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COUNTY ADVERTISING FOR SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT EXPERT

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Jefferson County is looking to hire an economic/small business development expert on a consultant basis.

The decision stems from the commission meeting on Thursday evening, March 15, when commissioners consented to solicit proposals for the consultant job, following a presentation by Dr. Dallas Garrett, who had submitted just such a proposal to the board at the request of Commissioner Betsy Barfield.

After listening to Dr. Garrett's presentation, a majority of the commissioners determined that they would feel more comfortable if the position was advertised, given the expenditure represented a significant investment.

"My biggest concern, for something of this value, is that we would be in a better position if we advertised it and solicited services from a broader range," Commissioner Stephen Fulford said, setting the tone. "I think we're doing something of a disservice if we don't look elsewhere."



A retired college administrator who moved to Jefferson County last year, Dr. Garret boasts more than 40 years of small business development experience in diverse communities across the country, including Michigan, Ohio, Illinois and Virginia. He has also owned and operated private businesses and received awards for his entrepreneurial excellence.

In his proposal, Dr. Garrett asked to be paid \$800 weekly for a period of 12 weeks, or the equivalent of \$9,600.

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TEEN KILLED IN SINGLE-VEHICLE CRASH

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A teenage girl was killed in a single vehicle crash on the Interstate Friday afternoon.

Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) reported that at 3:09 p.m., Friday March 23, at mile marker 228 eastbound on I-10, Jacob Shane Richardson, 19, of Lake City, FL, was driving a 1997 Toyota Tacoma pickup truck in the inside eastbound lane of I-10.

In the vehicle as a passenger was Rachel McKenzie Pinto, 18, of Jacksonville, FL.

For unknown reasons, the vehicle exited the roadway onto the north shoulder of the median. In an attempt to regain control of the vehicle, Richardson overcorrected causing the vehicle to rotate clockwise.

Richardson oversteered the vehicle again, causing it to rotate counterclockwise.

The vehicle began to overturn in the inside eastbound lane, entering the median where it continued to overturn multiple times before coming to a rest in the median on its roof, facing north.

Richardson and Pinto were ejected from the vehicle during the overturns. Both were transported to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital (TMH) due to the injuries they sustained in the crash. Richardson was seriously injured and Pinto was critically injured.

FHP did not deem the crash to be alcohol-related. Richardson and Pinto were not wearing a seatbelt.

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

Pinto was pronounced deceased at TMH by Dr. Jeff Crooms on March 23 at 8:38 p.m.

Legislature Moderates Changes To Regional Workforce Boards

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It appears that a resolution that Jefferson County commissioners and a great many of their counterparts across the state adopted in January and sent to Gov. Rick Scott had an effect, in terms of moderating legislation that sought to restructure the regional workforce boards.

Sheryl Rehberg, ex-

ecutive director of the North Florida Workforce, said last week that the provisions in House Bill 7023 that had been of concern to the regional workforce boards had been satisfactorily addressed. She said the final bill sent to Scott for signature maintained the decision-making at the local level.

"The resolutions by most of the counties in the state were a contributing factor in get-

ting the language changed," Rehberg said. "As was the help of the Florida Association of Counties for its support throughout the legislative session. The demonstration of partnership and collaboration throughout the state is testament to how well we work together for the state's workforce system."

Among the changes in the final version of the 13-page HB-7023:

* Upon approval by the Governor, workforce boards may acquire additional members above the minimum set limit, provided that balance is maintained on the board. Meaning that if a public education or training provider is appointed, a representative of a private nonprofit provider and a representative of a private nonprofit provider must also

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COUNTY MOVES TO UPDATE CODE OF ORDINANCES BOOK

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Former commissioner Jerry Sutphin will likely be glad to hear that county officials are updating the county's code of ordinances book a mere two years after the last update.

Clerk of Court Kirk Reams informed the commission on Thursday evening, March 15, that his office was taking advantage of an update option that the county paid upfront in the earlier codification contract.

He said the update was needed because the commission had adopted some eight or nine ordinances since the last update. The

commission's part, he said, would be to adopt a new ordinance codifying the supplements, once the Municipal Code Corporation (MCC) completed the update and commissioners had an opportunity to review and approve it.

Prior to the 2009 update, the county's ordinances had largely been in disarray, in the words of County Attorney Buck Bird.

Codification entails systematically organizing a local government's legally adopted laws, rules and regulations so that average citizens can have access to the information and know the laws that govern them. Codification is no more than physically gathering all of a governing body's adopted

ordinances and organizing them in book form by subject matter, along with creating a table of contents, an index and a cross referencing system for ease of use.

The primary reason for codification is for ease of reference by both citizens and enforcers.

Ordinances are either code, meaning permanent and general in nature; or non-code - meaning temporary and intended to accomplish a single action.

The earlier codification became a pet project of Sutphin, who periodically asked about its status during his four years in office. That's because MCC started

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BRICK FAÇADE MAY GRACE NEW BUILDING FOR SOLID WASTE DEPT.

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Sometimes, it takes but a little nudge from a citizen to get officials moving in a new direction, especially if there was already a predisposition for the new direction.

Case in point: Jack Carswell's recent comments to the Jefferson County Commission relative to the office building that the Solid Waste Department plans to build on the former site of the Grants Office building off U.S. 19 South.

Carswell expressed concern that commissioners possibly weren't giving enough consideration to the building's appearance, in terms of its compatibility with the community's historic character. Bottom line, he didn't think a metal building was in keeping

with Monticello's historic character or in the town's best interest, especially given the building's location at the city's gateway.

Carswell wondered if anyone had given consideration to putting a brick façade on the structure to make it more attractive.

Consultant engineer Alan Wise, of Preble-Rish Inc., offered that the building's present design consisted of two portions - one a warehouse and the other an office. He said the office side would have a brick façade halfway up, along with a glass front door and an awning over the entrance.

If the commission wanted a full brick façade, however, it would be no problem to design it, he said.

Commissioner Betsy Barfield let it be known that she for one didn't object or need convincing. She, in fact, had argued for just

such a façade in the past, she pointed out. The other commissioners appeared likewise amenable to idea, or at least willing to explore the option, with the possible exception of Chairman Hines Boyd.

Boyd's preference was for renovation of the Grants Office building (now demolished) or for construction of a less expensive building. His view is that the proposed building is overly costly. Other than asking Wise to repeat the projected cost of the building (about \$242,000), Boyd didn't belabor the point, however.

Wise offered that he would make two drawings - one showing a full brick façade and the other a partial brick façade. Depending on how the bids came in, the board could decide which option to pursue, he said.

JOE JONES SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

JOY (Jefferson Outreach for Youth) is seeking applicants for its annual Joe Jones Scholarship. This scholarship is \$500 per semester for four semesters, as long as the student remains in good standing.

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The application process closes on Friday, April 6, so don't delay!



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Michael Bruce, 44, of Tallahassee, was arrested March 21 and charged with violation of probation on the charge of leaving the

scene of an accident and violation of probation on the charge of driving on an expired license. Bond was withheld and he remained at the County Jail March 27.

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Donald, 23, of Thomasville, GA, was arrested March 22 and charged with violation of probation on the charge of resisting arrest with violence. She was released on her own recognizance the same day.

Kenneth Lester Byran, 53, of Jefferson County, was arrested March 22 and charged with driving under the influence; possession or sale of a controlled substance (cocaine); and driving under the influence refusal to submit. A total bond of \$3,500 was set and he bonded out of jail the following day.

Patrick S. McKown, 40, of Jefferson County, was arrested March 23 and charged with perjury in official proceeding. He was

released on his own recognizance the same day.

Amy Lauren Hume, 24, of Tallahassee, was arrested March 25 and charged with driving while license suspended or revoked; driving under the influence; and refusal to submit to a DUI test. A total bond of \$1,500 was set and she was released on her own recognizance the same day.

Michael Kristopher Wood, 27, of Tallahassee, was arrested March 25 and

charged with possession of cannabis less than 20 grams and possession of paraphernalia. A total bond of \$1,000 was set and he bonded out of jail the following day.

Cody Jonathan Volz, 26, of Tallahassee, was arrested March 25 and charged with possession of cannabis less than 20 grams and possession of paraphernalia. A total bond of \$1,000 was set and he bonded out of jail the following day.

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FHP To Ticket Aggressive Drivers

Cutting off a big truck could cost you a fine, if you survive. The Florida Highway Patrol announced today at a news conference in Miami the second phase of *Ticketing Aggressive Cars and Trucks*.

"The campaign aims to reduce commercial motor vehicle-related crashes, injuries and fatalities by combining outreach and education with targeted enforcement activities to raise awareness among car and truck drivers about safe driving behaviors," said FHP Director Col. David Brierton. "We are pleased

to partner with the Florida Trucking Association on this safety campaign."

From March 30 through April 4, troopers statewide will be on the lookout for car and truck drivers who commit violations attributed to aggressive driving such as: following too closely, unsafe lane change and speeding.

In addition to targeted enforcement, the campaign will use billboard and radio messaging to increase awareness among car and truck drivers of safe driving behaviors around one another and of the height-

ened risk of receiving a ticket for a violation. FHP and the Florida Trucking Association also will conduct activities at schools and community centers around the state to educate drivers on how to share the road safely with trucks.

FTA President and CEO, Mary Lou Rajchel, said, "Safety on Florida's roadways is a cooperative effort by cars and trucks alike. As an industry, safety is at the top of our minds—it matters above all else. We are pleased with the opportunity to take our *No Zone* message about safe driving behaviors around big rigs on the road with the Florida Highway Patrol. Pairing the 'big trucks equal big blind spots' message with the opportunity to 'see what our drivers see' through community education is a unique approach that we believe will promote responsible driving for everyone."

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AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

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be appointed.

* Executive directors or designated persons responsible for the operational and administrative functions of the regional workforce board who are not otherwise required by law to file a full and public disclosure of financial interests must file statements of financial interests.

* The Governor may remove a workforce board member or the executive director (or whoever is designated responsible for the board's operational and administrative functions) for cause. Cause includes, but is not limited to, engaging in fraud or other criminal acts, incapacity, unfitness, neglect of duty, official incompetence and irresponsibility, misfeasance, malfeasance, nonfeasance, or lack of performance.

* In addition to the procurement and expenditures procedures required by federal law, workforce boards must also apply the policies of the Department of Economic Opportunity and Workforce Florida, Inc., for the expenditure of federal, state, and non-pass-through funds.

* Each regional workforce board must annually submit its budget for review to Workforce Florida, Inc., no later than two weeks after the chair approves the budget.

"I think I speak for all regional workforce board directors in saying that we are all totally in support of accountability and achieving results," Rehberg said. "Our local workforce board is engaged and informed on how funds are spent and the job placement and

training results are achieved. I am confident in their leadership, and grateful for the confidence they place in me and the professional staff in our one-stop centers. We are acutely focused on getting our people back to work and training individuals to enter and stay in the workforce. This is how we will meet the training needs of our employers and help to grow the economy in North Florida."

On Jan. 5, the Jefferson County adopted a resolution that expressed concern about some of the proposed changes in the original bill. Prompting the resolution, of course, was Rehberg's presentation. As she explained it at the time, the major objection the Florida Workforce Development Association (FWDA) found with the

Governor's proposal was the removal of local control of the workforce boards and the potential politicization of the selection process for the boards' chairs and directors.

She noted that, among other things, the legislation sought to cap the number of members who could serve on the workforce boards and make the workforce boards' chairs and directors serve at the approval and pleasure of the Governor.

As the system worked presently, Rehberg said, local county commissions determined the size and composition of the workforce boards based on the needs in the communities the commissions represented. The Governor's proposal, she said, would effectively remove this local control. And having the workforce boards chairs and directors serve at the pleasure of the Governor was contrary to federal law and would inject politics into the process, she said. The concern, she suggested, was that if a particular board member or director didn't adhere to the party line, the individual could be subject to arbitrary removal.

"Congress has said that it wants the system to be locally controlled, nimble and flexible," Rehberg said at the time. "Those concepts mean that there must be room for local decision making. Local decision making means that occasionally, decisions will be made that are not those that you and I might make. That flexibility, however, must be there."

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the project shortly after Sutphin came to office in 2005, and it was still working on the codification at the end of Sutphin's term in 2008.

Every time Sutphin asked, the response was that the same: "The project was in progress." Which repeated assertions caused Sutphin to wonder face-tiously toward the end of his term if he, or his grandchildren for that matter, would ever live long enough to see the finished product. After a time, Sutphin's periodic inquiries into the status of the codification project became almost an inside joke.

As it was, MCC completed the codification in May 2009 — nearly five months after Sutphin had left office. No explanation was ever given as to the cause of the long delay. Sutphin, however, was overjoyed to learn of the project's completion. Speaking to the board as a citizen, he praised accomplishment.

His only request, he said, was that the commission put the book online so that all citizens could avail themselves of the information, bringing Jefferson County into the 21st century and allowing for greater transparency of county government.

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Typically, Dr. Garrett said, his consultant fee in the past had been \$2,000 a day.

"Give me 12 weeks and let's see what happens," he said. "I already have a list of 10 citizens who want help."

The 10 were individuals who had approached him and asked for help, Dr. Garrett said. They were individuals needing assistance with their businesses or wanting to start businesses, he said. He offered that the ideas included a tin recycling center, a training program for former inmates, and an antique shop.

"In three months I will have a dozen funding sources," Dr. Garrett said. "I will have 15 to 20 clients by the first month. It will take two to three months before I have the plans ready for funding. I have done this before in big cities and in tiny towns. It all boils down to little people with ideas. Ninety-six percent of the businesses I started are still in business after six years."

Commission Chairman Hines Boyd, who is known to champion Dr. Garrett, offered that he believed the commission could both solicit for proposals and hire Dr. Garrett for the short term. He understood that the typical response to Dr. Garrett was that what he offered was "too good to be true," Boyd said. But having spent much time with Dr. Garrett, he could vouch that the man was capable of doing what he said he could do, Boyd said.

"What I've learned of Dr. Garrett and small business development is that it often doesn't work because people aren't willing to spend the time with the clients," Boyd said. "But Dr. Garrett's an educator and he takes the time. He learned it by teaching classes to students who wanted to be entrepreneurs. When Dr. Garrett works with clients, he sits with them and helps them develop their plans and does whatever is necessary to make it successful."

Fulford remained unconvinced, however. "I know other people who would like to take a shot at this if we're going to spend nearly \$10,000," he said.

Commissioner Danny Monroe agreed. He thought the position should be advertised, as did Commissioner John Nelson.

"We have a purchasing policy," Nelson said. "We need to follow the same policies that we ask our department heads to follow. Dr. Garrett has a track record, but let's make sure that we follow the policy."

Barfield made the consensus almost unanimous. She had checked into Dr. Garrett's credentials and called his references and everyone indeed had vouched for his talent at small business creation, she said. But they had also urged that the county advertise the position, she said.

"I think it will take more than three months for Dr. Garrett or for anyone else to do this thing," Barfield said. "I think it will take six months to a year to do a small business development program."

Too, the commission would need to develop some kind of a yardstick to measure the progress and success of the program, she said.

Dr. Garrett's was a niche expertise that would not take away from the greater economic development effort of attracting established businesses, Barfield said. That niche, she said, was taking individuals who were at the end of their ropes in terms of developing their business ideas and helping convert these concepts into fundable business plans, she said. Or it was Dr. Garrett taking someone like herself, who already owned a business, and helping her take it to the next level, she said.

But ultimately, she believed that if the county was going to spend nearly \$10,000 for the service, it should advertise.

"I want to do it right," Barfield said. The commission ultimately instructed staff to prepare a Request for Proposal (RFP) and have it ready for board action on Thursday morning, April 5, along with quantifiable measures for evaluating the program's success.

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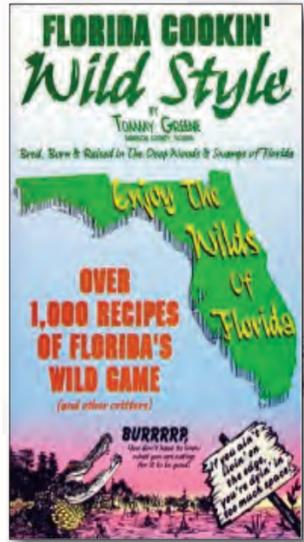
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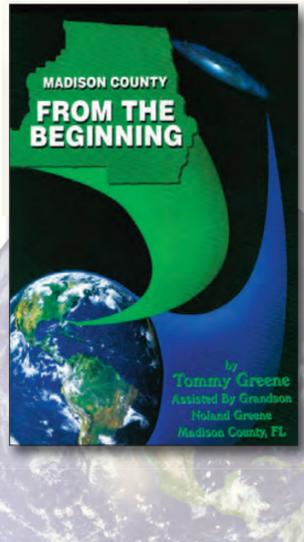
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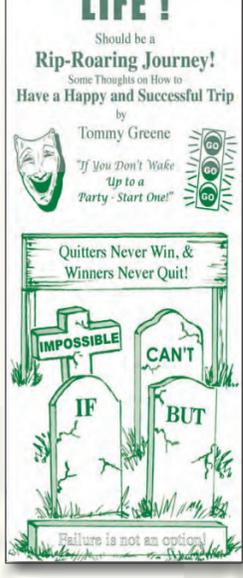
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As an ensemble piece, “Fantasticks” brings to life all that truly can be considered an ensemble production, including catchy music, voices blending in perfect harmony, dances and circus tricks performed effortlessly, clever trickery, to mention but a few of the ensemble elements and the message of not to take our lives too seriously, as they could be a lot worse.

This is a wonderfully touching musical about two young lovers, two old fathers, a “dashing hero,” a troupe of washed up actors. Combining these elements elicits humor, love, and strife, and a plot line that is both crazy and sane.

Written in 1960, the show had its beginnings off-Broadway, later moving to Broadway, and ran for more than 17,000 performances.

“Fantasticks” is directed by Melanie Mays, with fight choreography by Erin Grubbs. It would be difficult to select a better cast. Players seem born to play off each other, and complement each other, whether vocally, physically, and in their overall actions, and they do so “fantastically.” This is an old fashioned love story, that’s always up to date, with memorable characters, similar to “Romeo and Juliet,” “West Side Story,” and others plays of this calibre.

While other musicals sell tickets by advertising lavish sets, and special effects, The “Fantasticks” draws its audiences only by the music and the acting, with a minimal set and no effects, leaving it up to the imagination of



David Smith, left, as Henry, the old actor, and his son, Jacob Smith, as Mortimer, an actor pretending to be an American Indian.

the audience. It is for this reason that the ensemble effects are so critical to the success of the show.

Moving on to the characters: Jeff Whitty, who plays El Gallo, the Narrator/Bandit, opens the show with the haunting “Try to Remember.” In addition to his acting and singing, his costume, particularly the black cape strikingly lined in red, help evoke a “devil may care” attitude. He has the gift of moving in and out of his various characters, and always with credibility. Few will forget his melodious baritone voice as he performs the opening number.

Larry Blake is Belomy, the girl’s father and is almost obsessively devoted to his vegetable garden. Heaven help one who tramples his kumquats! Somehow, his neighbor seems to have the knack of standing in the middle of his vegetables

Alex Brookins plays Luisa, the girl, and appropriately combines girlishness with maturity and remarks “Girls mature

sooner than boys,” or words to that effect. She is attractive, lithe and depicts the girl next door to best advantage.

Erin Grubbs, as Matt, the boy, is a recent graduate from FSU with a BA in theatre and his performance demonstrates that he learned his craft well. He manages to appear younger than he is and makes the boy/girl couple that much more credible. It seems fair to opine that Grubbs will one day make his mark in the theatre in various theatrical venues.

Daniel P. Johnson as Hucklebee, the boy’s father, like his neighbor, is passionate about his yard work, and quite adept at trimming and clipping whatever is in need of such. Suffice it to say, it would be wise not to get too close to the clippers!

Kathleen Osgood, is the Mute, which must be a difficult part to play, as she speaks not a word throughout the play, and at times it is apparent that she is ready to burst with comments, but in true theatrical fashion, she restrains herself.

David Smith, as Henry, the Old Actor, is somewhat decrepit, and carries this part credibly.



Among the cast of the “Fantasticks” on stage at the Opera House are bottom left, Kathleen Osgood (the Mute) Jacob Smith (Indian); Top left, Erin Grubbs, (Matt, the boyfriend) and Alex Brookins (Luisa, the girlfriend.) Her part is played by Tovya Vargas in the performances of March 24, 30, and April 1.

Performers know how difficult it is to play older, when one is not, or debilitated, when one is in fine health. Most difficult is to be consistent, and Smith is always consistent.

Jacob Smith is Mortimer, an actor pretending to be an American Indian, who is vivacious, full of the energy of youth, as he bounces around the stage carrying out his performance with credibility.

Tovya Vargas, who plays Luisa, the Girl, in the coming weekend’s performance is no doubt as accomplished as all the

other performers. Since she did not play in the March 23 performance, it is unfair to write anything additional.

Members of the Production Crew include: Todd Randall, technical advisor and lighting designer; Travis Spencer, sound; Dee Spencer, lighting; Caleb Vaughn, spot lighting; Helen love, costumes; Oona Fessenden, set decoration; Bob Copper Artist Studio Loft, donated studio space.

Roger Stadin, Tom Harmon, Glenn Alexander, special props; Denise Tosado, props; Abby Star-

ling, stage manager; Gabe Starling, Becca Johnson, crew; Gabe Starling, Abby Starling, Alex Brookins, paint crew; Pam Smith, program; Pam Smith, house manager; Lisa Starling, Pam Smith, Lisa Litteral, ticket sales;

Orchestra: Janis Courson, pianist; Kaitlyn Crocker, harpist; Andy Denmark, drums.

In conclusion, “Fantasticks” is a play to be enjoyed by those of all ages. It continues at the Opera House March 30, 31, and April 1. Call the Opera House for reservations at 997-4242.

BBH Representatives Talk With Kiwanis

Big Bend Hospice representatives Michele Brantley and Susan Droessler were guest speakers at the March 14 meeting of the Monticello Kiwanis. Brantley is the local Community Relations Specialist for BBH and Droessler is the area Music Therapist. They shared information about how BBH works with individuals, and their families, at the end of life. Big Bend Hospice serves eight counties including Jefferson.



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AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MARCH 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 Kleindert, 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.jeffersonarts-gallery.com.

MARCH 29
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 30
Monticello Jamboree begins at 7 p.m. every Friday evening at 625 South Water Street, just three blocks north of the American Legion Otto Walker Post 49. For questions or concerns contact Curtis Morgan at 850-933-8136 or Bobby Connell at 850-445-0049. There are doorprizes, cold soft drinks and snacks.

MARCH 30
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.

APRIL 1
Council of Lights of the Ascended Masters at the One Heart Earth Center on Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the facility. A light vegetarian lunch will be provided. Join with Rev. Rina Rabassa, Rev. Bonnie Sparling and Ms. Linda Backes on this very special occasion, as they facilitate your initiation into Council 5: the Council of the Ascended Masters. For further information and to enroll, go to www.councilsoflight.com One Heart Earth Center is located at 450 West Madison Street in downtown Monticello and is a 501 c 3 non-profit and tax-deductible. Go to oneheartearthcenter@embarqmail.com or call Sallie Worley at 850-997-7373 for more information.

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

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

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

Westbrook at 850-997-2973.

APRIL 2
MainStreet of Monticello, Florida Board Meeting is held at 5 p.m. on the first Monday of every month at the Cherry Street Commons on South Cherry Street. Contact Margie Stern at 850-445-1390 for more information. For more information about the third Monday Main Street Speaker Series contact Anne Holt at 850-997-5110 or ahholt@ahholt.com Come to hear about updates and projects that MainStreet has been working on.

APRIL 2
Al-Anon meetings are held at 8 p.m. every Monday at the Anglican Church, 124 Jefferson Avenue in Thomasville, GA. For more information go to www.al-anon.alateen.org.

APRIL 2
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.

APRIL 3
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.

APRIL 3
Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting is held at noon on the first Tuesday of each month. The meeting includes

lunch and a program. For more information visit the Chamber Website at monticellojeffersonfl.com or call 850-997-5552.

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

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

APRIL 4
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.

APRIL 5
You may qualify for assistance through the Capital Area Community Action Agency Weatherization Assistance Program. The

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

APRIL 5
Lloyd Volunteer Fire Rescue will meet monthly at 7 p.m. on Thursday at the fire station.

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



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We wish her a Happy 95th Birthday "Oh what a Blessing". Praise and Worship from 12 -1 PM at Ford Chapel AME Church of which she is an active member. A cookout & celebration at 1:30 at her home on W. Lake Rd. of which she is the oldest resident. She has one living sibling, Mrs. Emma Farmer age 101 of Quincy, FL. Eight children and 26 grandchildren, numerous great grandchildren and great great grandchildren. Numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

This celebration cookout is hosted by the grandchildren and everyone is invited.

NFCC Artist Series Presents Diane Lines' Jump! Thursday, March 29

MADISON, FL – The North Florida Community College Artist Series presents Diane Lines' JUMP! at Van H. Priest Auditorium on Thursday, March 29 in Madison, FL. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Show begins at 7 p.m.

Along with a supporting cast of world-class musicians, dynamic pianist and vocalist Diane Lines combines energy, high-octane musicianship and natural wit to make JUMP! a smashing hit. "Diane Lines' talents as a pianist and vocalist are substantial... and her boundless energy and joy of performing make her a favorite with audiences everywhere." – CISL Radio

JUMP! explores the world of swing, jump blues and eight-to-the-bar boogie-woogie. With its driving rhythms and clever lyrics, jump blues was made for jive dancing, toe tapping and

hand clapping, and ultimately led to the birth of rock and roll. Artists such as Louis Jordan, Wynonie Harris, Dinah Washington, Ray Charles and the Nat King Cole Trio all figured prominently in this colorful genre. Diane Lines and her band perform songs like Fats Waller's "This Joint is Jumpin'"; Ann Cole's "Got My Mojo Workin'"; Ray Charles' "Mess Around"; Nat King Cole Trio's "Straighten Up and Fly Right"; as well as tunes by Chuck Berry, the Beatles, and many more.

"A great show! 'Jump!' star Diane Lines delivered honey-smoked vocals, as she and her able band of accompanists took the audience on an exciting musical journey from the demise of the big-band sound at the end of the Second World War through the 1950s of swing, jump blues and eight-to-the-bar boogie-woogie and

deposited the audience at the door of the rock n roll era." – Barb Brower, Salmon Arm Observer

Now based in Vancouver, Canada, Diane is in high demand as a musical director, arranger and accompanist, and as a featured artist in her own right. She has recorded, performed or appeared with artists such as boogie-woogie pianist Michael Kaeshammer, blues singer and actor Jim Byrnes, New Orleans gospel great John Boutte, jazz pianist Marian McPartland, Juno award winner Alfie Zappacosta, and singer/songwriter Sarah McLachlan. Diane was also accompanist for Grammy Award winner Michael Buble for two years and has toured extensively with virtuoso pianist Mac Frampton and the Hollywood Hills Orchestra.

Don't miss Diane Lines' JUMP! at NFCC on Thursday, March 29.

Tickets are on sale now at the NFCC College Advancement Office (Bldg. 32, NFCC campus) or by calling (850) 973-1653. More information is also available at <http://www.nfcc.edu/community-programs/artist-series> or email ArtistSeries@nfcc.edu.

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SPRING HOME IMPROVEMENT

BATHROOM STAGING ON A BUDGET

(NAPSI)—While the real estate market remains a challenge for those looking to sell, some simple staging and remodeling tips can help make your home more attractive to prospective buyers.

Bathrooms can sell houses but not if they are lackluster and out of date. While it can be easy to spend five figures on a complete remodel, there are less expensive ways to give your bathroom a fresh new look. For example, a little paint, some fresh flowers and new shower fixtures can take your bathroom from outdated to outstanding.

Here are a few tips to help:

- If you can't afford to replace outdated wallpaper, work with the colors you already have. Buy some matching towels or a new shower

- curtain to coordinate the look.
- If you can paint, it's an easy weekend project that will brighten the space. Go for lighter colors; white is a classic.

- Clear off the counters. This is especially important in a smaller bathroom to create the illusion of more space.

- Clean the bathroom thoroughly. Make sure everything sparkles.

- Styles change, so if possible, update your shower fixtures. Finding fixtures in styles that fit your decor doesn't have to break your budget. For example, Speakman offers modern and traditional collections in a variety of finishes.

The Neo Collection adds bold style for a modern look, while the graceful curvature of the hard-

ware in the Alexandria Collection helps create a luxurious feel. The distinctive details of the Caspian Collection offer an unconventional, modern touch and the Rainier Collection delivers a unique square design so bold it can update any traditionally styled bathroom.

Stylish and innovative valves, designer faucets and accessories can be obtained to cost effectively coordinate your remodeling efforts.

- Add a touch of luxury. Scented candles, spa accessories and rolled towels can help create the sense of a spa.

- Add a plant or a bouquet of flowers for a burst of color.

For more information, visit www.speakmanshowers.com.

Cooling Systems—Repair Or Replace?

(NAPSI)—Learning a few facts about a refrigerant commonly used in air conditioners could help you keep your cool. The refrigerant, R-22, is being phased out as part of an international environmental agreement to discontinue the use of HCFCs, or hydrochlorofluorocarbons.

How does this affect your home's air-conditioning equipment? While it may not impact your air-conditioning system in the next decade, it's important to understand the facts if you are told your system must be replaced.

If you own an R-22-based air-conditioning unit, here are a few facts you need to know:

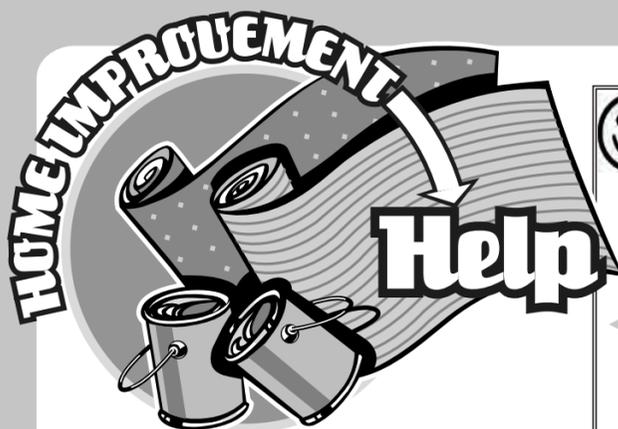
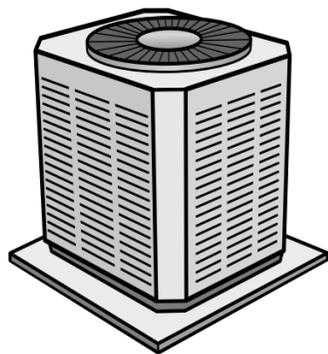
- **If your system does not leak or need repair, it may not necessarily have a negative impact on the environment. So there is no need to replace your system until you are ready for a new unit.**

- **Most air-conditioning systems are designed to last at least 10 years. Because R-22 is available until 2020, it's wise to budget accordingly.**

- **R-22 is still one of the most energy-efficient refrigerants on the market. Purchasing a new unit costs three to four times more than repairing existing units and may not be mandatory.**

Reputable heating and cooling dealers should disclose this information. Please plan ahead before you pay for a costly replacement.

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SPRING HOME IMPROVEMENT

Make Your Spring Cleaning Last Longer

(StatePoint) Maintaining a clean home can seem like an exercise in futility, especially for parents and pet owners.

If the constant struggle has you down, it's time to explore ways to save time and effort in your cleaning routines.

COMBAT CLUTTER

Clutter can spread faster than wildfire. Avoid the details of your life from taking over every surface by giving everything a proper place.

Make clean-up time easy on your kids with big sortable toy bins, and shelves for board games and books. If they "forget" to put something away, it will be easy for you to pick up after them.

Create a mail center and deal with mail as soon as you get home. A nearby recycling bin will encourage immediate disposal of junk mail. Consider reducing your pile by receiving bills and bank statements electronically, and requesting a stop to catalogs.

Don't be a hoarder. Periodically assess your closet. If you have clothing that doesn't fit, is fraying, or out of date, get rid



of it. You don't need to take up valuable closet space with unusable garments.

NO MORE STAINS

Art projects gone awry, muddy dog paws, party fouls. Anyone with a pet, kids, or a love of red wine knows that fabric stains on furniture, pillows and blankets can happen all too easily. And once items are stained, they'll never look clean again. But you don't need

to constantly flip those cushions or turn your children into little adults to keep your home looking great.

"All it takes is a staple gun and some special fabric to turn your bar stool or dining room chair into a new piece of furniture that will repel stains and moisture," says Randy Rubin, co-founder of Crypton, a textile manufacturer that develops eco-friendly fabrics that are stain, liquid and odor-

causing bacteria resistant. The company recently launched CryptonHome, a residential product line of pet products, furniture and tabletop accessories like placemats and aprons that are all made with this innovative fabric.

Consider outfitting your home with such stain-proof fabrics. You won't need to sacrifice style either. Crypton's fabrics, for example, come in a variety of colors, patterns and designer styles. The company is currently offering a seasonal discount of 20 percent off select products by entering the code "Spring" at cryptonathome.com.

NO MORE MOLD

Mold is not only an eyesore; it poses a number of health risks. And cleaning it is a big job that can be expensive. Avoid mold build-up by following some simple steps.

Test the humidity level of each room, including closets. If your Relative Humidity (RH) is 55 percent or higher, invest in a dehumidifier.

Fix leaky faucets immediately, and use a fan or open a window when taking a shower.

Inspect your roof twice yearly, keep your chimney free of cracks and clean your gutters regularly.

The key to cleanliness is prevention. Take steps this spring to eliminate extra work in the future.

MAKE YOUR HOME ENERGY EFFICIENT

(StatePoint) Whether you're an environmental steward or a smart consumer, you may be dreaming up ways to increase the energy efficiency of your home during the warmer months.

Here is a check-list of items that can help you bring down your energy costs, and lower your home's carbon footprint all season long:

- Draw blinds: Avoid the greenhouse effect in your house by drawing blinds during the sunniest hours of the day.

- Plant trees: Strategically plant trees and shrubs in your yard. You'll provide much needed shade inside your home. Also, an air conditioning unit that is shaded will use less energy.

- Dress properly: In the office, you may need to go for a buttoned down look no matter the season, but at home, dressing for the weather will help you stay cool, so you won't need to rely as much on air conditioning.

- Cook smart: The warmer months are a great time to avoid cooking. Gazpacho, salad and other dishes served cold can help you keep your energy costs down. But of course you'll sometimes still want to prepare your favorite hot meals. When cooking, use a natural gas stove and oven for optimum energy efficiency.

Better yet, grill outside to eliminate any heat you would generate from using your stove or oven. A natural gas grill is clean-burning, and has no particulate emissions.

- Open windows: Take advantage of those days with a nice breeze to turn off the air conditioner completely and

circulate some fresh air in your home.

- Give your AC an agenda: Don't keep an empty house cool all day for no one to enjoy. A programmable thermostat can help you create an air conditioning schedule that matches your schedule.

- Do low carbon laundry: This time of year inevitably means more heavy duty laundry. To handle the extra loads, consider using a natural gas water heater, which emits up to half the carbon emissions of an electric water heater. And, on average, you can do two loads of clothes in a natural gas dryer for the same amount it would cost you to dry one load in an electric dryer.

- Seal drafts: You may think of drafts as a winter problem, but leaks in your walls, doors and windows can send all that cool air right out of the house. Sealing these drafts will allow you to turn up your thermostat for immediate cost-savings.

You don't need to eat the expense of an inefficient home this season. A few simple tweaks to your lifestyle will keep your bills down, and be great for the planet too.

Do You Know Where Your House Is Wasting Water?

(NAPSI)—Did you know that, across the country, leaks account for more than one trillion gallons of water wasted each year? That's enough water annually to supply Arizona, New Mexico, Utah and Colorado combined.

Each year, the average American home wastes more than 10,000 gallons of water on easy-to-fix household leaks. That's how much water a family uses to wash 10 months' worth of laundry, and it could be adding 10 percent to your water bill.

Check your water bill in winter; if a family of four uses more than 12,000 gallons per month, you may have a leak. If your water bill is not measured in gallons, you can easily find a conversion calculator online. Finding and fixing leaks around the home is as easy as check, twist and replace.

Check toilets for leaks by putting food coloring in the tank and waiting a few minutes; if the color shows up in

the bowl before you flush, you have a leak. The culprit may be a worn rubber flapper, which can be easily replaced at a hardware store. You should also check your outdoor watering system this spring for damage from freezing temperatures.

Twist the joints connecting your showerhead and use pipe tape to ensure a tighter connection if you've got a leak. Outdoors, twist the hose connection tightly to the spigot and replace the hose washer if necessary.

Replace worn gaskets to nip faucet drips; one drip per second wastes 3,000 gallons of water per year! If you need to replace an entire fixture, look for the WaterSense label, which signifies that a product has been independently certified to use less water and perform well.

For information about finding and fixing leaks, visit www.epa.gov/watersense.

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The Pulpit

From Pastor Daryl Adams, Central Baptist Church, Aucilla

March Madness is just about over. As a fan of basketball and of Syracuse University, I enjoy watching the games broadcast from the beginning of the tourney all the way up to the final. In the joy of competition and the uncertainty of outcomes I find myself glued to the viewing of talented coaches and players as they reach to be their best. But as I find pleasure in the sport I find myself numbed by the commercials. One brand of deodorant says I will be overwhelmed by the presence of females if I buy their product. Beer commercials try to sell the image that I can only have good fun when drinking. But in the mix of commercials trying to make me feel dissatisfied without their product one brought a smile to my face. It was an investment company using assumptions from the Mayan calendar to get us to take a serious look at our financial future. It stated, "if you believe such things, the Mayan calendar predicts polar shifts to reverse earth's gravitational pull therefore sending us all into space on December 21, 2012." I smiled because this company made me think of my salvation in Christ and reassured my confidence that as I born again child of God I will be headed to an eternal home if the Mayans are correct.

Regardless of Mayan eschatology, Jesus gave us various signs of His return. Matthew 24, is very informative when studied, not just read. But as I contemplate the possibility of these times being the last days, ac-

ording to scripture, I am burdened for those who don't know Christ and for those half-hearted, lukewarm religionists that make Christ sick. (Rev. 3:16, "I will spew thee out of my mouth.") No doubt the church is filled with hypocrites, but so are homes and beaches on Sunday morning. Filled with people who sometime in their life said a prayer, because they were told to, but have never had any real evidence of salvation. Paul said the end times would have scores of people who, "have a form of godliness but have no power." (2 Timothy 3:5)

Many churches in the last days have kicked Jesus out. (Rev. 3:20) The end times church won't even know how far from God they really are. (Rev. 3:17) I believe if Jesus were to preach in many churches or to non-serving, do as I please, pseudo Christians today, He would be crucified all over again. That is why Jesus said in Luke 6:46, "why do you call me Lord, Lord, and do not the things that I say." He also said in Matthew 7:21, "Not all who say unto me Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of Heaven, but they that do the will of my Father."

Pride confuses the masses of religionists of our day. The notion that "I am fine with God because I am good", overruns hatred of sin and true repentance. Jesus said in Matthew 18:3,4 "Except you be converted, and become as a little child, ye shall NOT enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little

child, the same is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven."

Why children? I believe the child Jesus called unto Him was probably 3-7 years old. They believe without seeing. They know they are dependent on a father. They enjoy the simple things (dirt, sticks, dogs). They are not concerned with image, popularity, or even outward appearance. They love hanging with the family. Very few adults fit this because pride controls, makes us doubt, and creates self dependence. Jesus said if we are not converted as a child we shall NOT enter into the kingdom of Heaven.

Repentance, true sincere hatred of sin, with a desire to not do it again, turns us into that child again. Even Satan believes in Jesus, but Satan will not repent. He thinks he is fine the way he is. But we all know the outcome of Satan's rebellion. Have you truly been born again? I am not talking religion. I am using the words that Jesus used, "except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God." John 3:3.

I don't know if the Mayans are right. Jesus said no man knows the day. But He also said, "watch therefore, for you know not what hour your Lord does come." Matthew 24:42. Jesus spoke about His second coming, which hasn't happened yet. He gave many signs, and all of them can be seen around us today.

So, are you investing in Jesus. Who knows if the Mayans are right? Life is too short to not be sincere about eternity.

Secretarial Leadership Conference

The Panhandle Area Educational Consortium (PAEC) and the FloridaLearns Foundation in Chipley hosted the 2012 Secretarial Leadership Conference on January 30 at the First United Methodist Church Wesley Center in Marianna.

Presenters were staff members from Dr. Joe Joyner's office at St. Johns School District in St. Augustine. They included Danielle Cook, executive secretary to the director of community relations, St. Johns County; Vicki

Moody, executive assistant to the superintendent, St. Johns County; Linda Arant, secretary to the executive director at PAEC; and Gina Fallica, school board secretary, St. Johns County.

PAEC Executive Director Patrick McDaniel opened and introduced Dr. Sandra Cook, chairman of the PAEC board of directors and superintendent of Washington County Schools, and Deputy Superintendent of Jackson County Schools Larry Moore, who both welcomed the attendees, which in-

cluded secretaries from superintendent offices, school districts and schools. The Jackson County School Food Service catered the morning breakfast and afternoon lunch.

There were 97 secretaries in attendance, who attended from nine school districts in the PAEC service area. Districts represented included Jefferson, Madison Walton, Holmes, Washington, Jackson, Calhoun, Liberty and Franklin.

The first activity of the day was 'County Roll Call' where each district group worked together for a few minutes to create a fun 'cheer and greeting' from their district to the rest of the group. Other topics covered throughout the day included Loyalty in the Office, Public Records, Being Civil at Your Job and sharing Gold Star Ideas.

This was a great opportunity for the secretaries to network and learn best practices from those in other school districts.

CHURCH CALENDAR

MARCH 29
Bible Study at 7 p.m. every Thursday at the Lloyd Woman's Club. Join with Elder Linda D. Ross for an evening of Christian faith. For more information contact her at 850-322-3424.

MARCH 30
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.

APRIL 1
Solomon Court #86 Heroines of Jericho of Monticello invite the community to celebrate Palm Sunday and its 63rd Anniversary at 4 p.m. The celebration will be held at the Greater Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church. For more information contact Elouise H. Liv-

ingston at 850-352-3389 or 850-661-2332.

APRIL 4, 18
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 eaglewingsmonticello@yahoo.com or www.firstpresbyterian-monticeool.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.

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 AMHoly 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.fbclloyd.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

CHURCH

Darrell Pittman: Turning Tragedy Into Triumph

BRYANT THIGPEN
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Staff Writer

Darrell Pittman is the Pastor and founder of Voice of Thunder Worldwide Global Ministries in Monticello, who is quick to share each step of his life that has brought him to this community for a purpose. His purpose is not to just reach the church, but to reach the community. In his words, "I don't want to bring the community to the church, but I want to bring the church to the community."

Pittman was born in Dublin, Ga., and began his life as a miracle child. "My mother had major complications carrying me. It came down to a situation where my mom had to make a choice; either she or I would live, and my mother chose me," he said. But what makes a miracle is divine intervention, and God allowed his mother to live.

One would think that would be the conclusion of life-changing scenarios, but that's not the case. At the age of 12, Pittman was living in south Florida in a town known as Lake Wales. As he was crossing Highway 27 (which is a major highway), he did not see an oncoming semi truck, and was struck by the truck.

"I was carried and landed about two to three miles down the road from where I was hit," he said.

For the next year-and-a-half, Pittman remained paralyzed and was told by the doctors he would never walk again. "My vertebrae were crushed and bones were broken."

Although the physical body could not move, his inward spirit was being moved, as he felt the call into the ministry beginning to take place. "I believed that if God preserved me from that, he had a divine purpose for me," Pittman stated. In a situation where he could have give up on life and aspirations, he instead used his circumstances to build his faith in God.

Pittman was 14 years old, when he experienced yet another life-changing moment. It was right before Easter while sitting at home watching a TV Evangelist, and while watching the program, Pittman said it was as if the evangelist was speaking directly to him. As the evangelist prayed, Pittman said he felt a warm sensation in his back, and he got up and attempted to walk. It was that day that he took steps for the very first time since the accident.

At the age of 15, Pittman was preaching on the streets. "I didn't have a vehicle, so I would load up my stuff in a



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Photo by Bryant Thigpen, March 16, 2012
Darrell Pittman serves as the pastor at Voice of Thunder in Monticello. From a situation that seemed hopeless, God turned his tragedy into a triumph.

Winn-Dixie shopping buggy and walk three or four miles down the road, set up my stuff, and preach," he laughed. It wasn't long before Pittman carried his street ministry into the church. "One Tuesday, my dad, who was the pastor at the House of Prayer in Lake Wales, asked me if I would preach the following Sunday. Word got out quickly that a 15 year old would be preaching and the church was packed. But more importantly, at the end of the sermon, the altars were full." It was at that moment that Pittman realized why God had spared his life: to preach the gospel.

"Paul stated in the Bible that 'My suffering and my traveling is that Christ might be formed in you.' That's the message that I bring to people," he said. "I believe that God has used each step in my life to bring me to this point. He uses circumstances and different things to shape us for different purposes."

While still attending school, Pittman continued his street ministry and was holding youth revivals. "I held a seven week revival in Arcadia in a car garage that soon was known as the "Carport Revival." Folks were coming from all around to witness this event, including a pastor from Deland.

"I went to preach at his church in Deland, and at the conclusion of the revival, he asked me if I would consider being the church's pastor," he said. "This was a shock to me because I was 17 years old. But the pastor was getting near 80 years old and wasn't able to get around like he used to, and so he thought I would be a good fit for the church."

After much prayer, Pittman began his life as a pastor, and since then, has served as pastor at churches in Lake City, South Carolina and Albany, Ga.

"I was driving down

Highway 19 passing through Monticello when God spoke to me to hold a crusade here," Pittman said. "I held the first crusade in Greenville, and people at the church here in Monticello came to the crusade, which led him to Monticello to hold one for their church."

It was about a month after the crusade that God spoke to him and made it known that Monticello is where he would pastor. "The church where I held the crusade was very small. I got an unexpected call shortly after that they were disbanding, and informing me the building was available. I talked with the realtor and it wasn't long before we were moving into the building."

"It's our goal to build the community greater than the church," he said. Pittman, being the father of two girls, Sharain and Shanquail, knows the importance of being a good influence for children and youth in today's society. "We want to provide means and resources for the younger generation and to help them develop a positive outlook on their life."

In an effort to help the youth of this community, Pittman will be opening a buffet restaurant in Tallahassee known as The Father's House. The goal of the restaurant is to help young people and offer jobs to them that will help them in their development.

Voice of Thunder has a lot of different ministries to offer to the people of Monticello. They have a youth program, a women's ministry geared towards single and married women, and men's group which meets on Mondays.

Sunday school begins at 11 a.m., and Sunday worship service is held at 2 p.m. They hold Bible studies for all age groups on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. Midweek services are held on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

The church is located at 685 South Jefferson Street in Monticello.

Pittman has had a life full of ups and downs and moments of uncertainty. His life hasn't always been easy, but he has kept his mission simple: "To go into all the world and preach the gospel."

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

Tenebrae Service, Friday, April 6 at 7:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

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

ST. PHILLIP A.M.E. CHURCH

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

Sunday Morning.....9:30 AM
Sunday Worship.....11:00 AM
Tuesday nights basic english classes
w/Gloria Norton at 7:00
Wednesday
Prayer & Bible Study.....7:00 PM

ST. RILLA MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

13 Barrington Road • Monticello • 850-997-8747

Rev. James Mack, Pastor

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

TRANSFORMING LIFE CHURCH ASSEMBLY OF GOD

1206 Springfield Road • Lloyd • 997-TLC7 (8527)
Pastors Tim and Beverly Buchholtz
www.TransformingLifeChurch.com

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

RESTORED GLORY CHRISTIAN CENTER

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

Pastor Eddie and Elder Veronica Yon
Get Moving Womens Fitness & Fellowship, Monday...6:30 PM
Sunday Church Service.....10:00 AM
Thursday Church Service.....7:00 PM
Wednesday with Pastor.....10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Saturday For Realville for Teens.....6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Men's Ministry 1st Saturday.....10:00 AM
Morning Glory for Women 4th Saturday.....8:00 AM

WAUKEENAH UNITED METHODIST

81 Methodist Church Rd • Waukeelah • 997-2171
www.waukeelah-umc.org
Pastor Donald Thompson, Jr.
Sunday School.....9:45 AM
Sunday Worship.....11:00 AM
Youth Group.....7:00 PM
Wednesday
Choir Practice.....7:00 PM
Youth Group.....7:00 PM
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8:00 AM-12:00 PM
www.waukeelahcemetery.com

Continual Bible Reading To Begin April 29

BRYANT THIGPEN
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A Christian's life is based upon a relationship with the savior, Jesus Christ. A relationship requires getting to know each other through a strong line of communication. Because we cannot see Christ, the relationship of a Christian is based upon prayer and the Bible. Communication with Christ is by prayer, but one gets to know Him through reading His written word. The written word of God is a guide to each Christian to get to know Him and how to accept Him. It is the goal of the Ministerial Association to present the Gospel to the public, so that whosoever will can accept the free offer of eternal life provided by the life of Christ.

The Ministerial Association of Madison County will be holding a Continual Bible Reading that will be held at the gazebo in the Four Freedoms Park in

downtown Madison. The Bible reading will begin on Sunday, April 29 at 2 p.m., and will conclude on Wednesday, May 2, at 7 p.m. The service recognizing the National Day of Prayer will be held following the conclusion of the Bible reading.

"We want every church and everybody to get involved in declaring the Word of God," stated Kay Harris, who is one of the coordinators for the event. "We would love for people from surrounding counties to get involved with this event. We are very excited to see what God is going to do during these events."

Churches who are interested in signing up to be a part of the Bible reading are encouraged to call Jeannie Andrews at (850) 464-2323.

CODY PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

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

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

INDIAN SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Rev. Greg Roberts

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

SARDIS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

4543 Waukeelah Hwy • Monticello -850-264-0802

Pastor Stephen Lenzo

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

HARVEST CHRISTIAN CENTER

1599 Springhollow Road • Monticello • 850-212-7669

Pastor Marvin Graham

Sunday Worship.....10:30 AM
Sunday Worship 1st & 3rd.....2:00 PM-4:00 PM
Sunday -- Every 2nd & 4th.....6:00 PM
Tuesday Bible Study.....7:00 PM
AA on Tuesday.....8:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Study.....7:00 PM
Wed. Young People Bible Study.....7:00 PM
Wed. Counseling.....5:30 PM-8:30 PM
Thurs. Jail Ministry.....7:00 PM-9:00 PM

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

285 Magnolia St • Monticello • 997-2165
www.cbcflorida.org

Dr. David E. Walker, Pastor

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

NEW HOPE MINISTRIES CHURCH OF GOD

415 E Palmer Mill Rd • Monticello • 997-1119
newhope415@yahoo

Pastors Ray and Angel Hill

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

GREATER FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

690 Cypress Street Monticello 850-997-4375
"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

CHURCH

DOUBLE PORTIONS (Porch de Salomon)



Xecotoj housing project court on dedication day.

"Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit," Elisha replied. II Kings 2:9

March has been a great month in Panajachel, Guatemala. We've been blessed with spir-

ited, high-impact teams (and with our "regular" outreach as well). We thank our mission part-

ners who resource Porch so that we can "be in the field" hosting such beautiful people as they serve "the lost, the least and the last" with us. Here are a couple of stories:

JESUS TWO TIMES by Bethany Bustard

I was proud of our Outatown (CMU) student team's incredibly hard work helping build a basketball/futbol court for the Xecotoj housing project community. Yet, who truly impressed me were the older women who carried buckets of water up the hill to the construction site. Others pushed wheelbarrows of rocks or joined in the concrete bucket line. Amazingly, these women, who are my grandmother's age, did heavy labor with joy and perseverance. Two of these ladies especially showed me Jesus' face.

I sat beside one of them and practiced my Spanish, telling her bits and pieces about myself and the students. We began a running commentary on the strength of our workers while sharing smiles and laughter over some of their antics. Simply sitting in each other's presence, I was reminded of her contribution and spirit towards the project and us as visitors. I realized that, through our interactions and her love, I was looking into the face of Jesus. He was there, present with us and giving us a glimpse of His character and heart.

After the construction was completed and the last bucket of concrete had been poured, two guitars were brought out as lunch was served. As music filled the court, I noticed an older woman. She had given of her time and energy to assist in this project that she believed in so much. While we sang in Spanish, I watched the tears flow down her cheeks; with an uplifted face, I could hear her thanking God for His provision. Once again, a voice inside me whispered that I was looking



Wendy Barnett, M.D., foreground, in clinic with her husband Joe, D.D.S., in Tzan-Petey



Bethany leads by example

into the face of Jesus. He was present in her joy, gratitude and love for the people she lives among.

We'll most likely never see each other again. I will, however, always remember these women and the images of Jesus I saw in both their countenances.

Bethany and the group she co-led were fun and frisky, sunburned Canadians! We very much appreciate them and our relationship with CMU.

TWO (really three!) TEAMS AT A TIME

Spring break (March 17-24) found us simultaneously hosting Team Deerlake UMC and Team Chaires/Micosukee UMC (as well as six more students from Outatown). Their first work day and evening in Pana, singing and laughing in Chinitas and at Irene's) was one to remember—Que rico!

One highlight was seeing DLUMC teamer Dr. Joe Barnett, DDS, using our new, twin plywood dental chairs as he pulled teeth in our village dental/medical clinics. His wife, Wendy Barnett, M.D., pulled double duty (and twice the teeth) after she learned to do extractions during lulls in the medical clinic. We loved their flexible spirits and willingness to try something new.

Contact lloyd@porchdesalomon.org or Rex (850)933-0344 for support or become involved with Porch de Salomon (www.porchdesalomon.org).

Dining Out Guide

Paulies
brick oven pizza

Wednesday: Buy 14" or 16" Pizza, Get a FREE Pitcher of Beer (or Soda)
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Saturday: 12 p.m. - 11 p.m.
Sunday: 12 p.m. - 10 p.m.

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SPORTS

WARRIORS SQUASH HORNETS

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The Aucilla Christian Academy Warriors met up with the Mayo Hornets on the diamond March 16 and the Warriors squashed the Hornets to now stand 7-5-0 on the season.

The Hornets scored their three runs during the second inning. Aucilla brought in one run in the fourth inning, three in the fifth and one more run in the sixth to assure the win.

As a team at the plate, the Warriors had a batting average of .190 with 26 plate appearances, 21 at-bats, five runs on four hits, three RBI's, one double, one sacrifice fly, two walks, five strikeouts, two hit by pitches, two run on errors, one fielder's choice, an on base percentage of .308, a slugging average of .238, four stolen bases on four attempts and three left on base.

Russell Fraleigh had three plate appearances, three at-bats and two strikeouts.

Tres Copeland was two for three with a batting average of .667, three plate appearances, three at-bats, two runs on two hits, one double, an on base percentage of .667, a slugging average of 1.000 and one

stolen base on one attempt.

Austin Bishop had three plate appearances, two at-bats, one walk, one fielder's choice and an on base percentage of .333.

Tyler Jackson had three plate appearances, two at-bats, two runs, one walk, two run on errors, an on base percentage of .333 and two stolen bases on two attempts.

Jared Jackson had a batting average of .500 with two plate appearances, two at-bats, one hit, a clutch single that drove in two runs, three RBI's, one sacrifice fly that scored a run, an on base percentage of .333, a slugging average of .500, one stolen base on one attempt and one left on base.

Trent Roberts went one for three with a batting average of .500, two plate appearances, two at-bats, one hit, an on base percentage and slugging average of .500 and two left on base.

Hans Sorensen had three plate appearances, three at-bats and three strikeouts.

Josh Wood had three plate appearances, two at-bats, one run, one hit by pitch and an on base percentage of .333.

Gus Smyrnios had three plate ap-

pearances, two at-bats, one hit by pitch and an on base percentage of .333.

On the field as a team, the Warriors had a fielding percentage of .941 with 17 total chances, 12 putouts, four assists, one error and one stolen base on one attempt.

Fraleigh had a fielding percentage of 1.000 with one total chance and one putout.

Copeland had one stolen base on one attempt.

Bishop had a fielding percentage of 1.000 with one total chance and one assist.

Tyler Jackson had a fielding percentage of .750 with four total chances, two putouts, one assist and one error.

Jared Jackson had a fielding percentage of 1.000 with two total chances and two putouts.

Roberts had a fielding percentage of 1.000 with two total chances and two putouts.

Sorensen had a fielding percentage of 1.000 with two total chances, one putout and one assist.

Wood had a fielding percentage of 1.000 with three total chances, two putouts and one assist.

Smyrnios had a fielding percentage of 1.000 with two total chances and two

putouts.

On the mound the Aucilla pitchers had an earned run average of 3.00 with a batting average of .222, an on base percentage of .300, in seven innings pitched, 31 batters faced, 27 at-bats, three runs, all of them earned, six hits, two doubles, one triple, one sacrifice hit/bunt, two walks, nine strikeouts, one hit by pitch and four wild pitches in 96 pitches.

Sorensen pitched six innings, had an earned run average of .350, a batting average of .208, an on base percentage of .269, with 26 batters faced, 24 at-bats, three runs, all of them earned, five hits, two doubles, one triple, one walk, eight strikeouts, one hit by pitch, and two wild pitches in 82 pitches.

Roberts earned the save pitching one shutout inning. He had a batting average of .333, an on base percentage of .500, five batters faced, three at-bats, with one hit, one sacrifice hit/bunt, one walk, one strikeout, and two wild pitches in 14 pitches.

The Warriors now stand 7-5-0 on the season with a winning percentage of .583, with a 4-2-0 record at home, 3-3-0 in away play, 0-0-0 in neutral play and 2-0-0 in league play.

Annual Sandbaggers Classic Huge Success

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The Monticello Rotary Club held its Annual Sandbaggers Classic on March 17 at Jefferson Country Club. It was a beautiful spring day, perfect for an afternoon of golf.

This year's tournament had a bit of a twist, being a joint tournament with the Jefferson Tigers football team to help raise funds for the Championship Ring fund.

More than 40 players turned out for an afternoon of golf followed by

an excellent barbecue chicken dinner provided by Mary Frances Gramling's Cottage Catering on Mulberry Street.

The coveted "Last Place Trophy" was awarded to a familiar team again this year: Tom Hogle, Bruce Sandell, Ric Leedom, Merle Zinck and Neill Wade.

The 1st Place Low Gross team was Harold Malloy, Austin Malloy, Danny Phelps, Richard Watt and Chuck Chambers with a score of 54.2.

The 1st Place Low Net team was JT Surlles, Chad Bass, Drew Demott and

Clee Collins with a score of 57.1.

This year Rotary also held a golf raffle. Prizes and winners were: The Hole In One Prize was won by Ron Cichon; The Eagle Prize was won by James Muchovej; and the Birdie Prize was won by Johnnie Abron.

Coordinators wished to send a special thank you to FSU Assistant Head Coach Billy Sexton and Corey Fuller for making it out to participate in the tournament.

Sexton has been coaching with FSU since 1977. He coaches the run-

ning backs and is the Assistant Head Coach for the Seminoles.

Fuller, a former Seminole, played in the NFL for the Vikings, Cleveland Browns, and Baltimore Ravens for a total of 10 seasons. He is currently the head football coach for East Gadsden.

Jack Youngblood was unable to attend due to unexpected conflicts.

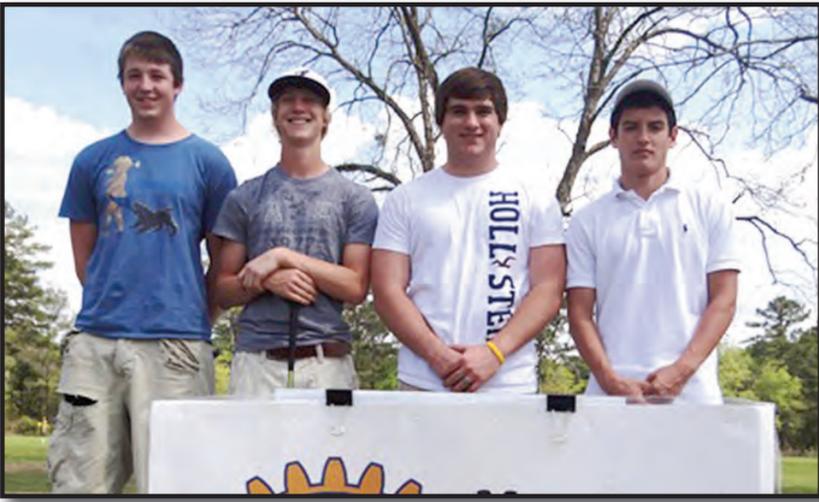
The Rotary Club wished to thank everyone who made this event a success for Rotary and the

Jefferson Tigers football team, especially the sponsors of the event: Angela Gray, property appraiser; Antelope Computer Services; Big Bend Hospice; Brynwood Center; Capital City Bank; Cottage Catering; Farmers & Merchants Bank; Fix Door - Garage Door Service; Gavins & Company, LLC; Government Services Group, Inc.; Jefferson County State Attorney's Office employees; Luther Pickles CPA; Monticello Family Medicine; Progress Energy; and

Sunrise Rotary Club.

"We would also like to thank Roger Champion with the Rotary Club of Tallahassee and Lester Hamrick of North Florida Financial Services, who contributed funds for entry fees for the celebrity football star players," said Angela Gray.

Proceeds raised will benefit the Rotary Youth Camp, Rotary high school senior scholarships, Rotary local handicap ramps and the Jefferson Tigers football team's Championship ring fund.



Area High School Football Players Cole Harrison, Tyler Jackson, Levi Cobb and Jacob Gray.



Local Business Owners & Elected Official Pat Murphy, Patrick Murphy, Marty Bishop and John Gebhard.



FSU Assistant Head Coach Billy Sexton, Hanson Nelson, Ray Lacey and Brian Sanders.



The Low Gross winners in the Annual Rotary Sandbaggers Golf Classic, pictured left to right, were the team of Richard Watt, Danny Phelps with James Muchovej Rotary Tournament Co-Chairman. Harold Malloy, Austin Malloy and Chuck Chambers not pictured.



The Low Net winners during the annual Rotary Sandbaggers Golf Classic, pictured left to right, were the team of Drew Demott, Chad Bass, JT Surlles and Clee Collins.



The Last Place winners in the Annual Rotary Sandbaggers Golf Classic, pictured left to right, were the team of Tom Hogle, Bruce Sandel, Ric Leedom, Merle Zinck and Neill Wade.

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The meetings will be held in the Courthouse Annex located at 435 West Walnut Street in Monticello, FL. The meeting may be continued as necessary.

Information concerning the meeting is available at the Jefferson County Planning Department, 445 W. Palmer Mill Road, Monticello, FL. 32344, Telephone 850-342-0223. From the Florida "Government in the Sunshine Manual", page 36, paragraph c: Each board, commission, or agency of this state or of any political subdivision thereof shall include in the notice of any meeting or hearing, if notice of meeting or hearing is required, of such board, commission, or agency, conspicuously on such notice, the advice that, if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings, is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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If you have any comments concerning the proposed Major Development, please provide them to the Jefferson County Planning Office at the above address. You may also present your concerns about the project to the Jefferson County Planning Commission when they will review and make their decision. The Planning Commission meeting on this project is scheduled for April 12, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Jefferson County Courthouse Annex located at 435 West Walnut St, in Monticello, Florida.

Prior to the meeting interested persons may contact the Jefferson County Planning and Building Department at 850-342-0223 or write the Department at 445 West Palmer Mill Road, Monticello, FL 32344 and provide comments. The development proposal may be reviewed during business hours at the Department office.

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Details and packages are available at the office of the County Coordinator, Walnut Street Government Complex, Monticello, FL; phone 850-342-0287 or at the County Courthouse, 1 Courthouse Circle, Monticello, FL; phone 850-342-0219. The deadline for submitting proposals is noon on April 3, 2012.

3/28, 30/2012, c.

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Plaintiff,
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BEULAH FARMER
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SPORTS

JEFFERSON SQUEAKS BRANFORD

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The Jefferson County Lady Tigers hit the diamond against the Branford Lady Buccaneers February 23 and in the back and forth, neck and neck game, the Lady Tigers squeaked the Lady Buccaneers for a 12-11 win to now stand 2-5 on the season.

The Lady Tigers started with two runs in the first inning, compared to Branford's three runs. Branford came back with two runs in the second while holding Jefferson to zero. The Lady Tigers answered with four runs in the third and holding Branford to zero. Jefferson brought in another run in the fourth while still holding Branford.

Branford answered with three runs in the fifth and holding Jefferson to zero. Both teams brought in one run in the sixth inning and in the seventh, Jefferson outscored Branford 4-2 for the victory.

As a team at the plate the Lady Tigers carried a .415 batting average with 51 plate appearances, 41 at-bats, 12 runs, 17 hits, seven RBI's, two doubles, four sacrifice hit/bunts, five walks, one strikeout, one hit by pitch and 18 stolen bases.

Ladayshia Williams had a batting average of .500 with five plate appearances, four at-bats, one run, two hits, one walk, two stolen bases, an on base percentage of .600 and a slugging average of .500.

Taylor Clemens had a

batting average of .500 with four plate appearances, one run, two hits, one RBI, one double, one walk, two stolen bases, an on base percentage of .600 had a slugging average of .750.

Alyssa Lewis had a batting average of .250 with four plate appearances, four at-bats, one hit, two RBI's, one double, an on base percentage of .250 and a slugging average of .500.

Tovya Vargas had a batting average of .600 with seven plate appearances, five at-bats, two runs, three hits, two sacrifice hit/bunts, three stolen bases and an on base percentage and slugging average of .600.

Justice Barrington had a batting average of .400 with six plate appear-

ance, five at-bats, three runs, two hits, one RBI, one walk, three stolen bases, an on base percentage of .500 and a slugging average of .400.

Mikayla Norton had a batting average of .500 with five plate appearances, four at-bats, one run, two hits, one sacrifice hit/bunt, two stolen bases and an on base percentage and a slugging average of .500.

Megan McClellan had a batting average of .200 with seven plate appearances, five at-bats, one hit, one run, one walk, one strikeout, one hit by pitch, two stolen bases, an on base percentage of .429

and a slugging average of .200.

Jana Barber had a batting average of .400 with six plate appearances, five at-bats, two runs, two hits, two RBI's, one walk, an on base percentage of .500 and a slugging average of .400.

Charlie Barber had a batting average of .400 with six plate appearances, five at-bats, one run, two hits, one RBI, one sacrifice hit/bunt and an on base percentage and slugging average of .400.

The Lady Tigers carried a fielding percentage of 1.000 with 14 total chances, 10 putouts and four assists.

Williams had two total chances and two putouts.

Clemens had one total chance and one putout.

Lewis had one total chance and one putout.

Vargas had one total chance and one assist.

McClellan had two total chances, one putout and one assist.

Jana Barber had four total chances, two putouts and two assists.

On the mound, Clemens pitched two innings, with five walks and one strikeout.

Vargas pitched five innings with two walks, one strikeout and two hit by pitches.

Lady Tigers Thwarted By Chiles

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The Jefferson Lady Tigers hit the diamond against the Chiles Lady Timberwolves March 2 and the Lady Tigers were thwarted for a 13-0 loss in the five-inning game, to now stand 2-6 on the season.

Chiles brought six runs across the plate in the first inning and added another seven runs in the third inning. Jefferson did muster three hits and committed three errors.

As a team at the plate the Lady Tigers had a .167 batting average with 18 plate appearances, 18 at-bats, three hits, five strikeouts and an on base percentage and slugging average of .167.

Ladayshia Williams had a batting average of .000 with one plate appearance, one at-bat and one strikeout.

Taylor Clemens had a batting average of .500 with two plate appear-

ances, two at-bats, one hit and an on base percentage and slugging average of .500.

Alyssa Lewis had a batting average of .500 with two plate appearances, two at-bats, one hit and an on base percentage and slugging average of .500.

Tovya Vargas had a batting average of .500 with two plate appearances, two at-bats, one hit and an on base percentage and slugging average of .500.

Kayleigh Babb had a batting average of .000 with one plate appearance, one at-bat and one strikeout.

Mikayla Norton had a batting average of .000 with two plate appearances, two at-bats and two strikeouts.

Megan McClellan had a batting average of .000 with two plate appearances, two at-bats and one strikeout.

In the field the Lady Tigers carried a fielding

percentage of 1.000 with 11 total chances, seven putouts, four assists and two double plays.

Clemens had a fielding percentage of 1.000 with two total chances and two putouts.

McClellan had a fielding percentage of 1.000 with three total chances, one putout, two assists and one double play.

Jana Barber had a fielding percentage of 1.000 with six total chances, four putouts, two assists and one double play.

On the mound the Jefferson pitchers had an on base percentage of 4.400, giving up 17 hits, 12 doubles, one homerun, five walks and no strikeouts.

Williams pitched one inning and had an on base percentage of 4.500, gave up seven hits, four doubles, one homerun and two walks.

Vargas pitched four innings, had an on base percentage of 4.300 and gave up 10 hits, eight doubles and three walks.

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The Jefferson County Lady Tigers hit the softball diamond against the North Florida Christian Lady Eagles February 21 and the Lady Eagles flogged the Lady Tigers for a 16-0 Jefferson defeat.

While Jefferson remained scoreless throughout the game, NFC brought in seven runs in the first inning, six in the second and three in the third in the game called due to the 10-run rule.

The Lady Tigers had a

batting average of .100 with 14 plate appearances, 10 at-bats, one hit and four walks.

Taylor Clemens had two plate appearances, one at-bat, one walk and an on base percentage of .500.

Justice Barrington had two plate appearances, one at-bat, one walk and an on base percentage of .500.

Megan McClellan had a batting average of .500 with two plate appearances, two at-bats, one hit and an on base percentage and slugging average of .500.

Jana Barber had two plate appearances, one at bat, one walk and an on base percentage of .500.

Charlie Barber had two plate appearances, one at-bat, one walk and an on base percentage of .500.

In the field the Lady Tigers carried a fielding percentage of 1.000 with three total chances, two putouts and one assist.

Alyssa Lewis had one total chance and one putout.

McClellan had one total chance with a putout.

Charlie Barber had one total chances with an assist.

On the mound McClellan had an on base percentage of 1.000 with two doubles, one triple, four walks and two strikeouts.

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