

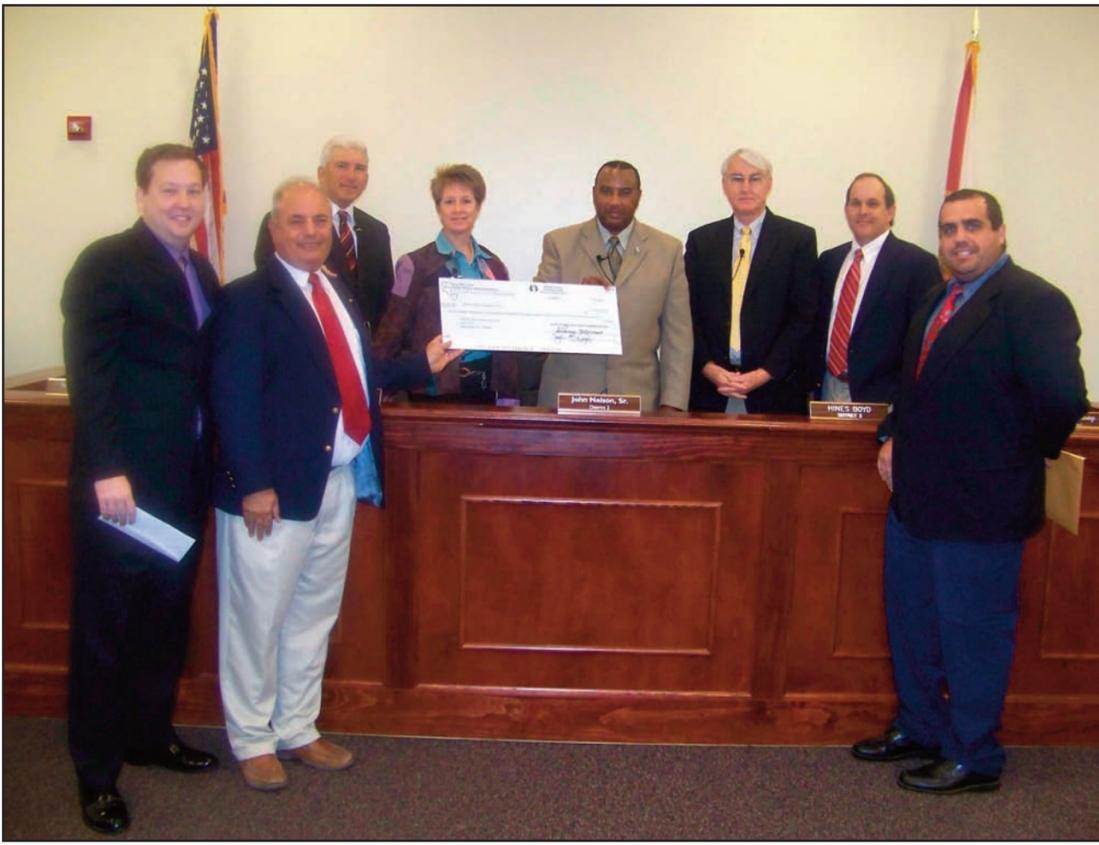
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County Gets \$117,558 From Regional Landfill



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The commission prepares to receive a \$117,557.61 check from the Aucilla Area Regional Landfill as Jefferson County's share of the facility's operational savings. Pictured from left to right, front row, are Clerk of Court Kirk Reams, engineer Frank Darabi and AARL Director John McHugh. In the back row, left to right, are Commissioners Stephen Walker, Betsy Barfield, John Nelson, Hines Boyd and Benny Bishop.

LAZARO ALEMAN
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Representatives of the Aucilla Area Regional Landfill (AARL) came to the Jefferson County Commission bearing gifts on Thursday morning, Dec. 6.

More specifically, the AARL representatives came bearing a sizable and significant check.

The two representatives, engineer Frank Darabi and AARL Director John McHugh, presented the commission with a check for \$117,557.61.

Darabi told commissioners the money represented Jefferson County's proportionate share of the savings

that the landfill's administration had been able to accomplish in the last year through prudent measures and the efficient operation of the facility.

"This landfill is an asset to this community," Darabi said, adding that through its participation in the regional operation, Jefferson County had both a say and control over what happened with the landfill.

He invited commissioners to attend the facility's 20th anniversary celebration, which was set for Tuesday, Dec. 11.

Created in 1992, the Aucilla Area Regional Landfill is a consortium made up of Dixie, Taylor, Madison and Jefferson counties.

Boyd Offers Different Road Paving Scenarios

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Commissioner Hines Boyd continues arguing for the prudent use of the \$4.4 million road-paving bond money that the county was scheduled to receive last Thursday, Dec. 6.

Earlier the same day, Boyd offered four of what he said were various possible scenarios that the commission could pursue to make

the most efficient use of the bond monies and benefit the greatest number of citizens. Absent the efficient use of the money, Boyd said, the commission risked benefiting the few to the detriment of the many.

Boyd's scenarios came complete with accompanying spreadsheets that showed each of the options in detail.

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County Renews Agreement With Workforce Development Group



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Jefferson County last week renewed its inter-local agreement with the North Florida Workforce Development Board (NFWDB), a consortium that encompasses the six-county region defined by this and Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee and Taylor counties.

The 16-page agreement, among others things, affirmed the creation and composition of the NFWDB; established the consortium's service area and potential clientele (4,125 sq. miles and 123,000 people respectively), based on the combined geographic areas and populations of the six counties; and authorized the consortium to exercise decision-making power in matters relating to the federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998.

The WIA, in conjunction with the 1996 Florida Workforce Act, has the broad aim to improve the quality of the workforce, reduce welfare dependency and generally enhance productivity and competitiveness.

Sheryl Rehberg, executive director of the North Florida Workforce, informed the Jefferson County Commission on Thursday morning, Dec. 6, that the agreement contained slight revisions from previous years, reflecting the latest changes made by Gov. Rick Scott and the Legislature.

She said the biggest change in the agreement was a reduction of the number of seats on the NFWDB from 27 to 23, in keeping with a directive of the Governor.

Rehberg said other revisions required that a majority of the board members, or no less than 51 percent, be from the private sector, and that the chairmanship be selected from the latter group.

Per the rules, the private sector members must be selected from nominations submitted to the county commissions of the six member counties from local business organizations in the respective jurisdictions.

In addition to the board members appointed by **Please See WORKFORCE Page 4**

State Implements Nutrient Criteria For Six Estuaries

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The Florida Department of Environmental (FDEP) reports that the Environmental Regulation Commission recently approved numeric nutrient criteria for six major Panhandle estuaries, augmenting the nutrient standards that the state set last year.

The action, according to the FDEP, signifies that the agency has established "rigorous nutrient criteria for more than 3,100 of the state's estimated 4,290 coastal miles of estuaries, or 72 percent coverage."

The Panhandle estuaries affected by the new nutrient standards include Perdido, Pensacola, Escambia, Choctawhatchee, St. Andrew, St. Joseph and Apalachicola bays. Data collection and analysis reportedly continue for the remainder of estuaries.

The Florida Environmental Regulation Commission (ERC) is a non-salaried, seven-member board selected by the Governor. The group represents agricul-

ture, the development industry, local government, the environmental community, citizens, and members of the scientific and technical community

The commission, per the FDEP, is charged with setting standards and rules that protect residents and the environment and that are based on sound scientific and technical validity. The rules also take into account economic impacts, the risks and benefits to the public and the state's natural resources. Most issues that go before the ERC relate to air pollution, water quality and waste management.

The head of the FDEP's Division of Environmental Assessment applauded the commission's work.

"We have demonstrated once again, through cutting edge science and aggressive action that the department meets its responsibilities to protect those resources ahead of its own and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) schedules," Director Drew Bartlett is quoted saying. "We are grati- **Please See CRITERIA Page 4**

It's Time For Santa Letters

Santa's making a list and he's checking it twice. It's that time of the year to show Santa who the good girls and boys have been and for them to write letters to Santa Claus.

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check what each child wants.

The deadline for en-tries is Dec. 17 at 5 p.m. and they will be published in the Dec. 21 Jefferson County Journal. Let-ters must be written in black ink, to Santa,

in care of ECB Publishing, Inc., P.O. Box 428, Monticello, FL 32345, or dropped off at the Monticello News of- fice, 180 W. Washington St., in Monticello.

Teachers will also be collecting letters for pub- lication, so Santa can see them.



Salvation Army Bells Are Ringing In Monticello



ECB Publishing Photo By Debbie Snapp, December 7, 2012.

Jefferson County Salvation Army volunteers ring bells for a very worthy cause on Friday afternoon in front of Fred's on North Jefferson Street. More volunteers are needed to 'ring bells' during the Christmas holiday. Ringing bells for the Heroines of Jericho Solomon Court #86 PHA, Monticello, are: Elouise Livingston, left, and Savannah King-Bellamy, right.

Building Activity Keeps Seesawing

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The Jefferson County and City of Monticello Building Inspection and Contractor Licensing Department recorded the issuance of 43 building permits in November, one less than the previous month.

Valuations, meanwhile, continued to seesaw, with certain categories registering increases and others declines. So indicate the latest figures released by the department on Monday, Dec. 3.

The report shows that the 43 permits generated \$7,089.52 in fees, compared with \$5,074.27 in October. Of the 43 permits, the city issued 12 and collected \$1,189.70 in fees, and the county issued 31 and collected \$5,899.82.

A breakdown of the permits shows 35 were for repairs and additions; two were for commercial uses; two were for new residential construction; three were for mobile homes; and one was for a miscellaneous use, such as a shed, sign, workshop or barn.

The valuation of the residential permits was \$377,616 in November, compared with \$169,034 in October. This valuation was \$506,016 in November 2011.

The valuation of commercial permits was \$28,500, compared with \$1,730,140 the previous month. It was \$227,000 in November 2011.

And the valuation for other permits (a category that includes additions, re-roofs and non-residential structures, was \$550,588 in November, compared with \$235,973 in October. This valuation was \$267,111 in November 2011.

Meanwhile, the Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Department issued 12 permits and generated \$4,195.12 in November, compared with 13 permits and \$3,214.44 collected in October.

In November 2011, the department issued eight permits and collected \$2,581.45.

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Showers early, becoming a steady rain later in the day. High 68F.

Thu 12/13 63/43
Mostly cloudy. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 40s.

Fri 12/14 71/49
Sunshine. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 40s.

Editorial

The Importance Of Buying American Made Products

KRISTIN FINNEY
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During the holiday season, many people will be spending money on gifts and holiday supplies. But where do the products that they will be buying come from?

Buying American made products is one of the simplest ways to support economic growth in America, however, for many people it is not such a simple task. Many people struggle with knowing which products are American made and which are not. And even more people don't know where they can buy American made products.

There are many online resources for people facing this problem. One resource is <http://www.AmericansWorking.com>. American's Working has several different options of how to find American made products. They have lists based on the product that you are searching for or lists based on what state you live in. And they are just one of the hundreds of websites that offer this service.

According to American's Working the most important aspect of buying American made products is that it saves or creates American Jobs. Making more American jobs stimulates the economy by keeping American money in America. When we spend our money on foreign made products, we stimulate their economy and drain money from our own.

Another benefit of buying American made products is that it encourages human rights. In foreign countries, the laws on the treatment of employees are often less strict and allow for lower working conditions. There are many countries that under pay their factory workers and the employees are abused by being forced to work extremely long days in terrible conditions. American's laws on businesses are much stricter and do not allow for workers to be treated like that.

In addition to having listings on products that are made in America, American's Working also has listings of products made in each state. In the state of Florida there are 14 listings ranging from children's clothing and furniture to kitchen products and soap.

Make sure that you buy American made products not only this holiday season, but every chance that you get!



Their Service-Our Freedom

FRAN HUNT
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"Several weeks have passed since we celebrated Veteran's Day, but we must not forget, that everyday is Veteran's Day. Everyone alive today can bear witness to some war in some way and at some time. Therefore, if we alive today expect to continue to reap the blessings of freedom, we must undergo the fatigue of supporting and recognizing those who gave and still give to this country, because if not for the service of all veterans, we would not enjoy our freedom today," proclaimed Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 251 Ladies Auxiliary President Mary Madison.

Brynwood Health and Rehabilitation Center was host of a Veteran's Day recognition program for their resident veterans. Covenant Hospice was the sponsor of the program, which was held November 8.

Brynwood Activity Director Christine Newell welcomed the guests for their attendance, then relinquished the ceremony to Hospice Community Educators Jay Thurman and Jaelyn Shapiro.

Again, Thurman welcomed the group and thanked Brynwood. Following the invocation, the Jefferson County JROTC Color Guard presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Special guest presenters, the Patriot Guard Riders, individually introduced themselves and gave their military branch of service. Afterward, they pre-

sented certificates of appreciation to US Army veterans Vernon Bryant, James Callentine, James Carver and John Cronin; US Navy veteran Ferinand Naughton; US Air Force veteran Leo Kelly; and WWII US Army veterans Carl Royce, William Jefferson and James Adams.

The audience sang, "God Bless America" followed by an inspirational reading of, "Old Glory," by JROTC Cadet First Class Shanquane'k Scott.

JROTC cadets Danella Potter, Tiana Jerrell, Katherine Vinson and Kyler Locke, under the direction of JROTC Commanding Officer 1st Sgt. Terry Walker, saluted the veterans and others with an impressive military step presentation.

Newell gave grateful remarks and recognition to the VFW Ladies Auxiliary President Mary Madison; First Vice President Shirley Washington; Treasurer Willie Ann Dickey; Secretary Nancy Benjamin; and members Lois Nelson and Evelyn Williams, resident assistants. Newell thanked all present and gave a special thanks to Memorial Missionary Baptist Church for supplying chairs for the event.

Shapiro thanked the Brynwood administration for allowing them to be a part of the special event, and to all in attendance, and a final special thank you to all veterans.

Thurman gave thanks and offered the closing prayer.

Refreshments of homemade cookies and punch were then served.

AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

American Legion Post 49 Recognizes Earlene Knight

DEBBIE SNAPP
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Staff Writer

American Legion Post 49 and Ladies Auxiliary recognized Earlene Knight on Tuesday, November 13, for her efforts and hard work at coordinating Monticello's first Veterans Day parade.

Knight spoke softly as she expressed her thanks to all for participating. She told the group that it was all those who helped with the parade and participated in the parade that are the real champions. And, that it's the service men and women that deserve all the credit, for if not for their bravery there would be no reason for the parade. "It's our service men and women who are the real heroes," she proudly states.

Dr. Jim Sledge spoke about the Monticello Memorial and said that residents can still purchase personal bricks to continue the project.

2nd Lt. Marine Corps Tom Wright, retired, was guest speaker for the evening meeting. He was introduced to the group by his father. He spoke about honoring our veterans and those who are still serving in the military service, and in uniform. "It's these men and women who continue to protect our rights and freedoms," he said. "Tuesday, November 6 was a perfect example of our fight," he continued, speaking of Iwo Jima as a defining event and battle.

He also encouraged all to share their personal connections with the military service with the younger children today. So they can know about the sacrifices our service men and women made for their freedoms.

He concluded his speaking engagement by presenting a flag that

was flown at Iwo Jima to Dr. Sledge in honor of local resident Ernest 'Boots' Thomas. Thomas was one of the service-men that had placed the American flag after the battle at Iwo Jima.



ECB Publishing Photos By Debbie Snapp, November 13, 2012.

Earlene Knight accepts her certificate of Appreciation from American Legion Post 49 Commander Frank Kolb.



Earlene Knight humbly shares her certificate from the American Legion Post 49.



2nd Lt. Marine Corps Tom Wright presented a flag to Dr. Sledge in honor of local resident Ernest 'Boots' Thomas.



2nd Lt. Marine Corps Tom Wright, was guest speaker for the American Legion Post 49 meeting.

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JOY Comes To Kiwanis

DEBBIE SNAPP
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Staff Writer

Speaker at the Monticello Kiwanis December 5, 2012 meeting was Dr. Wesley Scoles, representing the Jefferson Outreach for Youth (J.O.Y.) This charity provides Christmas gifts to children in need from local families. After his presentation, the membership donated its collection of gifts to Dr. Scoles.

Dr. Scoles and the late David Bitner started talking about J.O.Y. a few years ago. Their original aim was to help parents in Jefferson County who weren't able to give their children any Christmas presents, by asking the community to donate Christmas presents and give them to the parents to give to their children. They wanted to stay in the background and allow the parents to be the heroes. Then, a year later, the group applied for and received a 501-c-3 not-for-profit status with the government to be able to do this and other charitable acts. Through the generosity of the Jefferson County residents, J.O.Y. supplied Christmas presents to 100+ children in 2009, 200+ in 2010, and more in the following years.

J.O.Y. has since expanded its focus into giving a scholarship, the Joe Jones Scholarship, for deserving highschool



seniors of Jefferson County going into vocational careers. Joe Jones was a well-known rancher and all-around 'good guy' who exemplified the characteristics we want to see in Jefferson County.

The original board was made up of David Bitner, Wesley Scoles, Senta Gouda, Carolina Carswell, John Lilly, Junior Tuten, David Hobbs, and Linda Butler. Since, many more have been added to the J.O.Y. board.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

December 12-29
Jefferson Arts 'Self Portraits', a member's exhibit, will run through December. The Gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays for public viewing at 575 West Washington Street in downtown Monticello. For more information about the Arts call 850-997-3311 or go to info@jeffersonarts-gallery.com or www.jeffersonartsgallery.com.

December 12
Monticello Kiwanis Club meets every Wednesday at noon at the Jefferson Country Club on the Boston Highway for lunch, a program and a meeting. For more information, contact President Rocky Gavins at 850-997-2646

December 13
Weight Watchers meetings are held at 6 p.m. every Thursday at the Jefferson County Bailor Public Library. Make a 'Life Change'. For more information contact Paige Phillips at 850-509-2580.

December 13
Upward Sports Basketball and Cheerleading with Evaluations will continue through Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. Practices will begin the week of January 5, 2013, and the first games will be played on Saturday, January 12. More volunteers are needed to be coaches, referees, and outreach team members. So, encourage involvement from anyone who may be interested. If you would like some brochures to hand out to your friends and acquaintances, or if you have any questions or need more information, contact Coordinator Don Self at 850-342-3225, or 850-933-3311, or ebcym@yahoo.com.

December 13
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.

December 13
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. Bring your own sandwich for lunch.

December 13, 27
Alzheimer's Project, Inc. Day Respite Care program is held on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at the First United Methodist Church, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the youth building of the church.

Please Vote For Lucy!



If she wins, the Jefferson County Humane Society (non-profit no-kill) gets five Kuranda beds! You can vote once every 24 hrs. The contest ends at midnight on December 31. Quick and easy to vote at <http://kuranda.com/blog/dog-of-the-month>

Tallahassee Lenders Consortium Helps Save Home

JACOB BEMBRY
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Tallahassee Lenders Consortium (TLC) was able to help a Jefferson County woman keep her home.

TLC had a client (who wishes to remain anonymous) that they had been working with for several months. The lender was not willing to work with the client and filed foreclosure against them.

Tonya McClure, Housing Administrator with TLC, created a letter for the judge and gave it to the woman. The letter advised the judge what TLC had been trying to do, and included the financial report showing what the woman could do.

The woman filed the letter with the



judge within 20 days and ruled in favor of her. The lien holder was required to work with the client.

"Long story short," McClure said. "Even if a foreclosure has been filed, as long as you have not been to court and received a sale date, there is a possibility we can help save your home."

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Workforce

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the various commissions, the NFWDB membership also includes representative of the following: post secondary training; public schools, K-12; economic development; vocational rehabilitation; children and families services; senior community service employment program; disabled persons; organized labor union; and a community based organization.

The agreement requires no funding from the six county members. Instead, the consortium relies on federal, state and other grant funds for the performance of its functions.

Attorney Michael Reichman and realtor broker S.W. Ellis are Jefferson County's private sector representatives on the NFWDB.

The North Florida Workforce defines its mission as being to share its resources with the communities in its region for the purpose of strengthening the workforce and enhancing economic development.

The organization provides an integrated delivery system that helps both jobseekers and employment. In furtherance of its objectives, the organization also works with local economic development councils, educational institutions, businesses and professional organizations.

"Workforce development has always been a major theme driving economic progress," states the organization's website. "The increasing demand for skilled labor, coupled with hard economic times, allows organizations such as Workforce to provide a much needed resource in communities. The programs and strategies we provide develop the region's most valuable resource - human capital."

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fied by the ERC's action."

The FDEP's adoption of these latest nutrient standards come months in advance of the June 30, 2013 deadline for the development of estuary specific numeric nutrient criteria for Panhandle estuaries set by the nutrient water quality standards that were adopted in 2011, the FDEP reports.

The standards, the agency further relates, address the phosphorus, nitrogen and chlorophyll content for individual estuary segments in each of the named estuaries.

"The numeric nutrient standards come nearly seven months before the department's own deadline and 10 months before the EPA's schedule for setting standards," the FDEP reports. "And they come five months after the department's overall numeric standards set last year were upheld by an administrative law judge in their entirety and submitted to the EPA for review."

The EPA reportedly confirmed last year that the FDEP's rules were accurate and would serve to protect and improve Florida's water quality.

"These rules afford local communities and private interests the tools essential to cleaning up and protecting rivers, lakes and estuaries," the FDEP states.

The EPA has long been pushing for the state to implement higher numeric nutrient standards in terms of nitrogen and phosphorus - also known as "nutrients" - that would be allowed in the state's lakes, rivers, streams, springs and canals. The sources of nitrogen and phosphorus pollution are stormwater runoff, treated municipal wastewater, fertil-

izers, and livestock manure.

The EPA holds that nutrient pollution can damage drinking water sources and increase exposure to harmful algal blooms that contain toxic microbes capable of damaging the nervous system and even causing death. Additionally, the agency maintains that some of the byproducts in drinking water from disinfection chemicals have been linked with serious human illnesses such as bladder cancer.

The EPA originally published its proposed regulations, titled "Water Quality Standards for the State of Florida's Lakes and Flowing Waters", on Jan. 26, 2010, following 13 public sessions in six Florida cities and a 90-day public comment period that generated the more than 22,000 comments.

The EPA action stems from a lawsuit filed by five environmental groups against the agency in 2008 charging that it was not enforcing the Clean Water Act in Florida. The groups filed the suit following a report finding that significant percentages of the state's rivers, lakes and estuaries were impaired, largely because of nutrient pollution. The EPA, in fact, had instructed Florida a decade earlier to set limits on nutrient pollution. After eight years of data gathering, however, the state had only a draft proposal to show for its efforts, which proposal the state dropped when the EPA interceded.

The EPA intervention triggered a widespread push-back from Florida businesses, political leaders, cities, counties and a coalition of agriculture and industry groups. Opponents of the proposed EPA standards argued that these water regulations would cost the state's water utilities billions of dollars to upgrade water treatment facilities. They further argued that the proposed regulations could stall the state's economic recovery, push up unemployment and force businesses to pass the upgrade costs onto consumers.

The FDEP's newly adopted measures are part of the state's effort to clean up its house and avoid EPA imposed regulations.

On Nov. 30, the FDEP reported that the EPA had approved the state's numeric nutrient criteria, if with a caveat.

"The FDEP and EPA are working diligently to complete the job statewide, returning the focus to restoration rather than litigation," stated an FDEP statement. "But while the EPA has approved the state's criteria, we are disappointed about the EPA's decision to issue new proposed federal rules. We will work with them to craft solutions that will allow the state to assume all nutrient criteria rulemaking in Florida. Florida knows its waters best and we remain committed on the path to a state-lead solution."

Boyd

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Scenario one posed the possibility that the commission would allow other than county crews to do any of the road work, or as Boyd worded it in his presentation, "Let others do it all for us."

Scenario one, in other words, assumed that neither Road Department crews nor the county's limerock materials would be used in the endeavor, but rather that everything would be done by outside contractors using purchased materials.

Scenario one put the estimated cost of the road preparation work at \$36,000 per mile; the cost of the purchased limerock at \$14,250 per mile, or \$4.75 per ton; the cost of the hauling at \$24,000 per mile, or \$8 per ton; and the paving at \$85,000 per mile.

Bottom line, scenario one would allow for the paving of 18 miles of roads and the stabilization of 44 miles of roads by 2014, Boyd said.

Scenario two, which Boyd titled "Let others do most of it for us," entailed Road Department crew doing the road prep work for about \$15,000 a mile, with the limerock still being purchased from outside sources and an outside contractor doing the hauling and paving.

Under scenario two, Boyd posited that by 2015, the county would pave 22 miles of roads and stabilize 66 miles of roads.

Scenario three, titled "Do all we can for ourselves", involved county crews preparing the roads for an estimated \$15,000 per mile; using limerock from the county's own mine at an estimated \$9,000 per mile, or \$3 per ton; hauling the materials with the county's own trucks at \$13,500 per mile, or \$4.50 per ton; and allowing an outside contractor to pave the road at the standard \$85,000 per mile.

Scenario three, according to Boyd, would allow the paving of 24 miles of roads by 2015 and the additional stabilization and preparation of another 165 miles of roads by 2017.

Scenario four, which Boyd appeared to favor, he titled, "Do all we can for ourselves and cost-share the paving."

Scenario four would have Road Department crews doing the road prep work at \$15,000 per mile, using the county's own limerock at \$9,000 per mile, hauling the material with the county's trucks at \$24,000 per mile, and contracting out the paving, with the county's cost-share of the paving at about \$25,000 per mile.

Under scenario four, Boyd said, the county could pave 70 miles of roads by 2016 and stabilize and prep another 165 miles of roads by 2017.

Boyd had hoped to go longer and deeper into his presentation, but Commission Chairman John Nelson limited the discussion to about 15 minutes, given that the issue was already scheduled for a January workshop. Nelson said he wanted to afford the other commissioners an opportunity to make their own presentations at the workshop on how they might want to see the bond money used to improve the county's roads.

That workshop has been set for 3 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, in the courthouse annex.

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The breakfast buffet will feature everyone's breakfast favorites. The cost per person is \$5 for children ages one to four years; \$8 for children ages five through twelve years; and \$10 for adults.

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CHURCH

Sixth Annual God's Country Huge Success

The sixth annual God's Country Gospel concert was held at Perry's First Church of God on Sunday, December 2 was a resounding success.

Approximately 300 fans of the God's Country Radio Show were in attendance for the 2 ½ - hour concert.

Local musicians, Jennifer Sullivan and Austin Wynn were crowd pleasers with their rendition of "Silent Night" and "God on the Mountain."

Rebekah Aman, of Monticello was captivating, as she sang, "His Eye is on the Sparrow."

The Encore Band, also of Monticello, played an exceptional set of Southern Country Gospel music with their special guests Larry Bullock and Wayne Martin.

Fishbone Fred and Josh Noland provided a very special performance of "Fishing in Heaven" as a tribute to all of those who have lost friends and loved ones.

The highlight of the show was the donation of a guitar to Jacob Wilson from Josh Noland.



Jacob Wilson, left, is all smiles after getting a new guitar from Josh Noland.

As a young boy, Josh was raised by his mother and grandmother. They had very limited resources. When Josh was nine years old, a family friend gifted him a guitar. This simple gift made a huge difference in his life as he developed as a talented musician, director, teacher, and producer.

An offering was collected at the event to help fund this vision of providing a music opportunity to other youth. One of the future recipients will be The Greenville Academy for young boys.

She was preceded in death by her husband Vernon Maloy, one son Harold Maloy, mother Zorah Walker Hightower, father William Lamar Hightower and two grandsons Aron Joseph Brown and Paul Vernon Brown, brother Thomas Lee Hightower and half brother Robert Jackson, Jr. and Stepdad Robert Jackson, Sr.

Obituaries

IDA ELLEN MALOY

Ida Ellen Maloy, age 88, passed away December 8, 2012, in Tallahassee, Florida.

A Funeral service will be held 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 13, 2012 at Wacissa Pentecostal Holiness Church in Wacissa, Florida. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service. Interment will follow the services at Beth Page Cemetery. Flowers and or contributions may be sent to the Wacissa Pentecostal Holiness Church, 152 Tram Road, Monticello, FL 32344, (850-997-4636.)

Mrs. Maloy has lived her whole life in Wacissa, Florida. She enjoyed fishing, hunting, and her flowers and spending time with her children and grandchildren. She was of Pentecostal Faith.

Mrs. Maloy is survived by three daughters, Joan M. Stanley (Bill) of Perry, Joval M. McCants (John) of Peterstown, West Virginia and Tillie M. Brown (Joe) Attapulga Ga.; two sisters Anna Townsend of North Carolina and Frances Andrews of Wacissa, FL. Numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

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QUINTON GREGORY KINSEY

Quinton Gregory Kinsey, age 75 a Service Station Owner and farmer, passed away Sunday, December 9, 2012, in Tallahassee.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at 11:00 am at Beggs Funeral Home Monticello Chapel, 485 E. Dogwood Street, Monticello, FL. 32344 (850-997-5612)

Interment will follow the service at Emory cemetery in Aucilla. The family received friends Tuesday, December 11 from 5-8 pm at Mrs. Lavonne Wynns home.

Mr. Kinsey was a native of Madison County and had lived in Madison and Jefferson counties all of his life. He was self employed.

Mr. Quinton is survived by three brothers Howard Kinsey of Greenville, Wayne and Warren Kinsey of Monticello; one sister Lavonne Wynn of Greenville and many nieces and nephews.

ANNIE PEARL ATWOOD



Annie Pearl Prather Atwood, 81, a native of Gordon, AL., went on to be with her Lord and Savior on Wednesday, November 21, 2012.

A funeral service was held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 1, 2012 at Memorial Missionary Baptist Church in Monticello, FL. Burial was held at Oakfield Cemetery in Monticello. Viewing and visitation with family was held from 3 to 7 p.m. on Friday, November 30, 2012 at Tillman Funeral Home Monticello, 850-997-5553.

Cherishing her precious memories are her daughters Annie Mae Washington, Eunice (Robert) Lindsey, Lillie (Willie) Mobley, Deloris (Jessie) Maxwell, And Arlene (Marvin) Atwood; her sons Robert L. (Eunice) Prather, and Herbert Maxwell; her grandson who was raised as a son Kenneth Prather; 25-grandchildren; 59-great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; her brother Remes (Viola) Prather II; her sister Alice P. Rhynes; and numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.



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Classes for Students

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Pastor Daryl Adams 850-251-0129

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Wednesday
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1st Wednesday
Praise and Worship.....7:30 PM

2nd and 3rd Wednesday
Prayer.....7:00 PM
Bible Class.....7:30 PM

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Sunday Bible Study.....9:45 AM
Morning Worship Service.....11:00 AM
Choir Practice.....5:00 PM
Evening Worship Service.....6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

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Praise & Worship.....6:00 PM
Choir.....7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

Church Family Supper 5:45 PM
Children's Choir (3K-5th Grade) 6:00 PM
The Potter's Wheel (6th-12th Grades).....6:30 PM
Worship on Wednesday.....7:00 PM

MONDAYS

Mighty Monday-Exercise.....6:00 PM

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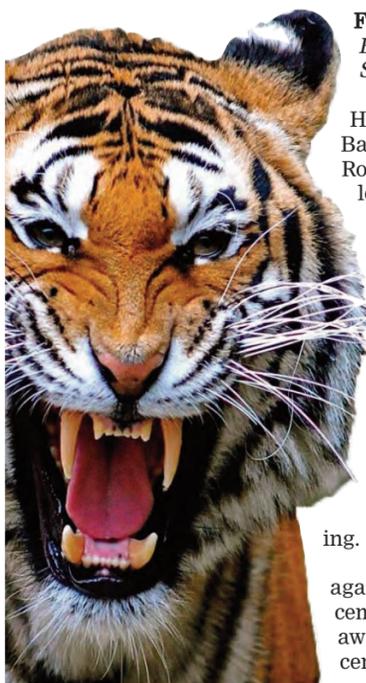
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Spreading The Faith

SPORTS

Schedule Released For Varsity Tigers



FRAN HUNT
ECB Publishing
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Jefferson County Head Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach Ron Graham has released the schedule for this year's team.

The Tigers have already played against Godby on November 29 and Melody on December 11. Those game results, as well as the team roster, will be forthcoming.

Action continues against Mayo on December 13 at 7:30 p.m., away; Perry on December 15 at 7:30

p.m., home; Hamilton on December 17 at 7:30 p.m., away; Branford on December 18 at 7:30 p.m., away; and East Gadsden on December 20 at 7:30 p.m., away.

Going into the New Year, the Tigers face off against Godby on January 4 at 7 p.m., away; Melody on January 8 at 7:30 p.m., home; Branford on January 11 at 7:30 p.m., home; Hamilton on January 15 at 7:30 p.m., home; Mayo on January 17 at 7:30 p.m., home; Madison on January 19 at 7:30 p.m., home; Wakulla on January 22 at 7:30 p.m., home; Lincoln on January 24 at 7 p.m., away; Madison on January 26 at 7:30 p.m., away; North Florida Christian on January 28 at 7:30 p.m., away; Perry on January 29 at 7:30 p.m., away; East Gadsden on January 31 at 7:30 p.m., home; and wrapping up the regular season, North Florida Christian on February 2 at 7 p.m., home.

The first round of District competition is February 5 at 7:30 p.m., away; the second round is February 8 at 7:30 p.m., away; and the finals is February 9 at 7 p.m., away.

TIGER BASKETBALL

Lady Tigers Take Three Of Four

FRAN HUNT
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Staff Writer

The Jefferson County Lady Tigers took victories in three of the past four games to now stand 6-4 on the season.

Jefferson hit the hardwood against Chiles on November 29 and the Lady Tigers were defeated for a 59-34 loss.

Samiria Martin targeted for 18 points and had six rebounds.

Jakiea Morris netted 13 points with 10 rebounds for a double-double.

Yakira Steen had two rebounds. Shan Scott had seven rebounds and one steal.

Audrianna Noel had four points, five rebounds, one assist and one steal.

Brianna Graham had one point, one assist and three steals.

Estela Vasquez had two rebounds.

Jefferson squared off against Taylor County on December 3 and the Lady Tigers mauled their opponent for a 41-26 victory.

Martin targeted for 16 points, with four rebounds, one assist and two steals. Ambrosia Branham had two rebounds and one assist.

Morris scored six points with seven rebounds, two steals and three blocked shots.

Steen had eight rebounds. Scott scored five points and snagged 13 rebounds and two steals.

Noel had eight points and five rebounds.

Graham had four points, one rebound, one assist and five steals.

Jefferson squared off again against Chiles on December 5 and the Lady Tigers took a 34-23 victory.

Martin targeted for 18 points, with four rebounds, eight steals and three as-

sists. Morris netted for 12 points, had 11 rebounds for a double-double, with five steals and two blocked shots.

Scott had one rebound, two steals and two assists.

Graham bucketed for eight points, had two rebounds, three assists and one steal.

Noel scored two points, with two rebounds, two assists and one steal.

Steen had one point and one rebound.

Branham had four rebounds.

Jefferson faced off against West Gadsden on December 6 and the Lady Tigers bounced their opponent for a 48-35 win.

Martin targeted for a whopping 29 points, with four rebounds and three steals.

Branham had one rebound and two blocked shots.

Morris netted for nine points, with six rebounds, two assists, four steals and two blocked shots.

Steen had two points and four rebounds.

Scott had two points, with nine rebounds, two assists and three steals.

Noel scored four points, with one rebound, two assists and two steals.

Graham had two points, four rebounds, four assists and two steals.

The Lady Tigers have since played against Melody, in a district game, December 11. The results of that game will be forthcoming.

Action continues against Mayo, in a district game, December 13 at 6 p.m., away; Hamilton County, in a district game, December 17 at 6 p.m., away; and Branford, in a district game, December 18 at 6 p.m., away.

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Schedule Released For JV Tigers

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The schedule has been released for the Jefferson County junior varsity basketball team.

The JV Tigers have already played against Godby on November 29 and Melody on December 11. Those game results, as well as the team roster, will be forthcoming.

Action continues against Mayo on December

13 at 6 p.m., away; Perry on December 15 at 6 p.m., home; Hamilton on December 17 at 6 p.m., away; Branford on December 18 at 6 p.m., away; and East Gadsden on December 20 at 6 p.m., away.

Going into the New Year, the JV Tigers face off against Godby on January 4 at 6 p.m., away; Branford on January 11 at 6 p.m., home; Hamilton on January 15 at 6 p.m., home; Mayo on January 17 at 6

p.m., home; Madison on January 19 at 6 p.m., home; Wakulla on January 22 at 6 p.m., home; Lincoln on January 24 at 6 p.m., away; Madison on January 26 at 6 p.m., away; North Florida Christian on January 28 at 6 p.m., away; Perry on January 29 at 6 p.m., away; East Gadsden on January 31 at 6 p.m., home; and wrapping up the season, North Florida Christian on February 2 at 6 p.m., home.

Youth Soccer Registration December 15



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The Jefferson County Recreation Department will be taking registrations for the youth soccer program, December 15 from noon until 2 p.m. at the Recreation Park.

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Warriors Defeat Highland Christian

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The Aucilla Christian Academy varsity warriors hit the hardwood and faced off against Highland Christian on December 6 and Aucilla bounced their opponent for a 46-37 victory to now stand 5-2 on the season.

The Warriors outscored Highland 16-8 in the first quarter. Highland outscored Aucilla 9-4 in the second quarter. The Warriors came back to take the third quarter, 13-6. The Warriors were skimming 14-13 in the fourth quarter.

As a team, the Warriors bucketed 17 of 40 attempts from the field, netted four of 21 attempts from the three-point zone and missed four attempts from the free-throw line for 46 points. They had eight assists, 18 offensive and 26 defensive rebounds for a total of 44 rebounds, with nine block/steals and 15 turnovers.

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

Jared Jackson targeted four of six attempts from the field and missed two attempts from the free-throw line for eight points. He had eight offensive and seven defensive rebounds for a total of 15 rebounds, with one block/steal and one turnover.

Brandon Holm netted two of four attempts from the field and missed one attempt from the three-point zone for four points. He had one assist, three offensive

and four defensive rebounds for a total of seven rebounds, with one block/steal and two turnovers.

Ricky Finlayson hit one of three attempts from the field and missed two attempts from the three-point zone for two points. He had two offensive and one defensive rebound for a total of three rebounds, with two block/steals and three turnovers.

Hans Sorensen targeted five of 11 attempts from the field, hit one of three attempts from the three-point zone and missed one attempt from the free-throw line for 13 points. He had two offensive and four defensive rebounds for a total of six rebounds, with one block/steal and four turnovers.

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

Casey Demott netted one of three attempts from the field and missed one attempt from the three-point zone for two points. He had one assist, one offensive and two defensive rebounds for a total of three rebounds, with one block/steal and two turnovers.

The Warriors have since played against Maclay, December 10 and FAMU, December 11. Those results will be forthcoming.

Action continues against Munroe, December 14 at 7:30 p.m., home; and Escambia Charter, December 20 at 7:30 p.m., at Woodham Middle School.

JV Warriors Split Two



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The Aucilla Christian Academy junior varsity Warriors basketball team split the past two games to now stand 2-2 on the season.

The JV Warriors hit the hardwood against Brookwood on December 3 and the Warriors were tossed for a 30-17 loss.

Carson Nennstiel netted for three points.

Wes Smyrniotis targeted for 10 points.

Gatlin Nennstiel scored two points.

Cole Schwab also scored two points.

In the game against John Paul II on December 4, the JV Warriors bounced John Paul for a 35-20 victory.

Eric Hutsell scored two points.

Nennstiel netted for six points.

Smyrniotis targeted for 15 points.

DJ Wilkinson netted for four points.

Dorian Alberti had two points.

Sam Hogg scored four points.

Tyler Zimmerly bucketed for two points.

The JV Warriors have since played against Maclay, December 10 and FAMU December 11. Those results will be forthcoming.

Action continues against Munroe, December 14 at 5 p.m., home; Brookwood, January 8 at 4:30 p.m., home; Tallavana, January 10 at 4 p.m., away; Tallavana, January 14 at 4

p.m., home; John Paul II, January 17 at 4:30 p.m., home; Munroe, January 18 at 5 p.m., away; Community Christian, January 24 at 3:30 p.m., home; Liberty County, January 25 at 4:30 p.m., home; Mayo, January 29 at 5 p.m., away; Liberty County, January 31 at 5 p.m., away; and wrapping up the season, Mayo, February 1 at 5 p.m., home.

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Financial Focus...

HELP OLDER PARENTS AVOID FINANCIAL "SCAMS"

Provided by Robert J. Davison

Here's a disturbing statistic: One out of every five Americans over the age of 65 has been victimized by a financial scheme, according to the Investor Protection Trust, a nonprofit organization devoted to investor education. If your parents are in this age group, should you be concerned? And can you help them avoid being "scammed" so that they maintain control over their finances?

The answer to the first question is "yes" — you should be concerned. Of course, as the numbers above show, most aging Americans are not being swindled, which suggests they can take care of themselves quite well. Still, it's no secret that many fraud schemes target seniors because of their concentrated wealth and in many cases, trusting nature. And as much as you'd like to think otherwise, your parents could be susceptible to rip-off artists.

Fortunately, in regard to the second question above, you can indeed take steps to help prevent your parents from being fleeced. Here are a few suggestions:

Observe their behavior. If you live close to your parents, listen closely to any new friends, investment deals or sweepstakes they mention during your normal interactions. If you're in a different city, try to stay abreast of your parents' behavior by communicating with them frequently and by checking in with other family members or friends who have occasion to see your parents.

Urge them to watch out for suspicious e-mails. You've probably seen them — the e-mails offering to "reward" you with huge amounts of money if you will only contact such-and-such from a distant country and then put up a "small" sum to initiate some ill-defined transaction. You probably "spam" these without a moment's thought — and you should urge your parents to do the same. Remind them that any offer that sounds "too good to be true" is, without question, neither "good" nor "true."

Encourage them to further their financial education. Law enforcement agencies, health care professionals and reputable financial services providers all offer personal financial management programs designed specifically for seniors. Look for these types of programs in your area, encourage your parents to attend — and even consider going with them.

Become familiar with their financial situation. Having a serious discussion with your parents about their finances may not be easy — but it's important. The more you know about their investments, retirement accounts and estate plans, the better prepared you'll be to respond helpfully if they mention an action they're considering taking that, to you, just doesn't sound appropriate.

Suggest professional help. If your parents are already working with a qualified financial professional, they're probably less likely to be victimized by fraud than if they were managing their finances on their own. And it's a good idea for you to know their financial advisor, and for him or her to know you, as you may well be involved in your parents' legacy planning. But if your parents don't already have a financial advisor, you may want to recommend one to them, particularly if it's someone you already know and trust.

It's entirely possible that your parents won't need any assistance in avoiding financial scams. But, just in case, be prepared to act on the above suggestions. Your intervention could help preserve your parent's financial independence.

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CORRECTION

The 'Altrusa Supports Our Soldiers' article in the Friday, December 7, 2012 Jefferson County Journal misidentified Air Force Sergeant **ROBERT (ROB) SPARKS**.

The Altrusa of Monticello 'Supports Our Soldiers' (SOS) project got off the ground when the members joined together to package items being sent to Afghanistan to local Jefferson County Air Force Tech Sergeant Rob Sparks and his platoon. The goal of Project SOS is for every Altrusa club in District Three to 'adopt' a military service person serving abroad. SOS is more than just a project... it's a commitment to continuing Altrusa's service by supporting America's heroes. All are asked to send cards, letters, magazines, and small packages to service members on a regular basis.

CHURCH NEWS NOTES

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December 13
First Baptist Church Monticello will host a Community Christmas Dinner from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, in the family ministry center. All are invited to attend. There is no charge for this special holiday meal. Just come enjoy the fellowship of neighbors, friends, and family.

December 14
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.

December 15
StoryTime Ministry is held from 1 to 2 p.m. every other Saturday at the Jefferson County Bialar Public Library. For more information contact First United Methodist Church Ministry Chairman Barbara Hobbs at 850-523-1813.

December 16
Central Baptist Church will host a touching musical story of hope and community, and how we can all rediscover the Prince of Peace at Christmastime no matter what our circumstances, on Sunday at 6 p.m. 'I'll Be Home For Christmas' will be presented by the Central Baptist Church Adult Choir under the direction of Tonya Roberts. People of all ages will enjoy the jazzy sounds of the Big Band era. Come share the joys and trials of a Christian family trying to make sense of the Christmas season when worldwide war appears 'just around the corner.' Refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall after the musical program.

December 19
First Presbyterian Church will host EaglesWings, a ministry of outreach, serving the community on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. 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.firstpresbyteriamonticello.org.

December 19-21
Second Annual Winter Revival 7 p.m. nightly at the First Corinthian Church

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December 21, 22
Second Harvest Food Program, together with the churches of New Bethel AME, Elizabeth MB, Hickory Hill MB, Mt. Pleasant AME and Philadelphia MB, will provide food to anyone needing assistance including the needy, infants and the elderly. This is done monthly with distribution from 9 to 10 a.m. usually on the fourth Saturday at the New Bethel AME Church located at 6496 Ashville Highway. Volunteers are also welcome to come on Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. to help bag the food packages. Contact Nellie Randell at 850-997-5605 or 850-997-6929 to volunteer or for more information about this program.

December 28
Nazarene Church Skate Night 6 to 8 p.m. on the last Friday evening of every month.

January 3
Business Community Prayer Breakfast will begin at 7 a.m. on the first Thursday for a program and a meal. Serving begins at 6:45 a.m. If you have names for the prayer list, email them to Coordinator L. Gary Wright at lgwright39@embarqmail.com or call 850-997-5705 or 850-933-5567 for more information. This fellowship and promotion of Christian values is a non-denominational group, and it continues because of your participation. Come and bring a friend. Bring a non-perishable food item for the community food pantry.

January 5
Nazarene Church Clothing Giveaway 9 to 11 a.m. on the first Saturday of every month.

January 8
Sons of Allen of the Union Bethel Circuit meets monthly on the second Tuesday at 7 p.m., rotating between the Elizabeth and Union Bethel AME churches; encouraging young men and older males to come be part of the meetings. If you have any questions, contact President Leman Ulee at 850-274-6268.

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Iesha S. Jackson

The President, Board of Trustees, Faculty and Staff of Florida A&M University announce the graduation of Iesha S. Jackson with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Finance minor.

Jackson will graduate Summa Cum Laude with the highest honors at the Florida A&M University Commencement on Friday evening, December 14, 2012 at 6 p.m. The Commencement will take place at FAMU's Al Lawson Multipurpose Center located at 1800 Wahnish Way in Tallahassee. Doors will open to the public at 5 p.m.

Jackson and her family invite everyone in her hometown of Monticello to attend and join her in celebrating this joyous occasion.

Upon graduation, Jackson will start her corporate career as a Financial Analyst for Wells Fargo & Company in Nashville, TN.

Jackson graduated from Jefferson County High School in 2009 as the class valedictorian. She is the 21-year old daughter of Lakayshia and Tony Jackson of Monticello.

Remembering "The Good Ol' Days"

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Many times the older people in different communities throughout the country will reminisce about the days gone by and what life was like back in the "good ol' days. County native, Gerald Bailey, 61, recently reminisced about his earlier days of living in Jefferson County.

"It wasn't anything like it is today. When I was young a first class stamp was three cents and the cost of a postcard was a penny. Coke in a bottle was five cents. We had a four-party rotary phone line. We got one channel on a black and white TV. We had AM radio in the car. Gas was 25 cents a gallon. We had two grades in the same classroom in school. School lunches were 25 cents. We listened to vinyl records, and the newspaper cost 10 cents a copy," he recalled.

"I was born in 1951 and raised in the Lamont community. My mom and dad, Tom and Betty Bailey, did not have a car or home when they married, so the first three years of my life I lived with my mom and dad in my grandparents (on my mom's side) home in Lamont. My Granddad built the house in 1948. My wife Pat and I live in the house today.

"My Granddad worked with the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, which ran through Lamont at that time. The depot was a busy place for farmers loading wood and produce and passengers awaiting the passenger train that would take them north or south," said Bailey.

"I remember having good role models growing up. Living with parents and grandparents was like having two sets of parents, except with my grandparents, I could do nothing wrong," he quipped.

"Lamont was a vibrant little town during the 50's. There were several grocery stores, two truck stops, three or four restaurants, numerous gas stations, a garage with wrecker service, an ice house and a fish house," Bailey recalled.

"Lamont had some of the finest people in the world. My first day of school was a nightmare. They had to drag me on the bus, which was driven by Mr. Jennings Cooksey, and I screamed because I was a homeboy and did not want to go to school. Mrs. Boland was my kindergarten teacher and she was wonderful in getting me acclimated to school.

"My first and second grades were in Aucilla public school, now Aucilla

Christian Academy. Mrs. Amanda Reams, Kirk Reams' grandmother, was my first and second grade teacher. I credit her with getting me off to a good start in school. She ruled the roost, meaning she kept good control of us kids. Mrs. Reams also taught my mother at the Lamont public school when it still was located in Lamont," he said. "After eight grades at Aucilla, we transferred to Jefferson High School. This was a rough transition for me, being a country boy from Lamont. It seemed like going to Jefferson was like going to college, but I adjusted quickly.

"My parents and grandparents ran a farm and a business. The farm was a one hundred acre cotton farm. My great grandparents moved here from Alabama and bought the hill one mile from Lamont called Barber Hill. The red clay reminded my great grandfather of Alabama. Growing cotton was a labor-intensive job and we had to rely on the local folks for labor. I helped pick cotton, but I didn't have to. I remember helping my dad weigh the cotton at the end of each day and bringing water to the folks out working in the field. I remember driving a tractor at age seven, and going to the cotton gin in Madison during the cotton-picking season. If the gin was backed up with producers, my granddad would drop us off at the theatre to pass the time until we could get the cotton ginned," Bailey recalled.

"We had two pigs and they had piglets. We raised and sold them for a good 4-H project. We always had a dog, but never had a horse. We always had a garden and raised corn, peas, squash, cucumbers for pickles, and butter beans. It would fill the freezer and last the whole year. My mom canned pickles, peaches, and made jellies.

"After processing the corn, we always had a lot of corn cobs, and we would make corn cob pipes as kids. My dad's mom and dad had a tobacco farm and we would go there, get the loose tobacco and smoke our corn cob pipes," he said.

"My uncle made cane syrup while cane grinding, which was always a big social event. The mule would be turning the mill and grinding the cane, we would cook it down and when it turned to syrup, we bottled it. When we went to my uncle's we always brought back some cane syrup," he recalled.

"My dad would take me hunting for squirrels, ducks, rabbits, quail, dove, deer and wild hogs. We



Gerald Bailey

would eat what we got. When it came to the hogs, after being butchered, we would boil the fat down into lard for cooking. My dad always said, 'We use everything but the squeal.'

"My parents' other business was a cafe' grill located in Lamont on US-19. US-19 was a very busy highway in the fifties. It was the major north-south route through Florida. When the highway was a four-lane roadway, my parents had to move the grill back so the highway could come through. When the grill was remodeled it became the Star Restaurant, and remained that way until 1975 when a tractor-trailer truck ran through it on a rainy Sunday night," he added.

"I learned to pump gas at four years old. These early years of helping my parents and grandparents taught me the work ethic that helped me find work that lasted thirty eight years," said Bailey.

"My granddad would load a bunch of us boys around Lamont on Saturdays and take us to Monticello for a hair cut at Coon Anderson's Barber Shop. Haircuts were ninety cents and we had a dime to run over to the candy store or dime store for ten cents worth of something," he recalled.

"We had church in Lamont every Sunday. The Baptist Church met on the second and fourth Sunday and the Methodist Church met on first and third Sunday. We went to both churches, so I guess we were half Methodist and half Baptist. It didn't matter because our Sunday school teacher was also our public school teacher," Bailey added.

"After church, we would go to my Dad's mom and dad's house, my other grandparents, Lem and Beulah Bailey, who lived in Sirmons or Ebb in Madison County. My dad was one of ten children, so I always had a cousin to play with or help with chores when we went to my other grandparent's home. I had 26 cousins.

My other grandparents lived on a farm and we would play in the barns

or haylofts. A mule named Kate was also fun to ride, if you didn't get thrown off," he said.

"They had an old fashioned outhouse that was a two-seater, and we used the Sears and Roebuck catalogue for toilet paper. We would cut wood for my grandparents' pot-bellied stove. It kept the middle bedroom warm when we visited," Bailey added.

"My Granddad and Grandma Bailey died on the same day in 1964. It was the greatest tragedy in my life. They both had bad hearts and Grandma went first. My aunt was taking care of her in the bedroom and when my Granddad walked in, she told him, 'I think she's gone.' My Granddad went and laid down on the couch and my aunt heard him say, 'Lord, if you're going to take her, take me too.' Ten minutes later, he was dead.

"When I was young, there were no time-outs or go stand in the corner. My folks believed in 'spare the rod and spoil the child.' I remember cutting my own switches. My dad would say, 'I'm going to walk your log,' meaning he was about to tear your britches up. Compared to other kids, I was a good kid. I really tried to be a good kid. I always wanted my schoolteacher to like me.

"We were middle class, hard working folks. We never felt poor. My dad grew up during the Depression, and he knew what poor was. We were rich in love. We always had plenty of love. There was also respect for our elders. I have so much respect for my dad, to this day, I wouldn't light a cigarette or drink a beer in front of him," said Bailey.

"After high school I went to college in Madison at NFJC and got my AA and began studies at the University of Florida in Gainesville. I think this was my real break from home, and I credit it for helping me to learn to live on my own. I began working for the Postal Service in Tallahassee and worked my way up the ladder to get my first Postmaster job and retired after 38 years at the Lamont Post Office," he added.

Bailey concluded with this invitation, "My wife, Pat and I live in Lamont at 52 Depot Street, and welcome anyone coming by and talking about the good old days."

It's no wonder why people like to sit and remember the "Good Ol' Days!"

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