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State's Jobless Rate Drops In November Jefferson & Madison Rates Go Up

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Florida's jobless rate was 10.0 percent in November, down 0.4-percentage point from October, according to the latest figures released by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (FDEO) on Friday, Dec. 16.

The FDEO now combines the state's formerly separate economic, workforce and community development efforts under one roof for the stated purpose of expediting economic development projects and fueling job creation.

The 10.0 percent — the lowest rate since May 2009 and 1.9-percentage point lower than the 11.9 percent rate recorded in November 2010 — represented 926,000 jobless Floridians out of a labor force of 9,228,000.

Notwithstanding the second consecutive drop, Please See **JOBLESS** Page 4

Lengthy Commission Meetings Maybe Now A Thing Of Past

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The length of commission meetings has become an issue in itself, at least with the chairman, who is calling for a more focused and deliberate approach to discussions.

"We've had had some problems in recent months with the length of meetings and discussions," Commission Chairman Hines Boyd said at a recent meeting, reminding his colleagues that meetings weren't supposed to last longer than three hours, nor individual discussions supposed to last longer than 30 minutes each, unless extended by a vote.

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FOCUS OF JOINT MEET IS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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A joint meeting of members of the Jefferson County Commission and the Economic Development Council (EDC) on Monday morning, Dec. 12, concluded with a resolve on the part of all concerned to continue the dialogue and press for the formulation of specific goals.

Although no clear consensus ensued, some general themes emerged. Among these were the recognition of a need for a more focused and dedicated community approach to economic development; the need

for establishment, or actual implementation, of a local incentive ordinance and funding of a development fund; and the need for improved communications and cooperation between the African-American and White business communities.

The meeting started with a videoed presentation of Alex McCoy, of the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce, discoursing on some of the basic principles of economic development.

McCoy identified three key ingredients to promoting economic development. He said the first was developing a leadership cadre to the lead the effort; the second was

bringing the community into the project and the visioning process; and the third was the attraction and retention of businesses.

Economic development was not simple, McCoy said. It meant different things to different people. To the average person, economic development meant jobs, he said. To elected officials, it translated into revenues for local governments to be used for the enhancement of services. And to the business community, it meant the creation of new markets and customer bases and the opportunity to grow and expand their products

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DRIVER DESTROYS JAGUAR IN SINGLE-VEHICLE CRASH

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The driver of a Jaguar totally destroyed his vehicle in a single-vehicle crash over the weekend.

Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) reported that on Saturday, December 17 at 12:09 p.m., Anthony Fitzgerald Mack, 42, of Monticello, was driving a 2004 Jaguar Sedan traveling southbound on Old Lloyd Road.

Mack drove the vehicle over the double yellow line and over corrected his steering of the Jaguar causing him to lose control.

The vehicle col-

lided with a mailbox, then traveled completely up a steep embankment and hit a tree. The vehicle overturned back down the embankment and came to a rest on its roof. Debris from the vehicle was strewn over the embankment and shoulder of the road.

Mack was ejected from the vehicle and transported to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital for treatment of

serious injuries.

Whether the crash was alcohol-related is still pending.

Mack was not wearing his seatbelt.

The Jaguar was totaled with an estimated \$9,000 damage.

FHP was assisted at the scene by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Jefferson County Fire Rescue and EMS.



This is what was left of a 2004 Jaguar Sedan after driver Anthony Fitzgerald Mack, of Monticello, lost control of the vehicle on Old Lloyd Road Saturday afternoon, crashed into a mail box, up a steep embankment and smashed into a tree before overturning and ejecting Mack.

Championship Ring Fund Set Up For State Champion Tigers

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Following the winning of the Class 1A State Championship over Chipley and winning the State title being the high school equivalent to the NFL Superbowl, a championship ring account has been set up at Farmers and Merchants Bank to help the team obtain those much-deserved keepsakes. Donations are to be made out to the Athletic Booster Club and donated at the FMB into the "Ring Fund" account. Every little bit helps and local businesses are asked to sponsor a ring or two for the players.

"Your Jefferson County Fighting Tigers football team won the Class 1A State Championship on December 9, 2011," said Head Football Coach Jeremy Brown. "I know you are just as proud of the boys as much as we are. It was a long three-year up-hill battle we fought to get to where we are and without the support of the community it would have been a lot harder. We are grateful for what you have contributed to help us obtain this outstanding achievement.

"Now it is time to reward our boys for the hard work, effort and the sacrifice they have given to our football team and community." (Those sacrifices included staying with the team three years ago when the faith-based coaches came aboard when they were thinking about going elsewhere. Those sacrifices included taking on teams this past year that were 2A, 3A and even 5A teams and competing with them to make themselves better; "Uncommon." Those sacrifices included giving up their summers and coming in twice a day five days a week to work out in the weight room, in endurance and conditioning to ensure staying in shape for the following season. Those sacrifices even included giving up their Thanksgiving holidays and informing the coaches that they wanted to come in and practice).

"We are making a plea to the local businesses to sponsor one or more football player's championship rings. Any size donation is greatly appreciated and tax deductible," he added.

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EX-OFFICIAL CALLS FOR SLOT MACHINES HERE

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An ex-county official is calling on his former colleagues to allow the populace to decide whether casinos and slot machines should be allowed in Jefferson County.

Gene Hall, formerly the county commissioner for District 2, approached the Jefferson County Commission with his request on Thursday morning, Dec. 1.

Hall asked that the commission consider putting the issue to the voters in a referendum. His argument was that casinos and slot machines would create jobs and serve as an engine for economic development.

"There's a lot of money to be made from casinos and slot machines," Hall said, adding that starting jobs for casinos paid \$29,000 to \$30,000 annually.

Hall said young people now had no options or reason to stay in the area once they graduated from college because of the lack of jobs. He reminded the commission that Jefferson County was part of a region designated a critical area of economic concern, and that absent the breaks it received because of this dubious status, the county's budget might well be in the red.

Hall said he appreciated that the issue was a controversial one. But other counties

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Local Weather

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A few showers early in the day.

Thu 1222 785B

Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 50s.



Fri 1223 77B

Isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 60s.

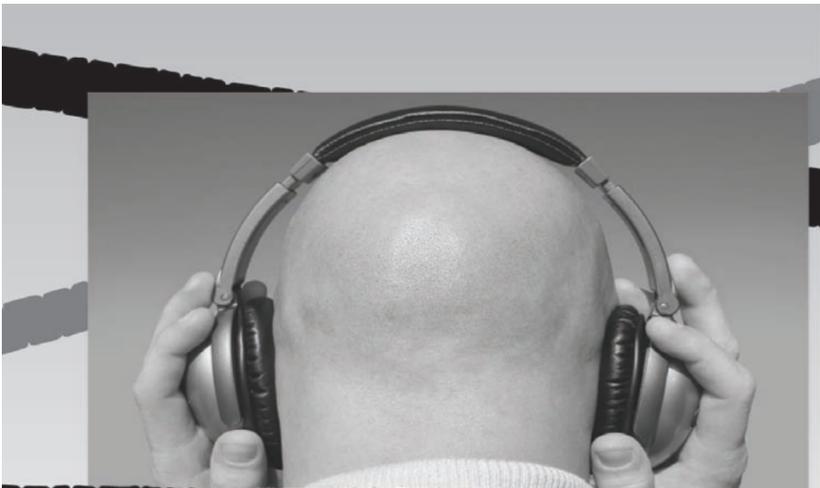


VIEWPOINTS & OPINIONS

Stingers

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“STOP BEING MEAN TO MY DAD. My dad works in the service industry in town. My dad has always worked in the service industry but recently he has told me stories about customers and how rude they are to him. I am so surprised. He has been cussed at, threatened, and insulted. He would not want me to write about this but I feel that it is necessary that I ask all of the residents in Monticello and the surrounding areas to treat people as you would like to be treated. Let us not forget, especially at this time of the year, to be courteous and kind to everyone. Furthermore, if you are reading this and feel that you may have hurt someone's feelings, apologies and forgiveness can be offered and received.
-Anonymous



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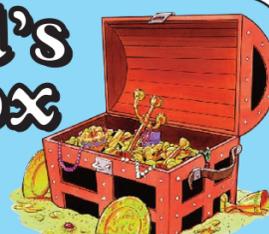
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MERRY CHRISTMAS

The Christmas Season is once again upon us. Shopping, cooking, parties, Santa Claus, and family gatherings seem to take precedence over our lives.

It is all too easy, during this season, to forget WHY/WHAT we are actually celebrating.

Christmas is a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus. This celebration can be easily hidden behind Santa Claus unless we make it a point to bring it to the forefront of our lives. I also believe, as parents, it is our responsibility to make sure we teach our children to keep Jesus as "the reason for the season."

But, Christmas is always such a fun time of year too. The excitement can be found in both children and adults. Christmas Eve is always such a fun experience to watch.... children counting

the hours down until they can go to sleep, so that Santa Claus will visit their house; cookies and milk left out and only crumbs and an empty glass left for the children to find the next morning.

Christmas is a fun time for any age; the old and young alike. My two teenage daughters are counting the days down, as if they were still five years old.

With these holidays upon us, I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas.

If you don't have special traditions to celebrate in the coming weeks - maybe you can make this year the beginning of some new ones.

Go make some memories!
Merry CHRISTmas!!!!
Until then....see you around the town.

The Town of Santa Claus

BY: ALFA HUNT

"It was 1852 and the Christmas Eve church service had just concluded in the 'Nameless Town' of Spencer County in Southern Indiana. Since the whole town was present, it was a good time to hold the final town meeting of the year. The small town had been known as the 'Nameless Town' because settlers, who were mostly of German decent, could not decide on a name.

"Everyone was gathered around the pot-bellied stove, including the town's children who were mostly quiet and not participating in the town's meeting. As the frustrating discussion of naming the town continued, a chilly December gust blew open the wooden doors of this small log church, and the adults fell silent as the youngsters came to life.

With a magical scene of snowflakes glistening on black velvet, mysterious sleigh bells were heard through the picture-framing doorway. It was then the children, almost in one, simultaneous voice exclaimed, 'Santa Claus, it's Santa Claus!'

"It was so...one Christmas Eve, over 150 years ago, the little nameless town finally got its name. Santa Claus, Indiana as it is still called to this day." This is how Mark Bulleit, a resident

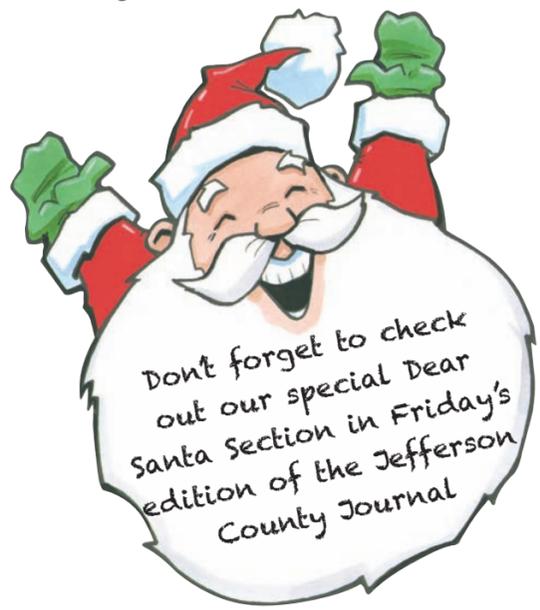
of Santa Claus, IN, explains how his hometown received its name.

The small town has a population of just over 2,000 residents who are immersed in Christmas. From the town's name to the names of the streets, as well as the décor, the holiday spirit is very evident in this town. All the streets and shops have holiday related names and they light up the town with Christmas decorations starting two weeks before Thanksgiving.

Each year around Christmas, hundreds of thousands of letters arrive at the town's post office. This post office handles more mail during the holidays than it does during all the other

months of the year combined. These letters are mostly written with crayons and addressed to only one man: Santa Claus.

The townspeople help to answer the mail and write back to the children. "So, this holiday season when your child or grandchild asks you for a postage stamp so that they can mail their heart-felt message to Santa Claus, you can honestly agree that their letters will most likely find its intended destination..." says Bulleit who also mails thousands of personalized letters from Santa Claus to children worldwide through his website LettersfromSantaClaus.com.



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AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

ROYCE HALL NATIONAL STYLE ICON

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Royce Hall is a resident of Monticello, FL. She just recently participated in the Cotton Inc. 24-Hours of Fashion and was selected as one of the 24 people nationally selected by Style Icons for Cotton, Inc. in association with MTV, E! and Fashion Etc! (Royce Hall is her stage name. Her biological name is Renee Royster.)

The event took place November 17 through 20, in South Beach Miami, FL at the Lincoln Mall. Following her winning confirmation she was presented with contracts and a budget from Cotton Inc. to purchase a second outfit, of which she was allowed to retain, to 'walk' as a Style Icon and model in 24-Hours of Fashion; which has streamed live on MTV.com, online.com and Fashionetc.com.

"Just being chosen one of the 24 is definitely a once in a lifetime opportunity," she adds with true excitement. "My first outfit was a 'runway look'. I wore it in the photo submitted via MTV.com. As a Style Icon, I was awarded a four-day/three-night stay in the luxurious Mondrian Hotel on South Beach... all expenses paid. This was inclusive of travel. Cotton Inc. had me flown to Miami. They gave me spending money and a feature, which included an interview for

a total description behind my style of dress and its influences on MTV.com. Hundreds of individuals submitted photos in an attempt to be chosen as a Style Icon. However, it was my style and sense of fashion which solidified my selection."

Her Cotton Style is described as Rugby/Vintage sheik and... she considers herself as being a trendsetter, not a trend follower. She has loved and enjoys studying the fashions of years past and reviving such items as wool ties and suits, vibrant colors, skinny ties, oxford collar button ups and shoes, shrunken blazers, penny loafers, chuck taylors, varsity cardigans and lettermans, bow ties and most importantly well tailored.

"I believe that with anything in life, if you're going to make a statement, never mumble," she says.

The Cotton Inc. 24-Hours of Fashion was a 24-hour runway show, keeping the participants very busy the entire time. The event was hosted by Giuliana Rancic of E! News and E! Fashion Police.

"The 23 individuals of who embarked on this opportunity with me have also become like a family in such a short time frame," she tells. "As expected, we spent a mass amount of time together and bonded relatively quick. Since the show we've maintained contact with each other as well as with the contact person from Cotton, Inc."



She is a senior at Florida A&M University, majoring in Animal Science/Pre-Vet Medicine and minoring in Music, with emphasis in Jazz Studies and Commercial Music Production. She is owner of Bullhorn Junkies, Inc., a clothing company and owner of Yo! Royce Be Easy Music Publishing (ASCAP)

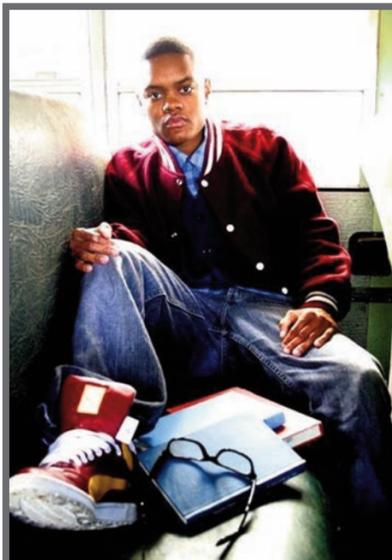
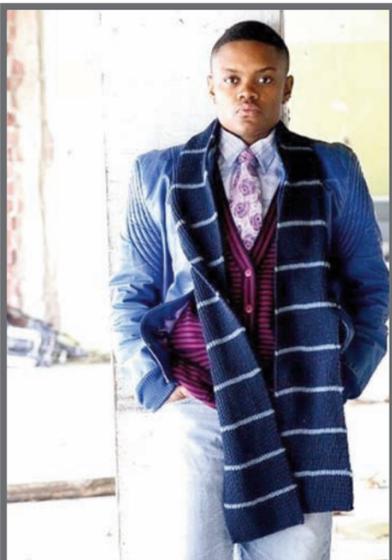
She is a recording artist, currently finalizing her debut album 'ENC 1101: THE YEARBOOK'. She is also a musician with expertise on the clarinet, trumpet, drums, piano, alto sax, acoustic and bass guitar. She recently added acting to her portfolio of crafts and fine arts including, lead role as 'Kameron' in the web series 'Family Life' under Double Vision Productions; which includes acting opportunities with major networks. She is a member of Images Modeling Troupe at FAMU.

Royce is a cast member of Tallahassee Nights Live and three of her songs, 'FTW (On the Dance Floor),' 'F.I.R.E. (Forever Irresistible Rare Energy)' and 'The Superlative (Shooting Star)' have recently reached international radio rotation; debuting in Naples, Italy.

Royce is the daughter of Dr. Vivian 'Judy' Hall Royster and Charles Ellis Royster. She is the niece of Gwen and Diane Hall and Eddie Hall, Al Hall, Eugene Hall and Kenneth Hall. Her grandparents are Emma Lou and Henry Hall and Ruth Lawrence-Hall.

To contact Royce to hear more about her exciting experiences, visit any of her

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AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

Development

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and services, he said.

His definition of economic development, McCoy said, was that it was a collection of actions, policies and procedures by a community with the intent of creating wealth over time.

He listed the four strategies to economic development as being business attraction, business retention, small business development, and tourism, meaning "heads in beds" for the latter.

"Economic development is an ongoing process," McCoy said. "It's about doing a lot of little things right for a long period of time. It's not an event. It's not a single act, nor is it done by a single individual. It can't be switched on and off on a whim. It takes time to build momentum."

He compared a county to a general store, in terms of it producing a product and taking in income. He compared the tax collector to the cashier, the property appraiser to the price

marker, law enforcement to the store security, elected officials to the management, and public education to the human resources and training department.

The job of the EDC was to create jobs, improve the tax base and assist local governments plan for the future, he said. He said EDCs assisted businesses by responding to proposals, helping walk applicants through the permitting process, acting as liaisons to help facilitate the interactions between businesses and governments, and marketing their communities, among other things.

He talked about the economic multiplier of every dollar created in a community. He talked also of the greater returns of agriculture and commercial and industrial developments vis-à-vis residential developments, in terms of the property taxes paid by each of the respective categories versus the

costs to government of providing services to each.

The bottom line: residential developments were large consumers of government services and paid little in return, whereas agricultural, commercial and industrial properties consumed little government services and paid proportionately more in taxes, he said.

In conclusion, McCoy summarized, economic development success required that a community have in place the right properties, in terms of zoning and locations; the necessary incentive programs; and the trained workforce.

Economic development was a dynamic process, he said. It was a communitywide effort. It was a team sport, not a singular endeavor. And the strategies to foster it were unique to every community.

EDC Chairman Ron Cichon followed with an explanation of his organi-

zation's pursuit of a three-pronged approach to economic development. He described the three prongs as working with area economic development organizations, developing and pursuing in-house leads, and working with existing businesses.

He emphasized the extreme competitiveness of the enterprise, as thousands of other communities vied for the same businesses, and the abundance of resources that other communities brought to the table to attract and retain businesses.

"What we're doing here is digging a hole with a spoon, but we're digging," Cichon said. "It's a long distance race."

Economic Development Director Julie Conley lamented that it was difficult to sell a product without knowing what exactly the product was.

"I don't feel we have a focus on what we need to do," Conley said. "We

haven't develop a product so we can attract a particular type of business. We need to decide what it is that we want."

She noted that Jefferson County currently didn't have a good reputation in the development world, given government decisions here in the past relative to other development projects, such as the racetrack.

On the positive side of the score sheet, she noted that the FAMU Small Business Development Center now had a permanent presence in Monticello and should prove beneficial to new and existing local businesses.

Commissioner John Nelson raised the issue of the unfortunate gap that existed between the African-American business community and its White counterpart. He offered that elimination of the gap would better serve the purpose of economic development, and that it was certainly a goal that he was pursuing, seeing

himself as the bridge between the two sides.

Commissioner Hines Boyd pressed his argument for promotion and expansion of small, locally grown enterprises, as opposed to the pursuit of large, but nearly impossible to land big companies, along with the need for the restructuring of the coordinator's office to give it a greater economic development function.

Commissioners Betsy Barfield and Stephen Fulford respectively argued that the Chamber of Commerce and the Planning Commission needed to be brought into the process, as these also had a function in facilitating economic development.

Others who contributed to the discussion included Dick Bailar, Phil Calandra, Corwin Padgett, Frank Blow and Bill Tellefesen.

The two groups agreed to hold another joint workshop in January.

Championship Rings

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At left, "The beginning three years ago." Above, "Three years later, the result."

"I know the boys will be grateful for your businesses generous gift of sponsorship and any donations from the local community, no matter how big or small. We thank you in advance for your help in allowing our boys to remember the year that they achieved a major victory for Jefferson County, winning the State Championship once again and bringing it home after a long 20 years."

Meetings

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meetings have exceeded three hours as a matter of routine, absent any vote to extend the proceeding; and individual discussions have gone well over an hour, often in circular mode.

Boyd acknowledged that he was as guilty as anyone for causing the extended discussions. But he promised to do better in future, and he asked that his colleagues also be mindful of the issue and limit their comments to what was relevant and pertinent.

Commissioner Betsy Barfield agreed that meetings had been getting extremely lengthy. But she noted that the commission had had a great many important issues before it, and it had been addressing and resolving these issues.

She reminded the board that the rules also required that meeting be appropriately advertised, a requirement that wasn't always followed.

"I ask that we respect all the rules," she said, putting emphasis on all.

Commissioner John Nelson said he didn't have a problem with the duration of meetings or discussions per se, so long as they accomplished the business of the people and gave citizens their due process.

"I try to be diligent," Nelson said. "But my concern is that the business of the people be taken care of."

Commissioner Danny Monroe agreed. "Long meetings can get boring," Monroe said. "But if the issue requires it, it is needed. I don't want to make a hurry-up decision at the cost of a right decision."

As it was, Boyd set a goal of completing the meeting on Thursday evening, Dec. 15, by 9 p.m., and he succeeded with five minutes to spare.

Whether brevity will now indeed become the new order of things, however, remains to be seen.

Jobless

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however, the state's jobless rate remains 1.4 percent higher than the U.S. rate, which was 8.6 percent in November.

Florida's unemployment rate has been higher than the national rate since February 2008, the FDEO points out.

The statistics, it must also be pointed out, do not reflect individuals who have given up looking for work for one reason or another or who are underemployed.

Meanwhile, the jobless rates for both Jefferson and Madison counties increased during the month. The FDEO figures show that Jefferson County's jobless rate was 8.8 percent in November, up from 8.4 percent in October; and Madison County's was 12.0 percent, up from 11.7 percent the previous month.

For Jefferson County, the 8.8 percent translates into 580 jobless persons out of a labor force of 6,613, compared with 560 jobless persons out of a labor force of 6,684 in October.

In November 2010, the comparable figures for Jefferson County were 667 jobless persons out of a workforce of

6,721, when the unemployment rate was 9.9 percent.

For Madison County, the 12.0 percent translates into 818 jobless persons out of a labor force of 6,833, compared with 815 jobless persons out of a labor force of 6,962 in October.

In November 2010, the comparable figures for Madison County were 873 jobless persons out of a labor force of 7,099, when the unemployment rate was 12.3 percent.

Per the FDEO, the state's seasonally adjusted total nonagricultural employment was 7,281,700 in November, an increase of 8,500 jobs from October. The FDEO further offers that November was the 14th consecutive month with positive annual job growth for the state, after more than three years of job losses.

"The number of jobs in the state was up 98,100 over the year, an increase of 1.4 percent from November 2010," the FDEO release stated. "The over-the-year growth rates in the past three months were the strongest since March 2007. Nationally, the

number of jobs was up 1.2 percent over the year."

The industries gaining the most jobs included trade, transportation, and utilities, up 35,900 jobs; private education and health services, up 32,700 jobs; leisure and hospitality, up 28,600 jobs; and professional and business services, up 15,800 jobs.

The industries losing the most jobs over the year included government, down 12,300 jobs; information, down 6,000 jobs; construction, down 5,900 jobs; and other services, down 3,900 jobs.

The FDEO attributes part of the job gains to increases in clothing and accessory stores; ambulatory healthcare services; food services and drinking places; and employment services. It attributes part of the job losses to reductions in state government, telecommunications and construction workforces.

Monroe County continued to have the state's lowest unemployment rate at 6.4 percent, followed by Liberty County at 6.6 percent; Okaloosa County at 7.2 percent; Walton County at 7.3 per-

cent; and Wakulla County at 7.6 percent.

Hendry County continued to have the state's highest unemployment rate at 15.1 percent, followed by Flagler County at 14.0 percent; Hernando County at 13.1 percent; Hamilton County at 12.4 percent; and St. Lucie County at 12.3 percent.

The FDEO reports that 32 counties of the state's 67 counties had double-digit unemployment rates in November, down from 34 in October.

Slot Machines

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in the region were allowing their citizens to make the decision, he said.

"If the voters say yes, we can bring slot machines here," Hall said. "It will be a win-win situation and a lot of people will make money."

The commission gave no indication how it stood on the issue, or if it would even consider Hall's request.

Christmas

at Calvary Baptist

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25TH
9:30 A.M.

LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF
DOGWOOD AND MAGNOLIA ST.

FOR UNTO YOU IS BORN THIS DAY IN THE CITY OF DAVID A SAVIOUR, WHICH IS CHRIST THE LORD.
LUKE 2:11

AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

December 22
Winn Dixie will receive a visit from Santa Claus from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, in the front area of the store, across from the cashiers. Bring the children and your cameras. And, don't forget those lists, for shopping and for Santa!

December 22
You may qualify for assistance through the Capital Area Community Action Agency Weatherization Assistance Program. The program reduces heating and cooling costs by improving the energy efficiency of the home. Contact Nellie Thomas at 850-997-5605 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the fourth Thursday for an appointment in the Dills Community area, at the Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church. Contact Pat Hall or Melissa Watson at 850-997-8231 for additional information, and other services currently being offered. This is free to the client.

December 22
AA meetings are held weekly at 8 p.m. on Thursday at the Christ Episcopal Church annex, 425 North Cherry Street. For more information call 850-997-2129 or 850-997-1955.

December 23
Monticello Jamboree begins at 7 p.m. every Friday evening at 625 South Water Street, just three blocks north of the American Legion Otto Walker Post 49. For questions or concerns contact Curtis Morgan at 850-933-8136 or Bobby Connell at 850-445-0049. There are doorprizes, cold soft drinks and snacks.

December 26
Alzheimer's and Dementia

Support Group is held 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the fourth Monday of every month at First United Methodist Church in the Family Ministry Center on West Walnut Street in Monticello. A light lunch will be served. This is a free monthly program. Call the Alzheimer's Project at 850-386-2778 for more information or 850-997-5545 for directions.

December 26
Martin Luther King Community Center meets 6 p.m. on the last Monday of each month at the MLK Center. Contact Charles Parrish at 850-997-3760 for more information.

December 26
Al-Anon meetings are held at 8 p.m. every Monday at the Anglican Church, 124 Jefferson Avenue in Thomasville, GA. For information go to www.al-anon.alateen.org

December 26
AA women's meetings are held on Mondays at 6:45 p.m.; AA meetings follow at 8 p.m., at the Christ Episcopal Church Annex, 425 North Cherry Street. For more information, call 850-997-2129 or 850-997-1955.

December 27
AA classes are held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. for those seeking help. The classes are held at the Harvest Christian Center, 1599 Springhollow Road. Contact Marvin Graham, pastor, at 850-212-7669 for more information.

December 28
Monticello Kiwanis Club meets every Wednesday at noon at the Jefferson Country Club on the Boston Highway for lunch, a program and a meeting. Contact Presi-

dent Rob Beshears at 850-997-5054 for more information.

January 1
VFW Post 251 meets 5 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month at the Learning Center on Marvin Street for a meeting. Contact Commander Ned Hill at 850-339-5524 for more information.

January 2
VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post 251 meets 6:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month at Memorial MB Church. Contact President Mary Madison at 850-210-7090 for more information.

January 2
Sons Of The American Legion (SAL) meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month in the Otto Walker Post 49 on South Water Street in Monticello. For more information contact District III Commander Buddy Westbrook at 850-997-2973.

January 3
Monticello Woman's Club meets on the first Tuesday of every month at noon at the clubhouse on East Pearl Street for lunch and a meeting. Contact Club President Ethel Strickland at 850-997-3382 for more information.

January 3
Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting is held at noon on the first Tuesday of each month. The meeting includes lunch and a program. For more information visit the Chamber Website at monticellojeffersonfl.com or call 850-997-5552. Lunch will be provided by Covenant Hospice in recognition of National Hospice Month.

January 3, 19

Jefferson County Lions Club meets at 1 p.m. on the first Tuesday and at 5 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at the Rare Door Restaurant, in the meeting room on North Cherry Street. For more information contact Lion Debbie at 850-997-0901, leave a message.

January 4
Jefferson Arts Gallery business meeting is held on the first Wednesday of the month from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., in the gallery at 575 West Washington Street in downtown Monticello. (No meeting in August) Become a member! Get involved! Be there!

January 5
You may qualify for assistance through the Capital Area Community Action Agency Weatherization Assistance Program. The program reduces heating and cooling costs by improving the energy efficiency of the home. Contact Annette Wilson at 850-997-4104 for an appointment from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the first Thursday at Union Hill AME Church. Homes in Jefferson County are needed for weatherization. Or, contact Pat Hall or Melissa Watson at 850-997-8231 for additional information, and other services currently being offered. This is free to the client.

January 6
Ashville Area Volunteer Fire Department meets 6:30 p.m. on the first Friday of each month at the fire station. Contact John Staffieri at 850-997-6807 for more details.

January 6
Rotary meets at 12 p.m. on Friday at the First Presbyterian Church in the fel-

lowship hall for lunch and a meeting with a program and speaker. Contact President John Lilly at 850-342-0187 for more information.

January 7
Dixie Community Center in historical Dixie, GA is open on the first and third Saturday nights for an evening of music and dancing with live local bands. Free line dance classes begin at 5:30 p.m. with the fun to follow at 7 p.m. For more information contact Kenneth Price at 1-229-263-7231.

January 8
Camellia Garden Circle meets on the second Sunday at 2 p.m. Participants are asked to bring goodies to share. For more information contact Chairman Jane Davis at 850-997-4320 or jkdeercrossing@aol.com

January 9
Big Bend Horseman's Club meets at 7 p.m. on the second Monday at Green Industries Institute for a brief program and meeting. This is an open horse club for all breeds. Everyone is welcome. Go to www.bigbendhorse.com for more information.

January 9
The Palmer Place book club will meet on Monday at The Palmer Place; the book will be 'The Widower's Tale' by Julia Glass. The evening will begin at 6 p.m. For questions call Abi Vandervest at 850-997-4607 or email to douwahnadance@yahoo.com

January 10
American Legion Post 49 meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month for a business meeting and program at the Otto Walker Post on South Water Street. Contact Adjutant Ron Slik at 850-997-8103 for more information.

January 12
Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation Board will meet at 11:30 a.m. on the second Thursday of the month in the Jefferson County Extension Office conference room. Dorothy P. Lewis, secretary/treasurer, reports the meeting is open to the public.

January 12
Business Community Prayer Breakfast will be held at 7 a.m. on Thursday at Memorial Missionary Baptist Church. Speaker will be JCMHS Coach Jeremy Brown. Bring a non-perishable food item for the community food pantry. Come and bring a friend. Serving begins at 6:45 a.m. The program will conclude at 8 a.m. If you have names for the prayer list, email them to Coordinator L. Gary Wright at lgwright39@embarqmail.com or call 850-997-5705 or 850-933-5567 for more information. This fellowship and promotion of Christian values continues because of your participation. Bobby Brown will be guest speaker to the February 2 meeting at the Jefferson Country Club on the Boston Highway.

++ Obituary ++

DOUGLAS PETERS

Douglas Leonard Peters, age 63, former owner and operator of Peters Lawn and Garden Service passed away on Sunday, December 18, 2011 in Monticello, Florida.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, December 21, 2011, at the Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church, 3093 South Jefferson Street, Monticello, Florida 32344 at 10 a.m. Interment will follow the service at the Corinth Free Will Baptist Church Cemetery, 2483 Ash Crossing Road, Iron City, Georgia 39859.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Wounded Warriors, 4899 Belford Road, Suite 300, Jacksonville, Florida 32256.

Mr. Peters was a native of Hoboken, New Jersey and had lived in Tallahassee and Melbourne, Florida and Brundidge, Alabama before moving to Monticello in 1958. He served his country in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a member of the Patriot Guard and a member of the Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church in Monticello.

He is survived by his wife Sharon Peters of Monticello; one son Mathew H. (Robyn) Peters of Tallahassee; mother Lois Peters of Monticello; two brothers Lee (Jan) Peters of Havana, Florida and Bill (Tracy) Peters of Alligator Point, Florida; one sister Christine (Dean) Brady of Colbert, Georgia; and two granddaughters Haley Madison and Savannah Reese Peters.

He is preceded in death by his father Bernard Lamar Peters.

Beggs Funeral Home Monticello Chapel is handling the arrangements for the family. P.O. Box 485, 485 East Dogwood Street, Monticello, Florida 32345, 850-997-5612 and beggsschmonticello@embarqmail.com

NOTICE

The Gerry Medical Clinic, located at 555 North Jefferson Street, Monticello, Florida, will close effective January 15, 2012. Patients may request copies of medical records prior to this date by calling the office Monday through Friday during normal business hours at 850-997-2511. After this date, they may obtain their records from John D. Archbold Memorial Hospital, Medical Records, 900 Cairo Road, Thomasville Georgia, 31792 or call 229-227-5050.

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Buying New Electronics This Season? Don't Trash The Old Ones!

By Steve Skurnac

Electronics are once again dominating holiday shopping lists this season. In fact, analysts with the Consumer Electronics Association predict shoppers will spend six percent more on electronics this year compared to last – or about \$250 per consumer. And for every new laptop, tablet, phone, TV, gaming system and scores of other gadgets, an outdated device likely will be replaced. For those old electronics, the question is, “Now what?”

First off, do not throw replaced electronics in the trash. Electronic devices are comprised of a range of toxic components that can be harmful to human health and the environment if discarded in the same waste stream as the

rest of your household garbage. Trashed electronics, or “e-waste,” contain heavy metals such as lead, mercury and cadmium, which can leach out of landfills and into groundwater or nearby waterways. The good news is that there are several alternatives for disposing of your e-waste, including reuse and recycling.

One ideal method that is in keeping with the holiday spirit is to find a local community electronics recycling fund-raiser to properly dispose of your outdated electronics while helping to raise funds for a local organization. With the current economic climate most nonprofits, schools and other organizations are experiencing harder times. Not only

will recycling benefit an organization in need, but the environment as well by diverting the e-waste from the landfill. Visit us.simsrecycling.com/events or contact your favorite nonprofit or other charitable organization to find an event near you.

Another option is to look into electronics take-back programs. Many electronics retailers, like Best Buy or Staples, will accept your e-waste for free or a small handling fee, regardless of brand or condition. Several manufacturers, too, will take back retired products, although these take-back programs vary in terms of fees and conditions. A quick internet search of your local electronics retailer or manufacturers' recycling policy will provide instructions for their take-back process.

Many cities' waste management divisions also have electronics recycling programs, though opportunities differ in size and scope. Some municipalities have designated e-waste collection sites, while others might host periodic events to collect e-waste. Typically municipalities contract with third-party e-waste recyclers that process the collected material on behalf of the city. Check your city's website to learn about opportunities to drop off your e-waste or have it collected.

Finally, consumers should look to see if e-waste recycling companies, such as those that contract with cities, have a facility nearby. These companies usually contract with organizations and businesses to handle large volumes of e-waste, but many welcome materials directly from individuals. Depending on the company, some accept electronics at their local facility at any time, some have designated days for public drop-off and others host periodic collection events with local partners.

Unfortunately, however, there are some bad seeds in the e-waste recycling industry. Individuals, municipalities and businesses should take several important steps before selecting a recycler, thereby ensuring their e-waste is properly managed. For example, make sure the recycler is either Responsible Recycler (R2) or e-Stewards certified, which is one indicator that the recycler is adhering to environmental best practices. Also, even if you think your electronic device has been cleared of personal data, be sure the recycler offers data destruction compliant with the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to make certain all data is wiped clean.

Lastly, ask with whom a recycler does business. Some recyclers don't actually handle the recycling of equipment and only collect the material for recycling. Not knowing exactly where your electronics are being recycled could put you—and the environment—at risk. The best recyclers are those that “own the lifecycle,” offering a complete range of remarketing and recycling services internally, thereby eliminating reliance on subcontractors, and thus improving accountability and security.

This holiday season when you are making room for your new electronic devices, remember there are plenty of homes

for your old ones, but the garbage is not one of them.

Steve Skurnac is the president of Sims Recycling Solutions (SRS), the global leader in electronics reuse and recycling. SRS operates 50 sites all over the world, including

14 facilities across the U.S. and Canada. To find the location nearest you, visit us.simsrecycling.com.

Kiwanis Florida Dignitaries Make Visit



Monticello Kiwanis received a visit from Kiwanis Lieutenant Governor Tommie Mills, left, and Kiwanis Florida District Governor Eddie Lee, center, on Wednesday Dec. 14, 2011. Pictured here with Monticello Club President Rob Beshears, right. The official visit was to update the membership about Kiwanis events throughout the state.

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Cassandra Shultz New Veterinarian At Animal Medical

FRAN HUNT
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Staff Writer

Cassandra Shultz, 26, originally from North Carolina, became a new veterinarian October 10 at Animal Medical Clinic. She replaces Dr. Peterson.

She works fulltime with dogs, cats and farm animals.

Shultz graduated from North Carolina State University in May 2011 after studying four years of undergraduate school and four years of veterinary school.

Shultz said that a good bit of her time, since coming to Monticello, is meeting the clients and trying to shadow Dr. Davis on some of his calls.

On the average day, she can see as many as 10-15 appointments, depending greatly on the days.

"I do emergency calls and as time goes on, I get even more appoint-

ments," said Shultz. "Now I work full days and having a third veterinarian on hand, lightens the load of the others. In the mornings we conduct surgeries. I have done a good share of those already for both dogs and cats, mainly spaying and neutering.

"I had one cat brought in on an emergency call that was hit by a car. The cat's back was crushed and I had to put him down. I had one dog that was attacked by a wild hog and took a tusk to the abdomen. I was able to save him," she said. "A lot of what we do is providing comfort to both the owner and the animal."

So, if a veterinarian is an animal lover such as Shultz, how can they emotionally stand to actually euthanize an animal? "Our job is to do the best we can to give the animal freedom from the pain if nothing can be done to

save them.

"A lot of what we do is showing compassion for the animals, but also for the people," said Shultz.

"A small town practice like Animal Medical is where I wanted to be after I graduated," said Shultz. "I came from a small town and a small town practice provides more for the community. I like it here. I moved to Monticello and I love it. I haven't met anyone yet that I don't like. Everybody has been very hospitable and welcoming; not just my co-workers, but the entire community.

She explained how the veterinarians on call at Animal Medical work together to always be available to those in the community in case of an emergency.

"We are on call for one full week, then between the three veterinarians, we rotate the shift so

after we work on call for a week, we are off call for the following two weeks and then back on call again for a week," she said. "Some of the calls we can talk the pet owner through what is going on and instruct them what to do at home and then have the owner bring them to the office the following morning so we can examine the animal.

"Some nights we may only have one or two calls, some nights there will be no calls and then some nights, there may be four or five calls," Shultz added. "Some weeks can be quieter than others and some weeks can be absolutely crazy.

"I would not think of leaving here," she said. "Dr. Davis and Dr. Baxley have been great mentors, they are the best. And I still have a lot to learn. All in all, it's been a fantastic fit for me here," Shultz concluded.



ECB Publishing photo by Fran Hunt, December 12, 2011
The new veterinarian at Animal Medical Clinic, Cassandra Shultz, examines little Annabelle, a female Chihuahua she spayed earlier in the day.

Monticello Historic District



Anne Holt
MainStreet
Project Manager

The 'Monticello Historic District' signs are up on Interstate 10 at US 19, both east and west. They are BIG and HARD TO MISS... and that's the best thing about them. These signs will encourage travelers to pull off the highway and investigate our beautiful town.

It took only fourteen short weeks for Florida Department Of Transportation to design, create and erect these signs for Monticello. In contrast, one commissioner in Milton, Florida spent ten years writing letters and telephoning, asking over and over before their signs finally materialized.

The speed of getting

our signs in place is a demonstration of the power of joint action by the civic leaders of Monticello and Jefferson County. Once we found out the correct person to contact at FDOT, Monticello and Jefferson County leaders enthusiastically supported the request and lost no time writing letters. Their co-

operative efforts made all the difference.

Special thanks go to Kirk Reams, Jefferson County Clerk of Courts, Emily Anderson, City of Monticello Clerk, Roy Schleicher, Jefferson County Coordinator, Gordon Dean, Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce, Julie Conley, County

Economic Development Director, Nancy Wideman, County Tourist Development Council Coordinator and everyone else who joined Main Street Monticello Florida in writing letters and sending them so they were all received by the Florida Department of Transportation the week of September 2, 2011.

DHSMV Warns Customers About Unnecessary Fees

Don't let deceptive websites dupe you!

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles has issued a warning to its customers about deceptive websites that lure people into paying a fee to access DHSMV's online motorist services. The official-looking websites require their customers to pay a surcharge for their assistance. DHSMV does not require a surcharge for any of its websites — www.GoRenew.com and www.flhsmv.gov and others. The Department posts fees on www.flhsmv.gov.

The way the scheme works is quite simple: the owners or creators of the misleading websites have paid a fee to search engine companies to ensure their links are at the top of the webpage when Internet users search for DHSMV's online services website, www.GoRenew.com. When customers go to the websites, they are asked for a name, contact information and credit card information, and then are charged just to get to DHSMV's websites.

"To say the websites are misleading is an understatement," said DHSMV Executive Director Julie Jones.

"They provide small disclaimers that state they are not affiliated with the Department and then proceed to charge customers anywhere from \$25 to \$50. It is an unbelievable racket."

DHSMV officials say they are disappointed and disgusted that any entity would attempt such a scheme. However, the websites add a disclaimer that they are not affiliated with the Department or government of any kind, so what they are doing technically is legal.

"The Department wants to arm our customers with information about these illusive websites so they are not duped into paying unnecessary fees of any kind," Jones added. "The websites are legal, but unethical."

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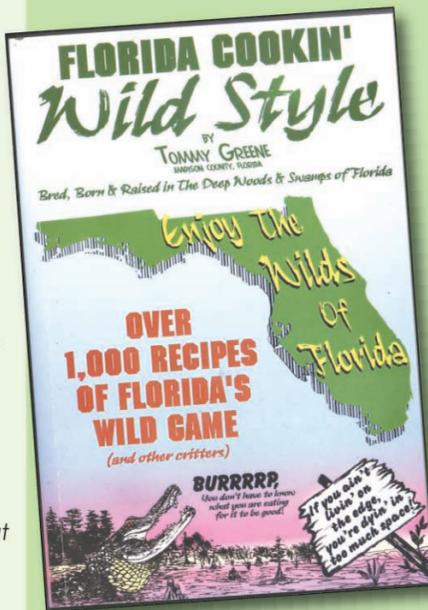
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SOFT STORY

by Lloyd Monroe

"I will ... put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh." Ezekiel 35:26
"The Word became flesh..." John 1:14

Team Christ the Shepherd (Alpharetta GA) wasn't quite sure how Jim Thompson would fit in with its November 2011 team to Panajachel. Even his wife, Laura, a member of the previous year's team, had her doubts. Jim was a crusty combination of 1) paper mill design expert (engi-

neer); 2) Georgia State Defense Force member; 3) conservative newspaper columnist; and 4) Lutheran! How would he handle the poverty he'd see in the indigent villages as well as the hippies and free spirits he'd encounter in Panajachel, the #4 hippie travel destination worldwide (per toptenz.com)?

WELL, IN JIM'S OWN WORDS (FROM LAST MONTH*):

"Last Thursday, almost a week to the hour before our annual Thanksgiving dinner, I was sitting outside, bowing in prayer, for a Thanksgiving meal

blessing. At a home-made table, surrounded by my wife, colleagues and strangers, I wept. The meal had been prepared by Narcisa, a Mayan woman ...in a corrugated steel shack over a wood fire. It consisted of chicken in a reddish-orange broth and was accompanied by some homemade dough, much like dumplings; and to drink we had Pepsi-Cola. This meal probably cost Narcisa's family most of a week's wages and was served with a big smile of gratitude -- hence for anyone with a tiny bit of softness in their hearts, a few tears for garnish. I made sure I ate two bowls for this proud woman...." (emphasis added).



Narcisa's family and their old house.

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In short, Jim softened. God works like that; He more often gently touches our hearts and minds (when they are soft and open to new people, new experiences and even new risks) rather than knocking us down, hard-hearted and all, like Saul as we trudge along on whatever Damascus Road we're headed down.

Likewise, the Messiah came in the soft form of a helpless infant, born in the hum-

blest possible circumstances. This was a complete surprise (as was later his radical message of love, sacrifice and service) to most everyone, especially to the religious establishment of Jesus' day. They never softened, they never considered they might change, they never accepted Him.

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Jim (right) with team co-leader Jimmy.

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* Jim's entire Times Gazette (Hillsboro OH) article is available: <http://www.timesgazette.com/main.asp?SectionID=1&SubSectionID=382&ArticleID=182307>

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2nd Sunday Youth.....11:00 AM
4th Sunday Service.....8:00 PM
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and Bible Study.....7:00 PM

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Bro. Art Beal, Interim Pastor

Sunday Bible Study.....10:00 AM
Sunday Worship.....11:00 AM
Sunday Evening.....6:00 PM
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Bible & Prayer Meeting.....7:00 PM

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Sunday School.....9:45 AM
Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 AM
Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Study.....6:30 PM
Children's Church - Ages 4-6...11:30 AM
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625 Tindell Road • Aucilla • 997-2081
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Sunday School.....9:45 AM
Sunday Worship Service.....11:00 AM
Choir Practice.....5:00 PM
Worship Service.....6:00 PM
Wednesday
Fellowship Meal.....6:30 PM
Prayer Meeting/Bible Study.....7:00 PM

CHURCH

CHURCH CALENDAR

From The Pastor's Desk

ELDER/PASTOR HERBERT R. THOMAS, SR. "TRAVELIN' SHOES"

A gracious word of thank you from Pastor Herbert R. Thomas, Sr., Rev. Catherine L. Thomas and the Welaunee Missionary Baptist Church family to Pastor JW Tisdale and the St. Phillip AME Church family for the service you rendered closing out my Pastor's Anniversary on the fourth Sunday morning in November. What an awesome word... "St. Luke 5:4-6 at God's Word."

Also, thanks to everyone who purchased ads for the souvenir book. Thank you all so much. God bless and keep you, is my prayer. Your humble servant.

DECEMBER 21-23
First Corinthian Church will hold its Winter Revival at 7 p.m. Wednesday through Friday at 955 Lemon Street in Monticello. For more information on how you can be involved, contact Rev. John Jones, pastor, at 850-445-0076.

DECEMBER 22
Bible Study every Thursday at the Lloyd Woman's Club at 7 p.m. Join with Elder Linda Ross for an evening of Christian faith. For more information contact her at 850-322-3424.

DECEMBER 23
Tent of the Holy Guests offers prayer for the sick and a special scripture message every Friday at 7:30 p.m. The Tent is located at 295 West Palmer Mill in Monticello.

DECEMBER 24
Christmas Eve Service at the Christ Episcopal Church beginning at 10 p.m. on Saturday evening. Enjoy a special service and special music. Guest Priest Pastor Teri Monica invites the community to join with the church family in celebrating the birth of Christ. There

will be no Sunday Church Service on December 25.

DECEMBER 25
New Bethel AME Church will hold its Sunday Morning Worship Service at 8 a.m. (only) on Christmas Morning. Rev. Jimmie F. Dickey, pastor.

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JANUARY 8
Sunday of Silence will be

held from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. every second Sunday of each month at One Heart Earth Center. It's a non-denominational time of stillness and reflection. A vegetarian lunch is offered at noon; served and eaten in silence. Gentle Hatha Yoga will begin at 10 a.m. with instructor Joy Moore. Mats are provided. OHEC is located at 450 West Madison Street in downtown Monticello and is a non-profit 501c3 public charity. Donations appreciated and are tax deductible. For more in-

formation contact Sallie Worley at oneheartearthcenter@embarqmail.com or 850-997-7373.

JANUARY 27, 28
Second Harvest Food Program, together with the churches of New Bethel AME, Elizabeth MB, Hickory Hill MB, Mt. Pleasant AME and Philadelphia MB, will provide food to anyone needing assistance including the needy, infants and the elderly. This is done monthly with distribution from 9 to 10 a.m. usually on the fourth Saturday at the New Bethel AME Church located at 6496 Ashville Highway. Volunteers are also welcome to come on Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. to help bag the food packages. Contact Nellie Randall at 850-997-5605 or 850-997-6929 to volunteer or for more information about this program.

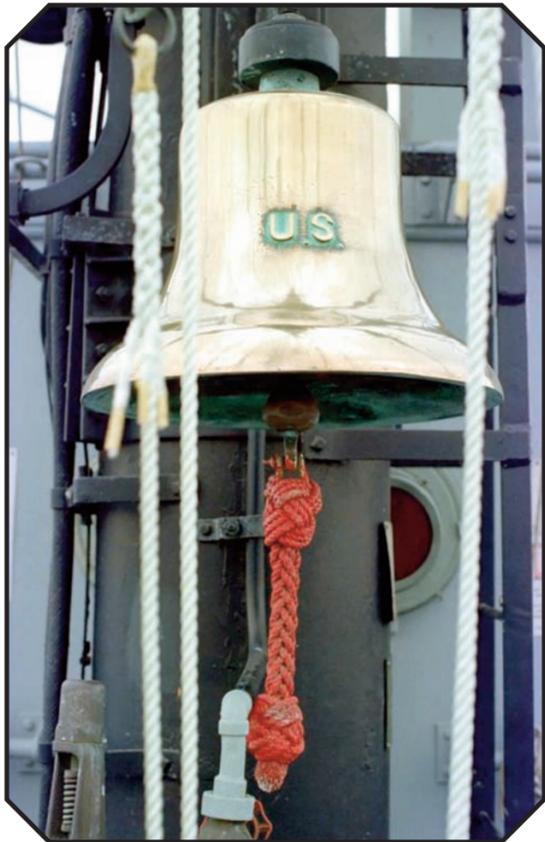
We Remember Tribute

Each person honored on the Big Bend Hospice Tree of Remembrance in any of the 26 locations throughout eight counties, will be honored at a special 'We Remember Tribute' on Sunday, January 8, at Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Boulevard in Tallahassee starting at 2 p.m.

One by one each name will be read aloud and a bell, from the 'USS Constant' Navy Minesweeper from the 1950's to early 1990's, will be tolled in honor of each life.

"The impact one life has had on another is immeasurable," said Pam Wilson, BBH Foundation executive director. "This Tribute honors those connections. There is such power and presence in a name. To hear a beloved name spoken and this historic bell toll in a loved ones honor is an amazing experience."

There will be musical performances from the BBH Choir and the haunting sound of bagpipes provided by Joe Ashcraft of



BBH bell to toll.

the Tallahassee Pipe Band, as well as words of hope and comfort.

A reception will be held immediately following the Tribute. For those who cannot attend, you can watch the event on the BBH Website www.bigbendhospice.org where it will be streamed live. It will also be posted later as a video on the website for family and friends to view.

"We realize how important it is to continue to cherish those who are no longer here. By calling their name and honoring their memory it makes our loved ones a part of the present," continued Wilson. "There is no greater tribute than to remember the joy and blessings a loved one has been to us in life and continues to bring us in memory even after death. This Tribute service seems like a fitting way to conclude the Tree of Remembrance season and begin a new year."

For more information about the Tribute Service contact Connie Palmer at 850-878-5310.

JEFFERSON COUNTY UNION NUMBER ONE

Rev. Ben Ransom, Jr., president
Elder Herbert R. Thomas, Sr., program committee chairman

We want to first thank God. A special thanks to every church, pastor, business, person, choir and everyone who took a part in blessing and contributing to the Holy Ghost Revival Center Benefit Program on Saturday, December 3, 2011.

Without you this program would not have been successful. Again, thank you so very much for showing your love. God's servants at work.

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Sunday Evening.....6:30 PM
Wednesday Evening.....7:00 PM
Wed. TRAC Club for teens.....7:00 PM

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415 E Palmer Mill Rd • Monticello • 997-1119
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3rd Sunday Holy Communion
Wednesday Evenings
Prayer Meeting.....6:30 P.M.
Bible Study.....7:00 P.M.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

290 East Dogwood Street • Monticello • 850-997-2252

Interim Pastors

Sunday School.....9:45 AM
Sunday Worship(except last Sunday of month)..11:00 AM
SonShine Worship(last Sunday of month).....9:00 AM
Adult Bible Study-Wednesday.....6:30-7:30 PM
Men's Breakfast.....2nd Saturday 8:00 a.m.

Send In Your 2012 Events

Email your 2012 church calendar activities now to debbiesnapp@embarqmail.com
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Wednesday Worship.....7:00 PM

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Prayer Meeting.....7:45 PM

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AA on Tuesday.....8:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Study.....7:00 PM
Wed. Young People Bible Study.....7:00 PM
Wed. Counseling.....5:30 PM-8:30 PM
Thurs. Jail Ministry.....7:00 PM-9:00 PM

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Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00pm
Wed. Bible Study and Choir Practice...6:00pm

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JOY Club (just older youth 50+).....6:00pm

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Pastor Wayne Cook 997-5545

Sunday Praise & Worship.....8:30 AM
Sunday School.....9:30 AM
Traditional Worship.....11:00 AM
Youth Group.....5:30 PM

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

Bible Study.....4:15
Musical Academy.....5:00
Prayer Group.....5:15
Fellowship Meal.....6:00
Chancel Choir Practice.....6:30

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Sunday Worship.....11:00 AM
Tuesday nights basic english classes
w/Gloria Norton at 7:00

Wednesday
Prayer & Bible Study.....7:00 PM

ST. RILLA MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

13 Barrington Road • Monticello • 850-997-8747

Rev. James Mack, Pastor

Sunday School.....(Every Sunday)...9:45 AM
Morning Worship.....(1st & 3rd Sundays)11:00 AM
Bible Study/Prayer Meeting-
(Thursday before 1st & 3rd sunday)..... 7:30 PM.

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Wednesday.....7:00 PM
Praise & Worship
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Young Explorers (K-5th Grade)

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Sunday Worship.....11:00 AM
Youth Group.....7:00 PM
Wednesday
Choir Practice.....7:00 PM
Youth Group.....7:00 PM
Family Fellowship
2nd Thursday of each month
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8:00 AM-12:00 PM

SCHOOL & EDUCATION

Altrusa Boards The Polar Express



ECB Publishing Inc., Photo By Debbie Snapp, Dec. 15, 2011.

Altrusa members ride the 'Polar Express' with students at the Jefferson Elementary School by reading a Christmas story and sharing fun and laughs. Pictured here from left to right are: Julia McBee, Jane Vollertsen, Christina Newell, Janis Jackson, Carolyn Milligan, Marianne Arbulu and Pat Cichon.

Julia McBee

Altrusa members got on board the 'Polar Express' on Thursday morning December 15 at Jefferson Elementary School. It was the most exciting experience for these ladies, to read Christmas stories in classrooms filled with eager students; all smiling and wearing their pajamas and truly enjoying a story read by an Altrusa Lady.

My thanks to Altrusa Ladies: Pat Cichon, Christina Newell, Jane Vollertsen, Janis Jackson, Carolyn Milligan and Marianne Arbulu.

Upon arrival to JES we were given a Christmas bag with a book inside and a teacher's name and classroom number. Each of us went our separate ways and read a Christmas story to our given class.

It was such a wonderful feeling to see the joy and happiness on the children's face. They were so excited to have visitors reading to them and interacting with their questions about: how the 'Polar Express' could just pull up to a little boy's home and how he could just get on the train and ride away to the North

Pole... just to see Santa.

How indeed... we all wondered. Could the 'Polar Express' show up in Monticello? And, could all the children just get aboard and go see Santa? Could one of them be the one that Santa would choose to pick out the first gift of Christmas; like the little boy in the story, who chose the bell that had the sweet sound that only little ones could hear?

So, to all of Monticello, we wish you a Very Merry Christmas and we hope all of you will hear the sweet sound of a special bell ringing in the Best Christmas Ever!

NFCC Graduates For Fall Term 2011



Marianne Arbulu of Jefferson County gives the commencement address during NFCC's 2011 Commencement Ceremony on Dec. 15 at Van H. Priest Auditorium. Arbulu is a member of the Jefferson County District School Board.

North Florida Community College recently held its Graduation Ceremony in honor of 139 students who were awarded degrees or certificates, at the conclusion of NFCC's Fall Term 2011.

NFCC's Fall Term 2011 Jefferson County graduates are:

Thomas R. Holman of Lamont, Criminal Justice Law Enforcement Recruit (Certificate); Sherika LaTrice Austin of Monticello, Crossover Corrections to Law Enforcement (Certificate); Alison Flynt of Monticello, Associate in Science Degree / Registered Nurs-

ing; Marsha Nicole Kismore of Monticello, Associate in Arts Degree (A.A. Degree); Tameka Massey of Monticello, Associate in Arts Degree (A.A. Degree); and Tristan Erica Sorensen of Monticello, Associate in Science Degree / Registered Nursing.

North Florida Community College Announces Dean's Honor Roll

Forty-five North Florida Community College students have been named to the Dean's Honor Roll at the conclusion of NFCC's Fall Term 2011. The Dean's Honor Roll recognizes outstanding academic achievement at the completion of each semester. Inclusion on the

list is awarded to all full-time students who, during fall term, have earned a grade point average of 3.50 to 3.79 on course work of at least 12 hours.

Four Jefferson County students were among those recognized for academic achievement and named to the Dean's

Honor Roll for Fall Term 2011. They are:

- Darryl Callier
Monticello, FL
- Michael C. Christy
Monticello, FL
- Erin M. Kelly
Monticello, FL
- Sara D. Macdonald
Monticello, FL

NFCC Announces President's Honor Roll

Twenty-Nine North Florida Community College students have been named to the President's Honor Roll at the conclusion of NFCC's Fall Term 2011. The President's Honor Roll recognizes outstanding academic achievement at the completion of each semester. Inclusion on the list is awarded to all full-time students who, during summer term, have earned a grade point average of 3.8 to 4.0 on course work of at least 12 hours.

Four Jefferson County students were among those recognized for academic achievement and named to the President's Honor Roll for Fall Term 2011. They are: Cortni T. Baez Pridgeon, Cody R. Bell, Jennifer M. McNeill and John W. Stephens, all of Monticello.

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SCHOOL & EDUCATION

Christmas Party Honors Band Directors

The Jefferson County High School Class of the 80's will celebrate its 3rd annual Christmas Party on Sunday evening December 25 at the Monticello Opera House. The doors will open at 7 p.m. and the program will begin at 8 p.m.

"They said that the Christmas party was missing something," says Derrick Farmer, owner of DFE Event Planning Service and event chairman for the Class of the 80's reunion. "They wanted to honor some of the former teachers and staff and we chose to honor the band directors," he continued.

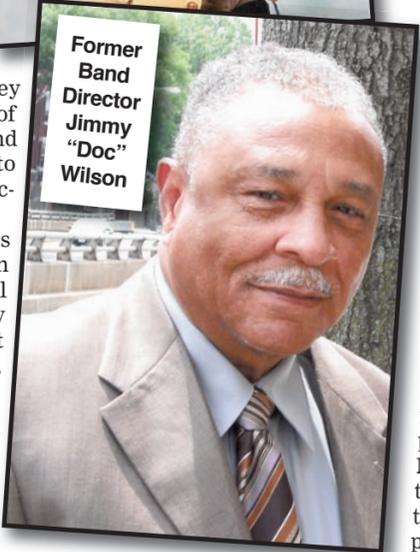
Band Directors Jimmy "Doc" Wilson and Nathan Wilson will be the honorees. They were band directors at Jefferson High, Howard Middle and Jefferson Elementary.

Doc Wilson spent his teaching career in the Jefferson County School System. He's been married to Mae Eva Wilson for 35 year. They have a daughter. He is a graduate of Alabama State and earned his Master's degree at Florida State University. During his time at JCHS in the 70's and 80's, the band was modeled after the FAMU Marching 100. In fact, the high school half-time show was the highlight of football games for years! After the football games students and fans would follow the band members back to the band hall. For years the band performed all over the state of Florida. The band adopted the name 'Jefferson Marching 90'. In 1985, Wilson was transferred to Howard Middle School and later retired from JES after 43 years of dedicated service.

Nathan Wilson has been in the field of Education for 45 years. He continues to teach as an ESE teacher at Thomasville Central. He has been married to Mazie Wilson for 38 years. They have two children. He is a graduate of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, where he was a member of the Marching 100. He was band director for most of his career at Howard Middle School and was a band director for 35 years in the Jefferson County School System. He was known as a great teacher



Former Band Director Nathan Wilson



Former Band Director Jimmy "Doc" Wilson

and could play every instrument in the band. He is multi-talented and has the ability to teach students to appreciate music and the instruments they play. During his years at the high school, the band was often invited to play across the country... including a trip to New Orleans. He retired from teaching band in Jefferson County after 35 years of service.

Both band directors have been invited to bring old pictures and articles of former band students and performances. The Christmas Program will include a special opportunity for all former band members to stand

and give their appreciation to these band directors. Plan to attend in a timely manner so as to speak to the band directors and show your appreciation.

Special invited speaker for this holiday event is Dr. Pink Hightower Jr. He is married to Dr. Pam Hightower; they have two boys. This speaker worked for 30 years in the Jefferson County School System. He started teaching at Jefferson Elementary School in 1971 as a Physical Education teacher and was later promoted to assistant principal at the Jefferson County High School; a position he held for five years. He was later promoted to principal of Howard Middle School, then he left for the position of principal at Richards High School in Tallahassee, FL. He retired, only to be called out of retirement, to become an adjunct professor at FAMU. He is now the director of personnel for the Gadsden County School System.

The mistress of ceremony will be Sandra Saunders, who is currently a Jefferson County School Board Member. She is owner of "Voice by San" a professional speaking service. She has one daughter and is available to speak at programs and events throughout Jefferson and Leon counties.

Recognition of the classes of the 1980s will follow the honoring of the band directors. The

party will be a night of fun and dancing. DJ for the event will be Dr. CEE of the Shriner's Club and the Top Flight Club of Tallahassee.

The Class of the 80's celebration is open to everyone 30 years and older. This is an adult affair and guests may dress from casual to semi-formal but no tennis shoes please! Pictures will be taken by Kerrick of High Expectations Photography, 850-524-6780. The event will include food, drinks and alcohol. Alcohol will be provided free

and no outside drinks will be allowed inside or outside the premises. Security will be provided. The affair will be catered by Quentin of Big Boy and Big Girl Catering of Tallahassee, 850-508-0803 and the tentative menu will include wings, meatballs, baked ziti, tuna and crackers, a fruit and vegetable tray and salad with drinks.

The cost of this event is \$20 a ticket. Advanced tickets may be purchased from the following classmates: Angela (Williams) Lewis;

Leman Ulee, 850-274-6268; Althea Johnson, 850-933-2012; Corinne Broxie 850-212-0225; and Barbara Farmer 850-519-6253. Tickets will be higher at the door. This event is expected to be a sell-out and tickets should be purchased in advance to guarantee admission. A portion of the Class of the 80's Christmas Party funds will be donated to the Jefferson County Middle High School. For questions and comments contact Derrick Farmer at DFE Events 850-980-2726.

Read, Reuse, Recycle

RECYCLING

The Jefferson County Recycling Program accepts the following items for recycling:

All glass bottles, jars etc. (clear, brown & green)

All plastic bottles - soda bottles (any size), milk jugs, water bottles, laundry detergent bottles, etc.

All type cans - Tin cans - food cans, dog food cans, cat food cans, etc.
Aluminum cans - soda cans, beer cans, etc.

Newspapers, Magazines, etc.

All Cardboard Products - grocery bag, cereal boxes, food boxes, laundry detergent boxes, shipping boxes, etc.

Residents can bring these items directly to the Recycling Center located at 1591 Waukeenah Street or they may drop them off at any one of the collection sites in the County.

Remember, every time you recycle you are extending the life of our Landfill and saving your County dollars in Tipping fees. How could you go wrong?

Additional items accepted at the collection sites:

Household garbage

***Waste Tires** (not accepted at the Recycle Center)

Batteries

***White Goods** (which consist of) - Refrigerators, freezers, washing machines, dryers, air conditioner units, etc. (not accepted at the Recycle Center)

Used Oil & Oil Filters

Household Hazardous Waste - pesticides, swimming pool chemicals, paint, paint thinner, etc. (Please have all containers clearly marked to identify contents)

****The Recycle Center** - Household Hazardous Waste Office will accept medical & pharmaceutical waste. These items must be turned into an employee of the facility and not just dropped off.

Please take notice to all of the **signage** posted in the collection site for the proper disposal of above items.

The City of Monticello Offers Curbside pick-up for city residents for recyclable items on each Wednesday Morning. For further information on other items for disposal in the City, please call Steve Wingate at 342-0154.

Please visit the Jefferson County web page <http://www.cojefferson.fl.us/SolidWaste.html> for the locations & hours of operation for each individual site. For further information please call the Solid Waste Department at 342-0184.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON APPLICATION FOR RE-ZONING

The City Council of the City of Monticello proposes to adopt the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-02

AN ORDINANCE REZONING PROPERTY BORDERED BY SOUTH JEFFERSON STREET ON THE WEST AND EAST CHEROKEE AVENUE ON THE SOUTH AND JACKSON STREET ON THE EAST, COMPRISING 1.15 ACRES WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF MONTICELLO, FLORIDA FROM MIXED USE B/R-BUSINESS/RESIDENTIAL TO B-2 BUSINESS HIGHWAY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The area shown covered by the proposed ordinance is shown in the map below:



The entire text of the ordinance may be inspected at City Hall, 245 S. Mulberry Street, Monticello, Florida between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Public hearing on the ordinance will be held on Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at Monticello City Hall. Interested persons may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance.

NOTICE

The Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners

Jefferson County Parks Department is now accepting bids for Electrical work to be performed at the Mamie Scott Drive Recreational Park. Specifications for this project can be picked up at the Coordinator's Office 450 W. Walnut Street, Monticello FL 32344 or by contacting Mr. Mike Holm at 850-519-6640. A mandatory pre-bid meeting (site visit) will be held on Dec 27, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at the Recreation Park located at 1380 Mamie Scott Drive, Monticello Florida 32344. All bids must be received by the County Coordinator's Office, 450 West Walnut Street, Monticello, Florida 32344 by 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Jan. 4, 2012 and will be opened at that time.

12/21/2011, c.

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

RFQ Emergency Management Contractual Services

The Jefferson County Emergency Management will receive sealed qualification documents at the Emergency Management Office at 169 Industrial Park Blvd., Monticello, Florida 32344 until January 2, 2012 at 12:00 PM. Qualifications received will be publicly opened on January 2, 2012 at 12:00 PM for the following:

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Any qualifications received after January 2, 2012 at 12:00 PM, will be retained at the Emergency Management Office. Emergency Management reserves the right to reject any and all documents received, waive formalities and re-advertise and award the RFQ in the best interest of Jefferson County.

Jefferson County does not discriminate because of race, creed, color, national origin or handicap status.

Anyone wishing to obtain RFQ documents may contact Emergency Management at 850-342-0211. Any questions concerning the RFQ specifications should be directed to Carol Ellerbe.

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SPORTS

WARRIORS KNOCK HIGHLAND LOW

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The Aucilla Christian Academy varsity Warriors squared off against Highland December 12. The Warriors knocked Highland low with a 54-35 victory, to now stand 6-3 on the season.

As a team, the Warriors netted 11 baskets out of 30 attempts from the field, dropped in nine of 22 attempts from the three-point zone and bucketed five of 11 attempts from the free-throw line for 54 points. They collected 18 assists, eight offensive and 15 defensive rebounds of a total of 23 rebounds, with 13 block/steals and eight

turnovers.

Individually, Tyler Jackson targeted two of three attempts from the field and hit one of five attempts from the three-point zone for seven points. He had eight assists, one offensive and one defensive rebound for a total of two rebounds, with three block/steals and one turnover.

Jared Jackson bucketed two of four attempts from the field and two of two attempts from the free-throw line for six points. He had four defensive rebounds, one block/steal and two turnovers.

Two players, Timmy Burrus and Braden Mattingly, were brought up from JV to

play in the game. Between them they netted one of three attempts from the field, targeted three of three attempts from the three-point zone and missed two attempts from the free-throw line for 11 points. They collected two offensive and one defensive rebound for a total of three rebounds and had three block/steals.

Bradley Holm hit one of one attempt from the field for two points.

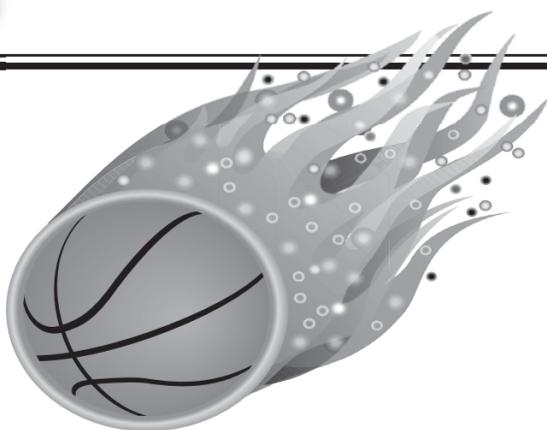
Hans Sorensen bucketed three of six attempts from the field, missed one attempt from the three-point zone and hit one of three attempts from the free-throw line for seven points. He had two assists, two offensive and three defensive rebounds for a total of five rebounds with one block/steal and two

turnovers.

Cody Ledford hit one of one attempt from the field for two points and had one turnover.

Jay Finlayson bucketed one of five attempts from the field and netted four of 11 attempts from the three-point zone for 14 points. He had two assists, two offensive and four defensive rebounds for a total of six rebounds, with two block/steals and one turnover.

Corey Burrus missed seven attempts from the field, hit one of two attempts from the three-point zone and sunk two of four attempts from the free-throw line for five points. He had six assists, one offensive and two defensive rebounds for a total of three rebounds, with three block/steals and one turnover.



ACA MSB Win Two Of Four

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The Aucilla Christian Academy middle school boys basketball team won two of the past four games on the hardwood to now stand 4-3 on the season.

The young Warriors faced off against Valwood December 5 and Aucilla was downed for a close 29-22 loss.

Gatlin Nennstiel netted for four points. DJ Wilkinson targeted for eight points. Donnie Kinsey bucketed for eight points. Austin Harrell scored two points.

Aucilla hit the hardwood against Brookwood December 6 and the young Warriors were bounced for a 37-10 loss.

Nennstiel netted for four points. Kinsey bucketed for six points.

The young Warriors squared off against Munroe December 8 and Aucilla scalped their opponents for a 36-9 victory.

Wilkinson targeted for 15 points. Austin Harrell netted two points. Daulton Browning scored two points. Kinsey scored six points. John Walker netted for four points. Traynor Barker bucketed for two points. CC Collins scored three points. Jake Edwards netted two pints.

The young Warriors faced off against Highland Christian December 12 and Aucilla came out with a 22-13 win.

Nennstiel netted for six points. Wilkinson targeted for seven points. Browning netted two points. Kinsey bucketed for seven points.

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