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## JCI DODGES BULLET FOR NOW AND MAYBE FOR LONG TERM



**\$10,000 Now Secured For 1st Floridians' Conference Here**

**ORGANIZERS SEE EVENT AS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOOST**

**LAZARO ALEMAN**  
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Monticello is one giant step closer to playing host to an academic conference of national, and possibly international, significance on the weekend of Oct. 3-6, thanks to the efforts of Dr. Anne Holt, program manager for Main Street Monticello.

Dr. Holt reported on Monday, March 5, that her grant application to the Florida Humanities Council was successful, securing half of the \$20,000 that she is seeking to finance the event.

Dr. Holt said the council awarded Main Street Monticello \$10,000 to fund the *First Floridians' Conference*. Please See **CONFERENCE** Page 3

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The Jefferson Correctional Institution (JCI) apparently dodged the bullet again on Saturday, March 3, and not just for a year but for the long run.

That's the word from Wendy Bitner and Chris Doolin, the two professional lobbyists the Jefferson County Commission hired to fight the prison's closing.

"At the 5 p.m. meeting between the Senate and House budget chairs (on Saturday), it was announced again that funding will be provided to keep JCI open this year," Doolin emailed Clerk of Court Kirk Reams on

Saturday evening. "I think we can reasonably state without any more doubt that we have succeeded in our effort."

Bitner was more euphoric in her announcement.

"Great news!" she emailed Reams separately on the same evening. "Jefferson has been removed from the closure list based on agreement between Governor (Rick) Scott, (Department of Corrections) Secretary Kenneth Tucker and legislative leaders. What that means is that we are not in the legislative budget process any longer. We are funded in the base budget of Department of Corrections (DOC). So unless we get added to a closure list in the future, we

will remain open!"

Jefferson County Commission Chairman Hines Boyd touted the significance of the victory on Monday. Boyd offered that if his reading of the two emails was correct — a reading that he subsequently confirmed with Bitner — JCI is completely off the DOC closure list, not only for a year but indefinitely.

"What happened on Saturday is very significant," Boyd said. "We completely dodged the bullet."

He said Bitner told him that in a conversation she had had with Tucker, the latter had assured her that JCI was most definitely off the closure list.

The DOC announced in mid

January that it planned to close JCI, along with 10 other prisons and work camps across the state, in an effort to reduce costs and in response to a declining prison population.

The announcement shocked the community, given that the prison's 177 jobs represent six percent of the total available jobs in the county. Community leaders argued that the closing would create a \$33 million negative impact on the local economy.

The announcement also prompted a rare show of community unity that saw community leaders putting aside personal and political differences to pull for the common good.

## Partnership Will Examine Region's Water Supply

**JEFFERSON COUNTY'S INPUT SOLICITED**

**LAZARO ALEMAN**  
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North Florida's regional water supply, if not yet in jeopardy, is being seriously stressed by over-consumption, a situation that has prompted three state agencies to join in a cooperative, collaborative effort to find solutions to the problem.

The three agencies are the Suwannee River Water Management District (SRWMD), the St. Johns River Water

Management District (SJRWMD) and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). Together they have formed the North Florida Regional Water Supply Partnership.

On Thursday morning, March 1, Charles Houder III, assistant executive director of the SRWMD, spoke to the Jefferson County Commission about the reasons for the partnership, the partnership's hoped-for outcomes, and what local officials and residents can

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### STOLEN PROPERTY

On Thursday, March 01, 2012, the Monticello Police Department received a report of a theft of a Garden Tiller, similar to the one pictured in this flyer, stolen from a residence on the north-east side of Monticello. It is a Poulan Brand garden tiller, model #PRT900, serial number 04011T008044960920027-00. MPD case #12-010265

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At right, Destiny Seaton, a four-year-old kindergartener at Jefferson Elementary School, gives the cameraman a big smile. Seaton was working on a gingerbread man and enjoying the nearby celebration in honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday.



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Pre-K students at Jefferson Elementary School got to sit outside and watch and listen to the festivities celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday on Friday.

Jill Walker, alias Dr. Seuss, hands out cupcakes to Jefferson Elementary School students on Friday. The school's 560 kids got to eat cupcakes, listen to music, and cut up in the playground as part of the festivities. Principal Valarie Thompson said the occasion was meant both to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday and to serve as a behavior incentive.

## Man Charged With Battery

**FRAN HUNT**  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

A Quitman man was arrested and charged last week after accusing his girlfriend of liking her dog better than him and her accusing him of battering her.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office (JCSO) reported that on November 11, 2011, JCSO received a call in reference to a female locking herself in a car and hiding from a male subject at a North Jefferson Highway residence. Deputy Paul Peables, Deputy Jerry Blackmon, Cpl. Andrew



Jimmy Alford Foy, Jr.,

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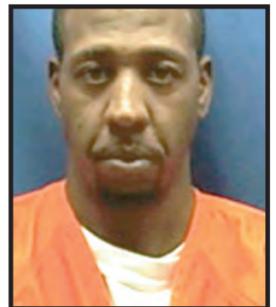
## Man Charged After Running Stop Signs

**FRAN HUNT**  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

A Monticello man was charged with felony offenses over the weekend after first being observed by law enforcement running several stop signs.

Monticello Police Officer Brent Parramore attempted to conduct a

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Samuel Lenorris McPherson

## FULFORD, MILLER & WHITTY ARE LATEST TO PRE-QUALIFY

**LAZARO ALEMAN**  
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Three more candidates have now signaled their intent to seek public office, bringing to 19 the total number of individuals who have pre-qualified thus far.

The latest three are incumbent Stephen Fulford, Republican, seeking a second term to the District 1 County Commission seat; C.P. Miller, Democrat, seeking

election to the District 3 County Commission seat; and Nancy Whitty, No Party Affiliation (NPA), seeking election to School Superintendent.

Miller has sought the District 3 commission seat previously, and Whitty makes for the seventh candidate to pre-qualify for the superintendent position, prompting Elections Supervisor Marty Bishop to comment of the latter that it will make for the most con-

tested race in his experience.

The other six candidates who have pre-qualified for superintendent are incumbent Bill Brumfield, who is seeking a second term; and Glover Jones, Jefferson Elementary School Principal Valarie Thompson, and Dr. Melvin Roberts, head of human resources for the Jefferson County School District — all Democrats; and Dis-

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**Local Weather**

**Wed 3/7** 68/51  
Sunny skies. High 68F. Winds E at 10 to 20 mph.

**Thu 3/8** 74/54  
Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the mid 50s.

**Fri 3/9** 76/56  
Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the mid 50s.

# VIEWPOINTS & OPINIONS

## JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIME BEAT

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Debbie Jo Colvin, 53, of Jefferson County, was arrested February 27 and charged with driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$500 and she bonded out of jail the following day.

Ralph Barry White, 53, of Pensacola, FL, was arrested February 29 and charged with driving under the influence; possession of marijuana less than 20 grams; and possession of drug paraphernalia. A total bond of \$1,500 was set and he bonded out of jail the same day.

Donald Ray Martin, 56, of Jefferson County, was arrested February 29 and charged with driving with an expired license for more than four months and driving under the influence. A total bond of \$7,500 was set and he remained at the County Jail March 6.

Laterria Denise Crumity, 19, of Monticello, was arrested March 1 and charged with sale of a controlled substance and violation of probation on the charge of battery. Bond was withheld and she remained at the County Jail March 6.

Jimmy Alford Foy, 26, of Quitman, GA, was arrested March 2 and charged with battery, domestic; fleeing and eluding law enforcement; and resisting arrest without violence. A total bond of \$15,000 was set and he bonded out of jail the following day.

Joshua Jay Dowden, 33, of Jefferson County, was arrested March 2 and charged with driving under the influence with property damage. Bond was set at \$500 and he bonded out of jail the same day.

Samuel Lenorris McPherson, 37, of Monticello, was arrested March 3 and charged with fleeing and attempting to elude law enforcement and driving while license suspended. A total bond of \$10,000 was set and he remained at the County Jail March 6.

Sidney Taylor, 60, of Lake City, FL, was arrested March 4 and charged with failure to appear for arraignment. Bond was set at \$1,000 and he bonded out of jail the same day.

Wilbur Everett Manning, 56, of Jefferson County, was arrested March 4 and charged with driving under the influence with property damage. Bond was set at \$500 and he bonded out of jail the same day.

## Letters To The Editor

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

### THIS LETTER IS WRITTEN ON BEHALF OF COACH JEREMY BROWN

TO WHOM IT MAY  
CONCERN:

I have worked with Jefferson County High School for the last twenty-five years, during which time I have helped approve medical work and treatment.

The last several years I have had the opportunity to work with Coach Brown. Coach Brown is a very mature individual who accepts responsibility and is very dependable. He al-

ways does the necessary steps to take care of the athlete's injuries and health issues. He always conducts himself in a professional manner. He always relates well with both staff and athletes.

In observing Coach Brown interact at Jefferson County High School, it is obvious that he is involved much further with the athletes than just coaching football. He

has a relationship with the athletes and it is a good one as they clearly respect and rely on him.

Coach Brown has made a strong commitment to Jefferson County High School and I believe it is time for the school system to make a strong commitment to him.

Sincerely,  
*James J. Watson*

## Thank You To All Who Helped

This is a letter of 'Thank You' to anyone who helped in the November 3rd, 2011 wreck that occurred at Wacissa between a gravel truck and an SUV in which my two sisters were injured. Thank you to Mr. Hickman for trying to avoid the accident and probably saving my two sister's lives. I would also like to thank Brenda and the Loren Walker family for their continuing support. I understand that many in the community came out to try with anything they had to get my middle sister, who was the driver, out of the wreck which finally took the jaws of life to accomplish. Thank you to the local holiness preacher who said a prayer at the scene and the holiness church whose prayer list we are on and the preacher who has come multiple times to visit our family. The FHP troopers who were at the hospital were courteous, concerned, and very helpful to my family. A thank you to the life flight helicopter pilot and the crew on the helicopter who brought Betsy in by helicopter to TMH and the EMS crew that brought Margie and Mr. Hickman to TMH. A thank you to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, Jefferson County Fire Rescue, and EMS. My roots go deep in the Wacissa area. My dad, Edward Neel Lowrie and my grandfather Leonard Whitfield Lowrie spent many a day and night fishing and hunting on the river. My dad owned, for a while a house in Wacissa and land at the crossroads where a store now

stands. I spent a lot of time on the river fishing and swimming with my family. I remember with great happiness going to Big Blue Springs. I remember the Andrews and the Williams whose families still resides in the area I am told. It is a wonderful place and this incident shows what the people of that area are made of and how they take care of their own and strangers who were their own for a time. Both of my sisters are in rehab and one has not woken up yet but can signal that she understands what we are saying. Margie goes home the 22nd of November to Charleston, SC where she will continue with rehab and Betsy will be here a while longer and then transferred to South Florida where she lives. With the grace of God and the love of our friends and family, we'll come through this hard time and hopefully Betsy will open her eyes soon. Thank you again for all you did and if I have left anyone out, please forgive me. Patricia "Pat" Neel Lowrie Hurst wacissablue@embarqmail.com

Update-March 4, 2012-This letter was written on November 18, 2011-I don't know if it got in the Monticello News. As of today Margie is doing much better and Betsy has come a long way. She will be moved to Health South Trauma at Sarasota, FL where she will be for 29 days before going home to Venice, FL. She has gone from a coma to walking, talking, and seeing, something the Drs couldn't tell us if she would be able to do or not. We are grateful to all friend and family and the people of the Wacissa/Jefferson County area for all of their help and support.

Thank you again,  
*Pat Hurst*



## KLUTZY KROOKS

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### Diner Allegedly Eats And Runs During Tip-A-Cop Fundraiser

A man who allegedly skipped out on paying his bill at a Las Cruces Applebee's during a law enforcement fundraiser Thursday night has been arrested and charged.

### Alleged Robber Phones Victim For Date

A Pennsylvania man allegedly robbed a woman of \$60 after she got off a bus, then called her twice to ask for a date, authorities say. Letting his heart get the best of him landed John Jardini, 26, of Carrick in the Allegheny County Jail on a robbery charge, KDKA-TV, Pittsburgh, reported.

### 2 Arrested For DUI In Same Car In Lincoln

Lincoln police say an attempt by two men to fool police by switching seats after an accident ended with both men being charged with drunken driving. The Lincoln Journal Star said the accident happened early Monday and when police arrived, 21-year-old Shawn Walker was in the driver's seat of a car that was stuck in the mud.

### Man Tried To Rob Store With Finger

Police in Florida said an attempted robbery was foiled when a gas station clerk recognized the object poking out from the suspect's shirt was a finger. The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office said a man with a plastic bag over his head walked into the Gate gas station on 103rd Street around 3 a.m. Monday morning and acted like the finger poking inside of his shirt was a weapon, The (Jacksonville) Florida Times-Union reported Thursday.

### Teen Robbed Banks By Drive-Thru

It almost sounds too bizarre to be true, a Utah County teen is under arrest, accused of robbing two banks in less than an hour. Authorities said a 16-year old boy allegedly took his mother's car without permission, drove to a nearby Central Bank branch and pulled into the drive up lane.

### Pair Caught Peeing On Crowd At Bar

A 20-year-old University of Georgia student and a 21-year-old non-student were arrested after they were caught spitting and urinating off the top of a parking deck onto patrons of a neighboring bar around 2 a.m. Saturday, according to an Athens-Clarke police report.

An officer responded to Boar's Head, 260 Washington St., and saw a man on the top of the deck spit onto a woman below, but he was unable to warn the woman in time for her to get out of the way. The man on the deck also was screaming at the crowd below.

### Georgia Man Returns To Bank After Robbery Try

Authorities say a man has been arrested after returning back to the suburban Atlanta bank he tried to rob in order to withdraw money for his cab fare home. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reports that 39-year-old Trevor Gladston Jr. was charged with attempted armed robbery.

### Elderly Women Face Charges After Poker-Party Raid

Cyprus police have summoned a 98-year-old and about 40 other elderly women to court to face gambling charges after raiding their weekly poker party. The women, mostly in their 70s, were stunned to receive a court summons this week, more than two years since the raid, said Yioula Diakantoni, the daughter of the 98-year-old.

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## STINGERS

“L-O-L! -- Joe Citizen.”

# AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

## Battery

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Johnson and Deputy Jerrod Rigdon responded to the call.

As they approached the address, dispatch advised over the radio that the complainant was on the phone reporting that the suspect was leaving and was about to be on US-19.

Cpl. Johnson and Deputy Rigdon located the vehicle, matching the suspect's vehicle description, entering US-19. They attempted to catch up to the vehicle for investigative purposes, but it was traveling at a high rate of speed and they were unable to catch it.

As the suspected vehicle approached Fulford Road it turned right and traveled eastbound. Cpl. Johnson was able to check the vehicle's speed with his radar unit and the display showed 106 miles per hour.

Deputy Rigdon could see the suspect's vehicle weaving across both lanes and crossing the solid double yellow line at a high rate of speed. The vehicle then turned left heading northbound on Boston Highway continuing to cross both lanes at a high rate of speed.

As they approached the Georgia state line, Cpl. Johnson had dispatch contact Thomas and Brooks counties. The vehicle crossed over into Thomas County and continued at a high rate of speed turning right onto Mitchell Road. The vehicle then turned left into a residential residence on Groverville Highway.

The vehicle parked in front of the home and the suspect jumped out of the driver's side and began running around the left side of the house and Cpl. Johnson and Deputy Rigdon chased the suspect around the house, through the woods and were able to catch him next to a grain silo.

Deputy Rigdon was able to handcuff the suspect, who he identified as Jimmy Alford Foy, Jr., 26, of Quitman, GA. The deputy noted that Foy's speech was slurred and reported that as Foy spoke to him, he noticed the strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his breath. Deputy Rigdon discovered on the seat of Foy's vehicle, in plain view, a large open bottle of vodka.

Deputy Jimmy Peeples and Lt. J. Boyd of the Brooks County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) arrived on the scene and Deputy Rigdon explained the incident to them. BCSO read Foy implied consent, which he denied. BCSO transported Foy to the Brooks County Jail and he was booked on the charge of driving under the influence and driving under the influence refusal to submit.

Deputy Blackmon went to the North Jefferson Highway residence and spoke with the female victim and requested that she submit a written statement of the incident. According to her statement, she had called Foy to her home to check on the welfare of her dog, which had been injured in a fight. During the course of the evening, she stated that she and Foy had begun to argue and that Foy got mad and said she cared more about the dog than she did about him. She stated that he began yelling at her to get out of the house. She then said he grabbed her by her shirt collar and began pulling, causing the shirt to rip off. She said that Foy then punched her in the back with his fist and told her to get out of the house. She went on to say that Foy grabbed her by both arms and pulled her toward the front door. She said she then went out and locked herself in her vehicle and that Foy then came out looking for her and when he found her, he began to bang on the window and yell for her to get out of the vehicle. According to the victim he then got into his vehicle and drove away.

Foy was arrested March 2, on the local offenses and charged with battery, domestic; fleeing and eluding law enforcement; and resisting arrest without violence. A total bond of \$15,000 was set and he bonded out of jail the following day.

## Stop Signs

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traffic stop on a white 2003 Chevrolet, for running a stop sign at Martin Luther King Street and East Washington Street.

Upon activating his lights and sirens the vehicle took off and failed to stop at three stop signs on North Railroad Street. As the officer passed Bishop Street he lost sight of the vehicle.

As he continued down Railroad Street approaching Cypress Street, Officer Parramore observed the rear taillights of the vehicle turned sideways. He then approached the vehicle, at which point, he saw a black male, later identified as Samuel Lenorris McPherson, 37, of Monticello, flee from the driver's side of the car. He then gave chase but lost sight of McPherson in the woods.

JCI was contacted to assist in the search with the use of their K-9. The dog hit a scent going west down Chestnut Street. The search was called off after reaching the area of Chestnut Street and North Jefferson Street.

After clearing the scene and responding to another call, Officer Parramore circled back down Chestnut Street, where he made contact with McPherson and took him into custody with no further incident.

Upon a criminal history check on McPherson, it was found out that he had been charged with driving on a suspended license on May 30, 2002 and on April 6, 2006 and he had just been released from prison in December 2011 for driving on a suspended license, third or subsequent offense.

McPherson was transported to the County Jail and charged with fleeing and attempting to elude law enforcement and driving while license suspended, third or subsequent offense.

A total bond of \$10,000 was set and he remained at the Jefferson County Jail, March 6.

## Conference

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ans: *First Americans Conference*, which is to be held in partnership with the Jefferson County Historical Association and the Monticello Opera House at the latter facility.

"This conference and the \$10,000 grant award are true grassroots economic development for Monticello and Jefferson County," Dr. Holt said, adding that the event is expected to draw as many as 300 people into the community.

She said the way the conference was structured, attendees would have plenty of opportunity to explore the town and visit the various shops and eateries. This was a point that Jack Carswell underscored, pointing out that conferences, lectures and such events were legitimate forms of economic development, notwithstanding what some in the community chose to believe.

The brainchild of Dr. Holt, the conference will feature talks by regionally and nationally renowned experts in the fields of anthropology, archeology, geoarchaeol-

ogy and paleontology, as well offering displays of artifacts and opportunities for guided tours of the Aucilla and Wacissa rivers.

Among the confirmed speakers so far are Mary Glowacki, Florida state archaeologist; Dr. Kenneth Sassaman, professor of Florida Archaeology at the University of Florida; Lee Newsom, paleobotanist/archaeologist with Pennsylvania State University; Dr. Neill Wallis, assistant curator in archeology at the Florida Museum of Natural History; and Dr. Michael Waters, director of the Center for the Studies of the First Americans at Texas A&M University.

Dr. Waters, in fact, is expected to lead a scientific expedition to the Aucilla River in the near future in search of evidence of early man's presence in the area. His renown is such that he has been featured in the *New York Times*.

Dr. Holt said the conference's intended audience is the general public, with a special em-

phasis on high school and college students and scholars in related pre-history fields.

"Our purposes are to inform local citizens, interested scholars and visitors on the richness and importance of the pre-history and early history finds in Jefferson County," Dr. Holt said. "We believe this knowledge will encourage respect and protection for these treasured sites."

In addition to the presentations and discussions, conference attendees will be able to view collections of artifacts discovered in archeological digs and at Spanish mission sites in the county, she said.

Dr. Holt first announced her intention to seek grant monies to fund a conference here at a brainstorming luncheon at the former Rare Door Restaurant on Nov. 17 of last year.

Attendees at that gathering included Dr. Jim Dunbar, president of the Panhandle Archaeological Society; Barbara Hines, a professional archaeologist with the Florida Public Archaeol-

ogy Network; and Tom Pertierra, chief executive of Southeastern PaleoAmerican Survey, Inc. (SEPAS), a nonprofit company that provides direct support and logistical management to public archeology excavation projects. Also present were Ed Green, Earl Hoover, David Ward and Carswell.

Among the many topics discussed at that session was new evidence suggesting that rather than coming to the Americas across the Bering Strait from Siberia, the peopling of the Americas may have occurred earlier and via the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. It was further noted that excavated sites on the Aucilla River rank among the oldest in North America and put man's presence in this area as far back as 14,500 years ago.

The latter theory has gotten enough national attention that the conference's organizers believe scholars from all over would likely be willing to come here to learn more about the unfolding story.

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do to help the effort.

Houder talked of the interconnected nature of water to the environment and to every living creature. He noted that although hydraulic boundaries defined the state's five water management districts, the Floridan Aquifer — which is the primary water supply source for North Florida, South Georgia and portions of Alabama, Mississippi and South Carolina — does not respect boundary lines. Which is to say that what happens in one area may well affect another.

Houder said that among the questions that the partnership hoped to answer were how groundwater withdrawals in the two districts and in Georgia influenced each other; if the flows and levels of the rivers, lakes and springs in the region were impacted by the groundwater use in the two districts and in Georgia; and if distinctions could be made between drought-induced impacts and those from groundwater use?

"The crux of the issue is that the Floridan Aquifer is fragile and it's not infinite," Houder said. "We're seeing stress put on the aquifer system."

He said that in the past, water management districts worked independently of each other to manage the natural resources within their boundaries. But concern over the water supply and the potential for impacts across district lines had prompted a new spirit of cooperation and collabo-

ration, at least between the SRWMD and the SJRWMD, he said.

Too, the economic climate today dictated that districts work cooperatively in the interest of cost effectiveness and to avoid duplication of effort, he said. Which explained the formation of the partnership last September and the three agencies' decision to work together, he said. He said the partnership's mission was to protect the region's natural resources and provide a cost-effective sustainable water supply to north Florida.

"We've got to come up with solutions that work for the rural areas of the SRWMD and the urban areas of the SJRWMD," Houder said. "We're already embarked on this effort. We're working on setting minimum flows and levels so that we figure out at what point we're seeing significant harm to the system."

Houder said the goal ultimately was to develop a regional groundwater model; establish consistency and coordination in the setting of minimum flows and levels; collaborate in the collection and sharing of the data; and develop a regional water supply plan for all north Florida.

"This will be an important issue for the next generation and forever really," Houder said.

He said a bill currently working itself through the legislative process would allow the FDEP to mediate differences between the water management districts. He

explained that triggering the partnership effort were low flows and levels in the St. Fe River Basin that were caused by factors outside the SRWMD.

Houder explained that the purpose of his visit to the commission was to encourage participation in a stakeholders committee that was being formed to advise the partnership in the formulation of the regional plan. He said the committee's makeup would consist of representatives from the two districts, as well as from environmental and user groups, local governments and the FDEP.

"We will use the stakeholders group to guide us in the process," Houder said, adding that the group was scheduled to hold its organizational meeting 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, in Alachua County. "We're here to invite you to become part of the process. We need to hear from as many of you as possible so that Jefferson County's interests are adequately represented."

Houder said that the key to the solution was greater conservation and developing alternative water sources, such as reuse, desalination and reservoirs.

"It's looking at all sources available and finding the most sustainable and cost effective," he said. "One of our major tools with be the minimum flows and levels. It will give us a measuring rod to award water-use permits."

For more information about the partnership, visit [www.northfloridawater.com](http://www.northfloridawater.com).

## Pre-Qualify

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district 4 School Board Member Marianne Arbulu and Al Cooksey, both Republicans.

Others who have so far pre-qualified for elective offices are Clerk of Court Kirk Reams, seeking a second full term; County Judge Bobby Plaines, seeking a fifth term; Property Appraiser Angela Gray, seeking a second term; Sheriff David Hobbs, seeking a third term; and Tax Collector Lois

Hunter, seeking a fourth term.

All the above incumbents are Democrats, with the exception of the County Judge office, which is nonpartisan.

School Board races also are nonpartisan. Individuals who have thus far pre-qualified for School Board races are Phil Barker, a former two-term school superintendent, and Colin Barton, both seeking the District 1 School Board

seat; and Larry Halsey, former Jefferson County Extension Office director, and Carolyn Loggins-Wade, both seeking the District 4 School Board seat.

The only other candidate to pre-qualify for a County Commission office, other than Miller, is Stephen Walker, who is seeking the District 5 seat.

Up for election also are Groups 3 and 5 on the Soil and Water Con-

servation Board.

Pre-qualification allows candidates to set up campaign accounts, name campaign managers and begin soliciting donations. It is a first step in the elective process.

Qualification, when candidates formally and officially commit to running, is set for June 4-8. The primary will be held Aug. 14 and the general election on Nov. 4.

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The photos will be taken at the Monticello Woman's Club, located at 975 East Pearl Street

Each child who has his or her photo taken will be featured in the newspaper spread for FREE at a later date. Each parent will also have a chance to purchase photo packets.

## Iesha Jackson To Tour Africa

FAMU student Iesha Jackson recently accepted an invitation to spend 10 days in Africa. She was invited by the FAMU Office of International Education and Development to participate in a 10-day Cultural Excursion throughout the country of Ghana.

While in Ghana, Jackson and four other colleagues will be traveling to Mole Park (by safari to the northern part of Ghana,) Kakum National Park (a famous canopy forest in Southern Ghana,) Cape Coast Castle and El Mina Castle (the slave castles that housed thousands of enslaved Africans 'Doors of No Return'. She will also have an opportunity to visit the beautiful Akaa Falls, a lush rainforest that has beautiful waterfalls and hills filled with rolling forest showing the majesty of the countryside.

Besides these, she and her colleagues will visit historical sites including the Ghanaian version of the White House, Osu Castle,

W.E.B. DuBois Memorial Museum, Ghana's National Independence Plaza and the Military Michelle Camp.

One thing Jackson certainly looks forward to doing while in Africa is participating in the school dedication ceremony at Abboabu Adukrom in Kumasi. She has always been a firm believer in obtaining an education and helping others in the process of receiving theirs.

Jackson graduated from Jefferson County High School in 2009. She was the class valedictorian and has been awarded numerous times for her academic success throughout college.

Iesha is the 20-year old daughter of Lakayshia and Tony Jackson of Monticello. Funding her way to visit the motherland is perhaps one of the most gratifying ways her parents have awarded her academic ambitions.

She was scheduled to leave for Africa on Thursday, March 1 and



Iesha Jackson

will return on Sunday, March 11. She looks forward to sharing her experience with all who are interested upon her return. Keep her in your thoughts and prayers especially during this time.

## ALTRUSA LEARNS OF FOOD MAPPING PILOT PROGRAM



Altrusa of Monticello is involved in service, leadership and fellowship ... leading to a better community. Pictured from left to right are: Marianne Arbulu, Sr. Health Educator of the Jefferson County Health Dept.; Guest Speaker Dr. Sandra Whitehead, Environmental Public Health Planner of Florida Dept. of Health; and Linda Benedict, Altrusa of Monticello/Jefferson County President.

Altrusa of Monticello held its February 23 meeting on Thursday afternoon at the Jefferson Senior Citizen Center. Visiting from Tallahassee to speak to the membership

was guest speaker, Dr. Sandra Whitehead, Environmental Public Health Planner from the Division of Environmental Health Florida Department of Health.

Dr. Whitehead was invited by Marianne Arbulu, Sr. Health Educator of the Jefferson County Health Department. Dr. Whitehead is assisting the Jefferson County Health

Department with a research project to identify and address food issues within the county, that was brought to light through conversations with Kim Barnhill, Administrator of the Jefferson County Health Department and Marianne Arbulu.

The pilot program study focuses on the availability of food countywide to all residents within a reasonable distance from their homes. Initial data was gathered through a survey completed by middle school students that showed how often their family eats out, what kind of food they buy and how far they must drive to shop for groceries. The study will be expanded to include the amount of healthy food available at local stores compared to residents' willingness to eat healthier food and their ability to get to the places where it is sold.

Altrusa meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month at noon at the Jefferson Senior Citizen Center. For further information, contact Diane Westbrook at 850-997-2973.

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Moses will provide the materials and/or you can bring your personal bits of nostalgia... lace, vintage fabric, ribbons, tablecloths, buttons and items from Grandma's attic.

Check out these bunnies at janetmoses.blogspot.com Reserve your place now, as space is limited. Bring your friends for this exciting workshop.

Reserve at oneheartearthcenter@embarq-mail.com or contact Sallie Worley at 850-997-7373.

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# AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**MARCH 8**

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.

**MARCH 8, 22**

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. 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.

**MARCH 8**

District 2 Parent Pep Rally from 6 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, in the cafeteria at Howard Middle School, 1145 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, in Monticello. District 2 School Board Member Sandra Saunders, will answer your questions and hear your concerns. There will be door prizes and refreshments following the meeting. For more information contact Vicki Boland, secretary for Federal Programs or Edna Henry with the Jefferson County School Board at 850-342-0100X218 or boland\_v@firn.edu

**MARCH 8**

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.

**MARCH 9**

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.

**MARCH 9**

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 Con-

nell at 850-445-0049. There are doorprizes, cold soft drinks and snacks.

**MARCH 9**

Instilling Hope through Trauma-Informed Care will be held on Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Tallahassee Community College Workforce Development Center, located at 444 Appleyard Drive in Tallahassee. Workshop selections will include: Trauma in Adults; Infant Mental Health and Trauma; Trauma in Children of Domestic Violence; and Secondary Trauma: Preventing Burnout & Fatigue; Exploring Trauma; Grief and Loss in Youth; First Responder Debriefing; Trauma in Foster and Adopted Children; and Research and Funding for TIC. This is a free conference with Florida Certification Board (CEUs). Contact Lisa Hetrick at lisa\_hetrick@dcf.state.fl.us or Jeanna Olson at jeanna\_olson@dcf.state.fl.us or call 850-921-8269, or 850-519-5297.

**MARCH 9**

3rd Annual Chamber Chili Challenge on Friday. Judging from 5 to 6 p.m. Open to the public at 6 p.m. at the Monticello Opera House. Tickets cost is \$6 for all the chili you can eat and at 8 p.m. dance to the sounds of '19 South'. There will be a cash bar. Call or stop by the Chamber of Commerce to sign up, 850-997-5552.

**MARCH 10**

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 Mary

Connell at 850-997-2772 or Irene Evans at 850-997-3724.

**MARCH 10**

Library Book Sale from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Jefferson County Bailer Public Library on Saturday. All proceeds will benefit library activities and services to the community. The Library is located at 375 West Water Street in Monticello. Call the library at 850-342-0205 for more information.

**MARCH 7 - 28**

Jefferson Arts will host 'A Dance With The Camera' exhibited in the gallery for the various works of Gerald Grow, Larry Coltharp, DE Matthews, Thora Kleinert, Charles Sawyer and Dudley Witney. This unique photography can be viewed from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays, or by appointment. There is no charge to view and store prices are very reasonable. For more information call 850-997-3311 or go to www.jefferson-artsgallery.com

**MARCH 11**

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

**MARCH 12**

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

**MARCH 12**

Vintage Bunnies craft class at One Heart Earth Center at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, with instructor Janet Moses. Reserve at oneheartearthcenter@embarqmail.com or contact Sallie Worley at 850-997-7373.

**MARCH 12**

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

**MARCH 12**

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

**MARCH 13**

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

**MARCH 13**

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.

**MARCH 14**

Monticello Kiwanis Club meets every Wednesday at noon at the Jefferson Country Club on the Boston Highway for lunch, a program and a meeting. Contact President Rob Beshears at 850-997-5054 for more information.

**MARCH 15**

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.

### SOLOMON LODGE #6 RECENTLY ELECTED NEW OFFICERS FOR 2012

The new officers are; Brother Charles Gilley, Worshipful Master; Brother Donald Thomas, Senior Warden; Brother Andrew Lockett, Junior Warden; Brother Junious Ball, Jr., Senior Deacon; Brother George Cuyler, Junior Deacon; Brother Albert McCoy, Tyler; Brother Allen Davis, Secretary; Brother Henry Seabrooks, Treasurer; and Brother Mack Norton, Steward/ The Chaplains are Brother Herbert Thomas, Past Master; Brother Ben Ransom; and Brother Reverend Joseph Andrews.

## Obituaries

### HOMER CALIS STARLING, JR

Homer Calis Starling, Jr., age 84, a retired guidance counselor and teacher, passed away on Friday, March 2, 2012, in Tallahassee, Florida.

Funeral Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 7, 2012 at Beggs Funeral Home Monticello Chapel (850-997-5612, beggsschmonticello@embarqmail.com) 485 East Dogwood Street, Monticello, Florida. Interment will follow the service at Oakfield Cemetery in Monticello. The family received friends on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Beggs Funeral Home Monticello Chapel.

Mr. Starling was a native of Homerville, Georgia and lived in Tallahassee before moving to Monticello 46-years ago. He taught school in Taylor County and was a guidance counselor/teacher in Madison County; he was a past member of the Board of Trustees for the North Florida Junior College. He was of Methodist faith.

Mr. Starling is survived by his wife Fannie Starling of Monticello; three sons Michael W. (Lisa) Starling, Sr. of Monticello, Scott (Susan) Starling of Thomasville, Georgia and Terry Starling of Crawfordville, Florida; one stepson Bricey Williford; one stepdaughter Nora Pritchard; and one sister Bessie Welch.

He was preceded in death by one son Larry Starling and two sisters Leadie Catherine Haynes and Mary Whitfield.

### SIDNEY RAYMOND SMITH

Sidney R. Smith, age 66, passed away on Friday, March 2, 2012 at Big Bend Hospice in Tallahassee, FL. He was a lifelong resident of Monticello, FL.

Funeral Services were held on Monday, March 5, 2012 at 11 a.m. at Beggs Funeral Homes Monticello Chapel, (850-997-5612, beggsschmonticello@embarqmail.com) 485 East Dogwood Street in Monticello. Visitation was held one hour prior to the service. Interment was at Roseland Cemetery in Monticello. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Big Bend Hospice, 1723-1 Mahan Center Boulevard, Tallahassee, 32308, (850-878-5310.)

Sidney was a member of the Florida Army National Guard for 32 years. He graduated from Florida State University with dual majors in Business Management and Marketing. He was a nursery owner and was retired from the Department of Corrections.

Sidney is survived by his wife of 45 years Vivian Taylor Smith; one daughter Stephanie Lorene Smith of Monticello; six siblings Gwen Smith of Gainesville, FL., Faye (Jimmy) Sanders of Havana, FL., Norma (Jearl) Birdwell of Tallahassee, Sandra (Ferrell) Hamrick of Monticello, Jimmie (Alice) Smith of Havana and Jan Kilpatrick of Tallahassee.

He was preceded in death by his parents Jim and Alma Smith and his sister Melba Carter.

Pall Bearers were Sidney's nephews Billy Carter of Fort White, FL., John Webb of Orlando, FL., James Sanders of Tallahassee, Al Sanders of Tallahassee, Lester Hamrick of Monticello, Brian Sanders of Tallahassee, Rusty Hamrick of Monticello, Paul Birdwell of Tallahassee, Travis Smith of Havana, John Michael Taylor of Port Charlotte, FL., Kyle Whittington of Tallahassee and Paul Cleckner of Monticello.

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# AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

## INSTILLING HOPE THROUGH TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE

Instilling Hope through Trauma-Informed Care will be held on Friday, March 9, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Tallahassee Community College Workforce Development Center, located at 444 Appleyard Drive in Tallahassee.

Keynote Speaker will be Dr. Shairi Turner, former DJJ Chief Medical Director; also featuring Freda King and Jeannie Becker-Powell.

Workshop selections will begin with morning sessions, including: Trauma in Adults; Infant Mental Health and Trauma; Trauma in Children of Domestic Violence; and Secondary Trauma: Preventing Burnout & Fatigue.

The afternoon sessions will include: Exploring Trauma; Grief and Loss in Youth First Responder Debriefing; Trauma in Foster and Adopted Children; and Research and Funding for TIC.

This is a free conference with Florida Certification Board (CEUs.) Contact Lisa Hetrick at [lisa\\_hetrick@dcf.state.fl.us](mailto:lisa_hetrick@dcf.state.fl.us) or Jeanna Olson at [jeanna\\_olson@dcf.state.fl.us](mailto:jeanna_olson@dcf.state.fl.us) or call 850-921-8269, or 850-519-5297.

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## GELLING'S FLORIST

**BRYANT THIGPEN**  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

John "Jack" and Kim Kennedy were residents of Tallahassee and realized they wanted a different quality of life. They began to search for a new home; one that would be quiet, welcoming and at a slower pace. After visiting Monticello, the search was over.

"We love being in Monticello. At first, I wasn't sure if I wanted to live in the downtown area," she said. "But, when my husband, an antique clock enthusiast, heard the sounds of the Courthouse and Presbyterian Church clocks, he was hooked."

John and Kim have been residents of Monticello now for nine years, and are the proud owners of Gelling's Florist, one of Monticello's oldest established businesses.

Gelling's Florist has been in downtown Monticello for 78 years and continues to blossom with great service and top quality products. Gelling's was once on the Courthouse Circle and moved to its current location at 190 East Dogwood Street in the mid 50's.

"We've got something for everybody," Kim said. And indeed they do. Whether one is looking for a simple household plant or needing a floral arrangement for an event, Gelling's has just what is needed.

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Whether it's off to prom or the big day one has spent their life waiting for, they offer tuxedo rentals at an affordable rate. In fact, they are the only place in town that offers this service.

Gelling's also specializes in custom designs with flowers for occasions such as Birthdays, Anniversaries, Weddings, Funerals and Parties or just to let that special someone know that you are thinking of them. They can create gourmet



gift baskets and Easter baskets. They also carry a line of silk flowers.

Another service that makes Gelling's unique is their ability to deliver overseas and across the world.

At Gelling's Florist, one can also find a line of work that was created by local artisans including children's clothing, pottery, jewelry and much more. In home décor, they carry unique items such as art glass for win-

dows, basket and blown glass vases.

Many in the community have taken notice of their spectacular window display. The new spring display is currently done and Gelling's invites everyone to come by and check it out.

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Hospice of Southwest Georgia recently placed bird feeders in local personal care homes, assisted living facilities and nursing homes as a way to bring comfort and normalcy to patients, family members and friends.

"The birdfeeders bring joy to the residents as well as the staff," said Gail Benton, volunteer coordinator for Hospice of Southwest Georgia. "The families feel it's a wonderful idea, especially for the residents that aren't able to leave their rooms."

Hospice volunteers maintain the birdfeeders at each facility and enjoy spending time with residents during their visit.

"Our volunteers enjoy helping with activities and visiting with patients," said Debra Taylor, Hospice of Southwest Georgia volunteer coordinator. "Watching the birds has brought smiles to our residents and they really enjoy them. It's the little things that make someone's day."

Hospice of Southwest Georgia has placed bird-

feeders in Thomasville's Camellia Gardens Nursing Home, Glenn-Mor-

Nursing Home, Golden Living Center, Southern Pines Retirement Commu-



Hospice of Southwest Georgia volunteers Marjorie Jones and Dorothy Brown placed bird feeders at Pinewood Nursing Home in Whigham.



Hospice of Southwest Georgia volunteer coordinator Gail Benton and volunteer Janet Griffin placed bird feeders at assisted living facilities.

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nity, Triad Nursing Home, Woodleaf Assisted Living Facility and Plantation Manor Retirement. The birdfeeders are also in Cairo at Cairo Personal Care Home, in Pelham at Pelham Parkway Nursing Home, in Bainbridge at Bainbridge Health Care, Bainbridge Manor and Seminole County Nursing Home, in Colquitt at Miller Nursing Home, and in Whigham at Whigham Nursing Home.

For more information on Hospice of Southwest Georgia or to become a volunteer, call the Thomasville office at 1-229-584-5500, or the Bainbridge office 1-229-246-9965.

# AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

## Chamber After 5 Held At Early HeadStart

**DEBBIE SNAPP**  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

Chamber Business After 5 was held this month at the Jefferson Early HeadStart, located at 395 East Washington Street, in downtown Monticello.

On Tuesday evening, February 21 several Chamber members, their guests and area residents filled the halls and the playground of the educational facility. All in attendance are in support of this local business and were anxious to learn more about what they could do to keep this facility open and operating for the good of the county.



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# CHURCH

## The Pulpit

BY: REV. DERRICK BURRUS

### CAPITAL HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH

The Lord speaks to Jeremiah and directs him to speak to His people as recorded in Jeremiah 2. The message is one of how things have changed in their walk with God. In verse 2 God remembers how things were in the early days.

He remembers how the people were kind. New faith brought out their goodness to others. We call it ministry when we serve others and seek ways to be a blessing. I recognize the trend when I think of new Christians. They are eager to serve and seek ways to help, ways to make their faith count for others. Kindness moves us to ministry.

He remembers their espousals, which speaks to their love. New Christians are filled with love. They are touched when they see others in need. Their hearts are sensitive and full of compassion, and they have great love for God, for God's Word, and for God's church. Love moves us

to prayer because we want to lift others to God through prayer and because we enjoy talking to the Lord.

He remembers their pursuit. In the early days of their faith, they were willing to follow God anywhere! They followed Him "through the wilderness, through a land of deserts and of pits, through a land of drought, and of the shadow of death, through a land that no man passed through, and where no man dwelt." I see the same quality in new believers. They are hungry to follow the Lord to know His Word, His heart, and His leadership. God responded to their faithfulness with blessings as we see in verse 3.

In verse 5, God says that something changed.

They got distracted following vanity and became vain (We take on the quality of those things we pursue). Verse

fit and lived lives of sin and disappointment. Their love had become stale, and their interest in God faded away. Verse

13 reveals two evils: 1) They forsook God and 2) They wasted time and energy on useless projects.

Yet, in all of His disappointment, God pleads for them to return in verse 9 and says He will keep pleading. You may feel that you have drifted from God. You may have wasted energy or many years on things that have no lasting value. Maybe it's been a while since you had a talk with God. The good news is: He is calling to you with open arms. He loves you and wants you in His family and on His team. If things have changed since you were involved in God's "program," get back to Kindness, Love, and Pursuing The Lord.

This message can be heard on [Chbaptistchurch.org](http://Chbaptistchurch.org)



Rev. Derrick Burrus

6 says that they lost their desire for God. Verse 7 says that they defiled God's blessings like an unappreciated gift. Verse 8 says that even the spiritual leaders focused on things that have no bene-

### THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

DEBBIE SNAPP  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

Bible Study starts back up every Thursday night beginning on March 8, at the Lloyd Woman's Club at 7 p.m.

Join with Elder Linda D. Ross for an evening of Christian faith. For more information contact her at 850-322-3424.

"It truly feels good to be back home in Monticello again," she says. "I am so excited for what God is about to do in our town. I believe that healing and change is about to take place in Jefferson County and that the people have been patiently waiting on God.

"As the Israelites cried out and He heard them and sent Moses, so has the cries of the people come up before God to bring them out! Now is the time for the spirit of Bondage to be released in Monticello and we walk in the Liberty of the Spirit of God!

#### 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)  
850-997-3906  
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

Rev. Buzz Yarborough

Communicating the Good News of Jesus Christ since 1840  
Sunday 9:00 AM.....Adult and Children Sunday School  
10:00 AM .....Holy Eucharist  
Nursery provided for children under 5

#### 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

#### 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

#### 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

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# CHURCH

## CHURCH NEWS NOTES

**MARCH 7, 21**  
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 distribute food items and to donate non-perishable food items. Call and leave a message for JoAnne Arnold at 850-997-2252 or go to eagleswingsmonticello@yahoo.com or www.firstpresbyteri-anmonticool.org Keep the Jefferson homeless and substandard housing in your prayers today and always. More and more Americans are only a paycheck away from being

homeless.  
**MARCH 9**  
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.  
**MARCH 11**  
Sunday of Silence is 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 begins 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 are appreciated and are tax deductible. For more information contact Sallie Worley at oneheartearth-center@embarqmail.com or 850-997-7373.  
**MARCH 11**  
First Baptist Church Monticello will celebrate its Homecoming at 11 a.m. on Sunday. This will be a time of renewal and remembrance for the church and its membership, past and present. The community is invited to come worship on this special day. Rev. Dr. Rick Kelley pastor.  
**MARCH 20**  
Welaunee MB Church will host a series of Teaching and Training Seminars for pastors, ministers,

deacons, deaconesses and laypersons of the church community. The seminars will be held from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. every Tuesday evening after the first and third Sundays of each month through June 26. Rev. Herbert R. Thomas, Sr. is pastor.  
**MARCH 23, 24**  
Second Harvest Food Program, together with the churches of New Bethel AME, Elizabeth MB, Hickory Hill MB, Mt. Pleasant AME and Philadelphia MB, will provide food to anyone needing assistance including the needy, infants and the elderly. This is done monthly with distribution from 9 to 10 a.m. usually on the fourth Saturday at the New Bethel AME Church lo-

cated 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.

**APRIL 7**  
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 and accessories for everyone, young/old, big/small.

### Philadelphia MBC Welcomes New Pastor Bruton

Rev. Ernest Bruton and the Philadelphia Missionary Baptist Church family extend their sincere appreciation and gratitude to the visiting pastors, deacons, officers, church members, family and friends both local and out-of-town for sharing in the installation of new pastor, Rev. Ernest Bruton.

A special thanks to the New Zion Missionary Baptist Church of Greenville, the program participants and to those who provided covered dishes and services for the fellowship dinner. Also, a special thanks to Dea. Lonnie Griffin and Dea. Henry Seabrooks for their assistance. God's blessings upon each of you.

"We would like for you to continue to show your love and support as we embark upon spiritual growth and great endeavors as God leads us," adds Pastor Bruton. "By doing so, we invite you to worship with us."

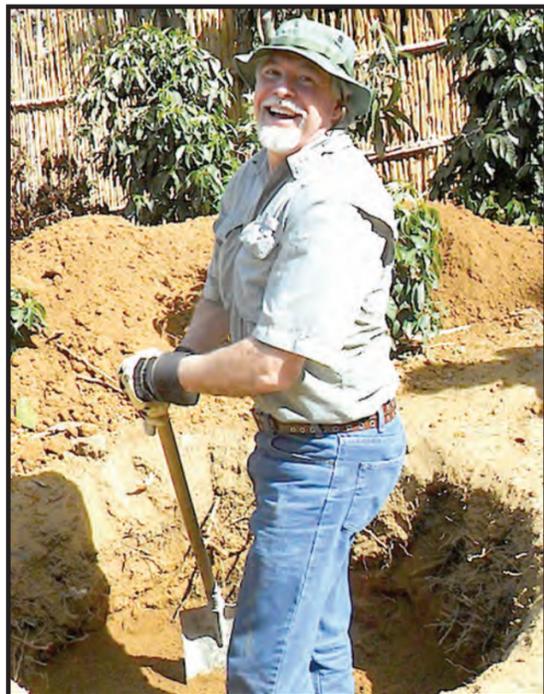
Church days and times are: Second and fourth Sundays, 10 a.m. Sunday School; 11 a.m. Morning Worship Service. Second and fourth Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Bible Study.

## DOUBTFUL THOMAS

### "Thomas,...stop doubting." Jesus, at John 20:27.

by Tom Bane  
My pastor felt led to invite me to serve in Guatemala with our team. Knowing nothing of Porch de Salomon, I skeptically wondered whether the purpose was to truly help the Guatemalans or to just give me a short vacation, pat some poor people on the head and come home feeling better about myself.  
Nonetheless, I yielded to her discernment and went with an open mind, but with an alternative purpose; to determine for myself the real value of these mission trips. Well, I'm glad I was so cynical and leery, so I could come back and tell you exactly what I saw.  
I saw:  
• our team help build a house for a humble widow with four children. They will soon have, for the first time, a structure that will keep out the weather.  
• our team working under the supervision of indigenous locals who will have a job after we leave  
• an alcoholic finding a new life at the Porch. It provides a place of worship and sanctuary for the lost.  
• And, yes, I saw the children that everyone talks so much about. The children swarmed to us. One child offered me half of his cookie so that I would not be the only one without. The adults let us know how they appreciated us. So, I tell you without reservation, that through these missions the grace of God does fall upon the Guatemalans.  
• That is not all. I saw our young team members gain first-hand knowledge of the plight of developing countries. I saw a father and son bond closer by working side-by-side as equals on the job. I saw a liberal and a conservative member calmly discuss their political perspectives and gain respect for each other in the process. I also saw the team members, who may just say "hello" on Sundays, became much closer by sharing their life experiences, successes, failures and regrets with one another. So, I tell you without reservation, that through these mis-

sions the grace of God also falls upon the team members.  
This is the exponential impact that these trips have on those who serve and those who are served. The grace of God is like the dry-season dust we worked in. You can't keep from getting it on you, you can't help but spreading it to everyone you touch, and vice versa. And even if you try to brush it off, it is still in your shoes. These trips have real value!  
Tom is an engineer in Tallahassee and is an accomplished ballroom dancer.



### 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 Waukeenah Hwy • Monticello -850-264-0802  
**Pastor Stephen Lenzo**  
Sunday School.....9:45 AM  
Sunday Worship.....11:00 AM  
Nursery Provided  
Tues Bible Study.....6:30PM  
www.sardis.his-body.com  
email=lenzos@his-body.com

### HARVEST CHRISTIAN CENTER

1599 Springhollow Road • Monticello • 850-212-7669  
**Pastor Marvin Graham**  
Sunday Worship.....10:30 AM  
Sunday Worship 1st & 3rd.....2:00 PM-4:00 PM  
Sunday -- Every 2nd & 4th.....6:00 PM  
Tuesday Bible Study.....7:00 PM  
AA on Tuesday.....8:00 PM  
Wednesday Bible Study.....7:00 PM  
Wed. Young People Bible Study.....7:00 PM  
Wed. Counseling.....5:30 PM-8:30 PM  
Thurs. Jail Ministry.....7:00 PM-9:00 PM

### CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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

### NEW HOPE MINISTRIES CHURCH OF GOD

415 E Palmer Mill Rd • Monticello • 997-1119  
newhope415@yahoo  
**Pastors Ray and Angel Hill**  
Sunday School.....10:00 AM  
Sunday Worship.....11:00 AM  
Sunday Prayer.....6:00 PM  
Wed. Family Training Hour.....7:00 PM

### GREATER FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

690 Cypress Street Monticello 850-997-4375  
"Standing Firm On The Word Of God"  
**Dr. Melvin Roberts, Pastor**  
Sunday Church School.....10:00 A.M.  
Sunday Praise & Worship.....11:15 A.M.  
2nd Sunday Youth Praise & Worship  
4th Sunday Individual Outreach Ministry & Fellowship  
3rd Sunday Holy Communion  
Wednesday Evenings  
Prayer Meeting.....6:30 P.M.  
Bible Study.....7:00 P.M.

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

290 East Dogwood Street • Monticello • 850-997-2252  
**Interim Pastors**  
Sunday School.....9:45 AM  
Sunday Worship(except last Sunday of month)..11:00 AM  
Adult Bible Study-Wednesday.....6:30-7:30 PM  
Men's Breakfast.....2nd Saturday 8:00 AM

### 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 • Waukeenah • 997-2171  
www.waukeenah-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

# SCHOOL & EDUCATION

## Aucilla Christian To Compete In Brain Bowl

The 2012 Tallahassee Democrat Big Bend High School Bowl, now celebrating its 35<sup>th</sup> year, opens with 190 students from around the Big Bend Region starting competition, Friday, March 9 at Tallahassee Community College. Teams compete for two days, advancing for double-elimination competition on Saturday, March 10.

On the first day of the tournament, 34 teams from North Florida and South Georgia meet in round-robin competition. Top winning teams advance to the double-elimination semi-finals on March 10.

The top two teams after the second day then advance to the finals at Aquilina Howell Instructional Services Center on Monday, March 12.

Thirty-seven members of the community have volunteered their time to act as moderators of the academic challenges. Leon High School is this year's High School host, providing student volunteers and refreshments to help out with the competition.

The Tallahassee Democrat, with the cooperation of Tallahassee Community College, Leon County Schools, Brooks LeBoeuf Bennett Foster and Gwartney, P.A. and Envision Credit Union, sponsors the Big Bend High School Bowl.

The Democrat, Brooks LeBoeuf Bennett Foster and Gwartney, P.A. and Envision



Front Row Left to Right: Sarah James, Aimee Love, and Kaley Love  
Middle Row Left to Right: Casey Demott, Hunter Handley, and Jay Finlayson  
Back Row Left to Right: Josh Funderburke, Devan Courtney, and Gatlin Nennstiel

Credit Union donate more than \$5000 in cash scholarships and gift certificates as prizes. The first-place team wins a \$2500 scholarship and the runner-up, \$1250.

Established by the Tallahassee Democrat, the high school bowl encourages academic excellence and promotes teamwork among students. During the competition, teams answer questions as quickly as possible about current events, science, math, language arts, social studies and popular culture.

The twenty schools, each bringing either one or two teams to the competition, are: Aucilla Christian Academy, Bainbridge High School, Brookwood School, Cottondale High School, Florida State University High School, Franklin County High School, Amos P. Godby High School, Graceville High School, Holmes County High School, John Paul II Catholic High School, Lawton Chiles High School, Leon High School, Lincoln High School, Maclay High School, North Florida Christian Academy High School, James S. Rickards High School, Robert F. Munroe High School, Sacred Heart Home School, Thomasville High School and Wakulla High School.

For more information on the high school competition, call Jeanie Booth, Community Relations/ NIE Manager at the Tallahassee Democrat, 599-2356.

## NEW PUBLIC ART PROJECT IN THE WORKS AT NFCC

### Tallahassee Sculptor Mark Dickson helps teach NFCC students about the art of metal sculpture

North Florida Community College will soon add another public art structure to its campus thanks to the combined efforts of NFCC art instructor Lisa Barden-Thompson, professional sculptor Mark Dickson and NFCC students. Barden-Thompson commissioned Dickson to create an original design for the College campus - NFCC's third public art project since 2010 - and to incorporate hands-on learning sessions to get students involved with the project from start to finish.

With the design in

place, Dickson is now working closely with NFCC students on the project. He has already held two days of learning sessions at NFCC, on Feb. 2 and Feb. 15, introducing students to the sculpting and welding process involved with creating metal sculptures.

"This has been a wonderful experience for the students who are really enjoying learning to work with new materials they might not otherwise be exposed to," said Barden-Thompson. "Dickson's demonstration methods are

informative and engaging. He creates a fun environment encouraging everyone to participate and now the students are pumped and excited about making sculpture!"

"The experience of working with a professional artist is good because it allows you to find talents you didn't know you had," said NFCC art student Maegen Wynn. Other NFCC art students are also enjoying the experience - "With welding, as you do it, you feel powerful like a superhero," said Ryan Shaw and "I would like

to see a welding course offered (at NFCC)," said Steven Godfrey.

When complete the new metal sculpture will be permanently located near NFCC's Van H. Priest Auditorium; a prime location for students and campus visitors alike to enjoy the work. Much of the recycled materials being used in the sculpture project and learning sessions was donated by local business Madison Scrap Metals.

"Dickson's sculpture is a wonderfully modern and contemporary interpreta-

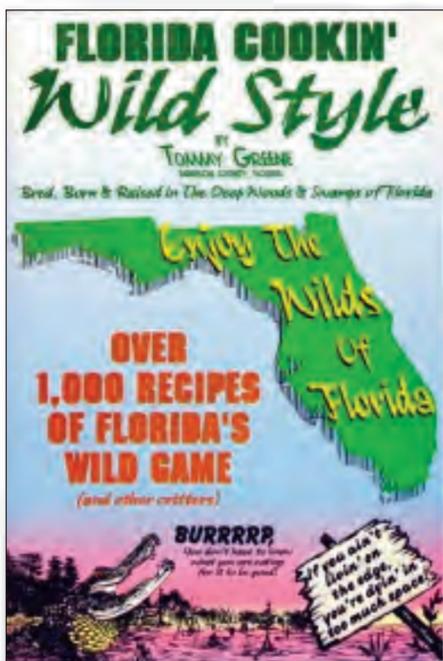
tion of Florida fauna and will be a refreshing addition to the NFCC landscape," said Barden-Thompson.

Dickson is a professional sculptor and painter and has a working studio, Mark Dickson Studios, in Tallahassee. He draws on knowledge acquired from independent studies in metal design, fabrication, casting, foundry methods, and blacksmithing. In 2010 he was commissioned to create a sculpture entitled "TRANSIT" for the City of Tallahassee's Star Metro public transportation headquar-

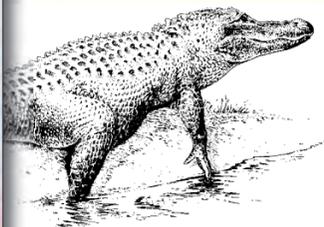
ters. "I love bringing art into people's lives," said Dickson. "You see first-hand how art can inspire young people and students."

For more information about the NFCC Art Department and upcoming projects and exhibits, contact Lisa Barden-Thompson at (850) 973-1642, email BardenL@nfcc.edu or visit www.nfcc.edu (search: Visual Arts). For more information on Mark Dickson visit www.markdicksonstudios.com<http://www.markdicksonstudios.com>.

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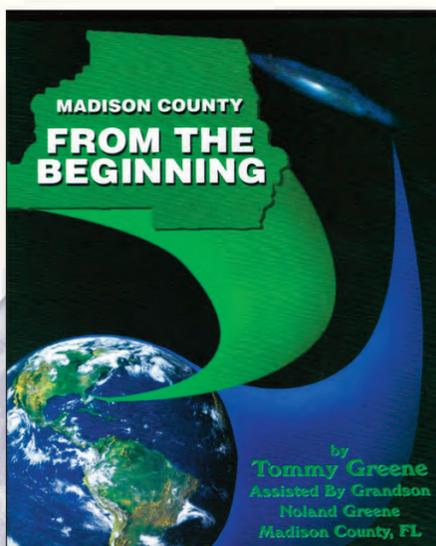


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Madison County From the Beginning traces the history of Madison County, Florida from the creation of the supercontinent of Pangea 1,000 million years ago through 1999.

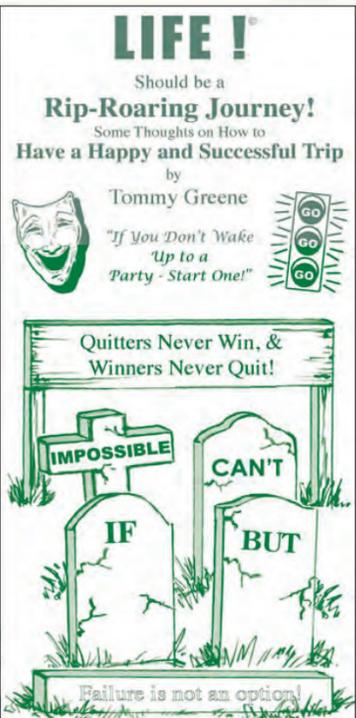
Written and illustrated by native Madisonian Tommy Greene, this book provides fascinating reading for history buffs anywhere.

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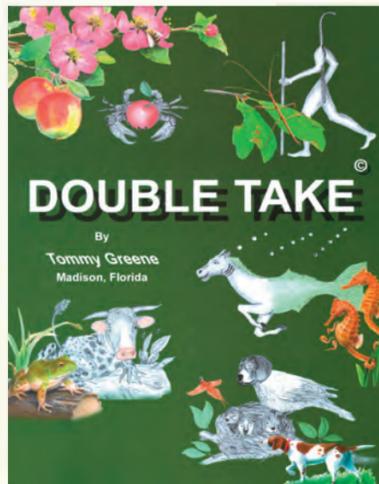
In LIFE! Tommy Greene shares a smattering of his personal thoughts on how best to enjoy a happy and successful life, as well as some of his favorite quotes on the subject from some of the people who have lived it - from Albert Einstein to Zig Ziglar, and many in between.

LIFE! is a pocket-sized book intended to be carried and dipped into from time to time. A book to be enjoyed as a source of inspiration, as well as the occasional chuckle.

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Double Take is a book intended to fuel the imaginations of readers of all ages. This richly illustrated book is filled with words that, on first glance, have obvious meanings. As Tommy Greene demonstrates, though, these words can make the reader stop and do a "Double Take."

The true meaning of each "Double Take" word is explained in a short, informative essay and beautifully illustrated with a highly detailed painting. A cartoon by Tommy Greene also accompanies each word, showing the alternate meaning that might be conjured up in one's imagination.

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# SPORTS & SCHOOL

## MCA OFFERS SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Low-income students who want to attend Monticello Christian Academy this fall can apply in early March for a state-

backed scholarship that is expecting its biggest year yet.

The scholarship program, run by the non-

profit 'Step Up For Students' under a law called the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship, is currently serving more than 38,000 students in nearly 1,200 different K-12 private schools across the state. This school year, the scholarship is worth up to \$4,011.

The program is intended to provide a learning option for students from economically disad-

vantaged households and enrollment has more than tripled in the past seven years.

To qualify, new applicants must meet the household income guidelines for the federal free or reduced-price school lunch program, which is \$42,648 annually for a household of four. For families of more than four in a household, add \$611 for each additional

member. Students must also be entering kindergarten or first grade, or have attended a public school for the current 2011-2012 school year.

Check the scholarship website for the most current requirements. Applications are available online at <http://www.stepupforstudents.org> Parents who want more information or assistance with the application process can call 'Step Up For Students' directly at 1-877-735-7837. Scholarships are available on a first-come, first served basis.

Monticello Christian Academy offers a Christian curriculum with an individual educational plan for each student.

The Florida Tax Credit Scholarship provides educational options for students from households whose income meets federal guidelines for free and reduced-price lunch. Corporations receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit for contributions to scholarship organizations that then provide annual private school tuition scholarships worth more than \$4,000.

## Schedule and Roster Released For Varsity Tigers

FRAN HUNT  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

The schedule and roster and been released for the Jefferson varsity Tigers baseball team.

Action began on the diamond against FAMU, February 21 and continued with Mayo, February 23, John Paul, February 27 and Hamilton, March 1, however, those game statistics were not available at press time.

Action continues against Mayo, March 6 at 4 p.m., home; Branford, March 9, at 6 p.m., away; FAMU, March 13 at 4 p.m., home; Hamilton, March 15 at 6 p.m., away; Melody Christian, March 27 at 4 p.m., home; and Branford, March 30 at 4 p.m., home.

April sees the Tigers manning the diamond against Melody Christian, April 3 at 4 p.m., away; East Gadsden, April 5 at 4 p.m., home; John Paul, April 11 at 6 p.m., away and wrapping up the season, East Gadsden, April 20 at 6:30 p.m., away.

The District Tournament will be held April 23-27 at Mayo, times to be announced.

This years Tigers consist of; sixth graders Kysawndre Wade, Kean Thomas and Kameron Burns; seventh graders Omari Sloan, Duane Holmes, Zoron Wade, Adrain Hawkins and Darren Ellis; eighth graders D'ontee Ford, Calvin Parrish, Travis Addison and Azende Thompson; ninth graders Greg Meeks, Ronzo Wade, John Burns, Denijay Maxwell, Trey Brannan, and Ameer Barakat; tenth graders Charmaine Crumitie, Ladarian Smiley, Revonte Robinson and Jaquan Jones; eleventh grader Kwintarius Blue; and twelfth grader Joseph Avant.

Eddie Thompson is coaching the Tigers this year.

## YOU ARE INVITED!

The Jefferson County Parent Involvement Committee would like to invite you to the 2nd Annual Jefferson County School Board Parent Pep Rally for District 2 (Sandra Saunders) on Thursday, March 8.

The meeting will be at the cafeteria at the old Howard Middle School, located at 1145 East 2nd Street in Monticello, from 6 to 7 p.m.

Come 'meet and greet' your school superintendent, school board member(s) and the new federal programs specialist. Members of the Parent Involvement Committee will be on-hand to provide information on parent involvement, present information on the Title I Program, update everyone on upcoming activities to be held at Jefferson Elementary School and at the Jefferson County Middle High School and to hear your questions and comments on the education of your child.

Also, if your child attends a Title I school in its first year, or beyond, of school improvement and is eligible for free or reduced priced lunch, the Supplemental Educational Services (SES) 'Free Tutoring' providers will be on hand for you to meet and sign your child up for free tutoring.

Door prizes will be raffled and refreshments will be served following the meeting. If you have any questions or concerns related to this event contact Vicki Boland or Edna Henry, with the Jefferson County School Board, at 850-342-0100.

## JV LADY WARRIORS STAND 3-2

FRAN HUNT  
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Staff Writer

The Aucilla Christian Academy junior varsity Lady Warriors won two of the past three games to now stand 3-2 on the season.

Aucilla hit the diamond against Maclay February 14 and through a perfect no-hitter the Lady Warriors came out a walloped Maclay, 20-0.

On the mound, Abigail Morgan pitched the first two innings, facing eight batters, striking out four, walking two and giving up no hits and no earned runs.

Elizabeth Hightower pitched the final three innings, facing 15 batters, striking out seven, walking three and giving up no earned runs and no hits.

At the plate, Hightower went one for two

with two RBI's.

Morgan went two for two with two RBI's.

Ramsey Sullivan went one for one with two RBI's.

Gaige Winchester went one for three with one RBI.

Courtney Watt went two for three with one RBI.

Alli Mall went one for two.

Cali Burkett went one for one.

The young lady Warriors faced off against Mayo February 20 and Aucilla was blanked for a 10-0 loss. The young Lady Warriors were able to hold Mayo to two runs until the fifth inning

when the error bug bit causing seven errors, which resulted in the game getting away from them, said statistician Susan Morgan.

On the mound Abigail Morgan pitched the entire game, facing 30 batters, striking out two, giving up five hits, one earned run and five walks.

At the plate, the young Lady Warriors could not muster the first hit. "Their pitcher was phenomenal," reported Susan Morgan.

On February 21 Aucilla hit the diamond against Hamilton County and the young Lady Warriors squeaked their op-

ponent for a 12-11 win.

On the mound, Sullivan pitched the first 2 1/3 innings facing 20 batters, striking out five, giving up seven walks, no hits and no earned runs.

Hightower pitched the final three innings, facing 14 batters, striking out five, giving up two walks, three hits and one earned run.

At the plate, Sullivan went four for four with one double and three RBI's.

Emma Witmer went two for two with two RBI's.

Watt went one for three.

Burkett went one for three.

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### Financial Focus...

## BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THESE FIVE KEY AREAS

Provided by Robert J. Davison

As an investor, what are your goals? You can probably think of quite a few — but over the course of your lifetime, your objectives typically will fall into five key categories. And once you're familiar with these areas, you can start thinking of what they'll mean to you in terms of your financial and investment strategies.

So, let's take a look at each of these areas and see what they might entail for you:

• **Preparing for retirement** — With advances in health care and a greater awareness of healthy living practices, many of us can expect to live two or three decades in an active retirement. To pay for all those years, you'll need to save and invest early and often. So, while you're working, take full advantage of your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, as well as contribute to a traditional or Roth IRA. After understanding your desired retirement lifestyle, your financial advisor can help you determine how, and how much, to save to provide for your income in retirement.

• **Planning for the unexpected** — You can't see into the future, so you'll need to prepare for anything that comes your way. By building an emergency fund containing six to 12 months' worth of living expenses, you can possibly avoid dipping into your long-term investments to pay for things such as a new furnace or a major car repair. And planning for the unexpected also means having sufficient life insurance to provide for your family in case anything happens to you.

• **Educating your children** — College is already expensive — and college expenses have been rising faster than the overall rate of inflation. If you want to help your children, or grandchildren, pay for school, you may want to invest in a college savings vehicle, such as the 529 plan. You can contribute large amounts to a 529 plan, and earnings have the opportunity to grow tax-free, provided withdrawals are used for higher education. (Withdrawals not used for education are subject to income taxes and a 10 percent penalty.)

• **Living in retirement** — Once you reach retirement, your investment emphasis will shift somewhat, from accumulating resources to making them last. By working with a financial advisor, you can develop a withdrawal strategy that can help make sure you don't outlive the income you receive from your 401(k), IRA and other sources. At the same time, given the possible length of your retirement, you can't ignore the need to invest for growth, so you may need to consider some growth-oriented vehicles in your portfolio to help your income keep pace with inflation.

• **Transferring your wealth** — When you've worked hard your whole life, you want to be able to leave a legacy — one that allows you to provide financial resources to the next generation and to those charitable organizations you may wish to support. So, when it's time to think about transferring your wealth, you'll want to consult with your financial and legal advisors to create an estate plan that's appropriate for your needs. And because these plans can take significant time to create, you won't want to wait too long to start.

So, there you have them: five key financial areas on which to focus as you travel through life. By doing your homework, planning ahead and getting the help you need, you can make the journey a pleasant and productive one.

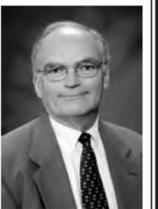
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# LEGALS

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Monticello Park Committee will hold a public meeting for the purpose of discussing a proposed grant application under the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Recreation and Trails Program for development of the City Park on South Water Street. The meeting will be held on March 15, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at the Jefferson County Extension Office, 275 N. Mulberry Street, Monticello, Florida. For more information, contact City Hall at 342-0292.

3/7/12,c.

### SRWMD Governing Board Meetings

On Tuesday, March 13, 2012, the Suwannee River Water Management District's Governing Board will meet at 9:00 a.m. at District Headquarters, 9225 County Road 49, Live Oak, FL 32060. The meeting is to consider District business and conduct public hearings on regulatory, real estate, and other various matters. A workshop will be held immediately following the meeting. On Monday, March 26, 2012, at 1:00 p.m., a Tentative Intermediate Governing Board Meeting will be held at District Headquarters in Live Oak, Florida. Public should check the District website or contact the District to confirm that the meeting has not been cancelled or rescheduled. All meetings, workshops, and hearings are open to the public.

3/7/12,c.

### NOTICE

The JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD will be in Special Session for the purpose of student expulsions on Monday, March 12, 2012 at 5:15 p.m. THIS MEETING IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.

The BOARD will move into their Regular Board Meeting immediately following the special session (6:00 p.m.). The Regular Meeting is open to the public. The meeting will be held at the old administration building located at 1490 W. Washington St., Monticello, FL. Agendas may be picked up at the District Office at 575 S. Water St., 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.edline.net/pages/jcsb.

3/7/12, c.

### LEGAL NOTICE

## The Planning Commission Meeting scheduled for March 8, 2012 has been CANCELLED.

3/7/12, c.

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Big Southern Tree Growers the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed.

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

Certificate Number: 163 Year of Issuance: 2009

Description of Property: 03-1N-3E-0000-003B-0000 7.37 Acres  
In SW ¼ of NW ¼ Lying East of SR 59  
ORB 568 P 985

Name in which assessed: **James D. and Pamela F. Munroe**

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Jefferson County Courthouse, north door on the 22nd day of March, 2012, at 11:00 a.m.

Dated this 13th day of February, 2012.

Kirk B. Reams  
Clerk of the Court  
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Certificate Number: 794 Year of Issuance: 2006

Description of Property: 28-2N-6E-0600-000B-0070 4.13 Acres  
Lots 7 & 8, Block B Aucilla Forest & Meadows Subdivision  
ORB 159 P 654 & ORB 453 P 23 & ORB 563 P 364

Name in which assessed: **Jack F. and Elaine A. Kaschmitter**

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Certificate Number: 608 Year of Issuance: 2009

Description of Property: 27-2N-4E-0110-0000-2701 5 Acres  
Pt of Lots 270 & 271 Less Rd R-W  
ORB 86 P 116 & 239 P 189, 408 P 309

Name in which assessed: **James G. Hill, Sr.**

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Description of Property: 30-3N-6E-0000-0130-0000 10.00 Acres  
In SW ¼ of NE ¼ of SW ¼  
ORB 614 PG 470

Name in which assessed: **Selina Morris, Robert Scott, Jr., Mary Scott, Leatha Mae Scott**

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Description of Property: 17-1N-5E-0000-0050-0000 7 Acres  
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ORB 43 PG 218 and ORB 176 PG 34

Name in which assessed: **Victor M. Gardner and Kay M. Johnson**

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Dated this 13th day of February, 2012.

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

2/15,22,29,3/7

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Description of Property: 07-1N-6E-0000-001C-0000 .87 Acre  
In SE ¼ of NE ¼  
ORB 128 PG 138 & 178 P 292

Name in which assessed: **Susie M. Scurry and Melvin Turner**

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# SPORTS

## Lady Warriors Trashed By FAMU To End Season On Hardwood



The Lady Warriors and Lady Rattlers gather for a post game photo-op after the Regional Quarter Finals.

### Hardwood Lady Warriors Season Stats

**FRAN HUNT**  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

The Lady Warriors had a positive season on the hardwood this year, ending the season on a 15-13 record and going to Regional for the first time in 12 years and winning the Regional Quarterfinals.

Head Coach Daryl Adams has just released the season statistics for the girls.

Ashli Cline bucketed for 220 points, averaging 8.2 points per game; she had 262 rebounds, averaging 9.7 rebounds per game and for a free-throw percentage she was at 46 percent, hitting 39 of 84 attempts.

Sunnie Sorensen bucketed for 152 points, averaging 5.4 points per game; she had 153 rebounds, averaging 5.5 rebounds per game and her free-throw percentage was at 38 percent, netting 27 of 71 attempts.

Pamela Watt netted for 176 points, an average of 6.3 points per game; she had 112 rebounds, averaging four rebounds per game; her free-throw percentage was at 41 percent, bucketing 21 of 51 attempts; she snagged 91 steals, averaging 3.3 steals per game; and she had 82 assists, averaging 2.9 assists per game.

Brooke Kinsley, who Adams said missed a lot of play time due to being out with an ailing grandfather, targeted for 132 points, averaging 5.5 points per game; she had 75 rebounds, averaging three rebounds per game; and she had a free-throw percentage of 35 percent, bucketing 28 of 79 attempts.

Vicki Perry netted for 121 points, averaging 4.3 points per game and she was the queen of the three-pointers with 30 three-point buckets.

Shelby Witmer had 30 points, averaging 1.1 points per game.

Alexis Burkett had 20 points, averaging .7 of a point per game.

Lauren Demott had 20 points, averaging .7 of a point per game.

**FRAN HUNT**  
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In the Regional Quarterfinals February 14, the Aucilla Christian Academy varsity Lady Warriors were trashed, 72-20, by FAMU's Lady Baby Rattlers to wind up the season on a 15-13 record.

"We knew it was coming," said Head Basketball Coach Daryl Adams. "FAMU is a very strong and talented team and they'll probably take the State Championship this year.

"We have a great group of seniors that know there are more important things than basketball," he

added, addressing the post-game display put on by both ACA and FAMU. "I think it was very impressive to all present and that Democrat Correspondent Brian Miller said it best when he said *'It was an odd post-game celebration between the Aucilla Christian girls' basketball team and host FAMU High Tuesday night. Maybe it was the carry over from Valentine's Day that caused the two teams to pose (together) for group pictures, huddle for a prayer and break away to a unified cheer of "Sisterhood."*

He added that this was the first time in 12 years that the Lady War-

riors had made it to Regional and won a game (the Quarterfinals).

Sunnie Sorensen netted for five points, had three rebounds and one assist.

Brooke Kinsley bucketed for four points and had one steal.

Vicki Perry scored four points, snagged four rebounds and had one steal.

Lauren Demott netted for two points.

Pamela Watt targeted for five points, had two rebounds, one assist and one steal.

Ashli Cline snagged four rebounds.

### Tigers Do Well In First Track Meets

**FRAN HUNT**  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

The Jefferson Tigers have done very well during their first three meets of the season.

On February 23 the Tigers team traveled to the Rickards Relay.

In the female 4 x 200 meter relay Jefferson finished sixth with a time of 2:80.70.

For the male 4 x 200 meter relay, the Tigers finished seventh with a time of 1:38.76.

In the female 4 x 400 meter relay Jefferson finished eighth with a time of 5:17.23.

For the male 4 x 800 the Tigers finished sixth with a time of 10:06.98.

In the female discus throw Shannon Scott came in second with 90' 7".

In the female long jump Lanesiya Massey finished seventh with 13' 10".

Lashawn Ghee finished 13th with 9' 9".

For the male long jump Shavarist Alexander finished second with 21' 5.25".

Kevin Wade finished 17th with 16' 17.5".

Kevin Shuler finished 21st with 14' 4".

In the female shot put Shannon Scott finished first with 33' 4".

Cassandra Brooks finished 17th with 21' 10.5".

In the male triple jump Shavarist Alexander finished second with 38' 7".

On February 25 the Tigers traveled to the Panhandle Open.

In the female 100 meter dash Lashawn Ghee finished 24th with a time of 15.32.

Lakayla Jones finished 30th with a time of 16.35.

Francista Steen finished 32nd with a time of 16.72.

Kaleah Parrish finished 33rd with a time of 17.58.

For the male 100 meter dash Deion Thomas finished 11th with a time of 11.97.

Kevin Shuler finished 40th with a time of 15.10.

Justin Crumity finished 41st with a time of 16.30.

Xcarri Blyden finished 42nd with a time of 16.33.

In the male 1600 meter run John Brooks finished 32nd with a time of 5:53.12.

Kescelles Dykes finished 37th with a time of 6:23.58.

Austin Rontashe finished 38th with a time of 6:26.77.

In the female 200 meter dash Victoria Ruffin finished 31st with a time of 33.94.

Francista Steen finished 32nd with a time of 34.40.

Lakayla Jones finished 35th with a time of 34.98.

Kaleah Parrish finished 37th with a time of 38.33.

For the male 200

meter dash Willie Harris finished 25th with a time of 27.10.

Kevin Shuler finished 31st with a time of 30.23.

Xacarri Blyden finished 35th with a time of 33.38.

Justin Crumity finished 36th with a time of 33.83.

In the female 400 meter dash Shania Mosley finished 17th with a time of 1:14.17.

Tarneshia McCray finished 23rd with a time of 1:18.08.

Jakeia Morris finished 25th with a time of 1:18.93.

Angelica Colson finished 26th with a time of 1:20.68.

In the male 400 meter dash Willie Harris finished 33rd with a time of 1:02.92.

In the male 800 meter run John Brooks finished 23rd with a time of 2:38.83.

For the female discus throw Shannon Scott finished ninth with 87' 11".

In the female long jump Jakeia Morris finished eighth with 12' 7".

During the third meet of the season Jefferson traveled to the Lincoln February 28.

In the female 100 meter dash Lashawn Ghee finished 31st with a time of 14.73.

Shania Mosley finished 39th with a time of 15.40.

Francista Steen finished 44th with a time of 15.88.

Lakayla Jones finished 46th with a time of 15.98.

Kaleah Parrish fin-

ished 51st with a time of 16.70.

For the male 100 meter dash Deion Thomas finished 11th with a time of 11.66.

Trey Edwards finished 16th with a time of 11.86.

Sharvist Alexander finished 32nd with a time of 12.21.

Kevin Wade finished 38th with a time of 12.25.

Willie Harris finished 60th with a time of 13.04.

Kevin Shuler finished 68th with a time of 14.19.

Xacarri Blyden finished 71st with a time of 15.41.

Justin Crumity finished 72nd with a time of 15.57.

In the male 300 meter hurdles Deondre Hopkins finished seventh with a time of 46.51.

For the female 400 meter dash Tarnesia McCray finished 19th with a time of 1:12.92.

Shania Mosley finished 23rd with a time of 1:14.40.

Angelica Colston finished 27th with a time of 1:16.41.

Jakeia Morris finished 38th with a time of 1:24.19.

Lashawn Ghee finished 39th with a time of 1:26.15.

In the male 400 meter dash Lecelles Dykes finished 31st with a time of 57.68.

Bernard Huggins finished 43rd with a time of 59.72.

Willie Harris finished 48th with a time of 1:00.82.

Damien Crumity finished 53rd with a time of 1:02.40.

In the male 4 x 100 meter relay the Tigers finished seventh with a time of 45.47.

For the male 4 x 800 meter relay Jefferson finished 12th with a time of 10:30.44.

In the female discus throw Shannon Scott finished third with 90' 7".

For the female long jump Jakeia Morris finished 16th with a distance of 12' 0.5".

For the female shot put throw Shannon Scott finished second with a distance of 36' 3".

Cassandra Brooks finished 22nd with a distance of 19' 6".

In the male triple jump Shavarist Alexander finished second with 39' 11".

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