

City To Increase Water And Sewer Rates

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Monticello officials last week took up two ordinances that when approved next month, as they are expected to be, will raise the deposits and service rates for users of the city's water and sewer systems.

Ordinances 2014-03 and 2014-04, which the Monticello City Council took up for the required first reading on Tuesday evening, Aug. 5, respec-

tively propose to increase the deposits and rates for the water and sewer services.

Ordinance 2014-03 amends or establishes the deposits required for initiation of services as follows: Water and sewer, from \$125 to \$145; water only, from \$50 to \$75; irrigation only, a new charge of \$25; sewer only, from \$95 to \$110; and non-residential sewer only accounts, \$225.

Deposits are not transferable between persons without written

permission from the deposit holder.

The ordinance amends the water service rates as follows:

For residents inside the city limits, the new base rate is \$7.50, with an additional charge of \$1.50 for every 100 cubic feet or "portion thereof" of water used. The base rate was previously \$5, with an additional charge of \$1.20 per 100 cubic feet or portion thereof.

For residents outside the city limits, the new base rate is \$9.37,

with an additional charge of \$1.87 for every 100 cubic feet or portion thereof of water used. It was previously \$6.25, with an additional charge of \$1.50 per cubic feet or portion thereof.

Per the ordinance, irrigation only accounts inside the city that are secondary to a plumbed structure on the same parcel will be billed a monthly rate of \$4.50, plus \$1.50 for every 100 cubic feet of water used.

Previously, these accounts paid a monthly

rate of \$5 and an additional charge of \$1.20 per 100 cubic feet of water used.

For outside the city irrigation accounts that are secondary to a plumbed structure on the same property, the new monthly charge is \$5.62, plus \$1.87 for every 100 cubic feet of water used.

The charge for the temporary turn-on of water and/or sewer service for up to seven calendar days has been amended from \$20 to \$30.

No more than two units of temporary use will be allowed at the same location during a 30-day period.

Ordinance 2014-04 amends the sewer rates and charges as follows:

Accounts with water meters inside the city will pay a base rate of \$18 and an additional charge of \$4.53 for every 100 cubic feet or fraction thereof, calculated at 85 percent of water usage. The additional charge was previously

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THREE COUNTY ROADS SET FOR IMPROVEMENT



St. Augustine Road is one of the roads designated for improvement. Please see ROADS, Page 3 for the rest of this story.

Fran Hunt Retiring From Paper

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Longtime newspaper reporter/photographer Fran Hunt will officially work until Wednesday, August 20, 2014, after which, she will retire due to illness.

She first began her tenure for the Monticello News, from 1986 through 1989, when she left due to the birth of her daughter.

During those years, her responsibilities included covering County Commission, City Council, School Board, local clubs, sports, and the Humane Society.

She worked the following years at Jeffer-



Fran Hunt worked for 15 years at the Monticello News.

son Correctional Institution (JCI) as a correctional officer. After retiring, she came full circle and returned to the Monticello News early in 2001, to a job she really loved, being a reporter. These last 13 years plus her previous years puts

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Commission Balances Budget

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Other than for a few minor adjustments that Clerk of Court Kirk Reams yet needs to make the budget, county officials pretty much balanced the document last week, or as of Monday, Aug. 4, to be exact.

Commissioners also agreed at the evening workshop that — all things considered — the budgeting process this time around had been relatively painless, in comparison to past

years.

Indeed, the shortfall they faced at the start of the budgetary process was some \$90,000, a relatively insignificant amount compared to the \$500,000-plus shortfalls that they have frequently faced in the past, and that at the 10-mill cap.

Commissioners' sense of well being with the budget, however, is not one that department heads are apt to share. That's because with the exception of retirement and health insurance increases, the department will see no increases in their opera-

tional budgets.

Faced with the \$90,000 shortfall, commissioners' solution was to instruct Reams to go back to the current fiscal year's budgets for all departments, allowing only for the retirement and health insurance increases.

Which when accomplished actually left a surplus of about \$76,000. The question then became what to do with the \$76,000?

Should \$30,000 of it go to the library for new carpeting, as Di- **Please See BUDGET Page 3**

Land Development Code Ready For Public Review (Two Hearings Set On Document)

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Jefferson County residents will soon get an opportunity to comment on the revised Land Development Code (LDC) that planners drafted over a two-year period and that commissioners more recently approved, if in principle.

Now that the 134-page document has essentially been completed, the Jefferson County Commission has sched-

uled it for two evening public hearings, on Tuesday, Oct. 21, and Tuesday, Nov. 18.

Which gives interested citizens plenty of time to review the draft document, available online at <http://www.jeffersoncountyfl.gov/p/county-departments/planning>.

The code's revision, in fact, is a state-mandated process that Florida cities and counties must undertake every five years in the form of an Evaluation and Appraisal Report

(EAR) to ensure that their respective comprehensive plans and land development codes are relevant and viable — in keeping with the dictates of the 1985 Local Government Comprehensive Planning and Land Regulation Act.

This latest revision of the LDC, as Planning Official Bill Tellefsen has explained, stems from the 2005 EAR, which document was belatedly approved by the state in 2010 for reasons that don't warrant repeating

here.

Following which EAR approval, the Planning Commission began revising the Comprehensive Plan and the Future Land Use Map, ultimately terminating the process in 2012.

It then followed that the LDC also had to be updated in order to incorporate the changes made in the Comprehensive Plan, the document that's intended to guide the community's pro- **Please See REVIEW Page 3**

Lily's Smile Fundraiser Slated



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The second annual 'Lily's Smile' fundraiser has been decided on and has already begun, with the

selling of raffle tickets for a Smith and Wesson M&P 15 Sport Rifle, 16" barrel, 30 round clip, semi-automatic for the first place ticket winner.

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Clarification: In the Wednesday, Aug. 13, *News* front-page story titled "County Readies To Impose Fire Tax On City Residents," it states that vacant lots will pay \$0.7 per acre, with a cap of \$10.47 minimum and \$101.16 maximum. Property Appraiser Angela Gray has informed the *News* that county officials have directed her office to use a value of \$0.00 for the vacant land assessment for Fiscal Year 2014-15.

"They plan to revisit the rate at a later date," Gray emailed.

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 -

Jeffersonians For Change Is Lacking Solutions

When I recently received a flyer in my post office box from Jeffersonians For Change, it caught my attention because I live in District 2, Jefferson County.

I read every line of this attractive, two-page flyer and was puzzled. Who are these people? I went to their internet site and did not find any clear goals other than to vote out the incumbent county commissioner in District 2.

There is no mission, no philosophy, no goals and no objectives. Furthermore, there is no plan for change and very little contact information.

I appreciate Mr. Jack Carswell's long treatise in the Jefferson Journal (August 1, 2014).

I too want "...energy and spirit into the local political process..." I too believe in active participation...."

After 34 years as a professional educator, I would like to think I know a little bit about education (public, private, post-secondary, and charter schools). Mr. Carswell, please check your math.

There is no question our public schools need improvement, none. But to say it takes "...nearly \$500,000 to produce a successful graduate?" I sure would like to know how you made this calculation! Let's see, \$12,000 per student each year. The last I knew, 12 times 12 equals 144. That would be

\$144,000.00.

Much of the cost of public education is appropriated through the Florida Legislature and administered by the Florida Department of Education. Since Florida (thankfully) has no income tax, most of this money comes from sales tax. The more than 25 million tourists that visited Florida in the first quarter of this year paid sales tax on nearly everything they purchased as did Florida residents.

I believe in public education. All of my immediate family went to public schools.

Over nearly thirty years, my clan has never had a student in Jefferson County public schools but we have gladly payed several hundred dollars a year in property taxes for its support.

I know it is a good investment in the future of Jefferson County, Florida and the USA.

By the way, the dropout prevention charter school where I spent eight years teaching science was conceived of, operated by, and embraced by the School Board of Thomas County (Georgia). Every public school student in Thomas County regardless of race, creed, color or religious affiliation was, and is eligible to attend for free.

Be careful of what you wish for Mr. Carswell. Some day your house may be on fire and if mine is, I want my local firefighters well-

rested, nourished, happy and eager to put out the blaze.

You need to look at the big picture sir!

I live on a dirt road (albeit only one-quarter mile from a paved county road) like lots of our neighbors. If there was ever any movement to pave this historic canopy, wagon road I would get seriously upset and active in a movement to stop it.

Embrace the delightful rural character of our community Mr. Carswell. If you want a stop light, there are plenty of nearby communities that would welcome you.

You write that the "...County Commission was once collegial and respectful..." and that it has "...turned into a dysfunctional, bickering institution riddled with petty personal politics."

Wow, I guess I need to attend more meetings or read the local newspaper more closely.

So Mr. Carswell, please share with our neighbors the mission (or philosophy) of your organization including your goals and objectives and solutions for the change you seek.

The Jeffersonians For Change website is vague and obscure at best and your letter to the Jefferson Journal really does not do much to provide concrete solutions to the problems you so eloquently complain about.

I detect the scent of tea.

Roy I. King
Monticello

Jeffersonians For Change – Let Greed And Entitlement Be Exposed

This letter is in response to the group "Jeffersonians For Change" and its members. It seems the group's members have at least a few things in common – Greed and Entitlement. The group was formed as a result of the Wards Creek Property being left for public use – hence the group's treasurer.

The talk was if plantations could acquire the Wards Creek property they would help the county by placing the property on the county's tax roll. Fact is, the plantation that wanted the Wards Creek property has several parcels of property that borders Wards Creek, such parcels include 19, 564, 115, 340,

127, 237, 327, and 314 acre tracts – over 2000 acres that they are paying \$0 dollars in county tax on. This acquisition would have put the property under a private owners control and kept the actual tax payers on the property exempt from using it "Greed".

Seems Mr. Carswell will be hit with a fire tax next year – that's the tax the county residents have been paying for the last 20-years and city residents have been exempt from – for some reason the county residents have been footing the bill for city resident's fire protection and EMS services including Mr. Carswell's property. Here's the fact – you have not contributed to any of the

money that is being used to build the new fire station – your "entitlement" has ended.

As far as the sidewalk and rock mine – thank the Lord we had good county leadership that made the right decisions and not the ones commenting on it as they would have wasted hundreds of thousands of our dollars.

The last is the comment on a dysfunctional Board of Commissioners – actually there is only one dysfunctional member and he is trying to get more like himself on the board. Perhaps all this information doesn't matter to "Jeffersonians For Change" but it matters to the rest of us.

Roger Walker

'Brew' Ha Ha: Conversations for Coffee Amber Houston Staff Writer



The Question

I'm right in the middle of moving from a 4 bedroom 130-year-old farmhouse to a studio apartment in town.

I work all day, I come home, I move: so believe me when I say it is not easy to be as patient, charitable, or Christian as I ought to be. It's much easier to be short-tempered, whiny, and obnoxious.

A long time ago, a friend of mine taught me a trick to handling this kind of stress, a single question that doesn't make the tension go away but changes how you react to others in the middle of your stress. "Is it valid?"

Last night, after work and moving, we had to go to Tallahassee to get John's motorcycle. Coming back through Monticello, a Sherriff's Deputy pulled me over. At first, I was really an-

noyed with him. Why couldn't he just let me go home and go to bed?

But as I was pulling out my driver's license, I asked myself the question: "Is that emotion valid?"

If you are tired, hungry, lonely, or stressed, anger is probably not valid. That doesn't mean you don't have a good reason to be angry: it just means that the emotion is affected by outside influences.

I was definitely tired, and there was no way for me to know if I'd be less annoyed if I were less tired. If I were fully awake and not stressed, it might not have annoyed me at all. Besides, he was just doing his job. And I could have it worse: I could be working night shift doing a hard, thankless job like law enforcement.

I came to find out that the whole stop was

just because my headlight was out. Apparently my passenger-side dims were out but they worked on brights, which is why I hadn't noticed that night it was out: on the highway, I usually use my brights.

How do I know that? The Deputy offered to check the brights for me and even suggested the kind of bulb to get.

If I had been short or whiny with the Deputy, I doubt he would have been as kind to me, and it probably wouldn't have done anything for the long night ahead of him. I wouldn't have been in and out of the stop so quickly and that probably would have made me grouchier.

So next time you are feeling irritated with someone or short-tempered, ask if the emotion is valid. It can make all the difference in your daily interactions.



Deb's Notes

Drop A Note To
Debbiesnapp@embarqmail.com

Judie Miller, community affairs director for Kids Incorporated of the Big Bend, says that when her agency's centers opened on August 12 one parent decided at the last minute not to enroll; so she has one opening at the Jefferson County Early Head Start. "Our enrollment office is scrambling to fill the slot so we can be fully enrolled. If you could help spread the word that we have an opening for a child zero to three-years we'd appreciate it." The parent can stop by the center and complete the paperwork or they can download the application online at: <http://www.kidsincorporated.org/programs-and-services/our-services>, fill it out, and take it with them if they'd prefer. To contact her by phone, call 850-414-9800x104 or 850-251-1417.

Ward 1 Guns, located at 240 North Jefferson Street in Monticello, is holding another NRA Concealed Class on August 22 from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. at the Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce, 420 West Washington Street; and on August 23 at 8:00 a.m. Call 850-997-3129 to sign up for the class. The

Friday evening class will be about six-hours, and includes an in-depth review of the major types of handguns and their operation, as well as ammunition types and components, principles of marksmanship, and personal, home, and range safety issues. The Saturday morning class will be held at the store and will teach how to safely handle, load, unload, and fire your handgun before the shooting practice begins. Also, for those interested, there will be an optional portion on handgun cleaning and maintenance after shooting practice at the range. All mandatory portions of the class will be completed by noon and attendees will test to receive their certificates of completion. Attendees need to bring their personal handgun and one 50-round box of the appropriate ammunition, and their own safety equipment (glasses and hearing protection.) This Friday/Saturday class will cost \$100, and is due in-full at the time of registration to reserve your seating.

The second annual Holiday Family/Food/Fellowship/Dinner, sponsored by the Department of Juvenile Justice Office of Probation and Community Intervention, in partnership with and benefiting Living Stones International and the Children of Inmates (COI) program, will be held on December 11 from 6 to 8 p.m. All participants of the COI program will be served a full dinner and Christmas presents. The event will be held at the New Birth Tabernacle of Praise Church, 1200 Harlem Street, Tallahassee; Rudy Ferguson, pastor. The program is in desperate need of volunteer and donations. Contact Elizabeth Phillips, Circuit 2 Reform Specialist for the Department of Juvenile Justice at 850-921-1066 or 850-251-8132 if you are interested, or have a donation to contribute. "I have seen the magic the

COI program creates for families that would otherwise have no connection to their incarcerated parent. I urge you to be a part of this amazing event that helps support much needed normalcy to these families and allows them to laugh and break bread with others." *People don't care about how much you know until they know how much you care.* John C. Maxwell. Learn more about DJJ's Roadmap to System Excellence at <http://www.djj.state.fl.us/roadmap-to-system-excellence>. The mission of the Department of Juvenile Justice is to increase public safety by reducing juvenile delinquency through effective prevention, intervention and treatment services that strengthen families and turn around the lives of troubled youth.

The Department of Juvenile Justice Office of Probation and Community Intervention, in partnership with Living Stones International, is seeking donations of toys, clothing, food, and the like for the Children of Inmates program. Contact Kara at 850-841-0693 or Liz at 850-251-8132, when boxes are full. The program volunteers and organizers are grateful for any donations until December 10.

The Jefferson County Historical Association will offer a presentation on local African-American History with Jack Hadley, Museum Director of the 'Jack Hadley Black History Museum' in Thomasville, Georgia; on Monday, September 15 at 6:30 p.m. at The Downtown Club, 380 North Cherry Street, Monticello. He will speak on the history of African-Americans in the Jefferson County area and offer a question/answer time. Refreshments will be served. For more information contact Anne Holt, Board Member for the JCHA at 850-576-0721 or ahholt@ahholt.com. www.JCHA1827.org.

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Rates

\$3.53 per 100 cubic feet of water usage.

For accounts with water meters outside the city, the base rate is \$22.50, plus \$5.66 for every 100 cubic feet or fraction thereof, again calculated at 85 percent of water usage. The additional charge was previously \$4.41 per cubic feet of water usage.

A different fee schedule exists for accounts with sewer meters or usage that is measurable by lift station run times.

For these accounts located within the city, the base charge is \$18, plus an additional charge of \$4.53 for every 100 cubic feet or fraction thereof of water usage. The additional charge was previously \$3.53 per 100 cubic feet of water usage.

For the same accounts outside the city, the base rate is \$22.50, plus \$5.66 for every 100 cubic feet or fraction thereof of water usage. The additional charge was previously \$4.41

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per 100 cubic feet of water usage.

City officials are scheduled to hold a public hearing on the two ordinances on Tuesday, Sept. 2. The meeting begins at 7 p.m.

Per comments made by City Clerk Emily Anderson at the City Council meeting on Tuesday evening, Aug. 5, the billing cycle reflecting the new rates is set to begin in September, with the charges coming due in October.

Roads

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The Jefferson County Commission last week approved three resolutions that together are expected to bring nearly \$2 million into the county in road improvement projects.

The three resolutions, which the commission approved in quick succession on Tuesday morning, Aug. 5, aim to secure state funding for the resurfacing and/or expansion of St. Augustine, Watermill and Tecumseh roads.

Resolutions 2014-080514-01, -02 and -03 re-

spectively authorized Commission Chairwoman Betsy Barfield to execute agreements with the Florida Department of Transportation for the funding, which represents a combined total of \$1,940,296.

\$875,613 is to go for the improvement of St. Augustine Road under the Small County Outreach Program (SCOP), which allow for both resurfacing and expansion of roads.

St. Augustine Road is in the central part of the county. The improvement will stretch from U.S 27 to SR-59.

\$815,493 is to go for the improvement of

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Watermill Road, also under the SCOP. Watermill Road is in the general Lloyd area. The improvements will be on the unpaved portion of the road.

And \$249,190 is to go for the resurfacing of Tecumseh Road under the County Incentive Grant Program (CIGP), which allows county roads to be resurfaced or reconstructed, as well as have their capacities increased and safety features improved.

Tecumseh Road is in the northern part of the county. The improvement will extend from US 19 to CR-142, or the Lake Road.

Budget

rector Kitty Brooks requested to complete the renovation work that she has started, and as one commissioner strenuously argued? Or, as another suggested, should the \$76,000 be distributed equally among all the departments? Or possibly, as the county coordinator proposed, the money could be returned to the taxpayers in the form of a tax relief.

But when are taxes ever returned or repealed once imposed, as the late Commissioner Mordaunt Bishop once observed.

The commission ultimately decided to fund the library carpeting request via the building maintenance account that the coordinator administers and slated the surplus

amount for the county's \$200,000 contingency fund. That, at least, appeared to be the board's consensus by the end of the discussion.

The commission, however, has yet to decide what contributions the county will make to the Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Council (EDC) and others of the organizations it typically funds. Several of these organizations, moreover, are asking for increases.

If the commission decides to grant the latter increases, the question becomes where will the money be found?

The response from Reams is that it will likely have to come from the \$76,000.

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purposes, however, the budgetary process was pretty much done, Reams said, adding that the budget would amount to about \$25 million, the same as last year.

As for the millage rate, commissioners have decided to leave it at 8.3114 mills, the same as last year, which should generate about the same amount in property taxes, according to Reams.

The commission has set the first public hearing on the proposed millage rate and tentative budget for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16. It has set the final hearing on the budget and millage rate for 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 29.

The hearings will be held in the courthouse annex.

Review

jected growth for the next 20 years.

The revised LDC that the public now has an opportunity to review is a complete rewrite of the previous code. As such, the document warrants consideration, especially as it purports "to combine the regulations of various aspects of land development and the use of natural resources into a common system of administration and appeals, to...affect a harmonious arrangement of structures, ways, and natural features."

Which is to say it has the potential to affect every property owner sooner or later in one form or another.

Among the code's many stated objectives are: to establish procedures for deciding whether a land development activity should occur where it is proposed; to secure safety

from flood water, hurricane, blowing dust, vehicular traffic, noise, odors, pollutants and other dangers to health; to protect the county's varied and complex environment; to prevent overcrowding of land or intensity of use; and to encourage spontaneity innovation in land use arrangements and building designs, among numerous others. Indeed, the objectives number 24, each one containing multiple sentences.

The document is broken into nine articles, or broad categories, which are listed as general provisions, land use, concurrency, resource protection, development design, signs, non-standard development, boards and agencies, and administration. Each article is then broken down into subsets, including numerous pages of definitions at the very onset. Addressed in the code is

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everything from the types of land uses, to the allowable uses and densities and intensities within said land uses, to the types of transportation and utilities facilities permitted, to the types of business and commercial activities permitted, to the relevant concurrency requirements and mining operations permitted and where.

Chances are, therefore, that almost anything anyone can think of relative to land uses and developments can be found in the LDC.

Jefferson County adopted its first LDC and accompanying Comprehensive Plan in 1990. Since, the two documents have undergone numerous changes in keeping with the EAR process.

For more information, contact the Planning Department office at (850) 342-0223.

Lily's Smile

Second place ticket winner will receive a one-year hunting license, with management stamp; and third place ticket winner will receive a one-year fresh and salt water license.

To purchase tickets for the drawing, or to pick up tickets to sell, contact Lily's father, Eddie Matthews, Jr. at 850-694-9527. Ticket cost is: one ticket \$12, three tickets \$30, and 10 tickets 100.

The drawing will be held on October 5, 2014 at Flatwoods Archery in Wacissa. Ticket holders need NOT be present to win.

Special thanks goes to Trophy Creek Outfitters & Pawn in Monticello, and owner JT

Surles for donating the background check and gun transfer.

Lily Ann Matthews was born with special needs and several health concerns including cleft lip/palate, kidney issues, chronic epilepsy, and development concerns. She has currently had three surgeries with many more in the future. She is in multiple therapies and has many doctor's appointments, with multiple specialists and a team of doctors.

All monies raised through this fundraising effort will be used for Lily Ann's upcoming doctors appointments, travel expenses, leg braces, and any future issues that she

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may incur.

The Matthews family wish to thank everyone in advance for the kindness and support in the past and now, and for continuing to follow Lily's journey on Facebook.

A very special thank you to the anonymous donation of the gun and other gifts.

Donations to Lily's Smile may also be made directly to the Matthews family, which would be greatly appreciated: Danielle and Eddie Matthews, 136 Parkway Pines Boulevard, Monticello, FL. 32344. Cards and letters of support are always welcome and would be of great encouragement to this family.

Hunt

her working for the Monticello News for a total of 15 ½ years.

The following years were busy ones. Hunt covered sports, wrecks, fires, crime news, Humane Society, feature stories, school news, new businesses, VFW and Ladies Auxiliary, all local parades and events, anything and everything, other than the municipality/political news.

She was also responsible, for several years, for the delivery of the newspapers. Her devotion to the job had her working for many hours, and loving every minute of it.

Hunt fondly recalls reporting to work at 7 a.m. every morning and immediately would begin creating her "battle plan" for the day for writing stories. Every Tuesday and Thursday shortly after noon, she would box up the pages and head to Bainbridge to the printer to get the paper printed. After returning to the office with the papers, she would help with the inserts then begin the normal delivery throughout the county. Once she returned to the office, she began addressing all of the newspapers with the old Address-o-graph machine, sometimes working until midnight or even 1 a.m. to get the job done. On one occasion, she even figured a way to recycle the Address-o-graph ribbon, which cost approximately \$50 each, therefore doubling the life of the ribbon and saving the company money.

"I figured if that is the way we used to do with the old typewriter ribbons in school, then there had to be a way to do it with the Address-o-graph ribbon," she said.

"It was really no effort and the hours didn't seem so long. I loved what I was doing," she said.

"My favorite was always staying one step ahead of Ron (Cichon, former owner of the Monticello News). It became an enjoyable game for me because he missed nothing. One of my favorite memories was the year that we had five hurricanes come through the state...I can't really recall what year it was.

The power was out, it was storming, the phones were out, so I called Carl Ellerbe on my cell phone and learned of a few tornado touchdowns in the area. Shortly after 7 a.m., as I was headed out the door to get the scoop, I met Ron on top of the porch, he said he wondered if anyone was covering the tornadoes, I told him I was on my way. Loved it, I got him again by being one step ahead," said Hunt.

"When Emerald (Greene) took over, technology at the office was improved and everything I was doing manually was now being done by computer, giving me more time to write, which I did," she recalled.

As the years went by and the illness began to take over, Hunt could not function the way she did before. Her hours were cut back to accommodate her, but still she found it difficult even working for 24 hours per week. "Now, I'm at the point, I can't fight this anymore, I have to leave," said Hunt. "It's time to retire."

When asked to recall some of her favorite moments, Hunt said, "There are so many, but I'll try. I really loved meeting superstars like Sam Madison Jr., Jack Youngblood and Bobby Thigpen, and befriending them. I loved it every time I did a story for the Humane Society about a poor animal's life, his bad condition, almost at the brink of death, and his story about recovery and adoption. Those always fill my heart with joy. I enjoyed being able to spout off my own feelings every time I heard one of those kind of stories, about abuse or abandonment, and reporting on it.

"I loved the way stories got results, such as the one I wrote about the US soldier straddling the fence between citizenship and deportation, and how when the story came out, he very quickly won his citizenship. I loved doing the one about the child being raised by her grandparents and her grandfather was stationed in Afghanistan, and how

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he surprised her at Jefferson Elementary School upon his return to the US (that one really melted my heart, especially when she called out, "Paw-Paw" and ran quickly to him and embraced him tightly). Another of my favorites is "Heifer Hoofs It Through Monticello", telling the tale of the cow getting loose in the city, and after being herded by police, it took a Tuten to catch it. I loved my closing line, "The moral of this story; to catch a criminal call police, to catch a cow, call a Tuten," Hunt recalled.

"But my very favorite thing over all of the years I have been with the Monticello News, is dealing with all of the people in Jefferson County. I have gotten to know them and work closely with them and have become such good friends with so many people. I will leave with the love and memory of each one of them tucked deep within my heart. I love them all and will miss them dearly. I can also say that working through the Monticello News, I had a purpose and I was able to make a difference," she concluded.

Once she retires, she will be moving to Portland MI to live with her brother, Mark. She plans to keep in touch with friends, begin seed-beading again, keeping a journal, Facebooking, gaming, and through email, hopefully continue to do stories for the Humane Society. A friend even suggested the possibility of taking up BINGO.

Those wishing to keep in touch with Hunt can do so through Facebook. If you are not already one of her friends, she is listed as Fran Ott Hunt (send a friend request), or through email (franhunt@embarqmail.com).

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Jefferson County Living

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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August 15
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@pearlstreetholdings.com or call and 850-445-2964.

August 15
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 15
 Florida Department of Health in Jefferson County is sponsoring a back-to-school event on Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Jefferson Arms. If you are interested in participating in this event contact Craig Wilson or Chelsey McCoy at 850-342-0170x2031.

August 16
 Madison Avenue For Kids and Sam Madison Jr. is offering 50-free free haircuts for kids on Saturday beginning at 6 a.m. by barbers Don 'G' and K. 'Wolf' Norton, at Norton's Barber Shop, on the corner of 960 Lemon and First streets in Monticello. The 29th haircut recipient will receive a bookbag filled with school supplies and amenities. The number '29' symbolizes the number Sam wore during eleven of the twelve years he played with the Miami Dolphins. He wore '9' two of the three years he played with the 2007-2008 Super Bowl 42

Champions, the New York Giants.

August 18, 21
Girls Revival Fitness is making a difference at 4:30 p.m. on Monday and Thursday at 1065 South Water Street, at the American Legion Otto Walker Post 49. For more information contact Certified/Licensed Instructor Doris DeMauro Bishop at 850-591-0085 or doris@girlsrevival.com. Classes are designed for those who might be new to exercise, older, and/or not active, those with joint issues, or for those who just prefer a slower pace. Fun and energetic praise music combined with low impact Latin fused dance moves such as the Cha-cha, Salsa, and Meringue will keep you moving without twisting and turning those knee and ankle joints that just don't work like they used to. This class will give a fun cardiovascular and will work on balance. First class is free!

August 18
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 19
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.

August 19
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.

August 19
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: 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.

August 19
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.

August 19
 Jefferson County **Humane Society** Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday each month, at Wag The Dog Thrift & Treasure Shop, 155 North Jefferson Street. Open to the public. 850-997-2416

August 19
Jefferson County Republican Party and its Executive Committee will meet on the third Tuesday at Willow Pond Farm. A 'meet and greet' will begin at 6 p.m. Dinner will be available at 6:30 p.m.; a contribution of \$10 is requested. The formal meeting will begin at 7 p.m. and is open to the public. Contact Chairman Clyde Simpson at 850-228-4400 or chairman@jeffersongop.com and let him know if you will NOT be able to attend. Plan to attend these meetings and bring a friend. All voting residents are encouraged to attend these monthly meetings in a continuing effort to enhance communication regarding community concerns and other issues affecting Jefferson County. Get engaged! RSVP by email to clyde@simpson.com.

Obituaries

REV. JOSEPH CHESTER SCHWAB, O.M.I.

Missionary Oblate Priest For 61 Years

Rev. Joseph Chester Schwab, O.M.I., 87, died August 13, 2014 at 03:25 AM after a period of declining health. He was born on September 18, 1926 in Sheldon, NY, a son of the late Albert and Catherine (Bartz) Schwab and one of three children. Fr. Schwab attended high school in E. Aurora, NY. He attended Canisius College, Buffalo, NY and Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. He also attended the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. where he earned a masters degree and a PhD in psychology.

He entered the Tewksbury, MA novitiate of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate on September 7, 1946. There, he professed his first vows on September 8, 1946. His perpetual vows were professed in Essex, MA on

September 8, 1950. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 1, 1953 by the late Bishop Arsene Turquetil, O.M.I.

Fr. Schwab was a teacher from 1953 to 1971, first at Bishop Fallon High School in Buffalo, NY then at Our Lady of Hope College in Newburgh, NY. He spent the next four years in Washington, D.C. where he continued his studies at Oblate College. In 1975, he was assigned to St. Stephen's Parish in Miramar, FL, where he was the pastor until 1981. His next assignment sent him to Millington, TN where he was the pastor of St. William's Parish. From 1985 to 1990 he was President of Oblate College, Washington, D.C. In 1990, he was assigned to St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Madison, FL and St. Margaret Parish in Monticello, FL as pastor. In 2000 he took on full time min-

istry as chaplain at Jefferson Correctional Institution in Monticello.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a brother, Paul. He is survived by his sister, Mary Schwab of Prescott, Arizona and a nephew Greg Schwab of Houston, TX.

There will be viewing hours and a wake service, Friday, August 15, 2014 at Saint Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 186 NW Sumter Street; Madison, FL from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, August 16, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at Saint Margaret Catholic Church; 1565 E. Washington Street; Monticello, FL.

Beggs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements 850-973-2258.

You may send your condolences to the family by visiting our website at www.beggsfuneral.com

CHURCH NEWS NOTES

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August 14-17
Reapers of the Harvest Church will continue its Revival through Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 11 a.m., with Rev. Preston Haddock preaching. Everyone is welcome to come and be blessed. For more information contact Rev. Samuel Bass, pastor, at 850-948-6751.

August 15, 17
Welaunee Missionary Baptist Church Choir will celebrate its anniversary beginning at 7 p.m. on Friday evening. The celebration will conclude at 3 p.m. on Sunday afternoon with a guest speaker. All Choirs, Soloists, Praise Dancers, and Male Choirs are especially invited to come join the celebration. For more information and instructions, contact Deac. Terry Keaton at 850-251-4521, or Sis. Josephine Blackmon at 850-274-3543. Rev. Pedro McKelvin, pastor. 850-997-1441.

August 17
Young Reaper Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate its 'Pastor's 1st Anniversary' on Sunday at 11:30 a.m. The St. James Missionary Baptist Church congregation and its pastor Octavious Tookes of Madison will be rendering the service. The public is invited and

dinner will be served. For questions and concerns contact Sister Erma Morris or Deacon Johnnie Morris at 850-997-0904 or Deacon Cecil Cobb at 850-933-1111. Rev. Earnest F. Rains, Jr., pastor.

August 17
Memorial Missionary Baptist Church will host its pastors pre-anniversary program on Sunday at 3 p.m. Guest speaker will be Rev. J. Rich, with the First Baptist Church in Thomasville, Georgia. Rev. Dr. J.B. Duval, pastor.

August 19-21
 Springfield AME Church will host a Revival Tuesday through Thursday at 7 p.m. with Moderator Issac Manning, Bethpage Missionary Baptist Church. Rev. Stefon McBride, pastor.

August 20
First Presbyterian Church will host EaglesWings, an outreach ministry serving the community, on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 9 to 11 a.m. Volunteers are always needed to distribute food items and to donate non-perishable food items. Leave a message for JoAnne Arnold at 850-997-2252, or 850-997-1084, or go to eaglewingsmonticello@yahoo.com.

August 20
Memorial Missionary

Baptist Church will host Heaven's Kitchen - Feed My Sheep, a weekly noon-day service/meal ministry, every Wednesday at 12 p.m. Church Pastor Rev. J.B. Duval and Rev. Semmeal Thomas will conduct the Bible Study/Prayer Service each week. For more information, or to make a contribution, contact Coordinator Sis. Mary Madison at 850-997-4504 or 850-210-7090.

August 21
Tri-County Ministries will host Farm Share and a Clothing Giveaway every other Thursday beginning at 12 p.m. Residents may come to the Harvest Christian Center, located at 1599 Springhollow Road, off Waukeelah Highway, to pick up a supply of garden vegetables and other fresh food items. The clothing Closet will be open for those in need. Lots of men's, women's, and children's clothing and accessories to pick from. For more information and to volunteer contact Pastor Marvin Graham at 850-212-7669.

August 22, 23
 USDA Commodities Food Program and Second Harvest Food Bank together with the churches of New Bethel AME, Elizabeth MB, Hickory Hill MB, Mt. Pleasant AME, and Philadelphia MB will provide food to those needing assistance monthly, on the fourth Saturday, with distribution from 8 to 9 a.m. at the **New Bethel AME Church**, located at 6496 Ashville Highway. Volunteers are also needed on the Friday evening before at 6:30 p.m. to help bag the food packages. Contact Nellie Randle at 850-997-5605, or Jackie Harvey at 850-997-8410 to volunteer, or for more information about this program.

August 23
 StoryTime Ministry is held from 1 to 2 p.m. every other Saturday at the Jefferson County Bailar Public Library. For more information contact **First United Methodist Church** Ministry Chairman Barbara Hobbs at 850-523-1813.

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Jefferson County Living

Edna Bernice Hall Henry

(A True Servant Within the Community)

Giving willingly of her God given gifts and talents, Edna Bernice Hall Henry, motivated, encouraged and helped to change the lives of so many others through her walk with God, especially young people and senior citizens. On Thursday, August 7 at 6 a.m., she departed from this world to rest at her eternal home, and is now singing and praising God in the Heavenly Choir.

Born in Monticello (Bolen Community), FL, Edna was the third of eleven children to bless the union of Edgar Hillmon Hall and Eather Mae Harris Hall. After graduating from Howard Academy High School in 1964, she attended North Florida Junior College graduating with an AA degree. Realizing the importance of continuing her education, she matriculated to Florida A & M University, earning a bachelor's degree in Library Science with a minor in English. Even though her formal education ended here, she continuously studied the Word of God and anything that would enhance her ability to help others.

Edna held high standards for herself and those whose lives she touched. She loved the Lord and lived by the philosophy to always put God first in everything you do, and that everything else would fall into place.

Even though Edna was a dedicated member of Union Bethel AME Church, she was just as dedicated and dutiful to many churches in Jefferson, Leon and Gadsden Counties, where she often served as speaker, soloist, mistress of ceremonies, devotional and praise leader, prayer warrior and in so many other capacities. She was always on the go serving as a vessel for the Lord. Edna also worked diligently with the AME Lay Organization having held the position of Lay President for the Quincy/Monticello District. She was actively engaged in many organizations such as Eastern Stars, Chair of the Jefferson County Public Library Board, SNET (Safe and Nurturing Environment Team) and others too numerous to mention.

Edna worked as a school librarian in Ft. Myers, FL, and as a budget analyst with the Florida Division of Forestry where she retired with many years of dedicated service.

She came out of retirement because of her concern for the welfare of young people to work with the Jefferson County School Board, most recently as Parent Teacher Coordinator until her retirement February 28 2014, after 10 years of service. She loved all of the students, faculty, staff and administrators she came in contact with.

Much has been said of Edna over the years. Dr. Melvin Roberts said, "Mrs. Henry has made a dynamic impact in bridging the gap between home and school for all schools in Jefferson County. She went out of her way to contact parents and involve them in their child's education. Whatever it took to get parents involved, she was willing to put forth the effort. Many times she would go beyond the workday to call parents, visit their homes or transport them to their volunteer assignments and PTO meetings. She garnered the respect of faculty, staff, students, par-



ents and the community at-large. Mrs. Henry was the epitome of what schools throughout the nation desire to emulate in bridging the gap between home and school," he added. "Mrs. Henry was very active in her community and church. Oftentimes, volunteering her time to assist the elderly or families in crisis. She constantly gave of her time and resources to help the cause. Mrs. Henry took personal interest in every child and their material needs and every child took their relationship with her as a personal honor."

In 2010, then Federal Programs Specialist Gloria A. Heath said, "What makes her stand out amongst her peers? Her love for all children, her commitment to establishing family-friendly schools, and her keen ability to problem-solve via communication and interpersonal skills have earned her the highest of respect and reputation in the community," said Heath.

"Mrs. Henry cares about all children and is quick to take action when a child is in need. In addition to running food drives and clothes closets for students and their families, she guides children through adverse situations while using the situation as a "teaching moment" for the parent. An example of this: A young boy was crying because he lost his eye-glasses. He was fearful of a beating by his father. Mrs. Henry told the youngster that she would help him find his glasses. She got into her car, drove to his house, and talked with his father, and found his glasses. During the discussion with the father, she talked with him about other options to hitting his son. The next day, the child was smiling broadly while thanking Mrs. Henry for talking with his dad. She then proceeded to come up with a plan for being responsible for his eye glasses with the student, another teaching moment," she added.

"When Mrs. Henry discovered that the family of four elementary children had no food nor money in their home immediately prior to the Thanksgiving holidays, she went beyond her required duties by taking immediate action. She delivered food from her own personal kitchen to the family, notified her supervisor, and spearheaded a holiday food drive for seven needy families of our school children," she said.

"Mrs. Henry builds bridges between schools and community through active involvement in community coalition organizations, business partnerships, and the faith-community. Because of the relationships she has built through these organizations, and the ongoing networking that takes

place, children of poverty have received clothing, food, services, and school supplies when needed. Right before the holiday break, Mrs. Henry discovered a fifth grade girl who was trying to hide the split in her outgrown pants. Within the hour the girl had several outfits of clothes that fit and a new pair of shoes. Mrs. Henry is an expert at getting to the bottom of immediate needs for children and their families. Parents know, respect, and trust Mrs. Henry. On many occasions a frustrated parent will call or stop to see Mrs. Henry and will share with her a school concern. Because of her love for children and their education, her communication and interpersonal skills, and her devotion to "making things right", she becomes the conduit for problem solving and bringing the parent back into the school. She uses this gift to make schools an emotionally safe place for parents who resist being involved due to previous negative experiences," concluded Heath.

Edna frequently wrote articles for the school, mostly about topics related to the needs of our children. Her name is a household one within this community.

Edna Bernice Hall Henry is so loved and adored by her family, and will truly be missed. She was affectionately called "B" or "Burn-Burn" by her younger siblings whom she helped to raise. Edna will be forever remembered by her 93 year old mother whom she adored, Eather Mae Harris Hall of Monticello, FL, her loving and dedicated children, LaRhonda D. Henry-Burgess (Ronald), Monticello, Ronald Henry, Jr. (Shamara), Tallahassee, FL, her devoted grandchildren, LaDonte M. Randle (Marsha), Tallahassee, FL, LaShonte R. Randle, Alexis Z. Henry, all of Tallahassee, and Richard D. Thomas, Tampa, FL, three loving great-grands who meant the world to her and they thought the world of her, Wayne M. Fennell, Jr., SaRiyah L. Randle, and Zerek T. Randle, her sisters, Josie Jordan (Walter), Helen Pugh (Leonard), Cherry Alexander (Lorenzo), Mary Bryant (Larry) all of Tallahassee, FL, brothers, Willie James Hall of Winter Haven, FL, Calvin Hall (Shelia), and Freddie Hall (Verdell) all of Tallahassee, FL, a special nephew raised as a brother, Willie Reeves (Marilyn) of Monticello, three aunts, Lillie Ford, Camden, NJ, Josie Harris, Monticello, FL, and Idella Hall of Winter Haven, FL and former husband and dedicated friend, Ronald Henry, Sr., many devoted nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, too numerous to mention.

She was preceded in death by her father, Edgar Hillmon Hall, grandfather,

Edgar Bailey Hall, three brothers, Eddie, Edgar and Baby Hall that are all waiting to greet her on the other side for that great grand reunion.

Edna will not only be missed by her family but by this entire community. She has touched so many lives because she truly cared.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, August 16, 2014 at 11 a.m. at the Jefferson County High School Auditorium, located at 576 South Water Street.

Funeral Services are being handled by Hagan & Bradwell Funeral Service. THERE WILL NOT BE A PUBLIC VIEWING OF THE BODY. Edna wished to be remembered with fond loving memories and smiles, rather than tears.

Presentation To Focus On African-American History

The Jefferson County Historical Association will offer a presentation on the local African-American history, with the featured speaker to be Jack Hadley.

Hadley is director of the Jack Hadley Black History Museum in Thomasville, GA. He is scheduled to speak on the history of African-Americans in this area, which presentation will be followed with a question-and-answer period.

Refreshments will be served.

The presentation is set to take place at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 15, in the Downtown Club, located at 380 North Cherry St.

For more information, call Anne Holt at (850) 576-0721, or email her at ahholt@ahholt.com.

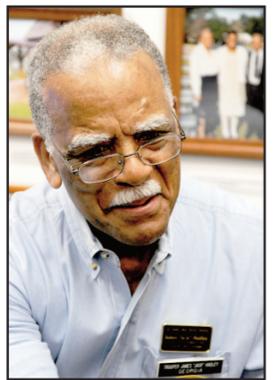


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Retired Chief Master Sgt. James "Jack" Hadley is currently the owner of the Jack Hadley Black History Museum. He hosts about 3,000 visitors per year at his museum and has more than 4,000 artifacts, documents and pictures depicting African-American history to show visitors.

Pastor's Appreciation Sunday At New Bethel



New Bethel AME Church Pastor Rev. Jimmy F. Dickey and First Man Bro. John Dickey.

DEBBIE SNAPP
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

The New Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church family will acknowledge appreciation to its pastor, Rev.

Jimmie F. Dickey on Sunday, August 17 during the 11 a.m. Morning Worship Service.

Guest speaker for this special occasion will be Rev. Yolanda Smith, pastor of New St. John AME Church in Havana.

The Memorial Missionary Baptist Church Male Chorus will be the guest choir.

The public is invited to attend.

For more information, contact Sis. Nellie Kay Akins at 850-997-3242 or 850-294-7656.

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School

National School Lunch And School Breakfast Now Offered At Jefferson County Schools

Jefferson County School Board and the Food Service Office will be participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs called the Community Eligibility Program (CEP) for School Year 2014-2015.

Schools that participate in the CEP are able to provide healthy breakfasts and lunches each day at no charge for ALL students enrolled in that CEP school during the 2014-2015 School Year.

The schools that will be participating are:

- Jefferson Elementary School, 960 East Rocky Branch Road, Monticello, FL 32344

- Jefferson County Middle High School, 50 David Road, Monticello, FL 32344.

For additional information please contact: Jefferson County School Board, Attention: Reathea Knowles, Food

Service Specialist, School Food Service Department, 575 South Water Street, Monticello, FL 32344, 850-342-0970.

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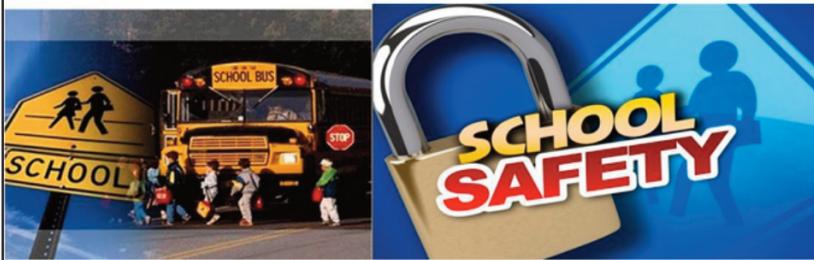
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Back to School Safety Tips



Motorists Urged To Practice Good Traffic Safety Habits

FRAN HUNT
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

With a new school year about to start, students, parents and drivers could all heed some safety advice.

"This is a critical time of the year," said Sheriff David Hobbs. "Drivers need to re-acclimate themselves to having children on or near the road, particularly at rush hours. And both children and

parents need to get back into their good traffic safety habits."

Sheriff Hobbs offered the following safety tips:

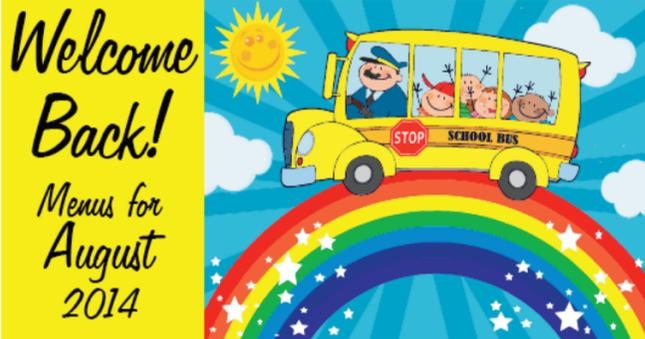
- Walk with a friend.
- Pay attention to all traffic signals and crossing guards. Never cross the street against a stoplight.
- Cross only at crosswalks and never run into the street from between parked cars.
- Look left, right and over your shoulder for traffic before crossing a street, and continue to check each direction.
- Make sure drivers see you by making eye contact with them.
- If riding a bicycle, scooter or skateboard to school, always wear a helmet and ride in the same direction as the traffic. Walk your bike if crossing a street.

Tips for school bus riders

- Do not play in the street while waiting for a bus.
- Line up facing the bus, not alongside it.
- After getting off the bus, move out of the traffic.
- Wait for the bus driver to signal before you to walk across the street. Walk away from the front of the bus so the driver can see you.

Tips for parents and drivers

- Everyone should wear a seat belt and children should be in age appropriate car seats.
- Stay focused on driving and don't be distracted by kids in the car or with other activities.
- Slow down in school zones. Driving just 5 MPH over the speed limit increases both the risk of hitting a child and the severity of any injuries.
- You never know if children crossing the street are paying attention, so remain stopped until the child has crossed not only your lane of traffic but the adjacent lane as well.
- Never pass a vehicle that has stopped at a crosswalk, as they may be waiting for someone to cross.
- Do not pass a school bus when its red lights are flashing, even if it is on the other side of the street.
- Use extra care in areas where children may enter the road from between parked vehicles or where other things may block the drivers' view of the road.
- Always watch out for bicycles.



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|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
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| Corn | Fried Rice | Baked Beans | Broccoli | Lettuce & Tomato |
| Fruit | Peas & Carrots | Fruit | Fruit | Sweet Potato Tots |
| Milk | Fruit | Milk | Hot Roll | Fruit |
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School

JES Parent Party

DEBBIE SNAPP
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Federal Programs Secretary for the Jefferson County School Board Gloria Cox hosted the first of the new school year, Parent Party' at Jefferson Elementary School.

And, "what a treat it was!" she exclaimed.

Parents, students, area school teachers and administrators mingled together before the program got underway, prepared for an evening inspiration and fun-filled educational information.

Featured speakers

for the program included Tom Vogelgesang, director of technical support. His presentation: Keeping Informed by completing the Parent Focus Logon Request form. JES Teacher Indy Mack; her presentation was Motivation for Moms; and Rev. Marvin Graham,

Tri-County Ministries pastor. His presentation: Motivation for Dads.

Also sharing words of encouragement were: School Superintendent Al Cooksey, Federal Programs Specialist Tammy McGriff, JES Principal Elijah Key, and JES Assistant Principal Elizabeth DeCardenas.

Area agencies set-up booths, filled with informational literature, school supplies, and other agency specialty items to pass along to interested parents and students. Vendors made a brief announcement about their agency before the conclusion of the program and invited the audience to visit their booth before leaving for the night.

Vendors and sponsors included: Big Bend Cares, Healthy Start, SEDNET, SWAT, Adult Education, JSCB, Department of Juvenile Justice, Refuge House, Ounce of Prevention Fund, WFSU, Disc Village, Jefferson and Leon County Health Departments, Allied Health, NFCC Health Information Technology, New Bethel AME Church, RJ Bailor Library.

JP's Shell station, 1200 West Washington Street, prepared the 'grab & go,' meals 850-

997-1440. School volunteers included Nicki Seaton, Marie Gallon, and others.

Cox may be reached at 575 South Water

Street, or call her at 850-342-0100x218, or email her at gloria.cox@jeffersonschoolsdistrict.org. "Remember, parent involvement matters," concluded Cox.



ECB Publishing Photo By Debbie Snapp, August 5, 2014.

Vendors and sponsors of the JES Parent Party on Tuesday evening included from left to right: Carlton Londeree, Sandra Saunders, Zandra Gilley, and Terotsha Pleas passing out hygiene bags to the parents and students.



ECB Publishing Photo By Debbie Snapp, August 5, 2014. WFSU announced its partnership with JES during the JES Parent Party on Tuesday evening.



ECB Publishing Photo By Debbie Snapp, August 5, 2014. Parent Janice Oliver speaks to JES Assistant Principal Elizabeth DeCardenas during the JES Parent Party on Tuesday evening.

Back-2-School Giveaway Saturday

DEBBIE SNAPP
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All God's Children Outreach Ministry and Founder/President Willie Ann Dickey, will sponsor a Back-2-School Giveaway on Saturday, August 16.

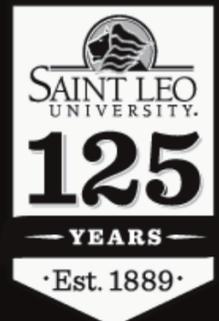
The school supplies giveaway event will take place at the Jefferson County Bailor Public Library from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

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This is an annual event, and has been quite successful in the past.

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Sports

Jefferson County All-Stars Finish Second Runner-Up

FRAN HUNT
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

The Jefferson County All-Stars competed against 15 other teams during the Babe Ruth Small State 15 and Under Tournament July 5-8, and finished as the second runner-up.

Coach John Weaver explained that the teams were divided into four different groups (brackets), and Jefferson was in Group D along with teams from Fort White and Altermonte Springs.

The teams in each bracket were pitted against each other and the winner of each bracket then moved up to the semi-finals.

Jefferson first manned the diamond against Fort White on July 5 and came out on top of a 13-3 scoreboard.

The local All-Stars faced off against Altermonte Springs the following day, and emerged with a 13-9 victory, putting the Jefferson County team into the final four, and the long trip back to Fort White to compete in the semi-finals against Melrose on July 8.

Coach Weaver said that despite the long trip and starting out at 5 a.m., on top of being tired at the end of the ride, the boys played a great game of baseball.

"We got robbed of two grand-slam home runs," said Coach Weaver. "The Melrose

centerfielder went back as far as he could go, put his glove over the fence, and caught the ball both times," he explained.

The game ended with an 8-6 loss for the Jefferson County All-Stars, and the end of the season.

"We had a great season and I am proud of the boys," Coach Weaver added.

I want to thank all of the parents who attended games all season, and for their support, I would also like to thank Russ Hannon for helping me coach the team," he said.

Coach Weaver added that there would be several players returning for next season.

This year's All-Stars included Adrian Hawkins, Treon Patrick, Kevon Blue, Kean Thomas, Omari Sloan, Kameron Burns, Hunter Key, Joe Hannon, Kimiri Thomas, Zevon Wade, and Jayshawn Francis. They were coached by John Weaver and Russ Hannon.

"I just want to say thank you to each one of the boys, for not giving up, for giving their very best, and for the giving of their time when it was so hot," said Coach Weaver. "You are a great bunch of boys and I am proud for the way you represented Jefferson County as your home town. I enjoyed coaching each one of you, and you will always be my boys, and friends," he concluded.



The Jefferson County All-Stars came in as second runner up in the Babe Ruth Small State 15 and Under Tournament. This years All-Stars included Adrian Hawkins, Treon Patrick, Kevon Blue, Kean Thomas, Omari Sloan, Kameron Burns, Hunter Key, Joe Hannon, Kimiri Thomas, Zevon Wade, and Jayshawn Francis. They were coached by John Weaver and Russ Hannon.

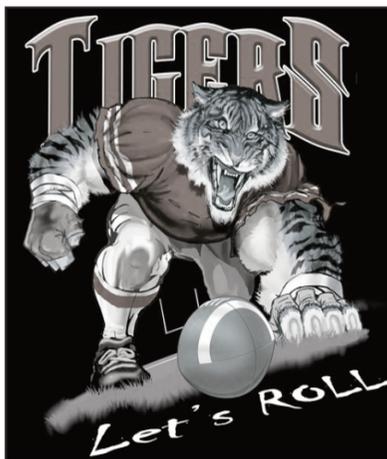
Tigers To Play Brookwood In Pre-Season Game Friday Aug. 22

MERRY ANN FRISBY

The Jefferson County Tigers take on Brookwood on Friday, August 22, at 7:30 p.m. on the home field here in Jefferson County.

Coach Aaron Sheppard says that this year The Tigers are a very physical team. The Tigers are hoping to use their physical strength to their advantage in this upcoming game.

The Tigers played Brookwood exactly three months ago in Thomasville, G.A. The



Tigers won 32-18. Brookwood was a "worthy opponent" says Sheppard but "we just out played them that night. Since that game the Tigers have concentrated on training and tactics."

Sheppard says the players are ready, excited about the beginning of the season. This is the year of playing hard.

The action is on the home field in Jefferson County. Tickets are \$6.00. Come on out and see the Tigers take the field and hopefully take the game.

Florida State Tops College Football Polls As New Season Prepares To Begin

Was there any thought given to picking any team other than Florida State to win the league?

Absolutely none. Florida State is by far the best team in the league and the clear-cut No. 1 team in the nation heading into the 2014 season. The defending champs suffered some key personnel losses, but Jimbo

Fisher and his staff have elite players ready to step in and take on leading roles.

In our ACC position rankings, Florida State received the top spot at quarterback, receiver/tight end, offensive line, linebacker and defensive back and the No. 2 spot at running back and defensive line. This is a roster with very few — if any — weaknesses.

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ACC PREDICTED SCHEDULE AND RECORDS

| ACC ATLANTIC | ACC | OVERALL |
|-------------------|-----|---------|
| 1. Florida State | 8-0 | 13-0 |
| 2. Clemson | 7-1 | 9-3 |
| 3. Louisville | 5-3 | 8-4 |
| 4. Syracuse | 3-5 | 6-6 |
| 5. Boston College | 3-5 | 6-6 |
| 6. NC State | 2-6 | 6-6 |
| 7. Wake Forest | 0-8 | 3-9 |

| ACC COASTAL | ACC | OVERALL |
|-------------------|-----|---------|
| 1. Virginia tech | 6-2 | 9-4 |
| 2. Miami | 5-3 | 8-4 |
| 3. North Carolina | 5-3 | 8-4 |
| 4. Pittsburgh | 4-4 | 8-4 |
| 5. Duke | 4-4 | 8-4 |
| 6. Georgia Tech | 3-5 | 6-6 |
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 August 21, 2014 starting at 10:00 AM at Florida Department of Environmental Protection Bob Martinez Center, Room 609, 2600 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399.
 The BMAP was developed by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection with input from local citizens, agencies, and organizations.
 For more information contact: Stephen Cioccia, 2600 Blair Stone Road, MS 3565, Tallahassee, FL 32399-2400; Stephen.Cioccia@dep.state.fl.us or (850) 245-8513. 8/15/14

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA
VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC., CASE NO.: 33-2011-CA000045-CAXXXX
CIRCUIT CIVIL
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
BARBARA L. BRUNSON; et al.,
 Defendants.
CLERK'S NOTICE OF SALE
 NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Plaintiff's Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on May 8, 2012 in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on **AUGUST 31, 2014 at 11:00 A.M. (EST)**, at the Jefferson County Courthouse, located at One Courthouse Circle, in Monticello, Florida, the following described property:
 See Attached Exhibit "A"
 To include 2003 CLAY Vin WHC012977GAA #0088563383 and 2003 CLAY Vin WHC012977GAB #0088563531
 Property Address: 5585 Turkey Scratch Road, Monticello, FL 32344.
 ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.
 Dated: July 14, 2014
 KIRK REAMS, CLERK
 JEFFERSON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
 By Sherry Seaton
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Exhibit A (Legal Description)
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 Being the same property conveyed from TREADO R. BYFORD AND SALLIE BYFORD, HIS WIFE to HAMPTON GOFF by deed dated 12/04/1943 and recorded 03/24/1945 in book DDDI, page 46 of the public records of JEFFERSON county, FL.
 Tax Map Reference: 01-15-1E. 8/8,15/14**

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners of Jefferson County, Florida, on **September 2nd, 2014 at 9:00 A.M.**, or soon thereafter, in the Jefferson County Courthouse Annex, 435 West Walnut St., Monticello, Florida 32344, will consider adopting an ordinance the title and substance of said proposed ordinance being:

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-080514-01
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING JEFFERSON COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 89-1 CREATING A MUNICIPAL SERVICE BENEFIT DISTRICT PROVIDING FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES, AMENDING SECTIONS 1 & 2 TO ENLARGE THE SPECIAL FIRE DISTRICT TO ALL AREAS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA INCLUDING THE CITY OF MONTICELLO; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The proposed ordinance may be inspected by the public at the Office of the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners located in the Jefferson County Courthouse during regular business hours.

All persons wishing to speak upon the adoption of this ordinance are invited to attend the meeting and they shall be heard.

Should any person decide to appeal any decision made by the Board at this meeting, such person will need a record of the proceeding and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of these proceedings is made, pursuant to Florida Statute 286.0105

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 Auction date: **AUGUST 16, 2014 at 10 AM at Register's Mini Storage, 315 Waukeenah Hwy, Monticello, FL.** 8/8,8/15/14,c.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Barbara Henry 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: 335 Year of Issuance: 2009
 Description of Property: 26-1S-3E-0000-001C-0000 1.38 Acres
 In NE 1/4
 ORB 57, PG 187
 Site Address: **Gamble Road - Monticello, FL**
 Name in which assessed: **ARTIS HICKS HEIRS**
 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 **18TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.**
 Dated this 6TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2014
 Kirk B. Reams
 Clerk of the Court
 Jefferson County, Florida 8/15,22,29,9/5

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 The certificate number, year of issuance, description of the property and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
 Certificate Number: 874 Year of Issuance: 2009
 Description of Property: 31-1N-6E-0000-0075-0000 4 Acres
 In NE 1/4 of NW 1/4
 ORB 232, PG 321
 Site Address: **South Sait Road - Monticello, FL**
 Name in which assessed: **WILLIAM J. SULLIVAN, II**
 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.
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 Kirk B. Reams
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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 **September 16, 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.

From the Florida "Government in the Sunshine Manual", page 36, paragraph c: Each board, commission, or agency of this state or of any political subdivision thereof shall include in the notice of any meeting or hearing, if notice of meeting or hearing is required, of such board, commission, or agency, conspicuously on such notice, the advice that, if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings, is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. 8/15

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You've probably seen some of these, but it's a nice set of practices that can be implemented in small steps. I recently

had the chance to attend a two day training at the station, and I was impressed by how simple and how effective some of the practices are. If you add multiple practices, the benefits accrue even more rapidly.

If you have any questions, or are interested in more information on these practices, contact me at UF/IFAS 2729 West Washington Street, Monticello, FL 32344, 850-342-0187.

If you are interested in learning how to manage pests using inte-

grated pest management (IPM) strategies on a whole farm or whole landscape level, a team of University of Florida IFAS Extension faculty has developed a series of video modules just for you. These modules were developed at the UF IFAS Suwannee Valley Agricultural Extension Center near Live Oak, where the 300-acre farm has been transformed into a Living IPM Laboratory putting into real life practices these IPM strategies. The farm is now implementing several innovative IPM strategies to manage pests and has reduced pesticide use by more than 50 percent.

When you watch these short video modules, you will learn how to implement strategies such as using trap crops and insect monitoring traps; creating plant habitat for beneficial insects; using birds, bats and owls as pest predators; enhancing the landscape for native pollinators; and scouting to best target management strategies. These video modules are now available on the UF IFAS Virtual Field Day web site at:

<http://vfd.ifas.ufl.edu>.
The direct link to the IPM Whole Farm Modules is: <http://vfd.ifas.ufl.edu/wholefarm-ipm.shtml>. This ongoing project is supported with funding from University of Florida IFAS, USDA NIFA Extension IPM Program, Southern Region IPM Center, and Southern Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SSARE) Program, and the Suwannee Conservation District. IPM Module Titles: *Whole Farm IPM Overview *Whole IPM Field Sites *Developing Habitat Areas *Plants That Attract Beneficial Insects *Role of Pollinators *Role of Bats and Owls *Role of Birds and Other Predators *Role of Insect Traps *Role of Trap Crops *Scouting Techniques to Manage Pests.

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Outdoors

FWC Releases 2013 Boating Accident Statistics, Stresses Safe Boating

Sixty-two people lost their lives in Florida last year in boating accidents, and there have already been 11 deaths so far this year, according to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), which has released its 2013 Boating Accident Statistical Report.

The FWC is responsible for reviewing, analyzing and compiling boating accident data for the state. Its statistical report details boating accidents and their causes.

The theme of accident-related messages from FWC staff is clear: Officers want to help keep Florida's beautiful waterways a safe place to boat.

"Often, accidents can be prevented by more careful operation," said Lt. Seth Wagner. "It is critical for operators to maintain a proper lookout and focus on what is going on around their boat at all times."

Failing to have a proper lookout is a lead-



ing cause of boating accidents, statistics show. In fatal accidents, drowning is the leading cause of death.

"There's an easy fix. Wear a life jacket," Wagner said. "There are several styles of life jackets available to boaters that won't interfere with your boating experience and may save your life."

Today's boaters can choose from several models of light and comfortable, inflatable belt-pack and over-the-shoulder life jackets that can be worn while fishing or enjoying the sun, and they do not interfere with boating activities.

Accidents can occur without warning, and for some reason someone ends up in the water, quite often it's too late to put on a life jacket.

"The leading type of accident continues to be boaters colliding with other boats or objects," Wagner said. "With the number of boaters in our beautiful state, it's important to pay close attention to everything that's going on around you."

The 2013 Boating Accident Statistical Report is now available online at MyFWC.com/Boating; click on "Boating Accidents."



Hello again, the question today is:

I have a muzzle loader and I don't remember if I emptied it or shot it last year at the end of the season. How can I tell if it is already loaded or not?

Answer: Well first keep it pointed in a safe direction. With no cap on the nipple use your ram rod to see how far it goes into the bore marking the rod at the muzzle. Remove the rod and measure down the barrel. If the breech end of the rod goes all the way (within 1/2") to the nipple then it is unloaded. If it comes short of the nipple by an inch or more than it is probably loaded. If you can go out in the back yard or somewhere close that is safe to shoot you can put a new cap in it and try to fire it into the ground or some other safe back stop. It may not fire as the powder will be very old and wet. Removing a stuck ball will be for another day thanks. The Gun Guy.

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Amberjack, Gray Triggerfish Reopen In Gulf State Waters

The recreational harvest of greater amberjack and gray triggerfish in Gulf of Mexico state waters (shore to 9 nautical miles) reopens Aug. 1.

In Gulf federal waters, greater amberjack will also open Aug. 1, but gray triggerfish will remain closed through Dec. 31.

In both state and federal Gulf waters, greater amberjack must be larger than 30 inches when measured from the tip of the lower jaw to the fork of the tail to be harvested when the season is open. There is a daily bag limit of one fish per person.

Gray triggerfish must be larger than 14 inches when measured from the lower jaw to the fork of the tail to be taken in state and federal Gulf waters when the season is open. There is a two-fish daily bag limit per person.

Seasonal harvest closures, as well as size and bag limits, help conserve Florida's valu-



able greater amberjack and gray triggerfish populations and improve opportunities in these fisheries for the future.

Learn more about recreational fishing at MyFWC.com/Fishing by clicking on "Saltwater" and "Recreational Regulations."

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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 15, through August 22, 2014
Major Feed Times are marked by an asterisk (*)

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| <p>Friday, August 15 11:33AM *4:24AM 11:02PM *4:50PM</p> | <p>Saturday, August 16 *5:15AM 12:33PM *5:41PM</p> | <p>Sunday, August 17 11:46PM *6:06AM 1:30PM *6:32PM</p> | <p>Monday, August 18 12:31AM *6:57AM 2:25PM *7:22PM</p> |
| <p>Tuesday, August 19 1:18AM *7:47AM 3:16PM *8:11PM</p> | <p>Wednesday, August 20 2:06AM *8:36AM 4:04PM *9:00PM</p> | <p>Thursday, August 21 2:57AM *9:24AM 4:48PM *9:47PM</p> | <p>Friday, August 22 3:48AM *10:10AM 5:29PM *10:33PM</p> |

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