

Rubio Staffer To Visit Here

A member of U.S. Senator Marco Rubio's staff is scheduled to visit Monticello on Wednesday, Dec. 4.

The staffer will be available from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Monticello City Hall to assist any citizen having an issue with Social Security, Medicare, Veterans Benefits, immigration, the IRS or any federal agency.

Monticello City Hall is located at 245 South Mulberry Street, two blocks south of U.S. 90.

For more information, call Rubio's capital regional office at (850) 599-9100.

After Thanksgiving Seafood Feast

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Jefferson County Union Number One will host an 'After-Thanksgiving Seafood Feast' on Saturday, November 30 at the Monticello Opera House.

This free meal will begin at 1 p.m. and will continue through the day. This is an opportunity for the ministry to give back into its community; and, what better time than during the season of Thanksgiving.

Plan to dine-in or take-out. Come share good food and good fellowship with good friends and neighbors.

For more information contact Rev. Charles G. Smith at 850-345-8623 or Rev. James Mack at 850-997-8747. This is a FREE event.

Democrats Set Annual Gathering

Jefferson County Democrats will hold their annual Holiday gathering 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5 at the Christ Episcopal Church fellowship hall. Guest speaker will be State Senator Nan Rich, candidate for Governor.

The event will offer refreshments and a cash bar will be available. Cost is \$10.

A silent auction is planned and interested persons can check out items available by going to the party website at www.democratsofjeffersoncounty.com.

Commission's Vote To Reopen Road Is Likely To Get Pushback

(Issue Remains Controversial 3+ Years After)

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More than three years after the Jefferson County Commission decided to abandon Malloy Landing Road in the Wacissa area, the issue remains controversial and continues to reverberate.

On Tuesday evening, Nov. 19, the commission voted 3-1 to reopen the road, a decision sure to antagonize the property owners who requested the road closing and likely to raise again the specter of potential litigation.

The board's decision to reopen the road followed a lengthy discus-

sion and came in tandem with a decision to reject a proposed lease of an alternative landing.

Voting to reopen the road were Commissioners Stephen Walker, John Nelson and Betsy Barfield. Voting against was Commissioner Hines Boyd. Commissioner Benny Bishop recused himself because of a potential conflict-of-interest.

Of the commissioners who originally voted to abandon the road in 2010, Boyd alone remains on the board.

The discussion on Tuesday began with a presentation by Planning Attorney Scott Shirley, who shared a

conceptual agreement that he had been negotiating with Boland Land LLC, one of the three property owners who requested the road closing in 2010. The proposed agreement called for Boland Land LLC to lease the county Brumbley Landing on the Little River, which small waterway is supposed to give access to the greater Wacissa River.

Brumbley Landing, Shirley said, would fulfill a condition of the commission's decision to abandon Malloy Landing Road, which condition was that Boland Land LCC would provide an alternative landing.

Shirley said that for whatever reasons, the

negotiations between the county and Boland Lands LLC for the alternative landing had never been consummated since 2010, with the result that the commission had recently instructed him to resume the interrupted negotiating effort.

What Shirley didn't say was that the original negotiations stalled because residents upset with the closing of the Malloy Road Landing rejected Brumbley Landing as a suitable substitute when it was first proposed in 2010, and officials more or less allowed the thorny matter to rest after that.

Shirley also didn't mention that Walker

largely ran for office based on his dissatisfaction with the commission's handling of the Malloy Landing Road affair and vowed to bring the issue back up if elected. Which vow he began pursuing almost immediately upon coming to office in late 2012 and which eventually led to Shirley reopening the negotiations.

In his presentation, Shirley employed numerous photographs to illustrate his points, including shots of the Brumbley Landing, the Little River, the Wacissa River and the possible roads and easements leading to the various

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Local Family Loses Everything In Fire



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A local family lost everything they owned in an early morning house fire, Monday, November 25.

Jefferson County Fire Rescue (JCFR) reported that at 5:51 a.m., dispatch received a call in reference to a house fire at the home of Gary Reeves, located at 9433 Gamble Road, in Wacissa.

The Lloyd Volunteer

Fire Department and Wacissa Volunteer Fire Department were also called and responded.

Upon arrival at 6:15 a.m., JCFR reported that the home was fully involved. The fire was above the top level of the trees, and had also set the tree line canopy on fire.

All of the occupants, the parents and the five children, as well as their cats and dog, were all out of the home and unharmed.

Engine 1 established

command, and all units on scene began the defensive attack.

The electric company and the State Fire Marshall's Office were notified of the incident, and responded to the scene.

Red Cross was also notified to assist the family.

The fire was under control at 7:30, and the last unit departed the scene after overhaul and checking for any remaining smoldering, had been conducted.

The home, valued at \$90,000, as well as all of its contents, valued at \$30,000 was a total loss.

Upon investigation, it was discovered that the fire was accidental, caused by an electrical problem, which caused a short circuit in the clothes dryer, where the fire originated.

Since the family lost everything except the clothes on their backs, they are in need of assistance, with donations,

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County Made To Represent Budget As A Tax Increase



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In what amounted to a slight wrist slapping, the Florida Department of Revenue (FDOR) made county officials re-advertise a summary of the 2013-14 budget, and do it as a proposed tax increase, complete with a public hearing.

Which the Jefferson County Commission briefly did on Tuesday evening, Nov. 19, just minutes before their regularly scheduled meeting.

The reason for the re-advertisement and public hearing was because the FDOR determined that the board's previous public notice had violated the law.

How?

By failing to notify citizens that the proposed budget actually represented a tax hike, based on the increased valuation of properties. The actual property tax levy for the 2012-13 budget year was \$4,524,941, compared with \$4,593,355 for the 2013-14 budget year — an increase of \$68,414, notwithstanding the fact that the millage rate did not go up.

Deputy Clerk Tyler McNeil, standing in for Clerk of Court Kirk Reams, characterized the error as a technicality that did not change the budget materially.

The board dispensed with the proceedings in a matter of minutes, basically doing it for the sake of satisfying the FDOR objection.

Small Business Development Program Is Back In Business

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The Jefferson County Small Business Development Program (SBDP) is back up and running.

That's the word from Marcia Elder, head of the Lloyd-based CPI Consulting firm and the new director of the program, which went into abeyance a couple of months ago when Dr. Dallas Garrett, its originator, resigned to take a job in central Florida.

Elder reports that the program will be hosting free training events next year. Toward that end, she is soliciting input on topics that local owners of existing businesses, or those wanting to start businesses, think would

be most beneficial to them.

Input can be offered by visiting the SBDP website, clicking on the tab labeled "training", and completing the online survey. The alternative is to pick a printed copy of the survey at the SBDP office, or in the County Coordinator's office, both located in the courthouse annex off Water Street.

Additionally, Elder reports that the program will offer a series of "empowerment lunches" at the courthouse annex beginning Dec. 16.

"These will be 'brownbag lunches' (bring your own) for businesses and others seeking to launch their own businesses," Elder says. "I will share my extensive library of motivational and professional develop-

ment CDs as part of the sessions."

Elder — a longtime trainer and coach — will facilitate the informal gatherings. She promises that the kickoff session will be "a highly motivating program with the world-renowned Anthony (Tony) Robins."

The Jefferson County Commission awarded the SBDP contract to CPI Consulting on Oct. 15.

That contract calls for CPI to provide consulting and mentoring services to individuals who want to start or expand small businesses in the county. The contracted services include assistance with setting up and managing a small business, undertaking a business feasibility analysis, formulating and developing a business

plan, identifying potential funding sources and providing marketing techniques.

CPI Consulting — originally known as Creative Pursuits, Inc. — has been in Jefferson County 12 years. It describes itself as a multidisciplinary consulting firm that provides a diversity of services, including strategic communications, organizational assessments, consulting expertise, technical assistance and other forms of coaching and consulting support.

For more information about the program, or to complete the online survey, call Elder at the SBPD office, (850) 997-2185; at CPI Consulting, (850) 997-2837; or visit www.JeffersonMeansBusiness.com.

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Local Weather

Fri 11/29 62/39
A few clouds. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 30s.

Sat 11/30 65/46
Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the mid 40s.

Sun 12/1 67/47
Mostly Cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the upper 40s.

Mon 12/2 66/48
Showers possible. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the upper 40s.

Tue 12/3 66/46
Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the mid 40s.

Viewpoints

FDOT To Suspend Construction For Thanksgiving Holiday

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Three office is suspending highway construction projects on major roadways across North Florida. There will be no work on state roads requiring lane restrictions from Thursday, Nov. 28 through Sunday, Dec. 1. All major roads will be open to normal traffic.

Although no construction closures are scheduled over the holiday weekend, existing state highway work zones will remain in effect. Motorists are reminded to use caution while traveling through work zones around barricades and equipment.

FDOT is encouraging drivers to allow extra travel time and to use extra caution in existing work zones along state highways. Drivers are

urged to make sure they buckle up, along with their passengers. FDOT and other safety agencies also ask drivers to obey speed limits, get adequate rest before traveling, avoid distractions and never drink and drive.

Drivers also are urged to be prepared for unscheduled highway closures due to accidents, disabled vehicles or other events. Motorists should be alert to changing weather conditions while traveling.

Travelers can access Florida's 511 service from cell phones, landlines, and the Internet at www.FL511.com to receive updates on travel in the area. For more Florida Department of Transportation District Three information follow us on twitter @myfdot_nwfl.



Jefferson County Small Business Development Program Is Up And Running

The Jefferson County Small Business Development Program (SBDP) is up and running. If you haven't yet seen their new Website, check it out at: www.JeffersonMeansBusiness.com.

The SBDP will be hosting free training events in the coming year and wants to find out what topics would be most beneficial to businesses in the county as well as individuals seeking to start a business. Go to their Website and click on the "Trainings" tab to take an easy-to-complete online survey. Or pick up a copy from the SBDP office or County Coordinator's office in the County Annex.

In addition, starting on December 16 at noon the SBDP will begin a series of "Empowerment Lunches" at the Annex. These will be "brown bag lunches"



(bring your own) for businesses and others seeking to launch their own business. The new SBDP Director, Marcia Elder of CPI Consulting, will share her extensive library of motivational and professional development CDs as part of the sessions plus facilitate the informal "lunch and learn" gatherings.

Elder is a long-time trainer and coach and the CDs feature leading national experts in related fields. The kickoff session will focus on what Elder refers to as "a highly motivating program with the world-renowned Anthony (Tony) Robbins". These sessions will also be

free-of-charge.

Says Elder about the SBDP, "it's been a great pleasure to work with and assist past clients of the program and I very much look forward to serving many others."

Stay tuned to the SBDP Website for other announcements and services in support of Jefferson County businesses and entrepreneurs.

The SBDP is a program of Jefferson County government.



'Brew' Ha Ha: Conversations for Coffee

Amber Houston
Staff Writer



Give Thanks

Thanksgiving is a time to give thanks.

For many that means reflecting on the things we have for which to be thankful. For others, that means giving thanks to others for what they have done for you. But for a select few, the common phrase takes on new life.

Lately, I've been hearing this new definition more and more—simply put, the idea is to give other people reasons to be thankful. To Give Thanks.

When I was a child, there were always new faces at Thanksgivings and Christmases and Easters. Some people came for a few holidays; some only came for one. These were friends of family members that didn't have any family close by. Some became "family." Some faces I remember without names. Some I don't remember at all, though

Grandma still talks about them years later. Grandma and Granddaddy literally gave Thanks to those acquaintances and strangers.

Last week, a stranger gave me thanks. His name was Bob Quick. Bicycling cross-country for charity with 16 stents and a never-quit attitude, he was accompanied by his faithful son, Conrad. The two were genuine, down-to-Earth people. Bob was encouraging towards me. He praised my cooking, my home, my journalism—everything. His personality filled a room, and his laughter filled my home.

He was a reminder to me of how God meets us where we are and works through any person. See, I didn't know what to expect when I introduced myself to a heavily bearded man in a biking leotard. He looked like a hippy. I

know now that he looks like and is a disciple. His walk with God is simple, pure, unabashed, and beautiful.

His bicycling is freedom at its finest—beholden to no one but God, dependent on no one but Him, he reminded me that things of this world weigh you down. Luggage? Money? Food? He didn't need them. From California to Florida, he survived off of the grace of God and the goodwill of others.

From California to Florida, he filled people's hearts and homes and fire departments. He Gave Thanks to people across the nation. He reminded me of who I am within myself, to my community, and in relation to God. He gave me reason to be thankful—he literally gave thanks to me.

And he energized me to give thanks to others.



Unabashed

That's the word for Bob Quick, a man who can only be described as a missionary. Biking from one end of the country to the other Quick is raising money for charity and spreading an example of God's grace everywhere he goes. Unabashed, he prays. Unabashed, he praises God for his life and his new ability to impact others. Unabashed, he tells others of his love for God and what God has done for him. To countless restaurants, fire stations, and people he has literally given thanks. Left to Right: Conrad Quick, Amber Houston, Bob Quick.

The Jefferson County Utility Coordinating Committee will meet at 9:00 a.m. December 11, 2013, at the Jefferson County Road Dept, 1484 South Jefferson Street

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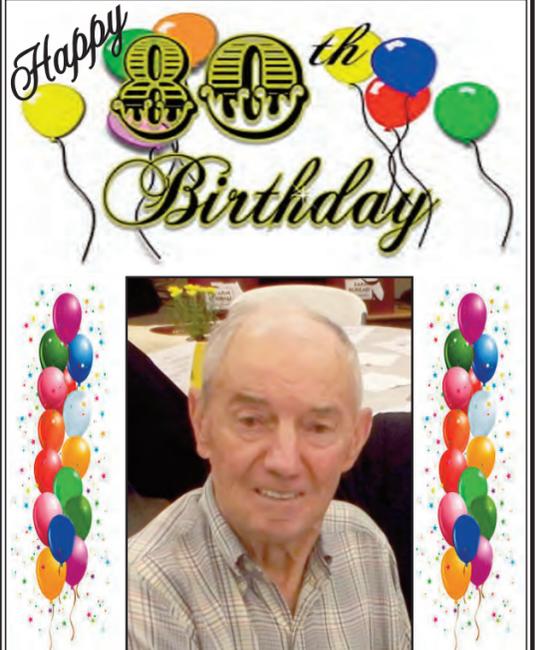
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Herbert Demott
December 1, 2013

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sites. Shirley repeatedly stressed the conceptual nature of the agreement, saying it would require refining into greater detail before it could be executed. But generally speaking, he said, the agreement would give the county access to the landing site for a period of 10 years for \$1 annually, with the lease renewable for up to 30 years. The county also would have first refusal option on the purchase of the land and would be responsible for building a road to the site, Shirley said. Should the county fail to improve the property within the first two years, the lease could be cancelled, he said. Shirley called Brumbley Landing a historic site, although admittedly the waterway contained logs and other debris that would have to be cleared before motor-

boats could use the river, he said. The landing, he said, was actually more appropriate for canoeists and kayakers in its present state.

Immediately upon the conclusion of Shirley's presentation, Walker declared the proposed lease agreement unacceptable, saying Brumbley Landing failed to meet the county's very Land Development Code standards, as it didn't really give access to water. Boland Land LLC, Walker said, was not interested in negotiating a resolution. The proof was that he and several others had attempted to negotiate with the family in good faith and it had led to nothing each time, he said.

"That option's not on the table," Walker said of negotiations.

Scott warned that Malloy Road was a prescriptive easement that crossed private land. Were the county to re-open the road, use of the road would come with significant restrictions, he said, especially given that the landing itself was on private property.

Boyd alone praised Shirley for making a good faith negotiating effort. He called the Malloy Landing Road closing a "long festering issue" that was fraught with potential litigation. He advised his colleagues

proceed prudently on the issue, saying it would be difficult for the county to prevail in litigation. The Boland family, he said, had twice made good faith efforts to resolve the issue and twice they'd been rebuffed.

Members of the public who spoke on the issue vehemently disagreed with Boyd. Typical of those who spoke against the proposed lease were Roland Brumbley and Charlie Walker.

Brumbley, a long-time Wacissa resident who is extremely familiar with the river and the area, called the proposed lease agreement unacceptable, at the same time pointing out alleged errors in Shirley's presentation, which errors he proceeded to correct.

His point, Brumbley said, was that the commission needed to appoint negotiators who had knowledge of the river and the area. Otherwise, it was a waste of time, he said. The county, Brumbley said, had given away a road that had been in use for 100 years and had received nothing in return.

"Only thing that can go down this river is alligators, raccoons and snakes," the plain-speaking Brumbley said of the Little River. "This proposal ain't what we need. We need a negotiator outside this arena and someone with knowl-

edge of the area."

He further accused some on the earlier commission of being thick with the Boland family, of misleading the board on the issue, and also referenced Nestlé, saying the water company had been "pulling the strings". Nestle at one point was doing water tests in the area with the idea of possibly establishing a water pumping station on the river, a situation that got factored into the controversy at the time.

Walker, for his part, used words such as "flimflam", "crooked" and "backstabbing" to describe the closing of the Malloy Landing Road in 2010. Nearly 300 residents had opposed the closing, yet the commission had chosen to listen to the six people who wanted the road closed, Walker said.

He accused the standing commission at that time of being "asleep at the wheel, or maybe not so asleep."

The comments of Brumbley and Walker were typical of others of the citizens who addressed the board and indicative of the strong passions that the issue still arouses after more than three years.

It remains to be seen what action, legal or otherwise, the commission may take next to follow up on its decision.

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clothing (which includes coats due to very frigid weather quickly approaching the area), gift cards, toiletries, food, pet foods, and monetary donations will be graciously appreciated.

The family clothing sizes are as follows:

Lauren - women's pant, size 8; shirt, medium to large; and shoes, 7 1/2

Keristan - junior misses' pant, size 2; shirt, medium; and shoes, 7 1/2

Wendy - women's pant size 10; shirt, large; and shoes, 7

Gary - men's pant, waist 32", length, 31"-32"; shirt, large; and shoes, 12

Kyle - boy's pant, 8 slim; shirt, 10-12; and shoes, 3

Conner - boy's pant, 10 regular; shirt, 10-12; and shoes, 3

Katelyn - women's pant, 10 regular; shirt, 10-12; and shoes, 6

Gary's mother, Vicky Reese, whose home is located at 403 Tram Road in Wacissa (third house on the left from the Pentecostal Holiness Church), is accepting donations for the family, which can be dropped off there. To make a monetary donation please visit <http://www.gofundme.com/5gkb90>.



World News

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Kangaroo Meat May Soon Hop Into China

In Australia, Agriculture Minister Barnaby Joyce and the Chinese are discussing the growth of China's booming middle class and rising appetite for red meat. Joyce is encouraging the Chinese to export kangaroo meat as a solution. Wang Jun owns a small restaurant in Beijing and says he would be willing to try the meat. "Why not? As long as it is delicious," Wang said. Chinese meat staples are beef, pork and chicken, but they will also eat cat, rat and dog meat, believing the meat to have medicinal qualities. Not everyone, however, is as adventurous. Liu Xinxin, a 21-year-old student from Beijing said, "How could we lay our chopsticks on such cute animals?" Kangaroo meat sells in Australia for about \$8.50 per pound, less than beef, but would be promoted in China as a high protein, low-fat exclusive food item with health benefits. Macro Meats, Australia's largest processor of kangaroo, has partnered with New Hope Group Ltd., one of China's largest agribusiness operators, to woo customers and project exclusivity by limiting supply. Ray Borda, the founder and managing director of Macro Meats said, "Our strategy will see us place kangaroo only in high-end butchers, not in supermarkets."

Home Toilets Now Required For Indian Politicians

In Patna, India, the government announced politicians would not be allowed to run for office unless they have toilets in their homes. Officials said the rules were made to promote healthy sanitation habits and would help Bihar reach its goal of becoming an "open-defecation free" state by 2022. Chief Minister Nitish Kumar made the announcement on "World Toilet Day" that each household in the state would be given \$160 for home toilet installation and that government officials would be supervising the process. Kumar stated, "Open defecation is the source of nearly 90 percent of ailments. Its elimination would be a great service for the generation to come."

Bunny Hunt Consumes London's Social Media

In London, social media users by the thousands are searching for a stuffed rabbit belonging to three-year-old Ruby Stewart, who lost her stuffed companion on a weekend trip to London. Zoe Stewart, mother of Ruby, created "Find Mr. Rabbit" pages on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and posted the family's footsteps during the evening the beloved bunny disappeared. Stewart said her initial tweet about the missing rabbit has been retweeted more than 1,100 times and her Facebook post was shared nearly 3,000 times. "I think the whole of the U.K. is looking for him," Stewart said.



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11 AM Worship Hour
Wednesday:
7 PM Bible Study

1 Timothy 4:4-6
For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, (5) for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer. (6) If you put these things before the brothers, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, being trained in the words of the faith and of the good doctrine that you have followed.

Come and worship with us! (John 4:24)

48th Annual Market Days Benefits The Tallahassee Museum

300+ Vendors Feature Hand Crafted Gifts, Upscale Art and Gourmet Food

Tallahassee Museum invites shoppers to cross off holiday lists with unique, personalized goods while benefitting a cause at the 48th annual Market Days, Dec. 7 and 8, 2013 at the North Florida Fairgrounds. Acclaimed as a Southeast Tourism

Society Top 20 event, the juried arts and crafts festival features gifts from stocking stuffers and affordable goods perfect for teachers and friends to under the tree extravaganza, home decor and even a bit of personal indulgence for those seeking the perfect present for themselves.

More than 300 carefully selected vendors will come from across the country to exhibit at Market Days this year. Limited to just 1,000 tickets, Early Bird attendees peruse stress-free for two hours and enjoy first dibs on top gifts, before general admission begins.

"Market Days has become synonymous with holiday shopping in our region. It's widely recognized as one of the finest arts and crafts shows in the Southeast and is as treasured of a holiday tradition as any," says Russell Daws, Tallahassee Museum executive director/CEO. "The continued support of participating vendors, thousands of shoppers and our dedicated Market Days committee raises vital funds for Tallahassee Museum and our educational community programs."

Market Days 2013

300+ selected vendors from across the country

Dec. 7, 2013, 8-10 a.m. Early Bird Shopping - 1,000 shoppers

Dec. 7, 2013, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. General Shopping

Dec. 8, 2013 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. General Shopping

North Florida Fairgrounds - Tallahassee \$6 Admission at the gate, \$4 for children ages six-12, Children five and under admitted free \$25 Early Bird admission*

Tickets available at www.marketdays.org or by calling 850-575-8684

Amidst the flurry of gift seeking, Market Days attendees take a break to enjoy mouth-watering food from area restaurants, beer and football on the big screen in the hospitality tent and a special Children's Arts & Crafts tent featuring goods created by junior exhibitors in grades K-12.



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Jefferson County Living

Damn Good Bikes Is Worth The Damn Drive



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Damn Good Bikes in Tallahassee is a small business with a big personality offering repairs, maintenance, accessories, tools, and new and used bikes.

Started in 2010 as the Green Bicycle Project, owner and founder Mike Sanders never expected his personal passion to balloon into a booming business. "This started," Sanders explained, "when I moved to Tallahassee and couldn't find a used bike. I finally got a whole pallet of them from an FSU surplus sale. I bought 20 broken bikes, pieced them together into five decent ones; kept one, sold four; and doubled my money."

Sanders decided that there was a need for quality used bicycles and decided to fill that need. He started out in his dining room-turned garage, graduated to a storage unit that he eventually outgrew, moved into a 1,500 square foot incubator unit that he similarly outgrew, and has moved into a 2,000 square foot building that he is slowly outgrowing this very day.

The original mission was to keep as many bikes on the road as possible. Though the mission has not changed, the focus has shifted from the bicycle to the rider. "We don't just want to keep the bicycle on the road anymore," Sanders said. "We want to keep people on bikes. The more people are biking, the less cars are on the road, the less impact we have on the environment, the more exercise we get the less—forgive me for sounding inarticulate—the less badness! There are so many benefits to biking for people of all ages, skill levels, and health backgrounds."

Damn Good Bikes is prepared to serve any bicyclist—from the everyday commuter, to the weekend hobbyist; from the leisurely trail rider, to the first-place racer; from adults to children. The business has new and used bikes for every age, size, need and price range.

They can fix almost any problem, too. Sanders gestured to a bike one of his mechanics was working on. He explained that they changed it from

a fixed speed to multi-speed bicycle and mended the frame. No task is too daunting for the trained mechanics at Damn Good Bikes.

They also offer accessories, tools, clothing, and apparel. And Sanders is selective about what he stocks. "If it's in the store," he explained, "it's here for a reason. I do a lot of research into the products I sell. Everything in here, I would—and do—use or wear myself."

Sanders is an avid bicyclist. Luckily for him, his wife is as well, and while she does not run the family business with him, Sanders has plenty of reason to boast. "She likes biking and bikes. She understands the finer points of what makes a nicer bike better than your average bike. Not to mention," Sanders laughed, "she has collected more bikes than I have."

The couple's enjoyment of bicycling certainly helps them to serve Sanders customers: instead of trying to identify needs based on sales or reports, Sanders knows what is in demand and what product truly balances quality and price. He takes particular pride in his work. "This was a passion before it was ever a job," he explained. Fixing, restoring, and riding bikes comes as second-nature to Sanders as breathing, it seems. Pair that with his easy-going nature and professional, can-do attitude, along with mechanics that are the same, and it is easy to see why Damn Good Bikes is worth that long drive to Tallahassee.



Obituaries

JESSIE MAE BRYANT-WALKER

Jessie Mae Bryant-Walker was born April 5, 1962 to the late John Henry and Ella Mae Bryant of Monticello FL. "Believers don't die they fall asleep". Jessie took her rest on November 20, 2013.

She was the fourth oldest daughter. At a young age Jessie confessed Christ as her Savior. In her adult years she became a member of Greater Fellowship M.B. Church under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Melvin Roberts. Jessie attended school in Jefferson County until 1980. In her life she had many occupations, but her most important job was being a mother.

She leaves to cherish her memories; her mother Ella Mae Bryant of Monticello; a daughter

Nadia Bryant (Tommy Williams) of Monticello; two sons: Kelrick McKelvin (Sabrina Taylor) and Carlton (Sabrina) Cofield both of Tallahassee; six sisters: Bernice Broxise of Tampa; Ruth Keaton, Carol Bryant and Annie Jones all of Monticello; Mamie Bryant of Tallahassee; and Teresa Bryant of Detroit, MI; five brothers: Lonnie (Wargene) Williams of Keystone Heights, FL, Eddie (Elaine) Bryant of Tallahassee, James Keaton of Morgan, GA, John H. Bryant Jr. of Coleman, FL and Kenneth Bryant of Monticello; six grandchildren: A'aeirah Williams, Tommy Williams III, Brianna Cofield, Dayshia McKelvin, Shawn McKelvin, and Adriana McKelvin along with numerous

nephews, nieces, other relatives and sorrowing friends.

She was preceded in death by her father John Henry Bryant and two brothers Robert E. Keaton and Paul Filmore.

Hagan & Bradwell Funeral Service, 175 N. Railroad St, Monticello, is in charge of the service. Viewing will be held on Friday, November 29, 2013 from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Hagan & Bradwell Funeral Service. The funeral service will held at 11 a.m. Saturday, November 30, 2013 at Greater Fellowship M.B. Church, Rev. Dr. Melvin Roberts, Pastor. Interment at Mt. Olive Cemetery, Capps FL.

The family will also receive friends at The Nadia Bryant residence located at 550 East Madison St, Monticello.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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November 29
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 nonprofit charitable event; donations are accepted. For questions or concerns, contact Curtis Morgan at 850-933-8136 or Bobby Connell at 850-445-0049.

November 30
Jefferson County Branch of the NAACP will meet at noon on the last Saturday at the MLK Center. Contact Charles Parrish at 850-997-3760 for more information.

December 1
VFW Post 251 will meet 5 p.m. on the first Sunday at the Learning Center on Marvin Street for a meeting. Contact Ned Hill at 850-339-5524 for more information.

December 2
VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post 251 will meet at 6:30 p.m. on the first Monday at Memorial MB Church.

Contact President Mary Madison at 850-210-7090 for more information.

December 2
MainStreet of Monticello Florida Board meetings are held at 5 p.m. on the first Monday at the Cherry Street Commons on South Cherry Street. For more information about the third Monday Main Street Speaker Series contact Anne Holt at 850-997-5110 or aholt@aholt.com

Come to hear about updates and projects that MainStreet has been working on.

December 3, 17
Jefferson County Lions Club will meet at 1 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday at the Brick House Eatery, in the community room for a program and business meeting. For more information about this organization and its fundraising efforts, contact Lion Debbie at 850-997-0901.

December 3
Monticello Woman's Club meets at noon on the first Tuesday at the clubhouse on East Pearl Street for lunch and a meeting. Contact Club President Ethel Strick-

land at 850-997-3382 for more information. The Monticello Woman's Club will hold its annual Christmas Auction this month with a wide variety of handmade gift items for the auction, maybe even a few fresh baked goods! The cost of this luncheon to guests is free. The public is invited to attend this event. What a great opportunity to purchase those hard to get Christmas presents! Holiday Cakes will be for sale at this time, made with the freshest of ingredients; cherries, pineapple, butter, flour, sugar, eggs and locally grown pecans. The members will also have a booth setup downtown during the MainStreet Christmas event on Friday evening, December 6 and at the Christmas on Pearl Street Tour on Saturday evening, December 7. Come in from the cold to enjoy hot cider, coffee, cookies, and other sweet treats. The ladies will also hold a 'Yard Sale' fundraiser on Saturday, December 14 at the clubhouse. They will also be selling hot dogs and soft drinks.

CHURCH NEWS NOTES

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November 29
Nazarene Church Family Skate Night is held from 6 to 8 p.m. on the last Friday evening of every month. Light snacks and soft drinks available. For more information, contact Rev. Clay Stephens, pastor, at 850-528-5451.

November 29
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.

November 30
StoryTime Ministry is held from 1 to 2 p.m. every other Saturday at the Jefferson County Bailar Public Library. For more information contact First United Methodist Church Ministry Chairman Barbara Hobbs at 850-523-1813.

November 30
Jefferson County Union

Number One will host an 'After-Thanksgiving Seafood Feast' on Saturday at the Monticello Opera House beginning at 1 p.m. This is an opportunity of giving back into the community especially during this season of Thanksgiving. Plan to dine-in or take-out. Come share good food and good fellowship with good friends and neighbors. For more information contact Rev. Charles G. Smith at 850-345-8623 or Rev. James Mack at 850-997-8747. This is a FREE event.

December 1
Transforming Life Church will host The Walkers on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. If you love good Gospel Music, then you do not want to miss this nationally known Gospel group. Come out and experience the music and the ministry. TLC is located in the Lloyd area at 1206 Springfield Road

(just off Gamble Road/Hwy 59). You can call for directions at 850-997-8527 or transforminlifechurch.com for more information.

December 1
First Perry Church of God, 1915 North US Highway 221 in Perry, will host the Josh Noland God's Country Live Concert at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday. Featuring live country gospel and southern gospel music by The Encore Band, with the Purvis Brothers, Larry Bullock and Wayne Martin, Josh Noland, with Rick Knowles, Rebecca Rigdon, Ben Reed, John Poliskey, Dub Cruce, John H. Andrews, and Dylan Wilson. There is no admission fee, but a love offering will be taken up for the Madison Boys and Girls Ranch. For more information and directions contact the church office at 850-584-7992.

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Jefferson County Living

Creel Receives BBH Delores De Ingraham Spiritual Caregiver Recognition Award

Albert Einstein said, "Try not to become a man of success but a man of value." Andrew 'Andy' Creel, chaplain for Big Bend Hospice, has definitely brought value to his community. That is why he was honored by his peers and presented with the Delores 'De' Ingraham Spiritual Caregiver Award as part of Clergy Appreciation Month.

His constant pursuit to alleviate the suffering of others makes him ideal for his role as chaplain on the Big Bend Hospice Team for Jefferson, Madison, and Taylor counties. When his co-workers were asked what one word best describes Andy, they responded with compassionate, empathetic, tolerant, and steadfast.

"Andy is one of the most caring, loving men you will ever meet," said Carol Katz, team leader for the JMT team. "His excellence in helping others is not just an act but is his habit. Andy does not strive for recognition but focuses on the value of contributing to human-kind without expecting anything in return."

Creel is not only caring of the patients but also the staff. Kathy Bass, professional liaison for Big Bend Hospice explains, "Andy will wait in his car to see that we are safe in our surroundings. He is supportive and present when we have dying patients. He is always tirelessly doing whatever needs to be done."

The Delores De Ingraham Award recognizes a chaplain who has made a significant contribution to Big



Andy Creel accepts the Delores 'De' Ingraham Spiritual Caregiver Award.

Bend Hospice spiritual care and counseling each year. Just to have been nominated by your peers is an honor in itself. Nominees must have demonstrated sensitivity, dedication, commitment, and openness to diversity, and a passion for encouraging patients, families, and staff to discover and affirm their spiritual well-being.

Creel is an avid reader and is always quoting things he has read. So to use the words from Aristotle, "We are what we repeatedly do," the BBH team congratulate Andy for what he is - someone who uses his efforts, skills, and knowledge to improve one's life and the lives of others each and every day.

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All aboard the Christmas Wonderland Express at Veterans Memorial Railroad

Kids Incorporated will have Gak for the kids during Uptown Cafe's 30th Annual Celebration on Saturday, November 30 from 12 to 5 p.m.

'An Evening of Entertainment' will be held in recognition of World AIDS Day on Sunday, December 1 beginning at 5 p.m. at the Leon County Health Department, in the auditorium, 872 West Orange Avenue. The event is presented by Big Bend Cares & Friends, hosted by Casanova Nurse, with live performances by Cabaret, Faye Sanchez, Destiny Valentino, Allayah Simmons, Nina Chancellor,

Cha Cha, Vashai Biyonce, Admission is free. Donations will be given to BBC. For more information call 850-656-2437.

Breakfast with Santa every Saturday morning in December at The Daffodale House, 620 West Washington Street. Reservations are required as seating is limited; call 850-997-1111. Santa's elves will greet you upon arrival and Santa will be happy to pose for a picture with you, so bring your cameras! Santa will be reading a very special story to his audience. There will be door-prizes for the children. Santa is also for hire; just call.

Christmas Wonderland Express at Veterans Memorial Railroad in Bristol offers train rides around the park on December 14, 20, 21, and 23 from 7 to 10 p.m. Come see the holiday decorations, lights, and live scenes. Ticket cost is just \$5 to ride Engine 59 and Red/White/Blue and \$7 to ride the coal-fired steam train 'Crown.' Crown will not be running on December 23. Children five and under are free. Call for more information and directions to 850-643-6646 or 850-643-5491 or veteransmemorial-railroad.org.

The Jefferson County Historical Association is hosting a 'Holiday Dinner' at 6 p.m. on Saturday, December 15, at the Wirick-Simmons House. The cost is \$50 per plate and the evening will include wine and hors d'oeuvres with the beef tenderloin meal. The event is limited to 45 guests, so reserve your tickets now by calling 850-997-2661.

Havana Nights will be held on Friday, January 31 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Capital City Country Club. Tocamos Mas will provide the music and the gaming will be by Vegas Nights Casinos. Ticket cost is \$50 per person.

According to my AARP magazine this month... about 265,000 women served our country in the Vietnam War. To hear exclusive interviews with a few of these brave veterans and other heroes go to aarp.org/voicesofveterans.

Garden Circles To Decorate Trees At Opera House

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Monticello Garden Club Circle members will be decorating trees in the Monticello Opera House windows on Thursday, December 5 beginning at 10 a.m. This is a fun

time for all involved. It puts everyone in the Christmas spirit.

And with the Christmas in Monticello events on Friday evening, December 6, and the Pearl Street Tour of Homes scheduled for Saturday, December 7, the decorated trees will make for a pretty sight for out-of-town visitors coming to enjoy the downtown sights and festivities.

The Monticello Garden Club will have a fundraising table set up on Friday evening selling garden gloves and other wares and means items.

Each Circle will decorate one tree and each tree will be quite different. The Camellia Circle will decorate with 'nature.' At their November meeting they popped corn and

threaded each kernel to make garland for their tree. They will also have other handmade ornaments like grapevine wreaths, bird feathered ornaments and ornaments made with fabric pieces and such.

The Camellia Garden Circle members will be celebrating the Christmas holiday with a party at 2 p.m. on Sunday, December 8 at the home of Isabelle de Sercey. The members usually meet at this time, on the second Sunday of each month. Members bring treats and beverages to share.

For more information about this Circle and its events and programs, contact Chairman Jane Davis at 850-997-4320 or email her at jkdeercrossing@aol.com.

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Sports

Lady Tigers Inch Chiles

FRAN HUNT
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The Jefferson County varsity Lady Tigers hit the hardwood against Chiles on November 21, and Jefferson inched their opponent for a 33-30 win to now stand 6-0 on the season, and 4-0 in District play.

The Lady Tigers commanded the first quarter, 19-7, and Chiles came back to take the second quarter, 8-3. Jef-

erson inched the third quarter, 7-6, and Chiles took the fourth quarter, 9-4, just shy of tying the game.

Brianna Robinson led the Lady Tigers' scoreboard with 14 points, which included three three-point buckets. She also had three rebounds, and one blocked shot.

Briana Graham netted for seven points, which included one three-point bucket. She had five rebounds, and one blocked shot.

Audrianna Noel scored three points, and had five rebounds.

Jakeia Morris netted for six points, with five rebounds, and two blocked shots.

Ambrosia Branham scored three points, with a whopping 10 rebounds, and one blocked shot.

Takayla Broxise had one rebound.

The Lady Tigers will hit the court against Branford, December 6 at 6 p.m., there.

Warriors Lose To Franklin County

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The Aucilla Christian Academy varsity Warriors manned the hardwood against Franklin County on November 22, and the Warriors lost, 57-42, to now stand 1-2 on the season.

As a team the Warriors bucketed 17 of 46 attempts from the field, netted two of 11 attempts from the three-point zone, and hit two of seven attempts from the free-throw line for 42 points. They collected eight assists, 17 offensive and 24 defensive rebounds for a total of 41 rebounds, with 26 fouls, eight block/steals, and 25 turnovers.

Individually, Braden Mattingly bucketed three out of five attempts from the field, and missed four attempts from the three-point zone for six points. He had four assists, one offensive and one defensive rebound for a total of two rebounds, with two fouls, four block/steals, and four turnovers.

Gatlin Nennstiel missed four attempts from the field, and one attempt from the free-throw line. He had one offensive and one defensive rebound for a total of two rebounds, with three fouls, and one turnover.

Brandon Holm missed three attempts from the field and one attempt from the three-point zone. He had four offensive and four defensive rebounds for a total of eight rebounds, with three fouls, one block/steal, and three turnovers.

Zack Arceneaux hit one of four attempts from the field, and missed two attempts from the free-throw line for two points. He had one assist, three offensive and one defensive rebound for a total of four rebounds, with four fouls, and one turnover.

Ricky Finlayson netted one of four attempts from the field, missed three attempts from the three-point zone, and hit one of one attempt

from the free-throw line for three points. He had one assist, one offensive and one defensive rebound for a total of two rebounds, with three turnovers.

Timmy Burrus bucketed two of four attempts from the field for four points. He had five fouls, two block/steals, and one turnover.

Casey Demott targeted three of five attempts from the fields, and netted one of one attempt from the three-point zone for nine points. He had one assist, one offensive and three defensive rebounds for a total of four rebounds, with three fouls, and two turnovers.

Shawn Blue missed two attempts from the field, and hit one of two attempts from the three-point zone for three points. He had one assist, one offensive and four defensive rebounds for a total of five rebounds, with three fouls, and five turnovers.

Steven Trest targeted seven of 12 attempts from the field, and hit one of three attempts from the free-throw line for 15 points, to lead the Warrior's scoreboard. He had five offensive and seven defensive rebounds for a total of 12 rebounds, and a double-double.

Carson Nennstiel missed two attempts from the field. He had two defensive rebounds, three fouls, one block/steal, and five turnovers.

The Warriors have since played against Georgia Christian on November 25 and Escambia Charter on November 26. Those statistics will be forthcoming.

Action continues against Brookwood, December 3 at 7:30 p.m., away; Robert F. Munroe, December 5 at 7:30 p.m., home; Lafayette, December 9 at 7:30 p.m., home; FAMU, December 10 at 7:30 p.m., home; Escambia Charter, December 13 at 7:30 p.m., home; and Lafayette, December 16 at 7:30 p.m., away.



Lady Warriors Win One Of Five



FRAN HUNT
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Staff Writer

The Aucilla Christian Academy varsity Lady Warriors basketball team won one of the past five games, one of which was a pre-season game, to now stand 1-3 on the season.

On November 5, the Lady Warriors went into a pre-season game against John Paul II, and the Lady Warriors lost a 39-38 squeaker.

Morgan Cline scored two points, and snagged 10 rebounds.

Junior varsity player Ramsey Sullivan netted for six points, and had seven rebounds.

Junior varsity player Cali Burkett scored two points.

Kinzi Mattingly bucketed for nine points, and snagged 13 rebounds.

Lauren Demott had two points, and two steals.

Whitney Stevens netted for six points.

Kayla Knecht had six points, six rebounds, two assists, and four steals.

Aucilla went into their first official game of the season on November 11 and faced off against Chiles, to suffer a 37-31 loss.

Marisa Duber netted for five points, with three rebounds, one steal, and two blocked shots.

Mattingly had two points, snagged 10 rebounds, and had two steals.

Demott scored five points, and had five re-

bounds.

Stevens had three points, and three rebounds.

Knecht targeted for 16 points, with six rebounds, and four steals.

Cline had five rebounds.

On November 12, the Lady Warriors hit the hardwood against Madison, and Aucilla was throttled for a 53-18 loss.

Duber had one point, snagged eight rebounds, and had one blocked shot.

Cline scored two points, and had three rebounds.

Mattingly targeted for 11 points, with three rebounds, and three steals.

Demott had five rebounds.

Stevens had five steals.

Aucilla faced off against North Florida Christian on November 14, and the Lady Warriors were bounced for a 52-29 loss.

Cline had four points, six rebounds, and two steals.

Ashley Hebert had three points, and three rebounds.

Mattingly netted for six points, with eight rebounds, and two assists.

Demott bucketed for six points, and had six rebounds.

Stevens had five points, with four rebounds, and three steals.

Sullivan had five points, four rebounds, and one blocked shot.

Duber had five rebounds, and two steals.

On November 19 the Lady Warriors hit

the hardwood against Highland Christian, and the Lady Warriors doubled their opponent for a 31-15 victory.

Duber netted for four points, snagged nine rebounds, with three steals, and one blocked shot.

Mattingly scored two points, and had four rebounds, and three blocked shots.

Stevens targeted for 15 points, and had three rebounds, and six steals.

Demott had two points, with five rebounds, and three assists.

Knecht bucketed for eight points, with five rebounds, eight steals, and one blocked shot.

Cline had four rebounds, and two steals.

Hebert had two rebounds.

Sullivan had four rebounds.

The Lady Warriors faced off against FAMU, November 21, Franklin County, November 22, Georgia Christian, November 25, and North Florida Christian, November 26. Those statistics will be forthcoming.

Action continues against Brookwood, December 3 at 6 p.m., away; Robert F. Munroe, December 5 at 6 p.m., home; Tallavana Christian, December 6 at 6 p.m., home; Lafayette, December 9 at 6 p.m., home; FAMU, December 10 at 6 p.m., away; Tallavana Christian, December 12 at 6 p.m., there; Madison County, December 16 at 6 p.m., home; and Lafayette, December 20 at 5:30 p.m., away.

JES Mighty Tigers Win Homecoming

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The Jefferson Elementary School Mighty Tigers football team played the final game of the season, November 14 at Homecoming held in Death Valley stadium, against the Recreation Department team, the Chargers, and the Tigers walloped their opponent for a 32-6 victory.

The first half went as the greatest percentage of the games have gone all season for the Tigers, with a very stingy defense, which would not give up any ground.

The Chargers kicked on fourth down and Jartavious Howard picked up the ball on about the 45-yard line, and set sail for the end zone to score the first touchdown of the game.

That play set a fire underneath the Mighty Tigers' offense, which led to the successful two-point conversion being scored by Kamar-

rion King, giving Jefferson the lead.

During the next Jefferson possession, the Mighty Tigers defense continued to hold firm, and the offense set off to score. Jartavious Howard had a powerful 35-yard run, tasking the ball down to the two-yard line. On the next play, Howard ran it into the end zone for the touchdown, and Rico Watkins went around the left end to score the two-point conversion.

As the Tigers kicked off, they began substituting their second string for the first string players.

The Chargers then started to mount a powerful drive, bringing in a touchdown just before the half. However, the extra point attempt failed.

In the second half, the Mighty Tigers received the opening kickoff, and drove the ball down the field to score on the first possession. The touchdown was on a double pass, which the Tigers

have utilized on many occasions during the season. The double pass went from Rico Watkins, to Jartavious Howard, and then to Calvin Alexander, to make the 45-yard touchdown.

Rico Watkins scored the two-point conversion on a quarterback sneak, to up the score to 24-6.

The second string defense again came in and halted the Chargers offense to force the punt.

The final scoring of the game came from a touchdown run from Kamarrian King, and a pass from Rico Watkins to Juquan Coasey, added the two point conversion to end the game.

"JES would like to thank everyone for the support that they have been given this season," said Coach Steve Keith. "They are happy to represent Monticello in the Quincy league, and hope that they have been a good representative for our good city."

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JACQUELYN DUPUIS
JES Music Teacher

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Macy's has also teamed up with the Make-A-Wish Foundation to collect children's letters (stamped and addressed to Santa at the North Pole) in the Santa Mail letterbox at any Macy's store. Macy's will donate \$1.00 per letter, up to a \$1 million dollars. Make-A-Wish grants wishes to children who have life-threatening medical conditions.

Jefferson Elementary would like to invite the community to join us on Dec. 17 for our musical production and stay for dinner! Let's celebrate the holidays together!

NFCC Presents Dance Alive National Ballet's "Community" Nutcracker December 3



Dance Alive National Ballet's "Community" Nutcracker on Tuesday, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. Dance Alive National Ballet, featuring an international roster of technically brilliant and entertaining dancers, performs a sparkling production

that is truly an all-time family favorite for the holidays. Become entranced by the beauty of the Sugar Plum Fairy and her dazzling Court, enchanted by the swirling snowflakes and breathtaking snow, and cheer for the tiny toy soldiers and their leader, the

handsome Nutcracker Prince. NFCC has partnered with local dance studio Danceology in Live Oak to bring this "community" production to town; Danceology will be the sponsoring studio assisting with rehearsals for local students.

North Florida Community College Announces New Pharmacy Technician Program Instructor Dr. Mekia Jackson

Application Deadline Extended To Dec. 2 - Classes Begin Jan. 8



Dr. Mekia Jackson is joining the Allied Health faculty as instructor of the new Pharmacy Technician program.

North Florida Community College announces that Dr. Mekia Jackson is joining the Allied Health faculty as instructor of the new Pharmacy Technician program. Jackson graduated from Florida A&M University magna cum laude with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. NFCC recently extended its deadline to apply to its Pharmacy Technician program to Dec. 2. Classes begin Jan. 8.

Jackson, a native of Madison County, was a dual-enrollment student at North Florida

Community College while she attended Madison County High School. After graduating from high school she attended Florida A&M University's College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. She has worked in various areas of the field such as Medication Therapy Management, Retail Pharmacy, Mail Order Pharmacy, Hospital Pharmacy, and Ambulatory Care clinics. She has been an adjunct instructor with the Online Pharmacy Technician Program at Ultimate Medical Academy since April 2012.

"I am excited to be able to have the opportunity to positively influence my community, which has had an enduring impact on both my personal and professional development," said Jackson. NFCC is currently accepting students for its new Pharmacy Technician certificate program through Dec. 2. Classes begin Jan. 8. For more information, contact NFCC Allied Health Advisor Debbie Bass in the NFCC Career and Technical Education Center (Bldg. 13) at (850) 973-1662 or bassd@nfcc.edu.

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Don't make any plans to be out-of-town the first weekend in December. Plan to do some hanging around your hometown of Monticello because there is an entire weekend of fantastic events available.

Join with community friends and the First United Methodist Church family for the 14th Live Nativity at Bethlehem in Monticello on Friday and Saturday, December 6 and 7 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. behind the FUMC on South Water Street. Just follow the crowd!

Take a step back in time as you walk through the city of Christ's birth. Experience different biblical scenes recreated with live characters and live animals, including camels Jeremiah and Amazing Grace. This is a popular walk through an ancient Bethlehem market. Church members are dressed in period garb, leading animals that worked in that era.

Enjoy refreshments and live music, warm drinks and homemade cookies in the FUMC Family Ministry Center.

This event is free for everyone and is a gift to the community from the First United Methodist Church. For more information and directions, call the FUMC office at 850-997-5545.

Also on Friday, December 6 check out MainStreet Downtown Christmas, including vendors, displays and Santa Claus!

On Saturday December 7, (first Saturday) 'Celebrate

Monticello' with good food, a market, stores and restaurants staying open late - music - events all over town.

The Pearl Street Christmas Tour of Homes is scheduled from 6 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Six houses have been chosen and will be open to the public. Ticket cost is just \$15 in advance and \$20 the day of the event. Residents in period dress will guide visitors and luminaries will light the way. Call now for additional information to Dana Anderson at 850-544-7133 or Terri Dunn at 850-997-6552.

The Jordan Park gazebo just next to the Monticello Woman's Clubhouse will play host to the Shiloh A.M.E. Church Children's Choir and the Kevin Carr Theater Group. Free spiced tea, hot drinks, and cookies will be served at the Woman's Club. Other houses on the tour will include the Miller house, the Robinson Cottage, the Cooksey Cottage, the Anderson House, the Humphries House, and the Simpson House.

Most local restaurants will be open during the weekend days and evenings. Carrie Ann & Co. will feature a special meal at The Mays House. The chef at the Monticello Pizza Kitchen will be ready to dazzle you with his Italian prowess. And, the always-excellent Rancho Grande restaurant will be open to satisfy your Hispanic tastes.

So, mosey on into town. Say hello to your neighbors and share the warm spirit that makes Monticello a wonderful place to live.



Jordan Park Gazebo

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Royce Hall Sees Stardom In Her Future

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It was only two years ago that style icon and Jefferson County native Royce Hall was chosen from thousands to participate in the 24-Hours of Fashion Runway on South Beach event, hosted by Cotton, Inc and MTV.

Like any desire to achieve a life goal, be it long or short term, there is always a transitional period, along with initiative, and that must take place in order for results and completion to manifest. For Royce, results and completion reached a new plateau in 2012 when she became an official acting and scene study student under the guidance of instructor/actress Teri J. Vaughn (The Steve Harvey Show, Daddy's Little Girls) and actor Tommy Ford (Martin, Class Act.)

Royce met Vaughn in Atlanta, Georgia, during one of her many trips for academic, performance, and recording purposes. She just happened to be dining at Vaughn's establishment, the Green Room Actors Lounge and Bookshop, and on this particular night, there was a film screening and a panel discussion, followed with a 'meet and greet.' It didn't take long for these two personalities to click; by evenings' end Royce was scheduled for her first acting class the following week!

As a person with many goals, acting became a passion for Royce just three years ago when she had requested to play a lead role on a web series based in Tampa. She enjoyed her ability to portray and embody a character quite different, yet similar to herself. And, from that experience, she knew this was a passion that she would be willing to nurture and cultivate in order to become the best.

Her Atlanta experience has allotted her the opportunity to work with producer Kia Shine, who has production credits for Lil Wayne's 'Best I Ever Had' and many others. And, when she was

asked to read through a script to play one of the main characters in a new television series based in Atlanta, she was ecstatic! She reported to the director for the reading of Emery, in Refracted Reflections. That very evening she received an official 'letter of offer' and says, "The rest is history!"

There are countless television series, web series, movies, and even documentaries filmed in Atlanta; the two variables that separate them are quality of production and content. Royce had no clue that this series she was reading for would propel her to even higher heights based on the topics infused in the script and the outcome of the first episode.

Between the shooting of the second and third episodes of Refracted Reflections, Royce met a woman randomly at one of her favorite restaurants, Bar One, owned by Peter Thomas (husband of Cynthia Bailey of Real Housewives of Atlanta.) This woman introduced her to several companies and placed her acting resume and headshots in the hands of the Tyler Perry Studios executives. By this time, response to Refracted Reflections was amazing.

"All I remember is receiving an inconspicuous email stating that I had been cast and to anticipate further details and instructions," she says. "Forty-five minutes passed, no follow up email. After three hours I receive an email with an immense amount of directions, "do's" and "don'ts" and confirmation for my being cast for Tyler Perry's series The Haves and the Have Nots. I could not believe it!"

Royce says that she knew in her heart that she would receive major role offers in Tyler Perry films and/or television series, because this is what she wanted... plain and simple. "I wanted it! I spoke it! I claimed it! I believed in myself and in my talents!" she says.

Her first day went like this: Call-time to report to Tyler Perry Studios (TPS) is 5:45



Royce Hall with her 'super mentor' and legendary former host of BET Rap City and current V103 radio station on-air Atlanta personality Big Tiggs. They are attending a panel discussion and book signing and release for author Omar Tyree.

a.m. She's fueled with excitement. She's slept maybe four hours. She packs a bag and travels the 10 miles. She checks in at the security gate and is taken to the diner at the TPS compound. TPS is a complex of all encompassing studios that sit on 10+ acres, equipped with the ability to film any type of scene. The ambiance is magical. The set-up of offices, crew, stylists, is immaculate, yet so very personable. She sits down in the diner and inhales. Taking in everything around her. She takes note of the almost life-size photos on the hallway walls capturing scenes from TPS films such as For Colored Girls, Why Did I Get Married, and The Family That Preys. Actors and actresses such as Jill Scott, Alfre Woodard, Idris Elba, Allen Payne, Gabrielle Union, and the list goes on and on. She continues to sit there, speaking her many desires, setting them free in the universe to be granted and manifested into her reality, her accomplishments. She is a firm believer that no goal is out of reach.

"Only we can set our limitations, no one else," she says. She fills

'newbie/rookie' and all!

Perry guides her personally through her parts and pats her back several times during the filming. It feels amazing! After filming the first few scenes, it's back to the diner for lunch, and then back to the set for more filming. This is her first eight-hour day of filming on a major television show.

In just three weeks her roles have varied in The Haves and the Have Nots, Love Thy Neighbor, Refracted Reflections, and The Originals. She has accomplished so much. Her dedication, tenacity, and goal setting have truly paid off. Her hopes are to inspire people, especially the youth. "There's no limit to what one can accomplish," she says.

Royce has transitioned to Atlanta where she stars in Refracted Reflections. She continues her classes with Vaughn and Ford and her acquaintances within the entertainment industry flourish. Though she still travels

back to Monticello on a regular basis. She loves Atlanta, "The city is overflowing with opportunity," she says. "Atlanta is a city of accomplishment. It's a city that gives your sense of drive life and it's a city that's all about being in the right place at the right time."

"I will say this and this only," she continues, "What's meant for you to have will manifest whether you are prepared or not. Provisions will be made and you will be postured where your purpose and passion become alive. It may not seem simple and may even draw up fear because taking leaps of faith generally suggest the unknown. Once again, what's meant for you, if you truly believe in yourself and do all that you can to conceive the results in which you desire, the fruits of your labor will harvest a bountiful crop."

Royce plans to continue her education in the field of Animal Science or Architectural Design.



Royce Hall at Spondivits restaurant in Atlanta with Q-Tip and Ali Shaheed Muhammed, of legendary hip-hop royalty group A Tribe Called Quest.

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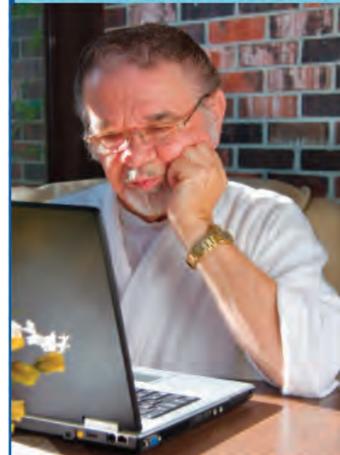


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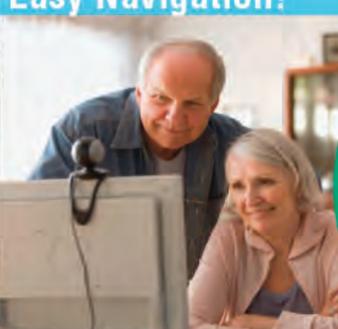
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The Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") of Jefferson County, Florida (the "County") will hold a public hearing to consider revising the boundaries of the election districts for the five members of the Board of County Commissioners. The public hearing will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, December 3, 2013, or as soon thereafter as can be heard, in the Courthouse Annex at 435 West Walnut Street, Monticello, Florida 32344. All interested parties, citizens of the County and anyone else may attend the public hearing and be heard.

Florida law provides that after each census, the County must fix the boundaries of the board member election districts to keep them as nearly equal in proportion to population as possible, with any changes made to the boundaries of such districts occurring only in odd-numbered years. At the conclusion of the December 3rd public hearing, the Board will consider a resolution approving a map describing the boundaries of the voting districts. Copies of all district maps under consideration by the Board are available for inspection at the Jefferson County Courthouse, 1 Courthouse Circle, Monticello, Florida 32344.

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Jefferson County, Florida

11/15,22,29 12/6/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that DAVID E. ROBERTS the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed.

The certificate number, year of issuance, description of the property and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate Number: 836 Year of Issuance: 2009

Description of Property: 08-1N-6E-0000-0014-0000 5.4 Acres
In SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of SW 1/4
ORB 594, PG 767

Name in which assessed: JENETHA MORRIS

All of said property being in the County of Jefferson, State of Florida. This property when sold may be subject to the current year taxes.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Jefferson County Courthouse, north door on the 9TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.

Dated this 1ST DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2013



Kirk B. Reams
Clerk of the Court
Jefferson County, Florida

11/8,15,22,29/2013

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

REGIONS BANK, an Alabama banking corporation, as successor by merger with AmSouth Bank,

Plaintiff,

vs.

CASE NO: 11-166-CA

NATHANIEL GALLON, an individual;
LILLIAN I. RANDOLPH, an individual;
and JANE DOE n/k/a TRACY GALLON, an individual,

Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Florida, pursuant to the Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure, entered in this cause, will sell the property at public sale to the highest bidder for cash, except as set forth hereinafter, on December 12, 2013, at 11:00 am Eastern Time at the North Steps of the Jefferson County, Florida Courthouse at 1 Courthouse Circle, Monticello, Florida 32344 in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, the following described real property lying and being in Jefferson County, Florida, to-wit:

Commence at the Southwest corner of Section 6, Township 1 North, Range 6 East, Jefferson County, Florida and run North 1321.84 feet to the point of beginning; from said point of beginning, run North 89 degrees, 59 minutes, 35 seconds, East 902.37 feet; thence South 29 degrees, 23 minutes, 45 seconds, West 1336.26 feet to the Northerly right of way of State Road 10 (US90); thence North 59 degrees, 12 minutes, West along said right of way 0.70 feet to a point of curve to the right; thence continue along said right of way on a curve having a radius of 2756.13 feet; a delta angle of 12 degrees, 28 minutes, 37 seconds for an arc distance of 600.19 feet to the point of tangent; thence North 46 degrees, 43 minutes, 23 seconds, West 1171.71 feet to the North line of SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 3, Township 1 North, Range 5 East, thence leaving said right of way, run East along said North line to the SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 1, Township 1 North, Range 5 East for a distance of 1084.67 feet to the point of beginning.

Less and except:

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

Being new parcel more particularly described as:

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

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

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

This Notice dated this 13th day of November, 2013.

Clerk, of Circuit Court
By: Sherry Sears
Deputy Clerk

11/22,29/2013

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

CASE NO. 332013CA000009CAAXMX

HSBC MORTGAGE SERVICES INC,
Plaintiff,
vs.

GERROLD AUSTIN AND YOLANDA AUSTIN, et.al.
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 30, 2013, and entered in 332013CA000009CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Jefferson County, Florida, wherein HSBC MORTGAGE SERVICES INC, is the Plaintiff and GERROLD AUSTIN; YOLANDA AUSTIN; JEFFERSON COUNTY FLORIDA; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; UNKNOWN TENANTS are the Defendant(s). Kirk Reams as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the North Door 1 Courthouse Circle, Monticello, FL 32344, at 11:00 AM on December 19, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 9 NOBLES ADDITION TO THE CITY OF MONTICELLO, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA IN PLAT BOOK "B", PAGE 19.

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 6 day of November, 2013.

Kirk Reams
As Clerk of the Court
By: Sherry Sears
As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT

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

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The Jefferson Journal Fish & Game Feeding Chart

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

*The Week of November 29, 2013 through December 6, 2013
Major Feed Times are marked by an asterisk (*)*

Friday, November 29 1:45 AM *7:50 AM 2:00 PM *8:20 PM	Saturday, November 30 2:30 AM *8:30 AM 2:45 PM *9:10 PM	Sunday, December 1 3:20 AM *9:30 AM 3:40 PM *10:00 PM	Monday, December 2 4:20 AM *10:30 AM 4:30 PM *10:55 PM
Tuesday, December 3 5:10 AM *11:20 AM 5:30 PM *11:50 PM	Wednesday, December 4 6:10 AM *12:30 PM 6:45 PM	Thursday, December 5 *1:10 AM 7:20 AM *1:30 PM 7:50 PM	Friday, December 6 *2:10 AM 8:20 AM *2:40 PM 8:55 PM

Holidays Bring Fishing Bonuses

Thanksgiving is a uniquely American holiday and for many people represents their only four-day holiday. So what better time to offer license-free fishing days? Friday, Nov. 29, will be a license-free freshwater fishing day, followed by a saltwater license-free day on Nov. 30.

To round out the gift-giving, Saturday, Dec. 28, was also designated as a license-free freshwater fishing day. In 2013, the Legislature authorized the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) to offer four additional license-free fishing days annually. FWC Commissioners subsequently implemented a long-term strategy to encourage introducing new anglers to recreational fishing, and to give those who haven't been fishing recently another incentive to enjoy time on the water. Since the dates for some of these long-term options had already passed in 2013, they also picked the one-time-only dates mentioned above to make sure anglers got all the free-days the Legislature authorized. For 2014 and beyond,

the eight days will fall on the same weekend days from year to year, allowing anglers to plan in advance and businesses and nonprofit groups to schedule events around these fishing license holidays. Recurring days for freshwater will be the first Saturday and Sunday in April and the second Saturday and Sunday in June. For saltwater, the dates will be the first Saturday and Sunday in June, the first Saturday in September, and the Saturday following Thanksgiving.

These dates were planned around holiday weekends and events, such as National Fishing and Boating Week (www.TakeMeFishing.org/NFBW), which gets significant media coverage by promoting boating and fishing nationwide. The website is available to cross-promote local fishing or boating events as well.

In addition, VISIT FLORIDA, which promotes Florida as the "Fishing Capital of the World" (www.FishingCapital.org), designates June as Fishing Month. April is among the best



freshwater fishing months and the weather tends to be comfortable. It is a great time to host educational and outreach events that promote recreational fishing and conservation stewardship.

Florida's license-free fishing days are the perfect opportunity for people to try, or introduce a friend to, some of the finest fishing in the world.

Florida's recreational freshwater and saltwater fishing industry has an \$8.9 billion economic impact and supports nearly 80,000 jobs. Events like these help grow the industry even more.

Businesses with fishing ties such as outdoor retailers, fishing guides, marinas and outfitters; nonprofits

that work with youth and conservation groups; and local governments promoting fishing in local waters will all benefit. The FWC encourages them to sponsor events on these free days. To learn more about promoting your freshwater fishing events, contact Bob Wattendorf (Bob.Wattendorf@MyFWC.com).

A great way to cross-promote is to encourage anglers to participate in angler recognition programs. For freshwater programs, go to TrophyCatchFlorida.com and register. Registering enters the angler into an October 2014 drawing for a Phoenix bass boat powered by Mercury. Anglers may submit photos of their catches for recognition. Big Catch certificates are available to those who post a photo of any of 33 different freshwater fishes that simply exceed a specified quality length or weight stan-

dard (see website for details). There are special certificates for youth who catch slightly smaller fish to encourage them. For aficionados, there are Master, Elite and Specialist certificates, or Slams for catching a variety of fish within a specified time frame.

However, the big prizes are reserved for anglers who catch, document and release largemouth bass over 8 pounds. To join the TrophyCatch clubs and claim prizes, anglers should photograph the entire fish (head to tail) on a scale with the weight legible, then release the bass and post the photo and information on the website. Not only do anglers acquire bragging rights and prizes, but they help conserve the resource by recycling these older trophy bass. Documenting these catches helps the FWC refine management strategies for trophy bass and provides support for promoting Florida as the premier bass-fishing destination.

Prizes start with a \$50 Bass Pro Shops gift card and Bass King custom T-shirt, and go up from there. For bass over 13 pounds that are properly documented and released, the prize package is worth over \$1,000. Registration is free, and claiming your bragging rights is fun

with either of these great programs.

Plan your fishing experience today, but don't forget to check the rules (MyFWC.com/Fishing). Regulations such as seasons, size limits and bag limits still apply, even on license-free days or if you are exempt from a license. Meanwhile, if you can't wait for a license-free day or decide fishing is for you, licenses are affordable.

An annual resident license is just \$17 for either freshwater or saltwater fishing, and a combination to do both is \$32.50. Since a typical angler fishes an average of 17 days per year and more than four hours per trip, that comes out to about a quarter per hour for healthy fun and doesn't even include the value of any fish you take home, or rewards you earn.

Instant licenses are available at MyFWC.com/License or by calling 888-FISH-FLORIDA (347-4356). Report violators by calling 888-404-3922, *FWC or #FWC on your cell phone, or texting to Tip@MyFWC.com. Visit MyFWC.com/Fishing and select "more news" or scr.bi/Fish-busters for more Fish Busters' Bulletins. To subscribe to FWC columns or to receive news releases, visit MyFWC.com/Contact.

Carree Olshansky Will Serve As SRWMD's Water Conservation Specialist

Recently, Carree Olshansky joined the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) as a water conservation specialist within the Water Supply Division. In this capacity, she will develop plans and outreach activities to promote and implement water conservation throughout the District. She will also evaluate water conservation potential for all water use types within the District, track water conservation efforts, and educate various stakeholder groups on water-efficient practices.

This is a new position to implement a recommendation in the District's 2010 Water Supply Assessment report.

Prior to joining the District, Olshansky spent the last five years as a senior product marketing specialist, where her duties included



Carree Olshansky is the new SRWMD Water Conservation Specialist.

marketing, communications, public and media relations, web and print content development, and event planning.

Olshansky has a B.S. in Business Administration/Finance and Economics from the University of Florida and a M.B.A. in Environmental Business Management from Florida Atlantic University.

An avid cave diver, Olshansky is a member of the National Speleological Society—Caving Diving Section.

"The District welcomes Carree Olshansky to our team," said District Executive Director Ann Shortelle. "I believe her expertise and experience will help us move our water conservation message forward."

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