

Floodplain Management Ordinance Set For Two Hearings In November

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It was the consensus of the Jefferson County Commission at a recent workshop to schedule a proposed floodplain management ordinance for its two required public hearings next month, with the first hearing set for Nov. 5 and the second for Nov. 19.

That was the culmination of a 30-or-so minute discussion that the board had on the

topic on Tuesday evening, Oct. 8, with most of the talk consisting of an explanation of the ordinance by Attorney Scott Shirley, who specializes in land-use and environmental issues.

Ordinance No. 2013-111913-01, as the measure is officially identified, applies to all developments wholly or partially within flood hazard areas, including but not limited to subdivisions, site improvements, utility installations, new con-



Attorney Scott Shirley

structions, alterations, relocations or demolitions, installations or replacements of manufactured homes and

buildings and installations of swimming pools, to name a few.

The intent of the 35-page measure, as stated on its first page, is to complement the flood load and flood-resistant construction regulations of the Florida Building Code by establishing minimum requirements to safeguard the public health, safety, and general welfare and minimize public and private flooding losses through the regulation of development in flood prone

areas.

As Shirley explained it, the ordinance is based on a model provided by the State Floodplain Management Office, which is part of Florida's Division of Emergency Management (FDEM), itself associated with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Adoption of the ordinance, Shirley made clear, was a requirement for participation in the national flood protection insurance

program.

He explained that the deadline for property owners to challenge the floodplain designations of their lands on the new floodplain maps was now passed. As it was, he said, no local property owners had challenged any of the designations, which are set to take effect on Feb. 5, 2014.

The ordinance designates Planning Official Bill Tellefsen as the **Please See HEARINGS Page 3**

Energy Audit Shows High School Burning \$200,000 Plus Annually



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After years of excessive energy consumption bills at the high school, the Jefferson County School District finally decided to do something about the problem and hired a Tallahassee-based engineering firm to do an energy evaluation of the school's 10 buildings, which comprise a total area of about 142,535 sq. feet.

It turns out that the district can save thousands of dollars monthly in electric bills by taking such simple steps as turning off lights during off hours, not running the cooling/heating systems when the buildings are vacant, and cleaning out buildup dirt and other foreign material in some of the piping.

These were the findings of a Level 1 energy audit of Jefferson County Middle High School (JCMHS) conducted by H2Engineering Inc. and reported to the Jefferson County

School Board by one of its engineers on Monday evening, Oct. 14.

The purpose of the audit, as explained in the executive summary of the 23-page report, was "to identify energy conservation measures (ECMs) and energy efficiency measures (EEMs) to reduce annual energy consumption and costs... through routine maintenance and other low-cost solutions for improvement."

H2Engineering's field investigation discovered several deficiencies, some of them of life-safety concern, others code violations and several that could be remedied by simple maintenance, although a few would require possible capital improvements.

"Based on our analysis of the facility and its operation, there are several opportunities that can result in some fairly dramatic energy cost savings," the report stated. Admittedly, a few of the solutions would require a substantial

capital investment, the report noted. But the majority of the proposed solutions would require little cost and would result in energy cost savings paybacks in the near future, the report stated.

Some of the proposed EEMs:

- * Reducing the ventilation air during out-of-session periods (summer and holidays), would cost \$5,000 to implement and would produce an estimated energy cost savings of \$17,481 within a 0.3 years.

- * Modifying the supply air temperature reset scheme at an estimated implementation cost of \$2,500 would produce cost savings of \$3,780 within 0.7 years.

- * Improving the performance for the secondary chilled water pumping would cost an estimated \$800 to implement and would produce savings of \$1,319 in 0.6 years.

- * Programming the time clocks to reduce the energy consumption of the exterior lights would cost an estimated \$700 to implement and would produce savings of \$11,314 in 0.1 years.

Combining or implementing multiple EEMs would, of course, alter the estimated implementation costs and savings, possibly compounding them, the report noted. But what the proposed list of EEMs demonstrated, the engineer said, was that the district had the ability to reduce its energy costs dramatically by the implementation of some minor corrective actions, repairs

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Photo courtesy of Larry Halsey

School Superintendent Al Cooksey this week presented retired teacher Pearlean Garland with a gift in recognition of her 30 years of service to the school district. Garland was praised for her dedication, high standards and commitment to education. The brief ceremony took place at the School Board meeting on Monday evening, October 14.



School Board Renews Contract With Attorney

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The Jefferson County School Board on Monday evening, Oct. 14, renewed the contract of Attorney Opal McKinney-Williams for another year. McKinney-Williams is with the Tallahassee law firm of Ausley & McMullen.

The contract calls for the School Board to pay Ausley & McMullen an annual retainer of \$24,000 in monthly installments of \$2,000. The retainer entitles the School Board to 15 hours monthly of professional legal services from McKinney-Williams or her designee.

These contracted services include offering legal advice and counsel to the board, the School Superintendent or district staff on school district and education related matters, conducting legal research or analyzing specific legal issues and problems on behalf of the board, and providing written or verbal advice or counsel via telephone, office conferences or formal correspondences.

The retainer does not cover services beyond 15 hours monthly; and it does not include a host of other legal services listed separately under the title of Professional Matters - Non Retainer, for which services the School Board must pay an



School Board Attorney Opal McKinney-Williams

hourly rate of \$165. Services beyond the retainer fee include, but are not limited to, representing the School Board in civil litigation; representing the board in federal or state administrative proceedings; representing the board in disputes and arbitration proceedings; representing the board in matters involving charter school applications; or attending regular, special or emergency meetings or workshops, "and such other meetings as may be requested by the board."

The retainer, moreover, does not include fees for services rendered in connection with bond issues, bond or tax anticipation notes or other financial debts incurred by the board. Such fees must be negotiated between the law firm and the board on case-by-case basis.

Per the contract, the School Board must also pay for McKinney-Williams' active membership in the Florida School Board Attorneys

Association and the National School Boards Association Council of School Attorneys, as well as pay the per diem and traveling expenses for McKinney-Williams attending these organization's meetings and conferences.

The seven-page contract has an expiration date of June 30, 2014.

McKinney-Williams was originally contracted to represent the School Board on Aug. 8, 2011. She replaced Attorney Buck Bird, who had held the post for more than 30 years.

McKinney-Williams earned a Bachelor of Science in criminal justice at FAMU in 1998 and her law degree at FSU in 2002. Her expertise is governmental law, with an emphasis on K-12 education, business bankruptcy, litigation and Florida campaign finance compliance.

She has represented clients in state circuit and appellate courts throughout Florida and before the federal district and bankruptcy courts. She is also accorded expert status on school-related issues, such as student discipline, attendance, employment, ESE, and public records law compliance.

McKinney-Williams successfully represented the School Board in last year's redistricting lawsuit and generally provides competent, dispassionate legal advice to the board and staff.

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Local Weather
Fri 10/18 87/63
A few clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 60s.

Sat 10/19 85/64
Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the mid 60s.

Sun 10/20 84/62
Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 60s.

Mon 10/21 78/57
Occasional showers possible.

Tue 10/22 80/58
Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 50s.

Viewpoints

Letters To The Editor

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- All submitted Letters must be 600 words or less -

The Risk With So-Called "Federal Money"

First of all, there is little to no such thing as "federal money". Nearly all money taken by the federal government originates with the taxpayer. According to the White House Office of Management and Budget, in fiscal year 2012, 94% of it is directly from some form of a tax (82% are income and payroll taxes), with 6% unaccounted for as "other".

Locally, WCTV has reported at length on the effects of the partial federal government shutdown. They include:

October 14: Across the nation, around a dozen states already have furloughed hundreds of employees whose paychecks depend on federal money. State officials say thousands of additional employees could be furloughed if the federal budget stalemate isn't resolved this month.

October 11: Children may be the next target. Smaller school districts in Florida rely more on federal dollars than larger districts.

One area of my concern are the "Race To The Top" funds that were taken and have compelled several politicians to utilize the Common Core (so-called) State Standards in education.

The Miami Herald reported on October 3 that federal officials had told charter boat Captains that Florida bay was closed: Charter guides received a message from the National Park Service this week

informing them that they are not permitted to take clients fishing in Florida Bay until the feds get back to work.

It's a sad day when Americans have become so dependent upon their central government and that same central government has so far overstepped its limits- that they cannot even take out people to catch fish to make a living.

Our local officials must reject spending this type of money, and to focus only upon the necessary core functions of government. Instead of offering grants to citizens, return the money to property owners. Instead of spending \$300,000 buying land for a business (or over a million on the "economic environment"), return that money to the local economy by not taking it in the first place. We're spending over \$1 million every year here to help the poor with housing- all via state and federal grants (SHIP/CDBG). We've done so for a number of years. Is it working? On the county's website, it indicates the poverty level in 1990 was 17.5%. As of 2006-2010, it has increased to 18.7%. There is no need to build \$75,000 brand new homes for the poor when they could get by with decent used housing.

The Bible in Genesis gives us a relevant example. In Egypt, Joseph learned of a coming 7 year period of famine, and began a grain collection program (we'd call it a tax

today) during the good years. Later on, money failed in Egypt and Canaan. Instead of saving for the future, the people there had become so dependent upon their government that they first sold their livestock to the government, and later their property.

While I do not agree with her on many things, several years ago while Governor of Alaska, Sarah Palin wrote of her administration that there were three goals. I wholeheartedly support them:

1. Slow the growth of government;
2. Live within our means; and
3. Save for the future.

Alaska is the only state to not have either a state income or sales tax. They rebate excess government revenue directly to each citizen.

The blank check of the federal government will be exposed for what it is as time goes on, federal spending and growth as has been done in the past decades cannot be sustained. Much of this spending starts locally. Jefferson County needs to become as self-reliant as possible (living within our means) in the coming months and years. We can go with the flow (if we don't spend it, someone else will) and follow others into financial ruin, or we can be a model of what others should be doing- and hopefully will do. It must start somewhere.

Paul Henry

How Much Are Members Of Congress Paid And What Are Their Retirement Benefits?

Salary for all senators and representatives is \$174,000.

Salary for the speaker is \$223,500.

Salary for the majority and minority leaders is \$193,400.

Members of Congress are covered by the same retirement plans as other federal employees, the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) for those hired, or

elected, before 1984, and the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) for those whose service began in 1984 or later.

There are some differences in retirement age eligibility, years of service required, and contributions. Members elected after 1984 also participate in Social Security.

As of October 1, 2012:

527 retired Members of Congress were receiving federal pensions based fully or in part on their congressional service.

312 had retired under CSRS and were receiving an average annual pension of \$71,472.

215 Members had retired with service under FERS and were receiving an average annual pension of \$40,560 in 2012.

'Brew' Ha Ha: Conversations for Coffee Amber Houston Staff Writer



The Bible's Take On Welfare

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Genesis 47 tells the story of Joseph, after he had brought his family into prosperity in Egypt. We are two years into the seven-year drought that Joseph had predicted through Pharaoh's dream and God's divine guidance. Joseph was able to levy a grain tax so that grain would be available during the famine.

First, the Egyptians bought grain with their money, but in verse 15, the Bible says that money failed. There was no money left in all of Egypt that

was not already in Pharaoh's treasury. So the Egyptians turned to barter, trading their own skinny cattle for grain. What good were cattle if they starved, did not produce offspring, and did not produce milk?

But the drought was far from over. So they came again to Joseph and said (basically), "You know how we have spent our money because Pharaoh has it and you collected it. You know where our cattle have gone, because they are in Pharaoh's stables and you led them there. All we have left is our bodies and our land. Take those—we will

gladly become Pharaoh's for a bit of grain."

Joseph said in verse 23, "Behold, I have bought you this day and your land for Pharaoh: lo, here is the seed for you and you shall plant it in the ground. (KJV)" Thereafter, Pharaoh levied a 20% tax on their crops.

A government will never seek to help able-bodied people without seeking to own them. Why would the Federal Government give healthcare to everybody? What's in it for them? If they give us our health—our very lives—what do you think they expect in return?

Davis Completes Army Training



Army PFC Sha'kia Davis during graduation at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina, on September 12, 2013. PFC Davis is now stationed at Ft. Gordon Army Base in Augusta Georgia.

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PFC Sha'kia "Muffin" Davis graduated from Army Basic Military Training at Ft. Jackson South Carolina on September 12. The Thursday afternoon ceremony came after her completion of an intensive ten-week program that included training in military discipline and Army Core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare prin-

ciples and skills.

She is now stationed at Ft. Gordon Army Base in Augusta, Georgia, Unit Bravo Company 369 Signal Battalion.

Davis has always been a proud member of the Monticello God Squad Power Club. She is the daughter of Moses and Tonya Philpot of Ft. Lauderdale, FL.; the granddaughter of Sgt. Maj. Herbert and Barbara Whaley; and the niece of Peggy Sanders.



Army PFC Sha'kia Davis.

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4-H cannot exist without volunteers. Many volunteers in our community are already involved in 4-H, making friends, having fun, and

working together to make a difference in the lives of today's youth. Just think how much the next generation could benefit from your lifetime of knowledge!

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Hearings

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floodplain management administrator for the county, a role that he will likely also play for the City of Monticello, once city officials adopt the necessary interlocal agreement with the county, as they are expected to do.

Shirley said the ordinance sets out the duties and responsibilities of the floodplain management administrator, provides definitions and establishes the permitting procedures and penalties for

violations, among a host of other information.

Essentially, what the ordinance does is require that all structures in flood-prone areas be raised above flood elevation level both to minimize flood damage and reduce the federal government's risks of payouts on its flood-protection insurance, Shirley said.

"FEMA is trying to close all the loopholes so that people have to get a floodplain management permit even if they don't have to get a Florida Building Code permit," Shirley said.

Neither Shirley nor Tellefsen could say how many Jefferson County property owners might be affected by the new regulations. The two were in agreement, however, that overall the new floodplain maps probably will affect fewer

people than were previously affected.

The reason, the two explained, is that the new maps are vastly superior to the old in terms of accurately identifying elevations to within inches of the true elevations, and thus able to confine wetlands to specific and narrow borders. Whereas previously the maps designated whole areas as wetlands, the new maps were precise, accurate representations of the on-the-ground reality, the two said.

It was Shirley's conclusion that the county was in a good shape insofar as meeting the ordinance's requirements and realizing lower insurance rates, as the requirement here is that structures must be elevated two feet above the base flood elevation, which is more stringent than FEMA's requirement.

Audit

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and capital investment.

The analysis took into account the school's various systems, including those responsible for the heating, ventilation, air conditioning, air distribution and lighting -- both interior and exterior.

Among the problems that the audit noted were a malfunctioning compressor, broken down and moldy insulation on certain of the heat exchanges of the chillers, malfunctioning light switches on the emergency lights that kept them on 24/7 instead of shutting down during unoccupied hours and an inoperable split system in the telecom rooms.

A three-year historical energy usage analysis of just the high school (minus the administration building) showed a total annual cost of \$218,437 in 2010, with September the highest month at \$23,178; a total annual cost of \$197,492 in 2011, with August the highest month at \$20,807; and a total annual cost of \$218,963 in 2012, with October the highest month at \$19,7450.

As of March 2013, the district had expended a total of \$45,788 in energy bills for the high school alone, with January the highest of the three months at \$18,138.

The analysis considered the energy consumption of the high

school's administration building separately. The three-year historical energy usage analysis for the administration building showed a total energy consumption cost of \$3,701 in 2010, with February the highest month at \$632; a total energy consumption cost of \$3,159 in 2011, with January the highest month at \$559; and a total energy consumption cost of \$3,378 in 2012, with December the highest month at \$579. The energy consumption cost for 2013 was \$1,253 as of March, with February the highest month at \$432.

An interesting aside of the report was that the solar panels installed at the school not long ago as part of state grant really had little effect on the school's energy consumptions costs. That's because, despite representations that installation of the panels would reduce cost, they merely serve to provide energy only to power the emergency lights during power outages. Otherwise, they really don't help relieve the school's energy consumption.

Chief Financial Office Robert Lloyd was largely responsible for securing the service of H2Engineering. Now it remains to be seen what steps the district will take to implement H2 Engineering's recommendation and reduce its energy consumption costs.



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Saudi Arabian Driving Ban On Women Debated

In Saudi Arabia, a campaign to overthrow the ban on women driving has spread rapidly and gained support from some prominent women activists. A specific law does not back the ban on women driving, however, only men are granted driving licenses. Women can be fined for driving without a license and have even been detained and put on trial on charges of political protest. Sheikh Saleh bin Saad al-Lohaidan said women aiming to overturn the ban on driving should put "reason ahead of their hearts, emotions and passions." A judicial advisor to an association of Gulf psychologists, bin Saad al-Lohaidan also stated that, "If a woman drives a car, not out of pure necessity, that could have negative physiological impacts as functional and physiological medical studies show that it automatically affects the ovaries and pushes the pelvis upwards. That is why we find those (women) who regularly drive have children with clinical problems of varying degrees." bin Saad al-Lohaidan did not cite specific medical studies to support his arguments.

Intoxicated Man Falls From Balcony

In Kemerovo, Russia, a man fell eight stories after falling from a balcony, landed on a car and survived. Kemerovo police said the man had allegedly been arguing with his girlfriend while heavily intoxicated when he lost his footing and fell from the balcony. Police stated, "Despite falling from such a height, the man survived and was even able to get to his feet unaided after the fall." The man was taken to a hospital where doctors said he was not seriously injured.

Nude Man Jumps Onto Vehicles At Traffic Lights

In Indianapolis, Indiana, a 37-year-old man was witnessed to be running through traffic nude and then jumping on top of vehicles while they were stopped at traffic lights. The man who reported the hopping streaker said the naked man jumped onto his truck and then attempted to jump onto the back of a van, before pulling on a pair of sweat pants. When police arrived, Michael Copeland was observed walking across the street with his pants pulled down, "exposing his full buttocks." Police said Copeland threw a baggie down when they approached and they found a second baggie while searching clothing found on the ground near Copeland, who stated the baggies belonged to him. The baggies contained cocaine and marijuana. Copeland, who had two previous cocaine-related convictions, refused to get in the police van, so his ankles were bound and he was lifted into the vehicle. He was arrested on preliminary charges of public indecency and



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One winner will be selected in two age categories: 3-8, and 9-13. Winners will be notified by phone. All pictures will be on display in the Monticello News office windows until after judging.



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Jefferson County Living

Dr. Scoles Receives Chamber's Humanitarian Award

Dr. Wesley Scoles received a special 'Humanitarian Award', which was established by Chamber President Ron Cichon, at this year's Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce Dinner and Meeting, held recently.

Dr. Scoles heads the organization, 'A Doctor's Heart', which supplies medical and optical care and wells for clean water to scores of villages along the Amazon River.

To share in the blessings of this group go to adoctorsheart.com for information and pictures.



Volunteers Needed For Bethlehem In Monticello



Jeremiah, bottom, and Amazing Grace, AKA "Gracie", top, get into "Bethlehem mode," as they ready for the 14th annual Bethlehem in Monticello, slated for December 6 and 7.

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Preparations are currently underway for the 14th annual Bethlehem in Monticello, slated for December 6 and 7 from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m., in the lot behind the First United Methodist Church on South Water Street, but much work remains to be done.

Though everyone's favorite resident camels Jeremiah and Amazing Grace are getting themselves into the "Bethlehem mode," and volunteers are at work with props, costumes and the like, volunteers are still needed to portray the characters throughout the city of Christ's birth.

For the past years, members from area

churches and organizations have been preparing for the event, which draws more than 1,500 spectators and 200 local volunteers, including actors and those behind the scenes.

Attendees will be able to walk through the streets of Bethlehem and experience life during the time of the birth of Jesus and see the angel coming to the shepherds in the field, the three wise men, the women at the well, net menders, the market place, a beggar and tax collector, blacksmiths, the inn and the live nativity.

All actors in the different scenes are spreading the word of the promised Messiah's birth in a stable. There will also be a variety of live animals, including everyone's favorite resi-

dent camels Jeremiah, and his friend Amazing Grace, affectionately known as "Gracie."

Jeremiah, an old pro when it comes to Bethlehem in Monticello, will be donning a traditional costume and his pal, Gracie, will also be on hand in costume. This is Gracie's fifth year at the event, so she is becoming quite the old pro herself.

Sheep, goats, donkeys, chickens and white doves in the live nativity will join them.

There have always been positive reactions and comments made during and about the event and many have been brought to tears.

Afterward, attendees will be able to enjoy refreshments including warm drinks and homemade cookies, along with music and fellowship in the Family Ministry Center.

For further information or to volunteer for Bethlehem in Monticello, contact the Church office at 997-5545.

The event is free to those attending and is a Christmas gift to the community from the many volunteers.

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Jefferson County Living

BBGT Haunted Tours Continue Throughout Month

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The first weekend of the Big Bend Ghost Trackers (BBGT) "Haunted Tours" went very well with approximately 50 tour-goers taking part.

"The ghost were really active on the night of the eleventh," said BBGT Founder Director Betty Davis. "People caught images of faces in the windows at the Wirick Simmons House, and one person knocked three times on the front door of the Palmer House, and two knocks came back from the inside. Needless to say, that person practically flew off the porch getting back down," she said. "The ghosts are really lively this year."

Davis added that of the tour-goers last weekend, and those who have already made reservations for upcoming tours, many are repeat tour-goers, and there are many out-of-towners, from as far away as Tampa, Orlando, Jacksonville, and Valdosta.

Davis added that they still need volunteers to serve as "street crossers" for the remaining tours throughout the month.

Remaining tours will be offered on October 18 and 19, 25 and 26, and 31. "There will be an extra surprise on the tour of the 31st, but you have to come and take the tour to find out what it is," added Davis.

The tours will be offered at 7:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. on each night and for those real adventurers, the tour and mini ghost hunt at the Old 1827 Cemetery will also be offered following the 8 p.m. tour each night.

The price for the "Haunted Tours" are \$15 for adults, 13 and older; \$12 for children, 12 and under; and children under seven years old are free. The ghost hunt, for those



BBGT Founder Betty Davis, right, tells the haunted history of the Chamber of Commerce (St. Margaret's Catholic Church) to tour-goers during the first weekend of the Haunted Tours.

who have taken the "Haunted Tour" is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. The tours will be limited to 25 persons per tour group, so tour-goers are encouraged to make their reservations early.

Fifty percent of the proceeds from the tours are donated to the Chamber of Commerce. From 2001 until the present, the BBGT has donated approximately \$62,000 to the Chamber as a result of the "Haunted Tours."

"We're really excited and optimistic this year and feel it will be a very good year," said Davis.

Those taking the tour are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes because the tours are 90 minutes long, they should bring their cameras, plenty of film and be sure to bring some extra batteries because just before the spirits begin churning, they have a tendency to drain those in the cameras.

"Don't be surprised to see carpetbaggers, a Confederate soldier, John Denham pacing in the cupola of the Denham house, and the woman in white, and even the ghost of Dr. Palmer, himself," said Davis.

"You never know exactly who or what you'll see during these tours, so be prepared to have some strange encounters with dark figures which go bump in the night."

Davis added that everyone taking the tours talked of coming back and bringing others with them in hopes of being able to share Monticello's haunted experience. Those who come as skeptics will leave in a much different frame of mind!

To make reservations, for further information, or to volunteer as a street crosser, contact the Chamber at 997-5552.



During the BBGT Haunted Tours, left to right, the Carpetbagger (Larry Davis), confronts tour guides Ms. Melly (Melanie Davis) and Betty Davis.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Thru October 25

Jefferson Arts Gallery continues to host the 'Wildflower Photography' exhibit of John Moran. This exhibit is sponsored by Viva 500, Florida Wildflower Foundation, and MainStreet Monticello. The exhibit can be enjoyed in the gallery located at 575 West Washington Street. Special hours of operation will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and 4 to 7 p.m. on Fridays. For more information, call 850-997-3311 or 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 18

Harvest Moon Wild Game Dinner in the Garden, 6:30 p.m. on Friday at the Wirick-Simmons House; a fundraiser for the Jefferson County Historical Association. Casual attire, no heels, open bar. Seating is limited. Call Beulah Brinson at 850-997-2465 for reservation and for more information.

October 18

Monticello Jamboree Band will perform music for dancing every Friday at 7 p.m. at 625 South Water Street. Everyone is welcome to come dance, listen to some of the finest music, enjoy door-prizes, soft drinks, snacks, and just enjoy some fun and camaraderie with neighbors and friends. This is a non-profit charitable event; donations are accepted. For questions or con-

cerns, contact Curtis Morgan at 850-933-8136 or Bobby Connell at 850-445-0049.

October 19

Jefferson Community Band members and their families and friends will be washing cars in the Monticello News parking lot on Saturday to raise funds for their traveling expenses to Savannah, GA on March 15-16, 2014 to perform in the Savannah St. Patrick's Day Parade. This will be the third time performing here for the group. This time in uniform. Upcoming performances for the band will include: the Martin Luther King Jr Parade in January 2014, in Monticello; the Rosebud Parade in April 2014, in Thomasville, GA; the Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival Parade in May 2015, in Winchester, VA; and the Jefferson County Community Veteran's Day Parade in November, in Monticello. For more information about the Band or to make a donation, contact Derrick Jennings at 850-212-9629.

October 19

Blocktoberfest will be held on Dogwood Street in downtown Monticello, sponsored by Southern Music Rising on Saturday. Music for this block party will begin at 4 p.m. Blocktoberfest will benefit SMR so that great entertainment can be provided for the 2014 SMR Festival. Admission is free. Donations will be accepted and are greatly appreciated. And, a big screen television will be set up so that no football will be missed!

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NFCC Foundation To Host Clay Shoot Nov. 9 Fundraiser To Benefit Student Scholarships And College Programs

The North Florida Community College Foundation is hosting its annual Clay Shoot fundraiser on Satur-

day, Nov. 9 at Southwind Sporting Clays in Quitman, Georgia. The fundraiser helps raise money for student scholarships and educational programs while offering a fun sporting event to the community.

Sign-in begins at 8 a.m. on Nov. 9, event begins at 8:30 a.m. Participants can choose between two preferred shooting times - 8:30 a.m. or 11 a.m. Two side games - Flush and Flurry and Teal - will also be available to participants.

The deadline to register is Friday, Oct. 25. Four-person team entries are \$450 and individuals are \$125. Lunch is provided to all participants and awards given to the class winners. Corporate sponsorships are also available. For clay shoot registration forms or more information, contact the NFCC Foundation at (850) 973-9414 or email Foundation @nfcc.edu. More information is also available at www.nfcc.edu/foundationgiving/clayshoot-fundraiser-2013.

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Parent Involvement Matters

From the desk of Edna Henry, District Parent Involvement Coordinator

Ways Of Getting Parents More Involved At School

Teachers can't do everything needed to help children learn. Neither can parents. But when working together, we help can help our children succeed in school. Jefferson County Schools welcome parents as Partners, so get involved.

Listed below are some ways Schools can help to get more parents involved:

(a) Ask Parents to Get Involved. The first step is simply reaching out and asking parents to get involved at school. Invitations to school activities, such as assemblies, PTA and student-led activities are great ways to introduce parents to teachers, staff and administration. The opportunity to meet other parents to discuss parental issues is also a great way to increase involvement.

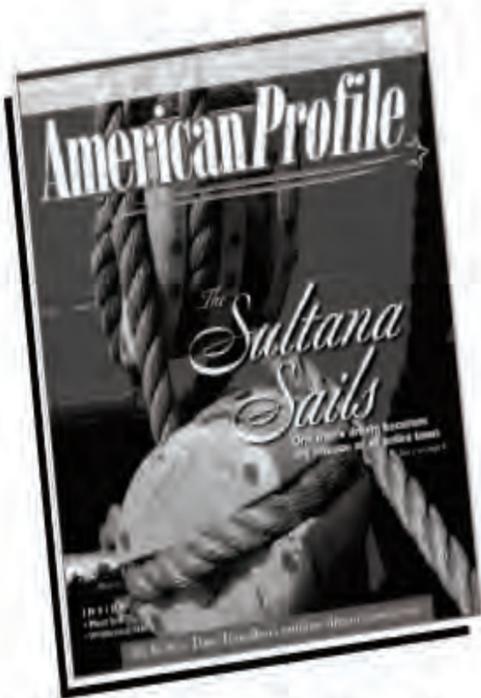
(b) Make parents feel like part of the team. Create a warm reception for parents at front office. Teachers and administrators can help increase parent involvement at school by making parents their

partners and developing a personal rapport with these parents so they feel more encouraged to get involved with their child's school.

(c) Designate a Space For Parents. Some parents may not become involved at school because they don't know where to go or even how to begin. Teachers and administrators may think that they have done all they can to communicate that parents are welcome, but having that designated space can really create that welcoming atmosphere that is crucial to improving parent participation.

Schools can help bring parents on board by improving communication, including returning phone calls and e-mails quickly. Schools can also try and schedule activities and events at flexible times for working parents and provide guidelines on how to support education. Getting parents involved in school is in everyone's best interest and the strategies listed above can help.

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OCTOBER

The name "October" comes from the Latin word for "eight" - but it's the tenth month! What gives? In the Roman calendar, it WAS the eighth month, but then January and February were added when the calendar was revised, and October kept its name.

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Sports

Tigers Caged By Taylor County

FRAN HUNT
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

The Jefferson Tigers manned the field against Taylor County last Friday night and the Tigers were caged for a 49-12 loss, to now stand 1-4 on the season, and 1-0 in District play.

Coach Vic Culley named Keondrae Parker as the offensive player of the week, and Calvin Footman as the defensive player of the week.

On the Tigers offensive side of the field, Azende Thompson had one pass attempt and no completions.

John Burns completed 423.3 percent of his pass attempts with 11 completions out of 26 attempts for 104 yards, and one touchdown.

In rushing, Azende Thompson averaged 10.8 yards per carry with five carries for 54 yards.

Calvin Footman averaged 2.3 yards per carry, with six carries for 14 yards, and one

fumble.

Nick Branham had one carry for five yards.

Damion Crumitie had one carry for a six-yard loss.

John Burns averaged 4.1 yards per carry, with 10 carries for 41 yards, and one touchdown, and one fumble.

Robert Williams had one carry for one yard.

In receiving, Keondrae Parker averaged 11 yards per pass reception with three receptions for 33 yards.

Damion Crumitie averaged seven yards per pass reception, with two receptions for 14 yards.

Tyrone Ivey had one pass reception for seven yards.

Jalen Jones averaged 21.5 yards per pass reception, with two receptions for 43 yards.

On the defensive side of the field, the Tigers standouts included Calvin Footman, with 17 tackles.

Keondrae Parker had 14 tackles.

John Brooks had

two quarterback sacks, which gives him seven for the season.

The Tigers man the field against Mayo Friday at 7 p.m., in a District game, hosted at home.

"We are very excited and we're ready for them," said Coach Culley. "We have two District games remaining in the season, and they are in our class, with teams out size, from our region."

Throughout the season, the Tigers have been facing off against bigger and stronger teams in order to become the best players they could possibly be during the District games, which are set against teams on their own level. This strategy gives them an excellent shot at the State title, and the Tigers can taste it coming.

So come on out to Death Valley Friday night and cheer the Tigers on to a victory over Mayo, in the second District game of the season. Cheer them on to 2-0.

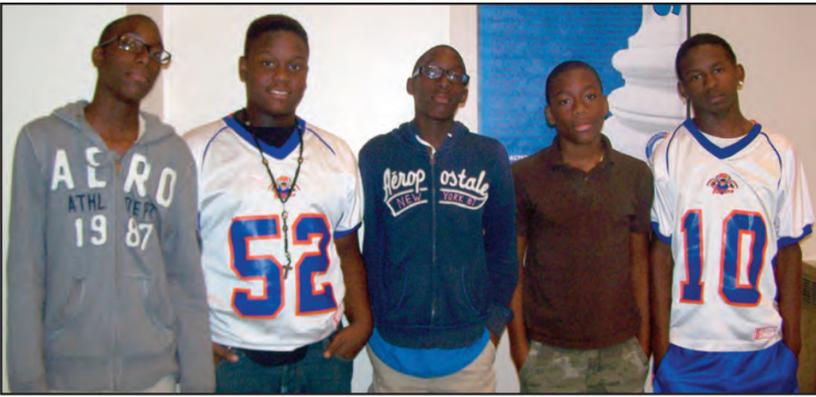


Tiger Quarterback John Burns awaits the snap against Taylor County.



The Tiger defense waits for the snap as the Taylor County offense lines up for the next play.

On The Tigers Sidelines



ECB Publishing Photo by Fran Hunt, October 15, 2013

Serving the Jefferson County varsity Tigers along the sidelines are the team of, left to right, Randell Smith, water boy; Tatani Roach, water boy/ball boy; Randy Smith, water boy; Danzell Crumitie, ball boy; and Deaundre Parker, ball boy.

FRAN HUNT
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

Along the Jefferson County Middle High School Tigers sidelines during all games, both home and away, many fans have seen the colorful mascot and behind the players, the team ball boys and water boys.

The guys seen on the sidelines prior to all Tigers football games and practices, are ball boys Tatani Roach, Danzell Crumitie, and Deaundre Parker.

They are responsible for keeping the football dry during the game, and they also attend practice where they help get the practice equipment on and off the field.

They are true Tigers at heart and they love everything about being a Jefferson County Tiger, the colors, the mascot but they especially love being around the guys on the team.

Roach is a 14-year old eighth grader, who serves the Tigers as both ball boy and water boy. This is his first year serving the team in that capacity. "I do it to help the team," he said. "It may also give me a chance to play for the team some day." He currently plays on the junior varsity team in

jersey #52 as a defensive end. If he does get the opportunity to play for the varsity Tigers, he likes the positions of fullback and middle linebacker. Tatani is the son of Leslie Dover and Tatani Roach, Sr. of Monticello.

Danzell Crumitie is a 13-year old seventh grader, who is in his second season serving the team as a ball boy. "I do it to help the guys out," said Crumitie. He aspires to one day play for the Tigers in the positions of running back and cornerback. He is currently on the junior varsity team, where he plays in the positions of wide receiver and free safety. Danzell is the son of Tanisha Crumitie and David Crumitie of Monticello.

Deaundre Parker is a 15-year old eighth grade, who is serving as a Tiger water boy in his first season. "I just want to help the team out," he said. He hopes to one day play for the Tigers in the positions of either wide receiver, safety, or quarterback. Deaundre is the son of Alice Parker of Monticello.

Also serving the Tigers along the sidelines are water boys, twins Randell and Randy Smith, 13-year old seventh graders. Both are in their first year serving the team

as water boys. They agree that they love the Tigers and would do whatever they could to help the team out, and they do so in the capacity of water boys. "They work hard out on the field and they need the water," said Randell, as Randy agreed. Both aspire to one day play on the field with the varsity Tigers. Randell would like to play in the positions of either wide receiver, cornerback, free safety, or on the kickoff team. He currently plays on the junior varsity team as wide receiver and cornerback. Randy would also like to play for the Tigers one day, as either quarterback or free safety. They are the sons of Lily and Randy Smith of Monticello.

Whether on the field or not, this remarkable group of young men already consider themselves as Tigers, not only part of the team, but part of the family.

Team Elite Beats Nat's Warriors

FRAN HUNT
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

The local co-ed softball team, Team Elite, faced off against Nat's Warriors, and Team Elite came out with a 14-1 victory.

Coach Roosevelt Jones said all of his young ladies and men played very well.

Justice went two for two, with four RBI's, and one homerun.

Nikki Cooks went two for three, with two RBI's.

Kelvin Jones went two for

three.

Mario Rivers went two for three, with three RBI's.

Nick Russell went two for two.

Chandra Tucker went one for three, with three RBI's.

Julene Harris went one for three.

Calvin Holmes went one for three.

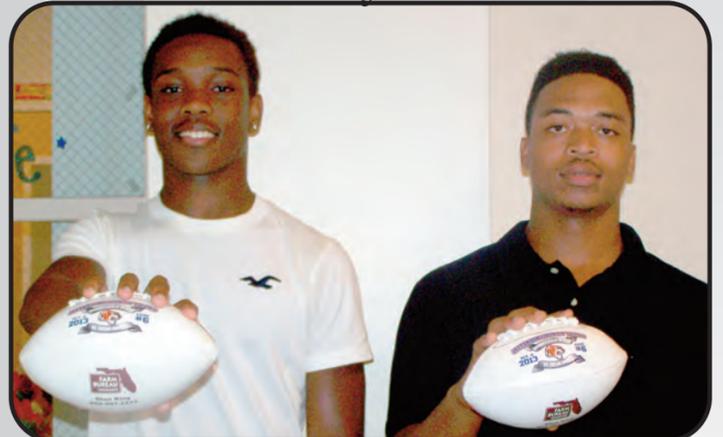
Karlon Blue went one for two, with one RBI.

Jarvis Atkins went one for two, with one RBI.

Coach Jones named Justice as the MVP of the game.



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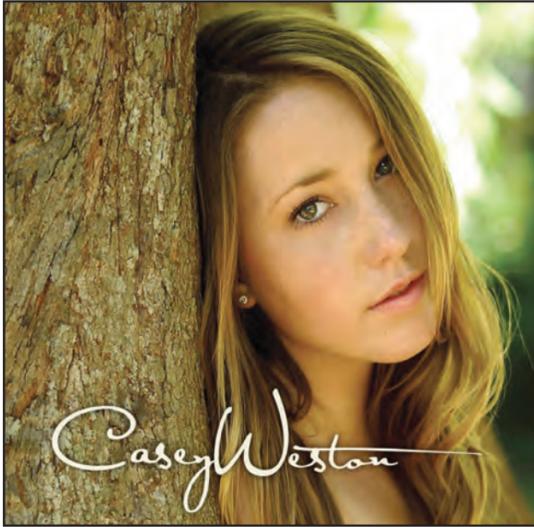
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58th Annual Florida Forest Festival Set For October 26



Casey Weston

With Florida celebrating the 500th anniversary of the arrival of Ponce De Leon in its Viva Florida 500 efforts, the 58th annual Florida Forest Festival in Perry is honoring the state's timber history and its ties to the state's economy and culture with the theme "Viva Florida Forestry."

In conjunction with this look back, several "fan favorite" events,

including the Heritage Day Field Trip and the Great Race 5k Run are returning this year.

More than 20,000 people from around the region are expected to converge on Forest Capital State Park on U.S. 19 Saturday, Oct. 26, but the festivities officially kick off Wednesday, Oct. 23, when the carnival opens for business on Industrial Drive next to Perry-Foley Airport.

Everyone is invited

to return the next evening (Thursday, Oct. 24) for the "fabulous" fireworks display at the airport beginning at 8 p.m.

On Friday morning (Oct. 25), students from local schools will take part in the Heritage Day Field Trip to the Forest Capital State Museum, where they will be able to see demonstrations from Florida's pioneer past along with programs by the Florida Forest Service and live lumberjack shows.

Friday night will see festivities move to historic Downtown Perry for the Strut Your Mutt Dog Parade, held this year at Rosehead Park's Grand Pavilion at 5 p.m.; the annual Kids' Parade, a procession of children dressed in their best "theme-related" costumes around the courthouse square, at 6 p.m.; and the Gaslight Classic Car Parade at 7 p.m.

Concessions, kids' games and more will also be featured.

The classic cars will stream down to Perry Square (Save-a-Lot shopping center) for a street dance featuring live music from the band Southern Rain. Back downtown, kids will be able to take part in a Kid's Fun Run at 7 p.m. with scary stories following at the Grand Pavilion at 8 p.m.

Saturday morning of "festival day" (Oct. 26) will bring the annual King Tree Parade passing through Downtown Perry along Jefferson Street beginning at 10 a.m. Main Street Perry will host a farmer's market at the Grand Pavilion from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

Additionally, the festival's "Great Race," the downtown 5K run, returns after being absent for a number of years.

Following the parade, everyone will travel to Forest Capital State Park for the rest of the festival.

Some 65 arts and crafts vendors are ex-

pected at the festival, opening at 9 a.m., along with dozens of special concessions and food booths.

Forestry-related events include professional lumberjack shows (at 12, 2:30 and 4 p.m.), a kid's lumberjack camp (beginning at 2:30 p.m.), chainsaw competitions, loader competitions and cross-cut saw competitions.

The World's Largest Free Fish Fry begins serving at noon as an estimated 6,000 people will receive a free lunch of fried catfish, baked beans and hushpuppies.

The mainstage entertainment begins at 12:30 p.m. and will include performances from Casey Weston, Betsy Badwater and the C.S. Holt Band.

Weston returns to the Florida Forest Festival after performing there in 2010, which was her first public concert. She went on to star in the first season of NBC's "The Voice," making it to the top eight on Coach Adam Levine's team. One of her recordings from "The Voice" made it to number 90 on the Billboard Hot 100.

Since the show, she has performed on the national concert circuit opening for Top 40 and Country acts such as James Otto, John Anderson, Craig Morgan and Justin Moore.

Badwater is a Perry native who now lives in Pensacola and returns to perform with her band, The Hillbilly Chrome.

Her music has been called a stout distillation of rockabilly, country, blues, soul and high-lonesome. She writes the songs, sings, plays guitar and a tambourine-topped bass drum all at the same time.

Badwater has performed in music venues and music festivals in 35 cities in eight states, has been featured on NPR radio shows as well as commercial radio stations in Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Texas, as well as featured on PBS television, CNN and Headline News.

Her new record was completed at The Shed Recording Studio in New Orleans and features Grammy Award-winning musician and movie star Chris Thomas King ("O, Brother Where Art Thou," "Ray") as producer. Her performance here is part of a 47-date/eight-state tour of the South.

C. S. Holt is a vocal stylist and songwriter who performs his own unique take on blues-flavored American music, combining blues, soul and roots influences. Born and raised in Virginia, he makes his home in Moultrie, Ga.

For information about any of the festival's events, or to get directions, call the festival office at 850-584-TREE (8733) or visit online at www.floridaforestfestival.com.

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Friday, Oct. 25 (Downtown Perry)
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Jefferson County Living

Meet Your Neighbor Will Smith

AMBER HOUSTON
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A history and movie buff, an intellect, and a bit nerdy, Will Smith is not your average guy: he's better.

Born in Thomasville, Georgia, he and his family eventually settled in Monticello because so many of their relatives are from Monticello's families: the Morgans chief among them.

"I was in fifth grade when we moved," Smith said. He described himself as "dorky, sheltered, and happy-go-lucky" at the time. The dorky part, it seems, has not changed. "I remember when the history channel still had history and military programs on," he bragged.

Other evidence of his endearing, enduring dorky-ness are as follows: "If I were a superhero," Smith said pensively, "I would have to be Captain America, because he stands for something larger than himself, and he is willing to sacrifice for the greater good. Alternately, if I were a Disney Princess, I'd definitely be Mulan. Society taught her to be something, but she defined



herself."

Also, if he were a superhero, Smith declares, "Math is my one weakness, my kryptonite. Oh, and people who talk at the movie theater or ruin movies. Biggest pet peeve."

His hobbies, he says, "include cultivation and racing of tumbleweeds, collecting rare and exotic paperclips, and clipping random people's lawns. I mean, how great would that be, to walk outside and find that all of your landscaping had been done by a generous stranger?" Those hobbies are, of course, unverified.

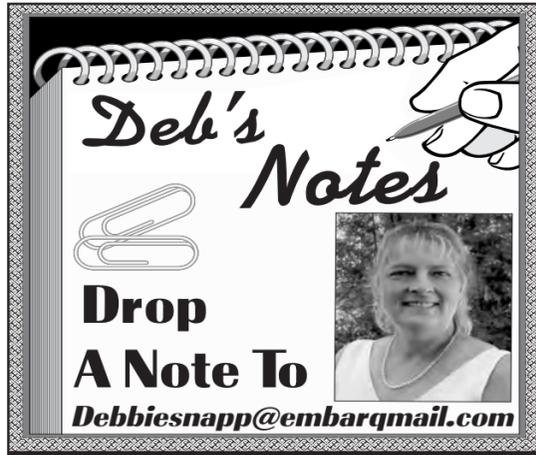
The hobbies that have been verified include coaching football at Aucilla Christian Academy, writing articles about the team, and being involved in his church, Immanuel Baptist of Tallahassee.

"Coaching is amazing," Smith said. "It's about affecting change in young men's lives in a day when character and integrity are on the decline." He is also a self-described adventurer with a love for kayaking, hiking, and canoeing. "But I don't have time for any of that during football season," he confesses.

During the season, he really only has time for football and work. He works at the Courthouse, wearing many hats. He is the Marriage Clerk and Real Estate Recording Clerk, which, according to him, simply translate to a lot of paperwork.

He is the proud "dad" of a corgi/beagle mix named Harper and a cat named Bell. "Harper is named after Harper Lee—she's a sweetheart. Bell is deaf, and she's named after Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone who worked extensively with the deaf. Fun fact: his mother and his wife were deaf."

If you happen to see Smith around Monticello, say hi. Charismatic and polite, Smith is sure to brighten your day with friendliness typical of Monticello.



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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 trailing, 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 highschool 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.

Greg, Anne, and Jake Parker send this message to their community: "Dear family and friends it has been a little over a month now that we have been in the USA. We have traveled

alot and have visited with lots of friends, family, and new contacts. Please be praying for our new contacts, that the Lord will lead them to get involved with our ministry. Also, be praying for Jake, and for us during our travels. It's not easy to travel with a one-year old and on top of that, he's teething and has a cold! So, believe me when I say, we are exhausted already. Jake isn't sleeping well or eating well. We are in New Mexico right now and will be going to Arizona today and than California. To everyone we have seen already, thanks for being so hospitable to us! Please continue praying for our support; we have been a little discouraged with the progress so far. We know it's in Gods hands and that He will provide for our needs. God Bless."

Blocktoberfest will be held on Dogwood Street in downtown Monticello, on October 19. Music for this block party will begin at 4 p.m. Blocktoberfest will benefit Southern Music Rising (SMR) so that great

entertainment can be provided for the 2014 SMR Festival. Admission is free. Donations will be accepted and are greatly appreciated. And, a big screen television will be set up so that no football will be missed! The Saturday event will feature the Cherry Street Ramblers (Bill Moon, Dr. Geno Berbenick, Gene Van Ormer, Gene Atkinson, J. Ray, Dick West, Ron Cichon, and Andy Anderman;) and the Busted Strings (Paul Michael, Darrell Liford, Dr. Jody Spencer, Bobby Kempinski, Doug Snyder, and Jake Burnett.)

Jefferson County School District Federal Programs Office welcomes Gloria Cox to her new position as Federal Programs Secretary. Tammy McGriff, Federal Programs Specialist and Edna Henry, Parent Volunteer Coordinator, are proud to have Cox join their team. You will hear the pleasant voice of Gloria Cox on the automatic phone message system that is use to keep parents informed of important events. Cox brings with her... excitement, dedication, and the eagerness to learn new duties. "Together we stand, together we fall, together we win, and winners take all." To contact Gloria Cox, Federal Programs Secretary for the Jefferson County School Board call 850-342-0100X218 or visit her at 575 South Water Street in Monticello; Gloria.cox@jeffersonschoolsdistrict.org.

Church News Notes

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October 18-20
PKH Ministries is celebrating the three-year anniversary of Prophetess Katabia Henry with the theme 'No More Church As Usual' and Scripture Luke 13:10-17 Dr. Yaquanda McCall of Tallahassee will speak on Friday at 7:30 p.m.; Prophetess Katoya Stephens from Houston, Texas will speak on Saturday at 7:00 p.m.; and Prophetess Tonya Nelson of Tallahassee will speak at the anniversary celebration dinner on Sunday at 4:00 p.m. The Friday and Saturday programs will be held at the Springfield AME Church, 1732 Pinney Woods Road and on Sunday at the Monticello Woman's Club, 975 East Pearl Street. God desires to shift our mindsets, shift our protocol and shift our supernatural standards! Come and be informed and empowered.

October 19
StoryTime Ministry is held from 1 to 2 p.m. every other Saturday at the Jefferson County Bailor Public Library. For more information contact First United Methodist Church Ministry Chairman Barbara Hobbs at 850-523-1813.

October 20
Philadelphia Missionary

Baptist Church will host a Gospel Sing at 3 p.m. on Sunday at the church location 555 Fulford Road. Featured on this program will be the Spiritual Doves of Georgia and other gospel groups. Come one! Come all! And praise God through gospel singing. For more information contact Chairman Dea. Charles Gilley at 850-567-2606. "We look forward to your presence as we worship through song with praise to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

October 20
New Bethel AME Church, Ashville Highway, will observe its annual Homecoming with a Sunday Morning Worship Service at 11 a.m. Guest Speaker will be Bro. Marcus Peck Jr. from Jacksonville. An invitation is extended to the 'home folks' to come home for this special service. The public is also invited. Dinner will be served after the service. Rev. Jimmie F. Dickey, pastor.

Trunk Or Treat Scheduled

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The second annual Trunk or Treat at Aunt Louise's Farm is slated for October 31, from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Free hot dogs, chili, and drinks will be available. But don't forget the candy. Dozens of trunks will be manned and decorated for the event, providing safe, street-free trick or treating for the whole family. There will be bounce houses, a youth drama, and a special appearance by the Wacissa Volunteer Fire Department.

Mount Lebanon Methodist Church of Lamont, Waukeenah United Methodist Church of Waukeenah, Sardis United Methodist Church of Waukeenah, and

Wacissa United Methodist Church of Wacissa have all come together to organize the event. Monticello Church of the Nazarene is also supporting the event. Look forward to a few biblically themed trunks, children's

games, fellowship, and fun. And keep your eyes peeled—last year there were sightings of the headless horseman.

The churches are prepared to entertain over a thousand people, so come on out and join us!

Obituaries

ISHAM LAFAYETTE ANDERSON II

Isham Lafayette "Ike" Anderson, Jr., 59, of Monticello, passed away October 15, after a brief illness.

The family will have a service at a later date.

He was a graduate of Jefferson County High School, North Florida Community College, and Florida State University, and was a member of Christ Episcopal Church, in Monticello.

He was retired from the State of Florida, serving most recently as an arson investigator with the Fire Marshal's Office.

From an early age, Ike was interested in pursuing a career in

law enforcement and public safety, beginning his employment as a dispatcher with the Monticello Police Department and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office. He also served as an ambulance driver and a municipal police officer.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Isham Lafayette Anderson, Sr., and Mary Catherine Duff Anderson.

He is survived by two brothers, Joseph Duff Anderson (wife, Stephanie), of Tallahassee, and Sheffield Ayers Anderson, of Monticello, a nephew, two nieces, many cousins, and other relatives and friends.

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

CASE NO. 332012CA000182CA

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff,
v.
VICKI T. FLOWERS A/K/A VICKIE FLOWERS A/K/A VICKIE BOLAND FLOWERS AK/A 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 1; 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, DEVICES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, SPOUSES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; Defendants.

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Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on September 24, 2013, in this cause, in the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Florida, the clerk shall sell the property situated in Jefferson County, Florida, described as:

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Kirk Reams
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Sherry Sears

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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).

CASE NO.: 33-2012-CA-000087
DIVISION:

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 Grunhke, 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:

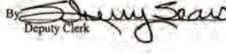
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Dated in Jefferson County, Florida this 10th day of September, 2013.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
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By: 
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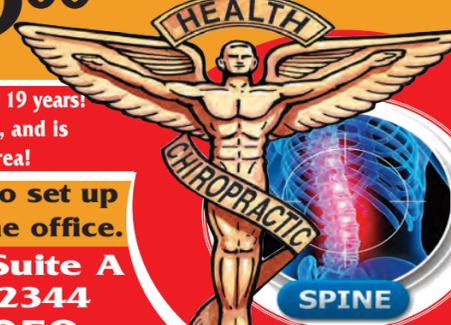
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*The Week of October 18, 2013 through October 25, 2013
Major Feed Times are marked by an asterisk (*)*

Friday, October 18 *12:00 AM 6:20 AM *12:20 PM 6:30 PM	Saturday, October 19 *12:45 AM 7:00 AM *1:10 PM 7:20 PM	Sunday, October 20 *1:30 AM 7:50 AM *2:10 PM 8:20 PM	Monday, October 21 *2:30 AM 8:45 AM *3:00 PM 9:10 PM
Tuesday, October 22 *3:30 AM 9:40 PM *3:50 PM 10:10 PM	Wednesday, October 23 *4:20 AM 10:30 AM *4:45 PM 11:00 PM	Thursday, October 24 *5:10 AM 11:20 AM *5:30 PM 11:50 PM	Friday, October 25 *6:10 AM 12:15 PM *6:30 PM

Leveling The Playing Field

LYNETTA USHER GRINER

Working forests work for our communities and economy.

Most people intuitively recognize that woodlands fill a vast array of needs, from jobs and products to wildlife habitats and water recharge areas. They do not, however, understand the importance of active, competitive markets in keeping lands forested and operational.

Perhaps the most flagrant example of this principle being overlooked is the criteria that the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) has developed for its Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards.



Lynetta Usher Griner, President of the Florida Forestry Association.

LEED only awards points for wood that has been certified by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC). The problem with that in Florida is that merely 120 acres of the 16.1 million acres of forest land in the state are certified under FSC. In contrast, almost three million acres are certified by the American Tree

Farm System (ATFS) and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) collectively.

Economically, LEED's criteria create a bad deal for Florida's woodland owners, producers AND its consumers.

By monopolizing the market through its exclusionary policies, LEED narrows opportunities for Florida woodland owners and producers, making it harder for them to remain competitive. It reduces the demand for Florida wood, while benefitting those growing and producing timber elsewhere. The decreased demand for Florida wood negatively impacts prices and profits, making it more difficult for Florida landowners to maintain

their forests.

At the same time, LEED drives up prices for consumers by requiring "green" building projects to use FSC-certified wood. Most FSC-certified wood comes from other states or foreign countries and is more expensive.

LEED also adversely affects green spaces and the environment. When forest owners find themselves forced to develop their land into more profitable uses, wildlife loses habitat; the air loses its natural filters; our water supply loses areas for recharge and storage; and people lose opportunities for recreation and natural scenic beauty.

Working forests work. Like other busi-



nesses and industries, they thrive in a free-market system. The Florida Forestry Association, its members and staff will continue to advocate for equality in this vital arena. I hope that others who appreciate and enjoy our state's forests will join us.

Lynetta Usher Griner was elected as president of FFA in 2012. She and her husband, Ken, began working in her family's timber business after

her brother's timely death in 1989. Under their leadership, Usher Land & Timber, Inc., has been honored as the Logger of the Year on the state and national level and has also received Audubon's Sustainable Forestry Award.

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