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County Gets \$85,000 For Bicycle/Pedestrian Study

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Starting this month, Jefferson County will be getting \$85,000 worth of consultant services for the formulation of a bicycle and pedestrian master plan, thanks to the Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency (CRTPA).

CRTPA Executive Director Harry Reed recently informed the Jefferson County Commission that his agency had been able to use money from its general consultant fund to finance the

study, saving the county the cost. Otherwise, Reed said, Jefferson County would have had to use the \$132,000 that it had received earlier from the CRTPA for the study.

This way, the \$132,000 could go for actual implementation of bicycle and pedestrian trails, Reed said.

Jennifer Carver, with Renaissance Planning Group — the entity that will be doing the bicycle/pedestrian master plan — gave commissioners a brief outline of the project's scope.

Carver said the project's aim was
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County Attorney's Contract Renewed



The newly negotiated contract reappoints County Attorney Buck Bird, top left, and partner, Attorney Paula Sparkman, top right, to serve as the county's attorneys for all legal matters and services, with the exception of those issues involving land development, which Planning Attorney Scott Shirley will handle.

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The Jefferson County Commission unanimously approved the renewal of County Attorney Buck Bird's contract on Thursday evening, Dec. 15.

The issue prompted no discussion, save for Commissioner Betsy Barfield thanking Bird for inserting in his contract the proviso that he would not represent clients whose interests competed with those of the county.

Barfield's comment alluded to criticism leveled at Bird by some Wacissa residents for his handling of the county's acquisition of a parcel that was crucial to the completion of the proposed Wacissa River Park.

The newly negotiated contract reappoints Bird and partner, Attorney Paula Sparkman, to serve as the county's attorneys for all legal matters and services, with the exception of those issues involving land development, which Planning Attorney Scott Shirley will handle.

Among the professional services that the contract specifies that Bird and Sparkman will render are: advising and representing the board, individual board members, department heads and others operating through the board on routine or specific legal matters; drafting, preparing, reviewing and analyzing routine and specialized legal documents; and conducting legal research and analysis of specific legal matters, issues or problems.

The contract calls for the county to pay an annual retainer for the service, with the retainer to be the equivalent of the annual amount paid to individual commissioners, which is currently \$26,260. The retainer is good for up to 15 hours of legal services monthly, excluding telephone calls of 15 minutes or less.

Hours beyond the 15 monthly hours or special legal services not specifically listed in the contract will be billed at \$175 per hour. The latter services may include litigation, appellate work, real estate transactions and arbitration proceedings.

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TIGERS PARADE OF CHAMPIONS SLATED FOR JANUARY 7

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The entire community of Tigers fans is invited to hit the streets January 7 and join the 2011 Class 1-A Championship Tigers tread the pavement and raise funds for the championship rings for the deserving team members.

This has been an exceptionally astounding season for the Tigers who brought back Tiger Pride to the community. They cinched their third consecutive District title, conquered their second consecutive Regional title and for the first time in 20 years they brought back the State title after mauling Chipley 47-13 at the Citrus Bowl, December 9.

Now it's time for Tigers fans to once again unite and show support for their beloved

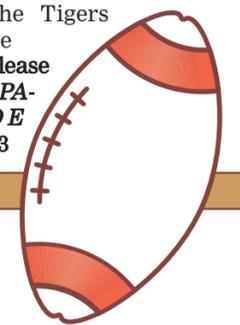
team as they did when they filled the stands during every game this season, both home and away, no matter the distance.

Come on out and join the Tigers, Lenorris Footman, Revonte Robinson, Nayjay Maxwell, Alphonso Footman, Kenny Madison, Tre'veyon Edwards, Jacob Pugh, Gene Noel, Malik Carter, Darius Pleas, Karmarie Young, Damian Crumity, Ladarian Smiley, Charles Crumity, Joseph Avent-Finn, Keandre Parker, Nick Brannon, Shavarist Alexander, Denzel Whitfield, Levi Cobb, Iran Francis, Montrel Robinson, Tanner Aman, Robert Beverly, Greg Meeks, Thadeus Francis, Witness Davis, Brandon Bradley, Jon Brooks and Ronzo Wade, along with Head Coach Jeremy Brown and assistant coaches Dane Holihan, Leland Loper, John Delaney, Raymond

Allen, Gregg Williams, Brandon Parks, Tray Johnson, equipment specialists David Brumfield and David Crumity, student trainer/water girl Samiria Martin and ball boy Trey Brown, honor these deserving young men and help fund the keepsakes and memory that will always remind them what it means to be an "Uncommon" Tiger with pride in your school and your community.

The Parade of Champions is slated for January 7 at 11 a.m., pending the decision on the parade application approval of the City Council during their January 3 regular meeting.

The Tigers will be
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Commission Makes Series Of Appointments To Committees

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The Jefferson County Commission recently made a series of appointments, filling several vacant positions on key committees and groups.

Based on the recommendation of County Coordinator Roy Schleicher, the commission appointed three new members to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, an 11-member group that oversees the

operation of the Jefferson County Recreation Park.

The three appointees were Christopher Eades, Nick Flynt and Jeffery Singleton.

The commission next appointed four new members to the Jefferson County Planning Commission, a body that reviews and makes recommendations to the commission on commercial and residential developments, land-use and zoning changes, and

needed policies and procedures relative to developments and land-uses.

The four appointees were Paul "Jay" Adams, Michael Bonfanti, John Larussi, and Gene Hall, the latter formerly the commissioner for District 2.

Based on the recommendation of Schleicher, the board appointed two county employees to serve on the grievance committee, a group that hears employees' grievances as a last step in the process.

The only recourse for individuals not satisfied with the grievance committee's ruling is to pursue the matter in court.

The two new appointees were Library Director Kitty Brooks and Solid Waste Department Assistant Supervisor John Peck.

Members of the grievance committee serve a year and meet only if the immediate supervisor and county coordinator are unable to resolve the conflict.

Recreation Park Problems & Needed Upgrades Identified

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County officials recently put off a proposal calling for the renaming of the Jefferson County Recreation Park until the issue could be discussed further and guidelines developed for the

naming of public institutions.

The proposal, from the Jefferson County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, called for renaming the park after Franklin Hightower, a board founder and one of its active members since 1973.

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Absent the lighting, the recreation park's various youth-oriented sports programs, such as winter soccer and spring little league, would cease.

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Local Weather

Wed 1/4 57/35
Mainly sunny. Hard freeze expected. High 57F. Winds WNW at 5 to 10 mph.

Thu 1/5 66/37
A few clouds. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the upper 30s.

Fri 1/6 70/49
Mostly sunny. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 40s.

VIEWPOINTS & OPINIONS

Letters To The Editor

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ARE TYPED WORD FOR WORD, COMMA FOR COMMA, AS SENT TO THIS NEWSPAPER.

GOVERNMENT IN YOUR GAS TANK- THE ETHANOL MANDATE IS A BAD IDEA!

In 2008, the Florida Legislature passed a law, HB 7135, requiring that all gasoline-powered engines would use a 10% ethanol blended fuel—with some exceptions: airplanes, small engines, and antique vehicles, mostly. The idea was less dependence on oil, which is worthwhile, but the negatives outweigh the positives in this example. As people that own (with one of us that restores) several new and old vehicles, we can say that ethanol blended gasoline damages these vehicles and reduces their efficiency. Without getting too technical, ethanol before it gets to the engine is highly corrosive- newer “flex fuel” vehicles have expensive stainless steel fuel delivery systems. It does not allow for complete burning- a residue is left behind in the engine, which is harmful to long-term use. It also contains less energy per gallon, so it reduces the distance you can travel for each gallon- a rule of thumb is 1% for each 1% of ethanol, so 10% ethanol as is sold here in

Florida will reduce your mileage about 10%. This is not new information. See The Great Ethanol Scam by Ed Wallace in Bloomberg Businessweek online, May 14, 2009.

Ethanol plant (also known as biomass) investors will profit from this “law” because government grants are involved. They don’t have to be successful in the future to qualify for the “free money” from us, the taxpayers. All they have to do is convince our government leaders to give it to them. As a recent example there was Solyndra, the “green” company that took \$535 million in tax dollars before going out of business.

Ethanol is not cost-effective—at least not yet. Alabama had a program with Brazil about 3 years ago. Brazil decided it wouldn’t work. They dropped the project because the amount that they would have to pay American farmers to produce the sugarcane was prohibitive. Production of the ethanol was greater than what they could sell it for—even with US government price support. We predict the same fate for the new government-funded plants being built in Florida. Whenever biomass production costs for ethanol become practical (no one knows if it will or not), then maybe ethanol could be produced for a profit.

Here is the important part- after careful reading- and re-reading the law, the state mandate is totally unenforceable. The “law” is not really a law, but a disguised bluff—which wholesalers have complied with, perhaps out of ignorance because they didn’t “read the bill” (ever heard that phrase before?) There is NO penalty stated for the consumer to not comply and although there is a clause for penalties to the wholesalers to not blend it, there is also an exception to it!

With the exception written into the state law, there is no way to enforce the law. Blenders HAVE to supply gas that is unblended to those who use small engines and antique vehicles. The mandate allows it. No records are kept to determine how that unblended gasoline is used. Therefore, the blender COULD sell all the unblended gasoline that he wants to. There is no quota. Retail gas stations are NOT required to comply with the law—because the retailers don’t know what the customers are using it for! They just sell it.

Why we have all been duped into this

conspiracy is shocking to me. We probably should all demand 100% ethanol-free gas from our local filling stations—and threaten to buy it elsewhere if they don’t supply us. They will be forced to sell it—by supply-and-demand. If there is a non-government induced demand for this product, it will sell. If the truth were known about its loss of gas mileage and negative effects on engines, many people would avoid it.

There is also a website to locate dealers who sell ethanol-free gas. It is: www.pure-gas.org. The cost of a gallon of pure gas in Georgia recently was about 9 cents more per gallon over blended. Considering the MPG increase, this is a good value since you gained 10% MPG without paying 10% more, but there are just not enough pure gas stations due to misinformation.

However, there is good news. There is a bill in the Legislature to repeal the mandate. It made it through one Senate committee, but has now stalled in the Senate Commerce and Tourism Committee. They are using the excuse that it MIGHT threaten some potential jobs from ethanol plants that are being planned with government grants! Jobs? What jobs! Didn’t Solyndra promise jobs after taking \$535 million in tax dollars before going out of business? Where are those jobs now? They are a doubled-edged sword in that these employees may be drawing government unemployment benefits at further expense to the taxpayer. It is not the purpose of government to create jobs- this is why we have a free market. State legislators have

heard the repeal bill in committee, and another concern was that the federal government mandates us to do this- although there is no penalty for not doing so. The same argument was heard with the federal REAL ID driver’s license law that Florida. Only 6 other states have complied with it and 18 states have prohibited REAL ID. The fact is, there is no constitutional authority for the federal government to mandate what type of fuel is available to the citizens. Were that the case, the government could mandate everyone buy premium gasoline, and thereby do away with regular and mid-grade gas.

These unconstitutional federal mandates such as REAL ID and ethanol blending hurt the average citizen and do not provide for the general welfare / well-being of the nation- quite the opposite, especially when the financial cost is factored in.

The Committee members are: Paula Dockery, Bill Montford, who represents much of this area, Jeremy Ring, Evelyn Lynn, and Anitere Flores. The Chair holding up this bill is Sen. Nancy Detert.

We’re asking that you educate yourselves on this subject, and then call the committee members, especially Chair Detert at 941-480-3547 to ask that this bill not only be heard, but passed to the entire Senate.

Richard Harrison,
Jackson County, FL and
Paul Henry,
Jefferson County, FL

Stingers

“No Newt is good Newt!”

“Vote for Newt or Mitt... they’d be glad to give you WWII.”

“Can’t we all just get along? Stop rewarding undesirable behavior with more attention. Let the government process work, even though it’s not perfect either. Have healthy, respectful debates, sans the racial or other overtones that generally tend to tick people off. Chairmen, heads of boards, officials, supervisors, etc -- learn to effectively conduct a meeting.”

“In response to the letter to the editor from an elected official... Really, Mr. Boyd? I see a kettle and a pot, and they’re both black.”

REDISTRICTING FIASCO

As a regular attendee at the County Commission and sporadic attendance at School Board meetings, I have seen such shoddy and animosity as I saw at the recent redistricting meetings between the Commission and the School Board. The meetings were nasty and contained many personal attacks. Members seemed constantly confused. In the end, it appeared the participants had no clear idea of what they were voting for.

When the final vote came after a meeting filled with confusion and racial contention, a plan that most of the members had not seen until they came to the meeting was approved. This is a matter relative to the U.S. Congress when the speaker Nancy Pelosi called for a vote of approval “so that we can determine what we voted for.” To me, the most sensible solution proposed by Ed Vollertsen was to postpone the decision until January 2013 as redistricting can only be done in odd numbered

years. Proposal promptly voted down.

During most recent years, the County Commission has required that items for consideration be provided to members some five days before the meeting to consider. Commissioner Barfield has been adamant on adhering to this provision, pulling items from the meeting agenda when she had not had adequate time for review. However, she appeared to have a change of heart and voted for the proposed. Why?

I see two possible reasons for the above: One the two boards waited too long to start this process. The result of which will last until the year 2020 when the next census is taken. Possibly the hasty decision was made “to get it overwith” and go our separate ways. Two, nothing can be proven but it appeared to me that Shirley Washington and C.P. Miller and possibly others had organized numerous supporters to attend the meetings as tactic and to a certain extent

vocal supporters of the plan essentially drawn to their ideas. This could have contributed to the tensions resulting in delays repetition of the same arguments, frustration of members and a desire “to get it over with.”

In my opinion, these actions and proceedings were conducted in haste and under circumstances not conclusive to effective government. To my limited knowledge these actions must still be notified by both boards. During this process each board should look for ways to fix their mistakes, even if it means a vote to reverse themselves and vote to postpone said redistricting until 2013 as proposed by Ed Vollertsen.

Finally, I recommended more citizens attend meetings of these two boards. You might be surprised, how your elected officials conduct business on matters that will have a lasting impact on the future of Jefferson County,

Bill Brown

JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIME BEAT

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Zachary Jones, 22, of Jefferson County, was arrested December 12, 2011 and charged with violation of probation on the charge of burglary of a dwelling, on an outstanding Leon County warrant. Bond was withheld and he was turned over to Leon County authorities the same day.

Tamar L. Smith, 21, of Monticello, was sentenced in court December 13, 2011 to serve five days in the County Jail on the charge of petit theft. She was released from the County Jail December 18, 2011.

Shaun Travis Eades, 32, of Monticello, was arrested December 16 and charged with violation of probation on the charge of possession of alcohol in the Suwannee River Water Management District and violation of probation on the charge of driving while license suspended. A total bond of \$183 was set and he bonded out of jail the same day.

Brian M. Hine, 30, of Tallahassee, was arrested December 16, 2011 and charged with violation of probation on the charge of burglary armed with explosive or weapon; violation of probation on the charge of grand theft of a firearm; and violation of probation on the charge of grand theft more than \$300 but less than \$5,000. Bond was withheld and he remained at the County Jail January 3, 2012.

Robert Dean Perry, 34, of Thomasville, GA, was arrested December 17, 2011 and charged with possession of methamphetamine; possession

of Schedule 1 narcotic; possession of Schedule 2 narcotic; driving under the influence; DUI refusal to submit and possession of paraphernalia. A total bond of \$9,000 was set and he bonded out of jail the same day.

Richard Lee Jones, 41, of Jefferson County, was arrested December 21, 2011 and charged with battery, domestic. Bond was set at \$500 and he bonded out of jail the following day.

Glenn Otto Dykstra, 50, of Lakeland, FL, was arrested December 23, 2011 and charged with driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$500 and he bonded out of jail the following day.

Kendrick Antonio Mosely, 23, of Jefferson County, was arrested December 24, 2011 and charged with possession of marijuana less than 20 grams. Bond was set at \$500 and he bonded out of jail the same day.

Armand Patrick Ngamou, 26, of Lithonia, GA, was arrested December 24, 2011 and charged with driving under the influence; resisting arrest without violence; and no valid driver’s license. A total bond of \$1,000 was set and he remained at the County Jail January 3, 2012.

Cheryl Jeanette Thompson, 51, of Jefferson County, was arrested December 27 and charged with writ of attachment for non-payment of child support. Bond was set at \$1,200 and she remained at the County Jail January 3, 2012.

Steven Patrick Laing, 34, of Tallahassee, was arrested December 29, 2011 and charged with failure to appear on the charge of pay or respond to uniform boating. Bond was set at \$252 and he bonded out of jail the same day.

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Bicycle

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to make Jefferson County a more bicycle and pedestrian friendly community, both in terms of the creation of the appropriate modes of transportation and the accompanying government policies and programs to foster and encourage bicycle and pedestrian friendliness.

The goal, she said, was to have the appropriate framework in place, so that as, and when, the state and federal funding became available, the community would be ready to move forward with implementation of different aspects of the plan.

Carver said the project would not only focus on recreational bicycling, a popular pastime that had the potential to attract adherents from near and far, but also on bicycling as a legitimate means of transportation.

She said many companies looking to relocate or establish new offices not infrequently took the availability of bicycling as a quality-of-life issue in its considerations. Too, she said, the research showed that an increasing number of people were bicycling as a means of transportation for reasons of fuel cost savings and health considerations.

"We're looking at the whole gamut of services," Carver said. "We will come up with a realistic recommendations, including programs and facilities. It will be a long-term look at what the community needs to do to increase bicycle and pedestrian use."

She said her goal was to complete the master plan by June 30. Her outfit, she said, would solicit input from city and county officials and members of the public throughout the process to ensure that the outcome was relevant and represented what the community wanted.

Carver said the first step was to hold a kickoff meeting with city and county staff to establish the basics and the parameters of the project. Presumably, that meeting took place in December, and the study is now in process.

Parade

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proudly marching in the parade wearing their traditional white Tigers football jerseys and their championship medals, which were presented to them following their victory over Chipley.

The Parade of Champions will begin in front of the post office and end at Death Valley, the home of the Jefferson County championship "Uncommon" Tigers.

At the conclusion of the parade, all Tiger fans are encouraged to gather in the home stands at Death Valley as each team member is recognized for the hard work and dedication they put forth to help bring the championship trophy back to Jefferson County.

Anyone interested in entering a float, car or advertisement in the parade must submit a parade entry form along with a \$100 entry fee to Coach Jeremy Brown at 941-234-6537 or Krissy Brown at 941-234-6538 no later than January 4. Please make all checks payable to the Tiger Touchdown Club/Athletic Boosters.

Tigers and coaches agree, when it comes to their fans, "Thank you fans for being our 12th man!"

Don't forget, the Tigers also have an account set up at Farmers and Merchants Bank under Ring Fund that donations can also be made to for the championship rings for the team members.

Attorney's

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The contract allows for the board to hire additional counsel for cases that require specialized knowledge or in situations where the county attorney may have a conflict-of-interest.

The contract remains in effect until either party terminates it by giving 60-days notice.

The contract is essentially a copy of Shirley's contract, which the commission approved on Dec. 1. At the time, Bird's contract was tabled for two weeks in consideration of Barfield, who had not received the contract in time for review prior to the meeting.

Bird has been County Attorney since about 1973.

Recreation

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Commissioner Betsy Barfield called for the timeout in renaming the park, saying she believed guidelines should first be developed for the naming of public buildings and properties and the fundraising opportunities explored.

"People will pay to have their names on buildings," Barfield said. "I think we're not exploring the fundraising opportunity. I think also that we would be remiss if we didn't establish some guiding principles."

At least two commissioners express distaste for the idea of using the naming of buildings for fundraising purposes, but all agreed that the establishment of guidelines was a good idea.

The board instructed Barfield and County Coordinator Roy Schleicher to get together and develop the appropriate guidelines for its review and approval.

In other park-related news, Schleicher informed the board that a Progress Energy inspection had determined that the park's electrical system failed to meet code and the company was removing all its wiring and equipment from the grounds, leaving the concession stand and lower ball fields without electricity.

Absent the lighting, Schleicher said, the recreation park's various youth-oriented sports programs, such as winter soccer and spring

little league, would cease. He said staff was getting cost estimates for the replacement of the system for presentation to the board.

Schleicher said the concession stand also

needed replacing, as it was inadequate and a safety hazard. He said staff was also getting estimate for replacement of the structure and would present the findings to the board.

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.

PARADE OF CHAMPIONS

HONORING THE CLASS 1A STATE CHAMPIONS, THE JEFFERSON COUNTY TIGERS



Jefferson County High School invites the entire Monticello community to join together on Saturday, January 7th, to honor the 1 A State Champions, the Jefferson County Tigers football team.

You can help celebrate Jefferson County's first state championship in 20 years, by turning out for a parade through downtown Monticello beginning at 11 a.m. This "Parade of Champions" will start in front of the post office and end at "Death Valley," home of the Jefferson County Tigers.

The community is invited to come out and support the team for all their hard work during this very special season.

At the conclusion of the parade, all Tiger fans are encouraged to gather in the home stands, at Death Valley, as each team member is recognized for the hard work and dedication they put forth to help bring the championship trophy back to Jefferson County.

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AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY



Brynwood Residents Each Receive Special Blankets

Brynwood Center residents received Christmas gifts from a special angel this holiday season; and her name is Tina McElhenny. She is the daughter-in-law of resident Mildred Gage.

"Tina has been most generous and giving to our residents... a fully dedicated family member," says Administrator Lisa McGinley.

Tina lost her son Kristopher John McElhenny in a motorcycle accident. Soon after she developed a not-for-profit foundation in his memory. The foundation, (refer to the website kmc-sports.com) under her directorship, provided a decorative blanket to every resident at the Brynwood Center during its annual Christmas celebration.



24/7 Dad Participants Graduate

"It was my pleasure to graduate the third '24/7 Dad' class of willing fathers at the end of November," says a delighted Marvin "Merv" Mattair, manager and instructor for the Fatherhood Huddles. "These dad's decided to take the next step to being a complete father to their children, a support system to the mother of baby during the prenatal stage, a better communicator with the mother of his child, a better leader in their community and so much more."

and many more. This round of fatherhood huddles was made possible by way of the Madison County Health Department, Kiwanis and the manager of The Arbours Apartment Complex.

Three of the participating fathers are currently in high school. They find themselves struggling to keep up their grades and mentally cope with the fact that they have a pregnant high school girlfriend. It's tough on these young men because they don't have

ther in their lives. They chose to break the cycle and give their children what they didn't have.

Together these fathers completed the '24/7 Dad' course and all received the much needed knowledge and support from other fathers to make their dream a reality.

"To all of the fathers who completed the class, I commend you for your sacrifice. I learned alot from you and like we stated in the class... We cannot be afraid to ask for



Graduation party for the participants of the most recent 24/7 Dad Fatherhood Huddle.



Young fathers participating in the 24/7 Dad Fatherhood Huddle from left to right: Charlie Graham Jr., Travis Mitchell Jr., Desmond Roberson and Deonshay Wells. DeMarcus Norton is not pictured due to his baby being sick.

Several supporters came out to witness the accomplishments of these willing fathers such as mothers, siblings, coaches, grandparents

the resources and programs that are offered to the pregnant woman.

"If it was not for my dad being right there as my program, I know that I would have given up during the prenatal stage which would have caused another child to be raised without a father," says Mattair.

Fatherhood Huddles are meant to prevent the young fathers from dropping out of school, walking out of the relationship and leaving the young mother to do it all by herself. Not supporting the young mother's needs and verbally and physically mistreating her, is all due to the lack of knowledge. Most fathers who have attended the 'Huddles' did not have their fa-

help because we can never have all the answers," says Mattair.

Pam Monlyn, mother of Deonshay Wells, one of the participating high school father's say, "I thank Mr. Merv for taking the time to give my son the needed knowledge on being a father. My son does not have his father to lean on and I want the best for him. From what I've witnessed, this program needs to be in the schools as a resource for any young man, especially the ones who have traveled down the same roads as my son.

If you have any questions in regards to the Fatherhood Huddles, contact Healthy Start at 850-973-5000 or Mattair at 850-673-1003.

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JANUARY 4, 18
Eagle Wings food pantry Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church on East Dogwood Street.

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 5
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.

JANUARY 6
Rotary meets at 12 p.m. on Friday at the First Presbyterian Church in the fellowship hall for lunch and a meeting with a program and speaker. Contact President John Lilly at 850-342-0187 for more information.

JANUARY 6
Asheville 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
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 door-prizes, cold soft drinks and snacks.

JANUARY 7
Quilt and Fiber Arts Exhibition at the Jefferson Arts beginning with a reception on Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. All are welcome to attend. The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays, or by appointment, and is located at 575 West Washington Street, in downtown Monticello. Call 850-997-3311 for more information. There is no charge and the gift shop will be open.

JANUARY 7
JCMHS Team Tiger Parade 11 a.m. Saturday at the Monticello Post Office. Anyone interested in helping the coordinators of this special event should contact Marianne Arbulu at 850-528-5758.

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 8
We Remember Tribute event, hosted by the Big Bend Hospice for donors of the Tree of Remembrance will be held on Sunday 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. For those who cannot attend, you can watch the event on the BBH Website www.big-bendhospice.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. For more information contact Connie Palmer at 850-878-5310.

JANUARY 9
Blood Drive in the parking lot of the Jefferson

County Health Department, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Monday. Receive a 'Born To Give' shirt and enter to win a 4GB Xbox 360 w/Kinect and a 16GB WiFi Apple iPad2. Contact the Southeastern Community Blood Center at 850-877-7181 or sbcinfo.org for more information.

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 9
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

JANUARY 9
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.

JANUARY 10
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.

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.



The family of Felix Bullard would like to invite you to celebrate his life at Sardis Church. The service will be held January 14th starting at 11:30 and followed by a reception lunch. (Casual Dress Attire)

Obituary

Col. Walter Wilson Bennett

Col. Walter Wilson Bennett, PhD, age 93, USAF retired, college professor retired, passed away on Monday, December 29, 2011, in Thomasville, Georgia.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, January 5, 2012 at the Jacksonville National Cemetery, Lanier Road, Jacksonville, Florida. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, January 4, 2012 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Beggs Funeral Home Monticello Chapel (850-997-5612, HYPERLINK "mailto:beggschmonticello@embarqmail.com" beggschmonticello@embarqmail.com) 485 East Dogwood Street, Monticello, Florida 32344. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Wounded Warriors, 4899 Belford Road, Suite #300, Jacksonville, Florida 32256.

Dr. Bennett was a native of Meeteetse, Wyoming and had lived in Port Charlotte, Florida and Ellijay, Georgia before moving to Monticello in 2002. He had accomplished much in his lifetime. He was a cowboy and a master builder before entering the Air Force during WWII. He flew with the Chinese Air Force as part of the Flying Tigers during the war. He was a college professor after retiring from the Air Force at the University of Florida, Stetson University and Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas.

Dr. Bennett is survived by two sons Walter Dennis (Corina) Bennett and Kerwin Charles (Margaret) Bennett of HYPERLINK "http://www.cdavid.org/" Coeur d'Alene; two daughters Sandra (Thomas) Miller of Monticello and Rachel Shannon (Bobby) Sosbee of Atlanta, Georgia; eleven grandchildren; numerous great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

Dr. Bennett was preceded in death by his beloved wife Rachel Grace Bennett of 72-years.

AUDITIONS FOR THE FANTASTICKS

The Monticello Acting & Dance Co announces auditions for 'The Fantasticks', the longest running off-Broadway musical in America. Director/choreographer/music director for this showing is Melanie Mays.

Auditions will be held on Sunday, January 8 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and on Monday, January 9 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Be prepared to sing, dance and act. There are roles

available for six men and two women. The roles will be for: El Gallo: narrator, bandit, baritone, mysterious, commanding and handsome; Luisa: ingénue, must hit high C and be able to play age 16 (will cast older); Matt: ingénue, tenor and be able to play age 16 (will cast older); Luisa's father; Belomy; character actor, some singing and dance; Matt's father; Hucklebee: character actor, some singing

and dance; Henry: Shakespearean actor, older, worn, grand speaking voice and no singing; Mortimer: sidekick to Henry, physical comedy, and pretends to be an American Indian; and The Mute: no speaking, acts as the wall and could be a woman.

Callbacks will be announced at a later date and the show will run from Friday, March 30 through Sunday, April 1.

Wag The Dog Too Volunteer Winners



MainStreet Monticello Florida President Margie Stern announces that Wag the Dog Too won the 'Best Decorated Christmas Display' of the downtown businesses. The storefront and a few of the volunteers are pictured here with their certificate from left to right: Jeanette Nativio, Nancy Baker, Melanie Sullivan and Jeannie Beetsma. The window was decorated by Sullivan and Shelter Director Baker.

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AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

ROBERT DANIELS, SELF-TAUGHT AMATEUR ARCHEOLOGIST

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Over the years of collecting archeological artifacts, Robert Daniels has found thousands of pieces, including, arrowheads, spearheads, ceramic bowls and pots, ax heads, bone and stone tools, at least one example of everything pre-Columbian people used.

FRAN HUNT
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

County resident Robert Daniels is a self-taught archeologist, who has learned so much about the ancient times of Florida and here in Jefferson County, that many researchers seek him out for assistance in ongoing research.

An added plus is Daniels' knowledge of land in the county, which he knows like the back of his hand; that knowledge came from 28 years experience of working as a wildlife officer with FWC and becoming an advocate on the protection of Indian mounds and burial sites throughout the area.

As a child he grew up along Lake Jackson Indian Mounds and as a youngster, he found arrowheads and other items. He knew that they were Indian, but he did not take the time to learn about them at the time. His major interest then was hunting and Bass fishing.

At the age of 18, Daniels became really interested in archeology. "I didn't collect a lot, but I started reading all the books and articles I could find about it," he said.

In 1978 he began working for the Florida Game and Freshwater Fish Commission, which was renamed to FWC in 1999.

"I was assigned to Taylor County and I learned and patrolled the county, becoming very familiar with it," said Daniels. "It was a common thing to come up on people digging mounds and burial sites. It used to be that the looters would get off with a \$100 fine, but I was involved in the first cited cases in the state for preservation of Florida archeology was a case I worked in the 90's when two brothers who were looting were fined \$30,000.

"On state land, they (the state) wants to preserve what is there and crack down on the looters while at the same time, educating the public," said Daniels. "There are legal ways to collect artifacts. In Florida you can surface collect Indian artifacts on private land, but not government-owned land.

"Up until 2005 it was legal to dive in Florida's rivers to collect Indian artifacts but because of the abuse of looters, who sell the rich history and digging the sites practically dry of artifacts and totally destroying pieces of history in the area, it was closed," said Daniels. "There is a lot of stuff in there buried in the sentiments or banks, but it's hard to get at if you're not a professional." He added that there is a fossil permit available for \$5 where collectors can pick up and collect prehistoric fossils, including dinosaur bones, but they could not pick up any Indian artifacts while diving.

"In law enforcement destruction of archeological sites was not top-risk and other areas of law enforcement enforced other laws more-so than FWC and the Jefferson County Sheriffs Office," he added. "We made an example of illegal looting and they know, to be prepared to pay the piper if you get caught looting," said Daniels.

"The last 20 years I spent as a FWC officer I was allowed to specialize in this type of enforcement and I had over 100 felony cases and many more misdemeanor cases. I was helping to get the word out about preserving our historic sites because once a dollar sign is put on an artifact the divers value them for profit.

"The more I learned about archeology the more I became interested in it and the science of it," he said. "I became a full-time amateur archeologist in retirement and I spent a lot of time assisting government archeologists, colleges and class projects do a lot of current research," said Daniels. "I do underwater land surveys and all of the information I gather is turned over to the State archives and goes to the Master Site File in Tallahassee. In 2004 the Site File was no longer a public record. Looters used it to find known sites, so it was taken out of the Sunshine Law."

He explained that there was so much abuse of divers collecting, buying and selling, in the best interest of preserving the resources, they (the state) just closed it, making it now illegal. "When it was legal, when divers made an archeological find, they (the divers) had to provide the state with the information of where it was found, a photo of the piece and a map of the location so it could be added to the Master Site List, but about 90 percent of the divers did not report this information, therefore, we lost the history, so they (the state) discontinued the practice. The divers did themselves in," said Daniels.

In 2002, due to Daniels' efforts in the field, Florida police cadets began getting one to two hours of archeological site laws as a part of their usual law enforcement curriculum.

"I caught three guys at night in Wakulla County along the St. Marks River and all three were from central Florida," Daniels recalled. "I had all three of their ID's, I held on to two of them but one escaped. I did a warrant check on them and they all had two felony warrants for their arrest out of Marion County for archeological site destruction.

Fifteen years ago, Daniels became really interested in diving and collecting artifacts. "Since then, I have found thousands of pieces," he said. "I have found arrowheads, spearheads, ceramic bowls, pots, ax heads, bone and stone tools, at least one example of everything pre-Columbian people used." Other than the Indian artifacts, Daniels has also found some pieces of dinosaur bones including rib bones and hip ball joint.

"I have gone diving in the rivers hundreds of times," he said. "When I was not working (while employed with FWC) I was in the river, two days a week, every year for 15 years.

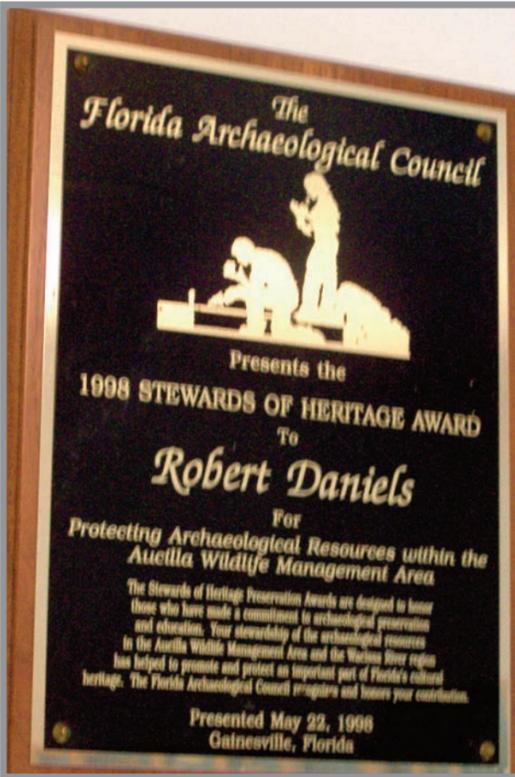
"As an avid artifact collector and active law enforcement officer, it created a problem for me to get to know all the other collectors in the area," said Daniels. "They would get upset when I would have to write them up for collecting illegally. They think, well, he does it, why can't we? It put a lot of stress on me. But they had to learn there are legal ways to do it. But, people are going to do that and it's all just part of the job. Publicly, they try to bring you down any way they can because you are a threat to them.

"I still care about conserving our Florida American Indian heritage and will do whatever I can still, to put a stop the plunder," said Daniels. "Even though I'm retired now, I still keep my eyes open. If I see something, I collect information and tag number and at least say something."

Because of Daniels' dedication the Archeological Council awarded him the Stewards of Heritage Award in 1998.

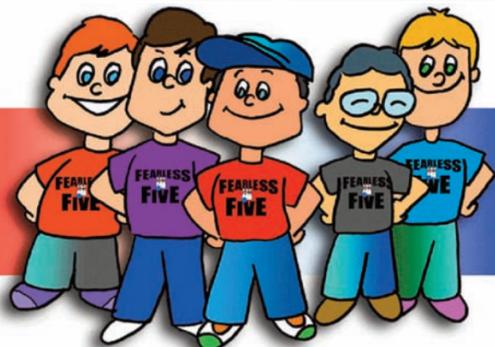
Of Daniels, State Archeologist Melissa Memory said, "He has a lot of knowledge about archeology, particularly in this area. That, coupled with his knowledge of the landscape and the woods, has made him a great teacher and inspiration."

In retirement, Daniels continues to assist colleges, the state and other entities studying the archeology of Florida's Indians. He will be working on the Aucilla River project in the near future and with his vast knowledge of both the area and archeological artifacts, he is bound to be a great asset to the group.



AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

Bobby the Bowler and the Fearless Five



BOOK SIGNING AT WAG THE DOG TOO

A book signing with author RJ Friedman is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 7 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Wag The Dog Too thrift store, 235 North Jefferson in downtown Monticello.

'Bobby the Bowler and the Fearless Five' is the newest children's book release for Friedman. The cost of the book is \$12.95 and a portion will be donated to the Jefferson County Humane Society. T-shirts will also be available for sale.

Wag The Dog thrift stores are staffed solely by volunteers and benefit the JCHS. For more information call 850-997-2138.

Friedman, age 55, has been an avid bowler for 30+ years in the states of Michigan and Florida; and is a 10-time team league champion. He seeks to increase the interest of the sport of bowling in children five to nine years of age and to promote family fun and support.

The storyline of the book follows the main character Bobby the Bowler. As Bobby grows up he enjoys knocking down soda cans with his ball. He learns about the sport of bowling from his parents. As a family outing, the family goes bowling at the Town Bowling Center, where Bobby meets boys and girls

his age having fun. Bobby continues to bowl most weekends. He eventually teams up with four friends and they form a team, the 'Fearless Five'. They enter a children's bowling league and end up in the championship bowling for a prize trophy.

It's a story of positive family support, building close relationships, learning decision-making and good sportsmanship.

RJ Friedman is formerly from Ferndale, MI and is a team member of the 'Fearless Five. He relocated to Cape Coral, FL in 2000. He is currently league secretary for the Men's Monday Night Bowling League in Cape Coral, the largest men's league in southwest Florida. He is a proud member of the Southwest Florida Bowling Association USBC Board.

Other books on bowling written by Friedman include: Shoe Up! A Bowling Bag Pocket Guide To The League; Fire Up! A Bowling Bag Pocket Handbook To The League; and Burn 'em Up! A Bowling Bag Pocket Handbook To The League SE.

For more information about Bobby The Bowler and The Fearless Five go to: www.bobbythebowler.com

Artwork On Slate At The Arts

Local resident Charlie McCoy was presented with a piece of artwork on Thursday, Dec. 15; hand-painted by Susan Stubbs on a piece of slate.

The painting was of 'Chico,' a Gray African parrot, presented to McCoy for his generous donation of slate pieces to the Jefferson Arts; for its members and students to paint and to create other arts décor.

If you were one of the lucky ones to have received a piece of painted slate for a Christmas gift, then know that you are holding a piece of history. The slate was removed from the old and historic Jefferson County High School.

The slates were hauled to Monticello, Florida from Tennessee and handcrafted by African American craftsmen over 150 years ago. So, this is a unique and one-of-a-kind gift.

Some of this unique artwork is on display and

for sale at the Gallery. Visit the Jefferson Arts at 575 West Washington Street in downtown Monticello from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

At right, Charlie McCoy receives a piece of hand-painted artwork on slate for his generous donation to the Jefferson Arts; from Artist Susan Stubbs.

Artwork on slate is on display at the Jefferson Arts, created by local artists; Thanks to a generous donation from Charlie McCoy.



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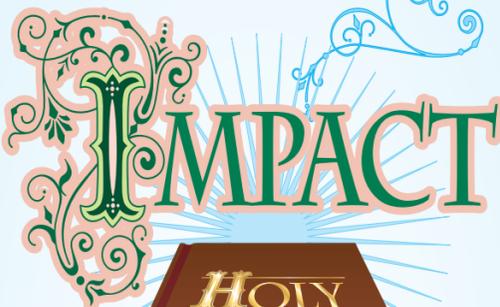
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Ronnie McBrayer

Janet Hagberg was the first person who defined the experience for me. I had lived through it, but I didn't know what to call it. In a book entitled, "The Critical Journey," Janet called the experience, simply, "The Wall." My summary goes like this.

Many people begin their walk of faith, and everything goes as they expected. Out of genuine conviction, they attend church, learn from the Scriptures, volunteer, serve, give, and become "productive, committed, faithful, Christians" (whatever that exactly means, who knows?). But somewhere along the way things go wrong. Terribly wrong.

The orderly, stalwart faith that used to "work" for these true believers becomes a muddled mess. Yes, they once taught Sunday school, sang in the choir, chaperoned the youth group, chaired the Stewardship Committee, and had bullet-proof answers to all questions of faith. But then, all at once or over an extension of time, their faith splintered into a million tiny pieces. The woman, who was

taught that living a godly life would protect her marriage, goes through a divorce. The church to which a pastor gave his best years, his heart and soul, fires him because of some petty transgression or because he didn't go visit a prominent church member who was in the hospital with the gout.

A child falls deathly ill and heaven seems silent as a stone, all while the godly parents pray for a miracle. A husband/father dies, leaving behind a young wife and even younger children. An accident leaves the once healthy college student broken and mutilated, physically and spiritually.

The circumstances come in variegated form, but the impact is the same. It is more than a crisis of faith, more than theological bump in the road; these are an unraveling that robs people of their confidence and comfort. The once unshakable believer descends downward into the blackness of doubt, what Saint John of the Cross called "the Dark Night of the Soul."

Adding insult to injury, sometimes the only thing the church or we

ministerial types can say in those moments is, "Why don't you pray more? Just believe. Let go and let God. Confess your sin. Try harder." Not only is this insensitive, asinine advice, it simply won't work. Those who have hit "The Wall" feel so lost and adrift, so dismantled at their very core, that to keep doing what they were doing – only with more enthusiastic dedication – is impossible.

Like a bug striking a windshield, a sledgehammer falling on clods of dirt, or a ball sent through a bay window, "The Wall" breaks faith and people apart. I wish it were different. I wish such pain could be avoided. I wish there was a way to get over, under, or around these types of experiences, but if you live long enough, you will feel your faith being smashed and shattered. The only question left is, "What will come out of the splintered and scattered pieces?"

Here is your choice: You can harden your heart and sweep the shards of your faith into the dustpan, giving up on faith and God completely; or you can pick up the broken

pieces, with bloody hands and heart, and reassemble faith on the other side of doubt.

No, it won't be the same faith you once had; rather, it will be dramatically different. It won't be an improved or updated version of the beliefs you formerly held; no, it will be a new construction altogether. This reassembled faith will not provide you with all the answers to all your questions; instead, it will help you to see the world, God, and people differently. Faith on the other side of "The Wall" will not take you back to where you were; it will move you forward to where you must be.

So if you find yourself crushed against what feels like the concrete and steel of disbelief, with not a drop of faith left in you, I understand. Don't throw it all away just yet. In the breaking, you might find that faith has a new beginning.

Ronnie McBrayer is a syndicated columnist, speaker, and author. His books include "Leaving Religion, Following Jesus" and "The Jesus Tribe." Visit his website at www.ronniemcbrayer.net



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Monday
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Wednesday
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1st Wednesday
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Prayer.....7:00 PM
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Worship.....7:00 PM
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Worship Service.....6:00 PM
Wednesday
Fellowship Meal.....6:30 PM
Prayer Meeting/Bible Study.....7:00 PM

CHURCH

**A clean conscience
makes a soft pillow.**

Thoughts For 2012

BY VIVIAN MILES

Counting down to the last moment is fun ~ His time train starts its run ~ Life can be a beautiful song ~ If we follow God all along.

A loving family is something to behold ~ Their love of God is bold ~ Our past has shown what God has done for us ~ Our future life in Him we trust.

Answer all people with love in your voice ~ This is a better choice ~ Be careful of your thoughts being unkind ~ They may become words at any time.

God gives blessings to us ~ Glory is given to Him through us ~ Loneliness comes when we forget ~ Jesus is with us, best friend yet.

Keep your eyes on the Lord, I say ~ Keep your slate clean and pray ~ The joy of the Lord is our strength ~ A true friend is for life's length.



The Pulpit

DOC'S OPINION

Please, Try To Make It Yours

It was Saturday morning the 19th day of February and the start of President's Day weekend, that will last through Monday.

Maggie and I have been invited to an outdoor gathering by a neighbor. He had to leave early to work the setup. We were to arrive at 11 a.m. Dress as you are, casual, and bring nothing to eat; there will be plenty.

Directions: right ~ ½ mile turn right you will pass two churches ~ each one on your left. When you pass the last one turn left ~ you are now on a dirt road where the dirt will turn to concrete ~ turn left ~ and you are there!

What a place! A huge lake with a boatlanding and a large gathering of people with their children. All the children wore ornaments mentioned in Proverbs Chapter 1 Verse 8.

Their ages, nine years to 55 years. The man doing all the cooking was Mr. Mike. That's what everyone called him, including his son, who was the friend that invited me.

Mr. Mike catches all the fish and prepares all the side dishes at the gathering. The only thing that is asked of the guests is that they love and respect one another. They laugh, they sing, they pray and above all they praise and honor the Savior and Redeemer Lord Jesus.

My son was there and he called Mr. Mike 'Papa Mike'. My son is 50-years-old. Pastor Jack was there and we (he and I) decided that we must reach out to the group that wasn't present. That age group was 12 years old to 17 years old. They have not the wisdom or understanding to acquire skillful direction.

That's my opinion... I would like to hear yours.

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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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Wednesday Evenings
Prayer Meeting.....6:30 P.M.
Bible Study.....7:00 P.M.

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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.

CHURCH CALENDAR

JANUARY 5

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.

JANUARY 6

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.

JANUARY 7

Nazarene Church will host a clothing giveaway from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday at 1590 North Jefferson Street.

JANUARY 8

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church will hold an Ordination Service for Minister Emanuel Brockman, Sr and Minister Quinton Brockman at 3 p.m. on Sunday. Rev. Isaac Manning, Jr will officiate along with the congregation of Bethpage Missionary Baptist Church. Contact Rev. Cassandra Brockman at 850-997-3308 for more information.

JANUARY 8

Sunday of Silence will be held from 8 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 information contact Sallie Worley at oneheartearthcenter@embarqmail.com or 850-997-7373.

JANUARY 15

The late Martin Luther King Jr will be recognized and honored with a Sunday Service on his birthday at the MLK Community Center. Many Americans honor the civil rights leader's legacy by engaging in volunteer activities.

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Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 PM
Wednesday Worship.....7:00 PM

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Sunday School.....9:45 AM
Sunday Worship.....11:00 AM
Children's Worship.....11:00 AM
Wednesday
Fellowship Meal.....7:00 PM
Prayer Meeting.....7:45 PM

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4543 Waukeenah Hwy • Monticello -850-264-0802
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Sunday School.....9:45 AM
Sunday Worship.....11:00 AM
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Sunday -- Every 2nd & 4th.....6:00 PM
Tuesday Bible Study.....7:00 PM
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

LAMONT BAPTIST CHURCH

P. O. Box 188 • 850-997-6870
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www.lamontbaptistchurch.org

Mark Holley, Pastor

Sunday School.....10:00am
Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00am
Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00pm
Wed. Bible Study and Choir Practice...6:00pm

(3rd Monday of each month)

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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

325 W. Walnut Street • Monticello
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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
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Prayer Group.....5:15
Fellowship Meal.....6:00
Chancel Choir Practice.....6:30

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Wednesday.....7:00 PM

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Thursday Church Service.....7:00 PM
Wednesday with Pastor.....10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
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The deadline for receipt of sealed bids is January 12, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at City Hall, 245 S. Mulberry St., Monticello FL. 32344.

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The Jefferson County Tourist Development Council meets in the Courthouse Annex on the first Monday of each month at 9:00 am. Due to the New Year holiday the TDC will meet on January 9, 2012.

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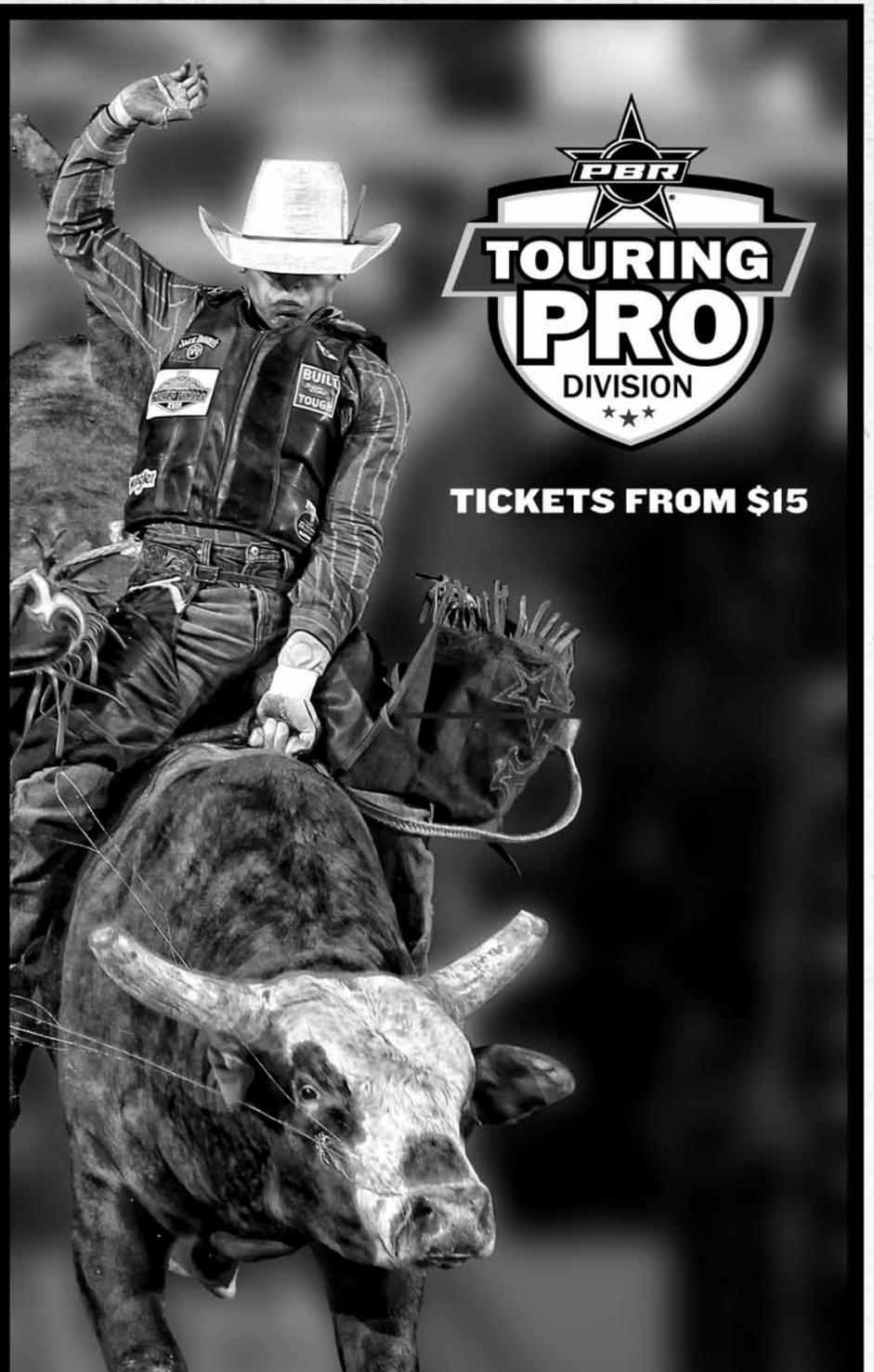
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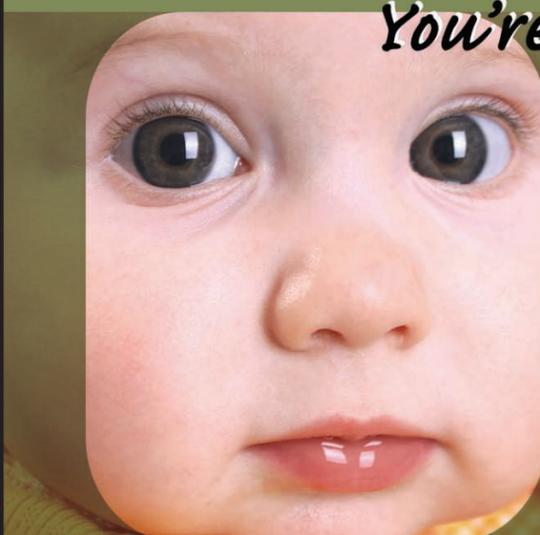
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SPORTS

Player Spotlight: Matt Dobson

KRISTIN FINNEY
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In the south, football is more than just a sport; it's a way of life. Matt Dobson is the epitome of this idea. Dobson's football career began when he started playing football at the YMCA in Thomasville, Ga. when he was five years old. Then, in sixth grade, he

began attending Aucilla Christian Academy and played quarterback for the Junior Varsity team that year. During his seventh and eighth grade year he was the starting Varsity quarterback at ACA. In January of his eighth grade year he transferred to North Florida Christian in Tallahassee. He was the starting safety his fresh-

man and sophomore years. Then in his junior and senior years he was NFC's starting quarterback.

Dobson's background in football is extensive, he explains, "My family has always been avid football fans. I began by watching football with my dad and just always wanted to play. I cannot remember ever

not playing football."

Since playing at NFC, Dobson and his team have won two state championships. His freshman year he was a starting safety on the state championship team and his senior year he was the starting quarterback on the state championship team.

Dobson began practicing for the 2011 season the Monday after the last game of his junior season. They began preparing for the following season by working out in the weight room, running and conditioning. Dobson explained, "During the summer we had our summer program which includes lifting, running and 7 on 7 passing drills as well as competitions. During the actual season we practiced everyday throughout the week, watched film, and continued to lift in the weight room."

"Playing in the two state championship games was a great experience that I will never forget. My freshman year playing in the state championship was very nerve racking

and it was a new experience and something that I had no idea what to expect. My senior year I knew more what to expect and it meant more winning the state championship the second time. My senior teammates and I had worked extremely hard for 4 years and went through a coaching change and some tough times to get where we were to win the second state championship in four years, so it was great to see how excited everyone was when we won and see how all the hard work had paid off," said Dobson.

Being a quarterback isn't always easy. Dobson said that one of the biggest challenges of being the quarterback is, "the mental aspect of the game. As a quarterback you have to be a student of the game and know exactly what is going on at all times. Leading up to the game the quarterback must study film and understand the game plan and the assignments of all eleven players on the field. The quarterback also needs to know what the other team's defense is going to do and what their strengths and weaknesses are. One of the hardest things during practices and games is

staying completely focused on your assignment every play. When you let your mind wander at all then that is when you make mistakes so you must be focused at all times and keep others around you focused."

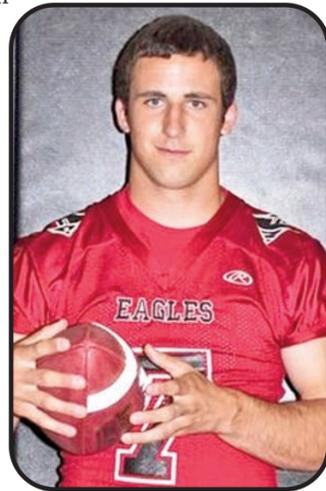
He also spoke of the positives of being quarterback, "The best part about being a quarterback is being an influential person in the lives of others. Younger kids and teammates look to the quarterback as some-

play in this all star game was a great honor considering the many NFL hall of famers and future hall of famers who have played in this game in the past. I am thankful for all my teammates and coaches at NFC who helped me have a great year, which helped me get selected to play in this game. I was also selected to play in the Florida-Georgia border wars all-star game but will not be able to play in this game because I will be taking an official visit to a college on that weekend," he said.

Matt Dobson has been selected for multiple all big bend teams and all state teams throughout his football career. He also won the Tallahassee Quarterback Club Player of the Year his senior year. He does plan on playing football at the collegiate level and has received full scholarship offers from multiple Division I schools. He has not decided where he will attend college yet, but he plans to make his decision soon.

When asked what advice he would offer to players interested in being quarterback, he said, "My advice to anyone interested in playing quarterback would be to first make sure you have your priorities straight. Put God first in everything you do. If you serve God and work hard He will honor your hard work. Make sure you also take your academics serious because this is more important than football as well. Football is not eternal so you need to make sure you put God first, your family second, academics next, and football after that then this will help you be successful. Also if you are interested in playing quarterback you have to be a leader on the field but even more importantly off the field and in life."

Dobson is the son of Terry and Ronda Dobson who are originally from Greenville and Madison respectively, but they now reside in Aucilla. His grandparents are Ron and Martha Smoak from Madison. Loa Lee Dobson from Aucilla and the late George Dobson from Greenville. He has two sisters: Stephanie, who is married to Josh Boan, lives in Madison, and Chelsea Dobson, who lives in Tallahassee.



For Matt Dobson, football is more than just a sport; it's a way of life.

one who should be a leader and being able to be a positive role model in others lives is great. Another one of the best things about being a quarterback is having a big impact in the outcome of all the games especially in an offense like we run at NFC. The quarterback touches the ball on every play and has to make decisions on almost every play and that is great about playing quarterback."

On Dec. 21 in Sebring, Dobson got to play in the Florida Athletic Coaches Association North-South all-star game. The players who were selected to play in the game were voted on by coaches. Dobson was able to play quarterback in the game. "This all-star game was a lot of fun and it was fun to play with some great players from all over the state of Florida. We won the game 47-21 and I really enjoyed the whole experience. Meeting and getting to know many of the other guys playing in the game was enjoyable, especially some of the guys from around this area like Tevin Roundtree from Madison and some of the guys from Tallahassee," said Dobson.

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

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Newspapers, Magazines, etc.

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

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