

Outside School Enrollment: A Continuing Controversy

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The Jefferson County School Board recently spent the better part of a 2½-hour meeting considering eight Attendance Outside The District requests.

Attendance Outside the District requests, in fact, are a relatively regular feature of School Board meetings.

In this particular case, the board ultimately granted one of the requests, tabled one and denied the other six, making for some very disappointed and frustrated parents.

A little more than a week later at a special workshop on Thursday evening, July 24, the issue resurfaced, with parents again expressing frustration over the board's alleged inflexibility and unwilling-

ness to address the problem.

All of which underscored School Superintendent Al Cooksey's point, made at a workshop in early July, that the most persistent and emotional issue confronting his administration on a regular basis was parents asking permission for their children to attend schools outside the district. No matter the outcome, someone always ended up unhappy, Cooksey said.

He asked the board for clarification of the policy, if not for its revision, particularly where it concerned hardship cases.

"What constitutes a hardship?" Cooksey asked. "People's opinions of hardships differ and it continues to be a problem. Is it a hardship to the student, or a hardship to the family? It's not clear. The issue brings up all kinds of emotions and I'm caught in the middle."

School Board Attorney Opal McKinney-Williams agreed that the policy was ambiguous, particularly where it concerned hardships. The policy stated that a hardship was cause for permitting a student to attend a school outside the district, but it didn't define what constituted a hardship, she said.

She cited School Board Member Shirley Washington's example of a mother who had to leave her young child by the side of the road in still dark mornings to await the school bus so that she (mother) could get to work on time. In Washington's estimation, such a situation represented a valid hardship. Yet the way the policy was written, it didn't allow the board the discretion to take mitigating factors into consideration, McKinney-Williams noted.

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Flesh-Eating Bacteria Kill Ten In Florida

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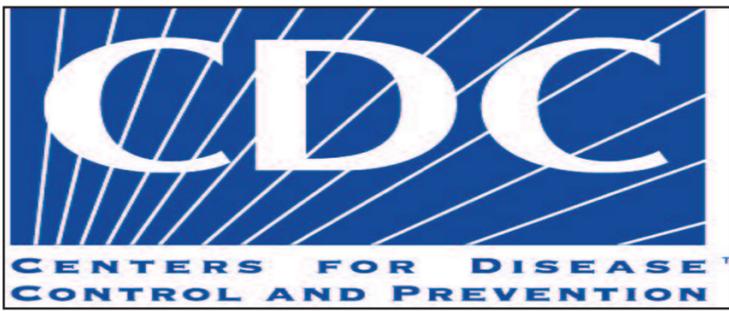
New warnings were issued Monday by the Florida Department of Health surrounding a flesh-eating bacteria found in the ocean that has already killed several people in Florida. The bacterium is called *Vibrio vulnificus* and thrives in warm saltwater. It can be contracted through an open cut when someone is swimming in the ocean, or by eating raw shellfish. The Department of Health reports 32 have contracted the bacteria and 10 have died from the strain. Last year, 41 people were infected and 11 died.

Below is the statement from the Florida Department of Health:

A recent, tragic death that occurred in Flagler County has brought forth concerns of the bacteria, Vibrio vulnificus, a bacterium that normally lives in warm seawater.

Vibrio vulnificus can cause disease in those who eat contaminated seafood or have an open wound that is exposed to warm seawater containing the bacteria. Ingestion of Vibrio vulnificus can cause vomiting, diarrhea and abdominal pain. Vibrio vulnificus can also cause an infection of the skin when open wounds are exposed to warm seawater; these infections may lead to skin breakdown and ulcers.

Persons who have weakened immune systems, especially those with chronic liver disease, are at risk for Vibrio vulnificus infection when they eat raw shellfish, particularly oysters in that oysters filter the bacteria from the water. People with these pre-exist-



ing medical conditions are 80 times more likely to develop Vibrio vulnificus blood infections than healthy people.

Infection can happen when the bacterium invades the bloodstream, causing a severe, life-threatening illness with symptoms such as fever, chills, decreased blood pressure and blistering skin lesions. People who have contracted the disease describe it as a feeling of being on fire. These bloodstream infections are fatal about 50 percent of the time and can also require amputation for individuals to recover.

This rare illness can be contracted by exposure to the bacterium after ingesting seawater or shellfish, contact with marine wildlife that has been exposed to the bacterium or contamination of an open wound after exposure to warm saltwater that contains the bacterium.

If exposed by contamination of an open wound, symptoms of illness include swelling, redness and pain at the site of the wound. Illness typically begins within one to three days of exposure, but can begin as late as seven days after exposure. The redness and swelling can progress to affect the whole body and can then cause the life-threatening illness and symptoms described above.

Tips for preventing *Vibrio vulnificus* infections:

- Avoid exposure of open wounds or broken skin to warm salt or brackish water.
- If a cut or scrape is incurred while swimming in marine waters, wash thoroughly with soap and fresh, clean water as soon as possible and monitor the wound.
- Do not eat raw oysters or other raw shellfish.
- Cook shellfish (oysters, clams, mussels) thoroughly.
- For shellfish in the shell, either boil until the shells open and continue boiling for five more minutes or steam until the shells open and then continue cooking for nine more minutes. Do not eat those shellfish that do not open during cooking. Boil shucked oysters at least three minutes or fry them in oil at least 10 minutes at 375 degrees.
- Avoid cross-contamination of cooked seafood and other foods with raw seafood and juices from raw seafood.
- Eat shellfish promptly after cooking and refrigerate leftovers.
- Wear protective clothing (gloves) when handling raw shellfish.

For more information on *Vibrio vulnificus*, visit the Centers for Disease Control website at www.cdc.gov.

MPD Officer Assists FHP With Triple Fatality

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Imagine working as a law enforcement officer, putting in your shift for the day and heading home, when you come up on a bad traffic crash, which resulted in fatalities. What do you do? You assist brother law enforcement officers on the scene. That is what Monticello Police Department Officer Brent Parramore did on Tuesday afternoon.

Florida Highway Patrol reported that on July 29 at 3:24 p.m., Diane Downey, 64, of Thomasville, AL, was driving a 2007 Chevrolet Impala, traveling eastbound in the outside lane, just west of the 214-mile marker. In the vehicle, as passengers, were a ten-year old, and an eight-year old.

Cassandra Robles, 33, of Tallahassee, was driving a 2013 Honda Accord, traveling eastbound in the inside lane. In the vehicle as a passenger was a one-year old infant.

The left rear of Downey's vehicle collided with the right front of Robles' vehicle.

Downey's vehicle began to rotate counterclockwise, passing through the inside lane and the center median of I-10.

Denis Makori, 27, of Springfield, MO, was driving a commercial 2007 Freightliner with trailer in tow, traveling westbound on I-10, in the westbound emergency lane.

Downey's vehicle continued rotating counterclockwise traveling from the center median through the inside and outside westbound lanes, where the front of Downey's vehicle collided with the front right of Makori's vehicle.

Downey's vehicle came to rest on the north shoulder of I-10 facing southwest.

Robles' vehicle came to a controlled stop in the eastbound emergency lane.

Makori's vehicle **Please See CRASH Page 3**

Florida's Jobless Rate Drops Slightly In June



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Florida's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 6.2 percent in June, slightly down from the 6.3 percent in May and the same as in April.

The national rate, meanwhile, was 6.1 percent.

This according to the latest figures released by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (FDEO).

In Jefferson County, the June rate was 5.1 percent, the same as in May. And in Madison County, it was 8.2 percent, up from 8.0 percent in May.

Statewide, 597,000 Floridians were jobless in June out of a labor force of 9,626,000 — not counting individuals who have given up the

search for work or are underemployed or employed part time.

According to the FDEO, Florida's seasonally adjusted total non-agricultural employment was 7,800,000 in June — an increase of 37,400 jobs over the month.

Seasonally adjusted means the numbers have been purged of seasonal and other factors that could skew the results.

"Compared to June a year ago, the number of jobs in the state was up by 237,500, an increase of 3.1 percent," the FDEO report states. "Florida's annual job growth rate has exceeded the nation's rate since April 2012."

For Jefferson County, the 5.1 percent rate translates into 320 jobless persons out of a **Please See JOBLESS Page 3**

Building Permits Trend Upwards Last Three Months

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The city and county issued a combined 48 permits in June, compared with 63 in May.

Overall, the two entities have issued a combined 275 permits in the first six months of 2014, up from the 247 permits issued during the same period in 2013.

Noteworthy also, the permits have tended to trend upwards during April, May and June of this year — 52, 63 and 48 respectively — compared with the same three months last year, when **Please See PERMITS Page 3**

Commissioners Appoint Five To Code Enforcement Board

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Nearly three years after county officials adopted a code enforcement ordinance and a couple of months after they put teeth into the measure, the nucleus of a code enforcement board has now been appointed, or five of the seven needed members.

On Tuesday evening, July 15, the Jefferson County Commission approved the first five members and set the length of their terms. The five newly appointed members are Don Foulke, David Hall, Ralph Burquist, Robert Halbert and Zandra Gilley.

The way the appointees came about, as Commission Chairman

Betsy Barfield explained it, is that she took it upon herself to canvas as many individuals as possible in the county when no volunteers stepped forward and her colleagues didn't produce names.

The five proposed names were the result of a lengthy search, she said, admitting that getting volunteers to step forward was a difficult task.

Ideally, per the ordinance, the seven-member board's composition should include an architect, a businessperson, an engineer, a general contractor, a subcontractor, a realtor and a layperson.

In May, the commission enhanced the ordinance to make it more enforceable and effective, action that was ini-

tiated by Jefferson County Coordinator Parish Barwick and Solid Waste Department Director Beth Letchworth, also the code enforcement officer.

The basis of the two's proposed changes was that the ordinance wasn't working as intended, as compliance often depended on the willingness of the violator to comply.

The changes the two proposed were for those instances when persuasion alone wouldn't result in compliance, they said.

Among the more notable changes that Barwick and Letchworth proposed was the establishment of enforcement procedures and the creation of the code enforcement officer. **Please See CODE Page 3**



Deb's Notes

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Training Tools for Healthy Schools is a free event sponsored by Big Bend Rural Network, Florida Health Healthiest Weight, and the Center for Disease Control & Prevention; and held at the Monticello Opera House on Monday, August 4, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. If you are a school administrator, educator, after-school provider, or parent interested in working towards building healthier communities in Jefferson, Madison, Wakulla, and Taylor counties you won't want to miss this workshop. All participants will receive a \$20 gas card and a free healthy lunch. Register now by contacting

Maija Teppola at 850-224-1177 or mteppola@bigbendahec.org. The community is invited to an induction ceremony for the Distinguished Young Gentlemen (DYG) of Jefferson County. The event will be held on Wednesday, August 6, at 6:30 p.m. at the historic Monticello Opera House. For more details contact DYG Director Gene Hall at 850-321-6673. Refreshments will be served.

The Early Learning Coalition of the Big Bend Region, Inc. (ELC) is offering services to customers on Tuesdays at the Jefferson County Health Department during the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information and to

make an appointment contact Robert Walker at 850-273-1335 or email to rwalker@elcbigbend.org.

Downtown Monticello retail stores and eating establishments will stay open late today, and on the first Friday of each month thereafter, offering back-to-school specials and items for sale. Businesses planning to stay open late include Vintage Treasures, Ain't Too Shabby, Two Sisters...New Beginnings, Electric City Wheels & Grinds, Huckleberry's Creations, Wag-The-Dog Thrift & Treasure Shop, Peddler's Marketplace, Red Hot Vapors, Gelling's Floral Design, and Old Bank Antiques.

Letters To The Editor

Letters to the Editor are typed word for word, comma for comma, as sent to this newspaper
- All submitted Letters must be 600 words or less -

Change In County Government: It Matters To Us!

Jeffersonians for Change is a local political action committee whose members are alarmed about the quality of our county government. After a few years or so in someone's backyard, at coffee downtown, at lunches and dinners during the week, at one gathering or another, Jeffersonians for Change coalesced into a citizens group to see if we could help bring a more effective and open government to our county.

We also hoped to put some energy and spirit into the local political process. So we were happy to note Tom Dunn's letter to the editor in Wednesday's edition of the *Monticello News*. We welcome his comments. However, most of Tom's observations about our activities were in error, and our response follows:

We believe that active participation in the political process will, in the end, produce the best government. And we believe that, especially at election time, it is important to have a spirited dialogue about the things that matter most to us.

Now, perhaps it doesn't matter to some that our public schools are ranked last in the state but spend over \$12,000 per year for each student and that it takes nearly \$500,000 to produce a successful graduate. It may not matter to some, but it matters to us!

Perhaps it doesn't matter to others that we are spending a million dollars for an overbuilt fire station—with 9

bathrooms and 6,000 square feet for 6 people—on a contaminated lot, in the edge of a swamp, even after an expert showed Commissioners how they could nicely accommodate our deserving fire fighters and ambulance personnel for less than half of that figure. And perhaps it doesn't matter that a new and permanent \$100 tax is being unnecessarily levied on city residents to pay for that facility. It may not matter to a few others, but it matters to us!

Perhaps it doesn't matter to Mr. Dunn that his own Commissioner used a large sum of taxpayer dollars to pave roads and streets, not where they were most needed, but where they would get him the most votes. One of those was the \$500,000 road through the plantation that the landowners didn't want but that served just a few households the Commissioner wanted to impress. Maybe it doesn't matter to Mr. Dunn that we tripled our county's debt load to borrow the money his Commissioner may have wasted. It may not matter to Mr. Dunn, but it matters to us!

Or perhaps it doesn't matter to Tom that his Commissioner was a leader in the abandonment of the most successful job and business development program our county has seen in decades. That program, run by an award winning small business developer, was torpedoed when a couple of Commissioners insisted on seeing the tax returns

and private data of the developer's clients. In only a few months, the program had already created several new businesses and numerous jobs. Now it is all but dead. It may not matter to Tom, but it matters to us!

Perhaps it doesn't matter to some that a County Commission which was once collegial and respectful has turned into a dysfunctional, bickering institution riddled with petty personal politics. Or perhaps it doesn't matter that we have a School Board stuck on D's and F's. It may not matter to some, but it matters to us!

And we think it's time for change!

Finally, we are sorry Mr. Dunn had trouble finding addresses, whether on the internet or on a street. But our website (jeffersoniansforchange.com) which includes an email address, has been working since a few days after our organization papers were filed, and it still is. We voluntarily include our website information on all mail outs. Our street address, which recently changed, is listed on the paperwork we filed with the local elections office, as required by state law. Like many volunteer organizations, however, the people who do the work rarely work from the office address, but we ARE working.

And we look forward to more spirited dialogue.

Jack Carswell,
Vice Chairman
Jeffersonians
for Change

'Brew' Ha Ha: Conversations for Coffee

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Investing in Schools Means Helping Children

There has been much discussion lately on our school system. I read through the entire dialogue in the Letters to the Editor and even attended a School Board meeting to my own great dismay: a few points should be clarified before we begin sharpening our pitchforks and lighting our torches.

First, Mr. Shelley did not insinuate that children were stupid in his first letter. He said, "Is there something in Jefferson County water that makes students and teachers stupid? I think not." He denies that teachers and children are stupid.

I do take exception to his notion that qualified students should not be fed year-round. Study after study has shown that children are better behaved and more focused if they eat. Even adults have trouble concentrating if they are hungry.

According to 2012 Feeding America statistics (which are the most comprehensive statistics nationwide on food insecurity), Jefferson County has a food insecurity rate of 18.4 percent, account-

ing for 2,680 people. Of those, 580 are children. That means, in the simplest terms, that 580 children in this county *each day* do not know where their next meal is coming from. Sustenance is not—should not ever be—a reward for good performance, and feeding hungry children is neither insult nor injury.

Nor is putting tax money into the school system. If we do not invest our tax dollars into our schools, this county will not survive. If the school system isn't good, nobody raises their kids here, does business here, or spends money here.

Schools are the foundation of our local economy, today and tomorrow. Investing into students does not just pay off a generation from today—it pays off today. If you want to boost our economy, don't look to businesses: look to schools.

But those investments are not simply monetary. Terri Long made an excellent point about boosting children up, but the *Monticello News* is not the vehicle for that. Lawrence Beger made an excellent point

about parents getting more involved.

Truly, though, I challenge everyone to get involved. Why should it just be the parents? They do cooking, cleaning, financially supporting. And it doesn't just take two parents to raise a child. Jefferson County knows better than most that it takes an entire community to raise upright children. You'll have to do more than throw praises or tax dollars at our schools to help them succeed.

So if you felt strongly enough to pen letters to the editor, go to the school and help teach children to write. If you want to protect your investment, nurture the children you invested in. You don't have to be a teacher or even a systems engineer to make a difference. If you can read, write, and do basic math, you have something to offer these children. Anything above that is icing on the cake.

Do not be content to simply say your piece: act on your words, and by your example you may inspire others.

Jefferson High, Here I Come!

I moved to Jefferson County about a year ago and the first thought was, "Where am I to go to school?"

I needed something that would not interfere with my future plans to graduate from school and enlist in the Air Force, to stay there long enough to get all the education I would need for the medical career I want, and to leave with far less debt than I would have normally incurred for three to six years of college. So, the way I figured it, I had four options:

Option 1- Continue with home schooling.

Yes, it's a shocker - I have been home schooled for most of my life! I did go to public school for two years in middle school. But, this option was an easy "NO". I am tired of being at home and having no friends, it is just too boring for me to put myself through again!

Option 2 - Go to Lively Technical School with my dad each day. I took the TABE entrance test and passed it (12.5 grade level!) and then found out that they no longer allow you to finish high school there prior to pursuing a career.

Option 3- Finish at a private school. "Nooo!" "Why?", you ask. "Am I that stupid?" No, I just knew my family could NOT handle the financial stress, although they were willing. I don't want my education to make anyone suffer.

Option 4- Finish at

Jefferson High School. "Hm...m...m..." I have done some research and I have found that when I enlist I would go in at the bottom, unless I have at least two years of ROTC. Since I only need 6-8 credits, I had to stop and wonder if it was worth wasting a year of my life when I could be homeschooling for one year and I need two years of ROTC. It was a tough decision, but... Jefferson High has an ROTC program. I also found out that I can dual-enroll, which I plan to do because I can get some college credit with NO extra charge. And, last but not least, I have heard that Jefferson has quite a few sports for girls, something I have NEVER done before, but am excited about.

Jefferson High, here I come!

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"It may help if the board defines what it considers a hardship," she said.

She suggested tweaking the policy — not to the degree that it would "open the floodgates", but enough to introduce some flexibility into the process and allow the board discretion to decide each hardship request on a case-by-case basis, she said.

The board went back and forth on the issue for about an hour, finally agreeing to tweak the policy here and there with a qualifying word such as "generally" or "may", thus injecting a degree of flexibility into the process. (These revisions, set for board action on Aug. 11, may be viewed on the district website: www.jefferson-schools.org.)

The proposed revisions notwithstanding, they represent at best a temporizing measure that fails to address parents' basic concern: Which is that they don't want their kids attending what they perceive to be a failing school system.

It would be wrong to say the board is divided on the issue, although a couple of members may be a bit conflicted. With the exception of Boland, who continues arguing for the policy's abolition, the other four board members generally support the policy to one degree or another.

They have also — to varying degrees and for varying reasons — expressed a willingness to see the policy amended.

For the record, it must be pointed out that notwithstanding the board's general support of the policy, three of its members have sent, or are currently sending, their own school-age children to schools other than the public elementary and middle/high schools here. Which, at minimum, raises questions about their commitment to the policy, if not to the local schools district.

This district, as Cooksey has several times pointed out at workshops, is unique in the state in that it only has two schools, both of which are considered un-

derperforming by state standards, and both of which are surrounded by higher-performing schools in adjacent counties.

It's a fact, whether one agrees politically or philosophically with the state's standardized testing of students and its grading of schools, that the two schools here — for whatever reason — continue to score poorly.

It's also a fact that enrollment continues dropping, as parents who can choose other options for their children. Parents with the financial means, or the will, send their children to private, charter or public schools in other districts; home school them; or get them into one of the research schools such as FSUS or FAMUS.

Others — as has been alleged at several board meetings — will go so far as to lie and falsify documents to get their kids into Leon County schools.

And not a few vote with their feet and move out of the county when all other options fail. The threat of moving out of the district as a last resort, in fact, is one that frustrated parents voice not infrequently at School Board meetings.

"We have a book of policies that is six inches thick and we don't ever discuss any of these policies," Boland noted at the July 14 meeting. "But this one policy we discuss at every meeting. It brings us nothing but headaches."

Which raises the question, why does the board stick so adamantly to the policy, given its emotional and divisive nature and the fact that certain of the board members' choices when it came to their own children?

The question is one that parents often ask and that board members thus far have been unable to answer cogently, coherently or to the parent's satisfaction.

The responses typically focus on the need for policymaking, both as a board prerogative and a means of establishing order and discouraging chaos (otherwise why not simply allow everyone do what they will?); as a

given (all school districts have a similar policy to one degree or another); and as a means of curtailing a mass exodus of students, to the detriment of the district and the remaining students.

Besides, argue the policy's strongest proponents, the present policy allows students to attend schools outside the district, provided it's a legitimate reason and the proper medical and other proofs are submitted.

Parents, for their part, argue that the policy usurps their right to decide what best for their children. As they see it, the district is holding their children hostages. And it all boils down to money, they say. The reason the district is holding on to their kids is because it doesn't want to lose the state funding that comes with each student, they say.

"We're failing our kids by leaving them here," said one frustrated mother at the July 14 meeting, expressing a typical sentiment. "It's not fair to the kids. You're taking away our right as parents. You know that we're going to move, home school or do whatever we have to do to keep them out of an 'F' school."

The one thing that parents and school officials are pretty much in agreement on is that if the schools here were performing better, the issue of outside the school attendance wouldn't be an issue. Better performing schools, all agree, would stem the flow of Outside The District Attendance requests and would begin attracting students back into the district. Improving the two schools' performances, in fact, is the number one priority that School Superintendent Al Cooksey has set for his administration in his second year in office.

Until that goal is achieved and the local schools are rated a 'C' or better or at least showing improvement, however, one thing is certain: Requests for attendance outside the district will continue to occupy the School Board's time and to be a controversial and divisive issue.

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forcement board. The enhancement also set the procedures by which the code enforcement board could find a property in noncompliance and impose penalties, should the problem not be corrected within a specified time.

The ordinance's added teeth notwithstanding, officials say a low-key approach to enforcement will be maintained. Meaning that persuasion will largely remain the preferred method for assuring compliance. Enforcement, moreover, remains citizen complaint-driven.

The ordinance defines code enforcement as "the prevention, detection, investigation and enforcement of violations of statutes or ordinances regulating public health, safety and welfare; public works; business activities and consumer protection; building standards; land-use; or

municipal affairs."

It defines the code enforcement officer as "any authorized agent or employee of the county whose duty is to ensure compliance" and who possesses specialized training in code enforcement as offered by the Florida Association of Code Enforcement, among other stipulations.

Per the ordinance, any citizen may initiate a complaint for investigation by the code enforcement officer, provided the complaint follows the established procedures. Once the code enforcement offi-

cer receives the complaint, the latter investigates, and if the circumstances warrant it, brings the case to the code enforcement board.

The ordinance sets fines and penalties for noncompliance, which may start at \$250 daily for a first violation and go up to \$500 per day for repeat violations for every day the violations remains unabated.

In a related action, the commission appointed Marianne Arbulu to fill the vacant District 4 position on the Jefferson County Planning Commission.



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came to rest partially in the westbound emergency lane and outside lane, facing west.

Downey, the ten-year old and the eight-year old were transported to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital with fatal injuries. Downey and the ten-year old were wearing seatbelts. The eight-year old was not wearing

a seatbelt.

Robles and the one-year old infant were uninjured and did not require transport for treatment.

Makori was transported to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital for treatment of minor injuries.

Downey's vehicle sustained \$6,000 damage,

Robles' vehicle sustained \$1,500 damage.

Makori's vehicle sustained \$100,000 damage.

Charges are pending. FHP Trooper Jim M.

Beauford was assisted on the scene by Tallahassee Fire Department, Leon County Emergency Medical Services, and MPD Officer Brent Parra more.

Permits

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the respective numbers were 42, 43 and 33.

This according to information gleaned from the latest report of the Jefferson County/City of Monticello Building Inspection and Contractor Licensing Department.

The bulk of the construction activity in June continued to be home repairs and addition, as it's been the case during the previous six months, a trend that's now in its third or fourth year.

The 48 permits in June generated \$6,964.99 in fees, down from the \$8,320.23 that the 63 per-

mits generated in May. Of the 48, the city issued 10 and collected \$2,372.38, and the county issued 38 and collected \$4,592.61.

A breakdown of the 48 permits shows 41 were for home repairs and additions; one for residential construction; one for a mobile home; and five for miscellaneous uses, such as sheds, signs, workshops or barns.

In the residential permit category, the valuation was \$198,355, up from \$98,294 in May. This valuation was \$275,867 in June 2013.

The valuation for commercial permits was zero, compared with

\$435,162 in May. It was also zero in June 2013.

And the valuation for other permits (a category that includes additions, re-roofs and non-residential structures) was \$363,146, up from the \$220,000 in May. This valuation was \$861,082 in June 2013.

Meanwhile, the Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Department issued 10 permits and collected \$3,456.76 in June, compared with six permits and \$1,850 collected in May.

In June 2013, the department issued six permits and collected \$2,273.82.

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labor force of 6,326, compared with 321 jobless persons out of a labor force of 6,320 in May, when the rate was 5.1 percent.

In June 2013, the comparable figures were 416 jobless persons out of a workforce of 6,266, when the unemployment rate was 6.6 percent.

For Madison County, the 8.2 percent translates into 575 jobless persons out of a labor force of 7,017, compared with 562 jobless persons out of a labor force of 7,061 in May, when the rate was 8.0 percent.

In June 2013, the comparable figures were 681 jobless persons out of a labor force of 7,153, when the unemployment rate was 9.5 percent.

"June 2014 was the 47th consecutive month with positive annual job growth after the state lost jobs for over three years," the FDEO reports.

The industry gaining the most jobs continued to be trade, transportation and utilities, up 52,500 jobs; followed by professional and business services, up 45,300 jobs; construction, up 41,700 jobs;

leisure and hospitality, up 39,500 jobs; private education and health services, up 34,100 jobs; financial activities, up 10,300 jobs; other services, up 5,500 jobs; manufacturing, up 5,200 jobs; government, up 1,900 jobs; and information, up 1,300 jobs.

Walton County continued to have the state's lowest unemployment rate at 3.4 percent, followed by Monroe County at 3.5 percent; Okaloosa at 4.6 percent; Sumter County at 4.8 percent; and Wakulla County at 4.9 percent.

Hendry County continued to have the state's

highest unemployment rate at 10.6 percent, followed Flagler County at 8.8 percent; Hamilton County at 8.5 percent; and Madison and Putnam counties at 8.2 percent.

Only one county, Hendry, had a double-digit unemployment rate in June.

Of the 22 metro areas in the state, the ones with the largest gains were Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford, up 39,100 jobs; Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall, up 29,600 jobs; and Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, up 25,300 jobs.

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Jefferson County Living

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Congratulations To These Wild Adventures Theme Park Winners



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Amy Rosmini was the July 23 winner of Wild Adventures Theme Park passes, sponsored by Monticello News/Jefferson County Journal. She and her guests will enjoy the 'Final Days Of Summer' at Wild Adventures Theme Park.

Tracy Gallon is one of the July 23 winners of Wild Adventures Theme Park passes, sponsored by Monticello News/Jefferson County Journal. She and her guests will enjoy the 'Final Days Of Summer' at Wild Adventures Theme Park.

Lions Receive Recognition

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Jefferson County residents and active members of the Tallahassee Lions Club received honors and recognition during their annual Installation Ceremony and Dinner recently.

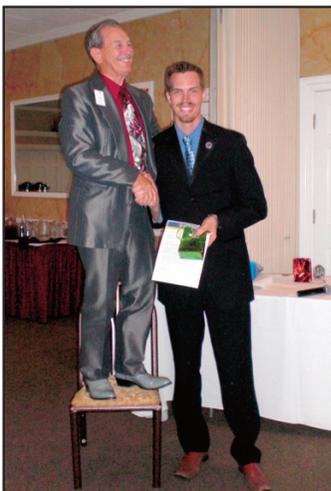
Lion Anne Davis was awarded the 'Progressive' Melvin Jones Award for her 45-years in Lionism. She received her Melvin Jones Award in the early 1990s.

Lion Joe Davis was also awarded the 'Progressive' Melvin Jones Award. He received his Melvin Jones award in the early 1980s.

Lion June Campbell, also a recipient of the Melvin Jones Award a few years ago, received an 'Appreciation' Award for her 15 years of "dedication and commitment to the Club." She is active on eight committees this year, and is Chairperson of three.

Lion June has helped 166 area residents get eye glasses, just this Lions year. She has also helped in setting up cataract operations/surgeries for five residents, and was instrumental in helping a three-year old Perry toddler get fitted for a glass eye. She also helped three residents get hearing aids.

Lion June is the Liaison for the Jefferson County Lions Club; the club meets at 1 p.m. on the first and third Monday for lunch and a meeting at the Brick House Eatery, in downtown Monticello.



Lion Joe Davis, left, steps high to receive his 'Progressive' Melvin Jones Award from Tallahassee Lions Club President John Ross during their annual Installation Ceremony and Dinner.



Lion Anne Davis accepts her Progressive Melvin Jones Award from Tallahassee Lions Club President John Ross during their annual Installation Ceremony and Dinner.



Lion June Campbell receives special recognition for her dedication and commitment from Tallahassee Lions Club President John Ross during their annual Installation Ceremony and Dinner.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

debbiesnapp@embarqmail.com or 850-997-3568

August 1
The Museum of Florida History and the R.J. Bailar Library will host a History Hunt, a free program, for teens to tweens, with a responsible adult, on Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Walk around downtown Monticello and map historic sites using a GPS. Wear comfortable shoes and clothing. Refreshments will be available, also free of charge. Register now at the Library. Call 850-342-0205 for more information.

August 1
Rotary will meet at 12 p.m. on Friday at the First Presbyterian Church, in the fellowship hall, for lunch, a meeting, program, and speaker. For questions or comments, contact Rick Anderson at r.anderson@pearl-streetholdings.com or call and 850-445-2964.

August 1
Monticello Jamboree Band performs music for dancing every Friday night at 7 p.m. at 625 South Water Street. Everyone is welcome to come dance, listen to some of the finest

music, enjoy doorprizes, soft drinks, snacks, and just enjoy some fun and camaraderie with neighbors and friends. This is a nonprofit charitable event. Donations are accepted. For questions or concerns, contact Bobby Connell at 850-445-0049.

August 1
Ashville Area Volunteer Fire Department meets at its facility on the first Friday of each month. For more information, contact Assistant Fire Chief Butch Staffieri at 850-210-2816.

August 1-3
Jefferson County High School Class of 1973 Reunion has been scheduled and its committee is in need of addresses, e-mail addresses, and etc. from classmates. Contact Evelyn Hagan at 850-997-0921 or Lois Graham 850-556-8614 with this information and to help with the upcoming reunion.

August 3
VFW Post 251 will meet 5 p.m. on the first Sunday at the Learning Center on Marvin Street for a meeting. Contact Ned Hill at 850-339-5524 for more information.

August 4
VFW Post 251 Auxiliary will meet at 6:30 p.m. on the first Monday at Memorial Missionary Baptist Church. Contact President Mary Madison at 850-210-7090 for more information.

August 4
Jefferson County Lions Club will meet at 1 p.m. on the first and third Monday at the Brick House Eatery, in the community room for a program and business meeting. For more information about this organization and its fundraising efforts contact Lion Debbie at 850-997-0901.

August 4
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.

August 4, 5, 7
Zumba evenings: Monday at 5:15 p.m., Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.; Zumba mornings: Tuesday and Thursday at 9 a.m. at MADCo Studio, at 262 North Cherry Street, with Certified/Licensed Zumba Instructors Kristie Lamb. For schedule call 850-321-0036.

Jefferson County WIC and Nutrition To Celebrate World Breastfeeding Week

Monday, August 4 In Monticello

On Monday, August 4th, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, Jefferson County WIC will celebrate World Breastfeeding Week 2014 at the Jefferson County Health Department. WIC staff will provide fun prizes and refreshments along with information about nutrition and breastfeeding for WIC participant.

This year's World Breastfeeding Week theme, *Breastfeeding: A Winning Goal for Life*, highlights the importance of providing support to breastfeeding families. This year's WABA World Breastfeeding Week (WBW) theme asserts the importance of increasing and sustaining the protection, promotion and support of breastfeeding - in the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)

countdown, and beyond. We call on all celebrants of WBW to Protect, Promote and Support Breastfeeding: it is a vital Life-Saving Goal!

Infant feeding is one of the most important decisions that new families make. Evidence is clear that breastfeeding is the ideal way to feed an infant. Research shows that infants who are not exclusively breastfed for their first six months of life are more likely to develop a wide range of chronic and acute diseases, including ear infections, diarrheal diseases, asthma, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, obesity and respiratory illnesses. Mothers also benefit from breastfeeding with a decreased risk for breast and ovarian cancers.

plays a vital role in providing support to breastfeeding moms. The WIC program offers a breastfeeding friendly environment with support from trained breastfeeding peer counselors.

WIC's other local clinics will also hold World Breastfeeding Week Celebration on the following days:

- Tuesday, August 5th, 10am-12pm, Taylor County Health Department

- Thursday, August 7th, 10am - 12pm, Madison County Health Department

World Breastfeeding Week is coordinated globally by the World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action (WABA).

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Jefferson County Living

Although most of the violence associated with the Second Seminole Indian War (1835-1842) occurred further east and south of Jefferson County, we did have our share of raids, massacres and scalplings.

Between 1835 and 1842 Jefferson County citizens experienced these terrors first hand. Out of one of these tragedies arose a tale which made the pages of the *Atlanta Constitution* in August 1885.

The article stated that in June 1831 John and Nellie Grant were married and came to Jefferson County to settle on 160 acres near the Aucilla River.

With flowery 19th century language, the article describes the tilled fields and cozy cabin the couple created out of virgin forest. A baby was born in the spring of 1835 and life for the young couple was good.

One day late in September of that year John Grant needed to conduct business at the country store some 10 miles away. He decided to go in the early evening when it was cooler. He kissed wife and babe and rode off, expecting to be back about 2 a. m. As the newspaper put it, "he mounted his horse, disappeared into the darkness and was never again seen of man."

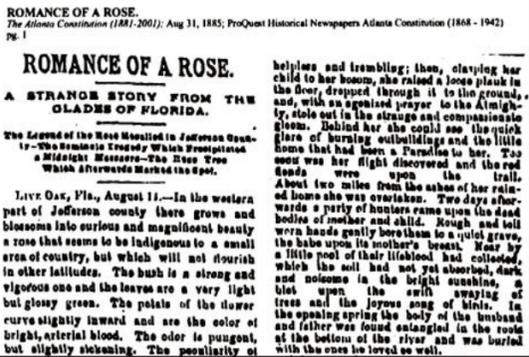
A band of marauding Seminoles attacked him about



It Happened Here...

Dee Counts

The Blood Rose



Article about Jefferson County featured in Atlanta Constitution newspaper in 1885.

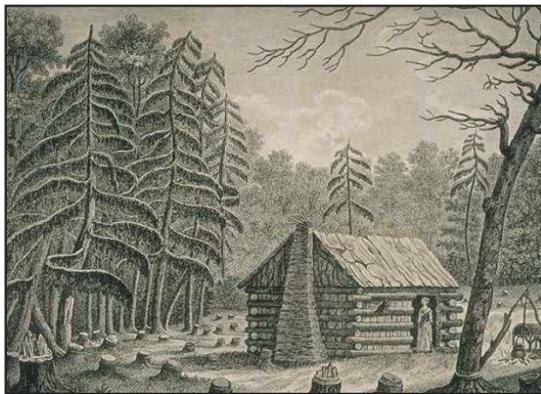


Blood-curdling yells follow the young mother as she flees with her baby.

halfway to the store, killed and scalped him and threw his body in the river. Meanwhile the hours went by and Nellie began to worry when John did not appear when expected.

Shortly thereafter, there came a blood-curdling yell and Nellie realized Indians were at her door. She quickly lifted a floor

board of the cabin and slipped through with her baby, disappearing into the darkness. She looked back and saw the cabin in flames. Everything she and John had was gone, but perhaps she had a chance to save herself and the baby. It was not to be, though. About 2 miles from her cabin the Indians overtook



Cozy cabin and tilled fields, never expecting an Indian attack.



Does the Blood Rose still bloom along the Aucilla River?

her.

Two days later a hunting party came upon the dead bodies of mother and child. Near their bodies a pool of their lifeblood had formed, which the soil had not yet absorbed. Nellie and her baby were tenderly buried near where they fell. Within several months John Grant's body was discovered trapped in roots at the

bottom of the river and he was buried with his loved ones.

A few years later a member of the hunting party who found them happened to be in the same area, and in the little hollow where the blood had formed, he found a vigorously growing rose bush. The *Atlanta Constitution* article went on to describe this rose as being bright red, with

a pungent but slightly sickening smell, and that the dew that drops from its petals has a faint, pinkish color.

The hunter cut slips from the bush to take home and tell of his discovery. Apparently, others also attempted to grow slips of this rose, with no success. The 1885 newspaper article ended by saying that within five miles of where the tragedy occurred, it was said the rose still grew, with its bright red petals and its bloody dew.

This Jefferson County tale was also written up in a book about American legends published in 1903, and *The History of Jefferson County*, written in 1935, mentions the Blood Rose story, but calls the settler John Gray rather than John Grant.

Does the Blood Rose still bloom near the Aucilla River? Where did the *Atlanta Constitution* reporter get the information for this 1885 article? It was still remembered as late as 1935. *Is it fact or fiction?*

A native of Michigan, Derylene Delp Counts moved to Jefferson County, Florida as a child 67 years ago. She enjoys collecting and studying historical data on Jefferson County and the north Florida area.

She is the author of *Familiar Faces and Quiet Places, A Pictorial and Narrative History of Jefferson County, Florida*.

Humane Society Adoptable "Grover"

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ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

Grover is a three-year old male Beagle mix, who is 18-20 pounds of very, very sweet loving. He is also very playful, likes walks, and is good on a leash.

He has been at the shelter for approximately eight months, and was found wandering around town, but no one ever came to claim him.

Grover loves kids, other people and other dogs. He is an indoor canine.

He is heartworm negative, on preventatives, neutered, current on all vaccines, and microchipped.

To adopt Grover call the shelter at 342-0244 or stop by and be ready to fall in love. The shelter is open Wednesdays through Mondays, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., and closed on Tuesdays.



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Grover says, "PLEASE!! Take me to my fur-ever home."

Pictures from the PAST

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Early Learning Coalition Offering Services Tuesdays At Health Department

The Early Learning Coalition of the Big Bend Region, Inc. (ELC) will now be offering services to customers on Tuesdays at the Jefferson County Health Department during the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information on the ELC and/or to make an appointment, contact Robert Walker at 850-273-1335 or email to rwalker@elcbigbend.org.



Back To School Bash At St. Phillip AME

DEBBIE SNAPP
ECB Publishing Staff Writer

Join with the St. Phillip African Methodist Episcopal Church family as they help parents and students prepare for the

new school year.

A Back-To-School-Bash will be held at the church on Saturday, August 2 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with this year's theme being 'Rekindling the Fire'.

Special speaker for this event will be Gloria

Cox, with the Jefferson County School Board and District Parent Involvement Coordinator. School supplies will be available and refreshments will be served.

For more information go to gloria-coxbiz@gmail.com.

Distinguished Young Gentlemen Induction Ceremony

DEBBIE SNAPP
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There will be an Induction Ceremony for the Distinguished Young Gentlemen (DYG) of Jefferson County on Wednesday, August 6, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The event will take place at the historic Monticello Opera House. Refreshments will be served.

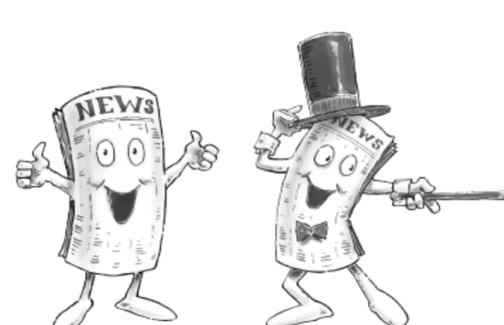
DYG is America's premier youth leadership program. It's a national non-profit entity fully committed to addressing a myriad of multi dimensional issues permeating throughout the world; firmly standing on the principles of Manly Deeds, Academic Excellence, and Servant Leadership. Its comprehensive strategies encompass an innovative accelerated student

curriculum designed to tangibly impact the quality of life of young men.

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From the desk of Gloria Cox,
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Time For PARENT PARTY!

Well, good parents, the summer break from school is almost over and it is time to get back in the school groove. By now, you have been school shopping, buying supplies, and you are exhausted. Now, let's take a little time just for you, it's called PARENT PARTY and you are invited!

PARENT PARTY

is your time to come out to the schools and as you just sit back, you will hear exciting information covering topics such as Daddy Essentials (men interacting with their kids) and Ask Momma (remember when kids would run to momma for everything?).

Among our speakers will be Rev. J.W. Tisdale, Stephanie Roberts, Rev. Marvin Graham and Indy

Mack. Representatives from area agencies (WFSU, NFCC, Healthy Start, DentaQuest, etc.) will be featured bringing the latest in technology, health and wellness and higher education.

You don't want to miss this treat! Tuesday, August 5, JES 6-8 p.m. and Thursday, August 7, JCMHS 6-8 p.m. School supplies and "Grab & Go" lunch will be provided.

CHS Back-To-School Drive In Full Swing

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Staff Writer

Children's Home Society (CHS) is hard at work collecting supplies for their annual Back-to-School drive.

You can make it possible for underprivileged and foster children to go back to school with what they need to succeed. Donations can be dropped off at 1801 Miccosukee Commons Drive in Tallahassee, or by coordinating with Meghan Gitlin at (850) 219-4203.

The group dearly needs the following: 1"

and 2" ring binders, backpacks, ballpoint pens, Band-Aids, calculators, crayons, colored pencils, composition notebooks, construction paper, folders with pockets, glue sticks, hand sanitizer, highlighter markers, liquid soap, markers, notebook paper, pencils, pencil boxes, rulers, scissors, tissues, and Ziploc bags.

Some of these items will be selling for under a dollar each: picking up extra school supplies would be easy and affordable. Even better, this weekend is tax-free weekend for school sup-

plies, clothes, and other back-to-school items.

To make sure that CHS has exactly what they need when they need it, great and much-appreciated donations ideas include gift cards to Wal-Mart, Target, and other department stores. This ensures that they have the means to meet kids' needs no matter how much of each item they have donated.

Again, donations can be dropped off at 1801 Miccosukee Commons Drive in Tallahassee, or by coordinating with Meghan Gitlin at (850) 219-4203.

Express Downs Jasper

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The New Express men's softball team downed Jasper 33-22 on Sunday, July 13.

The Express jumped out to an 11-7 lead and never looked back.

Smoke Bell went six for six, with seven RBI's and two homeruns.

Willie Bell went six for six, with two RBI's and one homerun.

CJ Bell went six for six with three RBI's.

Morris Bell went five for five.

Trey Mitchell went five for six with three

RBI's.

Karlon Blue went four for six with ten RBI's and three homeruns.

Kelvin Jones went four for five, with four RBI's.

Dale Robinson went four for five with two RBI's.

Mike Livingston went three for four, with two RBI's.

Twan Fudge went three for six with three RBI's.

Buck Crumity went one for five with two RBI's.

Jerry Jackson went one for five with one RBI.

The Express will

take on Attapulcus 4:30, July 20, there, and Jasper, 4:30 p.m., July 27, here.

The New Express is made up of 14 young men, who include; Smoke Bell, Willie Bell, CJ Bell, Trey Mitchell, Karlon Blue, Morris Bell, Jerry Jackson, Kelvin Jones, Buck Crumity, Dale Robinson, Mike Livingston, Twan Fudge, Rodney Barnard, and Jarvis Atkins.

The team is coached by Roosevelt Jones.

Jones is currently looking for an assistant coach and a bat boy. Contact Jones at 728-7398.

ACA JV Football Schedule

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Aucilla Christian Academy Junior Varsity Football Coach Daryl Adams has released the schedule for this season's gridiron action.

Action begins against Georgian Christian, August 28 at 6 p.m., away; and continues against Georgia Christian, September 4 at 6 p.m., home; September 11 is currently open but Coach Adams is attempting to line up an additional game; Sherwood Christian, September 18 at 6 p.m.,

home; Munroe, Sep-

up the season, Sherwood Christian, October 2 at 6 p.m., away.

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Training as a Certified Nurse Assistant, Nurse's Aide, Phlebotomist, Medical Assistant, Home Health Aide or other related fields are a plus, but not required

Skills Needed:
Able to learn to perform finger sticks for blood glucose, use a digital blood pressure monitor, and other health screening equipment.
Be trustworthy. Be able to talk to others about health and discuss ways to improve health
Able to keep records and complete reports in an accurate and timely manner, and be a team player
*** Positions are funded by a Florida Department of Health, Office of Minority Health, Closing the Gap Grant and end September 1, 2015. 8/1

AT YOUR SERVICE! Immaculate Commercial Cleaning and Supply now accepting applications for part-time employment. Applicants MUST possess a valid driver's license and have a vehicle to drive to different worksites during shift. Must be able to lift and perform manual labor. Must be able to read task sheets and follow instructions. Must be available Sundays, weekday afternoons and evenings. Starting pay is \$8.25/hr. Call 850-869-7248 and leave a message. Experience preferred but will train. Previous applicants need not reapply. 7/23,8/1

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POSITION AVAILABLE AT JOYNER'S SHELL in Lloyd. Please apply in person. For info call 997-1133. 6/27, tfn,c

Help Wanted

LOCAL CHURCH (IN LLOYD) in need of a Nursery Attendant for Sunday morning services. Must be at least 18 years old with experience caring for infant to 3 year olds. References and background check required. Call 997-7474 for more info and to apply. 7/30, 8/8,c

NORTH FLORIDA COMMUNITY COLLEGE: DIR of Business & Tech Services; Recruiter; Learning Specialist; Communications Specialist. See www.nfcc.edu for details. 7/30- 8/8,c

SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELOR

Human Services agency is seeking a Full-time Substance Abuse Counselor to serve the Perry community and outlying areas. Services encompass working with both adolescents and adults. The preferred candidate will have a Master's degree in a social or behavioral science or a related area and experience working with adults or juveniles with substance abuse issues. State licensure and/or certification as a Certified Addictions Professional (CAP) are also preferred, but not required.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELOR/CASE MANAGER

Substance Abuse Counselor/Case Manager is needed to provide counseling, case management, and transition services to individuals residing at Jefferson Correctional Institution. Position requires the incumbent to possess a masters degree in a behavioral or social science and State of Florida Licensure as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) or Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC).

Please note the position title for which you are applying on any correspondence. Qualified applicants must complete a DISC Village employment application and submit to: Madison Prevention, 3333 W. Pensacola St., Suite 330, Tallahassee, FL 32304. Applications may be downloaded at www.discvillage.com. Please call (850) 575-4388 for assistance. EOE/Drug-Free Workplace. 7/30-8/8

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LEGALS

The Jefferson County Tourist Development Council will not meet in August. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, September, 8th in the courthouse Annex at 9:00 am. 7/30,8/1, 2014

The Wilderness Coast Public Libraries' (WILD) Governing Board will meet on Monday, August 11, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. at the Wakulla County Public Library at 4330 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL. The meeting is open to the public. For more information, please call (850) 997-7400. 8/1

The North Florida Workforce Development Board, doing business as CareerSource North Florida (CSNF), is seeking letters of interest and proposals for legal counsel to the Board. CSNF is a private non-profit organization designated to provide jobs and training services to Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee and Taylor Counties. CSNF operates with the use of federal and state funds allocated to the region for these purposes. CSNF seeks legal representation on an as-needed basis.

Interested attorneys/firms are invited to submit a letter of interest and resume, answering the following:
-Name of Firm and Name of Attorney interested
-How long the Firm has been in practice
-Detailed information regarding experience with public and/or private non-profit organizations
-References
-Fee structure
-Availability
-Any other information relevant to the provision of legal services

Submit proposals to CareerSource North Florida, attention Sheryl Rehberg, 705 E. Base Street, Madison FL, 32340. Any questions should be directed to the office of the Executive Director by calling 850.973.2672. **The deadline for submissions is Wednesday, August 27, 2014.** 7/30, 8/1

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 33-2009-CA-000112

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR ABFC 2006-0PT2 TRUST, ABFC ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-0PT2 Plaintiff,
vs.
JERRY A. HANCOCK; RITA H. HANCOCK; WATHA E. WARD A/K/A WATHA E. ARD; HIAWATHA FARMS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated July 17, 2014, and entered in Case No. 33-2009-CA-000112, of the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for JEFFERSON County, Florida, wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR ABFC 2006-0PT2 TRUST, ABFC ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-0PT2 is Plaintiff and JERRY A. HANCOCK; RITA H. HANCOCK; WATHA E. WARD A/K/A WATHA E. ARD; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; HIAWATHA FARMS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash AT THE NORTH DOOR OF THE COURTHOUSE, at 1 COURTHOUSE CIRCLE, MONTICELLO IN JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA 32344, at 11:00 A.M., on the 28 day of August, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT NUMBERED TWO (2) OR HIAWATHA FARMS SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK B PAGE 88 IF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF, JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

Dated this 23rd day of August, 2014.

KIRK REAMS
As Clerk of said Court
By: *Sherry Jean*
As Deputy Clerk

File No.: 09-05415 OCN
V1 20140101

7/25, 8/1

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF
HARVEY J. UHLENBERG,
Deceased.

File Number: 14-43CP

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of HARVEY J. UHLENBERG, deceased, whose date of death was June 23, 2014, is pending in the Circuit Court for Jefferson County, Florida, Probate Division under probate file # 14-43-CP, the address of which is 1 Courthouse Circle, Monticello, Florida 32344. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of the first publication of this notice is July 25, 2014.

Attorney for Personal Representative
T. Buckingham Bird, Esq.
P.O. Box 247
Monticello, Florida 32345
(850) 997-3503

STEPHANIE BEAMS, Personal Representative
515 County Hwy. 2
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7/25, 8/1

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LEGALS

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that C.W. MITCHELL 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: 805 Year of Issuance: 2007

Description of Property: 21-2N-6E-0600-000B-0030 2.50 Acres
Lot 3, Block B of Aucilla Forest & Meadows Subdivision
Being in Sections 20, 21 & 28
ORB 202, PG 78
Site Address: North Forest Court

Name in which assessed: LEVY J.R. PRINGLE

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 21ST DAY OF AUGUST, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.

Dated this 24TH DAY OF JUNE, 2014



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

7/11,18,25, 8/1

NOTICE OF EAR-BASED LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENTS

The Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners will have a public hearing on the following EAR-Based Land Development Code Amendments on August 19, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as such matter may be heard, in the Jefferson County courthouse annex located 435 West Walnut Street, Monticello, Jefferson County, Florida. This is the First Reading of the Ordinance. The meeting may be continued as necessary.

JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-081914-01

AN ORDINANCE OF JEFFERSON COUNTY FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE JEFFERSON COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE JEFFERSON COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE CONFORMING TO THE EVALUATION AND APPRAISAL REPORT AMENDMENTS TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING FOR PURPOSE; REPEALING THE JEFFERSON COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE IN ITS ENTIRETY AND ADOPTING A NEW LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE 2014; ADOPTING A TITLE PAGE AND TABLE OF CONTENTS; ADOPTING ARTICLE ONE, GENERAL PROVISIONS; ADOPTING ARTICLE TWO, LAND USE; ADOPTING ARTICLE THREE, CONCURRENCY; ADOPTING ARTICLE FOUR, RESOURCE PROTECTION; ADOPTING ARTICLE FIVE, DEVELOPMENT DESIGN; ADOPTING ARTICLE SIX, SIGNS; ADOPTING ARTICLE SEVEN, NON-STANDARD DEVELOPMENT; ADOPTING ARTICLE EIGHT, BOARDS AND AGENCIES; ADOPTING ARTICLE NINE, ADMINISTRATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR COPY ON FILE; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P.,
Plaintiff,

vs.

CASE NO.: 33-2014-CA-000015
DIVISION:

PIA KAUFMAN, et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated July 15, 2014 and entered in Case No. 33-2014-CA-000015 of the Circuit Court of the SECOND Judicial Circuit in and for JEFFERSON County, Florida wherein COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. is the Plaintiff and PIA KAUFMAN; STEVEN ROBINSON; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at NORTH DOOR OF THE COURTHOUSE LOBBY IN JEFFERSON COUNTY, MONTICELLO, FLORIDA at 11:00AM, on the 4th day of September, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST, JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA AND RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 40 MINUTES WEST 2881.30 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF SECTION 15 TO A POINT, THENCE NORTH 1062.56 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE WEST 60.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SAID POINT BEING ON THE WEST BOUNDARY OF A 60 FOOT ROAD, THENCE CONTINUE WEST 131.13 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE NORTH 273.86 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 15, THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 42 MINUTES EAST 216.13 FEET ALONG SAID FORTY LINE TO A POINT, THENCE SOUTH 178.89 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE SOUTH, HAVING A RADIUS OF 55.0 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 236 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 44 SECONDS, WITH AN ARC DISTANCE OF 227.45 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE SOUTH 50.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING

BEING A PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST, JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA.

LESS AND EXCEPT THAT PORTION OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY CONVEYED TO TRI-COUNTY ELECTRIC, BY WARRANTY DEED RECORDED 03/25/75 IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 64, PAGE 448, OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST, JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA AND RUN SOUTH 107.79 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 71.1 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EDGE OF A 55 FOOT TURNING RADIUS ON THE END OF A COUNTY ROAD, THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG A CURVE CONCAVE TO THE WEST, HAVING A RADIUS 55.0 FEET, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 54.66 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE NORTH 25.0 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE EAST 25.0 FEET TO THE POINT TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

BEING A PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST, JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 185 LLOYD SUBDIVISION, LLOYD, FL 32337

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on July 18, 2014.

Kirk B. Reams
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Sherry Sears
Deputy Clerk

****See Americans with Disabilities Act**
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact:
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Tallahassee, FL 32301
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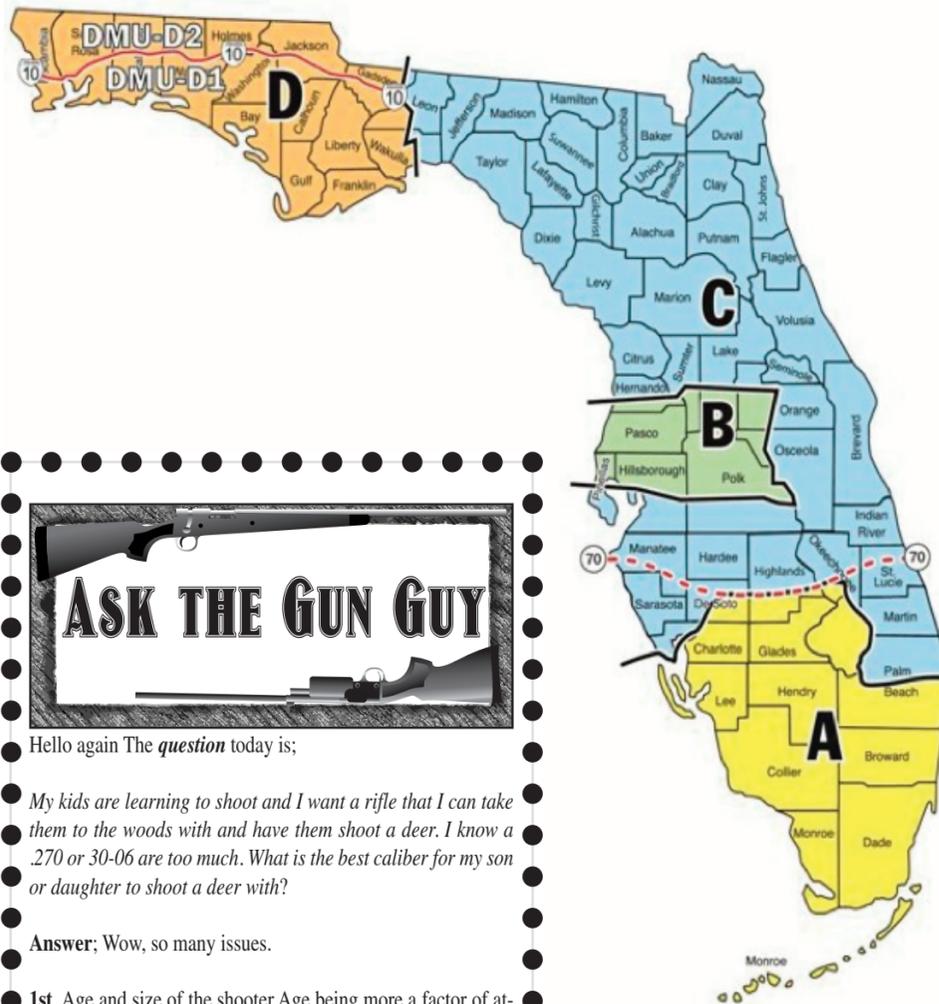
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Deer-dog training	Aug. 16 – Sept. 4	Nov. 1-20	Sept. 27 – Oct. 16	Oct. 25 – Nov. 13
Crossbow	Aug. 2 – Sept. 5	Oct. 18 – Nov. 21	Sept. 13 – Oct. 17	Oct. 25 – Nov. 26 and Dec. 1-5
Muzzleloading gun	Sept. 6-19	Nov. 22 – Dec. 5	Oct. 18-31	Dec. 6-12 and Feb. 23 – March 1
General gun	Sept. 20 – Oct. 19 and Nov. 22 – Jan. 4	Dec. 6 – Feb. 22	Nov. 1 – Jan. 18	Nov. 27-30 and Dec. 13 – Feb. 22
Antlerless deer	Nov. 22-28 **	Dec. 26 – Jan. 1	Nov. 22-28	DMU-D1: Nov. 29-30 and Dec. 27-28 DMU-D2: Nov. 29-30 and Dec. 6-7, 20-21 and 27-28
Fall turkey	Oct. 6-19 and Nov. 22 – Jan. 4	Dec. 6 – Feb. 1	Nov. 1 – Dec. 28	Nov. 27-30 and Dec. 13 – Jan. 18 ***
Gray squirrel	Oct. 11 – March 1	Oct. 11 – March 1	Oct. 11 – March 1	Oct. 11 – March 1
Quail	Nov. 8 – March 1	Nov. 8 – March 1	Nov. 8 – March 1	Nov. 8 – March 1
Bobcat	Dec. 1 – March 31	Dec. 1 – March 31	Dec. 1 – March 31	Dec. 1 – March 31
Otter	Dec. 1 – March 1	Dec. 1 – March 1	Dec. 1 – March 1	Dec. 1 – March 1
	South of S.R. 70	North of S.R. 70		
Youth spring turkey ****	Feb. 28 – March 1	March 14-15		
Spring turkey	March 7 – April 12	March 21 – April 26 ***		

Wild hogs, rabbits, raccoons, opossums, skunks, nutrias, beavers and coyotes may be taken year-round.

* Zone D has been divided by Interstate 10 into 2 deer management units, each with its own antler regulations and antlerless deer seasons. DMU-D1 is south of I-10, and all antlered deer there must have at least 2 points on one side to be legal to take. DMU-D2 is north of I-10, and all antlered deer there must have at least 3 points on one side OR have a main beam length of at least 10 inches to be legal to take. However, youth hunters (15 years old and younger) in both DMUs are exempt and may still take deer having at least one antler 5 or more inches in length.

** No antlerless deer may be taken on that portion of the eastern Everglades south of Tamiami Trail (U.S. 41) and east of Everglades National Park; or in Collier County south of I-75 during Antlerless Deer Season.

*** In Holmes County, spring turkey season is limited to March 21 – April 5, and there is no fall harvest of turkeys allowed.

**** Only youths (15 years old and younger) will be allowed to harvest a turkey while supervised by an adult, 18 years old or older.



Hello again The *question* today is;

My kids are learning to shoot and I want a rifle that I can take them to the woods with and have them shoot a deer. I know a .270 or 30-06 are too much. What is the best caliber for my son or daughter to shoot a deer with?

Answer; Wow, so many issues.

1st, Age and size of the shooter Age being more of attained responsibility rather than years. The ability to follow instructions and most importantly an attitude that ensures compliance with those instructions. Size being large enough to hold and aim the firearm guessing an 80 to 100lbs. child. A variety of manufacturers make youth sized guns. We need to understand that with the increase in powder and/or bullet weight recoil also increases. And, that with a decrease in gun weight recoil also increases. We also need enough energy and bullet mass to effectively penetrate and dispatch the deer. And so we have the other side of the equation.

2nd, probable distance to the target. In the south the range to a deer is frequently less than a hundred yards. That being the case the number of calibers is broadened significantly. This also allows the variety of gun to expand as well.

3rd, Gun types range from the single shots that are relatively inexpensive and light, remember recoil. There are also the bolt actions that are renowned for their accuracy. Yet, at 100 yards or less extreme accuracy is not usually a concern. And there are also the lever guns. The lever action rifles in pistol calibers are particularly suited to the young shooter. Even the .44 magnum in a full size rifle is not terrible for a younger shooter in terms of recoil and 44 specials can also be fired in these making practice even easier, and when you get to the 357 magnum firing 38 special for practice having very low recoil and low noise you have perhaps the perfect combination.

In conclusion the .357 lever gun may well be the best youth rifle for deer under seventy five yards. Easy to handle and accurate and just fun. Beyond seventy five yards something flatter and faster may be more appropriate. .243 is great in a single shot or bolt gun with the 22-250 being very similar. From there you can go both up and down the scale with the 30-30 and .308 being in the upper range but with more man sized recoil. In the lower ranges but requiring greater accuracy you have the .222, .223, 6.5x55mm, and 7mm Mauser being back up to the .243 in terms of energy and recoil.

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Imported Lionfish Not Welcome In Florida

Florida is known as a tourist-friendly state, but starting Aug. 1, one visitor will no longer be welcome: the invasive lionfish.

Introduced into Florida waters in the late 1980s, lionfish populations have boomed in recent years, negatively impacting native wildlife and habitat.

Several management changes go into effect Aug. 1 that will help the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) combat the growing problem by making it easier for lionfish hunters to remove the spiny predators and limiting further introduction of the species into the waters.

Changes include:

- Prohibiting the im-

portation of live lionfish; • Allowing lionfish to be removed via spearfishing when diving with a rebreather, a device that recycles air and allows divers to remain in the water for longer periods of time (currently, you cannot spear any fish when using a rebreather); and

• Allowing participants of approved tournaments and other organized events to spear lionfish or other invasive species in areas where spearfishing is not currently allowed (such as certain state parks or refuges). This will be done through a permitting system.

To learn more about lionfish, visit MyFWC.com/Fishing and click on "Saltwater," "Recreational Regulations" and "Lionfish."

Seasonal Manatee Speed Zones In Effect Statewide

Now that weather and waters are warming, manatees are dispersing into their popular feeding and loafing areas. To ensure manatee safety, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) law enforcement officers, along with federal and local law enforcement partners, will be increasing patrols in these areas.

This effort coincides with seasonal manatee zones that went into effect April 1 and run through Nov. 15. The speed zones are intended to protect the state's official marine mammal from collisions with boats.

Warming weather increases boat traffic too, which is why the FWC also reminds operators of boats and personal watercraft to slow down and watch out for manatees in springs, rivers and Atlantic and Gulf waters. The state's lumbering "sea cows" are leaving the warmer enclaves such as freshwater springs, power plant outflows and canals, where they spent the winter, and migrating into more open waters.

Boaters should pay strict attention to signs that delineate each seasonal manatee protec-

tion zone and their boat's speed. For information on manatee protection zones and maps, go to MyFWC.com/Manatee and select "Protection Zones." That page contains a link for county maps; select "Click here for maps of these areas."

In addition to obeying speed regulations, boaters and operators of personal watercraft can avoid collisions with these large marine mammals by:

- Wearing polarized sunglasses to help spot the creatures in the water.
- Watching for large, telltale circles on the water's surface (manatee footprints) indicating the presence of manatees.

- Looking for a snout just above the surface.

- Slowing down when the presence of manatees is indicated.

Boaters and others who find sick or injured manatees should report the animal and its location to the Wildlife Alert Hotline at 888-404-3922.

For more information about Florida manatees, visit MyFWC.com/Manatee, where you can access the Boaters Guide To Living With Manatees brochure.

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The Jefferson Journal Fish & Game Feeding Chart

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

The Week of August 1, through August 8, 2014
Major Feed Times are marked by an asterisk (*)

Friday, August 1 11:07AM *4:12AM 10:57PM *4:34PM	Saturday, August 2 *4:57AM 12:01PM *5:20PM	Sunday, August 3 11:34PM *5:43AM 12:58PM *6:08PM	Monday, August 4 12:14AM *6:33AM 1:55PM *6:59PM
Tuesday, August 5 12:59AM *7:25AM 2:55PM *7:53PM	Wednesday, August 6 1:50AM *8:21AM 3:54PM *8:50PM	Thursday, August 7 2:46AM 9:20AM 4:53PM 9:50PM	Friday, August 8 3:49AM *10:20AM 5:49PM

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