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COMMUNITY RALLIES TO SAVE THE PRISON

COMMISSION HIRES LOBBYISTS TO FIGHT CLOSING

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Keeping the story alive in the media while pressing the Governor and Legislature to get the Florida Department of Corrections (FDOC) to remove Jefferson Correctional Institution (JCI) from the list of 11 prisons and work camps slated for closure by midyear: That's the strategy that appears to be developing among community leaders and their legislative and other supporters to fight the proposed closing of JCI on April 1.

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ECB Publishing Photos by Debbie Snapp, Jan. 20, 2012
Citizens gather outside the Greater Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church on Cypress Street on Friday preparatory to attending an emergency program on the prison closing.

Fire Rescue Chief Restructures His Department In Small Way

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An organizational restructuring plan that the Jefferson County Commission recently approved for Fire Rescue allows Chief Mark Matthews to have greater oversight of his crews and more flexibility in the hiring of personnel.

As Matthews explained his proposal, under the current arrangement — which he worked out with the commission a few years back as a condition for his return as chief and to help reduce the department's costs — he now worked a regular shift, the same as his people.

The problem was that this arrangement made it difficult for him to oversee the other two shifts or attend commission and other meetings, other than by doing so during his off time, he said.

Matthews said another of the pieces in the arrangement to reduce cost was that one of the full-time positions had been left opened and staffed instead with part-time people.

"This allows us to have enough part-time people on hand so that when someone goes on vacation, we don't have to pay overtime," Matthews said.

He said the part-timers also provided a pool from which he could hire full-time firefighters and EMTs when the need arose. Not only did drawing from this pool reduce the advertising and processing and associated costs, Matthews said. But because these individuals were already familiar with the operation, they could go straight to work and thus bypassed the lengthy and costly orientation period, he said.

What he was proposing, Matthews said, was to create another part-time position on the second shift, thus freeing him to do supervisory and administrative work.

"My position would still be an hourly position rather than a salary position," he said.

The reason Matthews previously stepped down as chief was because the salary wasn't compensating him sufficiently for the number of hours that he had to dedicate to the job. After two other chiefs were unable to make a go of the job for various reasons, however, Matthews agreed to return, conditional on his working on an hourly basis.

County Coordinator Roy Schleicher endorsed the proposal, saying that the current arrangement had proven beneficial to all concerned.

"It's to the chief's credit that we've been able to keep the line items in his department steady and without increasing," Schleicher said. "His people are also managed in a way that's comfortable with them. He's been creative and innovative. This too is a better way to provide oversight. Right now he's the boss of one shift and he doesn't have administrative time. This will give more flexibility and more part-time people."

Commissioner John Nelson, whose background is in firefighting, likewise endorsed the proposal. He said the fire chief's responsibility was great and required that he be present at the scene of fires to call

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Mining Expert Reports On Rock Mine's Worth

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Three months after commissioners approved a short-term contract for the services of a mining expert to help make the county's rock mining operation more efficient and productive, that expert reported to the commission on the progress of the project thus far.

On Thursday morning, Jan. 5, Randy Hatch, of Hatch Enterprises, shared with county officials a Power-

Point presentation showing the various activities undertaken at the 100-acre site near Pasture Road since his hiring.

"This has been an interesting project, and it has had its challenges," Hatch said.

He showed before and after photos of the site, preparatory to making it ready for dynamite blasting to get at the deeper buried and hopefully better quality materials.

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MPD WORKING TWO CASES INCLUDING COUNTERFEIT BILLS

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Captain Roger Murphy advised that the Monticello Police Department (MPD) is currently investigating three cases of counterfeit \$100 bills that were passed at two local businesses. Two of the bills were passed at a business on North Jefferson Street and another counterfeit bill was passed at a business on South Jefferson Street.

Monday morning,
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Looking For Leap Year Babies



Are you a grownup but still seven years old because your birthday only comes around every four years? Will you have to wait until you can almost draw Social Security to celebrate your

Sweet 16 party? We want to hear about it.

This newspaper is interested in doing stories on leap year babies. Is your birthday on Feb. 29? If it is, then give us a call at (850) 997-3568. We

are looking forward to those leap year youngsters from 0 to 25 (0-100).

We would like to feature your story in a special Leap Year section in our Feb. 29 issue of the *Monticello News*.

POSTAGE RATES INCREASE

JACOB BEMBRY
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New postage rate increases went into effect on Sunday, Jan. 22.

People using the United States Postal Service saw a one-cent increase to mail a one-ounce letter. It will increase to 45 cents. The cost for additional ounces remain unchanged at 20 cents.

Postcards have gone up from

29 cents to 32 cents.

One-ounce letters to Canada or Mexico saw an increase of five cents to 85 cents.

Letters to other international destinations increased from 98 cents to \$1.05.

The good news for business mailers is that the second ounce for first-class mail presort is free. This move is designed to give companies expanded opportunities to

advertise new services and products to their customers as part of bill and statement first-class mail presort mailings weighing between one and two ounces.



DRIVER KILLED ON INTERSTATE

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A female driver was killed on the Interstate over the weekend and Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) is withholding the driver's identification pending notification of the next of kin.

FHP reported that at 8:19 p.m., Sunday night, January 22, the female was driving a 2006 Toyota traveling westbound on I-10 in the inside lane at the 217 mile marker.

Robert Browning, 35, of Youngstown, FL, was driving a 2000 Dodge pickup truck traveling eastbound on I-10 in the outside lane.

Dennis John Alexander, 34, of Ashville, AL, was driving a 2005 International semi tractor and trailer traveling eastbound a short distance behind Browning's vehicle.

For unknown reasons, the female traveled

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MAN SERIOUSLY INJURED IN CRASH

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A man was seriously injured following a two-car crash Saturday morning, January 21.

Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) reported that at 7:50 a.m., Jabarren D. Moore, 26, of Tallahassee, was driving a 2012 Dodge Avenger traveling east on US-27 in the left turn lane.

Del E. Tucker, 44, of Perry, FL was driving a 1999 Ford F-250 traveling west on US-27 in the outside lane. In the vehicle as a passenger was Don. G. Helton, 19, also of

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Local Weather

Wed 1/25 77/56
Partly to mostly cloudy. Warm. High 77F. Winds ESE at 5 to 10 mph.

Thu 1/26 77/60
Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 60s.

Fri 1/27 70/47
Thunderstorms. Potential for severe thunderstorms.

VIEWPOINTS & OPINIONS

Letters To The Editor

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

DEAR GRANDPA/PEPA/ BRITT SPARKS

I wanted to write and tell you how much you are missed and thought of everyday and let you know how things are going here, because I know it is not how you wanted things to be after you left us ~ I am very happy to report that Grandma is still with us. You know she will be turning 91 in a few weeks. I always knew she was a strong woman, and now I know for sure she is. She is completely bedridden, is under hospice care and is required to have 24-hour care in her home. It has been rough for her since you left, but she has managed to pull through everything that has been thrown at her; however I don't think she is going to outlast the latest incident Bruce and his family, especially his children, are putting her through ~ Since your departure, Bruce, which I have asked many times how a man like he can possibly be a product of you, because he is nothing of what you taught everyone else to be, and he could never walk in, or fill the shoes you left behind, has done nothing but harass his mother, say hateful things to her and completely write her off. And now it seems his son is following in his footsteps. They have become the most awful people that will not let Grandma live in peace ~ They've done many things that normal people would never do to a family member such as change the locks on the house and refuse to give the key to anyone, torn down all but one of her sheds where she stores her furniture since she has hospital equipment in her home, and where her caretakers park their cars and now the last one will be torn down next month, they have refused to repair the toilet in the main bathroom and the water has been turned off since August 2011, they continue to chop down or mow over the beautiful plants you planted and she loves to look at from the living room window where her hospital bed sits, they have threatened several times to evict her or throw her out. They complain about where people walk, and drive on the property, but yet they drive four wheelers everywhere. They call the police on family members that are visiting her and report they are suspicious people; they have not been to see her in months, when several of the family members only live steps away. They don't call or write to her. When Robbie and his family come to visit the kids play outside and everyone is riding four wheelers everywhere, but NO ONE comes to visit her. And the latest, most horrible thing of all is that Robbie and Dawn, are selling the home right out from under her, and have demanded that she get out. Robbie made a special trip from his home in South

Carolina last week to place the signs, without one word or visit to Grandma while he was home. This is the same home they gave their written consent for you and her to live in for as long as you both live, and they want Grandma out. Yes, you are gone, but she is not. So what do they expect her to do? She's bed ridden, and depends on others to take care of her. She is absolutely heartbroken ~ I know you're crying and asking, WHY? Well everyone else would like to know the same thing. How could someone have so much hatred towards a bed-ridden woman who can't defend herself and has done nothing to anybody? Is it because they don't like you? Well, unfortunately, you are gone, so why pick on Grandma? Is it because they don't like Linda being in charge of her affairs? Well, that wasn't her choice, you and Grandma chose her and she accepted, because you were her parents. Is it because they hate Linda? Well, that's certainly not an excuse because there is always someone we don't like, but our lives don't stop. And besides, Linda is not always with Grandma, she has other nurses taking care of her so there is plenty of ways around not seeing someone you don't like. I have seen Grandma cry and ask why. I have seen her watch the children outside and wonder why they never come to see her. It's truly sad and heartbreaking. Life is too short to live with so much hatred and envy. Materialistic things don't matter and people don't last forever, once they are gone it's too late and there is no do over in life. We are left to live with our actions ~ See Grandpa/Pepa, everyone that ever came into contact with you knows that you were a man of your word, and a man that would give sweat and blood to someone in need. You taught lots of people to be strong and work hard for what you want out of life, and to never forget where you come from. The problem is, I think, you gave too much to the wrong people and they took you for granted and didn't appreciate the life lessons you taught ~ I love you and truly miss you every day. I wish you were still here so none of this would have ever happened. I don't know how Grandma will get through the latest, but those that still love her will draw their strength from God and be strong for her. She has a lot of great people around her; who truly care about her well-being, which is why she is still with us. I keep referring back to the phrase, "What goes around comes around". Everyone, one day, will report to their MAKER and he never forgets ~ I love you. Keep those pastures green until I see you one day.

Stingers

"I have lived in the county for 25 years (not long by some standards) but the school system was better when I came here than it is now. I have been reading some of the comments in the paper by some other concerned people. The answer to the problem... no matter what city, county or state you are in, is TERM LIMITS. If there is a bad city council member or county commissioner or school board member or senator or congressman you will eventually get rid of them with term limits. That eliminates cronyism, good old boy syndrome and racism. In two or three terms, they are out!!!! Being elected is a privilege, not a career. Remember that, you elected officials. Lets band together to get term limits on the ballot for this fall. We can do it if we want."

"Let's repeal the Federal Department of Education. Let's take that failed system out of the hands of the federal government (another failed system) and give that money back to the states. The states will establish a curriculum of Reading, English, Math, Science, Civics, History (American & World), and Physical Education. Teachers will be paid on merit, like they use to be, where the better your students perform, the more pay you earn. It's called incentive pay for a reason. Parents will be responsible for the children they give birth to until they are 18 years of age or incarcerated. If they are incarcerated, the parents will also be incarcerated with the children for lack of Parental Responsibility, something that has been missing since Dr. Spock showed up 35 years ago. Boomers, lets show them how life was in the 50's."

"Can someone tell me why we need another park -- we have a great park that is hardly used except during baseball season! And I thought we were broke??? Ludicrous! Can someone tell me who will provide and pay for security for the hiking trails, etc. that are being planned? All my hiking/biking friends say it will not be safe to use. Brilliant! More money wasted! We all pay taxes! Why aren't these ideas being put out for a vote? Let the majority rule! Is this not a democracy?"

"Mainstream politics hasn't really changed in 30 years. Same old lies and half truths, yet the public still gets screwed under the old guard. How can you trust politicians anymore when they have bankrupted our country? We dont need another election, we need another revolution."

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Connect the DOC Dots

At the Thursday night BOCC meeting JCI Lieutenant and Captain made a passionate and concise accounting of the impact the prison closing will have on the employees, their families and the community. Our entire community, local government and citizen groups have rallied behind this single issue forgetting their differences and concentrating on reversing the DOC decision. I could not improve on that speech but here is something to ponder.

This situation's first dot was when this news broke catching our community and our state legislators by surprise. How was this not known? Was the decision made in the dark rather than the sunshine? The second dot was the claim that the primary reason for the decision was to cut costs. Cutting costs is a good thing but making dumb decisions to do it is just dumb. The evaluation criteria and associated data sheet shows two kinds of cost - operating cost related to cost per inmate and capital cost related to capital improvements needed in the next three years. There are six prisons whose capital needs are between \$2.154 and \$4.675 million and there are seven prisons whose capital needs are between \$1.094 and \$1.920 million. Seems the time value of these costs compared to the cost per inmate differences

would say that the millions in capital cost would far outweigh the dollar or two differences in per inmate costs calculations.

The third dot was the criteria themselves. At a casual glance they seem reasonable and considered until you look at the scoring scale and the magical 'Special Attributes'. It begs the question what came first the prison closing selections or the process. Alternatively was the process made to fit the desired outcomes? Increasing the size of the third dot are questions of apples to apples comparisons; for example, JCI has extra costs associated with the psych inmates for medical treatment and medications other prisons don't. This makes you wonder what the real criteria were for the decisions. The fourth dot was information shared by the JCI Lieutenant that the employees had initially understood there was choice open to them to select their next assignment based on what was available only to receive a letter that said there was no choice and assignments would be made by DOC. This could be interpreted as take the job offered or resign.

The fifth dot was a Tallahassee Democrat article about a bill that would allow the DOC to award privatization (outsourcing) contracts without first producing a business case.

That means to me that a contract can be signed before the cost-benefit analysis has been done. Seems backwards doesn't it? A concern voiced on an NPR interview was that this bill is broad and could be used by other state departments and functions. Increasing the size of this dot is the assertion that the privatization (outsource) companies will only commit to take the 'easier' inmates making any comparison with state prisons lopsided and unfair. All this could be viewed as a strategy to spin that privatization (outsource) works, is good for the state and thereby its taxpayers. Fellow taxpayers does this feel good to you or make good business sense as it is?

I'm generally not a believer in conspiracy theories nor black helicopters. However connecting these dots draws a picture of an arrogant government that is testing to see if anyone is awake or willing to protest. Jefferson County is up against a Goliath and I only hope we can both reverse this poorly made decision and shine a bright light on what appears to be backroom shenanigans. Our elected officials should hear a clear and unmistakable voice about how this looks and how we feel about it. Make phone calls; send emails and letters from the top to the bottom.

Phil Calandra

QUILTS FOR VALOR

A few months ago, I received an email from a good friend about quilts being made for our veterans. It spoke of a woman, whose husband worked in Washington, D.C. and that she wanted to do something to stay busy so she volunteered and was assigned to the Chaplain's office at Walter Reed Medical Hospital. A Chaplain named John Kallerson asked her to work on a program that he and a woman named Catherine Roberts created. The program was named "Quilts of Valor". Chaplain Kallerson loved the idea of giving a quilt to a wounded soldier. It grew into a foundation that distributes quilts to soldiers who have served in combat in any war but particularly the current wars. It began with Iraq and extended to Afghanistan and then extended to include Vietnam, Korea, World War II, etc. The woman that volunteered would take a cart of quilts around to the wards and told them the story of how the program began at Walter Reed and she would let them choose a quilt. As you can imagine, she had many wonderful stories and was able to meet incredible young men and women who had served our country. She said, later, as she would give them to some of the older guys, she had different experiences. You can imagine how much the older guys who had served in Vietnam, appreciated an acknowledgement of their service so many years later.

As you know, Walter Reed Medical

Hospital closed in August and joined up with the Naval Hospital at Bethesda, so that makes her memories even more poignant. The hospital is now called Walter Reed National Military Medical Center.

This grass roots organization is quite active. She said some of the quilts were made by folks that were happy to do this for the veterans and others were doing it out of grief, as they may have lost someone they loved. To date the organization has given away 58,910 quilts so you can imagine how many lives they have touched. She wanted to spread the work about the continued need for more quilts.

I don't quilt but I do embroider. I am willing to make embroider squares if anyone out there is willing to get together with other quilters and make quilts. I don't pretend we could make many but every one we do make will help a veteran that has risked his/her life to let us continue to live in this GREAT COUNTRY of ours. The freedom that our fathers, grandfathers and great grandfathers and so on fought for us to have. Without them and George Washington, we might still be having "high tea". You can visit the website www.govf.org. Please, if you are willing, call me, Carla Wheeler, 528-6191 and let's see if we can help thank a veteran for his/her service.

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AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

Counterfit

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January 23, Murphy further advised that Farmers and Merchants Bank had contacted him about a counterfeit \$100 bill that came in with the deposit of a business in Wacissa. That case has been handed over to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office.

MPD's investigation revealed the bills were actually \$5 bills that were chemically "washed." The bills were then reprinted with the information from \$100 bills. Each of the bills had the same serial numbers, which were HB16029223.

"When a pen marker was used to test the bills, it would indicate the bills were authentic, which the paper is, just the information has been

changed however there is a security detail in the paper that the criminals were not able to change," said Captain Murphy.

"These counterfeit bills with the printed \$100 bill information correctly displayed Benjamin Franklin's portrait in the center. The main security feature giveaway on these particular counterfeit bills is that when held to a light, a person can see President Lincoln's portrait appear in the right hand corner."

MPD suggests that everyone look for this and other security features whenever accepting any \$100 bills. Up-to-date security features for U.S. currency can be found on the U.S. Secret Service's website for those who wish to

view them.

In a separate incident, MPD is investigating a case where two females attempted to pass two fraudulently obtained IRS tax return checks, at local businesses. "The businesses declined to cash the checks, but one of the store clerks became suspicious and called po-

lice," he added, "The two females left and the clerk kept the checks."

Police located and interviewed one of the suspects who stated the second suspect purchased the checks in Madison County. MPD is currently working with Madison Sheriff's Investigators on following up on that information.

Captain Murphy also advised that with the fraudulently obtained IRS checks, MPD is being assisted in the investigation by the Secret Service and the US Attorney's Office.

Charges in this case are pending.

MPD further offers that should someone pass you currency or checks

that appear to be counterfeit, try and hold onto the suspected counterfeit bill or check, if safely possible and contact the Police Department at 342-0150. "Also try and obtain as much information as possible about the person passing the bill or check and any persons or vehicle they may be associated with," he concluded.

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off the inside lane and into the median. The vehicle continued in a westerly direction through the median and onto the eastbound lanes of the Interstate and the vehicle rotated counterclockwise, directly into the path of Browning's vehicle. The vehicle collided into the front of Browning's vehicle in the eastbound lanes.

Alexander then collided into both vehicles in the middle of both eastbound lanes.

After the point of impact the female's vehicle came to a rest in the median of I-10 facing in a southeasterly direction.

Browning's vehicle came to rest in the eastbound outside lane of the Interstate facing a northwesterly direction.

Alexander's vehicle came to rest in the median just east of the Toyota, facing in a northerly direction.

The female was killed at the scene and transported to the Tallahassee Memorial Hospital (TMH) morgue.

Browning received minor injuries and was transported to TMH for treatment.

Alexander was uninjured and did not require transport.

All those involved in the crash were wearing their seatbelts.

Whether the female was under the influence of alcohol is pending.

FHP advised later Monday afternoon that they had contacted who they thought the next of kin was, but her identity could not be verified due to the severity of the injuries to the woman's head. FHP further advised that an autopsy was scheduled for Tuesday morning to verify the woman's identity to be 100 percent sure who she was, before releasing a name.

The Toyota sustained \$10,000 damage; Browning's vehicle sustained \$8,500 damage; and Alexander's vehicle sustained \$100,000 damage.

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Perry.

Moore attempted to make a left-hand turn onto northbound SR-59 and turned into the path of Tucker's vehicle.

The front of Tucker's vehicle struck the right side of Moore's vehicle. After the impact, both vehicles came to a rest on the northwest corner of US-27 and SR-59.

Moore was seriously injured and transported to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital (TMH) for treatment.

Tucker received minor injuries and did not require transport.

Helton received minor injuries and was transported to TMH for treatment.

All involved were wearing their seatbelts and FHP did not deem the crash to be alcohol-related.

Moore was charged with violation of right of way.

Moore's vehicle sustained \$10,000 damage and Tucker's vehicle sustained \$6,500 damage.

Assisting FHP on the scene were Jefferson County EMS, Fire Rescue and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office.

Fire Rescue

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the shots.

Nelson said once the chief arrived on the scene of a fire, he essentially took ownership of the property, meaning that the chief was responsible and liable for the property, which responsibility and liability the county shared.

"We have a number of responsibilities that we entrust to the chief and he needs to be available to totally supervise and take control of the situation," Nelson said.

The proposal, however, didn't address all concerns, he said.

"This doesn't address all the problems, but it goes a way," Nelson said, adding that he would be proposing changes of his own down the line.

Mining

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One of the problems with the mine operation historically has been that county crews have been unable to extract the deeper buried and better quality rock materials that are better suited for road construction. It typically requires dynamiting and more sophisticated extraction procedures to get at these deeper buried materials.

Which explains Hatch's mission: to determine if the deeper buried materials were of a quality that economically warranted excavating them. And if so, how to do it efficiently, productively and profitably?

Indeed, there has long been an ongoing dialogue among commissioners as to whether the mine represents an asset worth keeping or a money pit better discarded. Those who argue the latter point say it

would be cheaper to buy the needed road materials in the marketplace.

Hatch told commissioners on Jan. 5 that it was yet too early to say if the county could mine the road materials cheaper than it could buy them. But he said there was no doubt as to the quality of the materials, as revealed by dynamite testing that had unearthed some 700 tons of materials.

"Your mine is a real asset," Hatch said, adding that although the testing had yet to yield the final results, the preliminary evaluations were that the deeper buried materials were of the highest quality.

"The product tested at 156," Hatch said of one of rock types at the mine. "The Florida Department of Transportation's standard is 100. The material has a lot of quality because of its hardness.

This is your entry into the world of good rocks. You can make asphalt from this material cheaper than you can buy it."

Hatch estimated that working at full capacity and efficiently, county crews should be able to extract 100,000 tons of material per acre. But for the operation to prove cost effective, it would require a more consistent and effective production of the materials, he said.

One of the problems so far has been that the equipment kept breaking down, slowing the production and disallowing for a true cost analysis of the operation, he said.

"The crusher is mainly causing the problems," Hatch said, explaining that it had broken down several times. "And the crusher is the heart and soul of the operation."

He told commissioners also that if they wanted the mine to prove productive and efficient, it would have to be operated full time and with a full-time crew that was specifically dedicated to its operation.

The commission approved the short-term services agreement for Hatch's services on Oct. 6, subject to County Attorney Buck Bird's review and approval.

The contract is supposed to last about three months, which Hatch said was a reasonable time to accomplish what he had to do. The contract period, however, didn't officially begin until the blasting, which occurred only recently.

Before the blasting could take place, Hatch had to prepare the site for the dynamiting and have the necessary equipment set up.

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Meanwhile, developments in the situation continue moving rapidly, with multiple meetings and hearings already held on the issue here and in Tallahassee since the FDOC made its announcement the week of Jan. 9, and with more meetings, hearings and media events planned for the coming days and weeks.

On Monday evening, Jan. 22, for example, a group of local business people held a strategy session at the Rosemary Tree Restaurant to determine the best way of conveying the message to the Governor of JCI's importance to the community, while others planned for the transportation of busloads of citizens to the capitol and prepared for a presentation before the Senate Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations Subcommittee on Tuesday afternoon.

The various points that the business people emphasized at the strategy session and that local speakers planned to make before the Senate subcommittee hearing on Tuesday underscored, among other things: the \$33 million impact that the prison closing would have on the local economy (versus the \$12 million that it would save the state); the fact that the elimination of 177 prison jobs represented six percent of all available jobs in Jefferson County; and the fact that the closure would cause the school district an additional \$200,000 loss in per-student funding and lead to the layoffs of teachers and other personnel.

Last Thursday, Jan. 19, amidst a room packed with JCI employees and their supporters, the Jefferson County Commission in quick order declared the prison closing an economic crisis, adopted a resolution calling on the Governor and Legislature to remove JCI from the closure list, and hired two professional lobbyists for up to \$10,000 each to press the county's case in the capitol.

The latter action in particular — representing the first time that county officials have hired professional lobbyists — attests to the seriousness that commissioners are according the issue.

Equally noteworthy, the decision was reached without discussion or dissent. As Commission Chairman Hines Boyd later observed, "Anyone who knows this commission knows that getting \$20,000 out of this group is something really big."

The two hired lobbyists are Chris Doolin, of the Small Counties Coalition; and Wendy Bitner, wife of the late Dave Bitner, chairman of

the Republican Party of Florida, and a Jefferson County resident.

The resolution that commissioners adopted — school officials subsequently adopted a slightly different version — hammered home the points that community leaders and their supporters want the Governor and Legislature to understand.

Among the more salient of these points: Jefferson is a "fiscally constrained" county and a state-designated Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern (RACEC), and JCI represents the county's largest employer and six percent of its available jobs.

On a different tack, the resolution questioned the lack of public input in the scoring system that the FDOC used to determine the prison's closure and argued that the evaluation ignored significant JCI special attributes.

Specifically, the resolution stated, the evaluation failed to take into consideration that JCI is "the state's largest 'Psyche 3' unit and the 'go to' unit for prisoners on psychotropic drugs", and that it is the only state prison never to have called out a rapid response team, despite its high-risk inmates. Local officials attribute the latter fact "to the unique staff culture at Jefferson Correctional."

Commissioner Stephen Fulford, who with Clerk of Court Kirk Reams and others attended House and Senate subcommittee meetings on the issue and met with FDOC staff immediately following the closing announcement, said the department was defending its ranking criteria and wasn't likely to back down.

Even so, he said, weaknesses were being discovered in the FDOC's evaluation criteria.

"What's interesting about the criteria is what's not there," Fulford said. "None of the privately operated prisons has been subjected to the same review."

He made the point that despite JCI's higher risk inmates, the prison's per-inmate operational cost was only \$1.50 more than the most efficiently operated prisons, per the FDOC's very evaluation criteria.

"That's a critical point," Fulford said. "Ours is a mercy plea because the FDOC won't back down, but it's not an unreasonable plea. It's a reasonable plea to ask the state to spare JCI."

He noted that local officials weren't the only ones to be surprised by the FDOC announcement

and the lack of transparency in the process.

"There are a number of legislators who are not happy with the way the selection process went," Fulford said.

He offered that the community's rapid and united response to the crisis was having an effect.

"A lot of lawmakers now know about Jefferson County," Fulford said.

He offered that particularly sobering to legislators was Representative Leonard Bembry's analogy that that closing of JCI was to Jefferson County the equivalent of Walt Disney closing in Orlando.

"We've got a long battle to fight but we're making inroads," Fulford said.

On Friday afternoon at the Greater Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, a gathering of legislators, lobbyists, locally elected officials, union representatives and others vowed to fight the closing as long as necessary and assured that the audience that victory would be theirs if the community kept the faith and remained united.

"This will not be resolved quickly," Doolin said. "It will take time. It may take the entire session."

But given the "strength, courage and success of David", the community would prevail, "and when we win, we won't cut off their heads," Doolin said.

He urged the audience to stay engaged and tell their stories to friends, relatives and acquaintances here and elsewhere in the state.

"Tell them you're not getting a fair shake," Doolin said.

Leslie Miller, a coordinator for the Washington D.C. based International Brotherhood of Teamsters, likewise urged the audience to stay involved and write letters, make calls and tell their personal stories of the closing however and whenever possible. Others could talk numbers, "but until you tell your stories, it's nothing," Miller said.

"We will win this battle if we fight together," she said.

Bembry, Representative Michelle Rehwinkel-Vasilinda and staff from the offices of Senators Charles Dean and Bill Montford assured the audience of their commitment to fighting the closing as a top priority.

The message was the same from locally elected officials, who lauded the community unity in the face of the crisis and expressed hope that the unity would outlast the crisis.

AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

MASONIC LODGE INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS



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The Monticello Hiram Lodge #5 Free and Accepted Masons installed its 2012 line of officers, on Monday, January 9. Back row, left to right: Buddy Westbrook – Chaplin and Paul Klug - Worshipful Master. Front row, left to right: Will Hartsfield – Jr. Deacon; Jim Billberry – Treasurer; Travis Richards – Senior Warden; Marvin Hatcher – Junior Warden; Art Ward - Sr. Deacon; and Mike Willis, Marshall. (Not pictured: Roy Faglie – Secretary; AC Tharpe - Sr. Steward; and Keith Tharpe – Jr. Steward.)



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Deputy Grand Master Bob Montpellier (right) is pictured as he installs Paul Klug as Worshipful Master of the Monticello Hiram Lodge.

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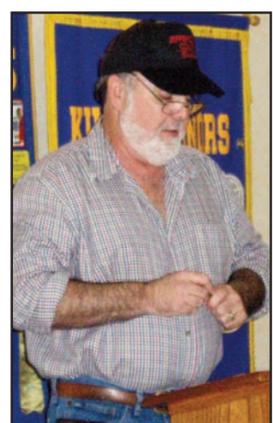


King Street Clean-Up

Top photo, it was a good turnout for the King Street Clean-up on Saturday morning, January 14, 2012. Pictured from left to right are: Cetta Barnhart, John Lilly and Monticello Mayor Idella Scott.

Bottom photo, Jefferson County 4H members and volunteers were out in force to help with the King Street Clean-up on Saturday morning, January 14, 2012.

SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS SPEAKS TO KIWANIS



Guest speaker to the Wednesday, January 11 meeting of the Monticello Kiwanis was Marty Bishop, Jefferson County Supervisor of Elections. He brought the membership up-to-date on recent changes to the election process and spoke briefly about the upcoming primaries.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JANUARY 25-28

Quilt and Fiber Arts Exhibition at the Jefferson Arts. 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 26

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 26

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.

JANUARY 26

Altrusa meets at noon on the second and fourth Thursday of each month for a meal and a meeting at the Jefferson Senior Citizen Center. For more information about Altrusa International Monticello/Jefferson County call 850-997-2973 or 850-997-3448. District III Governor Colleen Duris will present the program on January 26.

JANUARY 26

Technology Seminar at Lighthouse of the Big Bend, 3071 Highland Oaks Terrace, Tallahassee, specifically for individu-

als who are visually impaired or blind. The topic: What's in (side) a computer? All who join will have a chance to demolish a computer. Come take out all your computer frustration safely, and have the experience of touching all the parts, finding out what they are, and how they all work together. Thursday from 3 to 6 p.m. RSVP to Elizabeth Bowden at 850-942-3658 x 2114 or email ebowden@lighthousebig-bend.org

JANUARY 27

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 27-28

The Heart Music Hour is

back again Friday and Saturday with another fabulous episode at the Monticello Opera House. They've yet again scheduled great talent for both nights. Culminating in the Saturday night stage show with 'Hits & Grins' featuring Steve Dean, Bill Whyte and Lisa Shaffer. The format is the same; the party starts downstairs with food available for purchase, this time from a familiar local caterer, Carrie Ann & Company. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., Happy Hour 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., stage show 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. and the After Party lasts till midnight. This episode includes 'The Currys', the 'Sarah Mac Band' and the list goes on and on. Contact the MOH for tickets now at 850-997-4242 or go to monticelloopera-house.org

JANUARY 27

Havana Nights 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Friday at the

Capital City Country Club to benefit programs of Kids Incorporated of the Big Bend. Sponsorship opportunities are available by contacting Judie Miller at 850-414-

9800x104 or jmiller@kidsincorporated.org. Enjoy an evening of live music, dancing, gaming and a silent auction; for \$50 per person.

Financial Focus...

DON'T PLAY POLITICS WITH YOUR INVESTMENT DECISIONS

Provided by Robert J. Davison

While the election season heats up, you will hear more and more promises, claims and counter-claims from the candidates. As a citizen, you may or may not enjoy this "political theater," but as an investor, you might be concerned over all the talk about taxes, Social Security, Medicare and other financial topics. Will you need to adjust your savings and investment strategies? If so, how?

Before you think about adjusting your investment strategy in anticipation of any actions coming from Washington, keep a couple of facts in mind. First, few campaign promises become reality. And second, due to our system of government, radical shifts in direction are difficult to implement — which is why so few of them occur.

Still, we may see some smaller-scale — yet not insignificant — changes in the near future. In light of this possibility, what investment decisions should you make? Here are a few suggestions:

Consider owning investments that are taxed in different ways. No one can predict what will happen with income tax rates or the tax rates that are applied to capital gains and dividends. Consequently, it may be a good idea to seek "tax diversification" by owning investments that are taxed in different ways. For example, when you sell appreciated stocks, you pay capital gains taxes, whereas interest payments from bonds will be taxed at your individual tax rate. And it's always a good idea to take advantage of tax-advantaged vehicles, such as an IRA and your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan.

Stick with quality. It's a good idea, when owning stocks, to invest in quality companies with diversified businesses. These companies are usually less dependent on a particular government program, and they typically have a global reach, so they may be better able to handle any changes implemented in Washington.

Stay focused on your long-term goals. Politicians come and go, and our political parties seem to take turns holding the reins of power. Yet your long-term goals — such as college for your children, a comfortable retirement and the ability to leave a legacy to your family — don't really change. By realizing that you are largely responsible for achieving your goals, and by following an investment strategy that's suitable for your individual risk tolerance and time horizon, you can make gradual, but still meaningful, progress toward those goals — no matter what's happening in Washington.

Review your strategy regularly. With the possible approach of changes in tax policies and in government programs that can affect your retirement security, you'll want to review your investment strategy regularly to make sure it's still on track toward helping you meet your objectives. As part of this review, you may want to seek out more "tax-smart" investment opportunities, while always looking for ways to supply the asset growth you'll need to enjoy the retirement lifestyle you've envisioned.

Aside from voting for the candidates who best represent your interests, you may not have much influence over what goes on in Washington. But by "electing" the right moves to help meet your goals, you can have plenty of control over your investment strategy.

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MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW FOR ROMANTIC COMEDY

The Opera House Stage Company is in rehearsal for the romantic comedy 'Nobody's Perfect', coming to the Monticello Opera House on Friday and Saturday, February 10, 11, 17, 18, 24 and 25.

Leonard, a nerdy statistician, writes a romantic novel. A feminist publishing company is interested, but only if the book was written by a woman. His solution is to put on a dress and become his own Aunt Lulabelle. The deception seems to work, until Leonard falls in love with the editor, Harriet. Then he has to be Leonard, the potential boyfriend, and Lulabelle, the aunt, sometimes in the same moment. Things get even

more difficult when Leonard's feisty daughter and eccentric father figure out what he's up to.

The role of Leonard

is played by Stage Company regular, Jon Taylor. "Jon is a completely normal guy, but he does pretty well in a dress," says Director Jack

Williams.

Harriet is played by Mary Moon. Audiences will remember her as Truvy in last year's 'Steel Magnolias', as well as many other character parts.

George King plays Gus, Leonard's father. Gus is getting on in years, but he still likes to have a good time, which is why he is the only person in 37 years to ever be thrown out of the Sunny Springs Retirement Home.

Teila Hochstedler, a newcomer to the Opera House stage, plays DeeDee, Leonard's daughter. She is loveable and mischievous. She and Gus are pals and they drive Leonard crazy.

'Nobody's Perfect' is directed by Jan and Jack Williams. Judy Turner is the stage manager and Denise Tosado is the props master.

'Nobody's Perfect' will be presented in the downstairs reception area of the Monticello Opera House, in an intimate dinner theater setting. Dinner is at 7 p.m. and the show is at 8 p.m.

Ticket cost is \$35, with discounts for Opera House members. Reservations will be needed for the dinner, so contact the Opera House at 850-997-4242 or go to www.monticelloopera-house.org



Mary Moon and Jon Taylor play lead roles in the upcoming romantic comedy 'Nobody's Perfect'; scheduled for February 10, 11, 17, 18, 24 and 25 at the Monticello Opera House.



Teila Hochstedler and George King rehearse their parts in the upcoming romantic comedy 'Nobody's Perfect'; scheduled for February 10, 11, 17, 18, 24 and 25 at the Monticello Opera House.

STRESS MANAGEMENT FOR WOMEN

Ladies would you be interested in signing up for a Women's Webinar on Friday, February 3, from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce? Learn how to beat stress-caused tension, frustration and fatigue, and change forever the way you manage your active, vigorous agenda.

Some of the topics to be covered in the webinar are: the difference between psychological, situational and physiological gauges of stress; the 3-D approach to turning procrastination into action; techniques for managing self-talk and tips for overcoming self-induced stress and perfectionism; Five critical questions to ask when you feel pressure building; how to put anger at bay... six techniques to cool down and retain your composure; how to evaluate your current lifestyle to see how vulnerable you are to negative effects of stress; and much more.

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George W. Pittman, Sr. To Be Honored

Family and friends are invited to witness the unveiling of Tallahassee Community College's Cherry Hall Alexander African American History Calendar, on Monday, January 30, 2012, beginning with a reception at 5:45 p.m., and the unveiling program at 7:00 PM in the Tallahassee Community College's Fine and Performing Arts Center (formerly Turner Auditorium).

Tallahassee Community College is making plans for the celebration of African-American History month in January/February 2012. The national theme for the 2012 celebration is "African-Americans in American History & Culture." One of the activities planned is the unveiling of Tallahassee Community College's Cherry Hall Alexander African American History Calendar, which showcases several African-Americans who have made significant contributions in Leon and surrounding counties. A native of Monticello, Florida, Mr. George W. Pittman, Sr. will be showcased in this calendar. The unveiling of the calendar will be January 30, 2012 at Tallahassee Community College.

George W. Pittman,

Sr. is known as a man with a passion to help others. He is a native of Monticello. He is the last of five children born to the late Raymond and Callie Henderson-Pittman of Jacob City (Cottdonale, Florida). He was born on August 1, 1926 and is proud to be 85 years young and still actively engaged within his community.

He is a 1945 graduate of the Jackson County Training School, and has served his country as a Corporal in the United States Army/Air Force Corps from 1945-1946. Pittman received a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture with a Minor in Biology in 1950, a Master's Degree in Secondary School Administration and Supervisory of Discipline in 1956 from Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University (FAMU). He also holds an honorary Doctorate Degree in Religious Education from Union Baptist Theological Seminary of Albany, Georgia.

Pittman has spread his wings finding a love in helping young people by establishing a long term teaching and administrative career within various school systems. He worked as a teacher in the Jackson County School District, taught special studies at



George W. Pittman, Sr.

North Florida Suwannee River Junior College, he became Assistant Principal at Howard Middle School in 1958, Head Principal at Howard Academy High School in 1965, Head Principal at Howard Middle School from 1969-1985 and Head Principal at Jefferson County Adult Education from 1985-1993.

He has received countless awards for his achievements and has held numerous member-

ships over the years including National Associations of Secondary School Principals, Past President of FAMU Alumni Association Chapter of Jefferson County, Past Member of NAACP Chapter of Jefferson County, co-founder of the Jefferson County Voters League, the State Board of Leagues, Monticello Chapter of American Legion #234, Inaugural Honored Veterans of Jacob City, founding charter member of the Silver Leaf Lodge #521 - District 35, Free & Accepted Masons, PHA, located in Jackson County, The Order of Knights of Pythia, First Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church Associations, FAMU Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated, Secretary of the Jefferson County Senior Citizens Committee, Advisory Board of Adult Educa-

tion of Jefferson County and Jefferson County Outreach Program for Adult Education.

Pittman has boldly spread his wings throughout the community, which includes being the first African American appointed to serve on the Jefferson County Watermelon Festival Committee. He is a devoted Christian who accepted Christ in July 1939. He has served as Chairman of the Trustee Board, Superintendent of Sunday Schools for 25 years and currently serving as a Deacon at his beloved church, Memorial Missionary Baptist Church in Monticello.

He is a family man; was the loving husband of 54 years to the late Julia Pittman and father to the late Reverend Gregory W. Pittman (Reda), George W. Pittman, Jr., and Kimberly D. Pittman-Moore (Bernel-

ric). He is also the grandfather of twelve (Shemeka, Sherita, Shenice, Candice, Rochelle, Christopher, Trevoris, George III, Ramone, Geoandre, Asia and Andre) and great grandfather of ten. He also thinks of the many young people that he has helped to educate and mentor throughout a lifetime of service within the community as his children as well.

Pittman stated, "My passion is to educate, inspire and to stay involved in the community, church and political world and to reach out and touch someone". Mr. Pittman was nominated by the Howard Academy Class of 1971, and they stated that "He has always had a passion for empowering the Jefferson County community and believes that self-sufficiency is a critical means for achieving it."



George W. Pittman Showcased In African-American's In American History Calendar

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SALUTE TO SENIOR SERVICE

Search On For State's Outstanding Senior Volunteers

The Home Instead Senior Care office, serving seniors in Jefferson, Leon, Gadsden, and Wakulla counties, plus the Panhandle, has announced the Salute to Senior Service program to honor senior volunteers for the tireless contributions they make to their local communities.

The program will include a search for the most outstanding senior volunteer in each state and culminate with the selection of a national Salute to Senior Service winner during Older Americans Month in May.

Nominees must be 65 years of age or older and

volunteer at least 15 hours a month. Nominations will be accepted at www.SalutetoSeniorService.com through March 15. Nomination forms also can be requested at ckoehler@homeinsteadinc.com

State Senior Hero winners will receive plaques and their stories will be posted on the SalutetoSeniorService.com website. In addition, \$5,000 will be donated to the national winner's nonprofit charity of choice.

According to research conducted by the Home Instead Senior Care network, 52 percent of seniors volunteer

their time through unpaid community service. Nearly 20 percent, that's one in five, of seniors surveyed started volunteering when they reached the traditional age of retirement, 65 or older. Furthermore, 20 percent of seniors who volunteer say that their community service is the most important thing they do.

"Helping others defines life for many local retired seniors," said Scott Harrell, owner of the Home Instead Senior Care office in Tallahassee. "And what a difference we have observed in seniors' health, attitude and outlook among those who choose to stay active as they age."

Dr. Erwin Tan, director of the Senior Corps, a national organization that links more than

400,000 Americans 55 and older to service opportunities, agrees. "The one thing I hear constantly from the seniors in our programs is that volunteering gives them a purpose in life, they say that it's the reason they get up in the morning."

"In addition, it's a great way for them to learn new things, whether a skill or just something about an issue in which they have an interest," Tan said. "Volunteering is just a great way to expand their horizons and making them feel like they're still a valuable part of their community."

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FRAN HUNT
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Staff Writer

Travis J. Scott, 30, of Jefferson County, was arrested January 10 and charged with burglary of a structure; burglary of a conveyance; grand theft; and violation of probation on the charge of fleeing or attempting to elude law enforcement officers. A total bond of \$32,000 was set and he remained in the County Jail January 24.

Delores Scurry, 48, of Jefferson County, was arrested January 11 and charged with writ of attachment for nonpayment of child support. Bond was set at \$600 and she bonded out of jail the following day.

Marion Devon Thompson, 25, of Monticello, was arrested January 12 and charged with violation of probation on the charge of possession of cocaine. Bond was withheld and he remained at the County Jail January 24.

Cacayia Williams, 22, of Tallahassee, was ar-

rested January 12 and charged with violation of probation on the charge of shooting or throwing a deadly missile. She was released on her own recognizance the same day.

Michael Eugene Peter, 46, of Florence, AL, was arrested January 12 and charged with driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$500 and he bonded out of jail the same day.

Joshua Douglas Stanley, 27, of Tallahassee, was sentenced in court January 13 to serve 15 days in the County Jail on the charges of driving while license suspended; possession of cannabis; and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Zachary Scott Christian, 36, of Jefferson County, was arrested January 13 and charged with driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$500 and he bonded out of jail the same day.

Tara Faye Thompson, 34, of Tallahassee, was arrested January 14 on an

outstanding Leon County warrant charging her with failure to appear on the charge of trespass in an occupied structure; failure to appear on the charge of battery; failure to appear on the charge of possession of drug paraphernalia; and violation of probation on the charge of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon. She was turned over to Leon County authorities January 17 to face charges there.

Blake Kenneth Jones, 34, of Perry, FL, was arrested January 14 and charged with driving under the influence, third offense; failure to submit to a DUI test, second offense; and violation of driver license restriction. Bond was set at \$5,000 and he bonded out of jail the following day.

Michael Burrell Kinsey, 21, of Jefferson County, was arrested January 14 and charged with possession of cannabis less than 20 grams and possession of paraphernalia. A total bond of \$1,000

was set and he bonded out of jail the following day.

Christopher Scott Hall, 47, of Jefferson County, was arrested January 14 and charged with driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$500 and he bonded out of jail the same day.

Thomas Vincent Struhar, 60, of Hollywood, FL, was arrested January 15 and charged with disorderly conduct and trespass after warning. He was released on his own recognizance the same day.

Justin H. Brooks, 26, of Davie, FL, was sentenced in court January 16 to serve 30 days in the County Jail on the charges of possession of marijuana with intent to sell and possession of drug paraphernalia.

John Carlos Alen, 51, of Culter Bay, FL, was arrested January 16 and charged with driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$1,500 and he bonded out of jail the following day.

James Eugene Hill,

38, of Tallahassee, was arrested January 17 and charged with dealing in stolen property and burglary of a conveyance. Bond was withheld and he remained at the County Jail January 24.

Brennan Currier Nelms, 19, of Palm Harbor, FL, was arrested January 19 and charged with possession of a controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; and possession of cannabis less than 20 grams. Bond was withheld and he remained at the County Jail January 24.

Kevin Lamar Green, 49, of Marianna, FL, was arrested January 19 and charged with possession of methamphetamine; possession of cannabis less than 20 grams; and possession of paraphernalia. A total bond of \$6,500 was set and he bonded out of jail the following day.

William Harris, Jr., 44, of Jefferson County, was sentenced in court January 20 to serve eight days in the County Jail on the charge of petit theft.



We Are Looking For Leap Year Babies

Are you a grownup but still only seven years old because your birthday only comes around every four years? Will you have to wait until you can almost draw Social Security to celebrate your Sweet 16 party? We want to hear about it.

This newspaper is interested in doing stories on leap year babies. Is your birthday on February 29? If it is, then give us a call at (850) 997-3568. We are looking forward to those leap year youngsters from 0 to 25 (0-10).

We would like to feature your story in a special Leap Year section in our Feb. 29 issue of Monticello News.

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CHURCH

PORCH DE SALOMON -- ADELANTE!

BY LLOYD MONROE

FORWARD WITH NEW HOUSES

When Jesus saw her, he called her forward... Luke 13:12

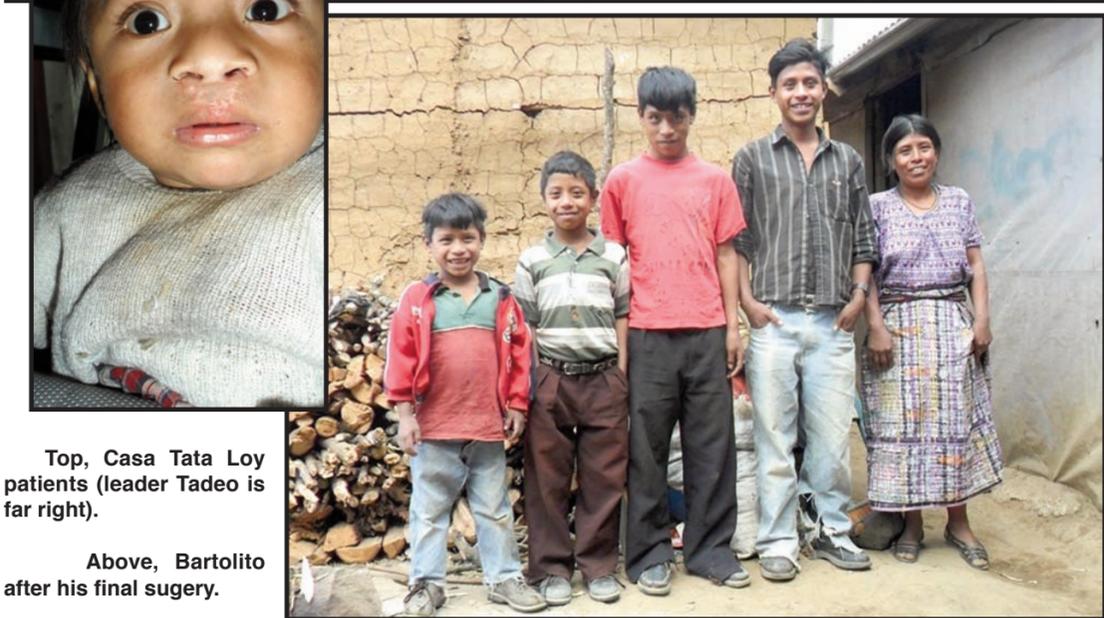
As we move forward ("Adelante!" in Spanish) into 2012, we remember that Christ calls us to keep moving in the Way; sometimes figuratively, sometimes literally. We never "arrive," at least not on this side.

Melanie and I returned to Panajachel January 24. We greatly enjoyed our holiday fur-rough time stateside. It was wonderful to reunite with our children, extended family and friends. So many folks encouraged us with smiles, prayers, food and generous and faithful donations to Porch.

Marta is a widow in the indigenous village of Chipop; her husband died from alcoholism. Their mud/cornstalk house was destroyed by Hurricane Stan. She and her four children have lived in a shelter with feed sack and mud/stick walls since 2005. They have no electricity, no bathroom or outhouse, no sink, no running water. They all sleep on two hard board beds.

Marta washes clothes in the river and earns \$2.50 a day. Her 17 year-old son earns some money as field hand; he has only a fourth-grade education.

Team Good Samaritan UMC (Tallahassee FL, Jan. 28-Feb. 4) will bless this family with a good



Top, Casa Tata Loy patients (leader Tadeo is far right).

Above, Bartolito after his final surgery.

At right, Marta and her four sons outside their rooms.

new house. Teams like this continue to demonstrate selfless giving and service in villages which have rarely, if ever, seen such.

FORWARD WITH CASA TAT LOY

Late last year, Porch began a relationship with this new humble drug/alcohol rehabilitation cen-

ter across the lake in San Lucas Toliman. Over 25 men lived, worked and received professional, faith-based counseling in Casa's cramped, somewhat dreary facility. The center's leader, Tadeo (himself a recovering addict), has secured a much-needed larger (but still modest) facility nearby.

Alcoholism is part of the problem with so many families we work with. Porch has placed three men from Panajachel in this facility (at a discounted monthly cost of \$100 each) and is donating

\$250 monthly for food for the group.

Please let us know if you'd like to get involved in funding this effort. We welcome your questions or support!

ADELANTE WITH CLEFT PALATE CHILDREN

For years Porch has secured milk, special bottles, medicine and surgery for cleft palate babies who are brought to us. We work against ignorance, shame and fear

which sometimes resulted in these children being hidden away to wither away.

We are proud that little Bartolito recently received his third and final corrective surgery! A faithful donor in the states funds \$50 monthly for his milk. We have new babies who need such sponsors; let us know if you'd like to help!

www.porchdesalomon.org
lloyd@porchdesalomon.org
or Rex 850.933.0344

WACISSA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

14492 Waukeelah Hwy/ P.O. Box 411
Wacissa • 997-2179 or 997-1769
Pastor James Gamble

Sunday School.....9:45 AM
Sunday Morning.....10:55 AM
Sunday Bible Study.....6:30 PM
Wednesday
Prayer Meeting.....6:30 PM
Youth Group.....6:00 PM
Choir Practice.....7:30 PM

CAPITAL HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH

7150 Apalachee Pkwy • Tallahassee
www.chbaptistchurch.org

Pastor Derrick Burrus 850-345-0425
Youth Pastor Ron Thrash 850-459-6490

Sunday School.....10:00 AM
Sunday Worship.....11:00 AM
Children's Chapel.....11:00 AM
Sunday Evening.....6:00 PM
Wednesday Evening.....7:00 PM
Prayer Meeting and Bible Study
Classes for Students

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

US 19 N 1590 N. Jefferson Street (US 19)
997-3906

Debra@monticellonaz@gmail.com
Rev. Timothy Hildreth

Sunday School.....9:45 AM
Morning Worship.....10:45 AM
Wednesday Evening
Supper.....5:30 PM
Small Group Breakout.....6:30 PM
Bible Study & Prayer Meeting.....6:30 PM
Saturday
Spanish Church Services.....7:30 PM

ELIZABETH BAPTIST CHURCH

4124 Bassett Dairy Rd • Monticello • 997-8444
Email: ebmonticello@centurylink.net

Dr Dean Spivey, Pastor
Student Pastor, Don Self

Sunday Worship Service.....8:30 AM
Sunday: Bible Study.....9:45 AM
Worship Service.....11:00 AM
Choir Practice.....6:00 PM
Worship Service.....7:00 PM
Wednesday
Children/Student Ministry.....3:00 PM
Bible Study/Prayer Meeting.....6:00 PM
RA's, GA's, Mission Friends & Youth 6:00 PM

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Worship Services 2nd and 4th Sundays
Sunday School (every Sunday)....9:30 AM
Sunday Worship.....11:00 AM
Children's Worship.....11:00 AM
Wednesday
Fellowship Meal.....6:30 PM
Prayer Meeting/Bible Study.....7:00 PM

ST. MARGARET CATHOLIC CHURCH

1565 East Washington Street
Monticello • 973-2428
(One mile east of the Court House on US 90)

Fr. Viet Tan Huynh

Sunday Mass.....11:00 AM
Wed. followed by Novena.....7:00 PM
1st & 3rd Saturday
Spanish Mass.....7:00 PM

REFUGE IN AUCILLA

Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Inc
63 Tinnell Road Monticello, FL 32344
850-997-0399

District Elder Tony Lane, Pastor
Services:

Sunday
Bible School.....9:45 AM
Morning Worship.....11:00 AM
1st Sunday Holy Communion Service

Monday
Wings of Prayer.....5:00 PM
Wednesday
Noonday Prayer.....12:00 PM
(Mid-Week Church Fasting Day)

1st Wednesday
Praise and Worship.....7:30 PM
Prayer.....7:00 PM
Bible Class.....7:30 PM
1st, 4th, 5th Saturday
Prayer.....9:00 AM
Everyday
Morning Universal Prayer.....6:00 AM

MT. ZION A.M.E. CHURCH

2009 Barrington Road
Lloyd, FL

Pastor Rev. Dr Edward Scott II

Sunday School Every Sunday.....10:00 AM
Worship Service 2nd and 4th Sunday.....11:00 AM
Bible Study 4th Sunday.....11:00 AM
Youth Day 3rd Sunday.....11:00 A.M.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LLOYD

124 St. Louis Street • Lloyd • 997-5309
www.fbelloyd.com

Pastor George L. Smith

Sunday
Sunday School.....9:15 AM
Praise & Worship.....10:30 AM
AWANA (ages 3yr-6th grade).....5:00 PM
Impact 4Jesus (Grades 6th-College)5:30 PM
Praise & Worship.....6:00 PM
Adult Choir.....7:00 PM
Wednesday
Family Supper.....5:45 PM
Worship.....7:00 PM
Joyful Sounds Children's Choir...7:00 PM
5th quarter Youth.....7:00 PM
1st & 3rd Monday
Mighty Monday-Ladies Bible Study...6:30 PM
2nd Thursday
Lloyd Silver Saints.....11:00 AM
3rd Thursday
W.W. Diners(Widows/Widowers outing)...5:30 PM
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Brotherhood.....8:00 AM

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Sunday School.....9:45 AM
Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 AM
2nd Sunday Youth.....11:00 AM
4th Sunday Service.....8:00 PM
Tuesday Prayer Meeting
and Bible Study.....7:00 PM

OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

7369 Boston Hwy. Monticello
850-997-1596

Bro. Art Beal, Interim Pastor

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

325 West Washington Street
Monticello • 997-2349

Dr. Rick Kelley, Pastor

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
-Nursery for all services-

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH

625 Tindell Road • Aucilla • 997-2081
P.O. Box 163 • Monticello

Pastor Daryl Adams 850-251-0129

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 NEWS NOTES

JANUARY 25-29
 Union #2 Jefferson County Ministers/Deacons/Home Mission Societies will convene with Friendship Missionary Baptist Church (Drifton Highway) at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday for Union Bible Study. The Union will continue at 11 a.m. on Saturday with the Union Leadership Conference. Union Worship Services will begin at 9:45 a.m. with Sunday School. All member churches and interested friends are invited to attend. For more information, contact Union Reporter Mary Blake at 850-241-6822.

JANUARY 26
 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 27
 'Sunday Drive', 'The Nehrkorns' and 'LifeSong' in a gospel music concert Friday evening at Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park in Madison. Admission is free for this WinterFest, but a love offering will be received during the concert. For more information, call 850-464-0114 or visit

www.lifesonggospel.com
JANUARY 27
 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 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.

FEBRUARY 1, 15
 EaglesWings, a ministry of outreach, serves the community on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The food pantry is located at the First Pres-

byterian Church on East Dogwood Street. Volunteers are always welcome to hand out food items and to donate non-perishable food items. Call and leave a message for JoAnne Arnold at 850-997-2252 or go to eagleswingsmonticello@yahoo.com or www.firstpresbyterianmonticeool.org

FEBRUARY 4
 Cherry Lake First Baptist Church will host a Bluegrass Gospel Benefit/Sing on Saturday, from 6 to 8 p.m., featuring Calvary Bluegrass and other local talent. This benefit is to help Victor Strawder with his medical bills. A Love Offering will be collected. For more information contact Jane Moore at 850-929-9990.

FEBRUARY 5
 Greater Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate Family and Friends Day at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday. All are invited to glorify God on this blessed occasion. Elder Chester Brown III and the Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church #1 of Tallahassee will render the service. Contact Rev. Melvin Roberts, pastor, at 850-997-4375 for more information. The church is located at 690 Cypress Street.

FEBRUARY 8
 St. Phillip AME Church will host a February Mid-Week Praise & Worship Service beginning Wednesday after the first Sunday in February, with a Praise Service at 6:45 p.m. and Worship Service at 8:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY 10
 New Hope Church will host a Blood Drive from 12 to 6 p.m. on Friday in the Winn Dixie Plaza. A free lunch will be served to all donors. For more information contact Mary at 850-948-8232.

FEBRUARY 12
 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.

Forbidden fruit creates many jams

Gospel Fest At JCHS
 Gospel Fest at the old Jefferson County High School, in the auditorium, on Saturday, February 4 beginning at 6 p.m.; doors open at 5 p.m.

This second annual event, hosted by Detroit Live, will feature Min. Febe & The Chosen Ones; Bright Side Gospel Singers; Mother Graham & The Gospel Joy Singers; Thessalonians; New Bethel AME Church; Apostle & Favor and so many more.

This evening of gospel music is free, though donations will be accepted. For more information contact CP Miller III at 850-251-2194.

Fish Fry At Memorial MBC

The Mission Ministry of Memorial Missionary Baptist Church will hold a Fish Fry on Friday, January 27 in the church fellowship hall, beginning at 11 a.m. until the fish is gone.

The meal will be your choice of mullet or brim with cole slaw and baked beans for a donation of \$7.00; sandwiches will cost a donation of \$5.50.

The church is located at the corner of MLK and Second streets. For more information contact Rev. Joretha Sloan at 850-997-2705.

LAMONT BAPTIST CHURCH

P. O. Box 188 • 850-997-6870
 121 River Rd • US 27 Lamont, FL 32336
 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
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

ST. PHILLIP AME CHURCH

Hwy. 27 South • (1 mile south of Hwy 59)
 Monticello • 997-4226
Rev. J. W. Tisdale

Sunday Morning.....9:30 AM
 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.

TRANSFORMING LIFE CHURCH ASSEMBLY OF GOD

1206 Springfield Road • Lloyd • 997-TLC7 (8527)
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Sunday..... 10:30 AM
 Sunday Morning Praise and Worship
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Wednesday.....7:00 PM
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 Adult & Teen Bible Study
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 www.restoredglory.org
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 Thursday Church Service.....7:00 PM
 Wednesday with Pastor.....10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
 Saturday For Realville for Teens- 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
 Men's Ministry every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month.
 4th Saturday Morning Glory for women.....8:00 AM

WAUKEENAH UNITED METHODIST

81 Methodist Church Rd • Waukeelah • 997-2171
 www.waukeelah-umc.org
Pastor Donald Thompson, Jr.

Sunday School.....9:45 AM
 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
 Thrift Store open every Saturday,
 8:00 AM-12:00 PM

New Tradition At Central Baptist

You Are Invited!

Join us for a truly inspiring service featuring the singing ministry of



Central Baptist Church

625 Tindell Road in Aucilla, FL

Sunday, Feb. 5, 2012

10:30 a.m. Worship Service



New Tradition was formed in 1990 and they have been bringing God's message of salvation as their ministry ever since. Their ministry of music will be a blessing to you. Current members of New Tradition include: Dan Taylor, Jenny Taylor, Deran Hardeman, all of Nashville, GA and Stacey Joiner of Sparks, GA.

Dinner will be served to ALL in the Fellowship Hall after the service.

Bring your family and friends for this special worship service!

Call Pastor Daryl Adams @ 850-251-0129 or Dan Morris @ 850-251-3296 for more information. A Love Offering will be taken up after the service.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

285 Magnolia St • Monticello • 997-2165
 www.cbcflorida.org
Dr. David E. Walker, Pastor

Sunday School.....9:45 AM
 Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 AM
 Sunday Evening.....6:30 PM
 Wednesday Evening.....7:00 PM
 Wed. TRAC Club for teens.....7:00 PM

NEW HOPE MINISTRIES CHURCH OF GOD

415 E Palmer Mill Rd • Monticello • 997-1119
 newhope415@yahoo
Pastors Ray and Angel Hill

Sunday School.....10:00 AM
 Sunday Worship.....11:00 AM
 Sunday Prayer.....6:00 PM
 Wed. Family Training Hour.....7:00 PM

GREATER FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

690 Cypress Street Monticello 850-997-4375
 "Standing Firm On The Word Of God"
Dr. Melvin Roberts, Pastor

Sunday Church School.....10:00 A.M.
 Sunday Praise & Worship.....11:15 A.M.
 2nd Sunday Youth Praise & Worship
 4th Sunday Individual Outreach Ministry & Fellowship
 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.

Central Baptist Church invites the community to attend the singing ministry of 'New Tradition' on Sunday, February 5 beginning at 10:30 a.m. with a Morning Worship Service.

'New Tradition' was formed in 1990 and has been bringing God's message of salvation as their ministry ever since. Their ministry of music will be a blessing to you. Current members of the gospel group include Dan Taylor, Jenny Taylor, Deran Hardeman, all of Nashville, Georgia and Stacey

Joiner of Sparks, Georgia.

Join the church family for a truly inspiring service featuring this singing ministry group. Dinner will be served to all in the church fellowship hall after the service.

Bring your family and friends for this special worship service. For more information contact Pastor Daryl Adams at 850-251-0129 or Dan Morris at 850-251-3296.

A Love Offering will be taken up after the service. The church location is at 625 Tindell Road in Aucilla.

CODY PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

3862 Tram Rd. • Monticello • 997-6774
Pastors Donnie and Nancy Thomas

Sunday School.....10:00 AM
 Morning Worship.....11:00 AM
 Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 PM
 Wednesday Worship.....7:00 PM

INDIAN SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

5593 Veterans Memorial Drive (Hwy 59)
 Tallahassee • 850-893-5296
 www.indianspringsbaptistchurch.com

Rev. Greg Roberts

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

SARDIS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

4543 Waukeenah Hwy • Monticello -850-264-0802
Pastor Stephen Lenzo

Sunday School.....9:45 AM
 Sunday Worship.....11:00 AM
 Nursery Provided
 Tues Bible Study.....6:30PM
 www.sardis.his-body.com
 email=lenzos@his-body.com

HARVEST CHRISTIAN CENTER

1599 Springhollow Road • Monticello • 850-212-7669
Pastor Marvin Graham

Sunday Worship.....10:30 AM
 Sunday Worship 1st & 3rd.....2:00 PM-4:00 PM
 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

SCHOOL & EDUCATION

Amanda Sapp Joins ACA Staff

FRAN HUNT
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

Another alumni has come full circle and returned to Aucilla Christian Academy. 2005



graduate Amanda Sapp has joined the staff at ACA as the new art and yearbook teacher. She also coaches the middle school girls basketball team.

She attended the University of North Florida, where she earned her BA in English. Sapp then went on to teach one year of middle school and one year of second grade.

"I became interested in teaching because I love kids and I love the opportunity it gives me to impact their lives in a positive way," said Sapp. "God has truly given me a heart for middle school children. I connect best with them and feel they are the most moldable."

"What I look forward to most this year is getting to know the students and having former teach-

ers as my coworkers," she added. "I find my biggest challenge to be being creative, it doesn't come naturally for me."

She considers her strong points to be her organization and her ability to encourage the students.

"My biggest frustration is when I know a student has a hard home life and there is nothing I can do to change it," said Sapp.

"My main objective this year is to grow as an educator and to serve God in the workplace," she said. "I wish to be remembered by my students as a teacher who cared deeply for her students and always represented Christ in her actions. I am excited to be back at Aucilla. I know God has lead me here and He has exciting plans in store."

Sapp was born in Tallahassee but has lived in Monticello most of her life. "I went to college in Jacksonville for four years and lived in Lake City for one year," she added.

Her hobbies include playing tennis, reading and going to the movies.

Six-County Faculty Art Show:

New NFCC exhibit features work of ten local art instructors
Community invited to "Meet the Artists" Art Reception Friday, Jan. 27, 6-7:30 p.m.

Ten area high school and college art instructors are the featured artists in a new exhibit at North Florida Community College's Hardee Center for the Arts. The new exhibit entitled "Six-County Faculty Show" is open now through the end of February. A "Meet the Artists" reception celebrating the new exhibit and featured artists will be held Friday, Jan. 27 from 6-7:30 p.m. All are invited to attend.

"It is a myth that art teachers have all the time in the world to create art," said Lisa Barden-Thompson, NFCC Art Instructor. "Actually,

being an instructor takes up quite a bit of time outside of the classroom and leaves very little time for art making. I have been struggling to find time for my own creative outlet and I know that other art teachers have had the same experience. I proposed this exhibit with two goals in mind: I wanted to show students what their instructors do and I wanted to motivate the local art faculty, including myself, to get back into the studio."

Local art instructors participating in the exhibit are Bridget Akers (High School Art Instructor, Jefferson

County); Jeff Byers (High School Art Instructor, Taylor County); Lisa Barden-Thompson (NFCC Art Instructor, Madison County); Leon Daniels (High School Art Instructor, Hamilton County); Vaster Fryer (High School Art Instructor, Suwannee County); Cindy Hiers (High School Art Instructor, Suwannee County); Lauren Martilli (NFCC Humanities Instructor, Madison County); Ansley Simmons (NFCC Photography Instructor, Madison County); Donn Smith (High School Art Instructor, Madison County); and Pam

Williams (High School Art Instructor, Suwannee County).

Local featured artist:
Bridget Akers:
High School Art Instructor,
Jefferson County

Bridget Akers is originally from Indiana. She graduated from Purdue University in 1992 with a BA in Art Education and a BA in Fine Arts. She is married with four children and lives in Live Oak. Akers teaches in Jefferson County and has been teaching art at the elementary school for six years and the high school for three years.

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PLAYER SPOTLIGHT: TARYN COPELAND

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Telling someone that they “throw like a girl” used to be an insult, but that shouldn’t be the case anymore. Taryn Copeland is proud to “throw like a girl,” and it is those throwing skills that landed her a spot as a pitcher on the softball team at St. John’s River State College.

Copeland is a 2011 honor graduate of Aucilla Christian Academy. While at ACA, she played on the softball and basketball teams every year. She was also on the cheerleading squad each year. She was a

the world. I’m where I am today all because of them. I have a pretty normal family: Mom, Debbie Copeland, Dad, Scott Copeland, sister, Casey (28), brother, Tres (16), and sister, Taylor (13). I also have such supportive grandparents who I love so much and would do anything for me. My mom is a huge inspiration to me, she has always helped me through every problem I’ve had and she has always encouraged me to follow my dreams and not let anything else get in the way. My dad is a huge part of my success in softball, ever since I was 8 years

get stronger and be able to lift more weight every month,” said Copeland.

The workouts and conditioning that the girls must do is not simply running or lifting weights. There are few people who could handle the intense workouts that the girls must do. “We do a lot of running and weight training for conditioning, but mostly running. Our coach mixes it up from day to day but it is always really tough and she pushes us very hard. An example of a normal day of conditioning would be: a timed campus run (two miles), sprints on the tennis courts, suicides, fitness stations (agilities and core work), and just different workouts every day. We have about 30 different things we can do for conditioning and it’s different every day so you never know what to expect. As a pitcher, we have to be in the best shape because we were constantly doing something, so Amanda Smith (sophomore Pitcher) and I, run a campus run on our own everyday at practice. I also do a lot of conditioning on my own; I run in the mornings or after practice and sometimes do extra workouts with some of my teammates after practice.”

The SJRSC softball season starts January 28 with the JUCO kickoff classic tournament in Clearwater. The team will play up to 65 games until the beginning of May. When asked what she was most looking forward to, Copeland said, “There are a lot of things I look forward to this season: traveling around the state, hanging out with my friends on the team, working hard, playing hard, beating a lot of teams, and hopefully winning a state championship!”

According to Copeland, the most difficult aspect of playing college softball is time management. “As a student athlete I am on campus from 8 in the morning to about 6-8 at night. Between morning workouts, classes, study hall, physical therapy, homework and of course practice, I have absolutely no free time, but I love it! I’m always busy and I always have something to do. It gets stressful at times, but I know it will all be worth it one day, and I won’t regret playing softball in college,” she said.

When asked what one of the biggest challenges of playing college softball, Copeland said, “College is a whole different world than high school, in

classes/homework and softball. I’m used to college classes and homework, and they really aren’t an issue for me because of dual enrolling, but it does get tough sometimes taking 15 or 16 hours and playing softball. In high school our practices were a whole different atmosphere. I loved my high school team and coach, and I still wish I could go back and play my senior year all over again. College practices are twice as long, we run

20 times as much and we are expected to practice with 10 times the intensity as we practiced in high school, but it has made me want to work harder and become a better pitcher. In college ball, everyone was the MVP of their high school team, so it takes a little while to get used to people being better than you, but in the end it makes you better as an athlete.”

Copeland’s academic plan is to complete her As-

sociate in Arts at St. Johns. She will have her AA plus some of her prerequisites completed after this semester. Next year she will just be focusing on her prerequisite classes. After next year’s season she hopes to transfer to Florida State University, University of Florida or University of South Florida to finish up her prerequisites, and then apply to either Medical school or Pharmacy school.



Taryn Copeland (right) is seen with her sister Taylor (left). Taryn is an ACA graduate who is now pitching for St. John’s River State College.

member of the Beta Club for four years, and was their secretary during her senior year. She ran cross-country her senior year and was dual enrolled at North Florida Community College each semester starting her 10th grade summer.

Playing softball in college wasn’t part of Copeland’s plans until she was in 11th grade. “Since recruiting starts so young now and I was pretty late in my decision, I figured if I wanted to play at the next level, I better get serious. The summer before my 11th grade year is when I got into travel ball, started going to more pitching lessons, and conditioning and keeping in shape in the off-season. I got into a recruiting website and started getting emails from coaches. The emails I was getting were from colleges in states like Michigan, Virginia Tennessee and Washington, but I definitely didn’t want to leave Florida. One day I got an email from the recruiting/pitching coach here at SJRSC. I had never heard of the school before but I called him back and he asked me to come work out with the team. My mom drove me over to Palatka in the fall of my junior year. I threw for the coach and he offered me a full scholarship that day. I met the team and toured the school and I knew I wanted to go there. The coach took me and showed me some apartments right on the St. Johns River and that is what sold my dad and me. I verbally committed right then. The two coaches I committed under left and we got a new coach, Katie Brosky. She’s a great coach and pitched at UNF so that definitely benefits us pitchers. We have three assistant coaches who do a great job with the program as well.”

When asked to describe her family, Copeland said, “My family is definitely my biggest support group, and I wouldn’t trade them for

old, me and my dad would be in the yard playing ball non-stop. He has always supported me and wanted me to do what made me happy. My parents never pushed me into softball, which is why I love it so much. We were never really a big softball family. We didn’t travel to different states playing ball every single weekend and I am very grateful for that because the decision to start playing travel ball, which led into me playing college ball, was my decision, not a decision I was forced into. I couldn’t have asked for a better brother and sister, they are everything to me and they are a great support group as well. I know for a fact that both my brother and sister will follow my path into college athletics and will be very successful.”

When it comes to college softball, there is no off-season. The girls condition and workout five days a week during the summer. They do get to go home during the summer, but they each get sheets that they must log their workouts in every day. When they get back to school in the fall, they start major conditioning. Copeland describing major conditioning as, “This is where the coaches tell who has and hasn’t worked out in the summer. During fall conditioning we usually condition five days a week for about an hour and a half. Fall practice starts about three weeks after school starts. We practice 5-6 days a week for around three hours and condition after practice.” Then fall games begin. The team plays an average of 25 games in the fall. After fall games are over the girls condition hard until Christmas break. They then get three weeks off for the holidays. “During both fall and spring we have to workout an hour a day in the weight room around our class schedule, we get max out sheets and have to

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Dated this 2nd day of January 2012.

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

1/11,18,25,2/1/12,c.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Phlaine S. Johnson Trust the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed.

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

Certificate Number: 644 Year of Issuance: 2009

Description of Property: 36-2N-4E-0870-0000-0070 .28 Acre
Lot 7 Coopers Ridge Subdivision
Plat BK B PG 101 & ORB 592 PG 620

Name in which assessed: Thom Robinson LLC

All of said property being in the County of Jefferson, State of Florida. This property when sold may be subject to the current year taxes.

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION # 2012-011912-01

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Chapter 336.10, Florida Statutes, that the Board of County Commissioners, Jefferson County, Florida did on the 19th day of January, 2012, adopt a resolution vacating and abandoning a portion of a roadway in Jefferson County, Florida, to wit:

That portion of a County maintained dirt road known as "Sledge Lane" located entirely within the parcel of land owned by GARGANELLA FARM, LLC, lying in Section 11 and 12, Township 2 North, Range 4 East, as more particularly described in the Trustee's Deed recorded in Book: 668, Page 606 of the Official Records of Jefferson County, Florida, which is the dead end portion of such road approximately 400 feet in length.
1/25/2012, c.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF

File Number: 11-92-CP

ELIZABETH ANN BORUM,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of ELIZABETH ANN BORUM, deceased, whose date of death was November 22, 2011, is pending in the Circuit Court for Jefferson County, Florida, Probate Division under probate file 11-92-CP the address of which is 1 Courthouse Circle, Monticello, Florida 32344. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of the first publication of this notice is January 18, 2012

Rebecca Ashburn
275 Dahl Drive
Monticello, Florida 32344
1/18, 25/12, c.

Attorney for Personal Representative
T. Buckingham Bird, Esq.
P.O. Box 247
Monticello, Florida 32345
1(850) 997-3503

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Phlaine S. Johnson Trust the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed.

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

Certificate Number: 300 Year of Issuance: 2009

Description of Property: 05-1S-3E-0740-0000-0200 5.20 Acres
Lots 19 and 20 Chinquapin Acres
ORB 420 PG 1

Name in which assessed: Jeannie Brubaker

All of said property being in the County of Jefferson, State of Florida. This property when sold may be subject to the current year taxes.

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Dated this 2nd day of January 2012.

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

1/11,18,25,2/1/12,c.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Phlaine S. Johnson Trust the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed.

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

Certificate Number: 275 Year of Issuance: 2009

Description of Property: 33-1N-3E-0000-0049-0000 5.00 Acres
In SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 o
ORB 423 PG 160 & ORB 620 PG 59

Name in which assessed: Brad Sheffield

All of said property being in the County of Jefferson, State of Florida. This property when sold may be subject to the current year taxes.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Jefferson County Courthouse, north door on the 16th day of February, 2012, at 11:00 a.m.

Dated this 2nd day of January 2012.

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

1/11,18,25,2/1/12,c.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Phlaine S. Johnson Trust the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed.

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

Certificate Number: 667 Year of Issuance: 2009

Description of Property: 17-1N-5E-0000-0020-0000 28.03 Acres
In N 1/2 of EX RR RW S OF HWY 158
ORB 601 PG 14 & 607 P 317

Name in which assessed: Larry G. Woods Family Trust

All of said property being in the County of Jefferson, State of Florida. This property when sold may be subject to the current year taxes.

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Dated this 2nd day of January 2012.

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

1/11,18,25,2/1/12,c.

Notice of Public Meeting

Engineering firm Preble-Rish will be hosting a meeting open to public input on the master park planning at the headwaters of the Wacissa River. The meeting will be held at the Wacissa Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Wacissa on Saturday, January 28 at 10 AM
1/20,25/2012, c.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 33-2011-CA-000189

ROSE ACCEPTANCE, INC.

Plaintiff(s),

Division No.

vs.

Section.

FRANCES ALDAY A/K/A FRANCES

ELLEN ALDAY F/K/A FRANCIS ELLEN HODGES; et. al.,
Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF ACTION FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS-PROPERTY

TO: FRANCES ALDAY A/K/A FRANCES ELLEN ALDAY F/K/A FRANCIS ELLEN HODGES ADDRESS UNKNOWN BUT WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS IS: 420 E 2ND WAY, GREENVILLE, FL 32331 UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF FRANCES ALDAY A/K/A FRANCES ELLEN ALDAY F/K/A FRANCIS ELLEN HODGES ADDRESS UNKNOWN BUT WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS IS: 420 E 2ND WAY, GREENVILLE, FL 32331

Residence unknown and if living, including any unknown spouse of the Defendant, if remarried and if said Defendant is dead, his/her respective unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, creditors, lienors, and trustees, and all other persons claiming by, through, under or against the named Defendant; and the aforementioned named Defendant and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendant and such of the unknown named Defendant as may be infants, incompetents or otherwise not sui juris.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property, to-wit:

LOT 4, BLOCK A, ASHVILLE HIGHLANDS UNIT II SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION AS PER THE PLAT THEREOF FILED AT PLAT BOOK B, PAGE 43, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA. more commonly known as 420 E. 2ND WAY, GREENVILLE, FL32331

This action has been filed against you, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, to it on Plaintiff's attorney, GILBERT GARCIA GROUP, P.A., whose address is 2005 Pan Am Circle, Suite 110, Tampa, Florida 33607, on or before 30 days after date of first publication and file the original with the Clerk of the Circuit Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on the 19th day of December, 2011.

Kirk Reams
JEFFERSON County, Florida

By: Sherry Sears
Deputy Clerk

"In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons in need of a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding shall, within seven (7) days prior to any proceeding, contact the Administrative Office of the Court, JEFFERSON County, INTERSECTION US HIGHWAYS 19 AND 90, MONTICELLO FL 32344- , County Phone: 850-342-0218 ext. 228 TDD 1-800-955-8771 or 1-800-955-8770 via Florida Relay Service".
1/25,2/1/12,c.

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

DENNIS WITTENBERG;
Plaintiff,

CASE NO.: 10-262-CA
CIRCUIT CIVIL

v.

CHRISTINA CARR; WILLIE J. CARR, a married man; and UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CHRISTINA CARR;
Defendant(s).

CLERK'S NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Plaintiff's Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on January 10, 2012 in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on the North Steps of the Jefferson County Courthouse, 1 Courthouse Circle, Monticello, FL 32344, at 11:00 A.M. on February 9, 2012, the following described property:

See Exhibit "A" annexed hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

Dated: January 11, 2012

KIRK REAMS
Clerk of Court

By: Sherry Sears
Deputy Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice Sale has been furnished by United States Mail on January 11, 2012, to each of the following:

Sonya K. Daws, Esq.
215 S. Monroe St., Suite 510
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Christine Carr
493 N. Barber Hill Road
Lamont, FL 32336

Willie J. Carr
16 Villa Nova
Lamont, FL 32336

Sherry Sears
Deputy Clerk

EXHIBIT "A"

Commence at the Southwest corner of Lot 1 of Villa-Nova Subdivision, as per map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book "B", Page 7 of the Public Records of Jefferson County, Florida, said point being on the North boundary of County Paved Old St. Augustine Road and run South 89 degrees 40 minutes 20 seconds West along the North boundary of County Paved Old St. Augustine Road a distance of 140.00 feet to the Point of Beginning, thence continue South 89 degrees 40 minutes 20 seconds West along said North boundary a distance of 100.00 feet to a point, thence run North 00 degrees 20 minutes 07 seconds West 176.96 feet to a point, thence run North 89 degrees 44 minutes 20 seconds East 100.00 feet to a point, thence South 00 degrees 20 minutes 07 seconds East 176.84 feet to the Point of Beginning. TOGETHER WITH that certain 1997 PIONEER MOBILE HOME bearing Serial NO. PH1504GA11203, Florida Title NO. 73254235.

1/18,25/12, c.

SPORTS

Kiwanis Recognize JCMHS Tigers



The Monticello Kiwanis invited Coach Jeremy Brown and the Jefferson County Middle High School Tigers football team to their Wednesday, January 11 meeting so they could be recognized for their recent State Championship. Coach Brown spoke highly of the team as he introduced them to the group. Above, JCMHS Coach Jeremy Brown and the Tiger Football Team received a special invitation from the Monticello Kiwanis to attend their January 11 meeting and be recognized as State Champs. JCMHS Tigers visit with the Monticello Kiwanis over lunch on Wednesday, January 11.



AUCILLA SLAPPED BY JOHN PAUL

FRAN HUNT
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

The Aucilla Christian Academy varsity Warriors were slapped by John Paul January 13 for a 56-40 loss to now stand 7-7 on the season.

As a team, the Warriors bucketed 10 of 34 attempts from the field, netted four of 10 attempts from the tree-point line and sunk eight of 20 attempts from the free-throw line for 40 points. They collected eight assists, 10 offensive and 18 defensive rebounds, with seven block/steals and 18 turnovers.

Individually, Tyler Jackson netted two of five attempts from the field and missed one attempt from the three-point zone for four points. He had two assists, two defensive rebounds, one block/steal and eight turnovers.

Jared Jackson missed two attempts from the field and hit five of seven attempts from the free-throw line for five points. He had one offensive rebound and one turnover.

Bradley Holm hit one of two attempts from the field for two points and he had one defensive rebound.

Hans Sorensen targeted three of five attempts from the field and missed one attempt from the free-throw line for six points. He had two assists, one offensive rebound and four defensive rebounds for a total of five rebounds, with one

block/steal and two turnovers.

Cody Ledford missed one attempt from the field and had one offensive rebound.

Jay Finlayson netted one of six attempts from the field, targeted four of nine attempts from the three-point zone and missed three attempts from the free-throw line for 14 points. He had three assists, one offensive and seven defensive rebounds for a total of eight rebounds, two block/steals and three turnovers.

Corey Burrus bucketed two of four attempts from the field and netted three of four attempts from the free-throw line for seven points. He had one offensive rebound and one block/steal.

Josh Fundertburke hit one of nine attempts from the field and missed five attempts from the free-throw line for two points. He had one assist, four offensive and five defensive rebounds for a total of nine rebounds, with two block/steals.

The Warriors hit the hardwood against; Munroe, January 20 at 7:30 p.m., away; Tallavana Christian, January 30 at 6:30 p.m., home; Branford, January 31 at 6:30 p.m., away; and wrapping up the regular season, Liberty County, February 2 at 7:30 p.m., home.

The Warriors will be hosting the District Tournament, beginning with the District Quarter Finals, January 6 at 7 p.m.; the District Semifinals, February 7 at 5 and 7 p.m.; and the District Championship, February 10 at 7 p.m.

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Maclay Downs ACA JV's

FRAN HUNT
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

The Aucilla Christian Academy junior varsity Warriors were downed by Maclay January 12 to suffer a 35-21 defeat and now stand 5-4 on the season.

As a team, the young Warriors sunk four of 19 attempts from the field, netted four of 20 attempts from the three-point zone and hit one of four attempts from the free-throw line for 21 points. They had four assists, seven offensive and 16 defensive rebounds for a total of 23 rebounds, with one block/steal and 26 turnovers.

Individually, Brandon Holm missed two attempts from the field and missed two attempts from the free-throw line. He had one offensive and two defensive

rebounds for a total of three rebounds, with two turnovers.

Casey Demott hit one of six attempts from the field, missed one attempt from the three-point zone and sunk one of two attempts from the free-throw line for three points. He had one assist, one offensive and three defensive rebounds for a total of four rebounds, with one turnover.

Carson Nennstiel targeted two of three attempts from the field, for four points. He had one assist, one offensive and two defensive rebounds for a total of three rebounds, with six turnovers.

Ricky Finlayson missed one attempt from the field and netted four of 10 attempts from the three-point zone for 12 points. He had one assist, two defen-

sive rebounds, one block/steal and four turnovers.

Braden Mattingly hit one of two attempts from the field and missed three attempts from the three-point zone for two points. He had four offensive and five defensive rebounds for a total of nine rebounds, with five turnovers.

Timmy Burrus missed five attempts from the field. He had one assist, two defensive rebounds and eight turnovers.

The young Warriors faced off against John Paul II, January 19; and hit the court against Munroe, 5 p.m., January 20, away; Tallavana Christian, 5 p.m., January 30, home; Branford, 5 p.m., January 31, away; and wrapping up the season, Liberty County, 6 p.m., February 2, home.

MS Lady Warriors Take Past Three

FRAN HUNT
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

The Aucilla Christian Academy middle school girls basketball team took victories in the past three games to now stand 8-4 on the season.

Aucilla faced off against Highland December 12 and the Lady Warriors scalped their opponent for a 25-6 win.

Taylor Copeland scored two points. Emma Witmer netted for three points. Kelly Horne scored two points. Gaige Winchester targeted for eight points.

Sarah Tharpe netted two points. Ramsey Sullivan scored four pints. Brittany Hughes had two points.

Jenny Jackson netted two points.

The JV Lady Warriors hit the hardwood against Brookwood January 3 and Aucilla came out on top of a 25-17 scoreboard.

Copeland targeted for seven points. Witmer bucketed for six points. Winchester netted for six points. Horne scored two points. Hughes had two points. Sullivan netted for two points.

Aucilla squared off against Holy Comforter January 10 and the JV Lady Warriors bounced their opponent for a 17-10 victory. Copeland scored five points. Witmer netted for four points. Winchester bucketed for six points. Tharpe scored two points.