

## City Puts Off Decision To Raise Water, Sewer Rates (Postponement Is Only Temporary)

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The Monticello City Council earlier this week postponed a decision on proposed rate increases for the water and sewer services, but only because City Manager Steve Wingate wasn't present to explain his recommendation.

Wingate was on vacation Tuesday evening, June 3, when the council took up his recommended rate increases, which are lower than those recommended by the Florida Rural Water Association (FRWA) in its final report in March, following a comprehensive study of Monticello's water and sewer rate structure.

Wingate's recommendation relies equally on the FRWA study and an analysis of the two rate structures performed by Tom Love and presented to the council at a workshop on Tuesday, May 20.

For the water service, Wingate is proposing a \$2.50 increase in the base rate, plus a 30-cent increase in the

charge per 100 cubic feet (c.f.) of water use for residents inside the city; and a \$3.12 increase in the base rate and a 37-cent increase in the charge per 100 c.f. of water use for residents outside the city.

In terms of the monthly water charge, the billed amount for residents inside the city would go from the current \$5 base rate and \$1.20 charge per 100 c.f. of water use, to \$7.50 and \$1.50, respectively. And for residents outside the city, the billed amount would go from the current \$6.25 base rate and \$1.50 charge per 100 c.f. of water use, to \$9.37 and \$1.87, respectively.

For the sewer service, Wingate is proposing no increases in the base rates for residents both inside and outside the city, but he is proposing a \$1 increase of the charge per 100 c.f. of water use within the city and a \$1.25 increase of the charge per 100 c.f. of water use outside the city.

In terms of the monthly sewer bill, the base rate

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## Antipoverty Organization Honors Local Individuals

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Four Jefferson County individuals were among 21 honored by the Capital Area Community Action Agency Inc (CACAA) at its recent Appreciation Awards Dinner and Ceremony at the Capital City Country Club in Tallahassee.

The four local honorees were Chief Fred Mosley, of the Monticello Police Department; Gregg Hagan, of Hagan and Bradwell Funeral Home; and Brandon Allen and Monisha Crumity, members of the CACAA Board.

Mosley and Hagan were honored as outstanding community partners, and Allen and Crumity for their work on the board.

The annual event recognizes the dedication of staff, stakeholders, partners, sponsors and board members whose commitment and support of the agency's mission helps it to decrease poverty and increase prosperity in its eight-county service area.

"Community Action staff and customers benefit greatly from the gracious efforts of our community partners and sponsors," CACAA Executive Director Tim Center said at the ceremony. "Public servants are a special and dynamic group of people. Not one staff member does this to become rich. This is about helping those in need and in the worst circumstances of their lives."

A private nonprofit entity, the CACAA sponsors and oversees antipoverty programs in eight counties, including Jefferson.

The organization's stated mission is to provide a comprehensive and seamless system of services and resources to reduce the detrimental effects of poverty and empower low-income citizens with the skills and motivation needed to become self-sufficient and improve their overall quality of life.



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No long-handled brooms for modern-day public street sweepers, who employ state-of-the-art equipment to perform the task. Here Monticello Public Works employee Simon Williams operates the city's new street sweeper to keep the downtown district clean. The city purchased the machine about five months for about \$153,000.

## Two County Roads Getting Improved

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Funding from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is once again allowing for the improvement of county roads.

This time the roads being improved are North Salt/Bassett Dairy Road in the Ashville area and Lloyd Creek/Cherry Tree Road in the Lloyd area.

C.W. Roberts Contracting Inc. is doing both jobs, and the engineering firm of Preble-Rish Inc. is overseeing the projects.

The Jefferson County Commission awarded the contract for the North Salt/Bassett Dairy Road improvements in April on a bid of \$1,091,776.08. The work involves the widening and resurfacing of the road. The funding for this project is coming from the Small County Outreach Program, commonly known as SCOP.

The commission approved the contract for the Lloyd Creek/Cherry Tree Road in May for \$701,567.30. This work involves the resurfacing of the road. The Small County Road Assistance Program (SCRAP) is funding this project.

Since their establishment in the early 2000s, the two FDOT-administered programs -- along with another, the County Incentive Grant Program (CIGP) -- have funded nearly \$40 million of road improvement work in Jefferson County and been responsible for the upgrade of upwards of 30 roads.

## Building Activity Here Spikes Slightly In May

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The city and county issued a combined 63 permits in May, up from the 52 issued in April.

This according to the latest report from the Jefferson County/City of Monticello Building Inspection and Contractor Licensing Department, released on Tuesday, June 3.

As in previous months, the bulk of the permits issued were for home repairs and additions, by now a trend dating back some three or four years.

The 63 permits generated \$8,320.23 in fees, slightly less than the \$8,706.76 generated by the 52 permits in April. Of the 63 permits, the city issued 20 and collected \$2,517.50, and the county issued 43 and collected \$5,802.73. A breakdown of the 63 permits shows 56 were for repairs and additions; one for residential construction; one for a

commercial-related project; two for mobile homes; and three for a miscellaneous uses, such as a shed, sign, workshop or barn.

In the residential permit category, the valuation was \$98,294, down from the \$246,799 recorded in April. This valuation was \$113,096 in May 2013.

For commercial permits, the valuation was \$435,162, up from the \$190,000 recorded in April. It was \$69,500 in May 2013.

And for all other permits (a category that includes additions, re-roofs and non-residential structures), the valuation was \$220,000 in May, down from the \$1,186,509 recorded in April. This valuation was \$201,034 in May 2013.

Meanwhile, the Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Department issued six permits and collected \$1,850 in May, compared with 12 permits and \$4,092.80 collected in April. In May 2013, the department issued 11 permits and collected \$4,213.86.

## Black Infant Deaths Increase In County

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The latest released infant mortality statistics from the Florida Department of Health for 2013 show Jefferson County's rate increasing dramatically from the previous year -- percentage wise.

"For Jefferson County the rate increased (tripled) from 7.2 in 2012 to 29.6 per 1,000 live births in 2013," states an email to the Journal from Donna Hagan, executive director of the Healthy Start Coalition of Jefferson, Madison and Taylor Counties Inc.

The email notes that the white infant mortality rate remained zero for 2013, the same as in 2012. The black infant death rate, however, increased from 17.5 percent in 2012 to 64.5 percent in 2013, according to the statistics.

Which increase translates into four black infant deaths in Jefferson County in 2013, versus one in 2012. All told, Jefferson County had 62 black births in 2013, compared with 57 in 2012.

The point is to stress the need for continued efforts to promote preconception health among African-American women of childbearing age, according to Hagan.

Following are the statistics for some of the other counties in the area. The numbers are arranged as follows: Black infant deaths for 2012 and 2013; black births for 2012 and 2013; and the black infant death rate per 1,000 births for 2012 and 2013.

For Calhoun County, for example, the numbers 0 and 0; 14 and 17; and 0 and 0 percents represent, respectively, zero black infant deaths in 2012 and zero in 2013; 14 and 17 black births in 2012 and 2013; and 0 and 0 percents for the rates of black infant death per 1,000 births in 2012 and 2013.

\* Franklin County: 0 and 1; 5 and 16; and 0 and 62.5 percents.

\* Gadsden County: 4 and 8; 317 and 343; and 12.6 and 23.3 percents.

\* Leon County: 19 and 6; 1,208 and 1,238; and 15.7 and 4.8 percent

\* Madison County: 1 and 0; 97 and 103; and 10.3 and 0 percents.

\* Suwannee County: 1 and 1; 62 and 62; and 16.1 and 16.1 percents.

\* Taylor County: 0 and 0; 47 and 60; 0 and 0 percents.

\* Wakulla County: 0 and 1; 43 and 35; and 0 and 28.6 percents.

## Congressional Votes Week Of May 26-30



This is for citizens interested in how Florida's 2nd Congressional District members voted on recent national issues. Or specifically, how Rep. Steve Southerland II voted on two House-passed measures during the week of May 26-30, as the Senate was in recess during the period.

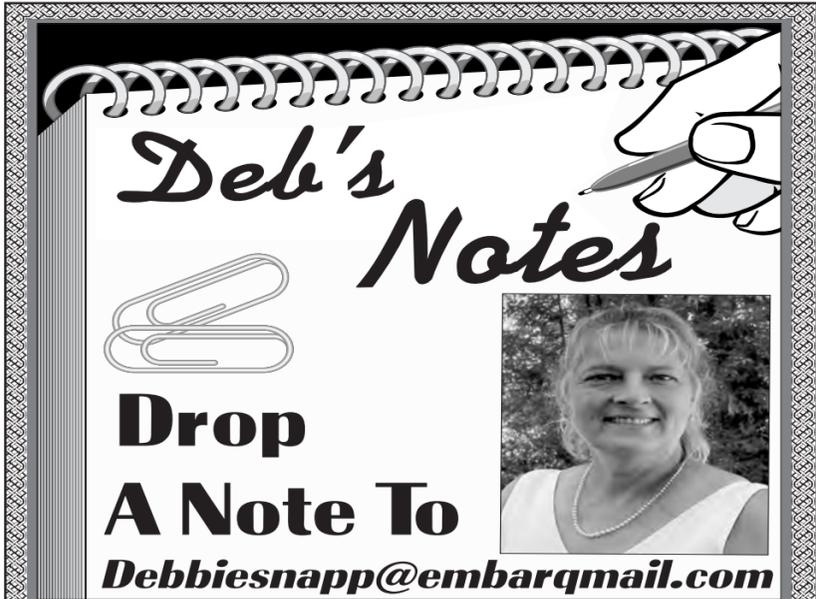
The first measure was the Fiscal 2015 Commerce-Justice-Science Appropriations, which the House passed 321-87, with 23 members abstaining. The bill provides \$51.2 billion in discretionary funds in fiscal 2015 for the departments of Commerce and Justice and for other federal agencies, such as NASA and the National Science Foundation.

Southerland voted yes with the majority.

The second was the Fiscal 2014-15 Intelligence Authorization, which the House passed 345-59, with 27 members abstaining. This bill authorizes classified amounts for fiscal 2014-15 to 16 intelligence agencies and intelligence-related activities, including the Office of the National Intelligence Director, the CIA and the National Security Agency (NSA) and foreign intelligence activities of the Defense Department, FBI and Homeland Security Department.

Southerland voted yes.

# Viewpoints



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*Conversations for Coffee*  
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## Smell the Roses

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Since I've moved into this 130-year old farmhouse, I've been watching the yard unfold.

It started with the camellias. Then the azaleas and pear trees bloomed; then the dogwoods and the solitary plum tree by the pond. The plum looked as though it was laden with snow, overlooking the dark water, a shock of white against a sea of shadows.

And once the plum shed its little white flowers, leaving them to float on the murky waters of the pond, the daffodils bloomed. Then the Easter lilies, and then the Cherokee rose. Wisteria followed, and little pink

lilies. After that the tea olive. Most recently, a clutch of striped amaryllis have bloomed alongside thick clumps of violet.

And I haven't planted a thing.

You see, it has become very clear to me that a woman once loved this house. A man, too, I am sure, but I imagine a woman planted all those daffodils and delighted when they spread. I imagine a woman turned the fertile soil around the camellias and watered them. I imagine a woman picked the dogwoods and favored the plum.

As soon as one flower closes, another blooms. It can be nothing other than deliberate, meticulous, and full of love.

I imagine in all of her planting, she felt very close to God. She'd give a bulb everything it needed: proper soil and lighting, water. And then she'd turn it over to God to let it grow, like so many children she must have done the same with.

How thoughtful and beautiful her results. How laborious her efforts. And yet, how full of love. I drink my morning coffee in the kitchen, gazing out over the work of the unknown woman's hands.

It is a reminder to go about my day with as much love and patience as she went about over many years of gardening. I guess that is why people tell you to stop and smell the roses.

June 6, 1944 was one of the largest, most dramatic invasions ever witnessed... 160,000 troops emerging from the English Channel, through Seine Bay, to storm a 50-mile stretch of French coastline before dawn. Widely known as D-Day, the longest day, Operation Neptune, and officially called Operation Overlord. The turning point for WWII. Do you remember? Were you there? Normandy towns and villages now embrace a more joyful side, celebrating its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of liberation from Nazi Germany with gourmet tastes of seafood, cheeses, ciders; fine art, classic literature, and the great outdoors.

The Monticello Opera House will present Organic Americana, celebrating regional tastes and music, on Saturday, June 7, doors open at 12 p.m. with food and vendors. Music and entertainment by the 'Sarah Mack Band' and 'CDH and the Porch Lizards' will start at 2 p.m. Organic food vending by Tupelo's Bakery & Cafe'. Information and products by Omega Beef, Earth Steps, The Weston A. Price Foundation, Bumpy Roads Farm Organic Grits and Corn Meal, Monticello

Trading Company Organic Watermelon Seeds, String Lily Art, and so much more. Ticket cost is \$15, to purchase call 850-997-4242.

Monticello Health and Fitness Center, 760 East Washington Street in Monticello, has a new schedule of hours effective through September 13. The hours of operation are: Monday through Thursday from 5:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Friday from 5:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more information contact Deborah D'Attila at 850-997-4400.

S.W.A.T. Advisor Sharita Scott announces a team and partner meeting from 4 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 10 at the Jefferson County Bailer Public Library. So many lives are lost daily because of tobacco use. Join with other interested persons, and do something about it. Call 850-673-9938 for more information.

Make plans now with your family and friends to visit Veterans Memorial Railroad, for a free train ride over a mile around the park on the second Saturday of the month, June 14, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Donations are appreciated. For more information

go to veteransmemorialrailroad.org or call 850-643-6646, or 850-643-5491.

The Monticello Woman's Club will present its annual Luncheon and Fashion Show at the Monticello Opera House on Thursday, June 19, beginning at 12 p.m. Come enjoy fashions from Wag The Dog Thrift & Treasure Shop, modeled by local volunteers. Be sure to get in on the door prizes and raffles. Delight in a delicious homemade meal with ice cold sweet tea and desserts. This function is a fundraising effort for the MWC; the cost is \$12.

Father's Day is coming, June 15. Would you like to give a 200-word or less tribute to your father? Write down your thoughts and send them to Brenda and Scott Beigle at Faith Radio and your letter will be read on-air. Email to mailbox@faithradio.us or P.O. Box 181000, Tallahassee, FL. 32318. What are your thoughts about the upcoming Dad Appreciation Day? Let them know that too. 90.1 FM, 105.7 FM, 1070 AM, 104.5 FM, 91.3 FM, 91.3 FM.

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Allen Boyd and Gary Canada!

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# FARMERS MEETING MONDAY

Seed Time Harvest Farms is hosting a Farmers Meeting on Monday, June 9 at 6:30 p.m., at the County Annex located at 435 West Walnut Street, in Monticello.

Local farmers are encouraged to attend this informative meeting. The meeting will present options for expanding pro-

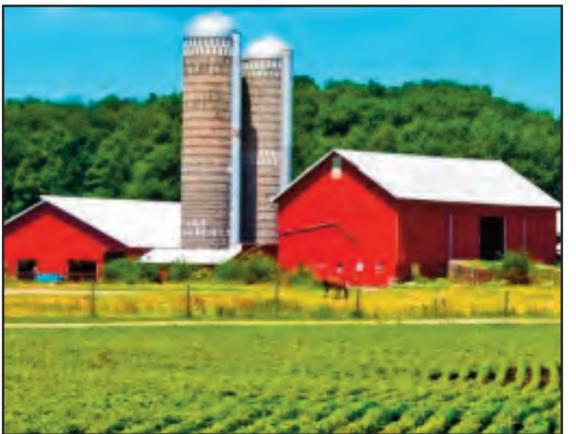
duce sales, obtaining available grants, and the opportunity to serve families receiving WIC and food stamp services.

USDA Representative Christine Walmer will be guest speaker. She will share some important information about these services and funding opportunities that may in-

crease your sales.

This is also a chance to meet other farmers, share ideas on growing produce for market and other important details of farming.

If you plan to attend, contact Project Coordinator Cetta Barnhart, with Seed Time Harvest Farms, at 850-251-0386. Your call will reserve a seating.



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# Jefferson County Living

## CHURCH NEWS NOTES

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**June 2-6**  
**First Baptist Church** Monticello is hosting 'Wilderness Escape: Where God Guides And Provides,' Monday to Friday from 5:15 to 8:00 p.m. each night. This Vacation Bible School will take families back to the time of Moses and the Israelites, exploring some of the adventures they faced. Children and adults will participate together at the Israelite Camp. Together they will sing catchy songs, play team-work building games, dig into Bible snacks, visit with Moses, and collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of God's Word. For more information about this program, or to register, contact the FBCM office at 850-997-2349 or fbc-monticellosecretary@yahoo.com.

**June 6, 7, 9**  
**Transforming Life Church** will host a Holy Spirit Encounter Weekend with Prophetic Evangelist Russ Kline, of Shatter the Darkness Ministries, holding special services and training. On Friday at 7:00 p.m., a Prophetic and Healing Service; on Saturday; from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., a Spiritual Gifts Workshop (pre-registration is required for this workshop at transforming@live.com.) On Sunday at 10:30 a.m., a Pentecost Sunday Celebration and powerful anointed worship followed by Russ Kline preaching the uncompromised Word, with the demonstration of the Spirit's power; and with a strong prophetic anointing. TLC is located at 1206 Springfield Road, in Lloyd. For more information call 850-997-TLC7, or visit transforming@live.com. Tim and Beverly Buchholtz, church pastors.

**June 7**  
**Church of the Nazarene** 'Clothing Giveaway' is held from 9 to 11 a.m. on the first Saturday of every month. For more information contact church pastor Rev. Clay Stephens at 850-528-5451.

**June 8**  
**Philadelphia Missionary Baptist Church** will hold its '100 Men In Black' program at 3 p.m. on Sunday with Rev. Herbert Thomas delivering the message. Music will be provided by The Spiritual Dove and other soloists. The church is located at 555 Fulford Road. Rev. Ernest Bruton, pastor. For more information contact Deac. Charles Gilley at 850-567-2206.

**June 8**  
**Casa Bianca Missionary Baptist Church** will celebrate its 'Anniversary' at 11 a.m. on Sunday with Pastor Willie Chambers and the Mt. Olive PB

Church in charge of the service. Rev. Tobbie Berrian III, pastor/teacher.

**June 8**  
**First United Methodist Church** and Katrina Richardson continue to host the Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University at 6 p.m. weekly in the Family Ministry Center. The nine-weeks of classes will be held on Sunday evenings. Learn how to take control of your family finances. Contact Richardson at 850-567-6451 for more detailed information.

**June 9-13**  
**First United Methodist Church** will hold its 'Gospel Lights SonTreasure Island' Vacation Bible School from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Monday to Friday; open to students through the fifth grade. Be ready to discover 'hidden treasures' about Jesus. Contact Director Julia Price 850-559-4784 for more information and to register.

**June 9-13**  
**Memorial Missionary Baptist Church** will host its annual Revival Monday through Friday, at 7 p.m. nightly. The theme for this Revival is 'It's Not Over.' The Right Rev. Chris Burney of the Greater Saint Mark Primitive Baptist Church, in Tallahassee, will be the guest messenger through the week. The church is located at the corner of Martin Luther King Avenue and Second Street in Monticello. For more information contact Church Clerk Eunice Smith at 850-545-5814. Rev. Dr. J.B. Duval, pastor.

**June 10**  
 Sons of Allen of the Union Bethel Circuit 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.

**June 11**  
**Memorial Missionary Baptist Church** will host 'Heaven's Kitchen - Feed My Sheep', a weekly noon-day service and meal ministry, every Wednesday at 12 p.m. 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.

**June 14, 28**  
 StoryTime Ministry is held from 1 to 2 p.m. every other Saturday at the Jefferson County Bailer Public Library. For more information contact **First United**

**Methodist Church** Ministry Chairman Barbara Hobbs at 850-523-1813.

**June 16-20**  
**First Baptist Church of Lloyd** will hold Vacation Bible School from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Monday to Friday for children ages PreK3 to 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Kids love crazy, weird animals, the weirder the better. So, the globe has been searched for the most special, unique, rare, never-before-seen animals to help kids discover what Jesus' endless love means in their lives. Come sing and play through active learning, science-y creations, tantalizing eats, outdoor games, and dramatic story presentations. Register now at www.fbcloyd.com.

**June 16-20**  
**Elizabeth Baptist Church** will hold its Vacation Bible School Monday through Friday beginning at 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. This year's theme, 'Agency D3 Discovery, Defend, Decide First Peter 3:15,' will keep the children very busy with lots of fun activities.

**June 18**  
**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. Leave a message for JoAnne Arnold at 850-997-2252, or 850-997-1084, or go to eaglewingsmonticello@yahoo.com.

**June 19**  
**Tri-County Ministries** will host Farm Share every other Thursday beginning at 12 p.m. until the food supply is gone. Jefferson County residents may come to the Harvest Christian Center, at 1599 Springhollow Road, off Waukeenah Highway, to pick up a supply of garden vegetables and other fresh food items. For more information and to volunteer, contact Pastor Marvin Graham at 850-212-7669.

**July 20**  
**St. Rilla Missionary Baptist Church**, Rev. James F. Mack, and First Lady Mack will sponsor a '100 Men' program beginning at 5 p.m. on Sunday, at the church, 13 Barrington Road. Attire will be black suits and gold accessories. The theme will be 'Boys to Men ~ Walking in Christian Faith.' Music will be furnished by the Gospel Tones of Tallahassee. Speaker for this special occasion will be a surprise. So, don't miss this spirit-filled program. For more information, concerns, or directions, contact church pastor James Mack at 850-997-7847, or 850-524-7785.

## Summer Food Service Program

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The Jefferson County School Food Service will be offering free breakfast and lunch for all children 18 years and younger; from Monday through Thursday, beginning on June 9 through July 31.

Children will be provided meals at the Jefferson Elementary School and at the Jefferson County Middle High School, in the cafeterias, from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. for breakfast and from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for lunch.

JES, 960 East Rocky Branch Road. JCMHS, 50 David Road.

Nutritionally balanced meals will be provided to all children regardless of race, color, sex, disability, age, or national origin during the summer vacation months when

school breakfasts and lunches are not available; at no charge. There will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service.

In accordance with Federal law and USDA policy this institution is prohibited from discriminating, to file a complaint of discrimination, write to: USDA, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call toll-free 1-866-632-9992.

The programs are only approved for geographical areas of need where 50 percent or more of the children qualify for free and reduced-price meals during the school year.

For more information contact Food Service Specialist Reatha Knowles at 850-342-0970 or 850-342-0969, or go to reatha.knowles@jeffersonschoolsdistrict.org.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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**June 6**  
**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.

**June 6, 13, 20, 27**  
**Monticello Jamboree Band** performs music for dancing every Friday night at 7 p.m. at 625 South Water Street. Everyone is welcome to come dance, listen to some of the finest music, enjoy door-prizes, soft drinks, snacks, and just enjoy some fun and camaraderie with neighbors and friends. This is a nonprofit charitable event. Donations are accepted. For questions or concerns, contact Bobby Connell at 850-445-0049.

**June 6, 7**  
**Ward 1 Guns** will hold a Concealed Weapon class from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, at the Monticello / Jefferson

County Chamber of Commerce, 450 West Washington Street. The class is great for first time gun owners or gun owners who need a refresher course. The class includes an in-depth review of the types and operation of handguns, as well as ammunition types and components, principles of marksmanship, and personal, home, and range safety issues. Participants will also learn how to safely handle, load, unload, and fire a handgun and for those interested there will be an optional portion on handgun cleaning and maintenance. Attendees will need to bring their personal handgun and one fifty round box of the appropriate ammunition and their own safety equipment (glasses and hearing protection.) You must reserve seating before the event by coming by the store at 240 North Jefferson Street, or by

calling 850-997-3129.

**June 9, 16, 23, 30**  
**Al-Anon** meeting at 8 p.m. on Monday at the Anglican Church, 124 Jefferson Avenue in Thomasville. For more information go to [www.alateen.org](http://www.alateen.org).

**June 9, 16, 23, 30**  
**AA** meeting at 8 p.m. on Monday at the Christ Episcopal Church Annex, 425 North Cherry Street. For more information call 850-997-2129.

**June 9**  
**Palmer Place Book Club** meets on the second Monday at 6 p.m. to discuss its most recent reading. The meeting begins with the discussion and selection of the next book, and then attendees share their views about the book of the month. Contact Abi Vandervest at 850-997-4607 or douwah-nadance@yahoo.com for more information. All are welcome to join for the discussion, to help select the next book, and to suggest authors.

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# Vacation Bible School

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# Jefferson County Living

## Holy Spirit Encounter Weekend Coming To Transforming Life Church

Prophetic Evangelist Russ Kline of Shatter the Darkness ministries will be holding special services and training at Transforming Life Church in Lloyd.

This will be a power-packed weekend of amazing life-changing ministry. Here's the line-up:

\*Friday, June 6, at 7:00 p.m., a Prophetic and Healing Service.

\*Saturday, June 7 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., a Spiritual Gifts Workshop. Although this is a free workshop, pre-registration is required. To register for this workshop, send an email to the Transforming Life Church with the name, address, phone number and home church name for each person attending. The church email is: [transforming@live.com](mailto:transforming@live.com).

Sunday, July 9, at 10:30 a.m., a Pentecost Sunday Celebration! Powerful anointed worship followed by Russ Kline preaching the uncompromised Word, with the demonstration of the Spirit's power, and with a strong prophetic anointing.

Kline and his family travel internationally in prophetic/evangelistic ministry. Since its beginning in 1986, this ministry has been marked by the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. Prophetic gifts flow consistently, as do miracles, signs, and wonders, with powerful preaching, and Holy Ghost ministry of God's glory.

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healed, people have been delivered from the power of the demonic and financial miracles have been released.

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They have seen tens of thousands find new life in Jesus and filled with the power of the Holy Spirit.

Kline desires to see the Gospel of the Kingdom taken to every people group on the earth.

To this end, he has ministered and has much favor in many nations, including China, India, Pakistan, Bahrain, Singapore, Malaysia, Uganda, Russia, Poland, England, Ireland, Sweden, Holland, Belgium, Brazil, Mexico, Jamaica, Canada, and the USA.

"Because of his vast international travels, it is an amazing opportunity to have Russ Kline ministering here in our area. This is something you do not want to miss," says Pastors Tim and Beverly Buchholtz.

Transforming Life Church is located at 1206 Springfield Road, in Lloyd and is easy to find. From I-10 take the Highway 59 (Lloyd exit) and go south on Highway 59 (Gamble Road) approximately two miles. Turn left onto Springfield Road. Go east approximately 1/4 mile and the church is on your left.

For more information call 850-997-TLC7, or visit [transforminglifechurch.com](http://transforminglifechurch.com).

## VBS SCHEDULE

Amber Houston  
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**June 2-6**  
**First Baptist Church of Monticello** will host 'Wilderness Escape: Where God Guides And Provides,' Monday to Friday from 5:15 to 8:00 p.m. each night. This VBS explores the Old Testament, specifically the adventures of Moses and the Israelites as they escaped Egypt.

Children and adults will participate together at the Israelite Camp. All ages will be able to enjoy singing, teamwork activities, snacks, and verse memorization. Snacks will be provided, participants will get Bible Memory Buddies to collect, and Moses will give special appearances.

For more information about this program, or to register, contact the FBCM office at 850-997-2349 or [fbcmonticellosecrretary@yahoo.com](mailto:fbcmonticellosecrretary@yahoo.com).

**June 9-13**  
**First United Methodist Church of Monticello** will hold its "Ahoy Matey!" bible school from 9 a.m. to noon every morning. This is open to all kids that are going into kindergarten to all kids going into 5th grade. There is no fee. To register, contact the church at (850) 997-5545.

**Indian Springs Baptist Church** will hold its "Agency D3" bible school. It will begin at 6:00 each night with a meal, followed by crafts, music, bible study, and other learning opportunities. The kids will get to investigate common questions about Jesus. It

will end with a Family Night on the 13th. Call (850) 893-5296 for more details.

**June 16-18**  
**Calvary Baptist Church**, on the corner of Dogwood and Magnolia, is having VBS on June 16th, 17th, and 18th from 9am to 12pm. It is only 3 days this year but we have a lot planned. It is for ages 4-11. We are going to be learning about Moses and the Israelites as they journeyed to the "Promised Land" from Egypt. We will have arts and crafts, games, music, skits, snacks, and a daily Bible lesson.

**June 16-20**  
**First Baptist Church of Lloyd** will hold Vacation Bible School from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Monday to Friday for children ages PreK3 to 6th grade.

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**June 16-20**  
**Elizabeth Baptist Church** will hold VBS from 5:30 - 8:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Agency D3 Discovery, Defend, Decide; 1 Peter 3:15

**July 11, 12, 13**  
**Transforming Life Church** will hold Blast Off! for kids from 5-12 years old. Blast Off begins Friday, July 11 at 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., continues Saturday, July 12 at 9:00a.m. to 11:30a.m., and concludes Sunday morn-

ing, July 13 at 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. During this time, kids will get an out of this world taste of Bible Points, adventures, singing, and crafts. Call 997-8527 to register and for details.

Is your church hosting a VBS? Contact Amber at (850) 997-3568 or [monticellolmedia@embarq-mail.com](mailto:monticellolmedia@embarq-mail.com) to be included in the VBS calendar.

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**G**rab your mortar boards! Get ready for some fun! Expect an extraordinary grand celebration!

The time is quickly approaching for the 30<sup>th</sup> Jefferson County High School Class Reunion.

The Reunion Celebration will be held June 20 to June 22 and will include a Friday Night Meet & Greet at Logan's Roadhouse restaurant, 750 Appalachia Parkway, in Tallahassee. Arrive at 6:45 p.m., seating is at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday is Family Day at the Jefferson County Recreation Park on Mamie Scott Drive, in Monticello, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Lunch will be served. There will be music, games, lots of other entertainment, and just a grand fellowship.

The Saturday Night Banquet will be at the Jefferson County Club. The dinner menu will include seasoned baked chicken, ham, yellow rice, string beans, dinner rolls, sweet tea and dessert. There will also be live entertainment and music, and time to reminisce and create new memories.

The weekend will conclude with a Sunday Morning Worship Service.

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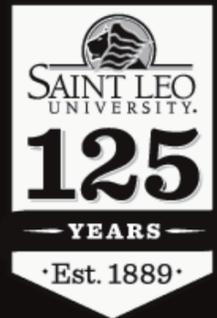
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For more information contact Class Coordinator C.J. Hamilton at 850-284-4306 or [hamilton\\_carolyn@yahoo.com](mailto:hamilton_carolyn@yahoo.com) or Melinda Norton at [melindal.norton@famuedu.org](mailto:melindal.norton@famuedu.org) or Frances Willis at [fawillis@leoncountytfl.com](mailto:fawillis@leoncountytfl.com) or Face book.

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# Sports

## JOHNNY SEABROOKS INDUCTED INTO GADA HALL OF FAME



DEBBIE SNAPP  
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Johnny Seabrooks, director of athletics for the Dougherty County School System, was recently inducted into the Georgia Athletic Directors Association (GADA) Hall of Fame, in Savannah, GA. ; this is his fourth time receiving the honor. He is the son of Essie Seabrooks of Monticello, FL, and is married to Gwen. She has a daughter Kechia, and a granddaughter Kelsey. Honorees for this

prestigious recognition are selected by GADA board members for outstanding service to athletics in the state. Coach Seabrooks was joined by two other honorees from across the state.

Over the past several years Seabrooks has been inducted into the Georgia Track/Field Coaches Hall of Fame, the Albany State University Hall of Fame, the Albany Sports Hall of Fame, and the Albany Herald named its Albany Herald Track and Field Athlete of the Year Award in his honor.

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We will then randomly pick a winner Friday the 13th at 1:00 p.m.

The winning dad will receive a 33 inch combo Reel and Rod along with a tub of worms and a cricket bucket with about 100 Crickets compliments of Stewarts Bait & Tackle.

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### NOTICE

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6/6/2014

### NOTICE

The following units have been seized for non-payment and will be sold at public auction under the authority of the Self-Storage Act section 83:805, Florida Statutes, on June 14, 2014, 10:00am, at Monticello Mini Storage located at the Corner of York and Railroad Streets, Monticello, FL.

- Unit #28 – Casandra Thomas – household items
- Unit #48 – Demetria Scurry – household items
- Unit #22 – Daisy Stebbins – household items
- Unit #10 – Martha Massey – household items

5/30,6/6/2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA

IN RE: ESTATE OF PROBATE DIVISION  
LEO T. ROCHE, JR., FILE NUMBER: 2014 CP 29

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Leo T. Roche, Jr., deceased, whose date of death was February 24, 2014, is pending in the Circuit Court for Jefferson County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Jefferson County Circuit Court, Probate Division, 1 Courthouse Circle, Monticello, FL 32344. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is June 6, 2014.

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The Jefferson County Housing Department announces approximately \$521,000 available through the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) program for fiscal years 2011/2012, 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 to be used for the following Local Housing Assistance Plan strategies: Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation and Homebuyer Purchase Assistance. Please note that funding for rehabilitation will only be used to support existing housing. The strategies are as follows:

#### Homebuyer Purchase Assistance Strategy

The purpose of this strategy is to provide down payment assistance and principle reduction to first-time homebuyers that are eligible under the SHIP guidelines. The maximum amount of SHIP funds that may be awarded per unit is \$30,000 for very low income, \$25,000 for low income and \$20,000 for moderate income households. Potential homebuyers will be required to qualify for a mortgage through a financial institution. Homebuyers may not have claimed homestead exemption in the last three years. Funds will be awarded on a first come, first ready-to-close basis. **Mobile Homes are not eligible for assistance.**

#### Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Strategy

The purpose of this strategy is to provide repairs or improvements needed for safety and sanitary rehabilitation and/or correction of code violations. The maximum amount of SHIP funds that may be awarded per unit is \$40,000. The homeowner must claim homestead exemption and the home must be occupied by the owner in order to be considered for rehabilitation. Applicants are limited to assistance once every (10) years. Applications will be considered on a first come, first served basis. **Mobile Homes are not eligible for assistance.**

Any questions regarding the SHIP application can be addressed by calling GSG at (352) 381-1975.

Please note that there is currently no SHIP Waiting List. All interested persons will need to initially apply or re-apply as previously received applications have not been archived. SHIP Applications will be available beginning **Friday, May 30, 2014** between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm, Monday thru Friday at the Jefferson County Building Department Office located at 445 W Palmer Mill Road, Monticello, Florida 32344, via online at www.meridiancommunitysolutions.com, or by calling (352) 381-1975. Applications are required to be **HAND DELIVERED ONLY** on **Monday, June 30, 2014** between the hours of 12 Noon, EST to 3:00 pm EST. No applications will be accepted before or after the designated time. Applications submitted via mail **WILL NOT** be accepted. Deliver applications to:

**Jefferson County Building Department Office**  
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# LEGALS

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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

Certificate Number: 216 Year of Issuance: 2007

Description of Property: 25-1N-3E-0000-0086-0000 3 Acres  
In NW ¼ of SW ¼ of SW ¼  
ORB 171, PG 289 & ORB 442, PG 507  
Site Address: Clinton Road & Garcia Drive

Name in which assessed: GARRY A. BASSA, ET AL

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 10<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.

Dated this 22<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2014

*Kirk B. Reams*

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

6/6,13,20,27, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY,  
FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION  
IN RE: ESTATE OF  
File No. 2014-CP-27  
CURTIS LAMONT MORGAN SR.,  
Division Probate  
Deceased.  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Curtis Lamont Morgan Sr., deceased, whose date of death was March 9, 2014, is pending in the Circuit Court for Jefferson County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 1 Courthouse Circle, Monticello, FL 32344. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is June 6, 2014

Attorney for Personal Representative:

*Jana McConaughay*  
Jana McConaughay

Personal Representative:

*Darlene Morgan Aldrich*  
Darlene Morgan Aldrich

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6/6,13,2014

## Kiwanis Offers Variety of Weekly Speakers

DEBBIE SNAPP  
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The Monticello Kiwanis offers a variety of speakers to come talk with its membership and guests weekly. Meetings are held at noon on Wednesday of each week at the Jefferson Country Club, on the Boston Highway. Lunch is catered in.

For more information about Kiwanis, its service projects and meeting programs, contact President Don Condon at 850-997-5299.



JD James, with Nature Bridges, a leading bridge builder specializing in top down construction, is one of few contractors utilizing the 'top down' method of bridge construction in environmentally sensitive areas. He was introduced to the Kiwanis membership by Program Chairman Bill Gunnels. His company will be handling the construction of the walkway through Water Street Park; up to a 1/2 mile.



Kim Galban-Countryman, with the Southern Scholarship Foundation, spoke to the club members about the history and operation of the ten local scholarship houses, including one that is named in honor of Kiwanian Ralph Davis. This foundation is also supported by Kiwanis Clubs in Division 3. She was introduced by Program Chairman Floyd Gaglio.



Aaron Shepherd, new Head Coach for the Jefferson County Middle/High School Coach was introduced to the Kiwanis by Program Chairman Al Cooksey. He filled the membership in on his vision for the Tigers team, and on the football season and players.



Tallahassee Kiwanian Gavin Boone, representing Kiwanis Division 3, presented the Outstanding Club Bulletin Award to Kiwanian Bob Davison, for the weekly Monticello club bulletin, under the direction of Davison. The Monticello Kiwanis bulletin was recognized as the best in the Division.



Keith Ward, owner of Ward 1 Guns, became one of the Monticello Kiwanis' newest members. His LLC business is located at 240 North Jefferson Street, downtown Monticello. Store hours are: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday; 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Thursday; and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. Contact him during operating hours at 850-997-3129. Pictured from left to right are: sponsoring member Turnbull Anderson, Ward, and Membership Committee member Frank Blow.



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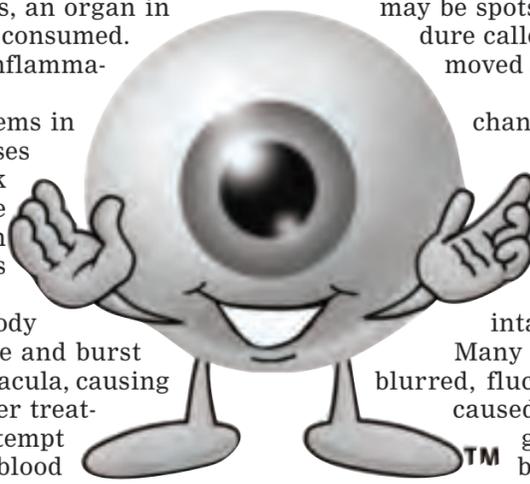
# Health

## Diabetes and the Eyes

**D**iabetes is a problem with the pancreas, an organ in the body that breaks down sugar that is consumed. Too much sugar in the blood causes inflammation and damage to the blood vessels.

There are two types of blood vessel problems in the eyes. The beginning stages of diabetes causes blood vessels to become damaged and leak blood and waste products into the retina. The retina has nerves, which transmit the vision message to the brain. Most people with this damage don't experience vision problems.

When the blood vessels are too leaky, the body produces new blood vessels which are fragile and burst easily. Blood and edema then can pool in the macula, causing blanked out or distorted spots in vision. Laser treatments and injections of drugs into the eye attempt to dry up the excess fluid. Sometimes a new blood vessel will grow into the vitreous, which is a gel of filler material. When this happens the vision goes very poor, or there



may be spots or floaters. The treatment is a surgical procedure called a vitrectomy, where the blood filled gel is removed and fake gel is inserted.

New blood vessels can also grow into the flow channels that lets fluid out of the eye, causing a severe form of glaucoma. In addition, sometimes excess blood causes a retinal detachment, which requires surgery. When a person is diagnosed with proliferative, or new blood vessel growth, a retinal surgeon will sometimes use a laser to kill peripheral nerves to keep the central vision intact. Many diabetics who are poorly controlled experience blurred, fluctuating vision and poor night vision. This is caused by swelling of the lens, which changes the glasses prescription. The ways to control diabetes includes weight loss, taking the medications as directed, exercise, and stop smoking. An annual eye exam is recommended for all diabetics.



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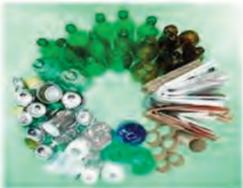
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## Savvy Senior: How Medicare Covers Your Eyes

Dear Savvy Senior,  
What does Medicare cover when it comes to eye care? I currently have good vision insurance through my employer but will lose it when I retire.  
Looking Ahead

Dear Looking,  
Many retirees are unclear with what Medicare does and doesn't cover when it comes to eye care. The good news is that Medicare covers most medical issues like cataract surgery, treatment of eye diseases and medical emergencies. But unfortunately, routine care like eye exams and eyeglasses are usually the beneficiary's responsibility.

Here's a breakdown of how original Medicare covers your eyes, along with some tips that can help you reduce your out-of-pocket costs.

Exams: Routine eye exams (sometimes called "eye refractions") that test for eyeglasses or contact lenses are usually not covered under Medicare, but you are entitled to a yearly medical eye exam if you have diabetes or are at high risk for glaucoma. People at high risk include diabetics, those with a family history of glaucoma, and older Hispanics and African-Americans.

Medicare will also pay for exams to test

and treat medical eye diseases and other problems like macular degeneration, dry eye syndrome, eye infections or if you get something in your eye.

**Eyeglasses and contact lenses:** Medicare does not pay for eyeglasses or contact lenses, with one exception: If you have had a conventional intraocular lens inserted during cataract surgery, Medicare will pay for eyeglasses or contact lenses following the operation. Otherwise, you are on your own.

To find affordable eye exams or eyeglasses, many retailers provide discounts – between 10 and 30 percent – if you belong to a membership group like AARP or AAA.

Also consider Costco Optical, which is considered by Consumer Reports as the best discount store for good eyewear and low prices – it requires a \$55 membership fee. Walmart Vision Centers and For Eyes Optical offer low prices too with no required membership.

You can also save big by buying your glasses online. Some online stores like zennioptical.com, goggles4u.com and eyebuydirect.com sell prescription eyeglasses for as little as \$7. To purchase glasses online you'll need your prescription and pupillary

distance from an exam, and your frame size.

**Eye surgeries:** Medicare covers most eye surgeries including cataract surgery to remove cataracts and insert standard intraocular lenses to replace your own. Medicare will not, however, pick up the extra cost if you choose a specialized lens that restores full range of vision, thereby reducing your need for glasses after cataract surgery. The extra cost for a specialized lens can run up to \$2,500 per eye.

Eye surgeries that are not covered by Medicare include refractive surgery and cosmetic eye surgery (such as eyelid surgery) that are not considered medically necessary.

**Supplemental Insurance**  
Keep in mind that of the medical eye care services that are covered by Medicare, you're still responsible for 20 percent of the cost – Medicare pays the other 80 percent. To help with this out-of-pocket expense, you may want to consider getting a Medigap supplemental policy.

If you can't afford Medigap insurance, check into EyeCare America at eyecareamerica.org. This is a national program that provides medical eye examinations to seniors, age 65 and older, and up to one year of treatment at no cost.

**Advantage Option**  
Another way you can get extra vision coverage when you join Medicare is to choose a Medicare Advantage plan instead of original Medicare. Many of these plans – which are sold through private insurance companies (see medicare.gov/find-a-plan) – cover routine eye care and eyeglasses along with dental, hearing and prescription drugs, in addition to all of your hospital and medical insurance.

Or, if you choose original Medicare, consider purchasing an individual vision insurance policy (see ehealthinsurance.com). These policies cover routine eye care and eyeglasses and typically run between \$12 and \$15 per month.

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