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JUDGE POSTPONES DECISION IN MAP REDISTRICTING CASE

FATE OF SUIT NOW LIKELY IN VOTERS' HANDS

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The long-awaited court ruling on Jefferson County's amended district map is out; and the bottom line is that the elections will proceed as scheduled.

Circuit Court Judge Frank Sheffield, who heard the arguments in the case of the four petitioners challenging the actions of the Jefferson County Commission and School Board relative to the 2011 amended district map, issued his ruling on Thursday afternoon, June 28.

The judge essentially punted, putting the matter off until after the election.

In his ruling, Sheffield gave the plaintiffs 30 days from the date of the order to add the Supervisor of Elections to the suit for a later hearing. In the meantime, Sheffield allowed the elections to proceed as scheduled, "based

upon the existing election districts in place prior to Dec. 19, 2011."

Sheffield further instructed the Supervisor of Elections to proceed "with all actions required of him to complete the local elections set for Aug. 14, 2012, and November 2012.

Finally, the judge deferred a ruling on the motions of attorneys for the County Commission and School Board to dismiss the case.

Given that last Friday was Sheffield's final day as a judge in Jefferson County, however, any further consideration of the case will be taken up by his successor.

Sheffield in effect "kicked the can down the road", as one political pundit put it, in the hope that the electors will resolve the issue in November. That's because the suit arises directly out of the District 3 County Commission race.

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The July 4th fireworks and program will be held tonight (Wednesday, July 4) at Death Valley (the Tiger's football field), located on South Water Street at 8 p.m.

Parking and admission are free but contributions will be gladly accepted.

Prior to the program, throughout the afternoon, there will be various entertainment, fun and good clean recreation. There will also be vendors on hand from local restaurants. The afternoon of fun will continue until the beginning of the 8 p.m. program start.

Area community organizations and church groups, etc. are invited to bring out some tables and set them up outside of the field so they may conduct meet and greets with the public. Local veterans will be on hand all day to assist those wishing to set up tables.

Serving as emcees for the program will be John Nelson, representing the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners; and Linda Benedict, representing Altrusa.

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for a list of contributors



The program will begin with the singing of both Patriotic and faith songs and continue with the presentation of the flag

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Special Elections Issue Coming Up

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On Wednesday, Aug. 1, The Monticello News will publish a special section entitled "Meet the Candidates." In preparation for this informative section, ECB Publishing, Inc., has a list of questions for each candidate.

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State Thwarts The Appointment Of Elementary School Principal Another Principal Maybe In The Wings

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Nancy Whitty, the veteran elementary school teacher and can-

didate for school superintendent whom School Superintendent Bill Brumfield appointed as the new principal of Jefferson Elementary

School (JES) on Thursday, June 28, appears will not be assuming the position after all.

According to the latest developments re-

ported by Brumfield on Monday, July 2, Whitty is now slated to become the JES assistant principal.

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FEMA To Access Road Damage Here



Photo Courtesy of Commissioner Hines Boyd, July 2, 2012.

Corky Connell, whose home is nearby, measures the depth of the huge sinkhole that developed on Brooks Road as a result of Tropical Storm Debby and the rain. The hole supposedly measured 48 feet deep. Notice that the fence remained relatively intact.

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With the numerous roads damaged by Tropical Storm Debby last week still largely in poor condition, the Jefferson County Road Department is asking for

patience and understanding from affected residents if their roads aren't repaired immediately.

Road Superintendent David Harvey reported Monday that his crews worked throughout the previous week — Monday

through Saturday — to make sure all the roads were passable. The department, however, was holding back on repairing the roads until personnel from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) had a chance to as-

sess the damage, he said.

The FEMA personnel, according to Harvey, were scheduled to assess the road damage on Tuesday, after which the agency would make a determination.

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MAN CHARGED IN MEAT CLEAVER INCIDENT

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A city man was arrested over the weekend and charged following an incident involving a meat cleaver.

The Monticello Department (MPD) reported that

on Sunday, June 24, Cpl. Brent Parramore and Officer Ryan Jacobsen reported to a call for mutual aid at a Fountain Drive residence. Upon arrival Officer Parramore met with the first victim, who had a good amount of

blood on his chest and was bleeding from his nose. EMS was contacted in reference to his injuries. The victim stated that Joseph H. Brown, 30, of Monticello and another man had jumped him for no reason at

a North Jefferson Street residence. He said that they had left the Capri bar and went to the North Jefferson Street residence, Brown and the other man jumped him for no reason.

The victim's girlfriend then came

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MAN CHARGED AFTER MOLESTING A MINOR

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A county man was arrested and charged over the weekend, after having sexual intercourse with a minor.

The Monticello Police Department reported that on Saturday, June 30, at 1:50 a.m. the Monticello mother of a 12-year old girl reported that Antonio Tyquan "Tye" Rollison, 19, of Jefferson County, molested her minor daughter some time during the early morning hours of June 30.

After responding to the scene Cpl. Brent Parramore made contact with the involved parties. The minor was transported to the Children's Protection Team in Tallahassee for examination.

Following the examination, it was concluded that the minor had lacerations to the inner walls and bruising of her vaginal area.

After the victim was transported back to the Monticello area she was interviewed and confirmed and positively identified Rollison as being the person who had molested her.

Later in the evening, Rollison came to the Monticello Police Department to be interviewed regarding his involvement in the case.

After being read his Miranda warning, he initially denied any involvement to the incident or relationship with the victim.

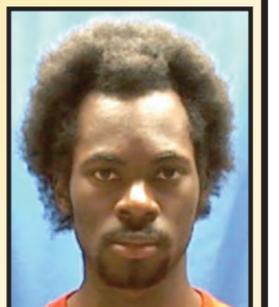
He later recanted his story advising Officer Parramore that he did in fact, have an intimate relationship with the minor victim during the time in question.

He stated that they engaged in sexual intercourse behind a trailer on Mays Street and that he was fully aware of the victim's age.

At the conclusion of the interview, Rollison was placed under arrest and transported to the Jefferson County Jail for processing.

Rollison was booked and charged with lewd and lascivious battery.

Bond was set at \$50,000 and he remained at the County Jail July 3.



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Local Weather

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Scattered clouds with the possibility of an isolated thunderstorm developin.

Thu 7/5 89/74
A few thunderstorms possible.

Fri 7/6 88/72
Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm.

VIEWPOINTS & OPINIONS

JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIME BEAT

ALL INFORMATION IS PRINTED AS TAKEN FROM THE JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. ALL SUSPECTS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY IN A COURT OF LAW

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Tyler B. Ranew, 23, of Delray Beach, FL, was arrested June 27 and charged with possession of a schedule one narcotic and possession of a schedule one narcotic with intent to deliver. A total bond of \$100,000 was set and he bonded out of jail the following day.

Tyrone D. Ross, 40, of Tallahassee, was arrested June 28 and charged with writ of attachment. Bond was set at \$1,000 and he remained at the County Jail July 3.

Tometha Lewis, 33, of Monticello, was arrested June 28 and charged with uttering a forged instrument and forging a bank bill or note. Bond was set at \$10,000 and he bonded out of jail the same day.

Eric Demon Harris, 28, of Jefferson County, was arrested June 28 on an outstanding Leon County warrant for his arrest, charging him with writ of attachment and failure to appear on the charge of driving while license suspended or revoked. He remained at the County Jail July 3 awaiting transport to Leon County to face charges there.

Eddie L. Dumas, 51, of Jefferson County, was arrested June 28 and charged with petit theft, retail. Bond was set at \$500 and he bonded out of jail the following day.

Jarvis D. Akins, 21, of Jefferson County, was arrested June 28 and charged with grand theft, retail. Bond was set at \$3,500 and he remained at the County Jail July 3.

Jacob Gordy, 35, of Live Oak, FL, was arrested June 28 and charged with driving while license suspended or revoked and attaching a tag not assigned. A total bond of \$1,000 was set and he bonded out of jail the same day.

Willie James Jackson, 41, of Jefferson County, was arrested June 29 on an outstanding Thomas County warrant for his arrest charging him with theft by conversion. Bond was withheld and he was transported to Thomas County the same day to face charges there.

Eric Demon Harris, 28, of Aucilla Shores, was arrested June 29 and charged with possession of cocaine and possession of paraphernalia. A total bond of \$3,000 was set and he bonded out of jail the following day.

Raymond Charles Hawkins, 52, of Jefferson County, was arrested June 30 and charged with failure to appear on the charge of driving while license suspended and writ of attachment for court costs. A total bond of \$1,000 was set and he remained at the County Jail July 3.

Anotonio Tyquan Rollison, 19, of Jefferson County, was arrested June 30 and charged with lewd and lascivious battery. Bond was set at \$50,000 and he remained at the County Jail July 3.

Jimmy Alford Foy, 27, of Quitman, GA, was sentenced in court June 29 to serve 120 days in the County Jail on the charges of felony fleeing or attempting to elude law enforcement and simple battery. He remained at the County Jail July 3.

STINGERS

"The supreme court just put us in to OBOMANATION. 2012 can't get here fast enough."

"In reference to the stinger in the Wednesday, June 27 edition of the Monticello News, reporters can only report the information they are given. The information given about ACI rather than the correct information of JCI, was the information provided to the reporter by the Department of Corrections Public Information Officer." -- Fran Hunt, Staff Writer

Letters To The Editor

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

Local Blacksmith Featured On DVD

Thank you so much for the wonderful article on Rusty Jenkins, the blacksmith and farrier. He is indeed a local man of distinction and many talents.

I'm sure you would like to know that Rusty is one of the featured demonstrators in a documentary DVD on the Art of the Modern Blacksmith. The title of the DVD is "GODS OF FIRE" and has been produced by a local Monticello fellow, Lee C. Payton. Lee grew up in Monticello, attended Jefferson County schools, and

blacksmith conferences at Payton Forge. Alphonso would come each year and teach basket making from split white oak as part of the annual auxiliary programs during the blacksmith conference.

This film is of interest to anyone in blacksmithing as a teaching tool because of the technical examples. It is also helpful to Boy Scouts who are working on the Blacksmith Merit Badge, and entertaining enough for the non-blacksmith who is interested in modern uses for ancient arts

and skills. The film has been highly praised by all those who have seen it.

This film has been produced by LCP Enterprises and is available through Lee's parents, Clyde and Vi Payton, for \$20.00, plus \$3 for postage and handling. Anyone who is interested could call Clyde or Vi at 997-3627 or mail a check for \$23.00 made payable to Vi Payton and mail to 250 Payton Road, Monticello FL 32344-7002.

Vi and Clyde Payton

The Balance Of Power Lies With The Superintendent

Dear Editor,

At last Thursday's school board meeting, community members had questions about the superintendent's responsibilities and authority versus the school board's responsibilities and authority, so I thought it would be helpful to provide a brief explanation for everyone about how the school district is governed.

There are two main school district components -

The superintendent is the chief executive officer of the district and responsible for all functions and operations of the school district

The school board is responsible for policy making and district oversight

Florida has 41 counties (61%) with an elected superintendent and 26 counties (39%) with an appointed superintendent. In "appointed" counties, the elected school board appoints the superintendent, giving the school board full authority over the superintendent and therefore, all school operations.

Jefferson County has an

elected superintendent. The board and the superintendent are separate constitutional bodies and do not have authority over each other in any way, in fact they answer only to the voters. The superintendent and the school board play two distinct roles.

The superintendent is the chief executive officer of the district, giving this position complete authority over all operations and actions of the schools and district office. The superintendent is also the official board secretary responsible to communicate with board members on all board matters. For example, the superintendent has full authority to recruit, hire, fire, and train staff. The position sets district goals, selects programs, approves purchases and allocates the use of district assets.

The school board creates district policy, but has no statutory authority to enforce policy. The board is also responsible for district oversight. This includes the approval of certain district activities and recommendations such as contracts, expenditures and

personnel appointments. The board has no authority to alter the superintendent's personnel recommendations and may only deny for cause. Requests and recommendations are often retroactive, as implementation occurs prior to board approval. For example, the superintendent must obtain the board's approval on expenditures even though the district has already made them. To support ongoing school operations, the board routinely approves the superintendent's requests.

This system is not unique to Jefferson County, but it does demonstrate the limited nature of the school board's authority when there is an elected superintendent. Contrary to general perception, the balance of power within the district lies with the superintendent.

I hope this letter provides residents with a clearer picture of school district governance and responsibilities.

Sincerely,
Marianne Arbulo
Chair, Jefferson County School Board

Update To Prior Letter To The Editor "Follow The Law- Protect The Free Market"

At last night's commission meeting, the county attorney gave me a copy of Florida Statute 125.045, "County economic development powers"

I have read this statute, and it appears to directly conflict with our Florida Constitution in Article 7 Section 10. Here is the relevant language from the statute:

(3) For the purposes of this section, it constitutes a public purpose to

expend public funds for economic development activities, including, but not limited to, developing or improving local infrastructure, issuing bonds to finance or refinance the cost of capital projects for industrial or manufacturing plants, leasing or conveying real property and making grants to private enterprises for the expansion of businesses existing in the community or the attraction of new businesses to the community. Here is the relevant language in Article 7 Section 10 of the Florida Constitution:

SECTION 10. Pledging credit.—Neither the state nor any county, school district, municipality, special district, or agency of any of them, shall become a joint owner with, or stockholder of, or give, lend or use its taxing power or

credit to aid any corporation, association, partnership or person; but this shall not prohibit laws authorizing:

Under the statute, the County's actions were legal. Under the Florida Constitution, they were illegal.

I had asked the attorney in the past what the procedure was when sections of the Florida Constitution conflicted and he said the courts sorted it out. In the matter of a conflicting statute, this appears to also be the case, since after searching the Florida Constitution it does not contain a "supremacy clause" over other laws as the US Constitution does in Article 6. The closest thing I found was in Article 5 Section 3 dealing with the Supreme Court:

(1) Shall hear appeals from final judgments of trial courts

imposing the death penalty and from decisions of district courts of appeal declaring invalid a state statute or a provision of the state constitution.

From what I've read, in order to get a resolution here, another business owner would have to ask for the same deal, be turned down and then file suit. Equal protection of the law is guaranteed by the US Constitution's 14th Amendment.

The practice of our government at the federal, state, or local level using our tax dollars to aid by funding a private business is not a good one in my opinion as noted in my original letter.

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THE GIFT

I did not know how grateful Chief Justice John Roberts was to President Barack Obama for defending Justice Roberts when he botched giving the oath of Office to President Obama at the presidential inauguration in January 2009. Now I know. The Chief Justice gave the President his health care package in tack.

The Chief Justice called the individual mandate a tax. The President had assured the nation that it was definitely not a tax. So much for the President's assurances. I predict that President Obama will be re-elected and before he leaves Office we will be the most taxed middle class in the history

of our country. I hope that all you folks that voted for the President before and are going to vote for him in November enjoy either paying high taxes if you are employed or enjoy not being able to pay taxes because you are unemployed. We are going to experience plenty of both in the next four years.

As for me and my house we are going to vote for Mr. Romney. I think we need to change horses. This horse is no Secretariat. For the next four years I will sit on the sidelines, grit my teeth and hope we get a competent President in 2016.

Charles E. McClellan

AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

Redistricting

This much can be said about the latter situation. If C.P. Miller wins, this particular suit will likely go away ultimately. If incumbent Hines Boyd wins, the suit likely will proceed. And there is no telling what will happen with the suit if Vernie Key wins the office.

In his ruling, Sheffield found that the elections supervisor was an indispensable party whose absence from the proceedings prevented a complete and efficient resolution of the case.

Sheffield further found that the effect of the petitioners' request would be to cause the Supervisor of Elections at this late date to change the district lines upon which the latter was basing the elections for County Commission and School Board in August and November.

"Given the primary role the Supervisor of Elections plays in local elections, and because any change to the district boundaries would potentially disrupt an ongoing elections cycle and might implicate significant additional costs to the Supervisor of Elections, the court finds that the Supervisor of Elections is an indispensable party in this cause," Sheffield wrote.

He added: "The court is aware that delay in this case will result in an election being held on the basis of dis-

tricts that ultimately may be found improper. However, the court is also aware that taking action at this late day may prove more harmful than crafting a delayed remedy; this is particularly so, when the person charged with administering the election is not a party."

The judge blamed the plaintiffs for needlessly creating an urgent situation that put the court in the position of having to make a hasty decision on a significant and complex issue.

He noted that the official actions being challenged occurred in early January, yet the plaintiffs didn't file their petition until late May, "creating the current urgency of the matter and depriving the court of adequate time to properly consider this important issue."

Additionally, the judge noted, the delay created a quandary for the elections office as to exactly how it should proceed, and also had the potential to cause the office extra work and expense.

"While the court is unwilling to rule, as requested by defendants, that the lateness in filing is an absolute bar to the petition, the lateness does at least require sufficient time be allotted for complete consideration of the issues raised herein in order that the

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court can frame a proper resolution," Sheffield wrote.

"Consequently," he continued, "with the need for the addition of an indispensable party, and for additional time to adequately and properly address the issues raised herein, this court will not disturb the election process already underway."

Tallahassee Attorney John Davis filed the lawsuit here May 22 on behalf of four local petitioners after the County Commission and School Boards in May reaffirmed their earlier votes in January. The two boards' earlier votes in January were to rescind the amended district map that each had adopted in December 2011.

The petitioners' basic argument was that the two boards' January rescissions of their December votes constituted a change — i.e., a redistricting in an even-numbered year — an activity expressly forbidden by state law, which requires that redistricting be done in odd-numbered years.

The defendants' counter arguments were that a rescission did not constitute a change, that it was within the two boards' jurisdictional authority to rescind a prior action, and that the two boards had acted within established parliamentary procedures, as found in Roberts Rules of Order.

Elections

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Candidates are asked to email Laz Aleman (laz@embarqmail.com) for copies of the questions for whatever the particular race. Each candidate's answers will appear exactly as he or she has answers them in the "Meet the Candidates" section.

The deadline for returning the answered questions is July 26. It is highly recommended that candidates return the answered questions via email if at all possible, so that the responses can be downloaded directly into the paper, minimizing the chances of any errors.

In addition, candidates can purchase ads for the special section.

If anyone has questions about this special election issue, please email them to Emerald Greene at emerald@greenepublishing.com.

Fireworks

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by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 251 and the American Legion Post 41. The presentation will be followed by the National Anthem and the Pledge of Allegiance.

There will be a welcoming and introduction of attending speakers, including City officials, County officials, School Board officials and any other dignitaries, who are always invited to the event to make short comments.

American Legion President Buffy Westbrook said that the Watermelon Royalty has also agreed to be on hand for the program.

July 4, 1776 will then be remembered. Ben Franklin will be on hand to read the Declaration of Independence and Thomas Jefferson may also be on hand. This portion of the program is educational to make sure that the young people get the full understanding of what July 4, 1776 is all about. "If not for July 4, 1776, we would not be here," said Westbrook. "We want to give them a full understanding that our country being born at that time has evolved into leading the world," he added.

Area veterans are asked to wear their uniforms to the program if they wish. There will be an introduction and recognition of various military veterans from the various different conflicts, including World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Granada, Conflict, Iraq and Afghanistan, to current. Veterans will be asked to stand and be recognized.

EMS first responders will be on site and they will also be recognized.

Following the program and up through the conclusion of the fireworks, Bubba Bullock provides some great pre-recorded music for all tastes, to enjoy.

Westbrook said that though Bullock always puts on an outstanding show of fireworks, they are expecting an even bigger and better show this year. He added that last year there were approximately 5,000-6,000 people present for the show and this year they are prepared for an even bigger crowd.

He said the field is well drained after Tropical Storm Debby and there would be adequate parking, free of charge, just like last year.

Monticello Police Department Chief Fred Mosley and his officers will be handling all security and parking, supported by Jefferson County Sheriff David Hobbs and his deputies.

Contributors toward the fireworks include; Al Cooksey, Angela Gray, Big Bend Timber, Bill Brumfield, Brenda and Ed Register, Bruce Sandell, Buddy Westbrook, Capital City Bank, Carl Hanks, Caroline M. Martin, Charles Sarkisian, Chicken Delite, City of Monticello, Danny Allen, Danny Deason, Darlene and Paul Hopkins, Debbie and Clyde Snapp, Dick Dibble, Don Taylor, Dr. Raymond Kercher, Emerald Greene, Farmers and Merchants Bank, Fred Beshears, George Carswell, Gretchen B. Garren, Halsey Beshears, Hiram Lodge #5 Masons, Jack Carswell, Janegale and Hines Boyd, Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners, Jefferson County Boy Scouts, Jefferson County Republican Party, Jimmy's Auto, John D. Caminez, PA, John Hawkins, Joiner Land Clearing, JT Surles, Kirk Reams, Kiwanis of Monticello, Leighton Langford, Marianne Arbulu, Mike Humphrey Mike Reichman, attorney at law, Mike Smith, Monticello News/Jefferson County Journal, Morris Petroleum, Neill Wade, assistant state attorney, North Florida Abstract & Title, Patti Liles, Pickney Hill Plantation, Preble-Rish, Inc., Progress Energy, Raymond Clark, Richard Bailar, Richard Connell Co., Robert Morris, attorney at law, Roger Champion, Ron Slik, Rotary of Monticello, Roy Schleicher, Sons of the American Legion, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Sorensen Tire Center, Steve Walker Realty, Steve Wingate, Tom Harmon, Tommy Surles, Travis Hussey, VFW Post 251 and Wallace "Bubba" Bullock.

FEMA

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tion as to whether the county would qualify for federal funding for repair of the roads.

Harvey said the storm had caused the loss of the drive surface on about 60 percent of the county's 366 miles of roads. He said those roads most severely impacted by the storm included Curtis Mill, Barrington, Walker Springs, Horseshoe, Fishburn, West Pinhook, Thompson Valley, Fanlew, Upper Cody, Middle Cody, Lower Cody, Cody Church, St. Augustine and the dirt part of Armstrong.

One of the storm's more dramatic effects was a sinkhole that developed on Brooks Road, near the home of Corky Connell. An informal measurement of the sinkhole's depth showed it to be about 48 feet deep.

Harvey said he planned to approach the Jefferson County Commission on Thursday morning, July 5, to request additional funding in his budget for the repair of the damaged roads. If the county is successful in getting federal funding, the latter money will be used to reimburse the county's expense in repairing the roads.

Debby was a slow-moving tropical storm that stalled in the Gulf of Mexico for several days during the last week of June. The storm dumped up to 20 inches of rain in parts of the state and caused extensive flooding and road damage along the counties in the Big Bend, including Jefferson and Wakulla.

Principal

Brumfield, meanwhile, was continuing his negotiations with the Florida Department of Education (FDOE), with a possibility that a new JES principal will soon be announced.

Brumfield described the latest candidate as a highly qualified retired principal whom the FDOE holds in high regard.

It was, in fact, the FDOE's challenge of Whitty's selection as principal that caused her to be downgraded to assistant principal. The FDOE, as Brumfield related it to the *News* last Friday, challenged Whitty's appointment on the grounds that she lacked the necessary experience to be JES principal, especially in light of what is now being revealed is the school's 'F' status.

Brumfield said that following the School Board's vote to confirm Whitty's appointment on Thursday morning, board member Sandra Saunders called the FDOE and complained about Whitty's se-

lection.

Brumfield said the FDOE in turn called and informed him that Whitty couldn't be principal because she lacked experience as a principal, although the department had earlier informed him that she could do the job, so long as she took the necessary training.

More surprising to him, Brumfield said, was learning that the elementary school was rated an 'F' — information that the FDOE had not conveyed to him previously.

"No one told me that the school was going to be an F," Brumfield said.

All the while, he continued to tout Whitty's qualifications for principal, saying she was the best choice for the job, given that she knew the kids, teachers and parents and had theirs, and the school's, best interest at heart.

"She will still run the school until I hear different," Brumfield said.

After more discussions with FDOE representatives throughout the weekend, however, Brum-

field said a breakthrough had occurred, with the result that he would likely soon be announcing the new appointee for the principal position.

Brumfield announced Whitty's selection on Thursday morning near the conclusion of a relatively tense special meeting where the board took up the list of his recommended personnel appointments and reappointments for the coming school year. Several of the individuals not included on the list, including two former administrators, questioned and strongly objected to their absences from the list.

When it came to Whitty's recommendation, Brumfield introduced her as someone who was highly qualified to do the job, given her 20-odd years teaching at JES. He acknowledged that she didn't have experience as a principal but said she would be taking the necessary training, and also, Brenda McGalliard, principal of the A-rated Killbuck elementary

in Tallahassee, had agreed to mentor Whitty.

Whitty, in her brief remarks to the board and audience, acknowledged that she could feel the tension in the room. She wanted everyone to know, however, that she had been with the school 25 years, and every year she got more and more distressed with the drama and the inconsistencies.

Which was what had prompted her to run for superintendent and was now prompting her to accept the principal position, although at her age she should more rightfully be thinking of retirement, she said. But she was all about the children and she wanted to make a difference, she said.

"I'm not saying I'm the best," Whitty said. "But I'll be there for you and I'll do everything possible to turn the school around...Mr. Brumfield was gracious enough to give me the opportunity and I'm up for the job."

Whitty never said if she planned to remain in the race for superintendent.

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Incident

out of the house screaming, "Look what they did to him." She appeared to be highly intoxicated. She said that Brown had done that to her boyfriend and when she jumped on Brown to get him off of her boyfriend, he cut her with a knife. An abrasion was observed on her right arm just above her wrist.

EMS arrived on the scene and took the boyfriend to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital for treatment of the injuries to his face.

The female said she did not know why Brown jumped her boyfriend.

Officer Parramore then made contact with Brown at the North Jefferson Street residence. Brown said that he had gone to the Capri with some friends and left there to come back to the house on North Jefferson Street.

He said that when they got back, the boyfriend had followed them and was hollering for Brown to come and talk with him. He said that once he got inside, the boyfriend started to try to tussle with him and that they ended up outside on the back porch. Brown said that the boyfriend had him on his back and he started to reach around the boyfriend to try to find something to defend himself against the boyfriend.

He said he began to swing an object he found at the boyfriend to get him off of him and that he did not know that it was a meat cleaver. Brown said once a group of people pulled the boyfriend away, he dropped the cleaver on the ground. A black handled silver blade meat cleaver was recovered from the yard.

Officer Parramore than made contact with several witnesses at the MPD. The first witness explained

that she was sitting in her car when Brown came out of the house holding a meat cleaver and began counting down from 15 to one. She said that when Brown got to 12 he swung the cleaver down in a chopping motion, striking the hood of her car. She said she told a friend to back up the car so that it would not be struck again. She said that her two friends then came running to the car and they left and called the sheriff's office.

The officer then made contact with a second witness, who stated that she was at the house with the first witness when a black man with dreads (Brown) came out of the house with a meat cleaver and approached the car. She said that they left before anything happened.

Officer Parramore than made contact with a third witness who stated that they had gotten into a heated argument with the girlfriend and that they left out from inside of the house to keep from getting into it with her. She stated that while outside Brown came out with a meat cleaver and began to count down from 20. She said that when he got to 12 he hit the first witness's car with the cleaver. She said the boyfriend then tried to mediate the situation and keep everyone calm so the police were not called.

She said that Brown slammed the boyfriend up against a white car and started to fight. She said that the boyfriend and Brown were fighting over the meat cleaver. She said at that time she saw the girlfriend and two other men running toward Brown and the boyfriend, at which point, she left.

The officer then spoke with another witness, who stated that they

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were in the first witness's car in the driver's seat so no one could get into the car and attempt to drive drunk. The witness said there was an argument inside of the house while they were in the car, but was not sure what it was over. The witness said that the third witness and the girlfriend came out of the house arguing and that some kind of fight broke out inside of the house. The witness stated that the first witness and the girlfriend continued to argue and Brown came out of the house and started to count down from 20 as he walked down the stairs of the back porch. The witness said that when Brown got around about three or four, he could tell that Brown had something in his right hand waving it around and that it was very close to the car he was in. He said they realized that the object Brown had in his hand was a meat cleaver and he described it. He said that when Brown reached one, he raised the cleaver in the air and when he said zero he brought it down on the first witness's car. He said that the first witness told him to back up and get out of there, which he did. He said the rest of the passengers came running toward them and jumped in the car.

He said that Brown was still waving the cleaver around when they left the area.

Brown was later located at his residence and taken into custody without incident.

He was transported to the County Jail and charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and criminal mischief. A total bond of \$10,500 was set and he bonded out of jail the same day.

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JULY 5

Lloyd Volunteer Fire Rescue meets monthly at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday, at the fire station.

JULY 5

AA meetings are held weekly at 8 p.m. on Thursday at the Christ Episcopal Church annex, 425 North Cherry Street. For more information call 850-997-2129 or 850-997-1955.

JULY 6

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

JULY 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

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JULY 6-27

Monticello Jamboree Band will perform music for dancing at 7 p.m. every Friday evening at 625 South Water Street, in the old JCHS gym. There are doorprizes, cold soft drinks and snacks. Everyone is welcome to come dance, listen to some of the finest music and just enjoy the fun and camaraderie with neighbors and friends. Band members and musicians include Bobby Connell, Don Corbitt, John Howell, Ashley Morgan, Sue and Wanzie Tucker, Arlene and Leon Roberts and Wendell Quick. This is a nonprofit charitable organization. For questions or concerns contact Curtis Morgan at 850-933-8136 or Bobby Connell at 850-445-0049.

JULY 7

Artisans and Growers Marketplace from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Johnston's Meat Market, 1480 West Washington. All proceeds will benefit the Old Monticello Jail Museum. Come shop and buy or showcase your products. For more information contact Coordinator Anne Holt at 850-576-0721 or aholt@ahholt.com

JULY 7, 21

Dixie Community Center is open on the first and third Saturday nights for an evening of music and dancing with live local bands. Free line dance classes begin at 5:30 p.m. with the fun to follow at 7 p.m. For more information contact Kenneth

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JULY 8, 9

The Opera House Stage Company will hold auditions for Agatha Christie's 'The Mousetrap,' at 3 p.m. on Sunday, and at 7 p.m. on Monday, at the Monticello Opera House. Actors need not fit the characters' ages closely. Jan and Jack Williams will direct. Performances will be held on September 13, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28 and 29... with a possible Sunday matinee. For more information, email to jackwill@juno.com or call 850-933-9726.

JULY 9

The Palmer Place Book Club meets at 6 p.m. on the second Monday at The Palmer Place to discuss a chosen book. For questions call Abi Vandervest at 850-997-4607 or email to douwahnadance@yahoo.com.

JULY 9

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

JULY 9

Jefferson County Lions Club Monday Night BINGO. Doors and snack bar open at 5 p.m., at the Capitol City BP Travel Center, in the Big Bend Family Restaurant, 2716 Gamble Road, Lloyd (Interstate 10, Exit 217, Highway 59.) Call 850-997-3538 for directions. JCLC is a non-profit organization, raising funds for area residents in need. All are welcome to come have fun, play and win! Help the JCLC by contributing to others. Remember... one free Jackpot BINGO card for every eyeglass donation! Contact Lion June at 850-997-1754 for more information.

JULY 9

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

JULY 9

AA women's meetings are

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

JULY 10

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

JULY 10

Jefferson County Democratic Party and its Executive Committee will meet at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday at the Jefferson County Bailar Public Library. Contact Beth Davis at 850-544-6561 for more information.

JULY 10

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

JULY 11

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.

JULY 12

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

JULY 14

Monticello Red Hat Scarlett O'Hatters meet at 11 a.m. on the second Saturday at an eating establishment of their choice. Contact Pat Muchowski at 850-997-0688 or Mary Cremeans at 850-997-3153 for reservations and further information.

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Jefferson Democrats will hold their annual "Beat the Heat Party" at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 12, at the Monticello Opera House. The theme of this year's event is "Meet Your Local Candidates", with all Democratic candidates invited to attend.

Candidates will be introduced and given an opportunity to speak. State Committeeman Ron Cichon will deliver the "warm up" remarks to open the formal portion of the meeting.

Light snacks and a cash bar will be available. Cost of the event is \$10.

Party Chair Gladys Roann urges county Democrats to attend and support their candidates.

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AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

BEST TURNOUT FOR WATERMELON FESTIVAL VENDORS



DEBBIE SNAPP
ECB Publishing Staff Writer

Sandy Patterson was chairperson in charge of the vendors selected to showcase their products and services during the Jefferson County 62nd Watermelon Festival in downtown Monticello on Friday, June 15 and Saturday, June 16. She reports that there were 171 documented vendors at the event this year... the most she's ever had... with all proceeds going directly to the Jefferson County/Monticello Chamber of Commerce.

Vendors were wide spread in products and services, from fried funnel cakes and fried everything... candy bars, cookies, ice-cream and the like. There were vendors selling shaved ice, carnivorous insect-eating pitcher plants, handmade quilts, bird-houses, glass yard art and hand-bags.

There were also a lot of church booths registering children for Vacation Bible School and club affiliated booths and historical organizations, booksignings and booths for political candidates vying for seats in the upcoming elections.

Amusement rides and games were also in full swing for the children and quite a few food vendors. Most anything a person

could want could be found on Friday evening and Saturday afternoon in downtown Monticello during the Jefferson County 62nd Watermelon Festival.

Several vendors were from this area and even more came from the surrounding states. Many vendors expressed interest in upcoming county events and signed up for the 63rd Watermelon Festival. "Mark my spot for next year," said one vendor. Patterson felt really good about that request.

"Community support and participation was obvious this year," says Patterson. "This year's festival was very well-received. I have only heard good things from the vendors and area residents. The positive feedback was encouraging."

Patterson and her committee were also in charge of the garbage pickup, ticket sales for the rides and games, the outdoors dining area, vendor booth check in, the Lotto van and the placing of the bleachers (which were filled to capacity through the two-day event.) Patterson took on a lot of responsibility but the help she received from all of the festival committees working together and the Festival Chairman team of Nan Baughman and Sherri Dean overseeing the festivities, made the success of her work all possible.



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Parent-Child Home Program Graduation

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Despite Tropical Storm Debby on Tuesday afternoon, June 26, several local three-year-old students experienced their first graduation ceremony; provided by Healthyways Inc., for their participation in the Parent-Child Home Program (PCHP).

Healthyways is a not-for-profit organization and has been sponsoring this program for seven years now.

Those participating in the program were in-

troduced to the board members present. Also present were members of Altrusa of Monticello. Altrusa members have supported this program for several years. Supplying books is just one of the many ways members help.

Each graduating student was recognized with a 'Certificate of Completion' document, as well as pizza, cake, balloons and a gift bag full of goodies donated by the following local merchants and establishments: Burger King, Forestry Service, JC Fire Rescue, JC Health Department, JC Sheriff's Of-

fice, McDonald's and Subway.

The Parent-Child Home Program is a national program that has been proven to be effective in helping children get ready for school. The program offers participating families two home visits each week for two years. During these visits, trained home visitors model for parents/caregivers how to use books and toys, which are gifts to the children, in ways that increase children's literacy, prepare children for school and increase positive parent-child in-



Directors in attendance to the Parent-Child Home Program Graduation from left to right are Tim Braswell, John Brinson and Polly Brown with Healthyways Representative Jana Grubbs and two of the graduates after their graduation ceremony on June 12, 2012.



From left to right Parent-Child Home Program Directors Tim Braswell, John Brinson and Polly Brown with Marianne Arbulu of Altrusa, Instructor Bonnie Loveless and Healthyways Representative Jana Grubbs during graduation on June 12, 2012.



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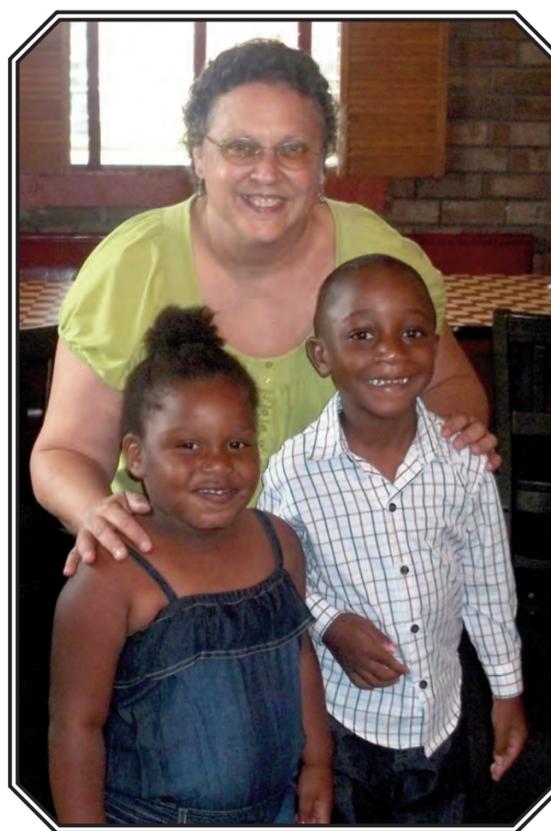
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tions for whatever the particular race. Each candidate's answers will appear exactly as he or she has answer them in the "Meet the Candidates" section.

The deadline for returning the answered questions is July 26. It is highly recommended that candidates return the answered questions via email if at all possible, so that the responses can be

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Sizzling Summer Food Safety Tips For Your Lunch

KRISTIN JACKSON

Wanting to keep our children safe is almost instinctive for parents and grandparents, but you could be doing something every day that puts your child or children in harm's way. Something as simple as improperly packing or preparing youth's lunches when combined with sizzling summer temperatures could put your child at risk for food borne illness.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture reminds us that harmful bacteria on or in food multiply rapidly at temperatures between 40 and 140 degrees Fahrenheit. Further in summer heat, it is unsafe to leave food out for more than an hour in temperatures above 90 degrees Fahrenheit or two hours on any occasion.

As parents or caregivers we can help keep youth's lunches safe by following a few easy steps:

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*Don't skimp on the fruit. Every bit of cool helps. Add a piece of cool or frozen fruit.

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For more information on how to keep summer lunches contact Extension Agent I Kristin Jackson at the Jefferson County Cooperative Extension Services, located at 275 Mulberry Street in Monticello or call 850-342-0187 or email to kris88@ufl.edu.

RESIDENT'S RECOGNIZED NORTH FLORIDA COMMUNITY COLLEGE ANNOUNCES PRESIDENT'S HONOR ROLL

Thirty-eight North Florida Community College students have been named to the President's Honor Roll at the conclusion of NFCC's Spring Term 2012. The President's Honor Roll recognizes outstanding academic achievement at the completion of each semester. Inclusion on the list is awarded to all full-time students who have earned a grade point average of 3.8 to 4.0 on course work of at least 12 hours.

Jefferson County students named to the President's Honor Roll for Spring Term 2012 are:

- Cortni T. Baez, Monticello
- Cody R. Bell, Monticello
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Warriors Named All Big Bend

FRAN HUNT
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Several baseball players at Aucilla Christian Academy were recently named to the All Big Bend.

On the third team as infielder was Trent Roberts and receiving honorable mention were Austin Bishop, Jared Jackson, Tyler Jackson, Hans Sorensen and Josh Wood.

These young athletes did have some impressive statistic during the season this year.

As a team at the plate the Warriors played 25 games, had a batting average of .260 with 694 plate appearances, 584 at-bats, 125 runs, 152 hits, 90 RBI's, 16 doubles, five triples, seven homeruns, seven sacrifice flies, seven sacrifice hits/bunts, 87 walks, 101 strikeouts, nine hit by pitch, 34 run on errors, 18 fielder's choice, an on base percentage of .361, a slugging average of .341, with 47 stolen bases on 57 attempts and 99 left on base.

Trent Roberts played

in 21 games, had a batting average of .424 with 73 plate appearances, 59 at-bats, 18 runs, 25 hits, 21 RBI's, four doubles, three homeruns, two sacrifice flies, 12 walks, eight strikeouts, one run one error, an on base percentage of .507, a slugging average of .644, three stolen bases on three attempts and 17 left on base.

Austin Bishop played in 22 games, had a batting average of .214, with 82 plate appearances, 70 at-bats, 10 runs, 15 hits, three RBI's, three doubles, three sacrifice hits/bunts, nine walks, eight strikeouts, four run on errors, two fielder's choice, an on base percentage of .304, a slugging average of .257, three stolen bases on four attempts and 12 left on base.

Jared Jackson played in 22 games, had a batting average of .318 with 76 plate appearances, 66 at-bats, 17 runs, 21 hits, 20 RBI's, five triples, one homerun, two sacrifice flies, one sacrifice hit/bunt, seven walks, 12 strikeouts, four run on errors, an on base

percentage of .373, a slugging average of .515 with 10 stolen bases on 10 attempts and 13 left on base.

Tyler Jackson played in 21 games, had a batting average of .234, with 78 plate appearances, 64 at-bats, 19 runs, 15 hits, seven RBI's, one sacrifice fly, 12 walks, six strikeouts, one hit by pitch, eight run on errors, one fielder's choice, an on base percentage of .359, a slugging average of .234 with nine stolen bases on nine attempts and 11 left on base.

Hans Sorensen played in 20 games, had a batting average of .226 with 39 plate appearances, 31 at-bats, five runs, seven hits, three RBI's, one sacrifice hit/bunt, six walks, 13 strikeouts, one hit by pitch, three run on errors, one fielder's choice, an on base percentage of .368, a slugging average of .226, two stolen bases on three attempts and three left on base.

Josh Wood played in 21 games, had a batting average of .228 with 65

plate appearances, 57 at-bats, 12 runs, 13 hits, five RBI's, one sacrifice fly, two sacrifice hits/bunts, four walks, three strikeouts, one hit by pitch, three run on errors, four fielder's choice, an on base percentage of .286, a slugging average of .228, eight stolen bases on nine attempts and two left on base.

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Jefferson County students on the NFCC Dean's list for Spring Term 2012 are:

- Michael W. Starling, Monticello
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LADY WARRIORS NAMED ALL BIG BEND

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Several Aucilla Christian Academy softball players were recently named to the All Big Bend.

Named to the first team were Sunnie Sorensen, Kelly Horne, Pamela Watt and Taylor Copeland.

Named to the second team were Carly Joiner as catcher and Hadley Revell.

Receiving honorable mention was Brooke Kinsley.

During the season the Lady Warriors played 24 games, had 745 plate appearances, 635 at-bats, 247 hits, 164 singles, 54 doubles, 22 triples, seven homeruns, 164 RBI's, 194 runs, 11 hit by pitch, 13 run on errors, eight fielder's choice, one reached base on catcher's interference, 97 walks, 137 strikeouts, had a batting average of .389, an on base percentage of .478 and a slugging average of .576.

Sunnie Sorensen played in 21 games, had 71 plate appearances, 57 at-bats, 27 hits including 15 singles, six doubles and six triples, 25 RBI's, 21 runs, two hit by pitch, one run on error, one reached on catcher's interference, 11 walks, 10 strikeouts, a batting average of .474, an on base percentage of .571 and a slugging average of .789.

Kelly Horne played in 23 games, had 83 plate appearances, 73 at-bats, 38 hits including 17 singles, 13 doubles, five triples and three homeruns, 39 RBI's 33 runs, one hit by pitch, four run on error, one fielder's choice, nine walks, six strikeouts, a batting average of .521, an on base percentage of .578 and a slugging average of .959.

Pamela Watt played in 23 games, had 83 plate appearances, 74 at-bats, 33 hits including 18 singles, nine doubles, four triples and two homeruns, 16 RBI's, 29 runs, one hit by pitch, one run on error, seven walks, five strikeouts, a batting average of .446, an on base percentage of .500 and a slugging average of .757.

Taylor Copeland played in 22 games, had 82 plate appearances, 67 at-bats, 23 hits including 18 singles, two doubles and three triples, nine RBI's, 33 runs, one hit by pitch, three run on errors, two fielder's choice, 14 walks, 19 strikeouts, a batting average of .343, an on base percentage of .463 and a slugging average of .463.

Carly Joiner played in 22 games, had 68 plate appearances, 64 at-bats, 23 hits including 19 singles and four doubles, eight RBI's, nine runs, one hit by pitch, two fielder's choice, three walks, 14 strikeouts, a batting average of .359, an on base percentage of .397 and a slugging average of .422.

Hadley Revell played in 21 games, had 67 plate appearances, 54 at-bats, 19 hits including 13 singles and six doubles, nine RBI's, 11 runs, one run on error, 13 walks, 20 strikeouts, a batting average of .352, an on base percentage of .478 and a slugging average of .463.

Brooke Kinsley played in nine games, had 30 plate appearances, 27 at-bats, 13 hits including 12 singles and one triple, six RBI's, four runs, three walks, six strikeouts, a batting average of .481, an on base percentage of .533 and a slugging average of .556.

Kelly Horne Varsity Softball MVP At 13

FRAN HUNT
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Aucilla Christian Academy's Kelly Horne was voted this year's most valuable player on the varsity softball team at the tender age of just 13.

She began playing for the varsity team the previous year as a sixth grader and 12-year old, when she played in the State tournament as starter at second base.

This year at 13, she was a phenomenal player. Good, if not great things, were expected when she stepped to the plate.

She played in 23 games this year, had 83 plate appearances, 73 at-bats, 38 hits including 17 singles, 13 doubles, five triples and three homeruns, with 39 RBI's, 33 runs, one hit by pitch, four run on errors, one fielder's choice, nine walks, six strikeouts, a batting average of .521, an on base percentage of .578 and a slugging average of .959.

Of her three home runs this season, two of them were back-to-back over the fence homeruns in the game against Rickards.

Horne also had a fielding percentage of .953 with 64 total chances, 61 putouts, three errors and one double play.

Due to her exceptional skills, she was named the softball teams Most Valuable Player during the athletic banquet in May.

"I'm not really sure how she does it," said Kelly's mother, Nicole Horne. "She does work very hard and this year Head Baseball Coach Drew Sherrod worked with her

during the off season, in the weight room and doing some conditioning. Also Aucilla's new Head Softball Coach, Becky Lauth, helped her fine tune her hitting skills.

"I think both of these things made a huge difference," Nicole added.

Kelly plays two positions for the Lady Warriors, shortstop and catcher.

"I started playing when I was five," said Kelly. "I played T-ball at the Recreation Park in Monticello. I continued playing through my first year of Little League when I was the only girl in the league. At that time I began playing travel softball for the Tallahassee Merchants," she said.

Adding to Kelly's experience on the diamond was her competing with her older brother Hunter and time spent in the yard playing with her dad. "I have an older brother, so I was always trying to keep up with Hunter. My dad taught me to catch when I was only two years old, using a tennis ball so that it wouldn't hurt as badly when it hit me."

Other than T-ball. Little League and travel teams, it also takes additional training to fine tune a God-given talent. "I've taken hitting lessons for four years now from Billie Anne Gay and I recently attended Florida State's softball camp," Kelly added.

"I play year round, there really is no 'softball season' for me. I play with my travel ball team, the Tallahassee Merchants and then from January through May I also play for ACA. I've been playing year-round for the past



proached her and said, "You're the best and I want to be just like you. What should I do to do that?"

"I would tell them to work hard and nothing is impossible when you have God on your side," Kelly responded.

Besides softball she also plays basketball for the Lady Warriors.

Other than softball what does she do for fun? "I love going out on the boat with my family or spending time at the beach," she said.

Though she is too young to have yet been approached by any colleges, she aspires to one day play for FSU. "I would love to play for the Seminoles, so I would be close enough to home that my family could watch me play," Kelly added.

She said she is possibly thinking about playing professionally. "There just aren't a ton of opportunities," she added.

Though she is not yet sure of which field she would choose as a career or what her field of study would be when she attends college, Kelly said, "I really think I would like to do something in sports or possibly in the ministry."

As for who served as her greatest inspiration both athletically and academically, she said, "Mia Hamm and Megan Bush."

She is the daughter of Kevin and Nicole Horne of Monticello and wished to close with her favorite Bible verse, "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me," Philippians 4:13.

four years," she said.

She also works with weight training and conditioning about every other day throughout the year.

To continue motivating her to push herself to the limit and beyond, she uses a very special technique. "I use my Daily Devotions for Athletes book. I look to be in God's will for everything I do," Kelly added.

So what does she have to do to remain the best at what she does? "I have to continue working hard, stay focused and put all of my trust in God," she said.

What does she think of her coaches and team and what would she like to say to them? "To my coaches and team, thanks for being an important part of my life," Kelly answered.

On top of being a top-notch athlete, Kelly is also a top-notch student with an "A" average. How does she juggle athletics, academics, home life, extracurricular activities, etc.? "I'm very focused. There isn't much free time, but I'm OK with that, I like to be busy," she added.

What would she tell a youngster who ap-

ACA FORMS TRAVEL BASKETBALL TEAM

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Back in the beginning of May, prior to school letting out, Aucilla Christian Academy coaches discovered enough interest from their athletes to form a travel basketball team.

Coach Dan Nennstiel explained that the team could compete every weekend, but they choose to compete in tournaments within the area, so they stay around and play those in Tallahassee and they have played in one tournament in Cairo. "We play one tournament about every two to three weeks," said Nennstiel. "This being the summer months and families doing things together, not every kid has played in every tournament." He explained that by playing only in those tournaments, which are closely located to Jefferson County, they could keep costs down.

"During each tournament the teams play in three to five games," he said. "We haven't won a tournament, but we have won some games. The games we have lost have only been by two to three points."

He said that the most successful tournament to date that the team has played, was the tournament they were in about two weeks ago. "We lost to the number one

seed in the semi finals by only two points," he said.

"We are playing in the tournaments to help the kids get better, to build teamwork for next season and to gain further experience for the kids," said Nennstiel. "The kids have gotten better from tournament to tournament."

"Next year at this time, if there is enough interest, we will definitely do this again," said Nennstiel.

The final tournament of the season will be held this weekend, July 6 and July 7 in Tallahassee.

The name of the team is the Aucilla Attack and the athletes competing on the team include; the youngest player who is going into the seventh grade next year, Timothy Finlayson; going into the eighth grade, Gatlin Nennstiel; going into the ninth grade DJ Wilkinson; going into the tenth grade, Carson Nennstiel, Ricky Finlayson, Wesley Smyrnios, Bryce Sander-son and Tyler Zimmerly; going into the eleventh grade, Brandon Holm and Braden Mattingly; and going into the twelfth grade, Hans Sorensen and Jay Finlayson.

Coaching the Aucilla Attack are Dan Nennstiel, Richard Finlayson and Mac Finlayson.

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