presented each of the Extension Office staff with certificates of recognition for being, "far above and beyond average employees. They are loyal, dedicated, hardworking, and committed."

But of course, the highlight of the evening was the awards presented to the children of 4-H, who are equally as hardworking and dedicated as the staff that leads them.

In the Clover Bud Division, Samiah Washington won awards in Fashion Revue Clothing Construction and Food Preparation.

In the same division, Julius Jerrod Darity won an award in Fashion Revue Clothing Selection.

In the Junior Division, many awards were presented.

Kiyerra Henry won awards for Consumer Choice Judging and Fashion Revue Clothing Construction.

Isabella Gray won awards for Fashion Revue Clothing Construction, Fashion Revue Clothing Selection, Public Speaking, and District III Public

Speaking.

Logan Lamb won awards for Fashion Revue Clothing Construction, Earth Sciences, and District II Earth Sciences.

Demecia Gillyard won an award for Fashion Revue Clothing Construction.

Ayianna Bradley won an award for Fashion Revue Clothing Construction.

Kalaree King won awards for Fashion Revue Clothing Construction, Clothing & Textiles, and Division II Clothing & Textiles.

Cinnamon Peck won awards for Fashion Revue Clothing Construction and Public Speaking.

Allen Washington won awards for Fashion Revue Clothing Construction and Public Speaking.

Khalil Robinson won an award for Fashion Revue Clothing Construction.

Zareyah Wiggins won an award for Public



Left to Right: President, Jasmine Addison; Vice President, Allison Cone; Assistant Secretary, Danella Potter; Treasurer, Ta'Neshia Scott; Sergeant-At-Arms, Stefan Roberts; District Council Delegates Mickayla Courson and Makayla Brown.

Speaking.

Huxley Harter won an award for Natural Resources.

In the Intermediate Division, many awards were also given.

Kerrick Henry Jr. won awards in Consumer Choice Judging and Fashion Revue Clothing Construction.

Makayla Brown won an award for Consumer

Choice Judging.

Pedro Contreras Jr. won an award for Consumer Choice Judging.

Tanesea Jones won awards for Consumer Choice Judging, Food Preparation, and Fashion Revue Clothing Construction.

Kheica Jones won awards for Consumer Choice Judging, Food Preparation, and Fashion Revue Clothing Construction.

Ja'Kayla Meeks won an award in Share-The-Fun.

Members of the Senior Division also earned many awards.

Ta'Neshia Scott won awards for Consumer Choice Judging, Fashion Revue Clothing Selection, and Food Preparation.

Tearra Scott won awards for Consumer Choice Judging, Fashion Revue Clothing Selection, Food Preparation,

and District III Food Preparation.

Otis Scott Jr. won awards for Consumer Choice Judging, and Fashion Revue Clothing Selection.

Tremelody Robinson won an award for Consumer Choice Judging.

Allison Cone won awards for Fashion Revue Clothing Selection, Health & Safety, and District III Health & Safety.

Jasmine Addison won an award for Communication & Expressive Arts.

Before the close of the ceremony, the 2013-2014 Officers were sworn in.

The evening concluded with door prizes that were just for the kids. It seems every child won a door prize in addition to the many awards and certificates they earned over the past year.



Gulf County Extension Agent, Roy Carter taught the station on peanuts.



Judy Ludlow, Calhoun County Extension Director, taught the station on cotton.



Chaperone Hightower leads a group of children to their next station.



Dr. Josh Thompson, Vegetable Specialist at the North Florida Research Educational Center of Quincy discussed pumpkins with the 4th grade classes.

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Size 7-8 child's - off white dress, worn as a flower girl dress, overlay of lace over entire dress, probably knee to calf length - \$25

Size 8 child's - white, long dress, lace around neck with decorative bodice - \$25

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WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff,
vs.
VICKI T. FLOWERS A/K/A VICKIE FLOWERS A/K/A VICKIE BOLAND FLOWERS AKA VICKIE THERESA BOLAND A/K/A VICKIE B. FLOWERS; LEON E. FLOWERS II A/K/A LEON FLOWERS A/K/A LEON EMERSON FLOWERS II; UNKNOWN TENANT I; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S), WHO (IS/ARE) NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIM AS HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, SPOUSES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; Defendants.

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TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1994 FLEETWOOD EAGLE TRACE DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOME VIN NO. GAFLR54B74970ET AND GAFLR54A74970ET, TITLE NO. 66847779 AND 66847778 a/k/a 403 SPARKS RD., MONTICELLO, FL 32344-5323 at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at the North steps of the Jefferson County Courthouse located at the intersection of US Highways 19 and 90, 1 Courthouse Circle, Monticello, FL 32344, on November 14 at 11:00 AM.

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

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Clerk of the Circuit Court
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC Plaintiff,
vs.
JAMES K. STEINMETZ AKA JAMES STEINMETZ, et. al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment entered in Case No. 33-2012-CA-000204 in the Circuit Court of the SECOND Judicial Circuit in and for JEFFERSON COUNTY, Florida, wherein, NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff, and, JAMES K. STEINMETZ AKA JAMES STEINMETZ, et. al., are Defendants. The Clerk of Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the North Door of the Courthouse at the hour of 11:00AM, on the 5th day of DECEMBER, 2013, the following described property:

LOT 42, HIAWATHA FARMS SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK B, PAGE 88, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

DATED this 11th day of September, 2013.
KIRK REAMS
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Sherry Sears
Deputy Clerk

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

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff,
vs.
DIANE M. HICKS A/K/A DIANA M. HICKS A/K/A DIANE M. HUFF A/K/A DIANA HICKS A/K/A DIANA MARIE HICKS A/K/A DIANE MARIE HICKS, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated September 12, 2013 and entered in Case No. 33-2013-CA-000061 of the Circuit Court of the SECOND Judicial Circuit in and for JEFFERSON COUNTY, Florida wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC is the Plaintiff and DIANE M. HICKS A/K/A DIANA M. HICKS A/K/A DIANE M. HUFF A/K/A DIANA HICKS A/K/A DIANA MARIE HICKS A/K/A DIANE MARIE HICKS; PRIMUS AUTOMOTIVE FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.; STATE OF FLORIDA - DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at NORTH DOOR OF THE COURTHOUSE LOBBY IN JEFFERSON COUNTY, MONTICELLO, FLORIDA at 11:00AM, on the 31st day of October, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 10 OF AUTUMN WOODS SUBDIVISION, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, FILES IN PLAT BOOK B, PAGE 35, PUBLIC RECORDS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA A/K/A 900 SHADY LANE, MONTICELLO, FL 32344

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on September 12, 2013.

Kirk B. Reams
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Sherry Sears
Deputy Clerk 10/4, 11/13

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

PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff,
vs.
DANIELLE ERWIN, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated September 13, 2013, and entered in Case No. 33-2012-CA-000087 of the Circuit Court of the SECOND Judicial Circuit in and for Jefferson County, Florida in which PHH Mortgage Corporation, is the Plaintiff and Danielle Erwin also known as Danielle R. Erwin, Ashville Area Property Owner's Association, Inc., Tenant # 1, Tenant # 2, The Unknown Spouse of Danielle Erwin also known as Danielle R. Erwin also known as Axel Unutbske, are defendants, the Jefferson County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on on the north steps of the Jefferson County Courthouse, One Courthouse Circle, Monticello, FL 32344, Jefferson County, Florida at 11:00AM on the 31st day of October, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOT 6, BLOCK C, SMOKEHOUSE FARMS - PHASE I, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK B, PAGE 40, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA; TOGETHER WITH A MOBILE HOME LOCATED THEREON AS A PERMANENT FIXTURE AND APPURTENANCE THERETO, DESCRIBED AS: VIN NO. GAFLT75A28137W21 / TITLE NO. 72452162

A/K/A 1181 SMOKEHOUSE FARMS DR GREENVILLE, FL 32331-2110
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
Dated in Jefferson County, Florida this 10th day of September, 2013.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Jefferson County, Florida

By: *Sherry Sears*
Deputy Clerk

Albertelli Law
Attorney for Plaintiff
P.O. Box 23028
Tampa, FL 33623
(813) 221-4743
(813) 221-9171 facsimile
eService: servvalaw@albertellilaw.com

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In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Kirk B. Reams no later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding at room 10, Jefferson County Courthouse, Monticello, FL 32344, at 850-342-0218; 1-800-955-8771 (TDD), or 1-800-955-8770 (voice), via Florida Relay Service. 10/11, 18/13

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*The Week of October 11, 2013 through October 18, 2013
Major Feed Times are marked by an asterisk (*)*

Friday, October 11 12:30 AM *6:45 AM 12:55 PM *7:20 PM	Saturday, October 12 1:30 AM *7:40 AM 1:50 PM *8:10 PM	Sunday, October 13 2:20 AM *8:30 AM 2:30 PM *8:55 PM	Monday, October 14 3:10 AM *9:20 AM 3:30 PM *9:45 PM
Tuesday, October 15 4:00 AM *10:05 PM 4:20 PM *10:30 PM	Wednesday, October 16 4:45 AM *10:50 AM 5:00 PM *11:20 PM	Thursday, October 17 5:30 AM *11:30 AM 5:45 PM	Friday, October 18 *12:45 AM *6:45 AM 12:55 PM *7:20 PM

Gov. Scott and FWC Announce New License-Free Saltwater Fishing Day Oct. 12

Governor Scott and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) announced that Saturday, Oct. 12, visitors and residents are invited to partake in a saltwater license-free fishing day. On this day, the requirement to have a recreational saltwater fishing license is waived. All other regulations such as seasons, size limits and bag limits still apply on these license free days.

This is the first of four additional license-free days that were added to the calendar earlier this year by the FWC, the Florida Legislature and Gov. Rick Scott. The addition of these four days, including two saltwater and two freshwater days, means a total of eight license-free fishing days a year: four saltwater and four freshwater. The Commission also set dates for license-free fishing days for 2014 and beyond, allowing an-

glers to plan fishing trips in advance. For 2014 and beyond, the following dates will be license-free fishing days:

- Saltwater**
 - First Saturday and Sunday in June
 - First Saturday in September
 - Saturday following Thanksgiving
- Freshwater**
 - First Saturday and Sunday in April
 - Second Saturday and Sunday in June.

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KATIE PURCELL

At 9 p.m., the officer backs into his driveway. He signs off on the radio, climbs out of his truck and heads toward his darkened house. When he gets inside, he greets his wife and looks in on his two young children who are already tucked into bed. After changing out of his uniform, he hangs it in its usual spot in the closet. Finally, he showers and warms up his supper.

while the second officer is in the dark woods and the first is getting ready for bed, at just past 11 p.m., their supervisor is awakened from sleep by a ringing phone. "Lieutenant?" a voice asks. "This is Dispatch. Your squad is heading to work a search-and-rescue and they need you right away." After giving a few brief details, the dispatcher disconnects quickly and begins calling others on the radio. In less than 20 minutes, the lieutenant has grabbed his uniform, always hanging in the same place in his closet, put on his gear, and is pulling out of his driveway in his patrol truck. As he buckles his seat belt, he checks in on the radio and lets Dispatch know he is "10-51" - en route to the scene.

days when FWC officers finally found him shivering in a swamp near the Turkey Island Hunt Camp in Flagler County. The officers warmed him with what they had - their bullet-resistant vests and bug-tamer jackets - for several hours until a helicopter could arrive to lift him out of the swamp. Last month, after recovering from his ordeal, Baker reached out to the officers to thank them for their actions. "Those officers saved my life. If it wasn't for them I wouldn't be here," Baker said. FWC officers Lee Lawshe and Rich Wilcox were the ones called upon to help. "Even if we have a plan in mind, we never really know what we'll be doing on a given day," Lawshe said. "We are all willing to respond quickly and do what it takes to get the job done and even save a life."

Stone Crab Season Opens Oct. 15 In State, Federal Waters

Florida's recreational and commercial stone crab claw harvest season opens Oct. 15 in state and federal waters. To ensure this valuable resource is available for generations to come, take care when removing crab claws and follow all protective regulations for stone crab harvest.

To be harvested, stone crab claws must be at least 2 1/2 inches in length when measured from the elbow to the tip of the lower immovable portion of the claw (see illustration).

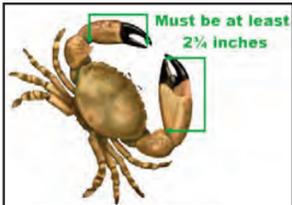
Claws may not be taken from egg-bearing stone crabs. Egg-bearing females are identifiable by the orange or brown egg mass, also known as a "sponge," which is visible on the underside of the crab when it is picked up or turned over.

Recreational harvesters can use up to five stone crab traps per person. Stone crabs may not be harvested with any device that can puncture, crush or injure the crab body. Examples of devices that can cause this kind of damage include

spears and hooks. Recreational and commercial traps may be baited and placed in the water 10 days prior to the opening of the season but may not be pulled from the water for harvest purposes until Oct. 15.

Harvesters are encouraged to take only one claw, even if both claws are of legal size, so that the released crab will be better able to defend itself from predators. A crab that is returned to the water with one claw intact will also be able to obtain more food in a shorter amount of time and therefore regrow its other claw faster. There is a recreational daily bag limit of one gallon of claws per person or two gallons per vessel, whichever is less.

The season will be open through May 15, 2014, closing May 16. Stone crab regulations are the same in state and federal waters. For more information on harvesting stone crabs, go online to MyFWC.com/Fishing (click on "Saltwater").



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During his drive to the next county - he supervises six officers across two counties - he finds out more about the incident and plans a meeting point with the other two officers. Situations like this are all too common for officers with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC). They don't work what most people would call traditional hours. Nor would many aspects of their job be considered traditional. But these roles are necessary.

In fact, a scenario like the example above played out in the end of June. FWC officers spent nearly two days working with the Flagler County Sheriff's Office and Volusia and Seminole county air support to locate a missing man.

Guss Baker had been missing for several

From backing into their driveways at home, to hanging their clothes in the same spot after each shift, FWC officers have many habits. These ensure they can be ready as quickly as possible to respond to those after-hours emergencies when every second counts.

When you're out enjoying all Florida has to offer - whether you're taking your bow to hunt deer this weekend or are headed to the coast in search of snook - remember to be safe. Wear a life jacket on the water; take a GPS with you into the woods. If you do find yourself in a bad situation, remember that officers with the FWC are trained and prepared. They will do their best to get you and your family to safety.

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Health Focus

B SECTION

October Is Breast Cancer
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Blood Donors Observe Breast Cancer Awareness Month Think Pink, Give Red in October

Blood donors play a crucial role in the lives of breast cancer patients. More than 230,000 people are expected to be diagnosed with breast cancer in the next year. What many people may not realize is that due to the harsh effects of chemotherapy, many cancer patients often require blood transfusions.

As the nation observes Breast Cancer Awareness Month all blood donors who donate blood or platelets at any OneBlood Donor Center location between October 1st and October 20th will receive a Pink Awareness Ribbon car magnet. Plus, donors will be able to dedicate their lifesaving donation by completing a special "I donate in honor of" card. The card can honor someone who has fought or is currently fighting breast cancer. These special cards will be displayed in the donor centers throughout October.

All blood donors receive a wellness check-up including blood pressure, temperature, iron count and cholesterol screening. Blood donors must have a valid ID to donate blood.

Every two seconds, someone needs a blood

transfusion. Blood donations profoundly affect the lives of patients in our community. In many cases one donation can save up to three lives. Generally, healthy people age 16 or older who weigh at least 110 pounds can donate blood. For more information about donating blood, center locations and hours, please visit www.oneblood.org.

OneBlood Celebrates 100 Gallon Donors

OneBlood made history as it celebrated two men who hit the 100-gallon donation mark within 24 hours of each other. Ron Ribaric reached the milestone in Oviedo and the next day Bud Melvin rolled up his sleeve in Bradenton to become the 17th member of Tampa Bay's 100 Gallon Club.

Unlike whole blood, which can be donated every 56 days, donors can give platelets 24 times a year. That means a faithful donor can reach the 100-gallon mark in about 33 years.

Dedicated donors like Ribaric and Melvin are



thrilled to reach this elite donation level, but are more concerned with the number of lives they have saved. Each one has single-handedly helped approximately 2,400 patients.

Daphne Morris is one of those patients. She worked for the blood center for 20 years and saw everything come full circle when she received several units of blood following a liver transplant. She said, "I just can't believe my journey has taken me from working at the blood center, drawing blood and helping people, and then to lay back and be helped. It's just unbelievable to me."

The newest 100-Gallon Club members say they plan to continue donating blood and platelets for as long as they can and hope to eventually reach the 200-gallon mark.



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Health & Wellness Tips

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Every woman should learn to recognize the signs of ovarian cancer - because the chances of your healthcare provider being able to spot it are slim. Like most forms of the disease, ovarian cancer is highly curable if diagnosed at the earliest stage, but this only happens in

one in five cases. And almost a third of patients are having to wait more than six months after they first went to see their doctor before getting a diagnosis.

The problem is that some of the symptoms such as bloating and abdominal pain are similar to more common conditions, such as irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) which make it difficult for doctors to spot.

Target Ovarian Cancer says it is the

combination of symptoms and the pattern in which they appear that is important. Some signs such as persistent bloating and feeling full quickly when eating are particularly significant, especially if they happen frequently. This should alert women to go to their doctor and ask them to investigate.

If you feel something is wrong act early as talking to your GP could save your life [GETTY]

Ovarian cancer affects one in 50 women in their lifetime and most cases are diagnosed in women who have gone through the menopause. This means that most ovarian cancer patients are over 50 - but younger women can also get it. You may remember, Pierce Brosnan's daughter, Charlotte Emily died of ovarian cancer at the age of 42. The same disease killed her mother Cassandra, the actor's first wife in 1991.

To address the issue of late or missed diagnoses, Target Ovarian Cancer and Macmillan Cancer Support brought together a group of General Practice doctors and women affected by the disease to come up with ideas on how to tackle the problem. They produced the following set of tips for women worried about ovarian cancer.

TIPS ABOUT OVARIAN CANCER

1. Some symptoms are particularly sig-

nificant: take note of persistent bloating, pain in the pelvis or abdomen, difficulty eating or feeling full quickly and needing to urinate more urgently or often than usual; particularly if the symptoms are new for you, they don't go away and especially if they happen more than 12 times a month.

2. If you feel something is seriously wrong then act early. After all, you know your own body. Talking to your Healthcare provider about symptoms might save your life.

3. If you think you need an appointment be assertive. Don't put it off.

4. If you need more time because you have a number of concerns you can book a double appointment with your Healthcare provider. Remember telephone appointments may be available if you have a specific issue you would like to discuss.

5. Help your healthcare provider as much as possible, in advance of your appointment write down anything you want to discuss and if there is something specific such as ovarian cancer you are worried about, then mention it to your healthcare provider.

6. Keep a symptom diary if your symptoms persist. This can be useful not only for you but also when you see your healthcare

provider.

7. If friends or family notice you are unwell or experiencing symptoms, act on their concerns and make an appointment with your healthcare provider, don't dismiss their worries.

8. If your healthcare provider asks you to return if things haven't improved, they really mean it.

9. If tests and investigations are negative and your symptoms persist, go back and see your healthcare provider - they are there to help.

10. A normal smear test only rules out cancer of the cervix and not other female cancers such as ovarian and uterine (womb). If you are worried about ovarian cancer then say so.

SIGNS TO WATCH OUT FOR

Symptoms of ovarian cancer are frequent (they usually happen more than 12 times a month) and persistent, and include:

- Increased abdominal size/persistent bloating
- Difficulty eating/feeling full
- Pelvic or abdominal pain
- Needing to wee more urgently or more often

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October is National Bullying Prevention Month

How Much Do You Know About Bullying?

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While most people know that pink and purple ribbons stand for breast cancer and domestic violence awareness respectively, few know what the orange ribbon stands for. Spoiler Alert: it's for bullying prevention.

Bullying affects students across all socio-economic backgrounds, all ages, all ethnic backgrounds, male and female, disabled and non-disabled alike. Business Insider offers startling statistics about the issue: in sixth to tenth grade, bullying affects nearly one in three children; six out of ten teenagers say they witness bullying in school every day; and it is estimated that 160,000 students each day miss school to avoid being bullied.

There are several National organizations—some non-profit, and some government—that offer resources to parents, teachers, victims, and peers in bullying situations. PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center is arguably chief among them, despite the organization's youth.

PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center Director, Julie Hertzog—who usually deals with national partners like Green Giant, Disney, and ABC Family—graciously granted the Jefferson Journal an interview to discuss the effects of bullying on children, and what PACER has been doing to bring bullying to an end.

The PACER organization was originally started as an advocacy and resource center for parents with disabled children. "However," Hertzog said, "around 2000, we were receiving more and more contacts about kids in bullying situations. They were complex and heartbreaking." PACER promptly decided to take action: in 2006 the organization formed its Bullying Prevention Center.

"While it was intended specifically for kids with disabilities, we quickly discovered that it needed to be broadened to include all kids—bullying affects all kids," Hertzog said.

And Hertzog knows first-hand: In early 2000, at the same time calls and emails about bullying were on the rise, her own son was born with Down Syndrome. "I realized how vulnerable children are—especially children with disabilities. But he's a champion—he has taught my husband and I as much as we have ever taught him, and he continues to be an inspiration to me every day."

Unfortunately, not all children are as lucky to have the support that the Hertzogs offered, and not all parents are as knowledgeable and equipped as the Hertzog couple.

Children with disabilities are two to three times more likely to be bullied.

And bullying affects children in every facet of their lives. Said Hertzog, "Bullying affects children physically through pushing or hitting. It affects them emotionally, causing anxiety and depression. It affects students' academic performance, their focus, their education. How doesn't bullying affect them?"

Luckily, there is support: PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center makes all sorts of resources available: teaching tools for teachers and parents; encouragement and a speaking platform for victims; courage and guidance for peers.

Visit www.pacer.org/bullying/ for more information and to access these resources. For elementary students, visit: pacerkidsagainstbullying.org. For teenagers, visit: pacerteenagainstbullying.org.

Bullying affects students in every way: it affects their physical health, mental health, academic performance, social relationships, and more. Step up and be an advocate for children today.

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Beating Heart Disease, Know The Facts

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Heart disease is America's number-one killer. Yet many of the negative outcomes associated with the disease are preventable, thanks largely to cholesterol-lowering drugs called statins.

Unfortunately, statins don't work if patients don't take them, yet as many as three-quarters of patients stop taking their statin medication within the first year.

This has to change. In the quarter-century since statins were first introduced, dozens of clinical trials in hundreds of thousands of patients have shown that statins can prevent heart attacks and stroke and help save lives. In one study of over 17,000 patients in 26 countries, statin users had 54% fewer heart attacks, 48% fewer strokes, and 20% fewer deaths, compared with patients who took a placebo.

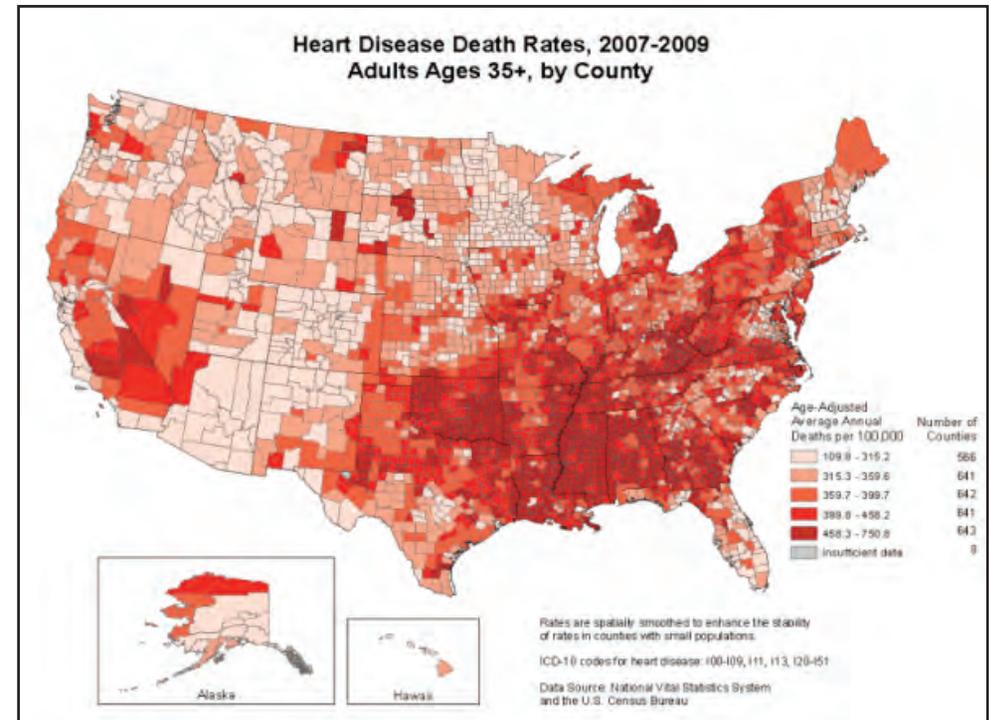
Statins work mainly by reducing patients' levels of LDL, or "bad," cholesterol

by as much as 50%. High levels of LDL can lead to atherosclerosis, or hardening of the arteries, which is the primary cause of heart disease.

So why do so many patients stop taking their statins - or refuse them in the first place?

A common concern is the myth that statins cause liver damage. Statins can increase the blood levels of some liver enzymes, and so it has been assumed that they can harm the liver, or even lead to liver failure. But according to a recent study in the *Lancet*, a prestigious medical journal, statin-induced hepatotoxicity - the scientific term for liver damage - "is a myth." The study found that patients taking statins suffered no additional liver damage compared to people who didn't. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has even removed the recommendation that liver enzymes be monitored routinely in statin-taking patients.

Another major recent concern about statins is that they can cause diabetes.



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Statins can indeed raise blood sugar levels slightly - and thus increase the risk of developing diabetes by about 10% or so.

A recent article, however, in the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology* has clarified this point, finding that statin use only increased the incidence of diabetes in patients who already had multiple risk factors for the disease. In a commentary on the study, Dr. Gregory Nichols of the Kaiser Permanente Center for Health Research said, "We can now be reasonably comfortable that statins increase diabetes only among people who are probably going to develop it anyway."

Statins reduce the risk of cardiovascular events even in patients who develop diabetes, and the risk-benefit ratio of statin use remains positive; even for patients at high risk of developing diabetes.

Another concern is how statins interact with other medications. As many as 75% of medications - including warfarin, beta-blockers, antidepressants, and anti-HIV medications, among others, are metabolized through one set of pathways in the liver, called Cytochrome 450 (CYP450). When these, and some other medications, are taken with statins there can be "unanticipated adverse reactions or therapeutic failures." A recent survey of over 10,000 statin users found that 84% were taking a prescription, over-the-counter medication, or dietary supplement that could adversely react with their statin.

Patients prescribed statins should ask their doctors whether the medicines or supplements they're already taking can adversely interact with statins. Such conversations can help choose the best statin treatment to a patient's unique medical history, cultural perspective, and personal circumstances - and result in a personalized treatment plan.

This year, 785,000 Americans will have a heart attack, and nearly 600,000 will die of heart disease. That's more than one person every second.

Statins are our most important tool in the fight to prevent these terrible causes of suffering and death. Indeed, widespread statin use accounts for much of the progress we've made against heart disease over the past two decades. The problem, however, is far from solved. Patients can and should be proactive by having their cholesterol levels checked - and by following up with their doctors to start or continue whatever treatments may be needed, whether changes to diet and lifestyle or the use of a statin or other medication regimen.

Statins will work only if we take them - intelligently.

Dr. Eliot Brinton is the Director of Atherometabolic Research at the Utah Foundation for Biomedical Research and was recently a co-author of the largest U.S. survey of statin users, the Statin USAGE survey, which was sponsored by Kowa Pharmaceuticals America, Inc.

Pinworm Infections In The United States

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It's not a nice or pleasant subject, but pinworm infections are the most common intestinal parasite infection in the United States and Western Europe. Each year, around 40 million cases of pinworms are diagnosed in the U.S. alone.

Pinworms live and thrive in temperate zones rather than tropical climates, and they are a problem all around the globe. Because the eggs are so easily transmitted between people, as well as from environmental surfaces to people, pinworms can occur in affluent as well as impoverished communities.

The pinworm is a type of roundworm or nematode that infects humans and mammals. So far, three species of pinworm have been identified, but only one species, the *Enterobius vermicularis*, infects human hosts. The worms are small, thin and white, almost translucent, growing to a length of 1/4 to 1/2 inch, and are about as big around as a bit of sewing thread. In fact, they are known as "threadworms" in the United Kingdom and Australia.

How does a person get an infection?

Pinworm eggs are hardy, and can live on household surfaces such as bedding, clothing, furniture, toys or bathroom fixtures for two to three weeks. They are microscopic in size and only barely visible to the naked eye when thousands and thousands of eggs are stuck together in very tiny translucent clumps. The eggs have a sticky surface when first laid, and are initially laid on the skin just outside the anus, where they can then be transferred to underwear, bedding, other clothing, and even fingers. If the infected person experiences anal itching and scratches the area, the dislodged eggs can adhere to fingers and be transferred to other surfaces or become stuck under fingernails.

Household pets can carry pinworm eggs on their fur without become infected themselves. Infected bedding can contain literally hundreds of thousands of dislodged eggs. If this infected bedding is shaken out, the eggs can become airborne, attaching themselves to particles of dust, where they can be breathed in.

However, the most common means of transmission is ingesting the eggs,

whether from touching contaminated hands to the mouth or eating contaminated food or beverages. The ingested pinworm eggs hatch in the intestines and develop into adults as the worms migrate through the intestinal tract.

What is the life cycle of pinworms?

Once the eggs are ingested, they hatch into larvae the duodenum, where the small intestine joins the stomach. The larvae grow rapidly into adults as they migrate through the intestinal tract, with the females generally surviving anywhere from 5 to 13 weeks and the males surviving about 7 weeks. The males and females mate in the ileum at the very end of the small intestine, after which the males die off and are passed out of the body with the stool.

The females settle in the ileum, the caecum (the beginning of the large intestine), the appendix and the ascending colon. While their bodies fill with developing eggs (an estimated 11,000 to 16,000), the females attach themselves to the mucosa of the intestinal lining and ingest the contents of the colon. When they are ready to lay the eggs, they migrate toward the rectum and emerge outside the human body while the host sleeps, moving across the folds of anal skin, depositing eggs. Once this process is over, the female dies.

What is the effect on the host?

The infected person rarely experiences any symptoms other than anal itching, and some people with very mild infections do not even have the itching. However, in other cases, the itching can be so severe and bothersome that it interferes with sleep, causing irritability and fatigue.

In spite of the pinworm's short life cycle, the host's tendency for re-infection, especially if itching is present and scrupulous hygiene is not observed (especially thoroughly washing the hands after using the bathroom or changing diapers, and always before meals, together with avoiding touching the mouth with the fingers) a pinworm infection can last indefinitely.

Who is most likely to get a pinworm infection?

Pinworm infections are most common among school-age children, and people who live together in close quarters i.e., other family members, or people in an institutional setting. Infections occur in about equal num-

bers in both genders. Children who are thumb-suckers or finger-suckers, and people who are nail-biters (a good reason to STOP biting your nails, if you are a habitual nail-biter) are more likely to get an infection or keep re-infecting themselves.

How are infections diagnosed?

The definitive diagnosis is the finding of pinworm eggs, and this is often done with the "scotch-tape test." The host presses a bit of sticky tape against the anal area immediately upon waking, usually for three days in a row, and takes the tapes to the health care provider, who examines the tape pieces under a microscope for pinworm eggs.

How is it treated?

Mild infections may not need treatment at all. After the pinworm lives out its life cycle in the host, it dies, and if the host frequently, carefully and thoroughly washes all underwear, nightclothes, bedding and other clothing to remove lingering eggs, washes his hands often with disinfecting soap and avoids touching his mouth with his

hands, this infection will eventually clear up.

If treatment is required – for example, if the infection is severe enough to cause gastro-intestinal discomfort or weight loss, or the itching is making sleep impossible, an oral medication will be prescribed. The most common anti-parasite medications used are Mebendazole and Albendazole.

How can re-infection be prevented?

- Bathe immediately after waking up.
- Wash pajamas, other nightclothes and bed sheets often.
- Wash hands regularly and thoroughly, especially after using the bathroom or changing a diaper.
- Change underwear every day.
- Avoid nail biting or putting the fingers in the mouth.
- Avoid scratching the anal area.

For more information about pinworm infections visit the websites www.mayoclinic.com/heath/pinwormDS000687 or www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/pinworms.html.

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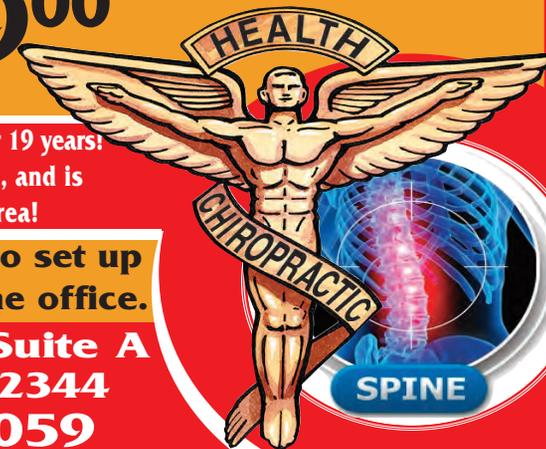
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