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JCMHS Finds Hope In FCAT Test Scores

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Amidst all the negative news surrounding the recently released Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) scores, the Jefferson County Middle High School (JCMHS) administration has found some good news to share.

Here are highlights that Dr. Terrell Davis, JCHMS assistant principal, shared with the *Jefferson Journal* last week relative to the FCAT scores.

- One student at the school achieved the highest possible score on the FCAT



Dr. Terrell Davis,
JCHMS assistant principal

test in 2013 to 38 percent in 2014. Why is this significant?

10th grade-reading test — a 302.

- The number of dual-enrollment students increased from 10 in the 2012-13 school year to 47 in this last school year.

- Overall, Algebra 1 test scores for 7th, 8th and 9th graders went from 15 percent passing the

Because, Dr. Davis explains, “In 2012-2013, 7th and 8th grade students were not allowed to take Algebra 1. So for seventh grade to go from 0 percent to 37 percent is very good because we are breaking the fear that they have of math.”

Meanwhile, 55 percent of the 31 eighth graders who took the test passed it, and 30 percent of the 63 ninth graders who took it also passed.

- The number of 10th grade students passing the biology test went from 36 percent in 2013 to 50 percent in 2014.

- The number of students passing

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County Institutes Progressive Volunteer Drug Policy

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The county and JCFR have drafted and implemented a firm no-drug policy for its many volunteer firefighters.

Said Jefferson County Human Resources Director, Tyler McNeill, “JCFR Chief Mark Matthews realized that there was a drug policy in place for JCFR

employees, but not for volunteers.”

According to McNeill, this is a problem in many municipalities: volunteers operate the same equipment, answer the same calls, and provide many of the same services to the public as paid firefighters. “It makes sense that they should be held to the same standards,” said JCFR Chief Mark Matthews.

“There has not been any inci-

dent involving drug use among volunteers on call in Jefferson County,” Matthews continued. “But that does not mean that volunteers shouldn’t be held to high standards.”

All county employees are subject to drug testing upon employment—in every County department. JCFR personnel can thereafter be drug tested at any

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Man Busted On Drug Charges

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A Monticello man was busted recently and charged with several drug related charges.

The Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office (JCSO) reports that on June 11 at approximately 6 a.m., JCSO Investigator Kevin Sears and Investigator Logan Wilcox, along with Jefferson County Sheriff’s deputies, served a search warrant on a res-



Charmaine A. Crumitie
idence at 870 North Cherry Street.

Upon execution of the search warrant Charmaine A. Crumitie, 19, stated that he had drugs in his bedroom.

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Governor Scott Signs Several Bills Into Law

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Governor Rick Scott was busy the week of June 16 -20, as he signed several bills into law. The bills included: banning synthetic drugs, enabling foster children to get driver’s licenses and increasing protection of human trafficking victims.

Scott signed House Bill 697 on Monday, June 16, which bans six new synthetic drugs. HB-697 added the six synthetic drugs to Florida’s drug crime laws, making it a third-degree felony for an individual to sell, manufacture, deliver or possess with intent to sell, manufacture or deliver these drugs.

The six banned drugs are four new types of synthetic cannabinoids and two new types of phenethylamines. This legislation also adds three lethal synthetic compounds to the trafficking statute, which are a type of phenethylamines.

On Tuesday, June 17, Scott signed HB-989 and HB-7141 to increase prosecution of human trafficking criminals and provide better services to survivors. HB-989 increases protections to victims of human trafficking. The bill prohibits minors from working in adult theaters, removes time limitations to allow prosecution for certain human trafficking offenses to be commenced at any time, and creates and increases criminal penalties relating to human trafficking.

HB-7141 provides definitions and makes changes to the rules and guidelines of the Department of Children and Families, the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) and community based care lead agencies in administering safe houses and safe foster homes for children who have been sexually exploited.

Scott also signed into law HB-7055, the DJJ’s priority bill, on Tuesday, June 17, which

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Congressional Happenings During Week Of June 16-20

Following are some of the national issues that dominated Congress last week, along with how elected officials in the 2nd Congressional District voted on certain of the measures.

Fiscal 2015 Appropriations Minibus ‘Shell’: The Senate voted 95 to 3 (with two abstentions) to approve a bill that would provide \$51.2 billion in discretionary spending in fiscal year 2015 for the departments of Commerce and Justice and science agencies such as NASA and the National Science Foundation. The bill is intended to serve as the legislative vehicle for the Senate’s Commerce-Justice-Science, Transportation-HUD and Agriculture spending bills for 2015. Both Senators Bill Nelson and Marco Rubio voted yes.

Fiscal 2015 Defense Appropriations: The House voted 340 to 73 (with 18 abstentions) to approve a bill that would provide \$570.4 billion in non-war dis-

cretionary funding for the Defense Department in fiscal 2015. It also would provide \$79.4 billion in fiscal 2015 for contingency funds to support operations in Afghanistan and the general war on terrorism. Rep. Steve Southerland II voted yes.

America’s Small Business Tax Relief Act: This House passed measure would amend the IRS code with respect to the expensing allowance for depreciable business property. It would make permanent the increased \$500,000 expensing allowance for such property and eliminate the exclusion of air conditioning and heating units, among other items, as property eligible for the expensing allowance. It would prohibit the entry of the Pay-As-You-Go scorecard. The bill now goes next to the Senate.

\$21.3 Billion Fiscal 2015 Spending Bill: The House Appropriations Financial Services Subcommittee approved a \$21.3 billion fiscal year

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Weekend Operation Takes Aim At Boaters Under The Influence

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Persons planning boating activities this weekend and maybe thinking of imbibing a little alcohol or partaking of other substances while on the water may want to reconsider, given that law enforcement agencies will be hyper vigilant for such activities during Operation Dry Water (ODW).

Part of a nationwide effort designed to prevent alcohol-related

accidents and fatalities, ODW in Florida will involve officers of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), local law enforcement agencies and the U.S. Coast Guard. Meaning that come this weekend, these officers will be specifically looking out for violations of boating under the influence (BUI).

“While our officers always look for BUIs, this weekend they will be making a special effort to stop this dangerous activity,” Capt.

Tom Shipp, of the FWC Boating and Waterways Section, is quoted saying.

Shipp noted that nine of Florida’s boating fatalities in 2013 were alcohol or drug related, representing 15 percent of the total.

Not only does alcohol and drug use impair vision and reaction time, but also in combination with sun, wind, fatigue and other variables, the effects are intensified, he said. Furthermore, intoxication impaired coordination and

balance, making intoxicated boaters more susceptible to injuries or falling overboard, Shipp said.

Bottom line, he warned that persons caught BUI could be fined and jailed, have their boats seized, and lose their boating privileges. Most importantly, they could endanger theirs and others’ lives, he said.

This will be Operation Dry Water’s sixth year.

For more information, visit www.operationdrywater.org.

Letters To The Editor

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We Should Be Supporting Our School

Dear Editor, I am responding to a Letter to the Editor that was published on June 18, 2014, from Mr. Jack Shelley, entitled "Failed Jefferson School System". As a parent of two Honor Roll Students that have attended Jefferson Schools (JES and JCMHS) for the last 9 years I am appalled at the tone of the letter. The most offensive part was the inference that Jefferson County students and teachers are "stupid". As a parent, I say to you Mr. Shelley: HOW dare you call any child or teacher stupid? Have you walked in their shoes or taken the same tests they take, or teach the same state required curriculum they teach? What is your highest level of education? By the way, Mr. Shelley, my children are performing above the standards, in the top 20 % of the state when looking at their results of the state standardized tests, and they GO TO JEFFERSON SCHOOLS!

The comparison to the Aucilla Christian Academy is really a moot

point because Aucilla is a private school. It DOES NOT administer the same Florida standardized testing that Jefferson Schools have no choice in (No FCAT or EOC's). There is no way you can compare Aucilla to Jefferson based on the FCAT and/or EOC's alone. I am not judging Aucilla, as I have not had any experience with Aucilla. I am sure it is a fine educational institute, but no one can say that Aucilla is better than Jefferson or visa versa.

Your point about your wasted tax dollars is a JOKE considering your 2013 TOTAL tax payment of \$XXX.92 - which won't go very far for the education of even 1 child. By the way, free meals do not come from the Jefferson School District Tax Dollars, but from the U. S. Department of Agriculture (FDAG). In fact, the entire food services program (staff, inventory, custodial, etc) is funded through the FDAG and not through the School District funds.

Maybe if the emphasis with regard to Jeffer-

son schools were more positive: focused on all of the accomplishments, gains and successes of the students and staff, the students and staff would feel more pride and hence more motivation to work harder. Students and teachers are people and have feelings. To strive to be the best takes positive energy. I for one support Jefferson Schools. We have good teachers that we need to keep. Most of the students are really good kids, But, when they see letters like the June 18 letter, or negative articles about the school, or even just overhear a conversation in Winn Dixie that is not so nice about the school... they become discouraged and worst of all embarrassed to go to Jefferson. Let me ask Mr. Shelley and all the citizens of Jefferson, how do we motivate students to do their best when all we are feeding them are negative images which make them feel embarrassed? How about boosting them up instead of cutting them down?

Terri Long

Locally Funding Our Library Makes Sense

At our county commission meeting this past Tuesday, the "roller coaster" of state funding for the Jefferson County Library was exposed. In "bad" years, the funding may be tens of thousands less than required. Fortunately, last year was a "good" year with over \$80,000 in surplus. During the meeting, I learned that over 100,000 annual visits were made to the library, and it serves many functions beyond loaning books, such as an exercise area, DVD rental, and Internet access for things such as higher education. It was documented that private citizens known as "Friends of the library" had pledged \$15,000 to it.

I learned the annual budget is about \$200,000, and if the library charges anything, they lose state funding. Using

basic math, a \$2 per visit charge could be levied to fund the library and do away with the "roller coaster" problem and an entire layer of government bureaucracy. Contrast this with the cost to rent a DVD at Redbox at \$1.50 and it's a reasonable user fee. Just as we have seen excessive overhead and red tape with helping those in need with housing, too many layers of government impairs the end result.

The library would not necessarily need to be privatized, although this has been successfully carried out with other rural systems. Jefferson County could establish and operate a local billing system for users. By doing so, existing employees could be utilized to establish the pricing so as to fulfill annual needs. Charging for services is not a new

idea. In our 2012 audit, Jefferson County took in over \$1.9 million in charges for services. Our "Culture and recreation" budget for that year was \$416,891, while we spent over \$1.6 million on "Economic development."

Once this program was in place, it would reduce the cost to the taxpayer of operating county government. If adopted uniformly in other discretionary government operations AND our commissioners resisted the urge to spend the resulting "extra" money, this would attract more business and residents to Jefferson County. That's true economic development without picking winners and losers via taxpayer money as the current spending trend does.

Paul Henry



Angel on the Dance Floor

I recently attended the most beautiful wedding. But this Brew Ha Ha isn't about the perfect bride or the groom I only just met at the wedding and was truly impressed by. So, Mary and Trevor? Congrats anyway, but there was a girl who stole the show.

She was petite and pretty. She wore her hair in a dark little bob with bangs that rested against her glasses. She had full, pudgy cheeks, and a smile that lit up the whole reception area at Mission San Luis. Her dress was a rainbow of color as she swirled effortlessly around the dance floor.

I don't even know her name, but I was completely taken by

this little elementary-aged angel. She danced every song with reckless abandon. She danced with anybody who would dance with her—boy, girl, young, old, handsome, or homely. She was a real Equal Opportunity Charmer.

Exhausted from one dance, John and I sat side by side and watched her. Finally, I touched his shoulder and asked, "When did I get an inhibition? And how do I get rid of it?"

"Most adults use alcohol, darling," he said, raising a glass of toasting champagne with a crooked grin.

But at her age, she didn't need alcohol. She had all the energy I lacked and didn't care

if people were looking at her or not. If I had to name her dance moves I'd call one the Puddle Stomp, where she would jump with both feet as if stomping into a puddle. One would be called the May Pole, where she swirled her mother's scarf around her until she was dizzy and giddy and giggling. One would be the Derby, where she ran in tight, gleeful circles.

The Bible tells us to be more like children: to approach God with childlike faith, trust, obedience, and wonder. To love unconditionally, to live out loud, and to give freely.

I hope she never grows out of her reckless abandon; and I hope I grow into it.

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Be sure to visit the Veterans Memorial Railroad in Bristol, FL for a fun filled day!

For a fun filled day, visit Veterans Memorial Railroad in Bristol, FL. Ride a train, use the playground, explore the RR Caboose, walk the walking trail, picnic in a pavilion, sit in the air conditioned depot and let your young children play with the trains on the train table. It's all free, but donations are appreciated. Veterans Memorial Railroad is located at 10561 NW Theo Jacobs Way, Road 12 (behind the Civic

Center.) For more information and directions go to veteransmemorialrailroad.org or call 850-643-6646 or 850-646-5491.

St. Phillip AME Church will host a Power Sunday beginning at 11 a.m. on June 29, with special guest Rt. Rev. Jackson Thembo Nzerebende, with the Church of Uganda Bishop for South Rwenzori Diocese. He is visiting the Monticello/Tallahassee area for the dedication of St. Peter's Anglican Church on Thomasville Road, in Tallahassee. The celebration will continue with The Power of the Trinity at 4 p.m. The Word of God will be delivered by three preachers from St. Phillip AME Church. They are: Preacher Tracy Ingram, Preacher Gracie

Dickey, and Preacher Yolonda Lewis. Make plans to join in the celebration. Come lift up Christ and welcome Bishop Nzerebende to Monticello.

The next Tobacco Free Jefferson Partnership meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 12, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the RJ Bailer Public Library, 375 South Water Street, in Monticello. For more information contact Chastity McCarthy, Tobacco Prevention Specialist/SWAT Coordinator, at 850-342-0170X2101. The partnership works with the local Florida Department of Health in Jefferson County to coordinate and organize local tobacco prevention events and presentations to support a tobacco-free lifestyle. Its mission is to protect, promote, and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county, and community efforts. Its vision is to be the healthiest state in the nation.

Prime-Time Health Workshops are scheduled for Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. beginning July 10 at the First United Methodist Church with Certified L.E.A.N. Health Coach Lynn Salter. For more information go to lynn@healthyhabitsetc.com or call 850-997-0666. Lifestyle-Exercise-Attitude-Nutrition

Congratulations to Ronin Carter, Watermelon Seed Spitting Champion! He spit a seed 21 feet on Friday evening during the Festival contest. He received a package of watermelon seeds, watermelon candy and a blue ribbon for his efforts.

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A Russian couple were reunited after being separated for 60 years. They were married for 3 days when the husband left to join the Red Army. They were unable to find each other until 60 years later when they randomly visited their hometown on the same day.



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FCAT

U.S. History rose from 13 percent in 2013 to 34 percent in 2014.

• The number of 10th grade students passing the writing test went from 49 percent in 2013 to 64 percent in 2014.

“When these students were 8th graders, their writing scores were 32 percent,” Dr. Davis said.

• The graduation rate went from 38 percent in 2013 to 73 percent in 2014.

• And the number of middle school students participating in accelerated courses went from zero in 2013 to 50 in 2014.

The purpose of sharing the numbers, Dr. Davis said, was to show that growth was occurring.

“The growth of students learning is the focus, not the overall percentage,” he said. “If 15 percent of 9th graders passed in 2013 and 30 percent passed in 2014, that’s a 100 percent increase in just that grade level. This means that our program is improving and moving forward.”

Was he proud of the progress? Yes, Dr. Davis said. But was he satisfied? No, he was not, because he knew the students were capable of doing better, he said. What’s more, he expected them to do better and achieve higher levels.

“We must not lose focus of the goal,” Dr. Davis said. “The community was begging for improvement. The failures of the school district has been present for a significant amount of time and it’s going to take more than a year to get us out of the hole.”

Returning to the theme of students’ improving performances and why he considered the results impressive, Dr. Davis noted that the JCMHS leadership team hadn’t been assembled until very late last summer.

“The data shows that students struggled

the last few years,” Dr. Davis said. “To see a group of students bounce back as quickly as they did was very good. The number of level-1 incompletes decreased in all areas, and many students were within five to seven points from being a level-3. So the future is very promising.”

Which explained his excitement, Dr. Davis said.

“I am excited about the direction that the school is headed,” he said. “The focus in the future will no longer be on testing but on student learning that will increase student achievement on testing. We have an opportunity to get back to true education. The roar of the Tiger is getting louder! The kids have tasted a level of success and they now desire to want more. If a kid wants more then that means your program is effective.”

He attributed the improved scores to a host of factors that included the teaching and administrative staffs and parents and put particular emphasis on Principal Kay Collins’ leadership.

“Mrs. Collins did an outstanding job managing this team,” Dr. Davis said. “She allowed each of us to spread our wings and perform but also held us accountable for the outcomes. Having her at the district office next year is going to be huge for the movement of this district. There will now be a person who is truly from a Turn Around background helping the Superintendent restore the greatness to this community. She has a pure blend of theory and practical knowledge. Not many can say that. Many people say they are turn-around experts but have never set foot on the turn-around battlefield.”

He said discipline referrals had also seen a substantial decrease from the previous year,

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equating to more classroom time. And the graduation coach had ensured that students remained on track, he said.

The parental involvement couldn’t be ignored, Dr. Davis said.

“Everyday I would walk into my office and I would have multiple voicemails, emails, or text messages from parents,” he said. “What I love most about our parents is that they may not agree with the approach but they understand that I have a true love for each of our children. Therefore I would never let harm come to them. I want them to succeed more than the students want it at times. I thank each for entrusting me with their kids. And I hope that they continue their support.”

And lastly, he had to give credit to the students themselves, he said.

“The kids are amazing,” Dr. Davis said. “When a person is willing to build relationships with each student, you find that the kids will run through walls for you. I truly feel the kids know I love and care about each of them. I understand it even more after listening to the Val and Sal of the 2014 senior class, Roxie Bellamy and Jalexia Sloan. They mentioned the administrators and teachers who had helped them and when the students recognize you and state that if Mrs. Collins doesn’t come back you need to become principal, that is huge. It’s very humbling.”

Does he really believe the FCAT scores signify a turning point?

“We’re headed in the right direction,” Dr. Davis said. “However, this is just the beginning. The turning point happened within each student and teacher. So yes, the turning point has been reached. I am confident that within three years we will meet our goal.”

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Policy

time based upon the decisions of their superior officer.

A firefighter’s job is dangerous as it is: they handle car accidents, fires, medical issues, and storm-related emergencies. Volunteers are either the first on scene, or called in as reinforcements for jobs that are too big for county personnel to handle on their own. “It could be a liability issue or a danger,” Chief Matthews said of volunteer drug use. “That’s why we are

implementing a policy ahead of any incident.”

County departments—Wacissa, Lloyd, and Ashville Area—are immediately subject to the policy as they are under the direct governance of JCFR. The Monticello Volunteer Fire Department is under the City of Monticello: though they were not immediately subject to the policy, they chose to adopt it. MVFD is known for holding their volunteers to high standards, often even more

rigorous than county policy.

Said Assistant Chief, Mike Long, “It is sensible to hold volunteers to high standards: they have to be ready at a moments notice to do hard work and make hard decisions. If they are impaired in any way, they risk their own lives, and the lives of fellow firefighters, patients, and bystanders.”

County officials praise this decision as a proactive and progressive policy.

Crumitie

Deputy Wilcox asked Crumitie to show him where the drugs were in his bedroom. The deputy escorted Crumitie to his bedroom, and Crumitie pointed to a red and green Operation Christmas Child box on a table, and stated, “All my drugs are in that box.”

Inside the box was a plastic bag with 36 individual small bags of marijuana inside, to-

taling 41 grams; a plastic bag with nine individual small bags of powder cocaine, totaling 3.1 grams; a pill bottle with crack cocaine inside, totaling one gram; and one pack of small clear baggies used for the packaging for drugs for sale.

Investigator Sears field-tested all of the suspected drugs with positive results, and collected it as evidence.

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Crumitie was arrested and transported to the County Jail for an outstanding Jefferson County warrant, and he was additionally charged with two counts of possession of marijuana with intent to sell, sale of marijuana, possession of cocaine with intent to sell, and possession of paraphernalia. A total bond of \$32,000 was set and he remained at the County Jail June 26.

Scott

amends a variety of statutes in Chapter 985, Florida Statutes, relating to the DJJ, its duties and its programs. Specifically, the bill places in Florida statute the importance and mission of prevention within DJJ. The prevention of youth from entering or going deeper into the juvenile justice system is a core function of DJJ and critical to minimizing the presence of juvenile crime.

In addition, this legislation changes the statute to place the emphasis on individualized services for rehabilitation while continuing to ensure public safety, along with providing increased victim protections under the law.

Scott signed HB-977 on Thursday, June 19, which enables foster children who are at least 16 years of age to obtain automobile in-

surance and a driver’s license through state support. This legislation is an extension of the “Normalcy Bill” that Scott signed in 2013, which reduced the rules and regulations that limited the activities of children in foster care and allowed foster parents to give foster children permission to do daily, age-appropriate activities.

HB-977 will create a three-year pilot program at the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to pay the cost of driver education, licensure and motor vehicle insurance for young adults in foster care so they can have the same opportunity as children who are not in foster care.

On Friday, June 20, Scott signed HB-7095, which created the Sports Development Program and established a process for dis-

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tributing state tax revenue for the construction or improvement of professional sports franchise facilities.

These projects must be evaluated and recommended by the Department of Economic Opportunity, and distributions must be approved by the Legislature. The state may award up to \$13 million annually for all certified applicants. The maximum annual distribution for a single sports franchise facility is \$3 million, and distributions can be made for up to 30 years.

The bill also increases the annual distribution of state sales and uses tax available to a spring training facility and decreases the number of years the distribution will be made without changing the total number of funds available for distribution.

Congress

2015 spending bill with some Democrats registering no votes. The bill includes controversial policy riders that would stop the IRS from implementing the 2010 healthcare law’s tax measures and the Treasury Department from finalizing regulations designed to guide political activity of tax-exempt groups. The \$21.3 billion provided marks a 2.6 percent, or \$566 million, decrease from fiscal 2014 enacted spending, and is \$2.3 billion below President Obama’s request.

Veterans Affairs: House and Senate negotiators are working on legislation to improve the provision of healthcare services for veter-

ans. One measure would allow vets, for two years, to receive medical care at facilities outside of the VA system if they live more than 40 miles from a VA medical facility or are not able to get an appointment at a VA facility within a set period. Another bill would permit the dismissal of members of the VA Senior Executive Service if their performance warrants removal. A House proposal would ban bonuses for all VA employees from fiscal 2014 to 2016.

Revisiting the Healthcare Law: Republicans refocused their attention on a provision in the healthcare law

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that they have dubbed an insurer bailout, disputing projections that the initiative will be budget neutral. The risk corridor program is one of three provisions included in the healthcare law that limits insurers’ losses.

Federal Gas Tax: Lawmakers are considering a bipartisan plan to maintain the country’s road-building fund by increasing the gasoline tax by 12 cents per gallon over two years and indexing it to inflation. Some lawmakers say “No new taxes!” But those in favor of a new gas tax say deteriorating highway systems and dwindling gas tax revenues make the new tax a necessity.

Smith

who was in custody at the Lowndes County Jail on charges related to a counterfeiting check ring.

Rawls stated that he received checks from Smith on several occasions. He stated that he would deposit the checks and then give Smith half the money when the checks cleared. He also stated that Smith would drive around with checks looking for people to deposit them for him and would make arrangements with the people to keep half the money from the checks. He further said that Smith would do what he called “Mail Runs” where he would leave town and come back with people’s checks to be used for counterfeiting. He said that Smith was not the person counterfeiting the checks, and that he would go to a guy and

get them, but never saw the checks being made.

On March 26, 2014, officer Parramore conducted and interview with Williams in the Jefferson County Jail with her assigned public defender Davis Revel. During the interview, Williams indicated that Smith was the person who wrote out her check, and that she had just signed it. Williams was asked if any arrangements were made between her and Smith to cash the checks, which she stated, “yes.” She stated that the agreement was for her to cash the check and keep half of what she got and Smith would get the other half.

Williams was asked if Smith had any other checks inside of his car and where he kept them. She said that Smith kept the checks

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in a folder above his visor, that there were some checks filled out and some blank checks in the folder.

She stated that Smith told her that he got the checks from an unknown guy and he paid him \$100 to make the checks.

Smith was arrested June 13 and charged with grand theft, counterfeiting a payment instrument, principle in the 1st degree, two counts of criminal solicitation, and bringing into the state forged bank bills. A total bond of \$40,000 was set and he remained at the County Jail June 26.

Williams, who was arrested January 25 and charged with bringing forged bank bills into the state, and counterfeiting a payment instrument had a total bond set of \$10,000 and she bonded out of jail May 29.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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June 28
Jefferson County Branch of the NAACP will meet at 12 p.m. on the last Saturday at the MLK Center. Contact Charles Parrish at 850-997-3760 for more information.

June 30
Martin Luther King (MLK) Community Center Committee meets at 6 p.m. on the last Monday, 1420 First Street, Monticello. Contact Charles Parrish at 850-997-3760 for more information.

June 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 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.al-anon.alateen.org.

July 1
County Commission Board Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m. and on the third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Courthouse annex. Upcoming dates: 7/15, 8/5, 8/19, 9/2, 9/16, 10/7, 10/21, 11/4, 11/18, 12/2, 12/16 For more information contact Parrish Barwick at pbarwick@jefferson-

countyfl.gov.
July 1
Flab-To-Fab weight loss support group meets on Tuesday at the Monticello Health & Fitness Center, 760 East Washington Street. Weigh-in begins at 4:30 p.m. with guest speakers discussing healthy topics. Discuss your problems and find the solutions. This new, exciting, support group is free of charge to anyone; donations are accepted. Share recipes, stories, and ideas. For more information contact the facility at 850-997-4400.

July 1
AA meeting at 8 p.m. on Tuesday for those seeking help. The class is held at the Harvest Christian Center, 1599 Springhollow Road. Contact Marvin Graham, pastor, at 850-212-7669 for more information.

July 1
Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce meets at 12 p.m. on the first Tuesday at 420 West Washington Street for lunch and a program. Speaker Greg Frost will present a program, encouraging the planting of Tung trees. Lunch will be catered by a local business. For more information contact Chamber Director Melanie Mays at 850-997-5552 or info@monticellojeffersonfl.com.

July 1
Sons of the American Legion (SAL) meetings are held at 5:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday at the Otto Walker Post 49 on South Water Street in Monticello. For more information, contact Commander Leighton Langford at 850-997-0897 or Past District III Commander Buddy Westbrook at 850-997-2973.

July 1
Wacissa Volunteer Fire Department meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month for a board meeting and at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month for training. For more information contact Chief Houston Brock at 850-528-3414 or Assistant Chief Richard Peters at 850-510-5611

July 2
StoryTime for ages baby to five, at the Jefferson County R.J. Bailor Public Library, in the community room, on Wednesdays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Call the library at 850-342-0205 for more information about books, songs, arts/crafts, and early literacy.

July 2
Kiwanis will meet at 12 p.m. on Wednesday at the Jefferson Country Club for lunch, a program and a meeting. For more information, contact President Don Condon at 850-997-5299.

Obituary

HARVEY JAMES UHLENBERG

Harvey James Uhlenberg, 79, of Monticello, FL and formally of Warren Center, PA passed away after a brief illness while visiting his family in New York, on June 23, 2014. He is reunited in heaven with his loving wife, Rita; his father and mother, Harvey and Marian Forsyth; his daughter-in-law, Patty Hawthorne; sons-in-law, Timothy McNeil and Robert Woods; granddaughter, Amanda Hawthorne; and two great granddaughters, Autumn Hawthorne and Maranda Winslow.

Cherishing his memory are his three sisters, Florence Jewett, Bernice Blair and Shirley Williams; five children, Wayne Uhlenberg, Cathrine Catledge, Pamela Woods, Stephanie Beams, and Joanne Welch, and three step-children Paul



Harvey James Uhlenberg

Hawthorne III, Laurie Hawthorne, and Michael Hawthorne. His loving family also includes 13 grandchildren, Megan Hill, Mathew McNeil, Brandon and Caitlin Woods, Joshua and Craig Beams, Melinda and Christina LaBarre, and Charles LaBarre IV, Jesse Laramie, Shane Hawthorne, Michael and Melissa Hawthorne. He was also loved by 12 great grandchildren. Harvey was a milk-

man for many years in New Hampshire and upstate New York as well as being an active member of the Methodist churches in Warren Center, PA and Monticello, FL.

In lieu of flowers, you can make contributions to Little Angels Preschool Program of Monticello First United Methodist Church, 325 Walnut St, Monticello, FL 32344.

A service to celebrate his life will be held at Abell's Pond in Warren Center, PA on Saturday June 28, 2014 at 1 pm, with food to follow.

Services in Monticello, FL will be announced at a later date.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to, www.lhpfuneralhome.com

Arrangements are with the Lewis, Hurley & Pietrobono Funeral Home, 51 Dietz St., Oneonta, NY.

PROPHETESS HORTENSE RANDLE GILLEY

Prophetess Hortense Randle Gilley, 85, of Monticello, FL passed away, Sunday, June 22, 2014 at Capital Regional Medical Center. She was converted at an early age and joined Kiokee Missionary Baptist Church and later in life joined Memorial Missionary Baptist Church. She was educated at Arlington High School in Early County.

Forever holding fond memories in their hearts are her children: three sons: Olester (Sharon) Gilley of Hinesville, Ga. Stanley (Marilyn) Gilley of Atlanta, Ga., and Issac Gilley Sr. of Monticello, FL.; six daughters: Mary E. Mathis of Atlanta, Ga., Ethel Gilley of Hammond, IN., Daisy (Greg) Horne of Birmingham, AL, Essie Gilley of Atlanta, Ga., Lillian (Ronald) Sheffield of Atlanta, Ga., Margaret Gilley of Monticello, FL; two



grandchildren raised as her children: Doshia (Benjy) Wiggins and Michael "Duke" Huggins Jr. both of Monticello, FL.; twenty five grandchildren; twelve great grandchildren; two brothers: Ronald (Brenda) Randle and Frank (Patricia) Randle of Albany, Ga., four sisters: Elaine Britt of Atlanta, Ga., Zetta Crowder of Madison, WI., Annie Bell Daniels and Cassandra Randle both of Albany, Ga.; sister-in-laws: Katie Mae Randle of Monticello, FL., Katie Randle of Albany, Ga., Mattie Randle of Dawson, Ga., Sanda Randle of Albany, Ga., along with a

host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband George "Dut" Gilley; a daughter Doshia Gilley; three sons: George Gilley Jr., Joseph Gilley and Albert Gilley; six brothers: Walter Randle Jr., Alberdine Randle, Shelly Randle, Raphael Randle, I. W. Randle and Donald Randle and one sister: Annester Randle.

Funeral services will be 11 am Saturday, June 28, 2014 at Memorial Missionary Baptist Church with the Rev. J.B. Duval, pastor, with interment at Pallbearers Cemetery. Hagan & Bradwell Funeral Service, 175 N. Railroad St. Monticello, FL is in charge of the services. Viewing will be held at Hagan & Bradwell Funeral Service; Friday, June 27, 2014 from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. Family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

CHURCH NEWS NOTES

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June 28
Memorial Missionary Baptist Church will host an appreciation program for its First Lady Sister Teresa Duval at 6 p.m. on Saturday. Speaker will be Rev. Timbre J. Denmark of Tallahassee. Special music will be performed by the New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church Choir of Perry. For more information contact Sis. Dorothy Wise, chairperson, at 850-933-9282. Rev. Dr. J.B. Duval, pastor.

June 28
St. Phillip AME Church will hold a yard sale and fish fry from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, at the St. Phillip Community Ball Park, located at the corner of Highway 59 and St. Augustine Road. Shoppers will find bargains galore, including appliances, televisions, women's, men's, and children's clothing, jewelry, toys, and so much more. Shop till you drop... and some more; then, pick up a fresh fried fish dinner

when you're done, to take home and enjoy.

June 28, 29
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, on the Thompson Valley Road, and the Jefferson County Ministers, Deacons, Home Missions Society #2 will continue with Union Leadership Council at 10 a.m. on Saturday and with Union Worship Service beginning at 9:30 a.m. with Sunday School. Worship Service will follow at 11:15 a.m. Speaker will be rev. Lindell Lee, pastor of St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church. The St. Stephen Choir will render the music. For more information contact Minister Georgiana Barker, chairperson.

June 29
Greater Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church and Rev. Melvin Roberts will host a Community Service with **Memorial Missionary Baptist Church** and Rev. J.B. Duval, beginning at 9:45 a.m. with Sunday School

June 29
New Bethel AME Church will host its 5th Sunday Missionary Worship Service at 11 a.m. with the Mt. Pleasant and Philadelphia church families. The Howard Academy Class of 1964 will join for the service. Rev. Jimmie F. Dickey, pastor

June 29
Greater Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church will host its 5th Sunday Night Gospel Sing at 6:30 p.m. All choirs, groups, dance ministries are invited to join in the celebration. Rev. Dr. Melvin Roberts, pastor.

June 29
Mt. Ararat AME Church, located off south Waukeenah Highway, will celebrate its Dual Day (Men and Women) program at 4 p.m. on Sunday. Speaker will be Rev. Helen Johnson-Robinson, of Bethel AME Church, and her church choir will be singing the selections. Rev. Margaret Brown, pastor.

KATHLEEN MCKENZIE CONNELL

Kathleen McKenzie Connell, Florida Limestone, Florida passed away Saturday afternoon, June 21, 2014 at home after a courageous six year battle with cancer. Born July 19, 1952 in Tallahassee, Florida to the late Ruben Oral and Jonnie Davis McKenzie. Kathleen married Paul Connell on May 19, 1978, in Bainbridge, Georgia and had lived the past 36 years in Limestone, Florida. She attended school in Leon County and retired December 31, 2013 with 40+ years with the State of Florida. The family receive family and friends on June 25, 2014 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Beggs Funeral Home, Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, Florida. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Alice Burdshaw, Rev. Clifford McGraw and Rev. Andy Creel at 2:00 p.m. on June 26, 2014 at Cody Pentecostal Holiness Church, Tram Road, Cody, Jefferson County Florida burial followed at Connell Cemetery,

Brooks Road, Limestone, Florida. Pallbearers were CJ Stafford, Devin Black, Paul Tucker, Christopher Smith, Johnny Franklin, David McDevitt, and Mike McKenzie, Honorary Pallbearers were Bernie Gandy, Robert Skipper and Mike Fox.

Kathleen is survived by her husband of 36 years, Paul Connell, Limestone, Florida; son, Clinton Wyche Stafford, Jr. (Lisa) of Havana, Florida and his children, Clinton Wyche Stafford, III and Alyssa Michelle Stafford and their mother, Betty Wilson Stafford of Jacksonville, Florida; daughters: Susan Denise McDevitt (David) of Limestone, Florida and her daughter Gabrielle Kathleen Smith and her father, Christopher Smith of Limestone and Tallahassee, Florida; Amy Lynn Black (Randell) and their children, Brittany Nichole Black, Amelia Lynn Black, Randi Kayla Black and Devin Lee Black, all of Sweetwater, Alabama; and

Sally Alexa Tucker (Shane) and their children, Justin Calab Waldrep (Houston Nicole) and their children, (Braiden Thomas Waldrep and Hagen Pearl Waldrep), Christian Paul Tucker, Ethan Kyle Tucker and Lindsey Cheyenne Tucker, all of Sweetwater, Alabama and many friends and relatives. She is also survived by her siblings: Angie Mote (Ray); Butch McKenzie; Timothy McKenzie (Jesse); Sherry Houser and Tina Jarvis and her aunts, Ethel McCoy and Nolie Maxie and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Dennis Oral McKenzie; sister-in-law, Linda McKenzie and brother-in-law, Ray Jarvis.

Flowers will be accepted or contributions may be made to Big Bend Hospice; TMH Cancer Center; Cody Pentecostal Holiness Church; Heritage Assembly of God Church or a charity of choice in her name.

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Jefferson County Living

Mr. Watermelon Contestant Announced With Biggest Loser

DEBBIE SNAPP
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Monticello Health And Fitness Center held its 5th Annual Mr. Watermelon Contest on Thursday evening at its facility, 760 East Washington Street.

It was an exciting and fun filled night for all. There was electricity in the air. There was standing room only with people sitting on the floor. The food was plenty and the music played on until late into the night. Dancing even occurred by young and old after the judging and award presentations.

The cheering crowd rocked the roof as the contestants, one by one, paraded around the room, showing their struts, moves, muscles, and bare skin. Nerves were showing and sweat was apparent on the foreheads of those competing for the 2014 Mr. Watermelon title.

There were five participants entered into this most prestigious pageant, but only one could receive the crown and have his place of honor on the MHFC Watermelon Wall of Fame, along with all bragging rights and an appearance in the Watermelon Festival Parade on the following Saturday morning.

For Most Enthusiastic: Chuck-A-Mania, Chuck Chambers; Chuck shaved his chest and made a big hit with the judges. Congrat's to Chuck-A-Mania and thanks.

For Best Abs: Bennie Hill, Mike Bentley; Finally got him to compete. Congrats to Benny Hill and thanks.

For Best Entertainer: PorkChop, David Lashley; Always a good

time when the PorkChop is around and he is very, very single. Congrats to PorkChop and thanks.

For Most Flirtatious: White Chocolate, Nathan Prothro; Kept his promise, thinks pork chops are yucky and he taught Chuck Norris everything he knows. Congrat's to White Chocolate and thanks.

For Best Show-Off: Big Ed, Ed Kinsey; He was also the winner of the Lose-2-Win-\$Biggest Loser Contest, winning \$714, so he had a new look to show off. Congrat's to Big Ed and thanks.

The overall winner of the 2014 Mr. Watermelon Contest is White Chocolate, Nathan Prothro.

The judging was conducted by a qualified panel of women associated with MHFC, they included Lois Goode, Terry Lenz, and Jaunita Faircloth. Announcing for the evening with D'Attile was Lindsay Peters.

Family and friends enjoyed a variety of refreshments and snacks as they cheered on their contestant and possible winner.

Shortly after the new Mr. Watermelon was selected the Lose-2-Win-\$ Contest winners were announced and given certificates of completion. The big winner, David Lashley, aka PorkChop was announced and awarded a pot full of money, \$714 to be exact; for his losing the most weight and inches of all.

Contact Owner/Operator Deborah D'Attile at 850-997-4400 for more details. Visit Monticello Health and Fitness Center Facebook page for more pictures.

A good time seemed to be had by all who attended.



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Lined up for audience approval are the five contestants for the 5th Mr. Watermelon Contest, sponsored by the Monticello Health And Fitness Center. Pictured from left to right are: Nathan Prothro, David Lashley, Ed Kinsey, Chuck Chambers, and Mike Bentley.



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Emcee and judges for the MHFC Mr. Watermelon Contest pictured from left to right are: Lindsay Peters, Lois Goode, Terry Lenz, and Jaunita Faircloth.

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

Monticello Rotary Thank You for a Fabulous Year!



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| David Hobbs | Ed Wojciechowski |

In my eyes, you are the cream of the crop and live by our motto "Service Above Self" every day.

Angela Gray



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Monticello Health And Fitness Center Owner/Operator Deborah D'Attile congratulates the Biggest Loser Contest Winner David Lashley, aka, PorkChop.

Security was enforced!

Nathan Prothro, aka, White Chocolate, is the winning contestant for the 5th MHFC Mr. Watermelon Contest.



Jefferson County Living

FMB Board Of Directors Announces Promotions And Additions To Bank Staff



Linda K. Palmer is the Bank's Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer.

FMB proudly welcomes Linda K. Palmer as the Bank's Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. Ms. Palmer is a graduate of the University of Texas and Louisiana State University Graduate School of Banking. Ms. Palmer brings more than 33 years of banking experience to



Edward H. Carraway as the Bank's VP/Loan Officer.

In addition, FMB proudly welcomes Edward H. Carraway as the Bank's VP/Loan Officer - Monticello Office. Mr. Carraway is a graduate of Tallahassee Community College and the Florida School of Banking. He brings more than 25 years of banking experience to the FMB team.

Joseph G. Anderson, III, was recently promoted to BSA/Loan and Deposit Compliance Officer. Mr. Anderson is a graduate of



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Valdosta State University and has been with FMB since 1994.

Becky Branch was recently promoted to Loan Administration Officer. Ms. Branch is a graduate of the Florida Bankers Association Supervisor Academy and has been with FMB since 2001.

Beth Parramore was recently promoted to Loan Assistant/Security Manager. Ms. Parramore is a graduate of Tallahassee Com-



Becky Branch was recently promoted to Loan Administration Officer.

munity College and has been with FMB since 2001.

Olivia Watson was recently promoted to IT/Information Security Officer. Ms. Watson is a graduate of St. Leo College and has been with FMB since 2001.

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FMB was organized in 1906, and is one of the oldest financial institutions in Florida. Headquartered in Monticello, Florida, FMB offers a full range of banking products and services, and operates four branch offices in Tallahassee, plus individual offices in Monticello, and Thomasville, Georgia.



Beth Parramore was recently promoted to Loan Assistant/Security Manager.

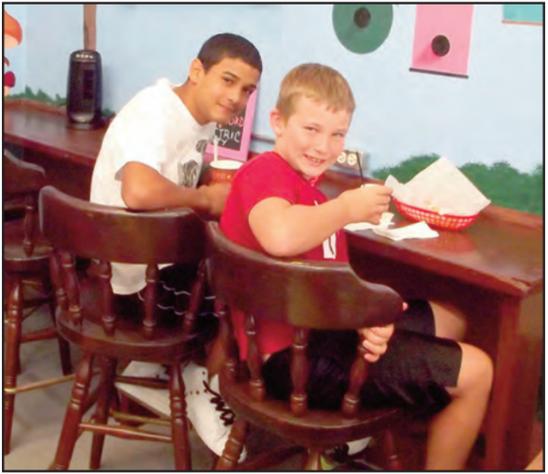
Pictures From Around Town

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Lots goes on around Monticello and Jefferson County every day of the week. There's always lots to do and lots more to see. Get out, enjoy your little piece of America.



ECB Publishing Photo By Debbie Snapp, June 20, 2014. 2014 Jefferson County Watermelon Festival Teen Miss Stephanie English, left, and 2014 Jefferson County Watermelon Festival Queen Caroline Yaun stop to visit with 'town charmer' Thor.



ECB Publishing Photo By Debbie Snapp, June 20, 2014. Enjoying a cool refreshing treat at the newly opened Electric City Wheels & Grinds are Dante Esperanza, left, and Ronin Carter, right. Ronin is the Jefferson County Seed Spitting Champion.



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Not much better than eating chocolate cake at Electric City Wheels & Grinds for Kai Carter, left, and Ren Carter, right.

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School

Recent School District Retirees Honored



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Willie Hawkins (center), retired from the Jefferson County School District Transportation Department. Honoring him, from left to right, are: Transportation Specialist **Alfreddie Hightower** and School Superintendent **Al Cooksey**.



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Sarah McClellan (center), a first-grade teacher at Jefferson Elementary School, retired after 23 years. Honoring her, from left to right, are: School Superintendent **Al Cooksey** and JES Assistant Principal **Nancy Whitty**.



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Henryetta Boatwright (center) retired after a combined 46 years with the district. Honoring her, from left to right, are: School Superintendent **Al Cooksey** and her husband, **Jerry Boatwright**.

ACA Academic Awards Announced For Secondary Students

Aucilla Christian Academy is pleased to announce the secondary students who received academic awards for the 2013-14 school year. Recipients of the Presidential Award for Academic Excellence (8th-12th grade students with a 90 or

above GPA and scored higher than the 90th percentile in math or reading on the Stanford Achievement Test or higher than the 90th percentile overall on the ACT or the SAT): 8th grade - Timothy Finlayson, Camryn Grant, Evan Hocking, Ria Wheeler; 12th grade -

Aimee Love.

Recipients of the Citizenship Award: 6th grade - Andy Jiang, 7th grade - Ayush Patel, 8th grade - Jacob Dukes, 9th grade - Chaz Hamilton, 10th grade - Dalton Gramling, 11th grade - Winston Lee, and 12th grade - Sara Peeler.

Recipients of the Highest Grade Point Average Award: 6th grade Math - Andy Jiang; Language Arts, Math, Science and World Cultures - Dennis Jiang; 7th grade Geography - Megan Schofill; Language Arts, Math and Science - Emily Brock; 8th grade Math - Katie James; Algebra I, History, Language Arts and Science - Camryn Grant; 9th grade Physical Science - Nick Arceneaux; Geometry - Kate Whiddon; English I and Spanish I - Traynor Barker; 10th grade Algebra II - Corey Brandies; Biology - Sarah Tharpe; Spanish II - Emma Wit-

mer; Chemistry, English II and World History - Zackery Peterson; 11th grade American History - Steven Trest; English III - Savannah Tyler; AP American History and AP English Language - Morgan Cline; 12th grade English IV - Brandon Holm; Advanced Topics in Math - Hunter Horne; Advanced Topics in Math and Bible - Lauren Demott; AP English Literature, Physics and Pre-calculus - Aimee Love.

College Scholarship Award Recipients: Madison County Memorial Hospital Auxiliary (\$500) - Whitney Stevens; Jefferson County School Board District 3 Academic Scholarship (\$500) - Aimee Love; National Wild Turkey Federation Scholarship (\$500) - Hunter Horne; Jefferson County Democratic Party (\$150) - Lauren Demott; Jefferson County Retired Educators Association (\$500) - Aimee

Love; Altrusa Scholarship (\$1000) - Ashlyn Mills and Hunter Horne; Monticello Kiwanis Scholarship (\$500) - Jacob Dunbar, Lauren Demott and Victoria Brock; Monticello Rotary Club Scholarship (\$1000) - Aimee Love and Lauren Demott; JOY

Scholarship (\$2000) - Lauren Demott; North Florida Community College Presidential Scholarship (\$3000) - Ashlyn Mills and Sara Peeler; NFCC General Scholarship \$200 - Devan Courtney; Florida Bright Future Awards (\$12,000) - Aimee Love.



Receiving awards during the recent ACA awards ceremony were (left to right): **Winston Lee**, 11th grade Citizenship Award; **Morgan Cline**, 11th grade highest grade point average in AP American History and AP English Language; **Savannah Tyler**, 11th grade highest grade point average in English III; and **Steven Trest**, 11th grade highest grade point average in American History.



Receiving awards during the recent ACA awards ceremony were (left to right): **Charles Hamilton**, 9th grade Citizenship Award; **Traynor Barker**, 9th grade highest grade point average in English I and Spanish I; **Kate Whiddon**, 9th grade highest grade point average in Geometry; and **Nick Arceneaux**, 9th grade highest grade point average in Physical Science.

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Parent Involvement Matters

GLORIA COX

The last bell has rung and school is out! Teachers, librarians and parents all want the children in their lives to continue reading. Did you know that children who don't read during the summer can lose up to three months of reading progress and that loss has a long term effect on their learning process? You can encourage your kids to learn, read and have fun this summer. Here are some "reading rockets" that you can use to help your child enjoy books on his own in practically no time.

Sound Off

Little readers are still thinking that letters stand for sounds. A good way to help is to start with your child's name. Ask your child to find things around the house that start with the same first letter as his/her name. Read poems, nursery rhymes and rhyming books like Dr. Seuss's Green Eggs and Ham) together.

Follow the Plot

If your child doesn't get what the story is about, he/she is likely to lose interest. By engaging your child in the book when the two of you have story time together, you can help your child follow the plot and find the meaning. Before reading you might have your child look at pictures and ask questions to get your child

excited about what's coming: "What do you think the story is going to be about?" "What do you think the character will do?" Questions like these help kids predict the story while the pictures often give them clues to words the may have trouble sounding out. Find books that interest your child, like fire trucks, dinosaurs, fairies, etc.

Have a Word

Building a word base is important to reading now and later in school. One way to build our child's word base is to read aloud, choosing books that are a couple of grades above. This will enrich the knowledge bank of rich words, and when your child comes across them again, they won't look new.

Speak Up

Reading becomes second nature when your child really enjoys it. Children should read aloud as well as silently. Don't worry if your child chooses the same book over and over again. If your kid is anxious about reading aloud to you, by all means let your child do so. You can also get a recorder and let him/her read into the recorder and then play it back for you or a younger sibling.

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Sports

Lady Tigers Batting Stats Released

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Jefferson County Head Softball Coach Frank Brown has released the overall season batting statistics for the Lady Tigers, and most of the players have shown great improvement.

Taylor Clemens had 57 plate appearances, three walks, 3 hit by pitches, or sacrifices, 54 at bats, 34 base hits, and a batting average of .630.

Carlie Barber had 66 plate appearances, 18 walks, hit by pitches, or sacrifices, 48 at bats, 30 base hits, and a batting average of .625, an improvement over last year's .440.

Secelia Vasquez had 63 plate appearances, six walks, hit by pitches, or sacrifices, 57 at bats, 32 base hits, and a batting average of .561 on her first season with the team.

Ashanti Brannan had 52 plate appearances, seven walks, hit by pitches, or sacrifices, 45 at bats, 21 base

hits, and a batting average of .467, an improvement over last year's .363.

Marta Vargas had 57 plate appearances, 12 walks, hit by pitches, or sacrifices, 45 at bats, 20 base hits, and a batting average of .444.

Lucy Noel had 44 plate appearances, eight walks, hit by pitches, or sacrifices, 36 at bats, 15 base hits, and a batting average of .416 for a first year player on the team.

Allaura Pierce had 62 plate appearances, eight walks, hit by pitches, or sacrifices, 57 at bats, 21 base hits, and a batting average of .368, an improvement over last year's .304.

Lea Vargas had 30 plate appearances, eight walks, hit by pitches, or sacrifices, 22 at bats, seven base hits, and a batting average of .318, an improvement over last year's .000.

Arriana Pierce had 33 plate appearances, one walk, hit by pitch, or sacrifice, 32 at bats, eight base hits, and a batting average of .250, and improvement over last year's .100.

Randi Beck had 16 plate appearances, two walks, hit by pitches, or sacrifices, 14 at bats, three base hits, and a batting average of .214 in her first season playing for the Lady Tigers.

Tigers Meet With Kiwanis



Tigers make a play with the Monticello Kiwanis. Pictured from left to right are: Head Coach Aaron Sheppard, Nikolas Branham, Joe Daniels, and Travis Addison.

DEBBIE SNAPP
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Jefferson County Middle High School Head Coach Aaron Sheppard spoke with the Monticello Kiwanis in early June about team values, off-season preparation, and gave a brief outlook for the coming year.

Coach Sheppard is the new Head Coach of the Jefferson County Tigers. Attending the Wednesday afternoon meeting with him were team players Nikolas Branham, Joe Daniels, and Travis Addison.

In other Kiwanis news... runners and spectators are needed for the annual 5K Melon Run sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Monticello. The Run

will be held on Saturday, June 21, beginning at 8:15 a.m. "For years runners and spectators have enjoyed this annual event and this year will be no different," mentions incoming president Floyd Faglie.

Registration for this event will begin at 7 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Family Ministry Center. The race will start at 8:15 a.m. at the corner of South Water Street and Highway 90 West. Runners are encouraged to pre-register by submitting a completed registration form, available at Staunton & Faglie, PL and www.gulfwinds.org, or by pre-registering at active.com.

This year's race route will be the same as in previous years.

Spectators are needed to line the race route and encourage/politely heckle the runners as they gasp for their next breath. Watching the competitors is a wonderful way to start your Saturday morning.

All funds raised will be used by the Kiwanis Club of Monticello's non-profit, Youth, Inc., to financially assist local youth organizations. For more information, contact Don Condon at watmelonrun2014@gmail.com or call 850-661-8716.

Kiwanis meet every Wednesday at noon at the Jefferson County Club for lunch, a business meeting, and a program. Contact Faglie at faglielaw@earthlink.net or 850-997-6300 for more information.

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Newman's Auto Wins 38th Annual Watermelon Tournament

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Newman's Auto of Tallahassee won the 38th Annual Watermelon Festival Softball Tournament, held June 13, 14, and 15 and the Jefferson County Recreation Park.

Normally, the tournament only lasts for one day, but being that 16 teams registered in the tournament this year, tournament play began Friday evening.

The teams resumed play on Saturday morn-

ing at 8 a.m., and played until 4:30 a.m. Sunday morning.

Newman's Auto, coached by Rodney Newman and Ben Thomas, fought all the way through the loser's bracket to beat Pioneer Awning of Monticello for the championship.

Capital Punishment of Tallahassee finished in third place, and Down-n-Dirty/Duncan Trucking finished in fourth place.

Pioneer Awning is a local team, which plays in the Men's Softball League at the

Recreation Park. Pioneer Awning is just one of the sponsors for this particular team. They are also sponsored by The Wellman (well service), Stewart's Heat & AC, and Blue Ribbon Cleaners.

The other local teams that participated in the tournament included KMC Sports, coached by Dustin Roberts and James Weaver; and the Express, coached by Roosevelt Jones. Both of these teams also participate in the Men's Softball League at the Recreation Park.

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4 p.m. until 5 p.m., Saturday, July 5, and registration is \$10 per person, or \$20 per team.

Play begins at 5 p.m.

First place trophies will be awarded in both the men's and women's divisions. Cash prizes

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Sports

Monticello Rotary's Holds Annual Golf Tournament

Monticello Rotary's Annual Tournament, sponsored by North Florida Financial was held the night of May 16 at Jefferson Country Club. This year's tournament was a Night Golf tournament, six man best ball teams.

Tee off was at 6:30 PM with the first nine holes played at sunset. Dinner was catered by Cottage Catering / Mary Frances Gramling. Everyone enjoyed pork tenderloin, wild rice, green beans, hawaiian rolls, and salad. The banquet was sponsored by North Florida Financial Corporation/ Lester Hamrick, the tournament's major sponsor this year.

At 9:00 PM teams began play with glow in the dark balls and a variety of neon necklaces, bracelets and other gadgets decorating their carts and the remaining nine holes of play. The night golf balls were sponsored by James and Johnny Muchovej, owners of

ION Lights, Inc.

The Low Gross team this year was awarded a \$100 cash prize for each player. This year's winners were: Heath Bass, Chad Bass, Thad Beshears, Phillip Green, Matthew Green and Drew Demott. The Low Net team was awarded a \$50 cash prize for each player. The low net winners were: John Gebhard, Ren Gebhard, Bret King, Tyler Sherrod, Tim Swords and Lee Rucker. The coveted "Last Place Trophy" was awarded to a new group this year: Ray Lacy, RJ Lacy, Stan Bailey, Hansel Nelson, Richard Newman and Dusty McCoy.

The Rotary Club wishes to thank everyone who made this event a success, Major Sponsor Lester Hamrick with North Florida Financial and Night Golf Ball Sponsor ION Lights Inc. - James and Johnny Muchovej. Hole sponsors were: Angela Gray - Property Appraiser;



Antelope Computer Services - Ric Leedom; Bobby Plaines, County Judge; Capital City Bank - Barbara Hayes; Casey's Equipment - Larry Casey; Commercial Furniture Installations - Tom Harmon; Jefferson Ministerial Association - Len Dodson and Ron Cichon; Farmers & Merchants

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The event profited over \$4,000 that will be used for High School Senior Scholarships, Rotary Youth Camp for children with disabilities and handi-cap ramp projects.

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Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Bay Scallop Season Starts June 28



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Get your bay scallop bags and shucking tools ready. The recreational bay scallop season opens in some Gulf of Mexico state waters (shore to nine nautical miles) starting June 28, three days earlier than the season was slated to start. The portion of Gulf state waters is from the Pasco-Hernando county line north and west to the west bank of the Mexico Beach Canal in Bay County.

The season will remain open through Sept. 24, with the first day of the closure on Sept. 25.

Gov. Rick Scott asked the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) to open the 2014 season early to provide additional opportunities to Florida's residents and visitors who flock to the coast to partake in this activity. The season is an economic draw to the coastal counties within the open region. This change is not expected to harm the scallop population.

All size limits and bag limits remain the same. The bag limit is two gallons of whole bay scallops or one pint of meat per person, per day, with a ves-

sel limit of 10 gallons of whole bay scallops or a half-gallon of meat. Scallops may be collected by hand or with a landing or dip net.

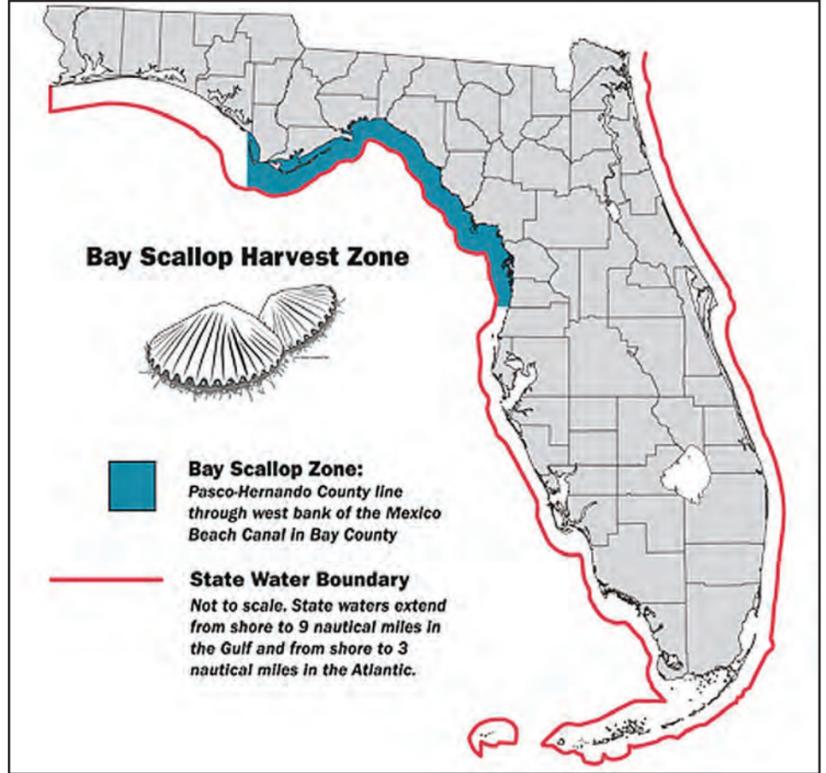
Scallops cannot be taken ashore outside of the open area.

There is no commercial harvest for bay scallops in Florida.

The average number of scallops observed during 2013's post-season surveys suggests similar or slightly rising abundances for 2014 in Homosassa, St. Joseph Bay and Steinhatchee. The St. Marks average has been decreasing since June 2012, which is most likely due to increased storm runoff in recent years.

Be safe when diving for scallops. Stay within 300 feet of a properly displayed divers-down flag when scalloping in open water and within 100 feet of a properly displayed divers-down flag if on a river, inlet or navigation channel. Boat operators traveling within 300 feet of a divers-down flag in open water or 100 feet of one on a river, inlet or navigational channel must slow to idle speed.

Done for the day? Help FWC's scallop researchers by completing an online survey at <http://svy.mk/bayscallops>. Harvesters can indicate where they harvest scallops, how many they collect and how long it takes to harvest them. Par-



Bay scallops may only be harvested in state waters from the Pasco-Hernando County line (near Aripeka - latitude 28 degrees, 26.016 minutes North) to the west bank of the Mexico Beach Canal in Bay County (longitude 85 degrees, 25.84 minutes West).

It is illegal to possess bay scallops on waters outside open harvest areas. It is also illegal to land scallops outside open harvest areas. For example, it would be legal to take scallops from waters off the Hernando County coast, but it would be illegal to dock your boat in Pasco County with the scallop catch onboard.

Participants can email BayScallops@MyFWC.com to ask questions or send additional information.

Learn more about our new index-based graph, which illustrates long-term trends in the open and closed scalloping areas by visiting MyFWC.com/Fishing and clicking on "Saltwater," "Recreational Regulations" and "Bay Scallops."

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Recipe: Bay Scallop Gratin

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Ingredients

- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 6 large garlic cloves, minced
- 2 medium shallots, minced
- 2 ounces thinly sliced prosciutto di Parma, minced
- 4 tablespoons minced fresh parsley, plus extra for garnish
- 2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons Pernod
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 6 tablespoons good olive oil
- 1/2 cup panko
- 6 tablespoons dry white wine
- 2 pounds fresh bay scallops
- Lemon, for garnish

Directions

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees F. Place six (6-inch round) gratin dishes on a sheet pan.

To make the topping, place the butter in the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with the paddle attachment (you can also use a hand mixer). With the mixer on low speed, add the garlic, shallot, prosciutto, parsley, lemon juice, Pernod, salt, and pepper and mix until combined. With the mixer still on low, add the olive oil slowly as though making mayonnaise, until combined. Fold the panko in with a rubber spatula and set aside.

Preheat the broiler, if it's separate from your oven.

Place one tablespoon of the wine in the bottom of each gratin dish. With a small sharp knife, remove the white muscle and membrane from the side of each scallop and discard. Pat the scallops dry with paper towels

and distribute them among the three dishes. Spoon the garlic butter evenly over the top of the scallops. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes, until the topping is golden and sizzling and the scallops are barely done. If you want the top crustier, place the dishes under the broiler for two minutes, until browned. Finish with a squeeze of fresh lemon juice and a sprinkling of chopped parsley and serve immediately with crusty French bread.

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*The Week of June 27, through July 4, 2014
Major Feed Times are marked by an asterisk (*)*

Friday, June 27 6:15AM *12:19AM 8:10PM *12:43PM	Saturday, June 28 7:06AM *1:07AM 8:52PM *1:31PM	Sunday, June 29 7:59AM *1:54AM 9:30PM *2:16PM	Monday, June 30 8:51AM *2:39AM 10:06PM *3:01PM
Tuesday, July 1 9:43AM *3:23AM 10:41PM *3:44PM	Wednesday, July 2 10:35AM *4:05AM 11:14PM *4:27PM	Thursday, July 3 11:27AM *4:48AM *5:09PM	Friday, July 4 11:47PM *5:31AM 12:20PM *5:53PM

Service Agency County Committee Nomination Period Is Now

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that the nomination period for local Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committees began Sunday, June 15, 2014.

"County committees are a vital link between the farm community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture," said Vilsack. "I hope that every eligible farmer and rancher will participate in this year's county committee elections. Through the county committees,

farmers and ranchers have a voice; their opinions and ideas get to be heard on federal farm programs."

Vilsack added, "We've seen an increase in the number of nominations of women and minority candidates, and I hope that trend continues."

To be eligible to serve on an FSA county committee, a person must participate or cooperate in a program administered by FSA, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and reside in the

local administrative area where the person is nominated.

Farmers and ranchers may nominate themselves or others. Organizations representing minorities and women also may nominate candidates. To become a candidate, an eligible individual must sign the nomination form, FSA-669A. The form and other information about FSA county committee elections are available at www.fsa.usda.gov/elections. Nomination forms for the 2014 election must be post-marked or received in the local USDA Service Center by close of business on Aug. 1, 2014. Elections will take place this fall.

While FSA county committees do not approve or deny farm ownership or operating loans, they make decisions on disaster and conservation programs, emergency programs, commodity price support loan programs and other agri-

cultural issues. Members serve three-year terms. Nationwide, there are about 7,800 farmers and ranchers serving on FSA county committees. Committees consist of three to 11 members that are elected by eligible producers.

FSA will mail ballots to eligible voters beginning Nov. 3, 2014. Ballots are due back to the local county office either via mail or in person by Dec. 1, 2014. Newly elected committee members and alternates take office on Jan. 1, 2015.

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Southern Pine Beetle Assistance And Prevention Program Now Accepting Applications

Applications From Private Landowners Will Be Accepted Through July 18

Florida Commissioner of Agriculture Adam H. Putnam announced today that the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Florida Forest Service is now accepting applications for the Southern Pine Beetle Assistance and Prevention Program. The sign-up period will run from June 6 through July 18 and is available for non-industrial private forest landowners.

"The southern pine beetle is one of the most destructive forest pests in the Southeast," said Commissioner Putnam. "By taking preventative measures now, Florida's private landowners can greatly reduce their risk of timber loss during future outbreaks."

Periodic outbreaks can rapidly kill millions of pine trees and deplete tens of thousands of acres of timber resources. The most recent series of major southern pine beetle outbreaks resulted in an estimated

\$59 million in timber loss between 1999 and 2002.

The Southern Pine Beetle Assistance Program is offered for private lands in 44 northern Florida counties.

The program provides incentive payments for the following:

- Conducting a first pulpwood thinning
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To learn more about this program and obtain an application form, contact a local Florida Forest Service office or visit www.FreshFromFlorida.com/SouthernPineBeetle/Prevention. Qualified landowners may apply for no more than two approved preventative practices per year. Funding requests may not exceed \$10,000 annually. All qualifying applications will be evaluated and ranked for approval.



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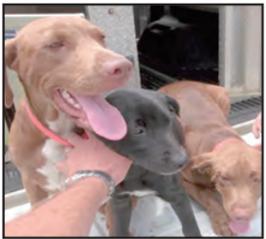
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 THE SCHOOL BOARD OF JEFFERSON COUNTY will meet in Special Session on Monday, June 30, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Board room located at 1490 W. Washington Street, Monticello, FL. An agenda may be viewed by visiting the District's website at www.jeffersonschooldistrict.org. Questions may be directed to the District offices by calling (850) 342-0100 Monday – Thursday between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. 6/27/2014

NOTICE OF MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL JULY MEETING

The Monticello City Council will conduct its next regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 1, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will take place at City Hall, 245 S. Mulberry Street, Monticello. Persons with disabilities who need an accommodation to participate in the meeting should contact City Clerk Emily Anderson at 342-0292 or at eanderson@mymonticello.net. 6/27/2014

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that GENE BARFIELD the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed.

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

Certificate Number: 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 10TH DAY OF JULY, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.

Dated this 22ND DAY OF MAY, 2014

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

CASE NO. 14000033CPA
 PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE ESTATE OF
 MIRRORLAND WOOTEN SASSER,
 Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

The administration of the estate of MIRRORLAND WOOTEN SASSER, deceased, File Number 14000033CPA, whose date of death was MAY 8, 2014, is pending in the Circuit Court for JEFFERSON County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is JEFFERSON County Courthouse, 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 INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

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 claim 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 the first publication of this Notice is June 27, 2014.

DATED this June 25, 2014.

Attorney for Personal Representative:
 SHAWN P. GOLETZ, ESQUIRE
 Smith, Thompson, Shaw, Minacci & Colón, P.A.
 Tallahassee, Florida 32309
 Tel: (850) 893-4105
 Personal Representative:
 TOM F. WOOTEN
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6/27, 7/4/2014

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

CENLAR FSB Plaintiff, Case No. 33-2013-CA-000035
 vs. Division

CHRISTOPHER L. MORGAN A/K/A CHRIS MORGAN, BRITTANY A. MORGAN F/K/A BRITTANY AMANDA KNOWLES AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on May 27, 2014, in the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Jefferson County, Florida described as:

COMMENCE AT AN OLD CONCRETE MONUMENT MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST, JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND RUN THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE EAST BOUNDARY OF SAID SECTION 18, A DISTANCE OF 2154.77 FEET TO CONCRETE MONUMENT ON THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF THE 300.00 FOOT RIGHT OF WAY OF INTERSTATE 10 (STATE ROAD NO. 8), THENCE NORTH 85 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 14 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY 2397.13 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 04 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 46 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY AND A PROJECTION THEREOF, A PROPOSED 60.0 FOOT ROADWAY, A DISTANCE OF 60.00 FEET TO A SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY OF A 60.0 FOOT ROADWAY, THENCE NORTH 85 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 14 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID PROPOSED SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY 490.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING CONTINUE NORTH 85 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 14 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID PROPOSED SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY 300.0 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 02 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 33 SECONDS WEST 467.05 FEET, THENCE EAST 283.58 FEET, THENCE NORTH 04 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 46 SECONDS EAST 444.66 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING;

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

Dated this 28th day of May, 2014.
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Workshops will be held on the Thursdays of July 10, 17, 24, 31 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 325

West Walnut Street, Monticello.

Cost includes all materials: \$75 individuals ~ \$140 couples. Seating is limited. To register, or for more information, contact Lynn Salter at lynn@healthyhabitsetc.com or 850-997-0666 or visit <http://www.healthyhabitsetc.com/upcoming-events/prime-time-health> Prime-Time Health Coach Certification obtained through Dr. Sears Wellness Institute.

Residential Buildings in Jefferson County Are Going Smoke-free - Policies Protect Residents From Secondhand Smoke and Smoking-Related Fires -

Smoke-free multiunit housing, a growing trend throughout the country, has made its way to Jefferson County.

A few residential properties in Jefferson County have implemented smoke-free policies. The growing list of smoke-free properties in the area includes:

Partridge House, 640 E. Washington Street, Monticello, Payne Apartments, 470 W. Dogwood Street, Monticello.

"There's a fear of alienating resident smokers, but most communities that have taken the leap consider smokefree housing an edge over the competition and have determined

that there is a market for this product; according to Chip Tatum, the former Government Affairs Director for the Florida Apartment Association.

Across the state, there are more than 500 smoke-free multiunit housing properties and 73,000 smoke-free units.

For property managers and landlords, smoke-free policies can have economic benefits. More than 80% of Floridians are non-smokers. Many people who do smoke do not permit smoking in their homes. Given these numbers, many properties have very successfully marketed their smoke-free policy as an amenity, not a restriction. Smoke-free policies can save money by eliminating the need to repair or replace carpeting, floors, fixtures, countertops or appliances damaged by burns or nicotine stains. At the end of a lease, smoke-free units require less turnover time due to fewer preparation and repainting needs.

Tobacco smoke can move along air ducts, through cracks in the walls and floors, through elevator shafts, and along plumbing and electrical lines affecting units that are nearby. Therefore, there are also numerous benefits for residents as tobacco smoke contains more than 7,000 chemicals, hundreds of which are toxic and at least 70 known to cause cancer. Exposure, even for short periods of time, can be dangerous.

"A home should be a safe place for everyone, especially for children, people with existing health conditions, and the elderly who are more vulnerable to the effects of secondhand smoke," said Chastity McCarthy, Tobacco Prevention Specialist/SWAT Coordinator. "By making sure that residential buildings are 100 percent smoke-free, property managers are protecting tenants from the dangers of toxic smoke and from the risk of deadly smoking related fires."

The following are some of the reasons why it's critical to protect tenants from exposure to secondhand smoke:

• **Secondhand smoke exposure is causally linked to heart disease, stroke, several cancers, lower respiratory illness, and impaired lung function. Each year, among U.S. nonsmokers, exposure to secondhand smoke causes an esti-**

• **mated 33,000 premature deaths from heart disease and about 3,400 premature deaths from lung cancer. Nonsmokers exposed to secondhand smoke at home or at work increase their risk of developing heart disease by 25 to 30 percent and their risk of developing lung cancer by 20 to 30 percent. Secondhand smoke can trigger an asthma attack. A severe asthma attack can put a child's life in danger. In the first two years of life, children exposed to secondhand smoke have more than a 50 percent increased risk of getting bronchitis and pneumonia. Infants exposed to secondhand smoke are at a greater risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS).**

SIDS is the sudden, unexplained, unexpected death of an infant in the first year of life. SIDS is the leading cause of death in otherwise healthy infants.

Secondhand smoke is not the only danger. Smoking-related fires are the leading cause of fire deaths in residential buildings. These fires are eight times more likely to result in death than fires that start from another source. Smoking-related fires in residential buildings result in an average of approximately 365 deaths, 925 injuries, and \$326 million in property loss each year.

For more information, visit tobaccofreeflorida.com/smokefreehousing.

ABOUT TOBACCO FREE FLORIDA

Tobacco Free Florida is a statewide cessation and prevention campaign funded by Florida's tobacco settlement fund. Tobacco Free Florida is managed by the Florida Department of Health, specifically the Bureau of Tobacco Free Florida.

Smokers and smokeless tobacco users interested in quitting are encouraged to call the Florida Quitline at 1-877-U-CAN-NOW to speak with a Quit Coach. To learn about Tobacco Free Florida and the state's free quit smoking resources, visit www.tobaccofreeflorida.com or follow the campaign on Facebook at www.facebook.com/TobaccoFreeFlorida or Twitter at www.twitter.com/tobaccofreefla.

Local Partners Support Tobacco Cessation Policy

In an effort to reduce tobacco use in Jefferson County, local businesses and government agencies partner with the Florida Department of Health in Jefferson County and Tobacco Free Jefferson Partnership to strengthen and adopt cessation policies. In doing so, the Tobacco Free Jefferson Partnership would like to congratulate Jefferson County School District, Brynwood Rehabilitation Center, Jefferson County Clerk of Courts, and local Subway in taking the extra step to help their employees quit tobacco products and make Jefferson County a healthier place to live.

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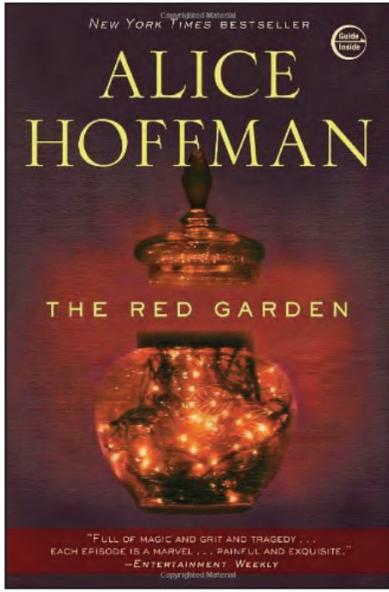
Palmer Place Book Club will meet on Monday, July 14 at 6 p.m. to discuss their most recent reading, "The Red Garden," by Alice Hoffmann.

"This will be the first time to repeat an author since the club started," mentions Club Coordinator Abi Vandervest. "There are so many authors we have not discussed as yet, so I hope we won't be repeating again any time soon."

The last book discussed by the group was 'Beautiful Ruins,' by Jess Walter. It was chosen from the Leon County traveling book kit; and though no one had heard of it, the members appreciated the suggestion and decided to check it out.

New members are always welcome to attend the Palmer Place Book Club meetings on the second Monday of each month, at 6 p.m. The meetings begin with the discussion and selection of their next book, and then attendees share their views about their book of the month.

Contact Vandervest at 850-997-4607 or douwahnadance@yahoo.com



for more information and meeting location. All are welcome to join for the discussion, to help select the next book, and to suggest authors.

The group does not meet at the Palmer House during the summer months so, be sure to contact Coordinator Abi Vandervest at 850-997-4607 or douwahnadance@yahoo.com for the planned location.



Linear Expands Recall of Personal Emergency Reporting System Transmitters Due to Battery Signal Failure.

The batteries used in the transmitters can fail to emit a low battery warning leading the user to believe the transmitter is functioning and not generate a warning. The recall includes model numbers DXS-62A (black wristband and a gray pendant), DXS-62A1 (ivory plastic belt clip pendant) and DXS-64 (gray plastic pendant with a green circle in the center) which all have batteries that are sealed into the products. The manufactured date range of the recalled products is from June 2008 through April 2011 written as a date code. For example the date code MD1105 represents YYMM format or a manufacture date of May 2011. The date code, model number, Linear LLC and other information are found on the back of the transmitter. The units retailed for about \$45. Consumers should immediately contact Linear for a free replacement. Contact the company toll-free at (855) 554-2384 from 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or online at www.linear-pers.com and click on Recalls for more information. This recall affects about 175,000 units, in addition to 48,000 units previously recalled in December 2013.

Reebok-CCM Recalls Throat Collars Due to Laceration Hazard

Reebok is recalling the Reebok TCPRE Senior and Junior Goalie Throat Collars Athletes who play hockey should know that these collars have been by BNQ in Canada due to the risk that a skate blade could penetrate the collar, posing a laceration hazard to the throat. The recalled Reebok TCPRE Senior (SR) and Junior (JR) Goalie Throat Collars are black with white trim and the word "Reebok" is embroidered at the base of the collar. They have the BNQ certification mark screen printed and the words "Ballistic Nylon Ballistique," "TCPRE SR or JR" and sizing information on the right side of the collar base. Affected products have the model number K101SR TCPRE or K101JR TCPRE located on the label sewn on the inside of each throat collar pad and on the outside of a polybag in which the product may have been sold at retail stores. The products were sold from April 2012 through May 2014 for about \$40 to \$50. Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled throat collars and contact their local hockey dealer to return the product for a full refund or replacement. Contact Reebok-CCM (800) 451-4600 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, or online at www.reebokccm.com and click on Goalie Throat Collar Recall at the bottom of the page for more information.

Nokia Recalls Tablet Travel Chargers Due to Electrocuting Hazard

The plastic cover on the charger's exchangeable plugs can come loose and separate, exposing internal components that pose an electrocution hazard if touched while the plug remains in a live socket. The recall includes the Travel Charger kit sold separately for the Nokia Lumia 2520 tablet, also called the AC-300 charger accessory kit. The kit includes four different plugs for use in electrical outlets in the U.S., U.K., EU and Australia. The black plastic chargers measure about 2.75 inches high by 2.3 inches wide. U.S. chargers that were sold with the Nokia Lumia 2520 tablet are not included in the recall. The travel charger kits were sold at AT&T and Verizon Wireless authorized dealers and retailers nationwide and online at att.com and Verizon.com from January 2014 to May 2014 for about \$50. Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled chargers and contact Nokia for instructions on receiving a full refund from Verizon Wireless or a credit from AT&T for the travel chargers and both will provide a free replacement U.S.-only charger for their Nokia Lumia 2520 tablet. Contact Nokia toll-free at (888) 665-4228 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or online at www.nokia.com and click "Recall Notice" at the bottom of the page for more information.

Kiwanis Flies With Avera



Troy Avera was featured as guest speaker for the Monticello Kiwanis Wednesday afternoon meeting. He spoke to the membership about his family roots here in the Big Bend Area. He also spoke briefly about his career as a Navy pilot and a commercial pilot. Pictured with Avera is program director Gary Wright, right.

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