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## In The Shadows Wins Field Trials At Dixie SHADOW OAK BO NAMED RUNNER-UP

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The two-week long 117<sup>th</sup> Continental Field Trial at Dixie Plantation concluded on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 29, with the two top dogs winning a combined \$15,000 in prizes, plus earning qualifying points for the National Championship, to be held later this month in Tennessee.

A total of 89 dogs participated in the all-ages competition, 22 of which qualified for the callbacks.

Winning first place in the all-ages category and taking the \$10,000 purse was In the Shadows, a male pointer owned by Carl Bowman and handled by Robin Gates, a nationally known trainer.

Winning the \$5,000 runner-up prize in the all-ages category was Shadow Oak Bo.

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Hunter Gates, the scout or assistant for nationally known handler Robin Gates, holds In The Shadows, preparatory to releasing the dog for the callback brace.



## SOLID WASTE DEPT. GIVEN AWARD FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP



Solid Waste Department Director Beth Letchworth and staff are presented the Veolia environmental stewardship award for the department's recycling efforts on behalf of the environment. Please See Story page 3.

## Local Group Offering Ecotours To County's Natural Wonders

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Care to take a hike along the Aucilla River and experience Florida's primitive beauty, or search in the woods off the Wacissa River for the area's legendary volcano?

Here's your chance to go on a guided tour of either or both these places in the coming weeks, compliments of Keystone Tours, an eco-tourism enterprise that's the brainchild of Jack Carswell and David Ward.

Following on the success of last year's maiden tours of the Aucilla River Sinks, the group — now augmented by Dan Schall — is offering a series of tours to the Aucilla and Wacissa rivers areas during

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## Lobbyists Offer Update On JCI

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In the interest of keeping the community abreast of developments in the effort to keep the state from closing Jefferson Correctional Institution (JCI), lobbyists Wendy Bitner and Chris Doolin are reporting progress and urging residents to remain involved.

"In plain-speak, here's the bottom line," the two reported via email to the Jefferson County leadership on Friday, Feb. 3. "We are seeing progress and appreci-

ate everyone's involvement. Remain encouraged; continue the positive, respectful approach that has helped get us this far; and share your feeling and prayers with your colleagues."

Bitner and Doolin noted that the full House was scheduled to take up its version of the budget this week, at the same time that the Senate was to begin formulating its version of the budget in subcommittees.

"We are attempting to schedule additional meetings with the legislative leaders," Bitner and Doolin said. "We will keep every-

one advised through Clerk of Court Kirk Reams and Economic Development Director Julie Conley regarding the next specific action that is needed."

The observations from the two lobbyists: the Jefferson County community is clearly united behind the effort; the disproportionate impact that the prison closure would have on Jefferson County is being clearly articulated to the governor and lawmakers; and "the message is getting across", if the comments

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### 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 (0-100).

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

## SINGLE-VEHICLE CRASH ON OLD LLOYD ROAD

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A single-vehicle crash last Friday afternoon was reported on Old Lloyd Road.

Florida Highway Patrol reported that James J. Beach, 20, of Monticello, was driving a 2000 Dodge Dakota, traveling west on Old Lloyd Road at approximately 55 miles per hour at 12:20 p.m.

The vehicle entered into a left-hand curve and while trying to negotiate the curve, Beach ran off of the roadway onto the north shoulder.

He attempted to regain the roadway by steering left and overcorrected the steering, causing the vehicle to cross over Old Lloyd Road and enter onto the south shoulder of the road.

The right side tires of the vehicle began to dig, gathering grass and dirt causing the vehicle to trip and roll over, coming to a rest on its left side, facing south.

Beach was uninjured and he was wearing his seatbelt. The vehicle sustained \$3,500 damage.

FHP did not deem the crash to be alcohol-related.

Beach was charged with failure to drive within a single lane.

## 3,2,1... BIKE RODEO!

### Jefferson County Kids BIKE RODEO and RACE!

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**On SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12th, bring your kid to the FREE!!! Jefferson County Kids Bicycle Rodeo to learn important bicycle skills to keep them safe on the road. We'll go over important skills such as Helmet Fit, Traffic Mix, Rock Dodge, and Shoulder Check. We will provide bicycles and helmets, or you can bring your child's own bicycle and helmet. After the rodeo, we'll do a quick bicycle race around a closed course in downtown Monticello.**

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# VIEWPOINTS & OPINIONS

## JOB FAIR SUCCESS – MAKING THE OPPORTUNITY WORK FOR YOU

BY BRENT O'BRYAN, SPHR

Whether you have a job and are looking to make a change or are currently unemployed, job fairs can be a great way to meet with recruiters. But, they can also be quite intimidating to the uninitiated. With some job fairs attracting thousands of applicants, it's important to arm yourself with a plan of action before you arrive. Think of attending a job fair as analogous to a visit to Disney World®. Do you want to spend valuable time waiting in a line to get on a random ride you may or may not like, or do you want to do some advance research, get a "FASTPASS," and spend time enjoying the park? You will get the most out of a job fair when you put in the time to make it work for you.

As a veteran human resources professional who has been on point at many job fairs, I have witnessed the good, the bad and the ugly in job fair behavior. By reviewing the following tips and techniques for job fair navigation, you'll be prepared for a successful experience before, during and after a job fair.

### THE GOOD

- Knowledge is Power - Smart candidates take the time to thoroughly research the job fairs they attend. They find out what companies will be on the premises and decide which companies are of interest to them. They then read as much as they can about their favorite companies. When they arrive at the job fair, they have a short list of companies they want to make a personal connection with. A recruiter who is meeting with dozens of people in one day is much more likely to remember the applicant who took the time to read the book from that company's CEO, for example, or who had carefully reviewed the company's job postings and website to see where they could offer the most value.

- Demonstrate Aptitude - To paraphrase President John F. Kennedy, fellow job fair applicants, "should ask not what your 'company' can do for you, ask what you can do for your 'company.'" Savvy job fair attendees focus on how their experience benefits the company and offer tangible insight on how the skills they have garnered translate to on-the-job benefits for the employer.

- Presentation Counts - If you are going to a job fair, you want to stand out from the crowd in a positive, professional manner. What does that mean? Even if you are applying for

a position that will likely require a uniform or carpenter pants, wear a freshly pressed suit and comfortable yet professional shoes, and make sure that hair and nails are freshly groomed. Savvy recruiters look for long term potential. Can this maintenance worker become a supervisor? Can this receptionist become an account coordinator? Dress for the position you would ultimately like to have.

- Manners Matter - Successful job fair applicants are generally conservative when interacting with hiring personnel. Never assume that Mr. Fred Johnson wants to be called Fred. Reference him as "Mr. Johnson" until he says otherwise.

- Link Up for Best Results - Not all social media is created equal, but LinkedIn, which was created for the business community, is an ideal online network for job hunters. Many companies are using LinkedIn to research and find candidates. LinkedIn helps companies leverage the networks of their employees as well. Many successful job fair applicants connect with their recruiters on LinkedIn after their initial meeting.

- Traditional Paper Resume Still Rules - Sure, flash drives are cool and can hold a lot of information, but most recruiters are still pretty old-fashioned and would prefer an old fashioned paper resume that they can read on the spot. Successful job fair applicants should bring plenty of one-page, concise and informative resumes with them in a neat briefcase or portfolio.

### THE BAD

- How Much Does this Job Pay? - Asking about salary and benefit immediately is a turn-off to recruiters. Think of a job fair as a way to market yourself to employers to get an interview. Few recruiters will want to move forward with an applicant whose initial questions revolve around salary, benefits and vacation and personal day allotment.

- Failure to Differentiate - An applicant who arrives at the job fair with no advance information on what companies will be on-site and who they want to impress, runs the risk of waiting in endless lines to talk to recruiters at companies that aren't the right fit. By failing to do advance research, time is wasted for both the applicant and the recruiter.

- Resume Has Typos - It is important to proofread a resume for typos and misspellings which undermine an appli-

cant's ability to get interviews and secure a job. The resume should be an error-free showcase of your experience, skills and capabilities.

- Twittering Away to Irrelevance - Job hunters who are social media aficionados run the risk of information overload. While a professional, updated LinkedIn profile is always a plus to human resource professionals, a Facebook page "gone wild" with postings about raucous nights at the casino or a Twitter account detailing compromising personal information, can be a liability.

### THE UGLY

- Gum Chewing - While it seems incredulous than anyone would chew gum and talk to a recruiter simultaneously, it happens more than I'd like to admit. Sometimes, the gum chewing applicant is a cigarette smoker who is trying to cover their tracks. Whatever the reason, there is no place for gum chewing on the job search circuit! Likewise, munching on chips or engaging in any other manner of food consumption in front of a recruiter is strictly off-limits.

- Hygiene Matters - Meeting with recruiters is not the time to forget to brush your teeth, take a shower, or groom your nails. Being remembered due to body odor or bad breath is not a ticket to employment satisfaction.

- Employment Stalker - At every job fair, there are applicants who fail to recognize the social cues that their interview is over. They linger at the booth, or return to the recruiter again and again during the fair. Or they send daily emails to the recruiter asking for progress reports. While appropriate follow up is important, harassment will not land you your dream job.

Job fairs sometimes offer workshops on any variety of topics related to employment. Take the time to attend these free events to bone up on skills and information. Be sure to judiciously follow up with the recruiters you've made a good connection with at the job fair. Assemble the business cards you amassed from human resource professionals and fellow attendees and link up to them on LinkedIn. Recruiters appreciate receiving a follow up thank you email which signals your interest in contributing to the organization. Just as recruiters have to keep track of multiple applicants, applicants need to develop their own system for logging information on all potential job leads.

## Letters To The Editor

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

## FIND THE MONEY

I'll start this off by saying Rep. Michelle Vasilinda and I are oil and water politically. I am opposed to the excessive and costly expansion of government beyond its necessary functions. This is borne out in my prior letters as well as nearly every time I speak to our County Commissioners- which often involves spending tax dollars for non-essential functions of government.

This week however, Rep. Vasilinda and I found some common ground- opposing the closing of Jefferson Correctional Institution (JCI). Here is why I oppose closing JCI:

1. One of the core functions of a government

such as our Constitutional Republic is that of public safety. Were we to do away with that we would devolve into an anarchist society. This core function is found in our police officers, deputy sheriffs, state law enforcement officers, and eventually our corrections officers.

2. I will not delve into the financial cost to the County as it has been well documented by our Clerk of Court and others. I can best summarize this as the unintended liability to the taxpayer would be far greater by closing the JCI as opposed to keeping it open. All too often laws are passed with great intentions, but the unintended consequences can be dev-

astating.

3. My background is law enforcement. I served as a deputy sheriff for two years and an FHP trooper through the rank of lieutenant for 23 years until I retired. Florida law enforcement is specialized, especially at the state level. This is more so in a small county such as Jefferson. Most of my law enforcement career was in larger cities such as Miami and Ft. Myers. If for instance you needed a canine to do a search, either your agency or another one had a dog available. Here in Jefferson County, there are two law enforcement agencies with stations, the city police and the sheriff. None of the state agencies

base their personnel here in a physical building... except the Department of Corrections (DOC). It's my understanding from hearing Sheriff Hobbs speak that the DOC is utilized for assistance on a fairly regular basis. Were JCI to go away, this would greatly lengthen response times. Some unintended consequence would be as follows:

a) Under Florida case law, officers may only detain a person a reasonable amount of time in order to conduct a search. The courts would not consider bringing in a dog from two counties away to be reasonable, and a drug courier could be released. I-10 is a known pipeline for drug trafficking and runs right through Jefferson County. We often hear of significant arrests in other counties. Chances are they passed through Jefferson County to get there.

b) A child goes missing. Dogs are used to track and find the child, especially in a rural setting such as Jefferson County. Would you be willing to wait a couple of hours for a response if it was your child?

4. The privatization push may work well for some areas, but in the case of public safety, it does not. When I worked as a highway patrol trooper in

Lee County, one of our fire departments did this- they fired all of the firefighters except the Chief, and brought in paid replacements from Wackenhut. I recall on more than one instance watching the trucks go the wrong way on I-75 to a call. The responders did not know the area. Who paid for this cost savings? The very people that relied upon a timely response from their firefighters. A short time later, the regular firefighters were brought back, so this experiment ended up costing money, not saving it. One of the amendments offered today involved pulling money from the privatization of prisons, which was quickly rejected by Rep. Glorioso.

At the legislative appropriations hearing today, the issue boiled down to money. The legislators heard from several people as to the money involved along with the economic and social impact on this closing, but at vote time, it was strictly a lack of money in the budget decision mostly along party lines.

There are many, many areas where the Legislature can avoid spending money on unnecessary functions of government so that necessary ones can be properly funded. I've written about some of them, and they're worth

repeating:

a) Ten million and counting for REAL ID (the new driver license law), which has yet to apprehend one terrorist. It's apprehended a whole bunch of divorced and remarried women, but the news flash here is that none of the people that attacked us on 9/11 were divorced women. The Legislature is now considering adding chips to our licenses for "electronic verification." This can't be done for free.

b) The State Housing Initiative Program (SHIP) via the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, which has an approximate 40% administration cost before the first nail to build a new home is driven- due to three levels of government being involved when it is something our Churches and citizens should be doing as we used to do.

My advice to the Governor and Legislature: Find the money. It can be done. Please assess the necessary functions of state government and fund them accordingly. The excess must be initially returned to the taxpayer, and then never taken away after that.

*Paul Henry*  
Monticello

## Reader Addresses JCI Closing

Dear Editor:

The furor over the announced pending closure of the Jefferson Correctional Institution has served to reveal a very sad situation regarding the viability of rural counties as self-governing entities.

According to the rhetoric from virtually all elected county officials and the people who stand to be left without jobs, the prison must be left open for the sole purpose of providing paychecks to county residents, thereby helping the local economy. In essence, those who currently receive a government paycheck believe that once on the government payroll they should always be on the government payroll, never mind the need by those who fund government services.

Given that the government paycheck becomes an "entitlement" in the view of many, perhaps a lot of money could still be saved by the State by shutting the jail facility and continuing to mail the checks to current recipi-

ents, saving utility costs. Since Obamacare is in place the State will also save a bundle on administrative and benefits costs. A win-win for sure!

Since the State Department of Education has had to step into the operation of the local school system for a number of problems, the city of Monticello seeking State/Federal funds for street paving, water plant, and just about every other project, the County seeking grants for road paving and other "public works", perhaps it's time to dissolve the county charter and become a de jure ward of the State, become a "regional dependency", administered by a State agency.

The immediate benefit would be the savings realized by abolishing all local political offices. A single State agency could well administer all the current counties that cannot economically function. After all, if a political unit is not financially viable it should not

exist. The State could appoint a regional administrator to handle the supervisory tasks now performed by county employees. And, everyone working for the Region would have the State Government paycheck!

We have apparently reached a point in history where communities are no longer centers of production and wealth creation but have become dependant for economic well being on the State and national governments.

Instead of sending delegations to Tallahassee to seek more State largess perhaps county "leaders" should weigh the county's real assets and try to help create real, productive jobs locally. With the long growing season and relatively good soils perhaps a return to agriculture, with emphasis on "organics", would be a good place to start.

*Jack Shelley*

## Superintendent Answers Questions About Band & Fundraising

Citizens,

I want to bring to the community that the young people raising money around the courthouse this past Saturday were not raising money for the JCMHS band, but for the community band.

All fundraising opportunities at the county's schools are to be vetted and approved/disapproved by the principals. Because of safety concerns, District policy states that students are not to solicit funds by going door to door and/or by standing on the street corners.

We realize that there have been problems with the band program at JCMHS. Those problems are being addressed and JCMHS will have an active marching band in 2012-2013.

The district's complete policy regarding fund raising may be viewed on their website at [www.edline.net/pages/jcsb](http://www.edline.net/pages/jcsb).

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# AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

## SOLID WASTE DEPT. GIVEN AWARD FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

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The Jefferson County Solid Waste Department last week was the recipient of an environmental stewardship award from the world's largest waste services company for the department's ongoing recycling efforts.

John Wilson, southeast regional account manager for Veolia Environmental Services Technical Solutions, L.L.C., presented the award to Solid Waste Department Director Beth Letchworth and staff on Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 31, at the department's office on U.S 19 South.

The award recognized the 26,663 pounds of glass, metal and plastic that was derived from the loads of lamps, batteries and electronics that the department recycled with Veolia in 2010-11.

Wilson pointed out that 0.43 pounds of mercury — the equivalent of 0.43 liquid ounces (or just under a tablespoon of liquid mercury) — was reclaimed through the lamp recycling.

"Another way to look at this is that approximately 193,542 milligrams of mercury was reclaimed through lamp recycling," he said. "It takes one milligram of mercury to contaminate 1,000 gallons of drinking water."

According to Wilson, the department recycled 59,623 feet of straight fluorescent lamps, the equivalent of about 11.3 miles.

Veolia each year recognizes companies and municipalities that exhibit commitment to protection of the environment. The awards don't necessarily reflect those efforts having the largest impact, but rather the overall commitment that award winners demonstrate in doing the right thing to help the environment.

"Jefferson County has long had a commitment of finding ways to recycle and preventing items from being discarded in the landfill that can harm the environment and that can be reutilized," Wilson said. "Veolia has long valued the partnership with Jefferson County in helping to protect the environment."

Veolia Environmental Services is one of the largest solid waste management organizations in North America, providing a full range of services to commercial, industrial and residential customers in 12 states, the Bahamas and Canada.

The company operates 75 collection facilities and 30 solid waste sanitary landfills in the United States and Canada. Working in partnership with communities, VES aims to preserve valuable resources and extend landfill capacity by focusing on waste reduction, curbside collection, and the sorting, processing and marketing of recyclables.

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## Natural Wonders

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the next three weekends in February.

Scheduled for the weekends of Feb. 11-12, Feb. 18-19 and Feb. 25-26, Keystone Tours promises to take interested parties on educational tours "of one of the most biodiverse ecosystems in the world, second only to the Amazon."

The promoters promise that participants will not only experience the wonders of one of the state's most pristine areas, but the latter will also learn about "the geological forces that shaped the terrain to support a hunter/gather culture that's still sustainable today."

The first set of hikes, titled the Florida Wilderness tours, are expected to last about 2.5 hours each and are designed to be an easy walk for persons in generally good health. These tours will explore the terrain alongside the Aucilla River, focusing on the area's flora and fauna and its cultural history.

The promotional literature states, "Participants will be led by a highly-skilled outdoorsman at a moderate pace into this fragile, majestic area of North Florida."

The \$45 price ticket for this tour includes an on-site box lunch and beverage and a pre-hike lecture by an expert that's intended to enhance the participants' cultural and environmental awareness.

The second series of tours, titled Search for the Wacissa Volcano, entails a more strenuous hike. These tours promise to explore a piece of Florida that is the third largest contiguous land area in the state and that remains virtually unchanged since early man first presence there some 14,000 years earlier.

Equally tantalizing, participants will get to search for an ancient volcano that legend has as late as the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

These latter tours, approximately four hours each, are designed for moderately experienced hikers who are accustomed to uneven terrain and who are in generally good health. The price for this excursion is \$65 per person and likewise includes a box lunch and beverage.

The promoters caution that the tours are offered on a first-come, first served basis. All tours leave from Monticello, with 8:15 the scheduled departure time for the morning tours and noon for the afternoon tours.

For reservations or more information, call (850) 519-5543 or email [keystonetours1@gmail.com](mailto:keystonetours1@gmail.com), or visit [www.keystonetours.com](http://www.keystonetours.com).

## Field Trials

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-ages competition was Shadow Oak Bo, a male setter co-owned by Dr. John Dorminy and Butch Houston and handled also by Gates.

Shadow Oak Bo additionally was named the top-qualifying dog in the all-age category, which got him an extra \$1,500.

Typically, handlers get the winning monies and owners get the trophies, as well as the bragging and breeding rights to the winning dogs. Owners of first-place winners also receive oil paintings of their winning dogs, plus the right to hold the rotating trophy for a year, and owners of runner-up dogs receive silver Revere bowls.

As well as being judged on their tracking ability and the number of wild birds or coveys they find, the dogs are also scored on their class, style, manners, and endurance in the handling of wild birds. The winner is that dog deemed to excel in overall performance.

On Friday morning, Jan. 27, I had the opportunity to ride in the horseback gallery and see the last of the qualifying braces and the first of the callback braces — a brace consisting of a pair of competing bird-dogs. As it happened, In The Shadows was in the first brace called back, and he soon establish the standard against which the other 21 dogs in the callbacks would be judged against, scoring six finds during his 1:50 hour run.

Or so explained Ray Joye, my informal guide, alongside whom I happened to ride for the greater part of 15 miles. A North Carolinian who runs his own dogs in amateur competitions in his home state, Joye enjoys riding in the Continental whenever he gets the chance.

Also helpful in explaining some of the finer nuances and eti-



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**Randy Floyd prepares to lead out the first competition of the morning. Floyd is Dixie Plantation's manager and field marshal for the field trials. On a typical field trial day, he's in the saddle about seven hours.**

quette of field trialing were Dixie Plantation Manager Randy Floyd, who also acts as field marshal for the event, and John Thomas, one of the recorders.

Dogs in the hour-long qualifying rounds must score at least one find each to qualify for the longer, more arduous callbacks, which last an hour and 50 minutes. A find means that the dog successfully points to birds. Two unproductive points, meaning that no birds are flushed when the trainer or handler dismounts and beats about the brush, and the dog is pulled from the competition. The judges must also see the birds; otherwise, it doesn't count as a find.

A successful point, however, is more than merely pointing out birds, if it is to truly earn the dog points. Indeed, multiple variables enter into the equation, including the weather, the time of day, the luck of the course drawn (the courses — each about ½ miles long — vary in terms of difficulty and the number of birds they may contain), and the judges' scoring of the individual dog's performance.

That scoring not only takes into account the number of birds or coveys a dog finds, but also the dog's stance, the position of its tail (it should be up), and how long it holds its position, among other arcane considerations.

For example, a dog that moves before its handlers officially releases it, or that fails to honor another dog's point (meaning it doesn't also freeze in position when another dog makes a point), or that wanders out of sight of the judges for a set period of time, loses points and may even be disqualified.

The dogs must also end with a strong finish, meaning they must show spirit and pep at the conclusion of the grueling hour, or hour-and-50 minutes, course.

"They have to have their heads up and show they're not whipped," Joye said.

In The Shadow not only had a strong finish, he had six finds during the course of his run, which is what prompted Joye's comment about the dog's standard-setting performance.

As for myself, it required the better part of the weekend to recover

from the soreness of the ride.

The Continental dates from the late 1800s. It is one of the oldest and longest running field trials in the United States. It began calling Dixie Plantation home in 1937.

Dixie Plantation, meanwhile, is regarded as the premier wild bird field trial venue in the country. This distinction comes from an active forestry and land-use management program that employs controlled burns, selective timber thinning and the patch planting of corn, millet and other seed-bearing crops to ensure and enhance the wild-bird population, particularly bobwhite quail.

Dixie is 12 miles northeast of Monticello off CR-146. All told, the plantation encompasses more than 9,000 acres.

Winners of the Dixie field trials and winners of other field trials across the country usually go on to compete in the national competition at the Ames Plantation in Grand Junction, TN. The sport's aficionados refer to the national championship at Ames Plantation as the granddaddy of field trials.

## Lobbyists

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of House members and key individuals in the Senate are any indication.

Bitner and Doolin offered that the issue might soon move "behind the scenes" to allow for the working out of a resolution between the legislative delegation and the governor's office.

The two emphasized that strategically, the JCI closure and the prison privatization issue should be kept separate and apart.

"Our issue is to remove JCI from the closure list," Bitner and Doolin emphasized. "We must remain separate in our strategy so as not to become embroiled in the statewide privatization issue."

Among the events that the two highlighted in

their recap of the previous week's doings were the legislative delegation hearing in the Monticello courthouse on Monday evening; the amendments proposals that Representatives Leonard Bemby and Michelle Rehwinkel Vasilinda introduced at the House Appropriation Committee on Wednesday afternoon to keep JCI from closing; and their own direct conversations with the governor and lieutenant governor about the prison closing.

"They are aware of the issue and have had internal discussions about the community and the economic impact," the two said. "We are hoping to see movement of some kind that will alter the current proposal."

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# AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

## WORKPLACE BULLYING PROGRAM HEARD AT ABWA PAC



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The Panhandle Area Council (PAC) of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) gathered on Saturday, January 21 for its quarterly meeting, hosted by the members of the Silver Dome Chapter (SDC.) Guest Speaker was Dr. Angela Whitaker, current aide to City of Tallahassee Commissioner Andrew Gillum. She spoke to the attendees about 'Workplace Bullying' and what you can do about it.

Her topic was well received with handouts and worksheets to follow along with. She addressed her topic in an exciting, charismatic, informative and helpful way; including her audience in her presentation. She told why managers fail to act; what supervisors, managers and executives can do about it; and what employees should do if they find themselves targets of acts of bullying.

Whitaker is a certified public supervisor/manager and a former board member of the North Florida Chapter of Certified Public Managers. She is a well-versed keynote speaker and a workshop presenter for the Okla-

homa Society of CPM; and is author of 'Rolling In Greatness.' To contact Dr. Whitaker, go to [praisecheerleader@gmail.com](mailto:praisecheerleader@gmail.com)

PAC Chairwoman Kathy Houchins called the meeting to order and SDC President Von Holmes kept the meeting going smoothly and timely.

Auction items, doorprizes and raffle items were plentiful, with most in attendance taking home something extra.

Area fundraising efforts were discussed and will include the raffle for a \$150 Valentines Gift Basket for Two and Adopt-A-Precinct for the upcoming elections.

The ABWA Regional Conference will be held in Cary, NC this year on March 22-24. Those interested in attending are asked to get the cost of the conference and hotel fees taken care of as soon as possible. Those interested in attending from the Panhandle area are invited to join in the carpool. SDC members will also be carrying their chapter newsletter, the Southern Courier, to the national competition.

For more information about this meeting or about the ABWA, contact [vonholmes47@yahoo.com](mailto:vonholmes47@yahoo.com)



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**WHEN: Feb. 12, 2012. Rodeo begins at 10 AM, and the race begins at 11:15 AM**

### Property Appraiser Speaks To Kiwanis



Kiwanis guest speaker to the January 25, 2012 Wednesday afternoon meeting was Angela Gray, Jefferson County Property Appraiser. She spoke to the membership about recent developments in state laws that affect property owners. To find out more about this subject, contact her at 850-997-3356.

# AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**FEBRUARY 9**

Altrusa special preview of the Opera House Stage Company's romantic comedy 'Nobody's Perfect'. The evening will begin with complimentary hors d'oeuvres and refreshments at 6 p.m. at the Monticello Opera House. The show will be presented in the downstairs reception area at 7 p.m.

**FEBRUARY 9**

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

**FEBRUARY 9**

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. Feb. 9 will be a business meeting and Nan Baughman will present a program on Project Life-saver. On Feb. 23 Dr. Sandra Whitehead will present a program on 'Food Mapping'. For more information about Altrusa International Monticello/Jefferson County call 850-997-2973 or 850-997-3448.

**FEBRUARY 9**

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.

**FEBRUARY 10**

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

**FEBRUARY 10**

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

**FEBRUARY 10**

A Sweetheart Candlelight Dinner will be held as a fundraiser for the Jefferson Senior Citizen Center and its programs. The affair is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. on Friday, at the Willow Pond Plantation in Monticello. The evening will feature music, live entertainment and a cash bar. The cost is a \$25 donation. For ticket information and updated information, contact Mary Ann Van Kleunen at 850-997-3986.

**FEBRUARY 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25**

The romantic comedy 'Nobody's Perfect' opens at the Monticello Opera House on Friday and Saturday. The play is directed by Jan and Jack Williams. Judy Turner is the stage manager and Denise Tosado is the props master. The play will be pre-

sented 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

**FEBRUARY 11**

Monticello Red Hat Scarlett O'Hatters meet at 11:30 a.m. on the second Saturday for lunch and a good time at a location of their choice; Reservations will need to be made to Dorris Uptain at 850-997-7774

**FEBRUARY 11**

'The Well Balanced Child' Conference will be held 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday. Join with The Early Learning Coalition of the Big Bend Region under the Big Top for a conference for their own. To register contact cjhutto@healthystartjmt.org

**FEBRUARY 11**

'Share the Love Day' at One Heart Earth Center at 10 a.m. on Saturday. This is a delightful day of sharing what makes you happy. To make your reservations call 850-997-7373 or go to [oneheart-earthcenter@embarqmail.com](mailto:oneheart-earthcenter@embarqmail.com) OHEC is located at 450 West Madison Street and is a 501 c 3 non-profit and tax-deductible.

**FEBRUARY 13**

Big Bend Horseman's Club meets at 7 p.m. on the second Monday at Green Industries Institute for a

brief program and meeting. This is an open horse club for all breeds. Everyone is welcome. Go to [www.bigbendhorse.com](http://www.bigbendhorse.com) for more information.

**FEBRUARY 14**

Jefferson County Democratic Executive Committee will meet at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday through November at the Jefferson County Bailer Public Library. For more instruction, contact Beth Davis at 850-544-6561.

**FEBRUARY 14**

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

**FEBRUARY 16**

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 Rev. George Smith at 850-997-6114 for an appointment from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the third Thursday at First Baptist Church of Lloyd. Homes in Jefferson County are needed for weatherization. Or, contact Pat Hall or Melissa Watson at 850-997-8231 for additional information, and other services currently being offered. This is free to the client.

**FEBRUARY 18**

Road CRU Car Club meets at 5 p.m. every third Saturday on North Cherry Street in front of the Rare Door restaurant. There is

a 50/50 drawing and lots of door prizes. Everyone is welcome to join the activities and see some awesome cars. Contact Ray Foskey at 850-997-0607 for more information.

**FEBRUARY 20**

Magnolia Garden Circle meets at 12 p.m. on the third Monday of each month. For more details and information about upcoming meetings contact Chairman Chantel Romaine at 850-997-6716.

**FEBRUARY 20**

MainStreet Speaker Series is a monthly program held on the third Monday. Program Manager Anne Haw Holt chooses the program presenters and topics for the informational value to the residents of Jefferson County. She may be contacted at 850-997-5110 or [ahholt@ahholt.com](mailto:ahholt@ahholt.com) for information on upcoming programs or if you are interested in a

specific topic. MainStreet Speaker Series will begin at 6:30 p.m., it is free and is held at the Wirick-Simmons House on North Jefferson Street in downtown Monticello. The public is invited to attend and encouraged to ask questions. For information about MainStreet Monticello Florida meetings and events call 850-445-1390 or go to [www.mainstreetofmonticellofl.org](http://www.mainstreetofmonticellofl.org)

**FEBRUARY 21**

Jefferson County Humane Society Board of Directors meeting is held 6:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday at Wag The Dog Too. For more information visit [www.jchs.us](http://www.jchs.us) or contact Teresa Kessler, secretary, at [teresa@kesslerconstructionllc.com](mailto:teresa@kesslerconstructionllc.com) Monetary support may be posted to: P.O. Box 954, Monticello, FL 32345.

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# AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

## RED HATS TO MEET SATURDAY

The Monticello Scarlett O'Hatters of the Red Hat Society rang in the 2012 New Year in grand style. After a lively discussion and unanimous vote, laughter and excitement, the Scarlett O'Hatters joined in the coronation of Queen Mum Pat Muchowski during the January meeting and celebration. In the Red Hat way, there

were no rules and everything was done in fun. Because of course, the Red Hatters are known for their dis-organization.

January hostesses Mary Connell and Irene Evans wrapped the new Queen Mum in a fabulous red sheer curtain they found themselves. They then placed a beautiful tiara upon the Queen Mum's head. She was asked to pledge and up-

hold the spirit of the Red Hat Society, to take her silliness seriously and to join red-gloved hands with her fellow Red Hat sisters and go for the gusto together as they move forward to wherever life takes them next.

The group continued the celebration with songs led by Rowena Daniels, which included the "Red Hat Song" to the tune of 'Red Red Robin'



Newly crowned Red Hats Scarlett O'Hatter Pat Muchowski, center, is flanked by January hostesses Irene Evans, left, and Mary Connell, right, after her coronation.



Queen Mum for the Monticello Red Hat Scarlett O'Hatters is Pat Muchowski. She was crowned during the January 14, 2012 meeting at The Mays House in Monticello.

and ended with 'Auld Lang Syne.' The very humbled Queen Mum Pat placed her crown upon her lovely red hat and promised to bring a suggestion box to the next meeting, as she thanked everyone for their love and playfulness. This is, after all, what the Red Hat Society is all about. The purpose is to simply 'Let the child in us out to play!'

Ladies, if you would like to 'Let the child in YOU out to play', join the Valentine's Celebration on Saturday, February 11 at the Brick House restaurant in downtown Monticello. The Red Hats will begin gathering at 11 a.m., with lunch to begin at 11:30 a.m.; the cost is \$10, plus gratuity.

The ladies will be wearing their decorated Valentine's hats and

sharing their love and playfulness with everyone. Contact hostess Dorris Uptain at 850-997-7774 for reservations and further information.

Mary Cremeans is the news correspondent for the Monticello Scarlett O'Hatters. If you have any news or photos that you would like to share and see in the local newspaper, just let her know.

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# MONEY & FINANCE

## Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Service Aims To Maximize Refunds By Claiming Credits, Deductions

**FAMILIES, INDIVIDUALS THROUGHOUT JEFFERSON COUNTY ENCOURAGED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF FREE TAX PREPARATION, FILING AT CONVENIENT LOCATION**

**WHAT:** Promotion of Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) service (free tax preparation and filing service), which is available to ALL individuals and families regardless of household income. This is an important component of United Way of the Big Bend's BEST Project (Believe, Earn, Save, Thrive), which along with community partners serves residents of the Big Bend through proactive and collaborative solutions to improve their long-term financial stability and quality of life.

**WHO:** Any individual or family can benefit from VITA, which is conducted by local, IRS-trained volunteers

**WHEN:** Select Tuesdays: 5 to 7 p.m. (Feb. 7 & 21; March 6 & 20; April 3, & 10)  
Select Wednesdays: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. & 3 to 5 p.m. (Feb. 8, 22, & 29; March 7 & 14; April 4 & 11)  
Select Thursdays: 5 to 7 p.m. (Feb. 9 & 23; March 8 & 22; April 12)

Monday, April 16 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. & 3 to 5 p.m.  
Thursday, April 17 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. & 3 to 5 p.m.

**WHERE:** Rev. R. J. Bailar Public Library, 375 South Water Street, Monticello

**WHY:** Key events:  
Great photo/interview opportunities with VITA clients who just had their taxes done for free  
The VITA service will have IRS-trained volunteers on-site conducting tax services

**BACKGROUND:**  
The VITA service is a fast and free tax service that helps residents avoid predatory income-tax preparers and costly refund-anticipation loans. Another goal of this tax service is to bring a portion of the \$5 million in unclaimed Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC) to Big Bend citizens who have earned them. The EITC could be worth thousands of dollars to a qualified taxpayer. In fact, unclaimed EITCs can still be claimed retroactively for up to three years. VITA volunteers work to ensure that eligible families take advantage of the EITC and other credits/deductions, which can increase a family's annual income up to 15 percent.

"VITA volunteers are trained to look for additional credits and deductions that families may not know they qualify for," said Megan Earnhardt, UWBB Strategic Initiatives associate. "VITA's number one goal is to maximize everyone's tax refund ... they want to get you every dollar you've earned. This service helps put more money back into the pockets of Big Bend residents, which in turn boosts our local economy. In just seven years, VITA has brought back \$17.9 million in tax refunds and saved Big Bend residents an estimated \$2.5 million in tax-preparation fees. This has resulted in a \$20.4 million impact on our local economy."

## Brenda Smith Promoted To Human Resource Officer At Farmers & Merchants Bank

R. Michael Sims, President/CEO of Farmer's & Merchants Bank, is pleased to announce Brenda Smith has been promoted to the position of Human Resource Officer.

Ms. Smith has been with the Bank for 29 years, she was previously the Bank's Training Officer.



## Farmers & Merchants Bank Names Scott Gaby as Mahan Office Branch Manager

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Mr. Gaby graduated from Florida State University with BS in Finance, the Florida School of Banking, and the Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State. He has over 30 years of local community banking experience.



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**Financial Focus...**

### EXPLORE THE WORLD OF INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENTS

*Provided by Robert J. Davison*

You're probably accustomed to measuring the progress of your investments, and the overall condition of the investment world, by checking on indexes such as the Dow Jones Industrial Average and the S&P 500. And since these types of benchmarks focus almost exclusively on American companies, you might get the idea that the best investments are located right here in the United States. But that impression would be false — because there are, literally, a world of investment opportunities beyond the U.S. borders.

In fact, as of the end of 2010, U.S. stock markets constituted less than a third of the total global stock market value, according to the World Bank. And you can probably just look around at the products you use in your daily life to identify many successful foreign companies.

Why invest a portion of your portfolio internationally? Here are a couple of reasons to consider:

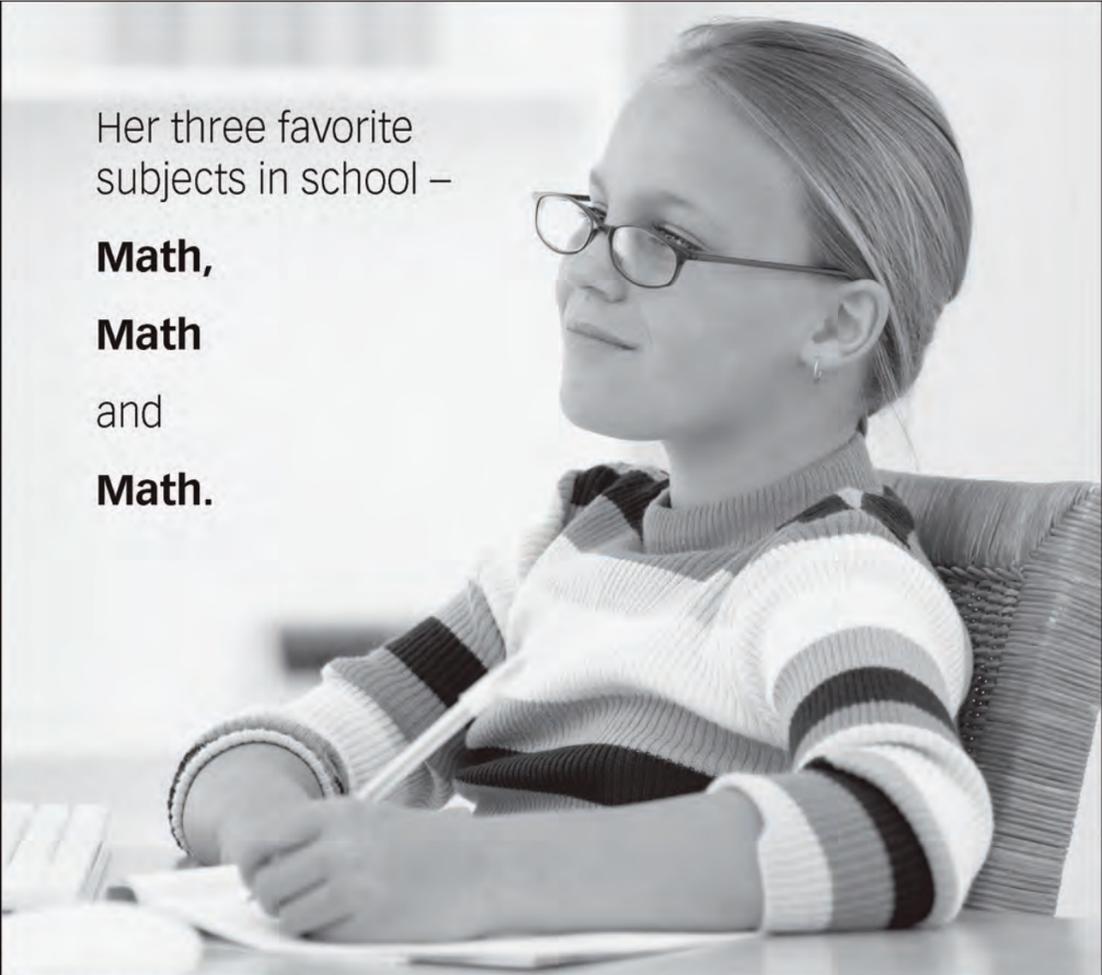
- **Growth potential** — The United States is a mature, highly developed economy. That doesn't mean, of course, that we have no "upside" here. However, you can also find considerable growth potential in emerging markets — countries such as China, India, Brazil and Mexico that are characterized by younger, less mature economies.
- **Diversification** — The world's financial markets are somewhat dependent on one another, but that doesn't mean they constantly move in unison. In any given year, the U.S. markets may be down, but international markets might be doing better. Consequently, if during that year, you had invested only in U.S. companies, your portfolio may have taken a hit. It's important to diversify your portfolio by investing in many different vehicles, but you can also boost your diversification through geography. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification can't guarantee a profit or protect against loss.)

While international investing can be beneficial, it does not come without risks. For one thing, when you invest overseas, you may encounter political instability, which could threaten the financial markets of a country or region. Conversely, financial problems, such as the European debt crisis, can result in loss of confidence in individual governments. Also, you might experience currency risk, which means that changes in the value of the U.S. dollar relative to foreign currencies could harm the value of your investments. And in any given year, any market, foreign or domestic, may be down.

Ultimately, you should probably limit your exposure to international investments to no more than 20% to 25% of your overall portfolio, with the exact amount, if any, depending on your situation — your goals, risk tolerance, time horizon, financial situation and other factors. You may also want add an international flavor to your portfolio by investing in quality U.S. companies that do a considerable amount of business abroad. In any case, given the more complex nature of international investing, you'll want to consult with a financial professional before writing a check.

Still, consider the international investment world. With a little exploring, you may discover some good possibilities out there.

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# CHURCH

## SHERI AND JEFF EASTER COMING TO YOGI BEAR JELLYSTONE PARK

Gaither Homecoming artists Sheri and Jeff Easter will make their first-ever appearance in Madison at 7 p.m. on Friday, February 10, at the Yogi Bear Jellystone Park. Also appearing will be 'Chapel Road' from Pigeon Forge, TN.

For the Easter's, gospel music is genetically programmed into their DNA. As members of acclaimed musical families, Jeff's father is one of the 'Easter Brothers' and Sheri's mother is a member of 'The Lewis Family;' they grew up surrounded by the sound of people praising God through their musical gifts.

In August of 1984 both were at the 'Albert E. Brumley Sundown to Sunup Gospel Singing' in Arkansas. Jeff, who was playing bass for the

'Singing Americans' at the time, took the opportunity to reintroduce himself to Sheri's mother Polly; they had met on a previous occasion. Polly introduced Jeff to Sheri and the two were married just 10-months later.

They traveled and performed as part of 'The Lewis Family' for several years. But in 1988 they decided it was time to strike out on their own and they haven't looked back since. Also joining Jeff and Sheri on the road is their son Madison, who plays electric guitar for the group and their daughter Morgan, who joins them on occasion for a special solo when she's not helping with the newest addition to the Easter family, Maura Grace, Morgan's baby.

Charlotte and Greg

Ritchie have been performing with Jeff and Sheri since 1994 and 1996, respectively. Their son Landon is a regular highlight of Jeff and Sheri's program, offering a little comedy with help from Jeff.

Jeff and Sheri have been nominated for numerous 'Dove Awards' and won three. They've also received a Grammy nomination and Sheri has been named the 'Singing News Favorite Alto' 10-times and the 'Singing News Female Vocalist' four times. Jeff and Sheri's wall of awards also includes three 'Society for the Preservation of Bluegrass Music Association Awards,' two 'International



Chapel Road

Country Gospel Music Association Awards,' nine 'Voice Awards for Female Artist,' five 'Voice Awards for Song/Single of the Year,' two 'Voice Awards for Christian Country Group,' four 'SGM Fan Fair/USGN Awards,' five 'SGN Scoops Diamond Awards,' four 'Hearts Aflame Awards,' and three 'Cash Box Awards'. They have also participated in the 'Gaither Homecoming Video Series' since 1993, which has sold over 15 million units.

Apart from their frequent appearances on the 'Gaither Homecoming Tour' and videos, Jeff and Sheri have a fairly heavy touring schedule of their own. "When we perform we want people to leave a little different than when they came in," Sheri ex-

plains. "We want them to have a great time smiling, laughing, crying and healing. We want them to know God loves them and that He is in control."

Jeff and Sheri Easter's latest release 'Life is Great And Gettin' Better,' embraces the sentiment by which this energetic southern gospel couple lives. Their new project is a viable, precision produced recording that musically gratifies even the most demanding enthusiast's tastes, while staying true to the bluegrass/progressive country/bluesy style that has become distinctly their own.

The concert will be held inside the auditorium at Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park. For more information, call 850-464-0114.



Easter Family

### WACISSA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

14492 Waukeenhaw 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

### CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

425 North Cherry Street • Monticello • 997-4116  
www.ChristChurchMonticello.com

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Sunday 9:00 AM.....Adult and Children Sunday School  
10:00 AM .....Holy Eucharist  
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### MEMORIAL M.B. CHURCH

780 Second Street • Monticello • 997-4947  
**Moderator J.B. Duval, Pastor**

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

## Mt. Zion AMEC Lists Sunday Services

**DEBBIE SNAPP**  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

Mt. Zion AME Church, 2009 Barrington Road in Lloyd, will offer Sunday School at 10 a.m. every Sunday and Morning Worship at 11 a.m. every second and fourth Sunday.

Bible Study will be

held at 11 a.m. on the first Sunday of each month and Youth Day is held at 11 a.m. on the third Sunday of each month.

Contact Israel Lawrence or Janie Lawrence at 850-997-5653 for directions and more information.

Rev. Dr. Edward Scott

II, pastor.

### 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 AME CHURCH

2009 Barrington Road  
Lloyd, FL • 850-997-5356

**Pastor Rev. Dr Edward Scott II**

Sunday School Every Sunday.....10:00 AM  
Worship Service 2nd and 4th Sunday.....11:00 AM  
Bible Study First 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

3rd Saturday  
Brotherhood.....8:00 AM

## NEW BETHEL AME ADD EARLY MORNING SERVICE

New Bethel AME Church will celebrate the anniversaries of its Choirs #1 and #2 and the Male Choir with a Musical Program at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 11 and a Worship Service at 11 a.m. on Sunday, February 12.

Guest Minister will be Rev. Sinclair Madry and the Holy Light Missionary Baptist Church of Havana Choir will be guest choir.

New Bethel AME will begin early Worship Service at 8 a.m. on the second Sunday of each month. Church School and 11 a.m. Worship Service will continue as usual every Sunday.

### MT. PLEASANT MINISTRIES OF CAPPS, FL.

9472 South Jefferson Highway, Capps  
U.S.19 @Highway 27  
850-997-1066, 850-345-8623  
revcharlesgsmith@aol.com

**Pastor /Teacher Charles G. Smith, Sr.**

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

## NEW LIFE

*A Poem By Vivian Miles*  
 The New Year is at hand ~ A Godly hope is for every man ~ Our winter dress we will cast away ~ The trees are patiently waiting their spring display.

Oh how my soul loves to abide ~ When Jesus is by my side ~ We are to love our neighbor as ourselves ~ This shows us our love for God and His wealth.

Don't worry about trials and cares ~ Jesus will tend to them with our prayers ~ Heavenly glories we shall behold ~ When we are in that City of God.

Nothing but love explodes in this place ~ In Heaven we shall see Jesus' face ~ Hold eternal things with your might ~ Temporary things will fade out of sight.

Keep eternal gold in sight ~ By walking daily in God's light ~ The year of fear is near ~ Trusting in God, good news we will hear.



## STUDENTS BRING SMILES TO BRYNWOOD RESIDENTS

Union Hill AME Church students visited with residents of the Brynwood H&R Center during the Christmas holiday... just to see them smile! And that they did! The children were very well received by the residents and facility personnel. The children delivered a handmade Christmas poster, to be hung in a location for all to enjoy. They also passed out handmade Christmas cards to each resident they visited with. Pictured from left to right are: Herbresha James, DeAnndra Young, Amilya Reddick and wearing the FAMU shirt is Khole Jennings.

## FUMG WILL DO ITS PART TO STOP HUNGER NOW

25,000-people die of hunger related causes every day somewhere in the world and a child dies every 15-seconds from not having enough to eat. On Saturday, February 11, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. the First United Methodist Church family will join with 'Stop Hunger Now' to package 12,000 meals for hungry kids overseas.

Each meal costs just 25-cents and with 40 volunteers all the meals can be packed in just over two hours. To volunteer to help and donate what you can, contact Rex Ware. 40-volunteers would be a fine group. Together, we can do our part to help end world hunger!



### 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)  
**Pastors Tim and Beverly Buchholtz**  
 www.TransformingLifeChurch.com

Sunday..... 10:30 AM  
 Sunday Morning Praise and Worship  
 Children's Church  
 Infants & Toddler Nursery  
 Wednesday.....7:00 PM  
 Praise & Worship  
 Adult & Teen Bible Study  
 Young Explorers (K-5th Grade)

### RESTORED GLORY CHRISTIAN CENTER

1287 South Jefferson Street • 997-RGCC (7422)  
 www.restoredglory.org

**Pastor Eddie and Elder Veronica Yon**  
 Get Moving Womens Fitness & Fellowship, Monday...6:30 PM  
 Sunday Church Service.....10:00 AM  
 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 1st Saturday.....10:00 AM  
 Morning Glory for Women 4th Saturday.....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

## CHURCH NEWS NOTES

### FEBRUARY 8

St. Phillip AME Church will host a February Mid-Week Praise & Worship Service beginning on Wednesday after the first Sunday in February, with a Praise Service at 6:45 p.m. and Worship Service at 7:00 p.m.

### FEBRUARY 9

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.

### FEBRUARY 10

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.

### 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

Mt. Pleasant Ministries of

Capps Florida Pastor's Aide Committee invite the community to celebrate Pastor/Elder Charles G. Smith, Sr. and First Lady Sis. Linda Smith on their third Anniversary for a Pre-Anniversary Program at 3 p.m. on the second Sunday. Deaconess Maggie Duval will be speaker.

### FEBRUARY 12

Welaunee Missionary Baptist Church family and Pastor/Elder Herbert R. Thomas, Sr. invite the community to celebrate with them Family and Friends Day at 11 a.m. On the second Sunday with guest speaker Rev. Rudolph Nealy and New Hope.

### 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.

### FEBRUARY 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 Presbyterian 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 eaglewingsmonticello@yahoo.com or www.firstpresbyterian-monticeool.org

### FEBRUARY 24, 25

Second Harvest Food Pro-

gram, 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.

### MARCH 3

Monticello Church of the Nazarene will hold its monthly Clothing Give-away from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday at 1590 North Jefferson. There is clothing for everyone, young/old, big/small!

### CODY PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

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

Sunday School.....10:00 AM  
 Sunday 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 Waukeelah 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

### 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  
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**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  
 Adult Bible Study-Wednesday.....6:30-7:30 PM  
 Men's Breakfast.....2nd Saturday 8:00 AM

# CHURCH

## The Pulpit

REVEREND JAMES B. DUVAL

Reverend James B. Duval is a man of vision and integrity, fulfilling God's purpose and destiny. At an early age the anointing of God was evident in his life. He was saved and filled with the Holy Ghost by the young age of 13. He was called into the ministry in July of 1957, after which he began his biblical studies at Theological Seminary of Nashville, TN.

He is moderator for the First Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Association and is a native of Tallahassee, born in Capitola. He attended the public schools of Leon County and graduated from Lincoln High School.

His postgraduate studies are varied. His secular studies were completed at Florida A&M University in Tallahassee and at the Pat Thomas Law Enforcement Academy, in order to fulfill his ambition to become a police officer for Florida A&M University. His spiritual studies were completed at the Colgate Theological Seminary University in Rochester, NY where he received a degree in Theology, continuing on to obtain his Doctorate of Divinity from The Thomas Brown Bible College in Jacksonville.

Reverend Duval accepted the call of pastoralship in 1970 and was ordained in 1971. He served as a pastor at

Simon Hill Baptist Church in Quitman, GA and Mt. Pilgrim Second Baptist Church of Thomasville, GA. Presently, he is the pastor of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in Greenville and Memorial Missionary Baptist Church in Monticello.

He is a man of many talents and with such a progressive ministry he finds himself playing many roles in his day-to-day living; as a husband to Elect Lady Teresa Duval; as a father of four; and as a grandfather of four. He is a role model and stands as a reference for holiness and righteousness before them. Truly he believes that we should "train up a child in the way he



should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

This scriptural fountain also carries over into his role as a spiritual father to his congregations. God has empowered Moderator Duval with the wisdom, knowledge and understanding to serve in several capacities of ministry. He is the fifth vice-president of the Florida General Baptist Convention and second term as moderator of the First Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Association. He has served as president of the Evangelistic Board of the Florida General Baptist Convention, the fourth vice president of the State Congress of Christian Education and before matriculating to the position of moderator he served as president of the First Bethlehem Congress of Christian Education. He is a member of the Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Sublime Prince of Royal Secret 32 Degree, Chair's Lodge #259 of Free and Accepted Masons and Order of the Knight Templar of Florida.

Moderator Duval is a humble man who is serious about soul winning. He is truly tuned into the heartbeat of God as he seeks direction on "building a spiritual community to impact the whole man". He believes that he has been commissioned by God as recorded in Luke 4:18-19 to minister to the lost.

To God Be The Glory!

## GOD'S FREEDOM

A POEM BY VIVIAN MILES

Freedom is living God's way ~ Submitting to our Lord and Him only obey.

We are blessed each day with love and care ~ If trouble arises God takes care, no despair.

In this land of sin and darkness ~ God's love and grace shines brightest.

As we walk with God in need ~ We are refreshed and blessed indeed.

Living a Christ-like life ~ In loving God there is no strife.

The love of God is spread abroad in our hearts ~ From Him we will not depart.

Keeping your eyes on God and you tasks ~ Brings glory by doing what is asked.

We all want more of Christ in our life ~ We will have to decrease self and fill it with His light.

God's spirit makes us one ~ We give glory to God's son.

Walking in God's pathway, many beautiful scenes we view ~ Giving God all the credit for what we do.



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## ENTHUSIASM



And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men.

Colossians 3:23 (KJV)

Life can be dull, and if we aren't careful, we can get into the rut of carrying out our daily tasks half-heartedly. When we have God in our lives, we understand that everything we do is for Him, and when our fervor begins to fade, we can remember God and recover our enthusiasm.

## Dining out Guide

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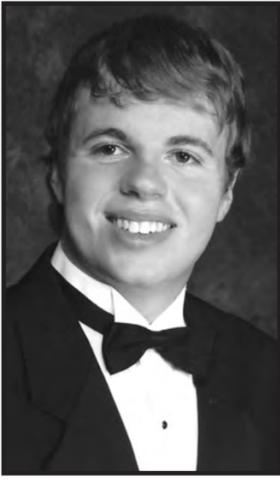
# SCHOOL & EDUCATION

## Jacob D. Lewis Named to Samford Dean's List

Jacob D. Lewis of Monticello has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at Samford University.

To qualify for the honor, a student must have earned a minimum 3.5 grade point average out of a possible 4.0 while attempting at least 12 credit hours of coursework. The Dean's List is the highest academic recognition given by the school at the end of each semester.

Samford University is consistently ranked in the top tier of its peer group by U.S. News & World Report. Founded in 1841, it is the largest private university in Alabama with more than 4,700 undergraduate and graduate students enrolled annually. The university offers undergraduate, graduate and professional degrees in eight schools: arts, arts and sciences, business, divinity, education, law, nursing and pharmacy. Samford also is consistently recognized nationally as an exceptional value, with the top academic programs and affordable tuition and fees. Samford competes in NCAA Division I athletics in the historic Southern Conference.



## INVITATION TO THE MUSE: A WRITING ADVENTURE



Instructor Katya Taylor will bring her creative talents to the One Heart Earth Center in April. She's photographed here with her 2010 Writing Class.

A Writing Adventure with Instructor Katya Taylor will be held at One Heart Earth Center from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 29. Enjoy the wisdom and playfulness of the pen as participants explore in prose and poetry the creativity waiting for expression within.

Beginners and accomplished wordsmiths are welcome. Space is limited to 10 participants, so reserve your place early.

Taylor, M.Ed., has offered Lifestories and Haiku classes in the Big Bend Area since 1990. She is the author of 'My Haiku Life' and 'Journal Adventure Guidebook'. To contact her go to creativeartsandhealing.com

To make your reservations call 850-997-7373 or go to oneheartearthcenter @embarqmail.com OHEC is located at 450 West Madison Street and is a 501 c 3 non-profit and tax-deductible.

## AUCILLA CHRISTIAN TO OFFER NEW FINANCIAL AID PROGRAM

Aucilla Christian Academy is excited to announce its plans to participate in the Florida Corporate Tax Scholarship Program. This program is being implemented in conjunction with Step Up for Students, a scholarship

funding organization, and is designed to assist families financially to attend private schools. The primary financial qualification is for the family to be eligible for the free or reduced school lunch program. The other qualifying factor is that the applying student must have attended a public school the previous year or is applying to the private school for an entry level grade (Kindergarten or 1st). "We realize that these are difficult economic times in which we live. The Corporate Tax Scholarship Program will help us to offer our high quality education to more students. We also are excited about the opportunity to impact more young lives for Jesus Christ," commented Prin-

icipal Richard Finlayson. This program provides financial aid in the amount of a little over \$4000 annually for each qualifying student. The Step Up for Students Organization will begin accepting applications for new students for the 2012-13 school year next month. For more information on this exciting program, contact the school at (850) 997-3597 or visit the Step Up For Students website, www.stepupforstudents.org. Finlayson concluded, "I highly encourage families to prayerfully consider this program. We expect that it will be a life-changing opportunity for many young people. It will make a tremendous impact on their future from both an academic and spiritual perspec-

ive. Our last year's graduating class received an average of over \$27,000 per student in merit-based financial aid offers. We have had three athletic teams reach the state finals in the last 12 months. Most importantly, Aucilla Christian Academy builds the entire educational experience on a solid spiritual foundation." Aucilla Christian Academy does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin in the administration of its admissions policies, scholarship programs, and other school-administered programs. All of the school's financial aid programs are administered strictly on a need basis only.

## NFCC PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

**APPLICATION DEADLINE MAY 1; CLASSES BEGIN AUGUST 2012**

North Florida Community College's Allied Health Department is now accepting applications for its Fall Term 2012 Practical Nursing program. Classes begin August 2012, but now is the time to take care of testing, application and program entrance requirements.

The Practical Nursing program prepares students to administer nursing care to individuals in hospitals, extended care facilities, physicians' offices, health-care agencies, and private homes. After completing the program, students are eligible to make application to the National Council and the Florida State Board of Nursing for examination and licensure as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN).

NFCC's Practical Nursing pro-

gram takes 11 months to complete. Day classes are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Clinical hours vary and may include some weekends and 12-hour shifts. Instructors are Registered Nurses licensed through the Florida State Board of Nursing.

Deadline to apply for the Fall 2012 Practical Nursing program is May 1. Nursing and Allied Health staff and faculty are available to help prospective students through the enrollment process; contact Debbie Bass at 850.973.1662 or bassd@nfcc.edu. More details about the program and entrance requirements are also available at [www.nfcc.edu/programs-of-study/allied-health-programs](http://www.nfcc.edu/programs-of-study/allied-health-programs). Financial aid and scholarships may be available to qualified students.

## NFCC Super Saturday Open House Is March 3

It's almost time for SUPER SATURDAY AT NFCC. Mark your calendar, save the date and stop by the North Florida Community College campus on Saturday, March 3 for an OPEN HOUSE and FREE APPLICATION DAY from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. All are invited - prospective students, community members, NFCC alumni, high school students and parents, everyone - to see firsthand why NFCC is ranked among the Nation's top community colleges.

Some highlights of Super Saturday include scholarship drawings, educational presentations, free admission applications, financial aid

assistance, and much more.

As an incentive to enroll early for NFCC's 2012 summer and fall terms, high school seniors and all first time college applicants who fill out an admissions application at SUPER SATURDAY pay no application fee - applying to NFCC is completely free on Saturday, March 3; a \$20 savings.

NFCC staff will also be on hand to assist future students complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). See the NFCC Super Saturday web page for information you should bring to complete the FAFSA - [www.nfcc.edu/super-sat](http://www.nfcc.edu/super-sat)

urday.

Super Saturday is open to anyone interested in attending NFCC or finding out more information about the college and its many programs and offerings. For more information contact Doug Brown at (850) 973-9455 or email [brownd@nfcc.edu](mailto:brownd@nfcc.edu).

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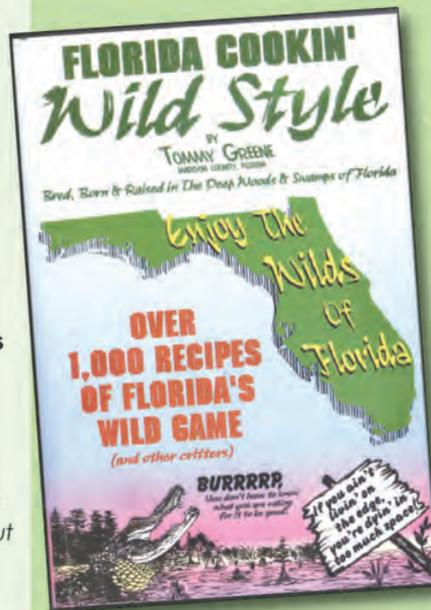
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# LEGALS

### NOTICE

The JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD announces a Regular Board Meeting to which the public is invited. The meeting will be held at the old administration building located at 1490 W. Washington St., on Monday, February 13, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

Agendas may be picked up at the District Office at 575 S. Water St., Monticello, FL Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. A copy of the school board packet is available for review at the District Office. The school board agenda and support materials can be found on their website at www.ed-line.net/pages/jcsb.

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### NOTICE

The Wilderness Coast Public Libraries' (WILD) Governing Board will meet on Monday, February 13, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. at the Wakulla County Public Library at 4330 Crawfordville Hwy, Crawfordville, FL. The meeting is open to the public. For more information, please call (850) 997-7400.

2/8/12, c.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING:

The District Board of Trustees of North Florida Community College will hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. in the NFCC Board Room, NFCC, 325 NW Turner Davis Dr., Madison, FL. A copy of the agenda may be obtained by writing: NFCC, Office of the President, 325 NW Turner Davis Dr., Madison, FL 32340. For disability-related accommodations, contact the NFCC Office of College Advancement, 850-973-1653. NFCC is an equal access/equal opportunity employer.

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### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF

File No. 332012CP000008

Division

MURIEL HUTTON,  
Deceased.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Summary Administration)

You are hereby notified that a Petition for Summary Administration has been filed in the estate of MURIEL STOUT HUTTON, deceased, File Number 332012CP000008; in the Circuit Court for Jefferson County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is One Courthouse Circle, Monticello, Florida 32344; that the decedent's date of death was December 14, 2011; and that the total value of the estate is less than \$15,000.

**ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:**  
All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE. **ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.**

NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is February 8, 2012.

Attorney for Person Giving Notice:

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Attorney for Petitioners

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

SHERITA ANN WHITLEY,  
Petitioner,

Case No. 12-19-DR

vs.  
ERIC RAY WHITLEY,  
Respondent.

### NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

TO: ERIC RAY WHITLEY  
Last Known Address: 8711 FM 18, Clyde, TX 79510

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for dissolution of marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on CHUCK COLLINS, Petitioner's Attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 541, Monticello, FL 32345, on or before March 20, 2012, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 1 Courthouse Circle, Room 10 Monticello, FL 32344, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

Dated: February 16, 2012. CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: Sherry Sears  
Deputy Clerk

2/8, 15, 22, 29/2012,c.

### PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The Apalachee Regional Planning Council announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited. The Jefferson County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board will meet on Thursday, February 16, 2012, at 10:00 am Eastern Time, at the Jefferson County Health Department Annex, 1175 West Washington Street, Monticello, Florida. In addition to its regular business, the agenda will include the adoption of the TDSP and Rates and review of the FTA applications.

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

For additional information, a copy of the agenda, or if you require special accommodations at the meeting because of a disability or physical impairment, contact Vanita Anderson at the Apalachee Regional Planning Council, 20776 Central Avenue East, Suite 1, Blountstown, Florida 32424 at least five working days prior to the meeting date.

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### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No: 11-208-CA  
Division:

21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION, etc.,  
Plaintiff

vs.  
VICTORIA L. CARR, et al.  
Defendants

### NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE PURSUANT TO SECTION 45.031 (1), FLORIDA STATUTES

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to the Final Judgment entered on January 24, 2012, in Case No: 11-208 of the Circuit Court, Jefferson County Florida, in which 21ST Mortgage Corporation is Plaintiff and Victoria L. Carr, et al., are the defendants, the Clerk of this Court will sell at public sale the following described real property:

See Exhibit A

The sale will be held on February 23, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. to the highest and best bidder for cash, at the front entrance of the Jefferson County Courthouse, One Courthouse Circle, Monticello, Florida, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes..

**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.**

**If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact ADA Coordinator, One Courthouse Circle, Monticello, Florida 32344 (850) 342-0218 at least 7 days before you scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.**

Dated this 24th day of January, 2012.

Lance P.Cohen  
1912 Hamilton St. Suite 206  
Jacksonville, FL 32210  
904/388-6500  
Attorney for Plaintiff

KIRK REAMS  
CLERK OF SAID COURT  
By: Sherry Sears  
As Deputy Clerk

### Exhibit "A"

Commence at the Southwest corner of Lot 1 of Villa-Nova Subdivision, a 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 40.00 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 02 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 run South 00 degrees 20 minutes 07 seconds East 176.84 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

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

LaSalle Bank National Association ("Assignee"), formerly known as LaSalle National Bank, in its capacity as indenture trustee under that certain Sale and Servicing Agreement dated December 1, 1999 among AFC Trust Series 1999-4, as Issuer, Superior Bank FSB, as Seller and Servicer, and LaSalle Bank National Association, as Indenture Trustee, AFC Mortgage Loan Asset Backed Notes, Series 1999-4 and any amendments thereto  
Plaintiff,

Case #: 2008-CA-000142

-vs-  
Bennie C. Morris and Tammy T. Williams, North Star Capital Acquisitions, LLC, as assignee of Wells Fargo Financial; Infinity Asset Acceptance, LLC as successor in interest to Household Automotive Finance Corporation  
Defendant(s).

### AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order rescheduling foreclosure sale dated January 23, 2012 entered in Civil Case No. 2008-CA-000142 of the Circuit Court of the 2nd Judicial Circuit in and for Jefferson County, Florida, wherein LaSalle Bank National Association ("Assignee"), formerly known as LaSalle National Bank, in its capacity as indenture trustee under that certain Sale and Servicing Agreement dated December 1, 1999 among AFC Trust Series 1999-4, as Issuer, Superior Bank FSB, as Seller and Servicer, and LaSalle Bank National Association, as Indenture Trustee, AFC Mortgage Loan Asset Backed Notes, Series 1999-4 and any amendments thereto, Plaintiff and Bennie C. Morris and Tammy T. Williams are defendant(s), I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, ON THE FRONT STEPS OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF U.S. 90 AND 19, JEFFERSON COUNTY, MONTICELLO, FLORIDA, AT 11:00 A.M., March 1, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

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DATED AT MONTICELLO, Florida, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2012.

KIRK REAMS  
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# SPORTS

## LADY WARRIORS WIN TWO OF FOUR INCLUDING DISTRICT SEMI-FINALS

**FRAN HUNT**  
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The Aucilla Christian Academy varsity Lady Warriors won two of the past four games on the hardwood, including the District Semi-Finals, to now stand 14-11 on the season.

Aucilla faced off against St. Francis January 24 and came out on top of a 51-31 score-board.

Sunnie Sorensen netted for eight points and had six rebounds.

Ashli Cline targeted for 10 points and had 15 rebounds for a double-double.

Shelby Witmer netted for two points, had two rebounds and one blocked shot.

Brooke Kinsley targeted for 15 points leading the Lady Warriors and had two steals.

Vicki Perry scored two points with three rebounds.

JV player Lauren Demott was brought up and netted for two points and two re-

bounds. Pamela Watt bucketed for 12 points, had three assists and snagged eight steals.

On January 26 the Lady Warriors hit the hardwood against Wakulla and Aucilla was scalped for a 48-28 loss.

Sorensen netted for three points, had six rebounds and one drawn charge.

Cline bucketed for six points and had seven rebounds.

Perry scored two points and had three re-

bounds. Watt bucketed for six points, had two steals and two assists.

JV player Kayla Knecht was brought up and scored three points.

Aucilla faced off against Providence January 28 and the Lady Warriors were trounced for a 51-12 defeat.

Knecht scored two points.

Sorensen netted for eight points, had four rebounds and one drawn charge.

Watt netted for two

points, with three rebounds, three steals and one blocked shot.

Witmer had two rebounds.

Perry grabbed three rebounds and two steals.

Demott had two rebounds.

Alexis Burkett snagged four steals.

The Lady Warriors headed into the District Semi-Finals January 31 where they squared off against John Paul II and Aucilla bounced John Paul for a 48-36 victory.

Sorensen bucketed

for 12 points and had seven rebounds.

Cline targeted for 15 points, snagged 10 rebounds for a double-double, with three steals.

Witmer netted for four points with two rebounds.

Kinsley bucketed for 10 points and had five rebounds.

Watt netted for seven points, had for rebounds and four assists.

Perry had three rebounds and two steals.

Burkett snagged two rebounds.

## WARRIORS WALLOP BRANFORD

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The Aucilla Christian Academy varsity Warriors walloped Branford on the hardwood, January 31 with a 53-22 victory, to now stand 11-9 on the season.

As a team, Aucilla netted 19 of 42 attempts from the field, hit two of nine attempts from the three-point zone and bucketed nine of 20 attempts from the free-throw line for 53 points. They collected 11 assists, 14 offensive and 25 defensive rebounds for a total of 39 rebounds, with 14 block/steals and 13 turnovers.

Individually, Tyler Jackson sunk one of five attempts from the field for two points. He had four assists, five defensive rebounds and three turnovers.

Jared Jackson netted two of four attempts from the field and one of four attempts from the free-throw line for five points. He had four offensive and five defensive rebounds for a total of nine rebounds, with five block/steals.

Hans Sorensen had two defensive rebounds and two turnovers.

Cody Ledford targeted two of two attempts from the field for four points. He had one offensive and one defensive rebound for a total of two rebounds, with one block/steal.

Jay Finlayson bucketed six of 14 attempts from the field, hit one of four attempts from the three-point zone and sunk five of five attempts from the free-throw line for 20 points. He had two assists, one offensive and three defensive rebounds for a total of four rebounds, with one block/steal and one turnover.

Corey Burrus netted six of 12 attempts from the

field, hit one of six attempts from the three-point zone and sunk one of three attempts from the free-throw line for 16 points. He had five assists, three offensive and two defensive rebounds for a total of five rebounds, with three block/steals and three turnovers.

Josh Funderburke bucketed two of three attempts from the field, missed one attempt from the three-point zone and hit one of six attempts from the free-throw line for five points. He had five offensive and seven defensive rebounds for a total of 12 rebounds, with two block/steals and one turnover.

## JV Warriors Bury Liberty County

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The Aucilla Christian Academy junior varsity Warriors hit the hardwood against Liberty County February 2 and the young Warriors buried Liberty for a 56-21 victory to wind up the season on an 11-5 record.

As a team, the young Warriors targeted 19 of 34 attempts from the field, netted five of 14 attempts from the three-point zone and hit three of eight attempts from the free-throw line for 56 points. They collected 23 assists, 21 offensive and 15 defensive rebounds for a total of 31 rebounds, with nine

block/steals and 12 turnovers.

Individually, Brandon Holm hit two of six attempts from the field, missed two attempts from the three-point zone and netted two of four attempts from the free-throw line for six points. He had eight assists, five offensive and three defensive rebounds for a total of eight rebounds, with three block/steals and two turnovers.

Casey Demott bucketed eight of 12 attempts from the field, missed two attempts from the three-point zone and hit one of two attempts from the free-throw line for 17 points. He collected two assists, eight

offensive and five defensive rebounds for a total of 13 rebounds and a double-double, with two turnovers.

Carson Nennstiel hit one of two attempts from the field and missed one attempt from the free-throw line for two points. He had six assists, three offensive and three defensive rebounds for a total of six rebounds, with three block/steals and three turnovers.

Ricky Finlayson netted two of five attempts from the field and bucketed three of six attempts from the three-point zone for 13 points. He had two assists, one offensive and one defensive rebound for

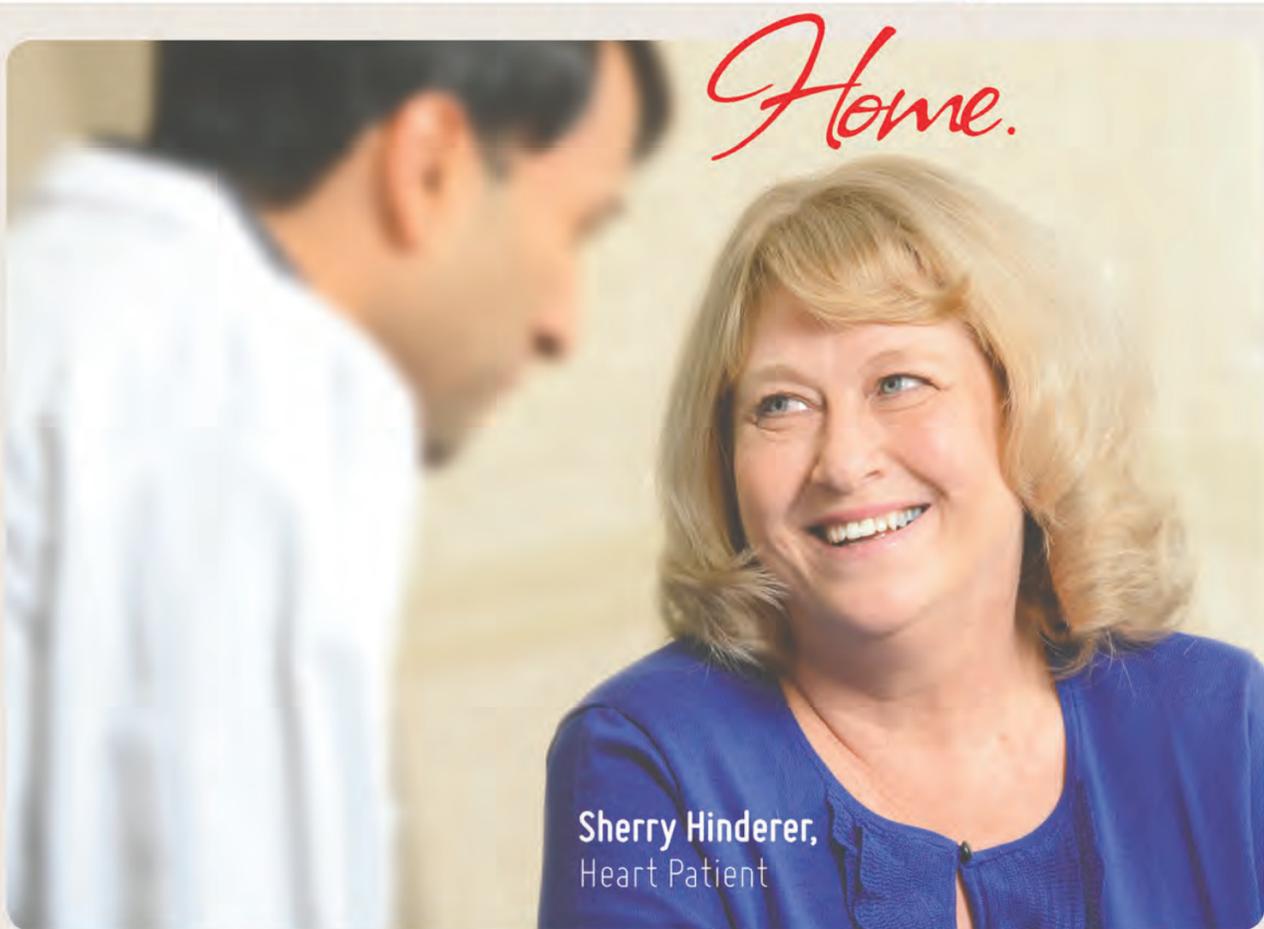
a total of two rebounds, with one turnover.

Braden Mattingly sunk four of seven attempts from the field, netted two of two attempts from the three-point zone and missed one attempt from the free-throw line for 14 points. He had five assists, two offensive and three defensive rebounds for a total of five rebounds, with two block/steals and four turnovers.

Bryce Sanderson missed two attempts from the field and had one block/steal.

Tyler Zimmerly bucketed two of two attempts from the field for four points and had two offensive rebounds.

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## JV LADY TIGERS VARSITY SOFTBALL SCHEDULE RELEASED

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The schedule has been released for the Jefferson County varsity JV Lady Tigers softball team. The roster will be forthcoming.

Action begins around the diamond against Maclay, February 10 at 1 p.m., there; Rickards, February 15 at 4 p.m., there; Lafayette Mayo, February 17 at 5 p.m., there; Maclay, February 24 at 4 p.m., here; and Hamilton, February 28 at 5 p.m., there; Lafayette Mayo, March 13 at 4 p.m., here; Taylor County, March 22 at 4 p.m., here; Branford, March 29 at 6 p.m., there; Hamilton, April 2 at 4 p.m., here; and Taylor County, April 5 at 5 p.m., there.

Coaching the team this year is Alesha Wells.



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# VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR ACS RELAY FOR LIFE

The American Cancer Society is seeking volunteers in Jefferson – walkers, cancer survivors, caregivers, community leaders and anyone wanting to make a difference – to join its Relay For Life of Jefferson. The organization is seeking volunteers who are interested in getting involved in the fight against cancer through fundraising in their signature fundraising event, Relay For Life.

Relay For Life events are held overnight as individuals and teams camp out at an athletic track, park or other gathering area, with the goal of keeping at least one team member on the track or pathway at all times throughout the evening. The events are held overnight to honor and mirror a cancer patient's journey through treatment.

A Relay Team is a group of 12 to 15 people, led by a team captain, who commit to raising at least \$100 each and participating in the overnight fundraising event. All of the proceeds raised through Relay For Life go directly to the mission of the American Cancer Society. While teams do the majority of their fundraising prior to the event, many

teams also hold creative fundraisers at their campsites during Relay, which creates an 18-hour festival-like atmosphere.

To learn more about Relay For Life of Jefferson and to sign up your team, attend the next Team Party. The next Team Party will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 13, at the Jefferson Art Gallery. The team parties are an opportunity for all teams to come together and learn about fundraising and the mission of the American Cancer Society. Everyone is invited to attend. You can also get involved by calling the local American Cancer Society at 850-297-0588, or by emailing [cheron.thornton@cancer.org](mailto:cheron.thornton@cancer.org)

“Relay For Life is all about our community uniting with the American Cancer Society and supporting its efforts to create a world with less cancer and more birthdays,” says Dana Lastinger, event chairperson for the Jefferson Relay For Life, 850-508-2174 or [jeffersonrelay@gmail.com](mailto:jeffersonrelay@gmail.com) “Volunteers and participants who are willing to give their time and energy to this exciting event are making a commitment to let Jefferson know that cancer can be de-

feated. So, reach out to your church families and to all you think will make great volunteers in the fight against cancer.”

Funds raised during Relay For Life of Jefferson help the ACS to impact the lives of those touched by cancer within the community. In 2011, Relay For Life events across the great state of Florida raised over \$21 million dollars to help cancer patients and their families in local communities and to fund lifesaving cancer research.

Its most requested program, Road to Recovery, provides transportation for patients to and from lifesaving cancer treatments. Last year, 3,513 rides were given to 423 patients right here in the Panhandle Area.

All of this is made possible by Relay For Life. All are welcome to join in the fight against cancer today! [www.relayforlife.org/jeffersonfl](http://www.relayforlife.org/jeffersonfl) The Relay For Life

event will be held on May 4-5 at the JCHS track.

Cheron Thornton, community representative for the ACS says, “I thank each of you for your willingness and commitment to fight this disease. It's time for us to get Jefferson County to see what we all already see, and that is, cancer is an insatiable monster that has to be stopped. Currently the best way to eventually stop it is by supporting the organization that does more than any other organization in the world, in the fight against cancer. Through the American Cancer Society's education, advocacy, service and research efforts we save lives everyday and it is all possible because of the grassroots Relay For Life events held throughout the world. Let's make this event a success. Please call me with any questions or concerns at 850-322-2308. Thank you!”

## REMEMBER THOSE LOST TO SUICIDE

Big Bend Hospice, in partnership with the Florida Suicide Prevention Coalition and Statewide Office of Suicide Prevention, will host the third annual 'Lighting the Darkness', an evening to remember lives lost to suicide, at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, February 15.

The event will be held at the Early Learning Coalition, 1940 North Monroe Street, Suite 70, in Tallahassee and is free and open to individuals, families and the community as a time and place to mourn and remember lives lost to suicide.

“There was such a focus on the ‘way’ he died that some people lost sight of the loving, special person my son was,” said one survivor. “Friends and family nei-

ther knew what to say nor how to say it. The stigma of suicide was very real,” she concluded.

This special evening will help those who survived suicide find strength and healing in the company of others who have experienced a similar loss.

There will be an opportunity to decorate and light luminaries, as well as special music and words of comfort and hope.

Guests are invited to bring a photo to share and to stay for refreshments and fellowship after the program.

For more information, contact Pam Mezzina, manager of bereavement services at 850-878-5310x799 or 1-800-772-5862 or email to [pam@bigbendhospice.org](mailto:pam@bigbendhospice.org)

## SGMC ANNOUNCES HEART HEALTH EXPO AND OTHER EVENTS

February is Heart Health Month and SGMC's Dasher Heart Center is planning various activities to promote community awareness of heart disease. Every year about 785,000 Americans have a first heart attack; another 470,000 who have already had one or more heart attacks have another attack.

To kickoff the month SGMC employees were encouraged to 'Wear Red' on Friday, February 3 to raise awareness of women and heart disease.

SGMC's Heart Health Expo will be held on Sunday, February 12th from 2:00 – 5:00pm at the Valdosta State University Center. Free EKG's, cholesterol screenings, blood pressure checks, pulmonary function tests, and body fat analyses will be offered. Classes on Compressions - only CPR, information on nutrition, smoking cessation, and diabetes management will be offered. Cardiologist Sid

Staton, MD and Neurologist Brian Dawson, MD will make presentations on heart disease and stroke. Registration is required.

Members of SGMC's Dasher Heart Center will provide community education throughout the month. Presentations are scheduled with the Azalea City Woman's Club on February 14, Valdosta State University faculty on February 21st, with the Azalea City Quota Club on February 21st, and to the SGMC Volunteer Auxiliary on February 22nd.

“Heart disease is a leading killer of both men and women and by educating people on the signs and symptoms of heart disease, we are saving lives,” said Trey Powell, MD, Chief of Cardiology Services at SGMC.

To register, or for more information on any of these programs, call 229.333.1074 or log-on to [www.sgmc.org](http://www.sgmc.org).

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## HEALTHY START COALITION RECOGNIZES DRIGGERS



Healthy Start Coalition staff recognized Board Member David Driggers for his years of dedicated service. Pictured left to right are: Cindy Hutto, David Driggers, Donna Hagan and Tonya Bell.

The Healthy Start Coalition of Jefferson, Madison, & Taylor Counties Inc. recently recognized Board Member David Driggers for his dedicated service to pregnant women and children in Jefferson County and throughout the tri-county area.

Driggers, vice-president of Farmers & Merchants Bank in Greenville, Florida, was honored for eight years of providing valuable financial and business advice to the Coalition. Because he was recently transferred to the Thomasville, Georgia operations of FMB, Driggers expressed his regret that the move would necessitate his resignation from the Board he served so generously. Greenville is the location of the Coalition headquarters.

Current Board Chairperson Gladys Roann noted, "David should be recognized for his quiet dedication to our most vulnerable citizens. It will be hard to replace him."

The Coalition will be recruiting a replacement for Driggers from Jefferson County; persons interested in making nominations should contact Cindy Hutto at [cjhutto@healthystartjmt.org](mailto:cjhutto@healthystartjmt.org)

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## ARCHBOLD LAB RECEIVES AABB ACCREDITATION

The Archbold Memorial Hospital laboratory was recently granted accreditation by the AABB, formerly known as the American Association of Blood Banks, for adopting and implementing standards established by leading experts in the blood banking and transfusion medicine field.

The AABB is an international, not-for-profit association that develops and administers standards, accreditations, educational programs and services in order to optimize patient and donor care and safety.

To receive accreditation, the Archbold laboratory underwent an intensive on-site assessment performed by a specially trained AABB assessor who evaluated the quality and safety of pre-transfusion testing and administration of blood and blood products at Archbold Memorial Hospital.

The standards set forth by the AABB are based on good medical practice, scientific data and principles associated with manufacturing practices and quality assurance, and are consistent with the US Food and Drug Administration regulations. To remain accredited, Archbold will submit to a biennial peer review assessment to gauge ongoing organizational performance and compliance to AABB standards.

“The assessor deemed the technical and administrative performances within the Archbold laboratory to exceed the conditions required by federal law and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid,” said pathologist Jeff W. Byrd, MD. “The best practices in place in the laboratory earned Archbold this recognition. The accreditation demonstrates that Archbold is committed to patient and donor safety.”

# ARCHBOLD PRIMARY CARE OPENING

The new Archbold Primary Care Clinic opened for patients in December 2011 and celebrated its opening on Tuesday afternoon, February 7 by inviting the community to meet the physicians, enjoy refreshments and tour the new practice located at 116 Mimosa Drive, the former location of the Lewis Hall Singletary Oncology Center, co-located

with Archbold’s new infusion center.

Archbold Primary Care is a comprehensive family practice, treating patients of all ages, including children, adults and geriatrics for wellness checks, treatment of chronic diseases and care for acutely ill hospitalized patients.

Family physicians Jason Griffin,

MD and Phillip Jansen, DO work in the practice fulltime along with physician assistant Bruce Allen, PA-C.

Archbold Primary Care is now accepting new patients and accepts most insurances, as well as Medicaid and Medicare. For more information and to make an appointment, call 1-229-226-5788.

## February Is American Heart Month

### HEART ATTACKS TAKE A LIFE EVERY 60 SECONDS - LEARN HOW TO CUT YOUR RISK

When was the last time you thought about your heart health?

If you're over 40-years-old, a leading expert in cardiovascular care suggests that NOW is the time to pay close attention to the factors which most often trigger heart attacks and learn what you can do to reduce your risks.

“Approximately every 25 seconds an American will experience a coronary event, and every 60 seconds one will die as a result,” says Dr. Debra Braverman, of the Cardiology Department of the Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia. “Fatal heart attacks often come without warning, but most of us don’t realize they are preventable.”

In addition to making lifestyle changes such as exercise, healthy diet, no smoking, and managing the stress in your life, Dr. Braverman says new technology for heart health has emerged to help Americans get relief from the symptoms of angina and heart failure, chest pain, fatigue and shortness of breath, while improving the quality of their lives.

“Have a talk with your doctor about a simple treatment called EECP (Enhanced External Counterpulsation), which is a painless noninvasive, outpatient procedure for improving circulation to the heart,” says Dr. Braverman.

Dr. Braverman says some physicians familiar with EECP therapy say it could eventually replace most of the drugs and invasive surgical procedures currently used to treat cardiovascular disease.

“Patients receiving EECP therapy lie down on a padded table while three sets of inflatable cuffs are wrapped around their calves, thighs and buttocks,” says Dr. Braverman. “Triggered by the patient’s own heart beat the cuffs are inflated with air during the heart’s resting phase, gently squeezing the lower body and pumping extra blood throughout the body, especially to the heart and coronary arteries.” Just before the pumping phase of the heart, the cuffs deflate, making it easier for the heart to pump blood throughout the body.

Dr. Braverman says EECP therapy’s safety and effectiveness have been documented in over 150 publications, mostly in peer reviewed medical society journals, showing 75 to 80 percent of patients who receive the therapy obtain relief of symptoms associated with heart and circulatory problems for up to 5 years.

“EECP therapy creates additional blood flow through the arteries and this increased flow stimulates the cells which line the arteries, improving their health and actually reversing arterial inflammation, constriction, and the hardening of the arteries often associated with cardiovascular disease.

Dr. Braverman says EECP therapy is often prescribed by cardiologists whose patients have already undergone prior invasive procedures like stenting and coronary bypass but still suffer from chest pains and other angina equivalent symptoms (fatigue and shortness of breath) which are also the related symptoms experienced by heart failure patients.

“EECP therapy can relieve pain and return mobility to patients who are ineligible or not good candidates to receive invasive procedures, but we feel that EECP therapy can be an effective first option for millions suffering from certain types of coronary artery disease prior to any other interventional procedures,” she says.

#### ABOUT DR. DEBRA BRAVERMAN, MD

*Author of “Heal Your Heart,” Dr. Braverman is a graduate of Cornell University Medical College (now known as the Weill Medical College of Cornell University) and is board-certified by the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. She was recently appointed Director of EECP in the Division of Cardiology at the Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia, PA. Founder of Braverman EECP Heart Centers, the largest EECP practice in the United States, Dr. Braverman has treated more patients with EECP than any other physician in the country. Her book is entitled “Heal Your Heart with EECP.”*

# How Do You Care For "Your" Heart?

The human body and all its systems is an incredible machine. The circulatory system, also known as the cardiovascular system, is comprised of approximately 60,000 miles of blood vessels. The heart is the hub, pumping 2,000 gallons of blood daily through the system's arteries, veins, and capillaries.

Are you aware of this elaborate process going on daily under your skin? Most people don't think about the external factors—what you eat and drink, how active you remain, and how you deal with stress—that

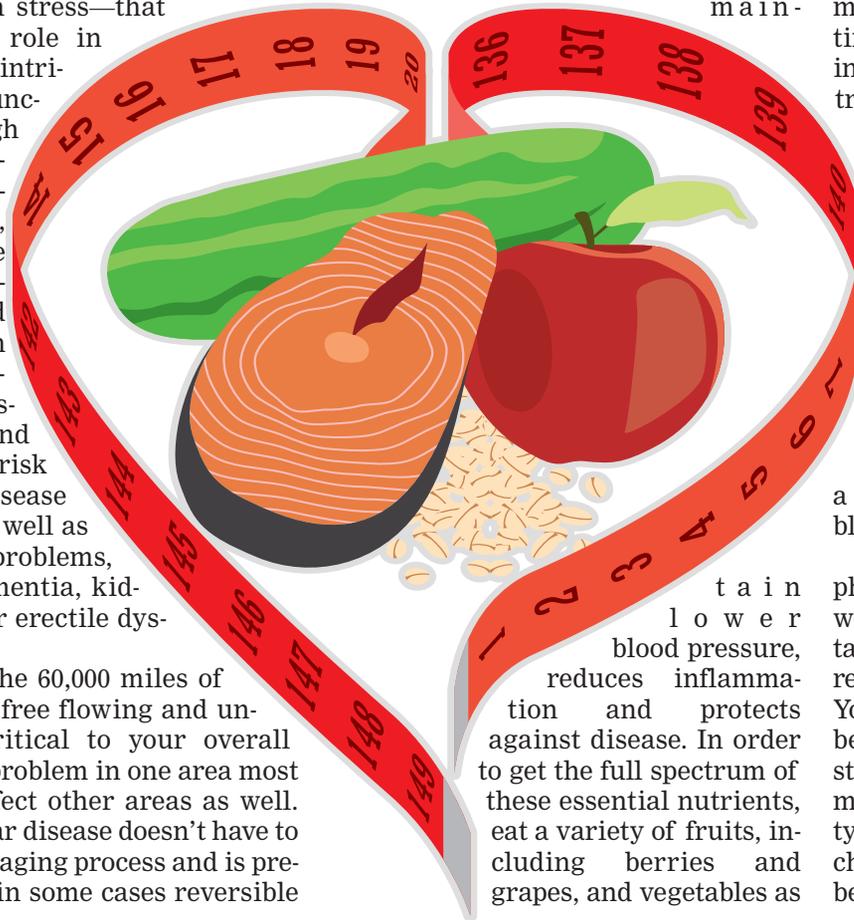
play a large role in how well this intricate system functions.

High blood pressure, high cholesterol, plaque buildup, diabetes, and stress all can affect the circulatory system and increase your risk of heart disease and stroke as well as other health problems, including dementia, kidney failure, or erectile dysfunction.

Keeping the 60,000 miles of blood vessels free flowing and unclogged is critical to your overall health and a problem in one area most likely will affect other areas as well. Cardiovascular disease doesn't have to be part of the aging process and is preventable and in some cases reversible

when you take healthy steps. Here's how to keep the network of blood vessels free of blockages and lessen your chances of dying prematurely or needing prescription drugs.

Eat nutritionally. What you eat—and don't eat—has a huge impact on the health of your blood vessels. It is very important to eat a healthy, well-balanced diet to properly feed your active heart. Eating plenty of fiber-rich fruits and vegetables, which are loaded with antioxidants and phytochemicals (nutrients from living plants), helps



maintain lower blood pressure, reduces inflammation and protects against disease. In order to get the full spectrum of these essential nutrients, eat a variety of fruits, including berries and grapes, and vegetables as

different types offer different benefits.

Consuming one or two cloves of garlic (cooked or raw) on a daily basis has been shown to lower your chance of developing cardiovascular disease by 25 percent. Garlic inhibits the cholesterol production in the liver, similar to statin drugs and without the side effects. It specifically lowers low-density lipoprotein (LDL) and may help rid the body of this bad form of cholesterol.

If you are a meat eater, replace red meats, high in saturated fats, with wild-caught, cold-water fish, such as salmon, mackerel, and herring at least three times a week. The omega-3 fatty acids in these fish prevent blood clots, lower triglycerides, reduce inflammation, raise HDL, and prevent fatal heart arrhythmias. Eating ground flaxseed is an excellent source of omega-3 fatty acids and provide fiber too.

Reduce or limit your consumption of alcohol, high-fat dairy products, refined sugars, soft drinks, fried foods, and refined grain products. Also avoid consuming foods with preservatives, MSG, high sodium, and table salt.

Drink at least eight glasses of water a day. This too will help insure your blood stays the correct consistency.

Move it. Everyone needs to remain physically active, whether you're overweight or thin. It's important to maintain a healthy weight and have a regular exercise program of some kind. Your exercise program doesn't have to be strenuous or complicated. You can start out with gentle walking or swimming and then advance to different types of fitness and exercise. Be sure to check with your health care provider before you start any type of fitness pro-

gram to ensure that there are no complications that you should be aware of. A sedentary lifestyle and excess weight are doubly bad for the vascular system.

Breathe fresh air. Limit or avoid breathing in toxic chemicals and exhaust. Air pollution is harmful to your vascular system as it is to your lungs.

Stress less. If you find that you are constantly worried and under stress you should consider practicing some relaxation techniques and methods that include yoga, breathing exercises, meditation, visualization, or Tai Chi.

Taking care of your heart means being conscious of what it takes to keep your heart healthy. Beginning a regular exercise program can't be stressed enough. Exercise, in combination with a healthy diet and the use of whole food supplements will reduce your chance of heart disease significantly.

The truth about heart disease is that you have more control than you perhaps thought you did. You are the one that is in charge of your health, your fitness, and your heart. How well do you take care of the machine you've been given?

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## ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE EDUCATION/TRAINING CONFERENCE

All are welcome to attend the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Alzheimer's Disease Education and Training Conference from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, February 11.

This symposium is a way for the public, caregivers and health professionals to learn the latest updates on Alzheimer's disease.

Keynote speaker is Dr. Kevin O'Neil, chief medical officer for Brookdale Senior Living. He is also co-editor and a contributing writer to the 'Optimal

Aging Manual.'

Other featured topics will include: pharmacotherapy with Alzheimer's disease, behavior management, how to adapt meals and service for better dining success in the home, how to assist your loved one with every day activities and so much more.

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