

Man Arrested For Battering Deputy

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A Greenville man was recently arrested and charged after battering a Jefferson County Sheriff's deputy.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office reported that on Feb. 17, Deputy Dan Williams was on patrol on North Railroad Street where he observed a silver-colored Mercury circling the Ash Street and North Wirick Street neighborhood. Williams pulled up behind the vehicle and ran the Florida temporary tag. When the information came back from dispatch, the vehicle was on Chestnut Street, where it pulled onto the north sidewalk and stopped next to a "No



Tobe Cain

Parking" sign. Deputy Williams pulled up and exited his vehicle. He walked up to the driver's side of the vehicle; identified himself, and explained to the driver he could not park on the sidewalk. The deputy also informed the driver, identified as Tobe Cain, III, 26, of Greenville, that he was parked in front of a "No Parking" sign. Cain said the deputy

had no reason to mess with him, and he could park there if he wanted. The deputy then asked Cain and his passenger, Chadrick Black, for their identification. Black refused to show the identification, at which time Cain and Black became very argumentative.

Deputy Williams shined his flashlight toward Cain's face who said, "You have an attitude," and slapped the deputy's left hand hard, almost causing the flashlight to fall out of his hand. The deputy opened the door and instructed Cain to get out of the car. Cain refused and grabbed the steering wheel with his right hand. Deputy Williams pulled him out of the vehicle before Cain could attempt to drive off. The deputy,

holding on to Cain's left wrist, on three occasions, ordered Cain to the ground. Cain refused so the deputy attempted to force him to the ground. Williams wrestled with Cain until Cain punched the deputy on his left cheek, causing the fight to escalate.

Deputy Dustin Matthews tazed Cain in the back, at which point, Cain went to the ground.

Deputy Williams attempted to handcuff Cain, but Cain would not place his hands behind his back and attempted to get back up. Deputy Matthews tazed Cain again resulting in Cain putting his left hand behind his back, but then refused to put his right hand behind his back.

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Man Charged With Felony Fleeing

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A county man was arrested last week and charged with felony fleeing and attempting to elude law enforcement.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office reported that on February 21 at approximately 10 p.m., Deputy Dustin Matthews was patrolling on South Waukeelah Street and he observed a white Ford four-door traveling in the same direction he was. At the intersection of Marvin Street and Waukeelah Street, the vehicle failed to stop at the stop sign.

The deputy got closer to the car and it turned down a service road near CVS turning on to South Jefferson Street, where Deputy Matthews briefly lost sight of the vehicle.

As the deputy was canvassing South Jefferson Street, he passed Subway, where he observed the vehicle. Before he could turn around, the vehicle pulled out and went back to Waukeelah Street, where the deputy initiated his blue lights.

The vehicle continued to travel and stopped at a residence on South Hill Street.

Deputy Matthews made contact with the driver, identified as Michael Norris Huggins, 27, of Jefferson County. Huggins advised the deputy that the reason he ran was because he did not have a driver's license.

Huggins was placed under arrest and charged with driving while license suspended or revoked, knowingly, and fleeing and attempting to elude law enforcement. A total bond of \$10,500 was set and he bonded out of jail the following day.



Michael Norris Huggins

Mother And Children Injured In Crash



ECB Publishing photo by Fran Hunt, February 26, 2014

A mother and her two children were injured last week after the rear tire of the 2012 Dodge van lost pressure and the vehicle struck a guardrail on the Interstate.

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A mother and her two children were

injured in a single-vehicle crash last week on the Interstate.

Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) reported that at 4:08 p.m. on Feb-

ruary 26, Kristy Lynn Durso, 35, of Shalimar, TX, was driving a 2012 Dodge van, pulling a U-Haul trailer, traveling eastbound in the right

lane of I-10.

In the vehicle as passengers were a 13-year old female, and a Please See
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STEM-Based Event Set At High School

Parents of students interested in STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math) related careers, as well as the students, are encouraged to attend a tri-county meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 10, at the Jefferson County Middle High School (JCMHS) media center.

The FloridaLearns Please See
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STEM Scholars Initiative Parent Night, set to be held simultaneously in Madison, Jefferson, and Taylor counties, will feature guest speakers who will present information to help parents and students make informed decisions about post-secondary education.

The schedule calls Please See
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Latest Congressional Happenings

Following are the latest noteworthy Congressional

happenings, as reported by the NWYC Congressional Review & Preview Report.

Stop Targeting of Political Beliefs by the IRS Act: This House passed bill would limit the IRS's authority to grant tax-exempt status for nonprofit organizations. It would delay for one year a regulation that prevents tax-exempt organizations from conducting voter registration activities. The measure is Republicans' response to last year's allegations that Please See
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County Seeks \$700,000 To Rehabilitate Houses

(Citizen Proposes Alternative Program)

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The Jefferson County Commission earlier this week adopted several resolutions and a housing assistance plan, preparatory to applying for a \$700,000 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

David Fox, of Fred Fox Enterprises Inc., the consultant hired by the county to help it navigate the system, facilitated the required public hearing on Tuesday morning, March 4, preparatory to submitting the application to the Florida Depart-

ment of Economic Opportunity FDEO. The county plans to use the money to rehabilitate at least 10 substandard houses in its unincorporated area.

Fox said that for each activity the commission undertook with the money, it had to

show that at least 70 percent of the funds would go to benefit low-and-moderate-income persons. A breakdown of the numbers showed that

of the \$700,000 being sought, \$575,000 will go for housing rehabilitations and demolitions; \$20,000 for temporary relocations of those having their structures rehabilitated or demolished; and \$105,000 for the administration of the grant.

Based on 2010 U.S. Census figures, 18.8 percent of the county's population of 14,761 residents — or 2,775 individuals — live below the nationally recognized poverty level.

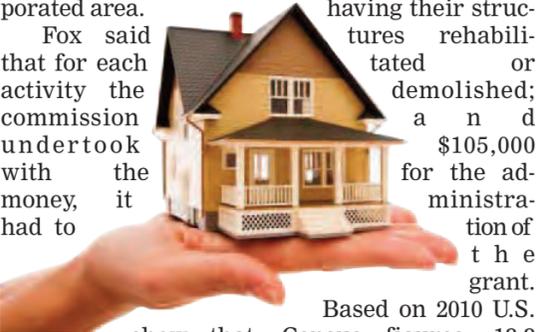
As part of the application process, commissioners indicated that the county would contribute a minimum of \$75,000 toward the project, a gesture intended to show their commitment to the effort and also hopefully serve to enhance the county's chances of getting the funding.

The \$75,000 of leverage money will come from SHIP, another state-funded program that aims to help low-and-moderate-income individuals with the purchase of new or existing affordable houses.

The \$75,000 would bring the total amount

to be dedicated to the rehabilitation effort to \$775,000, of which \$650,000 would actually go for rehabilitations or replacements.

The housing assistance plan that the commissioners approved was another component of the total Please See
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Fri 3/7 57/43
Rain and perhaps a thunderstorm in the afternoon. High 57F.

Sat 3/8 55/39
Morning showers. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the upper 30s.

Sun 3/9 71/44
Sunny. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 40s.

Mon 3/10 73/46
Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 40s.

Tue 3/11 75/50
Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the low 50s.



Viewpoints



Something To Think About

By Harvey Greene

Forgiven But Not Forgotten

We've all heard someone say, "I forgave, I just didn't forget." Perhaps you have even said it yourself. I admit I have. It seems logical enough, right? But is it?

Forgiving someone is in a way similar to being pregnant. Someone is either pregnant or they are not pregnant. You cannot be sort of pregnant, or mostly pregnant, or kind of pregnant. You are either pregnant, or you are not pregnant. We think of someone being more pregnant as the term goes on, but in reality it is only how we classify it to talk about it. At one month they are still pregnant.

Forgiveness is kind of the backwards of that. When you feel that someone has wronged you, whether real or imagined, you are angry and hurt. Anger and pain are not yes-no feelings; they have levels and stages. You can be angrier at one thing than at another. One thing can cause you more pain than another. Anger and pain can subside over time and drift away gradually, and at some point

you may not be AS Angry at them as you were. Therefore you think you have forgiven them, or forgiven then somewhat, but you really have not forgiven at all. It is simply that time has begun to heal the wound as it does with most all pains and problems. Your mind is helping you, not your conscience or your ethics. You haven't forgiven anything. To forgive someone of something means that it no longer causes you any anger or pain towards that person.

Let's say you and I are friends, but you wrong me somehow. Either you let me down in some way, or were not there when I needed you, or even maybe you stole something from my house, but in some way you have harmed me or injured me.

That something you did caused me pain, and I blame you. I feel anger and hurt at you for having done this, especially because you are my friend (or my brother, or my wife, or my husband...). But because you are my friend, I want to forgive you. I don't mention anything else about it. I

put it aside and try to forget it. I tell myself I've forgiven you. But yet every time I look at you, or think about you, that thought pops up in my mind. When you call me, or text me, or talk to me about anything, what you did races across my mind. The thing has changed how I feel about you.

I say, "Well, I forgave, but I just don't forget things. That's all."

No, sorry. A true definition of forgiven but not forgotten is when it does not affect you or your feelings for the person in ANY way. If the incident alters the way you act or treat someone, then you have not forgiven anything; you have simply repressed and pretended. True forgiveness is whole and complete.

And let us not forget, we cannot receive forgiveness until we give it. "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those that trespass against us." In other words, "Lord, forgive me in the same way that I forgive others." Do you really want Him to forgive, but not forget like you do?

Think about it.

'Brew' Ha Ha: Conversations for Coffee

Amber Houston
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Who Benefits?

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I do not relay this story to toot my own horn. In fact, it makes me uncomfortable to share it at all. But I will tell it in the hopes that one person might understand charity better.

See, people think that charity is for the recipient. That the one who gets the food or the clothing is the one that feels utterly blessed. And that just isn't accurate.

I guess it was a couple weeks ago—when you run a schedule like mine, it's hard to keep track. It was bitterly cold outside and the mist cut through to the bone. In downtown Tallahassee, the cars marched on in a slow procession, their shoulders wet with rain.

On the side of the road, at a red light, a homeless man lay face-down on the pavement. He was gaunt and weathered. There was

no sign he was breathing. He didn't even have a hand under his face to alleviate the discomfort of the concrete. He had one thin blanket. No one stopped. No head turned.

I began frantically looking for a blanket. Meanwhile, my best friend John, who was driving, turned the car down a side road and found a place to park.

We approached the man to find that he had a friend—a stocky, rough-faced man who shared his street corner and seemed to take care of him. After I spread the blanket over the painfully thin man (he was only sleeping, it turns out), the other greeted me. We shook hands and hugged each other. He only had about half of his teeth, and his face was pockmarked, but his eyes were bright and handsome, framed by crows' feet from smiling often.

I've never met a man so grateful or faithful. He trusted

that his needs would be met. He was thankful for me and thankful to God. He was unfazed by circumstance. He was a beautiful, bold, crazy optimist, and I want to be just like him. I think about him when I am stressed or overtired. I remember how embarrassing it might have been to him to smile with all those teeth rotted away, and how genuinely he smiled anyway. It reminds me to rejoice in my own circumstance. He reminds me to be grateful to God and to others, and to see others the way that God sees them.

What I gave him and his friend was very little. What he gave John and me was immeasurable.

So I won't get all preachy or anything—remind me to burn my soapbox after this writing—but I'll leave you with this: go out and bless someone and let yourself be surprised by how much you are blessed.


Central Church of Christ
 US 19 South at Cooper's Pond Road
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 Carl Desmartin, Minister
Sunday:
 10 AM Bible School
 11 AM Worship Hour
Wednesday:
 7 PM Bible Study

Galatians 1:9-10
 As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed. (10) For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.

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


Deb's Notes


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Holly Hill Farm will have a Spring Garden Plant Sale on Saturday, March 15 at Tupelo's Café & Bakery. The sale will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come in early, around 9:15 a.m., and join a free, informal discussion about organic vegetable gardening. On this Saturday, March 8, enjoy 'Breakfast with the Beekeeper' starting at 9:30 a.m. Learn how to build bee boxes with local expert Tony Hogg.

Veterans Memorial Railroad will present its third annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration and fundraising event from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 15 at the Veterans Memorial Park in Bristol. Travel through the parks 1+ mile of track, including a 350' trestle in Cypress Preserve, on the only two-foot gauge steam train in the state. Entertainment

ment will be provided by the Capital Chordsmen Chorus. The cost is just \$7 per person per ride, children five and under ride free. Enjoy a family fun day with picnic pavilions, playground, and walking trails. Go to veteransmemorialrailroad.org for more information, or contact Phyllis Brown at 850-643-6646, or 850-643-5491. This is sponsored by the Liberty County Board of Commissioners. 'Wear green - Ride the steam.'

Union Branch Missionary Baptist Church will host its annual Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, March 15 at 9 a.m. Speaker for the occasion is Evangelist Mary Goban, with Mt. Horeb PB Church in Tallahassee. All are invited to come praise the Lord. For more information, contact Sis. Valerie Stanley at 850-694-3533. Rev. Terry Presley Sr., pastor.

The Women's Missionary Society at Union Hill AME Church will observe its annual 'Evening-In-White' program on Sunday, March 16 at 3 p.m. Guest speaker will be Rev. Jimmie F. Dickey and the New Bethel AME Church congregation will be in charge of the service. Rev. Joseph O. Love, pastor.

Hickory Hill Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate its annual 'Youth Anniversary' on Sunday, March 16 at 11 a.m. Guest speaker will be 16-year-old Prophet Treavon Rowls, from the Message of Hope Outreach Ministries in Tallahassee. You are invited to worship with the church family for this joyous occasion. Rev. Reginald Daniels, pastor.

The Jefferson

County Band will be traveling from March 17 to March 18 to Savannah, GA. to perform in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. All the band members have taken written and physical tests to improve in their weak areas. They all improved 100 percent just for this performance. New band shirts and hats have been ordered for this trip as well as new band equipment. The band will travel a 56-passenger motor-coach equipped with a restroom and an in-motion Direct TV satellite and WiFi to insure the best comfort for all; the members after the 3.5 mile parade route. Derrick Jennings is band director. This is the third time they appeared in the parade. Next year the band will travel 13-hours to Winchester, VA. to perform.

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TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY RETURNS ARE DUE BY APRIL 1, 2014
 A reminder from
 Angela Gray, Property Appraiser

Anyone in possession of assets on January 1 who has either a proprietorship, partnership, corporation or is a self-employed agent or contractor, must file each year.

Property owners who lease, lend or rent property must also file a return.

Failure to receive a personal property tax return from the property appraiser does not relieve you of your obligation to file.

File by visiting the Property Appraiser's Office at 480 W. Walnut St. between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Mon. - Fri. For further information or appointments call **997-3356** or visit **jeffersonpa.net**.



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Cain

Deputy Williams attempted to force Cain's hand back to handcuff him and instructed Deputy Matthews to tazze Cain again. Cain put his hand behind his back to keep from being tazzed a third time.

After being placed

under arrest, Cain complained en route to the jail that he needed medical attention. Deputy Williams contacted Jefferson County EMS to check out both Cain and himself. Both had sustained minor injuries, but neither re-

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quired transport to the hospital for treatment.

Cain was charged with battery on a law enforcement officer, and resisting an officer with violence. A total bond of \$12,500 was set and he bonded out of jail the same day.

Crash

one-year old male infant.

The left rear tire of the vehicle had a sudden loss of pressure, and Durso lost control of the vehicle.

The vehicle then traveled southeast onto the south paved shoulder, and the front right of the vehicle collided with the

face of a guardrail. The vehicle came to rest just east of the point of impact.

Durso and both children were transported to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital for treatment of minor injuries. They were all wearing their seatbelts

FHP did not deem

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the crash to be alcohol-related.

The vehicle sustained \$3,000 damage.

No charges were filed.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and Jefferson County Fire

Rescue/EMS assisted FHP Trooper John Sleighter on the scene.

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application package. The plan essentially sets the guidelines by which the county will operate its CDBG program.

Among the things the plan does, it proclaims the illegality of discrimination, establishes a citizens' advisory task force (CATF) to serve as an oversight committee over the program, spells out the program's objectives, sets the eligibility criteria for participants' qualification, and details the administrative procedures for eligibility determination.

The only citizen to speak on the issue was Paul Henry, a longtime critic of such government-funded programs. Henry made his points via a PowerPoint presentation titled "The Failure of the CDBG and Similar Programs to Reduce Poverty in Jefferson County."

Citing U.S. Census data and other statistics, Henry argued that despite massive spending of taxpayers' money to alleviate poverty as it related to housing, the poverty rate had actually risen in the county. Which made for an inefficient and ineffective use of tax dollars, he said.

He shared statistics showing that between 1996 and 2012, the money used to address the housing problem, in terms of CDBG, SHIP and Section 8 Housing funding, amounted to \$19,212,385. Yet the poverty rate had increased during the cited period, he said.

In fact, between 1990 and 2012, the poverty rate had risen from 17.5 percent to 21.3 percent respectively, he said.

Even granting that the recent economic difficulties had undoubtedly contributed to the increase, Henry said it in no way invalidated his argument. Which was basically that that these programs accomplished little, other than to help raise the national debt, which had grown from \$3.2 to \$16.0 trillion during the same 22-year period.

Moreover, he said,

only about 60 percent of the monies in such programs actually benefited the poor. The remainder, he said, largely went for administrative and other fees. His proposed solution, one that he has presented previously, was that the board authorize a tax credit for residential property owners who contributed to a housing fund that would be designated a 501 organization for IRS purposes. (The tax credit would not apply to businesses.)

Per Henry's calculation, if 1,190 individuals — or half the county's 2,379 residents whose properties are valued at \$100,000 or more — each made an average annual tax-deductible donation of \$326, it would amount to about \$388,888.

Even allowing for a 10-percent fee for the county to administer the program, it would still assure that \$350,000, or 90 percent of the total, would go to assist the poor, he said. As for the benefit to property owners, the \$326 donation would be deducted from their annual ad-valorem taxes. Hence, he said, property owners' incentive to contribute.

In summary, the poor would benefit, the taxpayers would benefit, and the American people in general would benefit, in terms of a reduced national debt, especially if others adopted similar programs.

Or as Henry put it, "The taxpayer receives both a local and federal tax credit; the budget burdens on the federal and state governments are eased from the end-user position, as opposed to the usual legislative apportionment; the tax burden on citizens is ultimately lowered as word spreads and other counties begin to do this; and we are no longer spending money we do not have (federal debt)."

Commissioners generally lauded the proposal, finding it worthy in principle, if lacking in the particulars. They applauded

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Henry for creative thinking and his apparent genuine concern with the problem and finding an alternative solution.

But they also pointed out that it would require the expenditure of much political capital to sell and implement such a plan. Moreover, the \$350,000 in tax revenues lost to the county would create other problems.

The problem of poverty, Commissioner John Nelson said, was much greater, complex and complicated than a simple or single program or solution could remedy. It would require a comprehensive societal approach to truly fix or even get at the root of the problem, he said. Still, he found Henry's proposal worthy of consideration and offered to work with the latter on possible solutions.

Commissioner Hines Boyd, for his part, offered that the way to address poverty was to create more economic opportunities that allowed for business creation, expansion and creation of jobs. Given such an atmosphere, poverty wouldn't necessarily be eliminated, but it would be significantly alleviated and partially reduced, he said.

With that, the board voted unanimously to proceed with the application process and the seeking of the \$700,000 in state funding.

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for Dr. Robert W. Taylor, dean and director of the Land-Grant programs at the College of Agriculture and Food Sciences at Florida A & M University; and Dr. Stephen Leong, of the Center for Viticulture and Small Fruit Research at FAMU, to be in person at JCMHS; while Dr. Kevin Wright, ag team leader at the Suwannee River Water Management District, will be at Madison County High School, in the classroom of teacher Page Thomas.

Each school, including students in Taylor County and other invited guests, will be able to participate interactively during the one-hour meeting via the Internet by using Zoom.

Meanwhile, working in teams, students from Jefferson, Madison and Taylor counties enrolled in the FloridaLearns STEM Scholars Initiative for

Gifted and Talented Students in Florida's Rural School Districts, are scheduled to compete in an engineering challenge on the campus of North Florida Community College on Friday, March 7.

The competition is designed to stimulate ingenuity and imagination, foster team-building skills, and inspire and motivate students toward higher education and ultimately a career in STEM-related fields.

Both events are being sponsored in part by the Panhandle Area Educational Consortium (PAEC), which includes Jefferson and Madison counties and the stated mission of which is to help participating school districts attain their goals by providing leadership and support services; maximizing the use of resources; linking schools; and facilitating communication across the consortium.

Congress

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the IRS was targeting for investigation Tea Party and other conservative groups that were seeking tax-exempt status. The bill next goes to the Democrat-led Senate, where it is expected to meet opposition.

Unfunded Mandates Information and Transparency: The House approved a measure that would require federal agencies to disclose the cost of federal mandates and would allow those affected by the mandates to weigh in on them. It is in an attempt to ensure that Congress and the public will have tools to determine the true costs of federal regulations. The White House has issued a veto threat and the Senate is expected to ignore the measure.

Chemical Bill: House lawmakers are considering a draft bill to regulate chemical safety. The measure would allow the EPA to designate chemicals as high or low priority for determining whether a substance poses a public health hazard. Environmental groups say it would not adequately protect the public from hazards posed by some of the approximately

84,000 chemicals used in commerce.

ALERT Act of 2014: The House passed a bill that would require the head of each federal agency to submit monthly reports for each rule that an agency expects to propose or finalize during the following year.

Tax Reform: House Ways and Means Chairman Dave Camp (R-MI) unveiled a draft measure intended to strengthen the economy and simplify the tax code.

The Consumer Financial Protection Safety and Soundness Improvement Act: The House passed a bill that would restructure the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

Looking ahead: Both parties are braced for battles over the sequester; the Interior Department ignored warnings from Democrats and Science groups and moved ahead with an environmental review that is expected to lead to seismic exploration for oil and gas resources off the Atlantic coast; and House lawmakers are expected to introduce a measure to combat the growing problem of counterfeit prescription drugs.



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Girl Sues Parents For Future Education

In Morris County, N.J., a student and cheerleader at Morris Catholic High School is suing her parents to get them to pay for her higher education as well as an outstanding bill at her private school. Rachel Canning says her parents cut her off when she turned 18 and have refused to pay for college, as well as the \$5,306 tuition bill owed to her current school. "My parents have rationalized their actions by blaming me for not following their rules," Rachel stated to the court. "They stopped paying my high school tuition to punish the school and me and have redirected my college fund, indicating their refusal to afford me an education as a punishment." Sean Canning, Rachel's father, said, "We're being sued by our child. I'm dumbfounded, so is my wife, so are my other daughters. I know Rachel is a) a good kid, b) an incredibly rebellious teen and she's getting some terrible information." The father of Rachel's best friend, Morris County Freeholder John Inglesino, is helping her with the lawsuit. Rachel is currently staying in his home. "Rachel is likeable, communicates exceptionally well and is highly motivated to attend and excel at a college appropriate for her. That is why my wife and I have decided to fund this lawsuit. We know that if Mr. and Mrs. Canning are not required to fulfill their obligations as parents, that Rachel's ability to fulfill her potential will be greatly diminished," Inglesino stated to the court. The Inglesinos have already spent more than \$12,000 on the lawsuit. Rachel currently has a \$20,000 scholarship to the University of Vermont.

Crooks Buy Girl Scout Cookies With Fake Money

In Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., two high school sophomores selling Girl Scout cookies were paid by criminals with counterfeit money. A man and woman using phony \$50 bills paid Katelyn and Tari for cookies just minutes apart. "The girls are heartbroken," said troop leader Cheryl Williams, "Because they do trust, this is a life lesson for them. The girls used the counterfeit pen on the money and it worked." In order to stop further thefts, spokesperson Teresa McMahon from the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department taught the Girl Scout troop how to identify counterfeit cash. The troop lost around \$200 and the girls are liable for the money.

Read Your Local Papers Online

Just a reminder to everyone that you can read the actual *Monticello News* and *Jefferson County Journal* newspapers online.

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Jefferson County Living

Obituaries

JAMES D. DEMOTT

James D. Demott, 82, of Leesburg, FL, died Sunday, March 2, 2014. He was born July 1, 1931 in Monticello, FL and moved to Leesburg from Monticello in 1966. He was retired and the former owner of the Odds and Ends Store of Leesburg.

James also co-pastored Faith Outreach Center with his wife Betty. After retirement, he worked part time for the Medicine Chest of Lady Lake. He spent all his spare time with family and his church. James was a member of Good News Church, Leesburg.

He is survived by his daughters, Nancy D. (Lee) Hunter of Leesburg, Malissa D. (Eric) Suber of Leesburg, and Melinda D. (Cameron) UA of Raeford, NC; sister, Ruth D. Bailey of Monticello; brother, Herbert (Linda) Demott of Monticello; brother, Maurice Demott of Thomasville, GA; sister, Marie (Howard) Holm of Monticello; five grandchildren, Justin (Samantha) Hunter, Amber Demott, Jessica



Hunter, Allison (Bo) Duke, and Adam Carroll; three great-grandchildren, Delaney, Ryland, and Addison.

Memorial services were held at Good News Church, Leesburg, on Thursday, March 6, 2014 at 7:00 pm, Pastor John Blake presided.

Graveside services will be held at Roselawn Cemetery, Monticello, FL on Saturday, March 8, 2014 at 1:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Good News Church, 400 Executive Blvd., Leesburg, FL 34748.

Online condolences may be left at www.beyersfuneralhome.com.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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March 7
Monticello Jamboree Band will perform music for dancing every Friday at 7 p.m. at 625 South Water Street. Everyone is welcome to come dance, listen to some of the finest music, enjoy doorprizes, soft drinks, snacks, and just enjoy some fun and camaraderie with neighbors and friends. This is a nonprofit charitable event; donations are accepted. For questions or concerns, contact Bobby Connell at 850-445-0049.

March 7
Ashville Area Volunteer Fire Department meets at its facility on the first Friday of each month. For more information, contact Assistant Fire Chief Butch Staffieri at 850-210-2816.

March 8
Jefferson Arts will host an opening reception on Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. for its third annual Quilt & Fiber Show. The exhibit will be in the gallery located at 575 West Washington Street. Hours of operation are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays. Purchase \$5 chance tickets for a Monticello Crazy Quilters handmade quilt. For more

information, call 850-997-3311 or go to www.jeffersonarts-gallery.com.

March 8
Precious Rolling Stones Unit will host a mother/daughter photo shoot, featuring **Mary Kay** products, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, at the Capital City Country Club, 1601 Gulf Terrace Drive in Tallahassee. Guests will receive a full facial and makeover with color; a massage; hair styling; there will be a professional photographer (photo packages will be available;) and there will be lots of drawings for free products. Contact local representative Bonnie Branch at 850-597-0122 or branchb@marykay.com. Senior Sales Director Kim Stone will present the event.

March 8
Scarlet O'Hatters will meet at 11:30 a.m. on the second Saturday for lunch and fellowship. The ladies will dine this month at Sandy's Country Buffet on North Jefferson. Reservations should be made in advance to hostesses Edee Johnson at 850-728-0161 or to Dorris Uptain at 850-997-7774. Contact Queen Mum Pat Mu-

chowski at 850-997-0688 for more information and about the Red Hat Society.

March 9
Camellia Garden Circle of the Monticello Garden Club meets at 2 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month. Members bring a treats and beverages to share. For more information about this Circle and its events and programs, contact Chairman Jane Davis at 850-997-4320 or email her at jkdeercrossing@aol.com.

March 10
Palmer Place Book Club will meet on Monday at 6 p.m. to discuss its most recent reading 'Year of Wonders' by Geraldine Brooks. Some in the group discovered her when reading Caleb's Crossing, a historical novel about the first American Indian to attend Harvard. The meeting will begin with the discussion and selection of the next book, and then attendees will share their views about the book of the month. Contact Abi Vandervest at 850-997-4607 or douwahnadance@yahoo.com for more information. All are welcome to join for the discussion,

to help select the next book, and to suggest authors. Some in the group are also reading 'Uncle Tom's Cabin.'

March 10
AA will meet at 8 p.m. on Monday at the Christ Episcopal Church Annex, 425 North Cherry Street. For more information, call 850-997-2129 or 850-997-1955.

March 10
American Legion Post 234 meets monthly at 6 p.m. on the second Monday for business at the Teen Center on Tiger Lane. For more information contact Commander Mack Benjamin at 850-997-5977.

March 10
Kate Dilworth Scott Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) meets at 12 p.m. on the second Monday of each month from September through May. Membership is open to women no less than 16-years of age who are blood descendants of men and women who served honorably in the Army, Navy, or Civil Service of the Confederate States of America, or who gave Material Aid to the Cause. For more information, contact Chapter President Pat Cichon at 850-997-7441.

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March 3-7
'REVIVAL... By Divine Appointment' will continue through Friday at 7 p.m. nightly in the auditorium at the old JCHS, located on South Water Street. Evangelist/Pastor Betty Hightower will be conducting the services and she is looking forward to seeing you there.

March 7
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.

March 8
StoryTime Ministry is held from 1 to 2 p.m. every other Saturday at the Jefferson County Bailar Public Library. For more

information contact First United Methodist Church Ministry Chairman Barbara Hobbs at 850-523-1813.

March 9
Memorial Missionary Baptist Church Choir #2 will celebrate its anniversary on the second Sunday at 11 a.m. Guest speaker will be Rev. Dr. Larry Issac Scott of Tallahassee. The Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church Choir of Tallahassee will be guest choir. Special guest, Master KC Ross, will offer a unique 'Praise Dance'. For more information call 850-878-9613. Dinner will be served after the program; so come celebrate. Rev. Dr. JB Duval, pastor and Choir #2 chairman.

March 9
New Bethel AME Church will hold its annual 'Ushers Anniversary' at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday. Guest speaker will be Min. Marcus Kiner from Ocala. Sis. Cherry A. Gallon, Ushers No. 1 President. Rev. Jimmie F. Dickey, church pastor.

March 9
Bethpage Missionary

Baptist Church will honor Sis. Lola Hightower with a 'Praise and Worship Benefit' program at 3 p.m. on Sunday. Sis. Hightower has served the community for many years and the church family would like to express its appreciation for her dedication and hard work. Moderator Rev. Isaac Manning Jr., pastor.

March 11
Sons of Allen of the Union Bethel Circuit will meet monthly on the second Tuesday at 7 p.m., rotating between the Elizabeth and Union Bethel AME churches; encouraging young men and older males to come be part of the meetings. If you have any questions contact President Leman Ulee at 850-274-6268.

March 12
Memorial Missionary Baptist Church to host 'Heaven's Kitchen - Feed My Sheep', a weekly noonday service and meal ministry, every Wednesday at 12 p.m. Moderator Rev. JB Duval and Rev. Semmeal Thomas will conduct the Bible Study and Prayer Service each week. For more information, or to make a contribution, contact Coordinator sis. Mary Madison at 850-997-4504 or 850-210-7090.

March 14-16
Reapers of the Harvest Church, just two miles west on Highway 90 from Greenville, will host a 'Revival' with preaching and singing by Rev. and Mrs. Terry Dorn from Thomasville, GA. The services will begin at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and at 11 a.m. on

Sunday. Everyone is welcomed to come and be blessed. For more information, contact Rev. Samuel Bass at 850-948-6751.

March 15
New Bethel AME Church will have a clean-up day on Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. Rev. Jimmie F. Dickey, pastor.

March 19
First Presbyterian Church will host EaglesWings, an outreach ministry serving the community; on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Volunteers are always needed to distribute food items and to donate non-perishable food items. Call and leave a message for JoAnne Arnold at 850-997-2252, or 850-997-1084, or go to eaglewingsmonticello@yahoo.com or www.first-presbyterianmonticello.org.

March 20
Transforming Life Church will host Dave Ramsey's 'Financial Peace University' classes at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings beginning March 27. A free preview will be held on Thursday, March 20 at 6:30 p.m. More than two million families have positively changed their financial future through this nine-week course, which provides families and individuals with practical tools to gain control of their finances and set themselves up for long-term financial success. For more information, visit the church website at transforminglifechurch.com or call the church office at 850-997-8527.

The Jefferson County Utility Coordinating Committee will meet at 9:00 a.m. March 12, 2014, at the Jefferson County Road Dept, 1484 South Jefferson Street

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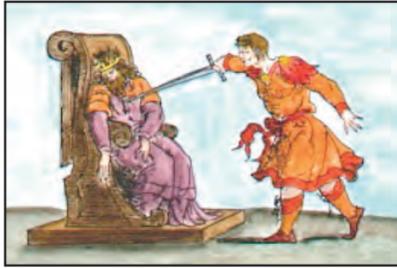
Auditions For Upcoming Play Begin Sunday

DEBBIE SNAPP
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Auditions will be held for 'Who Killed The King' beginning on Sunday, March 9 at 2 p.m.; and will continue on Monday, March 10 at 6:30 p.m., at the Monticello Opera House.

Come lend your humor, wit, and time in creating a fantasy-'astic' murder mystery dinner show this coming spring. Last year the actors murdered /'pie-soned' in the old west and this year they will go back a bit further.

The roles needed for this production are: Queen, Princess, Monk, Tax Collector, Wench, Jester, Hunched-Back, and Tavern Maid. That's four females and one for Tavern Maid; four males and one for Hunched-Back; and one female/male. Most acting parts can be male/female so don't



let the numbers fool you when auditioning for a particular part. All sizes and ages are most welcome to audition.

There will also be extras for Lords, Ladies, Knights, Dukes, Duchesses, Wenches and a Wizard. These roles will be for the action taking place while the patrons eat, and will not be required to rehearse until two weeks before show time.

Show dates are scheduled for May 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, and 31.

Judy Turner will direct this play.

The Search Is On For Florida's Outstanding Senior Volunteer

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Members of the community are asked to nominate and vote for these

everyday heroes at SalutetoSeniorService.com. State winners will be determined by popular vote. A panel of senior care experts will then select a national Salute to Senior Service winner from among the state honorees.

Home Instead, Inc. will donate \$500 to each of the state winners' designated and approved nonprofit organizations, and their personal stories will be shared online on the Salute to Senior Service Wall of Fame. In addition, \$5,000 will be donated to the national winner's designated and approved nonprofit charity.

To complete and submit an online nomination form for a senior age 65 or older who volunteers at least 15 hours a month, and to view the contest's official rules, visit SalutetoSeniorService.com. Completed nomination forms can alternatively be mailed to Salute to Senior Service, P.O. Box 285, Bellevue, NE 68005.

For more information about Salute to Senior Service or the Home Instead Senior Care network's services, call your local Home Instead Senior Care at 850-297-1897.



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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Marcus Sims, 26, of Tallahassee, was arrested February 19 and charged with resisting an officer without violence. Bond was set at \$500 and he bonded out of jail the same day.

Brian Todd Waddle, 26, of Lynn Haven, was arrested February 21 and charged with violation of probation. Bond was withheld and he remained at the County Jail March 5.

Michael Norris Huggins, 27, of Jefferson County, was arrested February 22 and charged with driving while license suspended or revoked, knowingly, and fleeing and attempting to elude law enforcement. A total bond of \$10,500 was set and he bonded out of jail the following day.

Eddie Lee Turner, 41, of Tallahassee, was arrested February 24 and charged with violation of probation. Bond was withheld and he remained at the County Jail March 5.

Ervin Fead, 33, of Jefferson County, was arrested February 25 and charged with writ of attachment on the charge of trespass after warn-

ing. Bond was set at \$100 and he bonded out of jail February 27.

Christopher Rashad Jones, 27, of Jefferson County, was arrested February 25 and charged with writ of attachment. Bond was set at \$158 and he bonded out of jail the same day.

Bobby Joe Craddock, 25, of Jefferson County, was arrested February 26 and charged with grand theft of a motor vehicle, domestic battery, violation of probation, and resisting arrest without violence. Bond was withheld and he remained at the County Jail March 5.

James Robert Scott, 49, of Jefferson County, was arrested February 28 and charged with theft, criminal mischief, and resisting an officer without violence. A total bond of \$8,000 was set and he remained at the County Jail March 5.

James Andrew Newsom, 31, of Baldwin, LA, was arrested March 28 for bond revocation. He remained at the County Jail March 5.

Regino Delacruz, 32 of Brownsville, TX was arrested March 1 and charged with driving while license suspended. Bond was set at \$500 and he bonded out of jail the same day.

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Mrs. E.W. Davis inside the Davis drugstore - Monticello, Florida in 1948.

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Work Day At The Library



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Bring towels and other cleaning items... including a few strong men for

digging.

For more information go to claudette-mcrae@yahoo.com or mcrae_c1@firn.edu or 850-997-2116, or 850-933-8203, or 850-526-0012.

Camellia Garden Circle To Meet Sunday

DEBBIE SNAPP
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The Camellia Circle of the Monticello Garden Club will meet at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 9, at Jefferson Arts to create beautifully decorated flowerpots with decoupage.

Presenters Carolyn Milligan and Georgie Joseph will provide large clay flowerpots and all other supplies and tools needed for each participant to decorate with paper cutouts, paper napkins, tissue paper, and fabric, which will then be sealed with Mod Podge (varnished, lacquered.) This practice origi-

nated in the 1960s and should be a lot of fun!

The ladies are asked again to bring treats to share, and any beverages you would like. After the program is completed the group will tour the 'Quilt and Fiber' exhibit that is on display in the gallery.

Don't forget 'Daylight Savings Time!' Spring forward at 2 a.m. on Sunday by setting your clocks one hour ahead.

Local quilters and fiber artists will be displaying their creations in the Jefferson Arts Gallery through the month of March; beginning with an opening reception scheduled for Saturday, March 8,

from 2 to 4 p.m.

The public is welcome to attend the reception and to join with the quilters and fiber artists to see their work and share refreshments together.

The Gallery is open on Wednesdays to Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., or by special appointment.

There will also be a chance to purchase raffle tickets to win a beautiful quilt made for Jefferson Arts by the Monticello Crazy Quilters that will be on display. Tickets are \$3 for one and \$5 for two. Proceeds will benefit children's art classes.

Rotary Hear Future Plans For TMH Emergency Center Northeast

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Chief Communications Officer Warren Jones, with the Tallahassee Memorial Hospital (TMH,) visited with the Monticello Rotary on Friday, February 28. He updated the group on the excellent facilities and services available through TMH.

The newly completed TMH Emergency Center Northeast provides full service for non-trauma patients. Built on the philosophy of putting the hospitality back in health care, the Emergency Center NE has a dedicated space for children, a senior space, and an 87 percent patient satisfaction rating.

Located at the intersection of I-10 and US 319, the facility is designed to meet the growing healthcare needs of the surrounding communities.

'Service Above Self' is the Rotary Motto. If you would like to learn more about this service organization, contact President Angela Gray at angelagray@yahoo.com.

Kiwanis Hear About Aviation



Guest Speaker to the February 19, 2014 meeting of the Monticello Kiwanis was Harry Brenner, left. He is a Jefferson County resident and a retired air traffic controller. He spoke to the Monticello group about his career in the aviation industry, sharing lots of interesting stories. Pictured with him is Program Chairman John Miller.

Crime Prevention Tips For Kiwanis



Jefferson County Sheriff David Hobbs was guest speaker at the Wednesday, February 26 meeting of the Monticello Kiwanis. He spoke to the membership about crime prevention tips for homes and businesses.

Howard Academy High School Monticello, Florida 2014 Class Reunions Honorees-Oldest Surviving Staff (according to professions)

AGE	NAME	PROFESSION
104	Gussie Williams Mallory	Teacher
90	Addie Hamm Griffin	Cafeteria
90	Thomas Saunders	Janitor
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76	Barbara Brown Johnson	Bookkeeper
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Volunteer Fire Departments Seeking Volunteers



MVFD Chief Lester Lawrence and Assistant Chief Mike Long try to figure out an issue with the fire engine's pump. Volunteers do not have to be firefighters: volunteer stations are grateful for people with mechanical, maintenance, and office expertise.

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

Brush fire season is here and firefighters are needed. In addition to front line firefighters, stations need people who can help maintain equipment. Training is provided, though some

things are as simple as starting up the engines and gas-powered equipment each day so that they are ready when duty calls.

The Monticello VFD has the largest group of volunteers in the county, but with only 14 members, that says very little. Lloyd and Wacissa number less than a dozen put together. Ashville, with 10 volunteers is hardly better off.

Firefighters, of course, are needed, but people with expertise in any field are also required and deeply appreciated.

Said Monticello VFD firefighter and instructor, Mike Long, "There are plenty of things that need to be done to have a good viable fire department."

These range from the obvious, such as record keeping, fundraising events, and



Volunteering at a fire station provides uncommon opportunities to learn and have fun: in this picture, Monticello volunteers are testing the monitor on one of their fire engines. It is true that engines need to be kept full of firefighters, but they also need to be full of gas, water, oil, and equipment. Support volunteers are needed to make sure everything is in place and working for when an emergency arises.

mechanical work, to taking pictures and keeping records of fires, bringing water and food to firefighters who have been fighting a fire for a long time, and more.

Said Long, "Not everyone is cut out mentally or physically to do the actual fire fighting or other emergency response. That doesn't mean they can't volunteer to help. Just think of the value of a retired

mechanic helping maintain equipment, [or] of someone who was just willing to go by the station and check out the trucks on a schedule so we know they are ready and operational and that our air packs are good. Someone to help load hose after a fire when actual firefighters are tired and have to get up to go to work [the next day]. People can be trained to do these kinds of things and be

of great value to the departments."

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



Volunteers train for front line firefighting. At the end of an incident, firefighters can be tired, hungry, hot, hurt, or dehydrated. This is another area where support volunteers can help.

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In The Spotlight

Calico Spring Arts And Crafts Show Set For March 15th And 16th



Jeffery Long constructs a variety of inspirational art using reclaimed wood and metal from old houses and barns in Alabama. He also uses pages of old hymnals that are "upcycled" into original home décor accessories.

What better way to spend a Spring day than at the Calico Spring Arts and Crafts Show, March 15th and 16th. The Calico Arts and Crafts Show is a wonderful way to bring spring into your home. The show focuses on the gift giving needs of spring... Easter, Mother's Day, weddings, and graduations as well as gardening and outdoor living interests.

Using reclaimed wood, metal from old houses and barns in Alabama, and decorated with collectible notions from the past, Jeffery Long constructs a variety of inspirational art. Pages of old hymnals from his childhood country church are "upcycled" into original home décor accessories. Forged from a

heart that is all Southern, Jeffery's pieces capture the essence of the south.

Andrea Martin from Tifton, GA, is a stay-at-home mom who has turned her interior design skills into hand-crafting pillows, tablet covers, personalized ball caps and so much more. She began creating her unique mix of handmade gifts when she couldn't find what she wanted to decorate a home. Her solution was to make them herself and share them with others.

Bring nature indoors with an original songbird lamp, wall hanging, or table piece, handcrafted on the beautiful coast of Maine by Bill and Beth Fewell. The Fewells are avid bird watchers. For the past 18 years their business has been built

around Bill's carving and Beth's painting of the shorebirds and songbirds, native to coastal Maine. Each design is original and realistic. Twelve years ago, because of popular demand, they started Songbird Collectibles, reproducing their favorite birds from a wood by-product. A reproduced carving is like a print to an artist. Each reproduction is hand painted and individually mounted on driftwood.

From simple to lavish - you'll find one-of-a-kind creations for every budget including hand-crafted jewelry, wood, glass, photography, candles, woven baskets, clothing, toys, primitive art and specialty foods. Special accessories for the home and garden include wrought iron, decorative wreaths, garden statuary, birdhouses, outdoor furniture, pottery and wind chimes.

Show Hours:
Come and delight in the 2014 Calico Spring Arts and Crafts Show, March 15 and 16. Hours are Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Adult admission is \$5.00. There is free parking for all and free admission for children 12 and under. For more information, please visit www.calicocrafts.com.



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Medicine Runs In The Family: New Chiropractor Comes To Monticello

AMBER HOUSTON
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Staff Writer

D.J. Manocha is not your average 27 year old. An immigrant from India, a chiropractor, and a board member for Working Well Tallahassee, Manocha has a rich and vibrant history that is deeply rooted in healthy living.

Manocha is a chiropractor from Downtown Chiropractic and Sports Development in Tallahassee. He attended Palmer College of Chiropractic in Port Orange, FL, but his love of chiropractic medicine goes farther back than that.

"When I was a kid, my uncle adopted me so he could bring me and my brother to the United States. He suffered from sciatic pain and he went everywhere to find relief. Nobody could fix him. Not a New York surgeon, or acupuncture, or physical therapy. And then he went to a chiroprac-



tor and within three sessions, he was pain free. It was like magic."

That wasn't enough to convince a young Manocha to turn from his family's field of medicine: his adoptive father and eldest brother are both dentists, and his biological father and middle brother are both in pharmacy. Dentistry held little draw for Manocha, "I'm a very active person. The idea of sitting down all day and looking at teeth is just boring."

Boring is a term he also uses to describe running, saying, "I'll play soccer or basketball all day. Just running and looking at the

pavement is boring though—I like to play a sport." In fact, he plays City League basketball, soccer, and softball in Tallahassee.

Manocha says he loves being connected to the community in Tallahassee through sports and the Chamber of Commerce and intends to have that same connection here. With his charming personality and youthful excitement, he will no doubt have an easy time fitting into the varied and social community of Monticello.

His office will open Monday, March 10 right downtown at Monticello Health and Fitness. The hours will be on Monday mornings from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., on Wednesday afternoons from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on Saturdays by appointment.

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Jefferson County Living

JCREA Ends Informative/Eventful Year

The Jefferson County Retired Educators Association (JCREA) unit ended the 2013 year on a very informative note. One unit of works is their informative and protective services. Community leaders are invited to bring pertinent information for the health, welfare, and knowledge of community affairs.

Such was the case of Refuge House Outreach Counselor Mrs. Nan Baughman, and Ms. Chasity McCarthy. On November 11, 2013, Baughman enlightened unit members on the mission and services of Refuge House. She gave startling statistics of domestic violence and sexual abuse. Refuge House serves eight counties including Jefferson County, she stated. This area covers the largest in the state (5,000 square miles).

Baughman noted that sexual assault is very prominent among women, children, and even men. She discussed the many ways abusers control or dominate their victims, through sex, bullying, punishment, drugs, and attacks on lesbian, gays, bisexual and transgenders (LGBT).

Next, Baughman gave chilling information on suspected and actual domestic violence occurrences in families especially. She told of many unrealistic reasons many victims suffer abuse from their abusers; denial, embarrassment, and the most common, fear. Baughman then emphasized the importance of recognizing signs of possible abuse in your family, church, friend circle, or neighborhood. Some warning signs given to suspect abuse included; verbal abuse; threats; belittling treatment (emotional abuse); control of who the victim see/visits; the money; and a common tactic, making the victim feel that they cause the abuse.

Baughman told of all the services that Refuge House offers; rape crisis; advocacy; medical support; group counseling/therapy; and shelter options. Finally, Baughman expressed that many victims seeking refuge or services from their abuser leave so quickly, both they and their children have nothing but the clothes they are wearing. A list of

items was provided, and on top of the list was gift certificates of all kinds. Finally, Baughman gave information on how to become an indirect or direct volunteer.

The second presenter was Jefferson County Health Department Tobacco Prevention Specialist Chasity McCarthy. She addressed the unit on December 10, 2013 on a very serious health concern in our nation, states and especially in our community, and that is the target of tobacco marketers and retailers who are targeting our youth with sweet candy flavored tobacco products.

McCarthy gave a passionate report on the issue of youth using tobacco products. She distributed brightly colored flyers of the many kinds of candy-like tobacco products retailers use to attract and entice our cultural of youth to fall victim to their harmful/deadly products.

She revealed compassion about the young defenseless victims. The youngest known tobacco user (13 years) was identified in 1998 with hopes today there were none younger, though survey shows 90 percent of adult smokers began using at or before age 18.

Flavored tobacco products have become increasingly common for attracting young people, containing flavors like vanilla, orange, chocolate, cherry, grape, and coffee. These candy-like flavors are offered in cigarillos to smoke, bubble gum/straws to chew and tic-tacs to suck.

Studies of youths using these products reveal it's easier to use tobacco because the flavors mask the bad taste of the tobacco. Tobacco industry documents show that companies have designed these products with kids in mind, because they are more likely to use candy/fruit tobacco products than adults. In 2008, a national poll found one in five youth had seen these flavored products or ads, while one in 10 adults had.

That's why marketers/retailers use bright colors and points-of-sale marketing. Behind or near counters, hang from ceilings, on floor and counter mats or visible entrances or exits, or next to fre-

quently sold products. McCarthy strongly expressed her disgust on the billions of dollars tobacco companies send to attract youth to use their addictive, potentially deadly products. Her disgust was also with tobacco companies and retailers who target low-income minority communities and stores where adolescents frequent such as convenience store/quick marts.

McCarthy said the mission of the Health Department, other advocates and herself is to bring awareness to everyone possible of these sweet and deadly products and to solicit support of their endeavor to ban them from our community, state, and the nation. Think that our quaint historic county is an exception? Think again...research shows that one in five youth in Jefferson County between the ages of 11 and 17 have tried flavored tobacco.

The City Council and Board of County Commissioners "has gotten on the band wagon" so to speak, to urge local retailers to voluntarily not sell sweet tobacco products in our county. McCarthy invited unit members to join them, the Department's Tobacco Free partnership, meetings held on the second Tuesday of each month. Her contact number is 850- the Health Department Annex.

JCREA Reporter Mary Madison said, "It is JCREA's hope that your join us in our support of Baughman's and McCarthy's departments to help the victims that they are so compassionate about."

JCREA conducted its Annual Cultural Affairs Program of their Christmas Book Drive for the Jefferson Elementary School students. Members set a record high with 615 books that were delivered to Ms. Gladys Nealy and the County Extension Office by Cultural Affairs Chairman Nancy Benjamin on December 11, 2013, to be delivered to the school. It is JCREA's objective for every elementary child to own a book, as they spread Christmas cheer.

The Spirit of Giving, while spreading more cheer, came with the contribution of four \$50 Winn Dixie gift cards that went to chosen citizens within the commu-

nity.

The story of love for children in our former education careers went to another level on December 10, 2013. After learning earlier that every grade at the elementary school had been adopted except the sixth grade, at the monthly meeting the unit consented through a motion, second and unanimous approval to adopt the class. Secre-

tary Mary Madison journeyed over to the school and met with Dr. Coverson and the entire sixth grade team, who gratefully accepted the unit's action.

At the January meeting, a supply wish list was presented to the members and a delivery date was set up.

JCREA is a proud chartered (1991) organization of retired educators and other retirees

interested in the mission, goals, and projects of the unit. JCREA is an affiliated of the Florida Retired Educator's Association and National Retired Teachers Association. An invitation to join JCREA is offered to any retiree. Contact President Louie Barrington, Jr. at 364-9142, or Secretary Madison at 210-7090, or Treasurer Louisa Larry a 510-2366.

Cottage B&B And Restaurant Recognized By The Governor



The entranceway to the Cottage B&B and Restaurant on West Palmer Mill Road in Monticello, 850-342-3541.

DEBBIE SNAPP
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Martha McClendon and the Cottage Bed & Breakfast and Restaurant received recognition, in the form of a letter, from Governor Rick Scott on February 14.

The letter was to congratulate her business, located at 295 West Palmer Mill Road, for being one of only 25 food service establishments in the Sunshine recognized during the most recent inspections conducted by the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation for having no safety or sanitation violations within the past year.

"I applaud you and your employees for demonstrating such a high level of attention to detail and commitment to excellence," he said.

The Governor's pro-growth agenda is working to increase

opportunities for Florida families to live their version of the American dream.

He mentions in his letter that the Florida's unemployment rate is at its lowest in over five years and has remained below the national average since March 2013, putting the total job creation since December 2010 at 446,000.

While this is great news, he says that he is not finished. He is proposing to undo the 54 percent increase in

automobile taxes and fees Floridians saw in 2009. This means that around \$400 million annually will be given back to Floridian families.

He says, "We've cut taxes, made government more efficient, and provided more services to families."

He promises to continue to work tirelessly to make sure Florida families can pursue their dreams by getting a great job and having access to a quality education.



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Sports

Branford Skins Lady Tigers

FRAN HUNT
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The Jefferson County varsity Lady Tigers hit the diamond against Branford in a district contest on February 25, and Branford skinned the Lady Tigers for a 13-5 Jefferson defeat.

"We had a lot of defensive errors," said Coach Frank Brown. "Our defensive didn't hold up and we blew some big key plays. Offensively, we had some good hitters in the game, but they are young and not producing the power hits yet."

Carlie Barber had four at-bats, two runs, and four singles.

Marta Vargas had four at-bats, one single, one triple, two putouts, and one run.

Secelia Vasquez had four at-bats, one single, one run, one strikeout, and two putouts.

Taylor Clemens had four at-bats, two singles, one double, and one strikeout.

Allaura Pierce had four at-bats, two singles, and two strikeouts.

Arriiana Pierce had four at-bats, two singles, and two putouts.

Lucy Noel had four

at-bats, one single, two strikeouts, and one putout.

Terre'Yona Dunlap had four at-bats, one run, three strikeouts, and one single.

Mikeria Andrews had four at-bats, one strikeout, and three putouts.

On the mound, Clemens gave up seven hits, five walks, five hit by pitches, and struck out six batters.

Vargas gave up three hits, three walks, one hit by pitch, and struck out one batter.

In comparison, the Branford pitcher gave up 16 hits, and struck out 10 Jefferson batters.

Lady Warriors Stand 3-1

FRAN HUNT
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The Aucilla Christian Academy varsity Lady Warriors recently spit two games to now stand 3-1 on the season.

On February 11, the Lady Warriors hit the diamond against Florida High and Aucilla was blanked for a 4-0 loss.

As a team Aucilla had 27 at-bats, three hits, two walks, five strikeouts, three reach on errors, one fielder's choice, and two hit by pitches.

Ramsey Sullivan had three at-bats, one hit, and one hit by pitch.

Carly Joiner had three at-bats, one fielder's choice and one hit by pitch.

Kelly Horne had four at-bats, and one strikeout.

Elizabeth Hightower had four at-bats, and one reach on error.

Abigail Morgan had three at-bats, and one reach on error.

Natalie Sorensen had two at-bats, one hit, one reach on error, and one walk.

Whitney Stevens had two at-bats, and one walk.

Taylor Copeland had three at-bats, and two strikeouts.

Courtney Watts had two at-bats, and two strikeouts.

Emma Witmer had one at-bat, and one hit.

On the field, the Lady Warriors had 24 total chances, four assists, 18 putouts, two errors, and a fielding percentage of .917.

Stevens had one total chance, one putout, and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

Sorensen had three total chances one assist, two putouts, and a

fielding percentage of 1.000.

Sullivan had five total chances, five putouts, and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

Horne had two total chances, one putout, one error, and a fielding percentage of .500.

Morgan had four total chances, four putouts, and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

Hightower had four total chances, two assists, two putouts, and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

Copeland had two total chances, two putouts, and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

Joiner had three total chances, one assist, one putout, one error, and a fielding percentage of .667.

On the mound, Hightower pitched seven innings, gave up six hits, four runs, two of which were earned, four walks, five strikeouts, 69 strikes on 112 pitches, four ground outs, nine fly outs, and 20 first pitch strikes on 28 batters faced.

Aucilla faced off against Lafayette County on February 13 and the Lady Warriors came out on top of a 10-8 scoreboard.

Aucilla had 35 plate appearances, 29 at-bats, seven hits, three singles, two doubles, one triple, one homerun, eight RBI's, five walks, and five strikeouts.

Stevens had four plate appearances, four at-bats, and one strikeout.

Witmer had three plate appearances, three at-bats, one RBI, and one strikeout.

Sorensen had four plate appearances, two at-bats, one run, two walks, and one strikeout.

Sullivan had four plate appearances, four

at-bats, and one run.

Horne had four plate appearances, three at-bats, two hits, two doubles, two RBIs, and three runs.

Morgan had four plate appearances, three at-bats, one hit, one triple, two RBI's, one run, and one walk.

Hightower had four plate appearances, four at-bats, two hits, one single, one homerun, two RBI's, two runs, and one strikeout.

Copeland had four plate appearances, three at-bats, one hit, one single, one RBI, one walk, and one strikeout.

Joiner had four plate appearances, three at-bats, one hit, one single, two runs, and one walk.

On the field, the Lady Warriors had 35 total chances, eight assists, 21 putouts, six errors, and a fielding percentage of .829.

Stevens had two total chances, one assist, one error, and a fielding percentage of .500.

Sullivan had 11 total chances, 10 putouts, one error, and a fielding percentage of .909.

Horne had three total chances, one assist, one putout, one error, and a fielding percentage of .667.

Watts had three total chances, two putouts, one error, and a fielding percentage of .667.

Morgan had seven total chances, seven putouts, and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

Hightower had five total chances, three assists, one putout, one error, and a fielding percentage of .800.

Copeland had one total chance, one error, and a fielding percentage of .000.

Joiner had three total chances, three assists, and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

On the mound, Stevens pitched four innings, gave up five hits, struck out four batters, gave up eight runs, none of which were earned, and she was credited with the win.

Hightower pitched three innings, gave up two hits, four walks, and struck out four batters.

JV Warriors Win Past Two Games

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The Aucilla Christian Academy junior varsity baseball team won the past two games to now stand 4-2 on the season.

The JV Warriors hit the diamond against Munroe on February 27 and Aucilla doubled their opponent for an 8-4 win.

Austin Harrell had two hits, and two runs.

Joe Hannon had one hit, and two runs.

Timothy Finlayson had one hit, and two runs.

Kameron Burns had one hit, and one run.

Joe Walton had one hit.

Ryan Jackson had one hit.

Gatlin Nennstiel scored one run.

Hannon was named the winning pitcher.

On February 28, the JV Warriors squared off against Hosford, and the JV Warriors came out on top of an 8-3 scoreboard.

Harrell had two hits, and scored one

run.

Hannon had one hit, and one run.

John Walker had one hit, and one run.

Finlayson had one hit, and one run.

Stewart Dalzell had one hit, and two runs.

Brandon Bates had one hit.

Joe Walton scored one run.

Jackson scored one run.

Finlayson was named the winning pitcher.

The game against Hosford marked the midway point of the junior varsity season, and Coach Richard Finlayson provided up-to-date statistical leaders for the JV Warriors.

On offense, Harrell leads in hits with eight.

Burns had four hits.

Timothy Finlayson also has four hits.

Harrell led the JV Warriors with eight runs scored.

Finlayson had seven runs.

Jackson had five runs scored.

Harrell also leads the JV Warriors with a .571 batting average.

Evan Hocking has a .500 batting average.

Bates has a batting average of .400.

In on base average, Dalzell leads Aucilla with a .800.

Harrell had an on base average of .778.

Burns had an on base average of .650.

On the mound, Hannon had an earned run average of 2.25.

Finlayson had an earned run average of 2.6.

Burns had an earned run average of 3.00.

Hannon, Walker, Burtins and Finlayson are each credited with one win.

Hannon leads the JV Warriors with 14 strikeouts.

Burns had 10 strikeouts.

Finlayson also had 10 strikeouts.

Coach Richard Finlayson spoke of what the focus for the JV Warriors was for the week. "We encourage our players to give their very best to win, but that as long as they keep Christ as their top priority, they will always be winners."

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JES First Grade Students Enjoy Math



CARRIE MCEACHIN
 On Friday, February 28, 2014, Jefferson Elementary School's First Grade participated in a hands-on math activity using standard and non-standard units of measurement. Students rotated from class to class and worked on different skills in each room. Mrs. Barrington focused on measuring objects using a standard unit of measure-

ment, i.e. rulers. Mrs. Lamb and Mrs. Barker taught how to measure using non-standard units of measurement. Mrs. Roddenberry manipulated clocks to teach time and Ms. McEachin focused on comparing different objects by their weight. Students enjoyed rotating from class to class and having the opportunity to have a true hands-on experience. Mrs. Barrington is quoted as saying: "The

purpose of the activity was collaboration within small groups and allowing the students to experience math in a way that is fun and educational."

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Jefferson County High School Makes History With Model United Nations Attendance At FSU

On Friday, February 21, 2014, the Jefferson County Middle/High School made a first time ever presence in the history of the school at the Tallahassee Southern Model United Nations XVIII regional conference. Those attending from Jefferson County High School were Coby Brown immersed in the General Assembly Plenary, and John Lee involved in the Security Council. Honorable Gladys Roann and Chief Kent T. Watson served as Advisers to our delegates engaged in this regional conference of the Model United Nations.

Overarching theme for this conference had been the promotion of international Peace and Security. Hot topics discussed under the General Assembly Plenary had been alternate sources of energy (nuclear energy, hydro-powered energy, natural gas).

General Assembly debated the monumental importance of democracy and human rights in post conflict regions.

Security Council debated the political and economic situation in Syria concerning chemical weapons, drone warfare, political asylum, humanitarian aid, diplomacy, and military intervention as the last resort.

Our keynote speaker was the Honorable Guy Djoken, Executive Director of United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Washington, DC.

Honorable Djoken made an offer of a scholarship for Summer Camp to help promote Model United Nations. Junior and high school students

can sharpen their skills in critical thinking, academic research, writing draft United Nations resolutions, increase their debate skills, and learn how to best negotiate conflict at the high school honors/highly competitive college level. Model United Nations programs build students to become competitive for the Diplomat program, Ambassador program, and Secretary-General programs at Harvard University, Columbia University, University of Toronto-Canada, and many other highly prestigious colleges/universities.

In essence, "Let us acknowledge and celebrate what youth can do to build a safer, more just world. Let us strengthen our efforts to include young people in policies, programmes and decision-making processes that benefit their futures and ours" quote from

the Honorable Ban Ki-moon, Secretary General of the United Nations.

In addition, the Jefferson County Middle/High School won an award - Honorable Mention for Distinguished Delegation - Republic of Korea.

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Tuesday, March 11 2:45AM *7:45AM 1:48PM *8:08PM	Wednesday, March 12 3:24AM *8:30AM 2:40PM *8:53PM	Thursday, March 13 4:01AM *9:15AM 3:32PM *9:37PM	Friday, March 14 4:37AM *9:59AM 4:25PM *10:21PM

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New Website Spotlights Farmers For Protecting The Environment

The Florida Farm Bureau Federation (FFBF) will launch a newly designed website, thisfarmcares.org, to recognize farmers throughout Florida who practice environmental stewardship. The website will also educate the public on agriculture's role in protecting Florida's natural resources.

The This Farm Cares website recognizes more than 600 farmers who have taken voluntary steps to protect the land and water quality by implementing Best Management Practices (BMPs) on their farms. A photo gallery along with a calendar of statewide County Alliance for Responsible Environmental Stewardship (CARES) recognition events will also be featured. Profiles and events will be updated weekly.

The website will boast a modern, sleek, easy-to-navigate design. Other features include a News Blog, eligibility requirements for the CARES program, frequently asked questions and direct links to This Farm Cares social media pages on Facebook and Twitter.

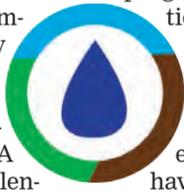
"We are extremely excited to launch the CARES website," said Scot Eubanks, CARES coordinator for FFBF. "Through this website we are able to give farmers and ranchers public recognition and bring aware-

ness to their advanced farming practices nationwide."

The CARES program was established by Florida Farm Bureau and the Suwannee River Partnership in 2001 to recognize superior natural resource conservation by agricultural producers. Since its inception, more than 600 agriculturists statewide have received the CARES award. The program relies on the voluntary action by farmers and ranchers to implement state-of-the-art natural resource management systems, or Best Management Practices, on their properties. CARES award winners have received certification from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services that their farming operations have successfully met state BMP standards.

The CARES program involves partnerships with more than 60 organizations, including The Mosaic Company, the world's leading producer of phosphate and potash crop nutrients.

Florida Farm Bureau is the Sunshine State's largest general agricultural organization with more than 147,000 member-families representing Farm Bureaus in 60 counties. Membership provides a multitude of benefits and you don't have to be a farmer to be a member of Florida Farm Bureau.



THIS FARM CARES

SRWMD Assists 13 Area Farmers To Reduce Groundwater Withdrawals

Deadline to apply for next round of funds is April 4

Thirteen agricultural producers within the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) have been approved to receive a total of \$239,025 in cost-share funds to implement irrigation retrofits, water conservation technologies, and water-saving projects. These projects will reduce groundwater withdrawals by an estimated 1.35 million gallons of water per day (mgd).

The District's agriculture cost-share funding will pay for the following cost-share projects:

- Seventeen center pivot irrigation system retrofits that will save water.
- Two pump upgrades that will provide for greater irrigation efficiency.
- Twenty-one Global Positioning System (GPS) end-gun shutoffs to eliminate watering of non-target irrigation

areas. Fourteen remote controlling devices to monitor and control irrigation systems offsite, allowing systems to be shut off during rain events among other capabilities.

• Four soil moisture probes and one weather station to assist with irrigation scheduling efficiencies.

• Nineteen new controller panels that work in conjunction with other technology to provide greater irrigation efficiencies among other capabilities.

To date the District's agriculture cost-share program has reduced groundwater withdrawals by an estimated 7.5 mgd. This is the second year the District has offered assistance to farmers through the program. The District has set aside \$1.5 million to fund the program each fiscal year. Approved applicants are awarded

funding on a quarterly basis.

Agricultural producers within the District have until April 4 to apply for cost-share funds for the next funding cycle. Funds are 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 help pay for projects that increase irrigation efficiency and water conservation and assist with water-saving technologies.

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).

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Virtually all of Florida's fresh waters are brimming with bream, which include bluegill, redear sunfish, redbreast sunfish and spotted sunfish. These sporty little fish are many a kid's first catch, introducing them to a lifetime of fishing fun. They provide great opportunities for shoreline fishing using simple cane poles or spinning rods. License-free freshwater fishing weekends are a great time for adults to introduce kids to fishing and see if they and you would like to take up the sport.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) schedules the first of four license-free recreational freshwater fishing days on the first full weekend in April each year (April 5-6 this year), because it is such a productive fishing time, and the weather is usually pleasant. Many of Florida's recreational sport fishes, such as black bass, bluegill and redear sunfish, move into the shallows to spawn during spring, making them more available for anglers to catch.

During license-free freshwater fishing weekends (the first weekend in April and the second weekend in June) no recreational fishing li-

cence is required; however, all other bag limit, season, gear and size restrictions apply on these dates for recreational fishing. The FWC invites you to take this opportunity to take your family, friends and colleagues fishing.

Children don't need a fishing license until they are 16, but parents may buy them one at any time and they won't expire until they are 17. This helps the FWC attain additional revenue from the Federal Aid in Sportfish Restoration program to improve their fishing and gives the child pride in belonging to the angling community.

Fishing is a low-cost, wholesome form of entertainment that often pays for itself with healthy food for the table. An annual license (MyFWC.com/License; 888-347-4356) is only \$17.50 for residents.

To further encourage recreational fishing, the FWC will conduct a special contest during April to collect photos of anglers. All you have to do is post a photo of your family fishing in Florida's fresh waters on Twitter or Instagram with #FWC-FamilyFishing. In return for your efforts, the FWC will enter your name into a drawing for one of six surprise packages, each including a \$50 gift card,

compliments of Bass Pro Shops and Trophy-Catch, and another \$50 worth of assorted fishing lures, hooks, line and goodies to make your next trip even more productive. Submitted photos must be your own, unedited pictures, and the photo must not include inappropriate content. Photos should be taken during April while freshwater fishing in Florida and include multiple anglers enjoying their day together on the water. The FWC may subsequently use the photos for outreach purposes.

In addition, freshwater anglers are encouraged to participate in the Big Catch angler-recognition program. All you need to do is catch one of 33 species of freshwater fish that exceed a specific length or weight, go to BigCatchFlorida.com, fill out some information and post a photo. Besides getting to share the excitement of your catch on the Internet, you'll receive via email a custom certificate to print, and a discount for SportsmanOnCanvas.com.

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