

School Board Reaches No Decision On Old Howard

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A workshop of the Jefferson County School Board on Monday evening, Dec. 9, to determine what to do about the Old Howard Academy, in terms of a request from an African-American group, ended pretty

much where it began, with the issue unresolved.

The workshop stemmed from a request the previous month from Concerned United People (CUP) asking that the Jefferson County School Board convey the historic building to the nonprofit group so that it could renovate and

convert the facility into a community center of sorts.

The Old Howard Academy, at the corner of Cypress and Mamie Scott Drive, served as the black high school in Jefferson County from 1940 to 1961, when federally mandated integration took effect locally. The building is currently vacant.

After nearly an hour of discussion, School Board Member Shirley Washington suggested that if the 600 or so people who had signed the petition in support of CUP's acquisition of the building, as well as alumni of the school and other supporters, ante up and contributed a nominal fee each, the building

could be purchased outright.

She was referring to a figure provided by School Superintendent Al Cooksey, which put the value of the property at \$39,000.

School Board Sandra Saunders, in whose district the Old Howard Academy building is located, said she was prepared to give the

building to CUP as it requested. She noted that the building had been abandoned for years and that the district had done nothing to utilize or improve it during that time.

What's more, she said, the district was not entitled to receive compensation for the

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Legislative Delegation Holds Annual Hearing

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Members of the Jefferson County Legislative Delegation held their traditional annual hearing in Monticello on Monday evening, Dec. 16, preparatory to the start of the legislative session on March 4.

Comprising the delegation were District 3 Democratic Senator Bill Montford and District 7 Republican House Representative Halsey Beshears, whose respective districts share Jefferson County, as well as numerous other north Florida counties.

The purpose of these hearing is to give lawmakers an opportunity to learn what is on their constituents' minds and what their concerns are. The legislators often also provide summaries of the past legislative session and offer their views on the coming session in terms of the issues facing them. Beshears and Montford, however, made it clear from the onset that their purpose was to listen, not to talk.

And other than for introducing their respective staffs and making a few opening remarks as to the collaborative nature of their relationship, notwithstanding their different political parties, and their pleasure at being able to represent north Florida, the two pretty much stuck to their script.

As for the individuals addressing the delegation, they were almost all elected officials, department heads and designated speakers. As it was, several constitutional officers declined to speak or identify specific issues, saying



Senator Bill Montford visits with local officials and constituents during his visit here on Monday evening. Pictured from left to right are Montford, Property Appraiser Angela Gray and Dick Bailar, a member of the Jefferson Legislative Committee.



House Representative Halsey Beshears chats with Jefferson County Commission Chairwoman Betsy Barfield prior to the hearing.

they would meet with the lawmakers at a later day as part of their associations. And not few elected officials were conspicuously absent from the hearing, possibly because of the brief public notice given.

Delegation hear-

ings have indeed become tamed, organized, businesslike events, unlike the free-wheeling and sometimes unruly, rambling affairs of earlier days. Nowadays, the Jefferson Legislative Committee (JLC) and individual officials

conduct much of the lobbying effort on a one-on-one basis during the session, and the community's requests are largely conveyed via the committee's annually produced booklet, making the delegation

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School District, Teachers Resolve Bonus Pay Issue

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After months of negotiations, the Jefferson County School District and the teachers union have come to an agreement, meaning that teachers here should soon be getting incentive bonuses that Gov. Rick Scott approved in April.

Sherman Stroman informed the Jefferson County School Board on Monday evening, Dec. 9, that the negotiations with the Jefferson County Teachers Union had been successfully completed in late November. Stroman is the district's human resource specialist and the district's chief negotiator in the talks with the union.

Stroman said the bottom line was that each teacher should be receiving a \$1,600 check in the coming weeks, depending how quickly the Florida Department of Education ratified the agreement and processed the paperwork. He said the teachers could receive their bonuses as early as this month, and certainly no later than next month.

Stroman informed the board that the process for determining the individual bonuses had been straightforward. He said the district had simply taken the \$155,000 or \$156,000 that the state had allotted for the incentives bonuses, subtracted for taxes, FICA and other mandatory contributions, and had then divided the remaining amount by the number of eligible teachers.

School Board Members Sandra Saunders wanted to know if the bonuses were solely for teachers or if the paraprofessionals would also be included in the distribution. Stroman said the administration had made several attempts to have the teachers share the money with the paraprofessionals, but the union had rejected the proposal.

Regina Cox, a math teacher at Jefferson County Middle High School (JCMHS) and the president of the Jefferson County Teachers Union, told the board that her organization didn't oppose giving in-



creases to the paraprofessionals.

But yes, the union had rejected the administration's proposal that the teachers share the money, she said. The reason, she said, was that the teachers' bonuses were already small, compared with other districts. The teachers, moreover, believed that the administration itself should come up with the money for the paraprofessionals, she said.

In late October, Cox complained to the School Board about the slow progress that the district was making toward the distribution of the incentive bonus money. She essentially accused the administration of dragging its feet on the issue, given that the Governor had announced the availability of the funding in April and that teachers in other districts had already received their money.

"It's October and we're still going to the table," Cox said at the time.

Stroman's counter was that the situation was more complicated than Cox represented, which explained the slow nature of the negotiations. Nor were all the delays caused solely by the district, he said, pointing out that the union shared responsibility for the slow nature of the process.

He identified the biggest sticking point at the time as trying to determine whether the bonus would represent a one-time payment or if it was to be a recurring salary increase — a point that the Governor's memo had failed to clarify.

The district, Stroman said, didn't want to commit to funding that was to be recurring, and in effect, unsustainable.

"We're not promised that these funds will be made available in the future," he said, voicing one of the district's concerns at the time.

Driver Falls Asleep At Wheel

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A driver fell asleep behind the wheel earlier this week and wrecked her vehicle.

Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) reported that on December 18 at 12:15 p.m., Peggy Baggett, 70, of Monticello, was driving a 2008 Ford Expedition traveling northbound of North Salt Road,

one tenth of a mile south of Gramling Road, and she fell asleep behind the wheel.

The vehicle traveled onto the west shoulder, and the front of the vehicle struck a culvert and became airborne.

The left front of the vehicle struck the ditch, and then the vehicle overturned.

The vehicle came to a rest, upright and facing west.

Baggett was transported to

Archibold Hospital for treatment of minor injuries.

FHP did not deem the crash to be alcohol-related. Baggett was wearing her seatbelt.

The vehicle sustained \$10,000 damage.

Baggett was charged with careless driving.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's and Jefferson County EMS assisted FHP Trooper Boatwright on the scene.

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Local Weather

Fri 12/20 70/48
Mainly sunny. High near 70F. Winds ESE at 5 to 10 mph.

Sat 12/21 76/56
Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the mid 50s.

Sun 12/22 79/62
Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 60s.

Mon 12/23 79/65
Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the mid 60s.

Tue 12/24 67/44
Rain with a few rumbles of thunder.

Viewpoints



Something To Think About

By Harvey Greene

My Own Prison

So I held my head up high, hiding hate that burns inside, Which only fuels the selfish pride, I cry out to God seeking only His decision, Gabriel stands and confirms I've created my own prison.

--- Creed, "My Own Prison"

I read an interview the other day where evangelist Kenneth Copeland is quoted as saying that PTSD and similar conditions, including depression, were not of God, and therefore "good Christians" did not have conditions such as that. According to the Mr. (Rev) Copeland, if you are a proper Christian, you would not be affected by these problems because you would simply "hand it over to God" and get over it.

I was appalled. Seriously?

Perhaps one of the things that grieved me most was who said it. This is not some silly PhD sitting in his ivory-towered university or laboratory. This is a nationally recognized preacher, a purveyor (creator) of current Christian doctrine (or in this case dogma). This is someone who people look to for actual guidance.

(Granted this is the same man who he and his preacher daughter helped spawn an outbreak of measles by

telling their parishioners to forgo childhood vaccinations because God would heal them, but still.)

Exactly -- But Still! This is a man who people look up to for guidance, and he is telling people that if they are suffering from depression or PTSD, then it is their own fault because they are not good Christians? To he who is given much, much will be expected.

Do not get me wrong. The ultimate healer IS God. The Creator gave life; The Creator heals life. Creator is Healer. But His healing comes through those that He has created and called to that position.

A condition that affects the mind is no different than one that affects the body. PTSD is to the mind what diabetes or the flu is to the body. Telling the brain to push off its illness and get over it is like telling the body to get over that silly insulin or virus problem and just get over it.

Having depression or PTSD is no more a handicap than diabetes or anything else. In fact people with traditional "handicaps" will tell you that the only handicap is in the mind. The prison we create is believing that we cannot overcome these issues. The true disease is thinking that you are hampered by your condition and believing that

you cannot overcome it. God gave us medications for diabetes so that His people could overcome their trials. He gave us medications and counseling for depression or PTSD so that His people could overcome.

Before you think you are at risk of succumbing to your trials, let us think about something. We all remember the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist. At the end of the baptism, God calls down with the message, "This is my son in whom I am well pleased." (Matt 3:17). That is the end of that chapter. The very next verse is Matt 4:1, and if you read it straight through without the chapter break, it goes something like this:

"This is My son, in whom I am well pleased. Then Jesus was led up into the desert by the Spirit to be tempted by the Satan."

Get my point?

If the Creator of All things, God of Heaven and Earth, the Great Architect, if He takes His Son, in whom He is well pleased, and sends leads him unto temptation and tribulation, then is it not understandable that we too should have testing and trials?

Having diabetes does not make you a bad Christian. It makes you a person with a trial. Having PTSD or depression does not make you a bad Christian. It makes you a person with a trial. When a preacher tells you that you are not a good Christian because of your "problem", then in my humble opinion, they are not very Reverend.

The prison is not what was put on you. It is the one you created by thinking you are stuck where you are. The prison is also the one that you allow to be put on you by other people when listening to them telling you what you what makes you "not good". No matter who that person is.

You are not the problem.

Think about it.

'Brew' Ha Ha: Conversations for Coffee

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Yes, Mommy, There Is A Santa Claus

Whenever we dig out the home videos, I'm drawn to this clip of my older cousin, Amanda.

See, her dad called up our great uncle and said, "Santa Claus? I have a little girl here who'd like to talk to you."

Uncle Frank (who was chosen for this task for his "deep jolly voice and the fact that he'd play along") would never be forewarned about this call that came every year around Christmas. He'd hear Uncle Danny's greeting and drop into Santa mode.

Now, of course this is entirely dishonest, posing a beloved, distant uncle as a real-life celebrity— but there are worse things you can do to your children, and this was at least entertaining and memorable.

Beside the phone, Amanda would stand

trembling. Oh, she'd try to remember all the things she wanted for Christmas, but her little 5-year-old body couldn't contain her energy any better than her young mind could contain those thoughts—not with Santa Claus on the phone.

What excitement and longing she experienced that day is now lost to us as adults. We no longer have our sense of wonder. Amanda is grown now and her daughter is the same age as Amanda was on that grainy VHS. I imagine that she'll stand by the phone this year with her mother's trembling, uncontainable, worshipful joy.

Why don't the holidays fill adults any more with the same wonder?

See, children, your mommies and daddies have forgotten that there is a Santa Claus. I

know it's hard to believe. They have a lot to worry about—they have to cook dinner and keep the house clean and make sure you get up and get ready for school. They have to go to work and help you with homework.

To borrow ideas from Francis Pharellus Church: they are affected by the disbelief of a disbelieving age. They don't imagine anything they don't see. But I tell you, parents—Santa does exist: he is real. Yes, Daddy he exists, "as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist. [...] Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence."

In fact, "The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see."

Business Community Prayer Breakfast January 2

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The Business Community Prayer Breakfast will be held at 7 a.m. on Thursday, January 2 at Memorial Missionary Baptist Church in the Fellowship Hall at 780 Second Street. Long time principal and educator in the Jefferson County School System, George Pittman, Sr., now retired, will be speaker for this New Year meeting.

The meal will begin at 7 a.m. and the meeting will conclude at 8 a.m.

Plan to attend, and bring a guest. Also, canned food items will be collected for the area community food pantries.

For more information about this monthly meeting, contact Coordinator L. Gary Wright at 850-997-5705 or 850-933-5567.

As we prepare for the celebration of the birth of Christ and the celebration of the New Year, the season is busy and full of commitments so, note your calendar of the January Prayer Breakfast to be held the first Thursday, in January 2014.

JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIME BEAT

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

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Lionias Williams, 21, of Jefferson County, was arrested December 12 and charged with petit theft and resisting a merchant. A total bond of \$5,000 was set and he bonded out of

jail December 17.

Harley Pospisil, 45, of Troy, MO, was arrested December 12 and charged with disorderly intoxication. Bond was set at \$500 and he bonded out of jail the following day.

Kimothy Bradley, 37, of Monticello, was arrested December 13 and charged with trespass after warning. Bond was set at \$250 and he remained at the County Jail December 19.

Dennis M. Jordan, 50, of Tampa, FL, was arrested December 14 and charged with writ of attachment for nonpayment of child support. Bond was set at \$3,500 and he bonded out of jail the same day.

Mitchell Lamar Eure, 21, of Jefferson County, was arrested December 14 and charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, and driving while license suspended or revoked knowingly. A total bond of \$3,000 was set and he bonded out of jail the same day.

of Jefferson County, was sentenced in court December 13 to serve 40 days in the County Jail, with seven days credit for time served, on the charge of driving under the influence. He remained in the County Jail December 19.

Kerry Dewayne Brooks, 38, of Jefferson County, was sentenced in court December 13 to 30 days in the County Jail with one day credit for time served, on the charge of felony battery.

Kendrick Jeantil, 33, of Tallahassee, was sentenced in court on December 13 to 30 days in the County Jail on the charge of driving while license suspended or revoked, as an habitual offender. He remained in the County Jail December 19.

Jeffery Chandler Marr, 66, of Lloyd, was arrested December 16 and charged with domestic battery. Bond was set at \$2,500 and he bonded out of jail the same day.

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Howard

building, as members of the African-American community had donated it to the district originally and the district had invested little or no money in it since.

Attorney Opal McKinney-Williams, for her part, reiterated her point that School Board policy required that district properties valued at \$5,000 or more must be advertised and sold by bids. The policy, she said, allowed for the transfer of structures to other governmental entities, but not to nonprofit organizations.

"There's been talk of a gift but your policy doesn't permit that," McKinney-Williams said.

Cooksey said he opposed giving the building away. He said he couldn't see the board giving away a property valued at \$39,000, given the district's financial situation and the fact that district employees hadn't received pay raises in eight years.

Giving the building away, moreover, would set a precedent that would have other groups petitioning the district for properties, he said.

At the least, if the district was going to give the building away, it should recoup the money that CUP still owed from its earlier lease of the building, Cooksey said.

School Board Member Charles Boland underscored that the last time the district had leased CUP the building, the latter had failed to pay the \$150 monthly lease or acquire the necessary liability insurance.

School Board Larry Halsey said he might consider conveying the building, but he first wanted to see a list of CUP's officers and a list of the potential contributors and how committed they were to donating.

Speaking in support of the CUP petition were Commissioner John Nelson, C.P. Miller, Willard Barnhart, Scott Suter, Dick Bailar and Dr. Vivian Hall Royster.

These speakers variously argued that Howard Academy was a historical building and an African-American institution that warranted preservation. They cited the many African-Americans who had graduated from the school and who now held positions of power and prominence in various fields and industries across the country.

Many of these individuals stood ready to contribute financially and otherwise to the project, they said. But absent ownership of

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the building, CUP couldn't solicit contributions from them, nor could it seek grants from government agencies, they said.

CUP estimates it will cost about \$1,159,000 to refurbish and restore the building, which money it expects will come from state and federal grants, fundraisers, corporate gifts, alumni donations and in-kind and cash contributions.

School Board Chairman Phil Barker summed the results of the workshop, finding merit equally in both Saunders and Washington's proposals, as well as in CUP's willingness to enter a contractual agreement that would return the building to the school district if it failed to live up to its commitments.

Barker noted that projects were easy to start, but more difficult to complete. CUP's proposal, he said, relied in large part on legislative dollars, which were difficult to come by and wouldn't be available until next spring at the earliest. He himself, he said, favored turning the building over to CUP, provided the contract included a proviso that would return the structure to the district if CUP failed to accomplish its goal.

That, however, was as far as the discussion went, with the board reaching no consensus on where the issue would go next.

Delegation

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tion hearing more of a formality.

Thus, those who addressed the delegation on Monday evening and who identified issues of specific concern were relatively few, and by large, they were reiterating requests already listed in the booklet, which members of the JLC presented to the lawmakers during the hearing.

Even so, it warrants mentioning a few of the concerns raised.

County Commission Chairwoman Betsy Barfield asked that the lawmakers keep an eye on the springs' protection legislation that is scheduled to come up in the next session. She asked that Montford and Beshears make sure that the desired springs protection was balanced against the needs of the agricultural community, still a significant sector in Jefferson County.

Barfield also asked that the legislators be mindful of the adverse effects of unfunded mandates on small counties. She urged Montford and Beshears to refrain from passing on the costs of state cutbacks onto local taxpayers.

Clerk of Court Kirk Reams spoke of several projects dear to his heart, including the small counties road improvement program and several restoration/preservation projects that this community is pursuing.

Reams reminded the lawmakers that Jefferson was a small, rural county with limited resources, and he asked that the legislators continue to look out for the county's interests, particularly in the areas of the fiscally constrained monies and the funding for the roads and preservation programs.

Kim Albritton, Jefferson County Health Department interim director, spoke of the initiatives that her department is pursuing as part of a statewide effort to promote a healthier lifestyle. Albritton cited statistics showing that overweight and obesity continue to be one of the biggest health problems in Florida and in Jefferson County in particular. She told of various programs and partner-

ships that her department is pursuing to combat overweight and obesity and promote a healthier lifestyle here.

Nancy Wideman, coordinator of the Tourists Development Council, spoke of the efforts of Original Florida to attract visitors to the area, explaining that Original Florida is a 10-member organization of small, rural counties that promoted the region's natural resources.

She noted that North Florida had the largest concentration of freshwater springs in the world. Yet, unfortunately, the area couldn't attract the number visitors it would like because of member counties' limited resources and because Visit Florida wasn't really geared to promoting small rural counties. She asked for whatever help the legislators could provide in the area of funding.

Troy Avera was the only citizen to address the delegation as an individual and not as a representative of an organization. He reiterated many of the earlier voiced concerns, such as the need for funding for historic preservation and road improvement projects.

Avera also asked the lawmakers to give attention to the local school system and the education of the young, noting that this community lacked the resources and ability to give the youths the kind of education they needed to make them successful in later life.



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Man With Sword Demands Free Food

In San Antonio, Texas, a 28-year-old man walked into the Alondras De Jalisco restaurant and asked for free tacos. When the waitress informed Adam Kramer they would not be free, he began sliding a sword in and out of its sheath that he was wearing around his waist. The man left the restaurant when his phone rang, prompting the waitress to lock the door. Kramer came back to the door of the restaurant yelling that "he wanted free tacos or somebody was going to die." Kramer left the scene, but was arrested the following day on an unrelated charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon when he was recognized for the incident at Alondras De Jalisco. Kramer was charged with aggravated robbery in connection with the restaurant incident.

Thieves Take Christmas Gifts While Child Watches

In Forest Park, Ga., Christmas presents intended for a nine-year-old boy were stolen from his grandparent's home as he watched. Two armed men entered the house of Charles Campbell and his wife by way of an unlocked door. One man held the family captive by holding a pair of scissors at the back of Campbell's wife while the other man went through the house looking for things to steal. The men took all the gifts intended for the Campbell's grandson along with other household items and electronics. The Campbells said they had spent months saving for the gifts. No one was hurt during the robbery but police currently do not have any suspect in the robbery.

Missing Dog Brings Reward Of Family's Car

In Elizabethtown, Ky., A family has offered their 1999 Pontiac Grand Prix as a reward for their missing golden retriever. Ashley and Mike Burns said, "Bella" ran off with their other dog, "Marley," who has since been found by animal control, but "Bella" remains missing. Despite 10 years of trying, the Burns haven't been able to have any kids and view the two dogs as their children. Ashley Burns said, "We love our pets like children, like family members." The car is valued at \$3,100. Mike Burns said, "We want people to take the car. We don't want people to say, 'I'll give you your dog back, we don't want your car.'" We want people to know that this is payment on a reward, however you want to look at it, for bringing our dog back."



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Romans 3:21-23

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it-- (22) the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: (23) for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

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

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Howard Academy High School Monticello, Florida December Death Anniversaries of Teachers & Affiliates

- *8th Anniversary: Andrew (Toosie) Plair**
 - Janitor
 - Died: Dec. 21, 2005 (Age 91)
- *10th Anniversary: (Coach) Johnnie Williams**
 - Specialty: Physical Education
 - Died: December 27, 2003 (Age withheld)
- *11th Anniversary: Gloria Walters Jacobs**
 - Office Clerk-JCHS
 - Died: December 17, 2002 (Age 62)
- *42nd Anniversary: Willie Mae Cook Davis**
 - Specialty: Elementary Education
 - Died: December 16, 1971 (Age withheld)

Birthday Remembrances

- *December 26th Albert (Abe) Bright, Sr. (1885)**
 - Bus Driver: Lloyd Route
 - Jefferson County School System
- *December 27th Anne Carroll Jones (1895)**
 - Specialty: Elementary Education
- *December 28th Wilma E. Alford (1934)**
 - Specialty: English

Historian: Rosa Bassa, Class of 1968
• Former Student of Alford • Former passenger of Bright

Obituaries

LUTHER HOLLINGSWORTH

Luther Hollingsworth, 69, of Monticello, passed away Tuesday, December 17, 2013.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 p.m., Friday, December 20, 2013 at Beggs Funeral Homes, Monticello, with burial at Oakfield Cemetery.

Family will receive friends from 6 until 8:00 p.m., Thursday at the chapel.

Luther is a native of Hendersonville, NC and former resident of Winter Park, FL living in Monticello since 1975.

He was a horticulturist, truck driver, and was best known as a barber for 45 years. He loved fishing, socializing, wrestling, westerns, barbershop talk and traveling, and was also a member of First Baptist Church of Monticello.

He is survived by his fiancée, Susan Malloy of Monticello; a son, Dennis (Colleen) Hollingsworth of Tallahassee; two daughters, Sherry (Joe) Walsh of Woodville, and Kathy (David) Palmer of Eastpoint, FL; a brother, Jim (Gayle) Johnson of Marietta, GA; and six grandchildren.

DERLYE MOZELL BOLAND WALKER

Derlye Mozell Boland Walker, 84, passed away Wednesday, December 18, 2013.

Derlye has been a long life resident of Wacissa, and was of the Pentecostal Holiness Faith.

She loved meeting new people, and never met a stranger. She enjoyed owning and operating Loren Walker's Store, spending time with her loving grandchildren, and spending time with her pet.

While in school, she liked going to plays and dances. She also loved Sunday afternoon drives, going to the beauty shop, and going out to eat.

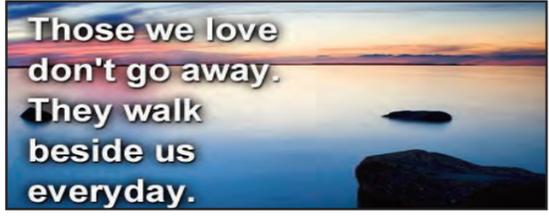
She is survived by her sons, Terry R. Walker (Kathryn), Loren Troy Walker, and Roger A. Walker (Lydia) all of Wacissa; a daughter, Brenda J. Walker of Wacissa; sister-in-laws, Rena W. Hightower, Lavonye W. McElarth (Franklin), Berlene W. Cooksey,

Frances Walker, and Mary Connell; eight grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; special family, Malcolm Bramblett, Natalia Carson, and Mary Jane Alexander; and by her special baby, Abby.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas and Minnie Lee Carrin Boland; her parents who raised her, James M. and Annie Bramblett Hightower; her husband, Loren "Stud" Walker; and a daughter, Linda Faye Walker.

Funeral Services will be held 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 21, 2013 at Cody Pentecostal Holiness Church with burial at Beth Page Cemetery. Family will receive friends from 6 until 8 p.m. at Beggs Funeral Homes, Monticello Chapel on Friday, December 20.

Donations may be made to Cody Pentecostal Holiness Church, 3812 Tram Rd, Wacissa, FL 32344.



Jefferson County Living

CHURCH NEWS NOTES

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December 18-20
First Corinthian Church, 955 Lemon Street, will continue its annual Community Revival through Friday beginning at 7 p.m. For more information contact Rev. John Jones, pastor, at 850-445-0076 or sonnyjohnjr@aol.com.

December 20
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.

December 22
Mount Ararat AME Church, located off south Waukeenah Highway, will hold its annual Christmas Program on Sunday beginning at 8 a.m. with Church School, followed by the Christmas Service at 9 a.m. Everybody is welcome to come sing, give a speech, and/or participate in the program and Pastor Brown will

offer a short sermon before breakfast is served, in the Louise Allen King Fellowship hall. The morning will conclude with a visit to Cross Landings H&RC, where the singing of Christmas carols will continue and the gift giving of socks, t-shirts, and hats will end a wonderful day. Barbara Farmer and Dr. Riddick will co-chair this event of giving. Call 850-345-0362 for more information.

December 22
Union Branch AME Church will host its 'Isom Day' program at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday. St. Paul Church will be in charge of the service. Rev. Clifford Hill Sr., pastor.

December 24
Christ Episcopal Church will begin its Christmas Eve Service at 8:30 p.m., with music at 9:00 p.m.

December 24
First Presbyterian Church will hold its annual 'Candle Light Service' at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Christmas

Eve, in the sanctuary.

December 27
Nazarene Church Family Skate Night is held from 6 to 8 p.m. on the last Friday evening of every month. Light snacks and soft drinks available. For more information, contact Rev. Clay Stephens, pastor, at 850-528-5451.

December 27, 28
Second Harvest Food Program, together with the churches of New Bethel AME, Elizabeth MB, Hickory Hill MB, Mt. Pleasant AME, and Philadelphia MB will provide food to those needing assistance monthly on the fourth Saturday, with distribution from 9 to 10 a.m. at the New Bethel AME Church, located at 6496 Ashville Highway. Volunteers are also needed on the Friday evening before at 6:30 p.m. to help bag the food packages. Contact Nellie Randell at 850-997-5605, or 850-997-6929 to volunteer, or for more information about this program.

Happy Birthday Rhodie Cuthbert

DEBBIE SNAPP
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

Longtime Jefferson County resident Rhodie M. Cuthbert was born on December 20, 1918 to Ed and Annie King Davis, in Metcalf, Thomas County Georgia, along with three siblings, Eddie Lee Dent, Louise Knight, and Melvin Ellis Davis, all of who have since passed away.

Rhodie 'Mack' was converted at the age of nine, at the Shiloh AME Church in Miccosukee. She became a member of the Bethel AME Church in 1937, when it was just an old wooden building. She serves her church in many capacities, working especially with the 'ground's beautification' project.

She met, courted, and was married to the late John Mitchell Cuthbert on August 28, 1939 in Monticello by the late Tom Bird. To this union one daughter was born, the late Yvonne Priscilla Cuthbert 'Sweet Pea'. Sweet Pea loved her church and the children in her church. She was a faithful member and instrumental in the founding of the 'Family and Friends Day' program.

Rhodie Mack is retired now, but in her years she worked in restaurant and kitchen service. She was a dedicated part of the Killlearn Golf & Country Club kitchen staff. She returned to school in 1964, taking night courses at Howard Academy, then on to Lewis M. Lively Techni-



cal and Vocational School where she earned honors in Childcare and Commercial Baking and Cooking.

Rhodie Mack has always loved flowers and gardening, sharing her blessings with neighbors and others. Her flowering cabbages, petunias, marigolds, and selection of vegetables are always healthy, tasty, and beautiful... all due to her hard work and talents she says. She does it all herself... because she doesn't want anyone else messing in her garden. Though she has slowed down some over the years, she has something blooming in her yard or at her church year-round.

She loves to bake cakes when company is coming or if she knows of a sick friend. Delicious cakes and lovely flowers, Rhodie Mack is always available for one or the other.

Happy 95th Birthday Rhodie Mack Cuthbert!

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Where Are They Now?

Florida Retired Educators Associated, Incorporated (FREIA, Inc.) chartered the Jefferson County retired Educators Association (JCREA) unit on August 1, 1991, by former president Merle H. Morgan.

The initial meeting to organize the JCREA unit was conducted on May 30, 1991. With outlined details of affiliation from former FREIA Director, Nina M. Williams, the Monticello/Jefferson County Retired Educators applied for membership, and within two months, was chartered.

The educators that constituted the original officers and membership of the JCREA unit were: Willa Seabrooks, acting president; Rosa L. Sloan, treasurer (deceased); Almeda T. Lane-Montgomery, corresponding secretary; Martha S. Hall, financial secretary; Flossie Buggs, membership chair; Emma W. Stokes, legislative chair; Maggie Stokes (deceased); and Phenah W. Wornack.

Presently the unit is only 33 members strong. Due to deaths, shut-ins, and immobility, the membership has declined over the years, from a once-high 50-plus members, but program activities remain exceptionally strong.

One of the programs FREIA and JCREA are extremely proud to conduct in the Education Scholarship. In the 1995-96 working year, JCREA gave its first scholarship. For the past 18 years JCREA has awarded over 20 scholarships to Jefferson County High School senior recipients.



Tony Roberts

FREIA scholarships are awarded to prospective Florida teachers. Due to a very narrow spectrum of young people in Jefferson County beginning their career as a teacher, JCREA broadened their spectrum to any qualified student, no matter their career goals, to apply for this scholarship.

Jefferson County Retired Educators have been in the process of seeking past scholarship recipients, to come to one of their monthly meetings, which are held September through June, at the Greater Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church conference hall. The meetings are held at 10 a.m., each second Tuesday of the month, or send a biographical essay on what those scholarship recipients have done, or are doing since their high school/col-

lege graduation. Please send those profiles to Public Relations Chair/Unit Secretary Mary Madison at 351 Ridge Road, Monticello, FL, 32344-6164, or for further information, call Madison at (850) 210-7090 or 997-4504. Two of JCREA's most recent profiles came from Tony Roberts, class of 2007, and Courtney Holmes, class of 2009.

Roberts is the daughter of Abram Jr. and Willie James Roberts.

"I am very thankful to be the recipient of the JCREA Scholarship. I attended FAMU in the fall of 2007 after graduating JCHS and used the scholarship to help with my tuition and to purchase books. I majored in Health Science because I wanted to be a Physical Therapist so I could help people. I graduated from FAMU



Courtney Holmes

Cum Laude, with my BS in Health Science in August 2011. I was accepted into FAMU's Doctoral of Physical Therapy (PT) program. I am currently in my second year of PT school and will begin clinical training during the spring semester. I am still working at the Monticello Winn Dixie part time. I would like to thank the JCREA for choosing me to be the recipient of their scholarship. The scholarship gave me the encouragement to go to school and make something of myself. It gave a person from a small town a burst of confidence when I stepped into a FAMU classroom for the first time. The scholarship is helping me to one day become a physical therapist. Even though it has been a while, I just want to say thank you again to everybody

from the Association, and I will never forget this," said Roberts.

Courtney Holmes is the daughter of Robert and Janet Holmes. Throughout her years in grade school, she continually excelled in academics by working hard and keeping in mind that education can open the doors to many opportunities in life. During her senior year at Jefferson County High School, she completed her freshmen year of college as a dual enrollment student at Tallahassee Community College. She was then named Salutatorian of the class of 2009, and was inducted into the National Honor Society. Since becoming a recipient of the JCREA scholarship, she attended Bethune-Cookman University in Daytona Beach, FL. There, she majored in biology

with a concentration in pre-medicine. One year later, she returned home to complete her undergraduate studies at FAMU. Majoring in health science with a concentration in pre-physical therapy, she was scheduled to graduate from FAMU in the fall of 2012. After graduating with a bachelor degree in health science, She planned to attend graduate school at FAMU, and enrolling into the division of physical therapy, and earning her Doctor of Physical Therapy Degree within three years.

"We would love to know more about Tony and Courtney," said Madison. "We encourage other scholarship recipients, and/or their parents, to let us know where they are now."

"If you are a retired person who is from the education atmosphere, or the non-education atmosphere, and have interest in programs/activities we conduct, which reward our community, youth and ourselves, we invite you to join our organization," Madison added.

"You don't but the newspaper, you buy the news. You don't buy eyeglasses you buy the vision. You don't buy a mattress you buy comfort. You don't buy a lamp you buy light. IN JCREA you don't buy membership in or organization you buy cooperation with others who desire to accomplish worthwhile goals and we welcome your support. As a retiree we offer you an opportunity to continue to serve. Join us now!"

Capital City Bank Announces Extended Live Online Chat Hours



In an effort to better serve its clients, Capital City Bank (<https://www.ccbg.com>) has extended its online chat service hours from 7 a.m. until 10 p.m. on weekdays and 9 a.m. until noon on Saturdays.

"We know people have a lot of demands on their time these days and many of our clients use the evening hours to review their account

activity and shop for additional products and services," said Traci Egert, manager of client service for Capital City Bank. "It is important to us that they are able to reach out to a banker for answers and advice when their schedules permit. We are pleased to offer extended hours so we can be here to serve them when they need us."

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A personal note from John...

Recently, at my Rotary Club, my friend Jim asked me to explain **The Secure Retirement Method**. He went on to say he thought I was a life insurance agent. I explained to Jim that since 1975 I have offered life insurance to my clients and I am proud to do so. However, planning should always come before purchasing any financial product. That is why I offer a complimentary, no obligation FOCUS Session.

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Sports

Warriors Boot Mayo

FRAN HUNT
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

The Aucilla Christian Academy varsity Warriors manned the hardwood against Mayo on December 16, and the Warriors booted Mayo for a 52-47 victory, to now stand 4-7 on the season.

As a team, the Warriors netted 15 of 49 attempts from the field bucketed five of 12 attempts from the three-point zone, and hit seven of 15 attempts from the free-throw line for 52 points. They collected 10 assists, 15 offensive and 25 defensive rebounds for a total of 40 rebounds, with 20 fouls, nine steals, and 19 turnovers.

Individually, Braden Mattingly missed three attempts from the field, and netted one of three attempts from the three-point zone for three points. He had one assist, two defensive rebounds, four fouls, two steals, and six turnovers.

Brandon Holm bucketed one of four attempts from the field for two points. He had one assist, two offensive and two defensive rebounds for a total of four rebounds, with one steal, and two turnovers.

Zack Arceneaux bucketed two of seven attempts from the field

and one of two attempts from the free-throw line for five points. He had four offensive and three defensive rebounds for a total of seven rebounds, with one foul, one steal, and one turnover.

Ricky Finlayson targeted three of five attempts from the field, one of five attempts from the three-point zone, and missed one attempt from the free-throw line for nine points. He had one assist, three defensive rebounds, two fouls, one steal, and two turnovers.

Timmy Burrus netted three of six attempts from the field, two of three attempts from the three-point zone, and two of three attempts from the free-throw line for 14 points, to lead the Warrior scoreboard. He had two defensive rebounds, four fouls, one steal, and two turnovers.

Casey Demott missed two attempts from the field. He had one assist, two offensive and five defensive rebounds for a total of seven rebounds, with one foul and one steal.

Shawn Blue bucketed one of three attempts from the field and one of two attempts from the three-point zone for five points. He had two assists, three defensive rebounds, two fouls, one steal, and two

turnovers.

Steven Trest hit three of 12 attempts from the field, and three of six attempts from the free-throw line for nine points. He had five offensive and four defensive rebounds for a total of nine rebounds, with two fouls, one steal, and two turnovers.

Carson Nennstiel bucketed two of seven attempts from the field, and one of three attempts from the free-throw line for five points. He had four assists, two offensive and one defensive rebound for a total of three rebounds, with four fouls and two turnovers.

The hoops are finished for 2013, and will continue next month. The new year sees the Warriors manning the hardwood against Highland Christian, January 7 at 7:30 p.m., John Paul II, January 10 at 7:30 p.m., away; Georgia Christian, January 13 at 7:30 p.m., Branford, January 16 at 7:30 p.m., home; Robert F. Munroe, January 17 at 7:30 p.m., away; Branford, January 21 at 7:30 p.m., Franklin County, January 23 at 7:30 p.m., home; John Paul II, January 24 at 7:30 p.m., home; Maclay, January 28 at 7:30 p.m., home; and wrapping up the regular season, Tallavanna Christian, January 30 at 7:30 p.m., away.



Lady Warriors Top Tallavana

FRAN HUNT
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

The Aucilla Christian Academy Lady Warriors hit the hardwood against Escambia on December 12, and the Lady Warriors topped Escambia for a 48-41 victory to now stand 4-10 on the season.

Marisa Duber netted for six points, snagged 17 rebounds,

and had two assists.

Morgan Cline bucketed for eight points with seven rebounds and two blocked shots.

Taylor Copeland had eight points and seven rebounds.

Ashley Hebert scored two points.

Kinzi Mattingly netted for five points, with seven rebounds, three assists, and three steals.

Kelly Horne bucketed for nine points, had four rebounds, and

four steals.

Kayla Knecht targeted for 10 points with six rebounds, four assists, and four steals.

Lauren Demott had three assists.

The Lady Warriors have since played against Madison County on December 16. Those statistics will be forthcoming.

Action continues against Lafayette, December 20 at 5:30 p.m., away.

JV Lady Warriors Win One of Three

FRAN HUNT
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

The Aucilla Christian Academy junior varsity Lady Warriors won one of the past three games on the hardwood, to now stand 6-3 on the season.

Aucilla faced off against Lafayette on December 9, and the JV Lady warriors were downed for a 34-27 loss.

Gaige Winchester bucketed for six points.

Dena Bishop scored two points.

Kelly Horne targeted for 16 points.

Emma Witmer scored three points.

Aucilla hit the hardwood against FAMU on

December 10 and the JV Lady Warriors were bounced for a 46-31 loss.

Camryn Grant scored three points.

Gaige Winchester netted for four points.

Dena Bishop had four points.

Ramsey Sullivan targeted for nine points.

Kelly Horne had two points.

Emma Witmer bucketed for eight points.

Natalie Vasquez had one point.

Aucilla squared off against Lighthouse on December 13 and the JV Lady Warriors thrashed their opponent for a 44-20 victory.

Camryn Grant bucketed for 10 points.

Gaige Winchester

scored five points.

Dena Bishop led the scoreboard with 12 points.

Ramsey Sullivan netted for 10 points.

Cali Burkett scored three points.

Emma Witmer had four points.

The JV Lady Warriors have since played against Lafayette on December 20. Those statistics will be forthcoming.

Action continues against Maclay, January 9 at 4 p.m., home; Maclay, January 14 at 5:30 p.m., home; Branford, January 16 at 4 p.m., home; Branford, January 21 at 4 p.m., away; and wrapping up the season, Maclay, January 25 at 11:30 a.m., away.

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School



From The Desk of the Superintendent

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of our students, their families, and our community.

As we look forward to completing the first semester of the 2013-2014 school year, I want to commend our students for working hard,

and thank you to each parent/guardian as you come alongside your student to support them in their educational endeavors.

I am committed to improving the state of education in Jefferson County, and welcome your thoughts and ideas. Each of us with a heart for children want to see them

achieve and grow to become successful in all that they do.

As we look forward to 2014, let's remember that our children learn by example. May we all work hard to live lives worthy of an example that our children will emulate.

Al Cooksey
Superintendent



Parent Involvement Matters

From the desk of Edna Henry,
District Parent Involvement Coordinator

The Importance Of Parental Engagement

Parental involvement and engagement is positively associated with children's academic performance and social competence. One local family is an example of how this is so true today.

Sean and Angela Gray are very engaged in their daughter Isabella's education. While as a business owner and elected public servant, the Gray's are busy, they make time to create a home environment that encourages learning, expresses high expectations and are involved in their child's education at school and in the community.

Isabella wrote these words expressing her appreciation to her parents, "I love my parents. They help me do lots and lots of things. They help me achieve my goals in life by assisting me with my homework and putting me to bed on time, not at 10 or 9:30 p.m., but exactly at 9 p.m. They allow me to help out in the community by doing things that make me feel better as a person." She states in her conclusion, "Make a kid feel special, get involved with your child."

The Gray family is seeing the benefits of their parental engagement. Their child is achieving better



Angela and Isabella Gray pictured together as Isabella receives the 2013 3rd Grade Principal's Award.

grades and test scores along with better self-esteem. Isabella is self-disciplined and shows higher aspirations and motivation toward school. She was awarded the Principal's Award in 2013 for her achievements and positive attitude.

Remember, a child's positive attitude about school often results in improved behavior, respect, and social skills. Every family has the opportunity to become engaged in their child's education. "To be in your children's memories tomorrow, you have to be in their lives today."

- Anonymous



NFCC Fitness Center Offers Community Passes To Help Community Members Stay Fit And Healthy

2014 Fitness Promotion – Buy 10 visits, get 5 free or buy 20 visits, get 10 free

New Year's resolutions are right around the corner and the staff at North Florida Community College's Colin P. Kelly Fitness Center hope you will include health and fitness in your plans for the new year. In addition to student and employee use, NFCC's new state-of-the-art fitness center is also open to the community through a "punch pass" system. Community members can purchase a pass for either 10 or 20 visits to gain access to the center's fully loaded fitness room with cutting edge cardio and resistance training equipment.

As a special 2014 fitness promotion, NFCC is offering free bonus visits with each purchase made Jan. 6-10. Buy 10 visits, get 5 free or buy 20 visits and get 10 free. Community "punch

passes" are available on a limited basis and must be used before the expiration date – 10 visits expire after 16 weeks; 20 visits expire after 32 weeks. Gift certificates are also available for those looking to "give the gift of health" this holiday season.

The Colin P. Kelly Fitness Center is located on the NFCC campus in Madison, Fla. (Bldg. 12). Current hours are Monday-Thursday, 6 a.m.-7 p.m. and Friday 6 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed on weekends and holidays.

More information is available at www.nfcc.edu/fitness-and-wellness-center or at the Colin P. Kelly Fitness Center front desk – stop by or call (850) 973-1651. The NFCC campus and the Fitness Center will be closed Dec. 19-Jan. 3; reopening on Monday, Jan. 6.

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THE BIRTH OF SANTA CLAUS

ALFA HUNT

Originally written in 2008

Santa Claus, also known as Saint Nicholas, Father Christmas, Kris Kringle, or simply Santa, is the one man willing to travel the entire globe in one night giving gifts to the good boys and girls. The legend may have its basis in biographies, which idolize the Saint Nicholas of Myra.

Saint Nicholas was a fourth century Greek-Christian bishop of Myra in Lycia, a province of the Byzantine Anatolia, which is now in modern Turkey. Nicholas was famous for his generous gifts to the poor, in particular presenting three girls raised in poverty with dowries so they would not have to work for the local brothel in order to support themselves.

He was a very religious man from an early age and devoted his life entirely to Christianity. In Europe, especially the Netherlands, Belgium, Austria, and Germany, he is still portrayed as a robed, bearded bishop. In 1087, the Italian city of Bari, wanting to enter the profitable pilgrimage industry of the time, organized an expedition to locate the tomb of the Saint and procure the remains. The reliquary of St. Nicholas was desecrated by Italian sailors and the spoils, including the relics, were taken to Bari where they were kept to this day. A basilica was constructed the same year to store the relics, and the area became a pilgrimage site for devout Christians. Saint Nicholas became claimed as the patron saint of many diverse groups, from archers to pawnbrokers. He is also the patron saint of both Amsterdam and Moscow.

Numerous paralleling stories have been drawn between Santa Claus and the figure of the Germanic pagan god, Odin. Because

many of these elements are unrelated to Christianity, there are theories regarding the origins of various customs related to Christmas, which stem from areas where the Germanic peoples were Christianized and retained elements of their earlier traditions, surviving in various forms into modern depictions of Santa Claus.

Odin is sometimes recorded, during the Germanic holiday of Yule, as leading a great hunting party through the sky. Two books from Iceland, Poetic Edda, compiled in the 13th century from earlier sources, and the Prose Edda, written in the 13th century by Snorri Sturluson, describe Odin as riding an eight legged horse named Sleipnir that could leap great distances, giving rise to comparisons to Santa's reindeer.

Further, Odin was referred to by many names in Skaldic poetry, some of which described him as "long beard" and "Jolnir" meaning "Yule figure".

According to Phyllis Siefker, children would place their boots, filled with carrots, straw, or sugar, near the chimney for Odin's flying horse. Odin would then reward those children for their kindness by replacing Sleipnir's food with gifts or candy.

This practice survived

in Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands after the adoption of Christianity and became associated with Saint Nicholas as a result of the process of Christianization and can be still seen in the modern practice of the hanging of stockings by the chimney.

This practice came to the US through the Dutch colony of New Amsterdam prior to the British seizure in the 17th century and evolved into the hanging of socks or stockings at the fire-

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THE JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IS REQUESTING PROPOSALS FOR LEGAL SERVICES RELATED TO THE POSSIBILITY OF RE-OPENING MALLOY LANDING ROAD. FOR A COPY OF THE COMPLETE RFP PLEASE CONTACT THE COORDINATOR'S OFFICE AT 850-342-0287 OR OBTAIN VIA THE WEBSITE AT WWW.JEFFERSONCOUNTYFL.GOV. 12/20/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that JOHN F. WALKER 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: 926 Year of Issuance: 2011
Description of Property: 16-1N-6E-0000-0029-0000
8.99 ACRES
Part of NW ¼ of NW ¼
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ORB 605, PG 724
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Name in which assessed: CARLENE CHERRY

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 6TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.

Dated this 2ND DAY OF DECEMBER, 2013
Kirk B. Reams
Clerk of the Court
Jefferson County, Florida
12/13,20,27,2013/1,3/2014

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

Nationstar Mortgage LLC Case #: 2011-CA-000323

Plaintiff, -vs.-

Terry L. Gilmore, Jr. a/k/a Terry Gilmore and Shalimar Gilmore, Husband and Wife; Unknown Parties in Possession #1, If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants; Unknown Parties in Possession #2, If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order dated November 26, 2013, entered in Civil Case No. 2011-CA-000323 of the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for Jefferson County, Florida, wherein Nationstar Mortgage LLC, Plaintiff and Terry L. Gilmore, Jr. a/k/a Terry Gilmore and Shalimar Gilmore, Husband and Wife are defendant(s), I, Clerk of Court, Kirk Reams, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash ON THE FRONT STEPS OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF U.S. 90 AND 19, JEFFERSON COUNTY, MONTICELLO, FLORIDA, AT 11:00 A.M. on January 9, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:
COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTH-EAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST, JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA AND RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 51 SECONDS EAST 440.02 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST 709.73 FEET FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING CONTINUE NORTH 00 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST 514.23 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD 158-A, THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 34 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE, 420.40 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 40 SECONDS EAST 510.53 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST 430.63 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

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Kirk Reams
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
Jefferson County, Florida
Sherry Sears
DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT
12/20,27/2013

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

The City Council of the City of Monticello proposes to adopt the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-14

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY OF MONTICELLO AMENDING THE CITY OF MONTICELLO CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REPEAL ARTICLE VI. NATURAL RESOURCE REGULATIONS, DIVISION 2. FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION; TO ADOPT A NEW ARTICLE VI. NATURAL RESOURCE REGULATIONS, DIVISION 2. FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION; TO ADOPT FLOOD HAZARD MAPS, TO DESIGNATE A FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR, TO ADOPT PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA FOR DEVELOPMENT IN FLOOD HAZARD AREAS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; TO ADOPT LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENTS TO THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY; REPEALER; SEVERABILITY; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The entire text of the ordinance may be inspected at City Hall, 245 S. Mulberry Street, Monticello, Florida between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Public hearing on the ordinance will be held on Tuesday, January 7, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Monticello City Hall. Interested persons may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance. 12/20,27/2013

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Licenses, Certifications or registrations: Possess a valid Florida Drivers License and a valid Social Security Card. Applications will be accepted until 4:00 P.M., December 20, 2013 at the Solid Waste Department located at 1591 Waukeenah Street. Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. Drug Free Workplace. Drug testing is a required part of the pre-employment physical. Applicants with a disability should contact the above office for accommodations. For additional information please call 342-0184. 12/11-20,c

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JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGULAR SESSION December 3, 2013

The Board met this date in regular session. Present were Chairperson Betsy Barfield, Commissioners Benjamin "Benny" Bishop, Hines Boyd, John Nelson and Stephen Walker. Also present were County Coordinator Parrish Barwick, County Attorney Buck Bird and Clerk of Court Kirk Reams.

ITEM 7: PUBLIC HEARING: Re-Districting

Attorney Chris Roe with Bryant Miller Olive gave a synopsis of the re-districting process and presented a map and description of Plan A because of the Commission's prior preference. He stated that the Commission could choose another plan but the plan would need to be reviewed by the attorneys and mapper first. Commissioner Bishop asked if Map A met all of the legal requirements, to which Attorney Roe responded that both A and B did. Citizen Kate Calvin presented a slideshow putting forth the details of Map B-4 and stated that an ACLU attorney told her he/she could provide an opinion about the legal sufficiency of the B-4 map. Citizen C.P. Miller asked the attorney to present data to the people on Map A the way Ms. Calvin did. Citizen James Mack stated he could not see how B-4 was not the choice of the Commission. Citizen C.P. Miller stated that B-4 was developed by the School Board and reviewed by the School Board attorney, but the Commission insisted on placing Jefferson Arms in District 2. Citizen Kate Calvin stated that School Board had time to change their mind and go with B-4 as well. School Board member Shirley Washington stated that the Commission should do the right thing and select B-4 because it corrected the issues previously presented. She stated that the Commission could support Commissioner Boyd and vote for Map A or vote for Map B-4. Attorney Roe stated that the School Board had approved Map A and that all maps have been available for public inspection. His recommendation is to proceed with Map A as it was developed by a commissioned professional consultant that could give assurances it met legal sufficiency and be held responsible for such assurances. Commissioner Nelson stated he would not support Map A because of the census block being split. On motion by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Bishop and carried 3 to 2 (Nelson, Walker opposed), the Board approved the resolution as amended with any technical corrections necessary with Map A and attached descriptions:

District 1

Beginning at a point at the intersection of the Florida-Georgia state line and US Highway 19 proceed in an easterly direction along said state line to the point of intersection of Jefferson County, Florida and Madison County, Florida and Brooks County, Georgia and then proceed in a southerly and westerly direction along the Jefferson-Madison County boundary to the intersection with the Aucilla River and proceed in a southerly direction along the Aucilla River to the point that it intersects with Seven Bridges Road and then proceed in a westerly and northerly direction along Seven Bridges Road to the point that it intersects S Salt Road and proceed in a northerly direction along S Salt Road to the point it intersects with Interstate 10 and proceed in a westerly direction along Interstate 10 to the point that it intersects with Turkey Scratch Road and then proceed in a northwesterly direction along Turkey Scratch Road to the point that it intersects with Aucilla Road and then proceed in a northeasterly direction along Aucilla Road to the point that it intersects with Big Joe Road and then proceed in a northerly direction along Big Joe Road to the point that it intersects with US Highway 90 and then proceed in a northwesterly direction along US Highway 90 to the point of intersection with Simpson Avenue and proceed north along Simpson Avenue to the point of intersection with Dogwood Street and proceed in a westerly direction along Dogwood Street to the point of intersection with Johnson Street and proceed in a northerly direction along Johnson Street to the point of intersection with Pearl Street and proceed in an easterly direction along Pearl Street to the intersection with Sunset Drive and proceed in a northerly direction along Sunset Drive to the intersection with Rocky Branch Road and proceed in an easterly direction along Rocky Branch Road to the intersection with Goldberg Street and proceed in a northerly direction along Goldberg Street to the point of intersection with County Road 149 (Boston Highway) and proceed in a northerly direction along County Road 149 to the point that it intersects Cox Road and proceed in a westerly direction along Cox Road to the point that it meets US Highway 19 and proceed in a northerly direction along US Highway 19 to the Georgia State Line and the point of beginning.

District 2

Beginning at a point at the intersection of the Florida-Georgia state line and US Highway 19 proceed in a southerly direction along US Highway 19 to the intersection with Cox Road and then proceed in an easterly direction along Cox Road to the intersection with County Road 149 (Boston Highway) and the proceed in a southerly direction along County Road 149 to the intersection with Goldberg Road and then proceed in a southerly direction along Goldberg Road to the intersection with Rocky Branch Road and then proceed in an easterly direction along Rocky Branch Road to the intersection with Sunset Drive and then proceed south along Sunset Drive to the intersection with Pearl Street and then proceed in a westerly direction along Pearl Street to the intersection with Johnson Street and then proceed in a southerly direction along Johnson Street to the intersection with Dogwood Street and from there proceed in an easterly direction along Dogwood Street to the intersection with Simpson Avenue and proceed in a southerly direction along Simpson Avenue to the intersection with US Highway 90 and continuing in a southerly direction across US Highway 90 following the eastern boundary of census block 3007 to a point where it would intersect with Branch Street (if the eastern end of Branch Street continued east) and from there proceed in an easterly direction to the easternmost limit of the property containing Jefferson Arms Apartments thence south along the eastern boundary of the property containing Jefferson Arms Apartments and thence west along the southern boundary of the property containing Jefferson Arms Apartments to the point where the property intersects the western boundary of census block 3006 and from that point following the western boundary of census block 3006 in a southerly direction until it intersects with the southwestern corner of the southeast corner of Census Block 3013 and from that corner proceed in a westerly direction and continue in a westerly direction along the southern boundary of census block 3105 until it meets the abandoned railroad line and then proceed in a southwesterly direction along the abandoned railroad line to the point that it intersects Nacoosa Road and then proceed in a westerly direction along Nacoosa Road to US Highway 19 and across US Highway 19 to the point where it intersects the Waukeenah Highway (CR 259) and then proceed in a southwesterly direction along the Waukeenah Highway (CR 259) to the point of intersection with Spring Hollow Road and then proceed along Spring Hollow Road to the point of intersection with the southern boundary of the City of Monticello city limits as the boundary existed in the year 2000 and follow the city limits boundary in a generally westerly direction to the point that it intersects with the terminus of Coopers Pond Road and from the terminus of Coopers Pond Road follow the northern boundary of said road 177.48 feet to the southern edge of the parcel bordering Coopers Pond Road and then proceed along the southern boundary of said parcel in a westerly direction to the western edge of said parcel and thence in a northerly direction to the northwest corner of said parcel and thence following the northern and western boundaries of those parcels bordering Coopers Pond Road on the north and thence east to the boundary of the city limits of the City of Monticello forming the northern city limits in the Coopers Pond area as it existed in 2000 and then proceed in a northerly and easterly direction following the city limits boundary to the point that the city limit turns in a westerly direction and at that point proceed in an easterly direction to the intersection with US Highway 19 and from that point proceed in a northerly direction along US Highway 19 to the intersection with Madison Street and at that point proceed in a westerly direction along Madison Street to the intersection with Mulberry Street and from that point proceed in a northerly direction along Mulberry Street to the point of intersection with Independent Street and from that point follow Independent Street in a westerly and then northerly direction to the intersection with Georgia Street and from that point follow Georgia Street in an easterly direction to the point of intersection with US Highway 19 and from that point proceed in a northerly direction along US Highway 19 to the point of intersection with Scott Street and from that point proceed in a westerly direction along Scott Street to the point that Scott Street terminates and from that point proceed in a northwesterly direction along the west-

ern boundary of census block 2010 until it intersects with the western boundary of census block 2017 and then continue in an easterly direction along the northern boundary of census block 2017 until it intersects with the northern boundary of census block 2016 and then continue in an easterly direction until it intersects with the northern boundary of census block 2015 and continue in an easterly to the intersection with US Highway 19 and the across US Highway 19 following the northern edge of Fountain Drive to the intersection with Florida Avenue and then northerly along Florida Avenue to the intersection with Mississippi Street and then in an easterly direction along Mississippi Street to the point of intersection with Tennessee Avenue and then north along Tennessee Avenue to the point of intersection with Louisiana Street and then proceed in a northwesterly direction to the intersection with the Texas Hill Road and then proceed in a southwesterly direction along the Texas Hill Road to its intersection with US Highway 19 and then across US Highway 19 following the Lake Road in a northwesterly direction to the intersection with the West Lake Road and from that point follow the West Lake Road in a westerly direction across the Miccosukee Lake Drain following the West Lake Road in a northerly and westerly direction to the point that it intersects with the Hopkins Landing Road and then proceed along the Hopkins Landing Road in a southwesterly direction to the point of intersection with the mean high water mark of Lake Miccosukee and from that point proceed in a northwesterly direction along the mean high water mark of Lake Miccosukee to the boundary of Leon County and from that point proceed in a northerly direction along the Jefferson-Leon county boundary to the point of intersection of Jefferson County, Florida and Leon County, Florida and Thomas County, Georgia and from that point proceed in an easterly direction along the Jefferson County, Florida Thomas County, Georgia border to the intersection with US Highway 19 and the point of beginning.

District 3

Beginning at the intersection of Simpson Avenue and US Highway 90 proceed in an easterly and southerly direction along US Highway 90 to the point of intersection with Big Joe Road and then proceed in a southerly direction along Big Joe Road to the intersection of the Aucilla-Drifton Road (CR 158) and from that point proceed in a westerly direction along the Aucilla-Drifton Road (CR 158) to the intersection with the Turkey Scratch Road and from that point proceed in a southeasterly direction along the Turkey Scratch Road to its intersection with Interstate-10 and from that point proceed in a westerly direction along Interstate-10 to its intersection with US Highway 19 and from that point proceed in a southerly direction along US Highway 19 to its intersection with Tyson Road and at that point proceed in a westerly direction along Tyson Road to its intersection with the Waukeenah Highway (CR 259) and from that point proceed north a short distance along Waukeenah Highway (CR 259) to the intersection with Cookey Branch and from that point proceed along Cookey Branch to its intersection with Lloyd Creek and from that point proceed in a northwesterly direction along Lloyd Creek to the point that it joins Morris Creek and from that point follow Morris Creek upstream in a northeasterly direction to the point that it intersects with Interstate-10 and from that point proceed in an easterly direction along Interstate-10 to the point that it intersects with the Waukeenah Highway (CR 259) and from that point proceed in a northerly direction along the Waukeenah Highway (CR 259) to the point of intersection with Rabon Road and then in a westerly direction along Rabon Road to the point that it intersects County Road 158A and at that point proceed in a northeasterly direction along County Road 158A to the point of intersection with US Highway 90 and from that point proceed in an easterly direction along US Highway 90 to the point that No Name Creek intersects US Highway 90 at New Monticello Road and from that point proceed in a southeasterly direction along the northernmost tributary of No Name Creek to the point on the creek where you proceed due north to the point where it intersects with the southeastern corner of census block 1022 and then proceed in a northerly direction along the eastern boundary of census block 1022 and continuing in a northerly direction along the eastern boundary of census block 1076 to the point that Willow Street intersects with US Highway 90 and from that point proceed in an easterly direction along US Highway 90 to the point of intersection with Palmer Mill Road and Hickory Street and then follow Palmer Mill Road in a southerly and easterly direction to the point of intersection with Water Street and then proceed in a southerly direction along Water Street to the point of intersection with Seminole Avenue and from that point proceed in an easterly direction along Seminole Avenue to its intersection with US Highway 19 and from that point proceed in a southerly direction along US Highway 19 to the point that the city limits of the City of Monticello as they existed in 2000 turns in a westerly direction and from that point proceed in a southerly and westerly direction along the city limits boundary following the city limits boundary of the City of Monticello as they existed in the year 2000 in the Coopers Pond area and across in a westerly and southerly direction along the northern and western boundaries of those parcels bordering the Coopers Pond Road to the terminus of the Coopers Pond Road and from that point follow the southern boundary of the city limits of the City of Monticello as they existed in the year 2000 to the point of intersection with Spring Hollow road and from that point proceed in a southeasterly direction along Spring Hollow road to its intersection with the Waukeenah Highway (CR 259) and from that point proceed in a northeasterly direction along the Waukeenah Highway (CR 259) to the point that the Waukeenah Highway intersects with US Highway 19 and from that point cross US Highway 19 to Nacoosa Road following Nacoosa Road in an easterly direction to the point that Nacoosa Road intersects the abandoned railroad and from that point follow the abandoned railroad in a northerly direction to the point that the abandoned railroad intersects with the southwestern corner of census block 3105 and then proceed in an easterly direction along the southern boundary of census block 3105 and continue in an easterly direction along the southern boundary of census block 3013 to the southeastern corner of said block and then proceed in a northerly direction along the eastern boundary of census block 3013 continuing in a northerly direction along the eastern boundary of census block 3019 to the point it intersects with the southern boundary of that parcel containing Jefferson Arms Apartments and then proceed in an easterly direction along the southern boundary of the parcel to the eastern boundary of the parcel and then in a northerly direction along the eastern boundary of the parcel containing Jefferson Arms Apartments to a point where it would intersect with Branch Street (if the eastern end of Branch Street continued east) and then in a westerly direction until it intersects with the eastern boundary of census block 3007 and then in a northerly direction along the eastern boundary of census block 3007 to the point of intersection with US Highway 90 and the point of beginning.

District 4

Beginning at a point at the intersection of the West Lake Road and the Lake Road proceed in a southeasterly direction along the Lake Road to the point of intersection with Texas Hill Road and proceed across US Highway 19 then northeasterly along the East Texas Hill Road to the point of intersection with Tennessee Avenue and from that point proceed in a southerly direction along Tennessee Avenue to the point of intersection with Mississippi Street and from that point proceed in a westerly direction along Mississippi Street to the point of intersection with Florida Avenue and then south to Fountain Drive and then in a westerly direction along Fountain Drive and continuing across US Highway 19 along the northern boundary of census block 2015 and continuing in a westerly direction along the northern boundary of census block 2016 and then continuing in a westerly direction to the northwest corner of census block 2017 then in a southeasterly direction along census block 2017 to the point of intersection with Scott Street and from that point proceed in an easterly direction along Scott Street to the point of intersection with US Highway 19 and from that point proceed in a southerly direction along US Highway 19 to the intersection with Georgia Street and from that point proceed in a westerly direction along Georgia Street to the point of intersection with Independent Street and then proceed in a southerly and easterly direction to its intersection with Mulberry Street and from that point proceed in a southerly direction along Mulberry Street to its intersection with Madison Street and from that point proceed in an easterly direction along Madison Street to its intersection with US Highway 19 and from that point proceed in a southerly direction along US Highway 19 to the point that it intersects Seminole Avenue and from that point proceed in a westerly direction along Seminole Avenue to its intersection with Water Street and from

that point proceed in a northerly direction along Water Street to its intersection with Palmer Mill Road and from that point proceed in a westerly and northerly direction along Palmer Mill Road to its intersection with Hickory Street and then in a northerly direction along Hickory Street to its point of intersection with US Highway 90 and from that point proceed in a westerly direction along US Highway 90 to the point of intersection with the northeastern corner of census block 1065 and then in a southerly direction along the eastern boundary of census block 1066 and continuing in a southerly direction along the eastern boundary of census block 1013 and the eastern boundary of census block 1019 until it intersects with the northernmost tributary of the creek flowing to the northwest and then proceed along this tributary of the No Name Creek in a northwest direction to the point where the No Name Creek crosses US Highway 90 at the New Monticello Road and from that point proceed in a westerly direction along US Highway 90 to its intersection with County Road 158A and from that point proceed along County Road 158A in a southwesterly direction to the point that it intersects County Road 158B (Rabon Road) and from that point proceed in an easterly direction along County Road 158B to the point that it intersects the Waukeenah Highway (CR 259) and from that point proceed along the Waukeenah Highway (CR 259) in a southwesterly direction to its point of intersection with Interstate 10 and from that point proceed in a westerly direction along Interstate-10 to the point of intersection with Morris Creek and from that point proceed in a southwesterly direction along Morris Creek to the point that it intersects with Lloyd Creek and from that point proceed in a southeasterly direction along Lloyd Creek to the point that it intersects the Deer Run Road and then in a southerly direction along Deer Run Road until it intersects with Watermill Road and from that point proceed in a westerly direction along the Watermill Road to the point that it intersects the Lloyd Creek Road and from that point proceed in a southerly direction along the Lloyd Creek Road to the point that it intersects the Barrington Road and then proceed in a generally westerly direction along the Barrington Road to the point that it intersects with census block 2121 and then in a northwesterly direction along the northern boundary of census block 2121 it intersects with State Road 59 and from that point proceed in a northerly direction along State Road 59 to the point that it intersects the Whitehouse Road and from that point proceed in a southwesterly direction along the Whitehouse Road to the point that it intersects the Leon County line and from that point follow the Jefferson-Leon County line in a northerly and easterly direction to the point of intersection with Lake Miccosukee and from the mean high water mark of Lake Miccosukee follow the westerly mean high water mark of said lake in a generally northerly direction to a point where the mean high water mark of Lake Miccosukee intersects the southwestern boundary of census block 1106 and from that point proceed in a generally southeasterly direction along the mean high water mark of Lake Miccosukee to the point of intersection with the Hopkins Landing Road and from that point proceed along the Hopkins Landing Road to the point of intersection with the West Lake Road and from that point proceed in a generally easterly and southerly direction along the West Lake Road across the Miccosukee Lake Drain and continuing along the West Lake Road in an easterly direction to the point of intersection with the Lake Road and the point of beginning.

District 5

Beginning at a point at the intersection of Seven Bridges Road and the Aucilla River proceed in a generally southerly and westerly direction following the course of the Aucilla River which forms the boundary of Jefferson County and Madison County to the point where the Aucilla River forms the boundary of Jefferson County and Taylor County and from that point proceed in a generally southerly and westerly direction along the course of the Aucilla River to the point where the Aucilla River meets the Gulf of Mexico and from that point proceed in a westerly direction along the mean high water mark of the Gulf of Mexico to the point where the Jefferson County-Wakulla County border meets the Gulf of Mexico and from that point proceed in a northerly direction along the Jefferson County-Wakulla County boundary to the point that Jefferson County and Leon County form a boundary and from that point proceed in a northerly direction along Jefferson County-Leon County boundary to the point of intersection with the Whitehouse Road and from that point proceed in an easterly direction along Whitehouse Road to the point that it intersects State Road 59 and from that point proceed in a southerly direction along State Road 59 to the point that it intersects Polar Branch Creek and then easterly along the northern boundary of census block 2121 until it intersects with Barrington Road and then proceed in an easterly direction along Barrington Road to the point that it intersects the Lloyd Creek Road and at that point proceed in a northerly direction along Lloyd Creek Road to the point that it intersects the Watermill Road and at that point proceed in an easterly direction along Watermill Road to the point that it intersects with Deer Run Road and then in a northerly direction along Deer Run Road until it intersects with Lloyd Creek and then along Lloyd Creek in a northwesterly direction until it intersects with Cookey Branch and then in an easterly direction along Cookey Branch until it intersects with the Waukeenah Highway (CR 259) and at that point proceed in a southerly direction along Waukeenah Highway (CR 259) to the point that it intersects Tyson Road and at that point proceed in an easterly direction along Tyson Road to the point that it intersects US Highway 19 and at that point proceed in a northerly direction along US Highway 19 to the point that it intersects with Interstate-10 and at that point proceed in an easterly direction along Interstate-10 to the point that it intersects with S Salt Road and from that point proceed in a southerly direction until it intersects with Seven Bridges Road and then in an easterly direction along Seven Bridges Road to the point that it intersects with the Aucilla River and the point of beginning. 12/20/2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2013-CA-000027

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs.
BARBARA LEWIS A/K/A BARBARA A. LEWIS, ET AL.
Defendants

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated September 13, 2013, and entered in Case No. 2013-CA-000027, of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for JEFFERSON County, Florida. NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC (hereafter "Plaintiff"), is Plaintiff and BARBARA LEWIS A/K/A BARBARA A. LEWIS; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the NORTH DOOR of the Courthouse; 1 Courthouse Circle, Monticello, at 11:00 a.m., on the 16th day of January, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOTS 6 AND 8, BLOCK B, OF PECAN GROVE ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK B, PAGE 29, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of Court Administration at (850) 577-4401, or at Leon County Courthouse, Room 225, 301 S. Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301 within 2 working days of receipt of a notice compelling you to appear at a court proceeding; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

Dated this 13th day of September, 2013.

Kirk Reams
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By Sherry Sears
As Deputy Clerk

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. 12/20/2013

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*The Week of December 20, 2013 through December 27, 2013
Major Feed Times are marked by an asterisk (*)*

Friday, December 20 *1:10 AM 7:20 AM *1:30 PM 7:50 PM	Saturday, December 21 *2:00 AM 8:10 AM *2:20 PM 8:30 PM	Sunday, December 22 *2:45 AM 8:55 AM *3:10 PM 9:25 PM	Monday, December 23 *3:35 AM 9:45 AM *3:55 PM 10:10 PM
Tuesday, December 24 *4:20 AM 10:30 AM *4:40 PM 10:55 PM	Wednesday, December 25 *5:10 AM 11:20 AM *5:30 PM 11:45 PM	Thursday, December 26 *5:50 AM 12:00 AM *6:20 PM	Friday, December 27 12:30 AM *6:30 AM 12:45 PM *7:00 PM

SRWMD Assists 12 Area Farmers With Water-Saving Technologies

Deadline to apply for next round of funds is Jan. 10

Twelve agricultural producers within the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) have been approved to receive cost-share funds from the District to implement water conservation technologies, irrigation retrofits, and other water-saving projects. These projects will reduce groundwater irrigation pumpage in the Santa Fe Basin by 0.57 million gallons of water per day (gpd) and reduce pumpage in the Suwannee Basin by 0.39 million gpd.

The producers received a total of \$186,100 in cost-share funds for the improvements. The District set aside \$1.5 million for the program this fiscal year and this marks the first round of those funds.

The funds will pay for the following cost-share projects:

- Twenty-two retrofits to center pivot irrigation systems to water more efficiently.
- One Global Positioning System (GPS) end-gun shut off, which is designed to eliminate watering of non-target areas.

Four new irrigation controller panels that provide greater efficiencies in irrigation and nutrient application, among other capabilities.

One pump upgrade, which will provide greater irrigation efficiency.

"The District is pleased to assist agricultural producers in reducing groundwater pumping, and would like to congratulate participating farmers for their interest in improving sustainability and obtaining better practices and technologies to protect our water resources," said District Executive Director Ann Shortelle.

This is the second year the District is offering the cost-share program. To date, 89 agricultural producers have benefited from the program, which has resulted in a reduction in

groundwater pumping by about 6.2 million gallons per day.

Agricultural producers within the District have until Jan. 10, 2014 to apply for cost-share funds for the next funding cycle. Funds will be awarded through a ranking process based on various criteria, including the effectiveness of the proposed project to protect, conserve, or restore water resources. The funds will pay for projects that increase irrigation efficiency and water conservation and assist with nutrient management technology.

Interested parties may apply online through the District's Agriculture webpage at www.mysuwanneeriver.com/agriculture or apply in person at District Headquarters, 9225 CR 49, Live Oak FL 32060.

For more information, contact Kevin Wright at 386-362-1001 or toll free at 1-800-226-1066 (FL only)

FWC, U.S. Power Squadrons Boost Boating Safety Efforts

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) has enjoyed a strong partnership with the U.S. Power Squadrons for years. Recently, the FWC provided inflatable life jacket kits to U.S. Power Squadrons units across the state. The kits will be used by instructors to provide information on inflatable life jacket use and to show students how easy it is to wear a life jacket all of the time while boating.

"Organizations like the Power Squadrons are a critical part of boating safety efforts in Florida and across the country," said Brian Rehwinkel, FWC Boating Safety Outreach Coordinator. "The instructors with the Power Squadrons are often the first boating safety contact a new boater will encounter, and the information learned in a boating safety class can make a big difference on the water."

Life jacket kits were purchased through boating safety



grants for approved boating safety classroom courses in Florida.

"With life jackets, seeing is believing," Rehwinkel said. "Having the life jackets in hand will allow instructors to show students how easy it is to wear them all the time while boating."

Life jacket wear does make a difference. Statistics show that more than 62 percent of the 55 boating-related deaths confirmed in 2012 were attributed to drowning, which life jackets are designed to prevent.

"We want to promote the message that there is a wide variety of comfortable, affordable and stylish life jackets on the market

today," Rehwinkel said. "It is easier than you might think to keep you and your passengers safe."

The project with the Power Squadrons will help get that message out to those enrolled in boating safety courses.

The Power Squadrons is a non-profit, educational organization dedicated to making boating safer and more enjoyable by teaching classes in seamanship, navigation and related subjects. The FWC is supportive of organizations who teach approved boating safety education courses in Florida.

For more boating safety information, visit MyFWC.com/Boating.

FWC Asks Public To Report Mink Sightings

Mink are rare in Florida, and wildlife biologists with FWC are hoping to learn more about this small mammal. But they need the public's help to find out where it occurs. People can report evidence such as mink sightings, photos and road-killed specimens online.

Adult mink weigh 2-3 pounds and measure about 2 feet in length. Fur can be dark chocolate or a light rusty brown. Sometimes there is a patch of white along the chin and under the throat.

"We know that



mink are more likely to be found in and near salt-marsh habitat on both coasts of Florida but the reports people provide will help us pinpoint where we do research," said Chris Winchester, wildlife biologist with the FWC's Fish and Wildlife Research Institute.

Winchester said there are three known subspecies of mink in

Florida - Atlantic salt marsh mink, Gulf salt marsh mink and Everglades mink. Although there is a scarcity of information about the three subspecies, only the Everglades mink is listed as threatened.

Some people confuse mink with other species such as otters and weasels, but whereas mink are quite small, otters typically weigh 10 to 30 pounds and are 3 feet or more long. Weasels look similar to mink, but are smaller and have brown fur along their backs and pale yellow fur along the entire belly.

Mink are strictly carnivorous, eating fish, frogs, crayfish, crabs and various birds and small mammals.

For more information about this study and to submit sightings to the FWC, visit MyFWC.com/Research.

Spread Holiday Cheer With Manatee, Sea Turtle Decals

Those searching for a meaningful holiday gift should consider choosing one that helps protect Florida's manatees and sea turtles.

With a \$5 donation, people can receive a manatee or sea turtle decal from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC).

This year's decals celebrate the presence of manatees and sea turtles (los manatíes y tortugas marinas) 500 years ago in Florida when Spanish explorer Ponce de Leon landed on this peninsula and named it La Florida, land of flowers.

People can order the decals online at MyFWC.com/ManateeSeaTurtleDecals or



ask for them at local county tax collectors' offices. Decal donations support conservation of manatees and sea turtles, including research, rescue, rehabilitation and management efforts.

Manatees and sea turtles were among the native wildlife seen by Ponce de Leon and his crew. Ponce de Leon also designated a cluster of islands 70 miles west of Key West as Las Tortugas, because of the many sea turtles nesting there. As with other Florida beaches, the islands of Dry Tortugas National Park still have loggerhead

and green turtles coming back year after year to lay their eggs.

Today, the manatee is the state's designated marine mammal, and the loggerhead sea turtle is the state's saltwater reptile.

Purchase of a "Save the Manatee" or "Helping Sea Turtles Survive" license plate is another way to celebrate the holidays while protecting these imperiled species. Go to BuyaPlate.com.

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