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Four Armed Robbery Suspects Quickly Apprehended

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Through the efforts of four departments of law enforcement officers, four suspects in an armed robbery case were very quickly apprehended, and cooling their heels in the County Jail in 27 minutes time.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office (JCSO) reported that on Thursday, March 21, at 11:10 p.m., JCSO received several 911 calls in reference to an armed robbery in progress at the McDonald's, located at south US-19 and I-10.

Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) Trooper Mike Fillyaw was across the street from McDonald's at the time of the robbery, and was told by a citizen that the robbery was in progress.

Trooper Fillyaw observed three masked black males run from the north entrance of the McDonald's, get into a green SUV waiting on Ebenezer Road, and flee south on Ebenezer Road.

The trooper, as well as JCSO units, pursued the vehicle into the city of Monticello, where Monticello Police Department Please See **ROBBERY** Page 3



ECB Publishing photos by Fran Hunt, March 25, 2013

This is Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Deputy Logan Wilcox's vehicle after he was hit head-on by four fleeing armed robbery suspects.



This is the vehicle that was stolen in Tallahassee and used to rob the McDonald's in Jefferson County.

SCAM! Alert!

BEWARE OF GRANDPARENT SCAM

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office requests all grandparents to be aware of the continual scam reported to them, called "the Grandparent Scam."

It was reported that a local couple received a phone call from a young person only identifying himself as a "favorite grandson." When the grandparent called the name of one of her grandsons, the caller answered, "Yes, it's me" and explained he was in jail and didn't want his parents to find out. The caller asked that the grandparent please help him by wiring a large amount of money to a bail bondsman in Panama.

The caller was so convincing that the grandparent went to Wal-Mart and tried to wire the money. Fortunately, the transaction did not go through and the grandparent was able to keep her money. After contacting her children, she found out her grandson was at home and was not in trouble in Panama.

Anyone would want to drop whatever they were doing to help a grandchild, but before making this happen, please verify and don't be a victim.

Scam Safety Tips.

- 1) Listen to the caller and take notes, including the person's Caller I.D.
- 2) Don't give the caller any of your personal information.
- 3) Verify your family member's location by using a valid phone number or speaking with other relatives.
- 4) Contact the U.S. Embassy in the country involved and ask for assistance or verification of an arrest.
- 5) Report the scam to your local police/sheriff's office or FBI

Scammers have become more sophisticated in researching their targets, likely using social networking sites such as Facebook to learn about family members who are abroad. Other times, the scammers just cold-call their targets and hope for an easy victim.

The caller posing as the family member also will plead with the grandparent to not contact other relatives for fear of getting into trouble or worrying them, a tactic that helps isolate the victims into giving money.

Many of the scammers often make it sound as if the money needs to be sent urgently, but don't fall for it. If someone actually is arrested or in the hospital, then there should be no such rush.

Unfortunately, once the money is gone, it's gone for good. Victims rarely get their money back.

The scam works because it pulls on the heart-strings of grandparents. Stay alert and don't be a victim.

If you receive one of these telephone calls please report the scam to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department at 997-2523

TV GUIDE SCAM

Recently, there have been several attempts to scam Jefferson County residents by a third party claiming to be selling *TV Guide*.

TV Guide will NOT call any home via telephone. Please do not respond to the caller with any information.

Service At Three Post Offices Reduced To Four Hours Daily

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The U.S. Postal Service (USPS) has determined to reduce the service hours at the Lloyd, Lamont and Wacissa post offices, effective Saturday, April 20.

The decision — which Stephen Seewoester, communications specialist with the USPS in Dallas, TX, conveyed to the *News* via email last week — has the three facilities each opening a total of 20-hours weekly, with the exception of the Lloyd post office, which will also open on Saturdays.

The exact hours for the three post offices are: Lloyd, 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays; Lamont, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday; and Wacissa, noon to 4

p.m. Monday through Friday.

In each case, the standard "Result Notice" from Post Plan Coordinator Alice Ryle indicates that the decision was a consequence of the Post Plan review process and was based on customer survey responses, input from community meetings, and the operational needs of the Postal Service.

The decision probably doesn't come as much of a surprise to affected residents of the three post offices, who heard about the results of the community surveys and got to give input on the proposed reduced hours at public hearings held at each of the three post offices on March 12.

Keith Purlie, of the North Florida district, Please See **POST OFFICES** Page 3

Two Women Injured In Rollover

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Two women were injured over the weekend in a single-vehicle rollover on the Interstate.

Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) reported that on March 24 at 7:14 p.m., Alexis Taylor, 21, of Lake Mary, Fl, was driving a 2008 Toyota Corolla, traveling east-bound on I-10, at the 218-mile marker.

In the vehicle, as a passenger, was Shaique Walker, 20, of San Jose, CA.

For unknown reasons, Taylor's vehicle entered the grassy median. She then overcorrected the steering, entering back on the Interstate.

The vehicle crossed

the Interstate and traveled onto the south shoulder of the roadway.

The vehicle then overturned and came to a rest on the driver's side, in the south wood line, facing north.

Taylor and Walker were transported to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital for treatment of minor injuries.

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

Taylor and Walker were wearing their seatbelts.

The vehicle sustained \$10,000 damage.

Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Jefferson County EMS, and Jefferson County Fire Rescue assisted FHP Trooper Nathaniel Cabe on the scene.



City Passes Muster On Its Latest Audit

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The City of Monticello recently received another passing grade on its latest audit, performed by the Tallahassee accounting firm of Brooks, Harrison & Cayer LLC.

Chris Cayer, one of the firm's partners, presented the audit's findings to the council in summary form at the latter's regular meeting on Tuesday evening, March 5.

Overall, Cayer noted, the city's situation was pretty much identical to the previous year. He said that although the city had experienced losses, mostly in the depreciation of equipment, increased revenues in other areas had

more or less made up for the losses.

Tellingly, he said, the state and federal grants that the city typically received were down, but then also were the city's expenditures, which again balanced out.

Cayer said the absence of state and federal funding in the budget in fact provided a stripped-down picture of the city's finances, which in actuality gave a truer and more accurate representation of the financial situation.

He ultimately pronounced the city's finances to be in good shape.

"Things are looking good," Cayer said.

The council approved the audit without much discussion.

Jefferson County Sets FHP Crash Record

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Jefferson County apparently set a Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) crash record on the weekend of March 16th, which kept law enforcement hopping for several hours.

FHP Lt. David Folsom, who is over Jefferson, Madison, and Taylor counties, reported that within a span of six miles on I-10, and within a four-hour period, there were approximately 24 crashes worked by FHP troopers.

"I have worked all over the state, and in my

20 years with FHP, I had never heard of so many crashes at one time," said Lt. Folsom.

The crashes occurred between mile-markers 217 and 223 on I-10, between the hours of 5:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

It was raining but not too heavily. Folsom said that the crashes were probably mainly due to people not slowing down on the wet pavement, hydroplaning, and rubbernecking.

There were no major injuries or damages to vehicles.

There were only minor roadblocks, with no major traffic delays.

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Local Weather

Wed 3/27 64/36
Mainly sunny. High 64F. Winds NNW at 5 to 10 mph.

Thu 3/28 70/42
Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 40s.

Fri 3/29 73/46
Plenty of sun. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 40s.

AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

Letters To The Editor



Letters to the Editor are typed word for word, comma for comma, as sent to this newspaper. All submitted Letters must be 600 words or less.

Is This Right?

It has come to my attention that a spouse of one of our county commissioners current employer is a very influential "family" in Jefferson County. This means to me that any issue this family or their corporation chooses to have the BOCC vote on, this particular commissioner will vote in the spouse's employer's favor, regardless if it's bad for the community. Now I can understand, from an economic standpoint, why the commissioner would not want to jeopardize his spouse's employment, but is it right? Isn't that a breach of the ethics of the office? Mr. Commissioner, it's ok to say no and to do the right thing. It's not unheard of to recuse yourself when an issue comes up in which you have a conflict - federal, state and county judges do all the time. You can too. From someone relatively new to Jefferson County, this behavior gives anyone from the outside the impression that whenever an issue arises that requires county approval, that someone on the Jefferson County Commission is usually family or business related to the person and/or corporation that has

brought the issue up in front of the BOCC. And that commissioner will vote the way the person/corporation wants them to, usually not for the good of Jefferson County, but for personal/corporate gain. I truly wish everyone would remember the morals and ethics they were taught - that it's ok to say no and do the right thing. Mr. Commissioner show the people of Jefferson County that you cannot be influenced by your wife's employer and recuse yourself from the issue(s) that involve them personally or professionally. Show Jefferson County that you took the oath of office of the Jefferson County BOCC seriously and that the ethics of the office mean something to you. Show Jefferson County that you want to help improve the county and you're not in your position for personal or professional gain on the backs of the Jefferson County residents. And finally, show the people of Jefferson County they can believe in you.

Nance Nadeau

Considerations In Garbage Disposal

The following is a treatise on solid waste collection in Jefferson County and City of Monticello. Currently the \$175 assessment is collected from 6,022 residences. The assessment collects 1,156 residences from the City and 4,866 residences from the County. The City's assessment is for garbage disposal only. The county's assessment is for garbage service which includes disposal.

The industry standard for the amount of residential disposal is one ton annually. One ton at Aucilla landfill is \$43. The assessment is over the industry standard for disposal for the city. Currently, this is \$175 - \$43 = \$132. \$132 times 1,156 residences = \$152,592. The assessment was higher in the past. And it has been in force since 1990 or 22 years.

The center piece of the County's solid waste system is evolving convenience centers. They

are expensive, even requiring labor to sit at half of them. Many have compactors that are expensive to purchase and maintain. These convenience centers have multiple special waste centers for white goods, tires, paper, glass, cans, yard waste, and even C&D (construction and demolition, usually a cost born by the contractor). But as expensive as this system is, it is curb side service which most citizens prefer. Citizens prefer to be able to once a week, roll their garbage can and recycle container to the curb to be picked up the next day.

Those assessed in the City still have the expense of service. They pay, on top of assessment, \$13.50 per month for curbside. The assessment costs them \$14.58 per month and the service costs them \$13.50 per month: a total of \$28.08 per month. This is the highest fee I know of in Florida or Georgia where

I work.

The residences in the County pay \$14.58 per month for the right to put their garbage in their car and drive it to a convenience center. However, there are citizens in the County who pay the City garbage for curbside. They pay the City \$15.78 per month for curbside service. So these residences are paying \$14.58 assessment and \$15.78 per month or \$30.36 per month. If you are elderly, or handicap, or just plain tired of hauling your garbage to a convenience center, this is a large fee to have to pay. As a note: Waste Pro traditionally helps those with a medical issue who cannot bring their dumpster to curbside with a "backdoor" service" where we will take their garbage to the curbside and the put it back for them.

I want to clarify my declaration at the County Commission workshop to hire displace county workers. We would do so only if it were clearly stated in the RFP. In other words, you would have to list the worker, his position and request what the job and compensation would be. This would make it a requirement for each bidder. But I see no reason why this couldn't be done.

Over time, the labor will work itself out. Jefferson County uses 20 workers to service 6,022 residences and the surrounding commercial interests. Waste Pro uses 86 workers to service 90,000 residences in Leon, Gadsden, Wakulla, Liberty, Franklin and Taylor counties and the surrounding commercial interests. We have new equipment, a relatively new main facility in Mid-

way and large resources to draw upon for finances and equipment. We have smaller depots in Wakulla, Franklin and Taylor counties.

Please consider an RFP:

- Where you require curbside residential service
- From a company that provides new rear load and front load trucks, new dumpsters & containers
- From a company that provides work for displaced county / city workers
- Where you require commercial service
- Where the County or City or both gain a franchise fee or maintenance markup without having to have any other garbage infrastructure expenses other than yard waste, recycle centers, etc.

This is not privatization or outsourcing. This is an efficient method of solid waste collection. You are still in control. A contract protects all interests. The concerns of solid waste for the City and County change from requiring maintenance, capital infusion, and liability uncertainties, to clear and simple oversight. You will appreciate good garbage collection because your phone doesn't ring. And residences are pleased to have curbside service at a fair price. Government is free to pursue other ventures, put capital into other areas, and devote time to other priorities. You are not going where no one has gone before. You are not a pioneer. Garbage collection is something that is easily done by competent, professional alternatives than what you have now.

I hope you will consider this. Regards,

Joel Thornton
Municipal Manager

Girls Revival Fitness

Girls Revival Fitness is fun fitness for all levels. If you are looking to add some pep in your step, get a good workout, fellowship with other women, and praise the Lord all at the same time... then Girls Revival Fitness might just be for you.

Classes will begin on Monday, April 1 at the American Legion Hall, located at 1065 South Water Street.

Golden Girls Revival is from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays. This class is designed for those ladies who might be new to exercise, older, and/or not active, those with joint issues, or for those who just prefer a slower pace. Fun and energetic praise music combined with low impact Latin-fused dance moves, such as the Cha-cha, Salsa, and Meringue, will keep you moving without twisting and turning those knee and ankle joints that just don't work like they used to. This class will not only give

you a fun cardiovascular workout, but will work on balance as well. It's guaranteed to be just right.

Girls Revival With Core is from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays. This class is designed for the average healthy female. Uniquely choreographed to lively Christian praise music, this low impact high intensity workout targets your core, hips, thighs, abs, and buttocks, through invigorating Latin-fused dance moves such as the Cha-cha, Salsa, and Meringue. It also includes a Pilates segment to continue with core strengthening and lengthening. You will be having so much fun, you will never know you are sculpting your body and burning through the calories.

For additional information, to register, or to request additional classes, contact Doris DeMauro Bishop at 850-591-0085 or Doris@GirlsRevival.com.

Pasture Walk March 30

JED DILLARD
Livestock/Natural Resources Agent
Jefferson County Extension Service

If you are a 'Pasture Person' and would like to know more about identifying and managing pasture plants, join livestock and forage agent Jed Dillard for a pasture walk at the new Jefferson County Extension Office at 2729 West Washington Street from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, March 30. Participants will meet at the horse arena.

March and April are peak times for legume growth in North Florida, and this site has a wide variety of clovers and

other species that have thrived with little care over the last few years. These cool season plants aren't just valuable for livestock; they have outstanding value for wildlife and bees as well.

The site also has a variety of invasive plants and common weeds to identify and discuss. If you have plants you'd like identified, bring them with you. Join for a leisurely trip 'Around the Grounds', and for lively conversation about North Florida pasture plants.

For more information, contact Jed Dillard at 850-342-0187 or dillardjed@ufl.edu.

STINGERS

The Latest in The Saga: "Captain Chipseal Uses Neighborhood to Try to Get His Way" -- shame on Captain Chipseal!

Play your loud music in Christmas Acres. I hope you like horns at 4:30 am. A train is ah coming!

If we ALL had an employee's spouse, being an advocate for, and voting on transactions and possible conflicts with Jefferson County, would this be fair and balanced representation for the issues of Jefferson County???? I think not!!!!!!

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AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

Robbery

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(MPD) officers also joined in the pursuit, and several patrol units attempted to stop the fleeing vehicle.

JCSO Deputy Logan Wilcox was on Martin Luther King Street, headed south in an unmarked patrol unit, when he encountered the fleeing SUV heading north on Martin Luther King Street.

The SUV was swerving into both lanes of travel, so Deputy Wilcox stopped his vehicle to avoid a collision with the fleeing SUV.

The vehicle swerved as it approached Deputy Wilcox's patrol unit, hitting the deputy's patrol vehicle head-on. The four black male occupants of the vehicle exited and fled on foot. Deputy Wilcox apprehended one of them. Three of the suspects were immediately apprehended. The remaining suspect was later apprehended after being tracked with the assistance of the Leon County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit.

The four suspects were identified as Freddie Bagley, 25, of Tallahassee; Nathaniel Clark, 17, of Tallahassee; Devonte Cook, 16, of Tallahassee; and Franklin Mitchell, 17, of Tallahassee.

FHP reported that no injuries occurred as a result of the pursuit or the crash. JCSO Sheriff David Hobbs added, however, both vehicles will probably be totaled. The suspect SUV was later reported stolen out of Leon County.

After the robbery, and the suspects being apprehended, JCSO investigators reviewed the armed robbery video surveillance at McDonald's, and spoke to several witnesses.

The video showed three masked black

males, one of whom was armed with a black handgun, enter the restaurant, point the firearm at the clerk, and demand the clerk to open the cash register. Once the register was open, one of the black males leaned across the counter and took the cash from the register. In the video the investigators could see what appeared to be black socks on the hands of the robbers. The video showed the suspects leaving the building through the north door.

After reviewing the video, investigators spoke to a customer about the robbery. The customer told investigators that three masked black males entered the restaurant. One of them was armed with a handgun and demanded the clerk open the register. According to the customer, one black male stayed in the dining area, while the other two went behind the counter. While waiting for the other two black males to return, the black male in the dining area told the customer to give him his wallet, and the customer complied. The customer was able to tell investigators that the black male holding the handgun was wearing a black mask with green stripes on it.

An inspection of the suspect SUV revealed several masks, a Hi-Point semi-automatic pistol, several black pairs of socks, which covered the hands of the suspects at the time of the robbery, and various rolls of coins, in plain view inside the vehicle.

During post Miranda interviews with Mitchell, he stated that the four drove to the McDonald's located at south US-19 and I-10. Nathaniel Clark went in and purchased food, while the other three stayed in the vehi-

cle. After eating in the parking lot, Nathaniel Clark pulled the vehicle onto Ebenezer Road and parked. Mitchell stated that he, Devonte Clark, and Freddie Bagley put masks over their faces, socks on their hands, and went inside McDonald's to rob it. According to Mitchell, Devonte Clark had the only gun when they went inside the restaurant. Mitchell also told investigators that he also took a wallet from a white male waiting in the dining area during the robbery.

The amount of cash stolen was unknown at the time of the arrests.

Bagley was charged with armed robbery with a firearm, fleeing in an attempt to elude law enforcement officers, aggravated battery on a law enforcement officer using a motor vehicle, resisting arrest without violence, and petit theft. Bond was withheld and he remained at the County Jail March 22.

Nathaniel Clark was charged with armed robbery with a firearm, fleeing in an attempt to elude law enforcement officers, aggravated battery on a law enforcement officer using a motor vehicle, resisting arrest without violence, and petit theft. He was transported to the Department of Juvenile Justice the following day.

Devonte Clark was charged with armed robbery with a firearm, resisting arrest without violence, and petit theft. He was transported to the department of Juvenile Justice the following day.

Franklin Mitchell was charged with armed robbery with a firearm, resisting arrest without violence, and petit theft. He was transported to the department of Juvenile Justice the following day.

Post Offices

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was the Postal Service representative who met with the affected residents on March 12 and shared with them the results of the earlier mailed surveys.

Those surveys asked respondents to choose whether they prefer engaging a local business within the community to serve as a Village Post Office; maintaining the existing post office at reduced hours of operation; or merging the existing operation with another nearby post office.

It was reportedly the thinking of many residents at these meetings that notwithstanding the solicitation of community input and the USPS representation that a decision had yet to be made on the

fate of the three post offices, the Postal Service had indeed already made its decision.

"A lot of the citizens felt that they were not being heard and a lot called it a fixed meeting to announce a decision that had already been made," reported Gerald Bailey, one of more than 60 people who attended the Lamont meeting.

The decision to reduce hours at the three local post offices is part of a national cost-cutting effort by the USPS to address its financial crisis and annual losses of \$14 billion.

The agency reports that customer retail visits to post offices dropped 27 percent between 2005 and 2011, which translates into 350 million fewer visits.

The agency further reports that on average, it costs \$114,000 annually to operate a typical rural post office, the bottom 4,500 of which earn about \$15,000 annually.

The USPS presently maintains more than 31,000 post offices across the country, many of which it is closing or downsizing to reduce costs. The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses; it relies entirely on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations.

When fully implemented, the USPS expects its network consolidations to generate approximately \$2.1 billion in annual cost reductions and reduce its total workforce by up to 28,000 employees.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

debbiesnapp@embarqmail.com or 850-997-3568

March 27
Monticello Kiwanis meeting every Wednesday at 12 p.m. at the Jefferson Country Club on the Boston Highway with lunch, a program and a meeting. For more information, contact President Rocky Gavins at 850-997-2646.

March 27
Early Learning Coalition of the Big Bend Region will see customers at its 1145 East 2nd Street location every Wednesday from 1 to 6 p.m. Contact www.elcbigbend.org for additional information.

March 27, 30
Jefferson Arts Gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 575 West Washington Street for public viewing of 'Through My Eyes...' a Bart Frost exhibit. For information about the Arts, artist's pages, monthly calendar, class schedules, and more, call 850-997-3311 or go to info@jeffersonartsgallery.com or www.jeffersonartsgallery.com. Monthly business meetings are held at 11 a.m. on the last Wednesday and a painting group meets from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Wednesdays.

March 28
Community Exercise at The

Eagles Nest from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays and Tuesdays. Join for fun and exciting exercise and dance moves with Kathy Jones. For more information call 850-242-8564. Donations will be accepted.

March 28
AA meetings are held weekly at 8 p.m. on Thursdays at the Christ Episcopal Church annex, 425 North Cherry Street. For more information call 850-997-2129 or 850-997-1955.

March 28
Altrusa of Monticello meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month in the First United Methodist Church Family Ministry Center at 12 p.m. For more information about Altrusa International Monticello/Jefferson County call 850-997-2973 or 850-997-2230.

March 28
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. Alzheimer's Project, Inc., a non-profit organization that extends a warm supportive welcome to persons with any form of dementia, such

as Alzheimer's disease, Stroke, Parkinson's disease and the like. This Day Respite Care program allows caregivers free time to run errands, shop, go to doctor's appointments, and the like. Day Respite Care offers the clients six hours of stimulating activities that they will enjoy. Activities include music therapy, art therapy, pet therapy, trivia, games, sittercise, and many other enjoyable activities. Meals are provided as well as snacks. A certified nurse assistant, a respite room coordinator and volunteers will assist the clients during this time for the caregivers. All services are provided FREE of charge. Any questions or comments may be relayed to Rural Outreach Coordinator Recie Culpepper at Alzheimer's Project, Inc., 850-386-2778 and visit http://www.alzheimersproject.org.

Community Food Systems Assessment Open House Meeting

The Florida Planning and Development Lab (FPDL) of the FSU Department of Urban and Regional Planning cordially invites you to a Food Systems Assessment Open House for the Tallahassee community, including Leon, Jefferson, Wakulla and Gadsden Counties.

This Open House will provide a general overview of the current conditions of the Community's Food System to the public in order to collect community input and local knowledge to assist in FPDL's research and this Food Systems Assessment.

This Assessment is a first step toward a future comprehensive Food Systems Plan identifying the pathways of food production, processing and distribution within the Tallahassee community and surrounding region. The Assessment will take additional note of availability, accessibility and affordability of healthy food within the community.

The Open House will be held on Monday, April 1, 2013 from 3-8pm at the LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library (200 West Park Avenue). Coffee and snacks will be provided. All ages are encouraged to attend.

For questions please contact the FPDL Team by email at FSUFoodSystems@gmail.com

For additional information about the Community Food System Assessment visit us at FSUFoodSystems.blogspot.com and be sure to 'Like' us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/FsuFoodSystems

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AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

Canopy Roads Theater Company's Opening Night Of 'Raisin In The Sun' Draws Large Audience At Opera House Friday

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Lorraine Hansberry's "A Raisin in the Sun," directed by Kevin Carr, is a timeless play which transcends virtually all segments of the African-American experience. It was the first play written by an African-American woman to be produced on Broadway. In 1959, the play "changed American Theatre forever" wrote the "New York Times," and is a story that can speak to any generation.

The playwright borrowed the title from a poem by Langston Hughes titled: "A Dream Deferred," in which Hughes raised the question: "What happens to a dream deferred? Does it just dry up like a raisin in the sun?"

Most simply stated thematically, one can either give up, or fight on, exploding with positive or negative energy. Dreams (goals) can and do come true, and likewise sometimes bring about a change of direction. When the curtain falls, there can be no doubt as to which direction was chosen.

To avoid retelling the plot, we'll simply state that the lion's share of the action involves the receipt of unexpected money, and how best to use it.

Summer Hill Seven plays Walter Lee Younger, considered by critics as the "Lead," and is Mama's only son, Ruth's defiant husband, Travis's caring father, and

Beneatha's belligerent brother.

His dream is to become "somebody," rather than a chauffeur who spends his days opening and closing doors for others, and is determined to make this happen at whatever cost.

He is both the protagonist and antagonist of the play, with the plot revolving around him and his actions. His character evolves during the play, with many of his actions and mistakes hurting the family greatly. His belated rise to manhood makes him a hero of sorts in the final scene.

He is well educated, and recognized as an author, poet, playwright, and featured speaker; among his many accomplishments.

Zakiya Yas plays Ruth Younger, Walter's wife, who portrays the overworked, chronically exhausted wife, whose work is never done. She displays this more by actions (suffering in silence, perhaps?) than by words. She is most often in agreement with Mama, even in unspoken thoughts.

Stacy Mosby is Beneatha Younger, Walter's sister, who is determined to become a doctor, despite the costly education and many years required to earn an MD degree.

Troughout the play she searches for her identity. She prides herself on her independence, does not want to marry, and does not want to leave America.

Louise Reid Ritchie is Lena Younger (Mama) and in many ways is a foil to Wal-

ter. She rarely loses control and lives her life as she believes is best and raises her children in the same way. She is not easily swayed in her beliefs and doesn't much care what others think of them. She is the most nurturing character in the play, and constantly reminds Walter that all she has ever wanted is to make her children happy, and to provide for them.

Malik M. Thomas is Travis Younger, the youngest son of the family. He idolizes his father Walter. A student at Lillian Ruedigger Elementary School in Tallahassee, he is a John Cassablanca Modeling and Talent Agency graduate, and has signed with Manikin Models, where he has booked several commercials with Disney, a web video for Visit Florida and won several awards with Global Stars Network, among similar accomplishments.

Victor Duncan is Joseph Asagai, Beneatha's Nigerian beau and fellow student. He is proud of his African heritage, and hopes to return to Nigeria to help bring about positive change and modern advancements. He tries to teach Beneatha about her heritage as well.

Besides his acting, in which he portrays the customs and attitudes of another country, he wears some eye catching "native" costumes.

He has been a constant in the Tallahassee radio market for 30 years, and began in radio while a student at FAMU. His interest in theatre began in high school where he took a theatre course and managed to secure a minor role in the school's production of "Merry Wives of Windsor".

Deneuve Brutus is George Murchison, another of Beneatha's beaux, arrogant and self-centered, and "a fool on which not to waste your time," Mama told her. Murchison succeeds in life by assimilating the white world, in direct contrast to Asagai.

Patricia Johnson as Mrs. Johnson, plays the kind of neighbor we all like to avoid. She knows everything, been there, and done it all, and she doesn't mind letting you know. She carries it off well, and no matter how much one dislikes what she says and does, one has to admire that she does it with aplomb.



Photo by Amber McMillian

Cast members of Canopy Roads Theatre "Raisin in the Sun," shown here are from left: Summer Hill Seven, (Walter); Zakiya Jas, (Ruth); Louise Reid Ritchie, (Mama); Malek Montex Thomas, (Travis); and Stacy Mosby (Beneatha).

Jeffrey Mandel is Carl Linder, selected by the Neighborhood Association to convince the Youngers that they really don't want to move into an all white neighborhood. He is the only caucasian in an otherwise all black cast play. He remarks that he grew up in New York and wasted his life in business instead of following his teenage dream of becoming an actor. He moved to Tallahassee 30 years ago and indulged his passion for acting on stage in many local companies.

Vaul Griggs is the moving man and understudy, and a recent FAMU graduate. He plans to launch his own short film/video production company (SanBoxX EntertainmentCo.)

Director Kevin Carr is the founder and Artistic Director of Canopy Roads Theater Company, now in its second production. In addition, he is an actor, director, and acting coach, and has directed over a 10-year period for various entities.

On opening night, audiences received a special treat, when after the traditional "Meet and Greet" of performers and theatre goers, the cast presented an informal discussion, led by its Director, and also answered questions from its audience.

To mention just a few of the comments shared in the discussion, Kevin Carr began by asking each of the cast members what they

found most challenging or most difficult about their roles in remarked that "Raisin" was the most powerful play he's done to date. "It is emotional, has some rough edges (touchy subjects), is a combination of good and bad, along with realism (in its negative sense)." He commented that the movie versions of the play done in 1961 and revived in 2004 were sometimes "too soft" in his judgment.

With no intention of slighting anyone we don't quote, we'll recap comments made by the performers and the audience:

The play is about the "Little Guy" in society (Walter) but is as relevant today as it was in 1959, with similar problems, such as unemployment and the state of the economy.

Walter was the dreamer, but Mama was the realist, and it should be qualified that the word "realist" here is used to mean what life IS versus what one might like it to be. To dream and set goals is laudable, equally laudable is to recognize that there are some things some of us just cannot accomplish (for lack of talent in that area or such).

Walter noted that there were surprises and discoveries made by him every time he performed his role, perhaps things he never thought of before,

Mama remarked that her favorite line in the play is: "There is always some-

thing to love" She also stated that it saddened her that black roles were hard to find, and it is most unusual to find an almost all black cast production.

Linder noted that being the only caucasian in an all black play was quite a challenge for the performer.

Production cast includes: Lisa Reasoner; Stage Manager; Brad Breeden, Set Design, Construction; Dana Holsclaw, Costume Designer; Terrance Jordan, Sound Designer; Jennifer Siddoway, Scenic Artist; Tiffany Underwood, Props Manager; Herb Donaldson, Dramaturg; M. Dere Nieves, Fight Choreography; Joycelyn Jackson, Props Assistant; Amber McMillian, Hair, Makeup, Photography; and Aldexandria Collins, Videographer.

In closing, it seems fair to state that this is one of the more professionally performed plays at the Opera House in recent years.

This is said considering the extensive training and experience of the performers, and the various venues in which they have performed, and certainly with NO intention of slighting any other previous productions.

In short, "Raisin" is a true triumph of theatricality. By all means watch for any future productions by the Canopy Roads Theater Company and don't miss them.

Kudos to all, many times over!

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VFW Awards Banquet April 6

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The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 251 will be hosting their 12th Annual VFW Awards Banquet at 7 p.m., April 6, in the Jefferson County Middle High School cafeteria.

Tickets are \$10 each, or \$45 for a table of five, or \$75 for a table of eight. Tickets can be purchased from any VFW or Ladies Auxiliary member.

The keynote speaker for event will be Colonel Wilson Edward Barnes, US Army, retired.

He is a native of Richmond, VA, and is a graduate of Armstrong High School in Richmond.

He graduated from Virginia State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology, started in

football, and was a graduate of Army ROTC, being commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant.

His civilian education also includes a Masters of Science degree in science education, and doctoral studies at the University of Southern California in public personnel administration.

He is a graduate of the Naval War College, Newport Rhode Island; the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Armor Officers Basic and Advance courses, and the Airborne School at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Col. Barnes served in the US Army for 30 years; tours in the 9th Infantry Division, 3rd Armored Division, US Army Armor School, 101st Airborne Division, Republic of Vietnam,



Colonel Wilson Edward Barnes

Training and Doctrine Command, Headquarters US Central Command, and with Headquarters, Department of Army.

Since retirement from the Army, Col. Barnes has served as Marshal, Florida Supreme Court, and participates actively in commu-

nity activities, such as veteran organizations, NAACP, indigent health care, and political activities.

The meal will include chicken, vegetables, yellow rice, green beans, salad, and peach cobbler.

Awards will then be presented to the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen winners. The sponsor for the first place winners is Dr. Emma Banks.

The first place winner in the Patriot's Pen is Janashia Jones. She will receive a plaque and \$75.

The second place winner is Xacarri Blyden; the third place winner is Jaedaria Blyden; and the fourth place winner is Tremelody Robinson. They will each receive a plaque and \$25.

The winner of the

Voice of Democracy is Janese LaQuan Banks. She will receive a plaque and \$100.

The Teacher of the Year award will go to Algeletha Mitchell of Jefferson County Middle High School.

The Law Enforcement Officer of the Year from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office (JCSO) is Corporal Lanetra Nicole Cooks, senior corrections officer. She was recommended by Sheriff David Hobbs.

The Law Enforcement Officer of the Year from the Monticello Police Department (MPD) is Officer Ryan Jacobsen. He was recommended by MPD Chief Fred Mosley.

The Firefighter/EMT of the Year from Jefferson County Fire Rescue is Joseph Kacur. He was rec-

ommended by Fire rescue Chief Mark Matthew.

The Teach of the Year, Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, and Firefighter/EMT of the Year winners, will all be awarded with a plaque.

The JROTC Cadet Of the Year is Zack Bell. He will be awarded a citation and a medal.

There will also be two Community Service awards presented. David Richardson, the lead keyboard player for the CUP Band, will receive one of the two awards. The other recipient had not been determined at press time.

The Community Service Award winners are recommended by the local churches.

The CUP Band will be providing the evening's entertainment.

JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIME BEAT

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Kody Cooper, 19, of Jefferson County, was arrested March 19 and charged with two counts of violation of probation on the charge of uttering a forged instrument. Bond was withheld and he remained at the county Jail March 26.

Liwonda Jean Patrick, 42, of Monticello, was arrested March 21 and charged with throwing a deadly weapon into an occupied vehicle. Bond was set at \$5,000 and she bonded out of jail the same day.

Freddie Bagley, 25 of Tallahassee, was arrested March 22 and charged with armed robbery with a firearm, fleeing in an attempt to elude law enforcement officers,

aggravated battery on a law enforcement officer using a motor vehicle, resisting arrest without violence, and petit theft. Bond was withheld and he remained at the County Jail March 26.

Nathaniel Clark, 17, of Tallahassee, was arrested March 22 and charged with armed robbery with a firearm, fleeing in an attempt to elude law enforcement officers, aggravated battery on a law enforcement officer using a motor vehicle, resisting arrest without violence, and petit theft. He was transported to the Department of Juvenile Justice the following day.

Devonte Clark, 16, of Tallahassee, was arrested March 22 charged with armed robbery with a firearm, resisting arrest without violence, and

petit theft. He was transported to the department of Juvenile Justice the following day.

Franklin Mitchell, 17, of Tallahassee, was arrested March 22, charged with armed robbery with a firearm, resisting arrest without violence, and petit theft. He was transported to the department of Juvenile Justice the following day.

Alphonso Reed, 35, of Jefferson County, was arrested on March 22, on an outstanding Leon County warrant for his arrest charging him with violation of probation on the charge of battery. He was turned over to Leon County authorities the same day to face charges there.

Gerald Joseph Miller, 47, of Lamont, was arrested March 23 and

charged with violation of probation on the charge of driving under the influence. Bond was withheld and he remained at the County Jail March 26.

Ronnie Armitage, 53, of Reynolds, GA, was arrested March 23 and charged with driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$500 and he bonded out of jail the same day.

Henry Andre Sharpe, 40, of Jefferson County, was arrested March 24 and charged with battery, domestic. Bond was set at \$2,500 and he remained at the County Jail March 26.

Kim Ondrea Thrasher, 56, of Birmingham, AL, was arrested March 24 and charged with driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$2,500 and she remained at the County Jail March 26.

Business Development In Jefferson County



Dallas Garrett, left, and Jack Carswell, right, spoke to the Rotary on March 15, about business development in Jefferson County.

DEBBIE SNAPP
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Staff Writer

Monticello Rotary members heard a dynamic presentation on Friday, March 15, from Dallas Garrett, Jefferson County's Small Business Development Program manager, and Jack Carswell, a local businessman and advocate.

Both men shared updates on the significant progress of the Small Business Development Program in Jefferson County. Garrett is currently working with 170 clients, with one-third of

those in existing businesses, and two-thirds looking forward to starting up a new business.

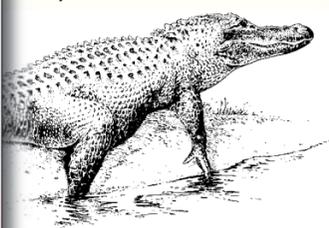
Carswell compared his early business career to the unique opportunities that exist in Jefferson County; with the economic potential, the quality of life, and the natural beauty of the rural landscape. "It all begins with that first step, that dream that becomes a reality through hard work and imagination," he said.

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Dixie Echoes Return



The Dixie Echoes will be returning to Yogi Bear Jellystone Park in Madison on Thursday, April 18 for a great night of gospel music. The concert will begin at 7 p.m. and the best part is... admission is free! A love offering will be received during the concert.

For over 50 years, the Dixie Echoes have been delivering the gospel message in song across America through their spiritually uplifting music ministry. Considered to be one of the pioneer gospel groups, the Dixie Echoes have returned to their roots singing around two microphones with just a piano. Respected among their peers and industry leaders alike, the Dixie Echoes are recognized as one of the premiere groups in gospel music.

Since the Dixie Echoes formed in 1960, they have released nearly 70 albums and have had numerous top ten singles.

They have been honored with four former members being inducted into the Southern Gospel Music Association Hall of Fame. They are J.G. Whitfield (1997,) Dale Shelnut (2001,) Jack Toney (2005,) and Billy Todd (2009.)

The Dixie Echoes have performed throughout the United States, Mexico, and Canada at well-known venues such as the National Quartet Convention, Gospel Jubilee Cruise, the Brumley Sing, Suwannee River Jubilee, Dollywood, Silver Dollar City, and Carnegie Hall as well as churches, fairs, and on television. The Dixie Echoes have appeared on such programs as TBN, INSP and are most notably remembered for their regular appearances on the nationally syndicated television show, The Gospel Singing Jubilee that aired in the late 1960's and 1970's.

Although each individual presents his own

musical styling, the members collectively share the common goal of doing everything they can to expose the audience to the power of a meaningful song. With arguably the best line-up of talent ever, the Dixie Echoes present the gospel message in song with a touch of class and excellence.

The Dixie Echoes travel with the purpose of telling everyone they can about Him. To do this He has provided talented men with a dedication to this grand style of music. In the timeless tradition of the Statesmen Quartet and the Blackwood Brothers Quartet, the Dixie Echoes will continue to sing songs in such a manner that no one can miss a single word, not one distraction from hearing what the songwriter wanted to share. And they do it with just four guys and a piano player.

For more information, call 850-464-0114 or 850-973-8269.

Life Savers Easter Drama

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Transforming Life Church will hold a special worship service on Sunday, March 31, filled with music and drama.

This 'Life Savers' Easter Drama will begin at 10:30 a.m.,



with Special Worship Music. An Easter gift will be given to each child in attendance.

For more information about this service, or about other TLC services and events, call 850-997-TLC7 or go to transforminglifechurch.com.

TLC is located in Lloyd at 1206 Springfield Road.

New Hope Church of God Celebrates Birthdays



ECB Publishing Photo By Debbie Snapp, March 20, 2013.

New Hope Church of God Family Ministry members celebrated the birthdays of Clients at the Jefferson Senior Citizen Center on Wednesday afternoon. Pictured from left to right, seated, are: birthday recipients Susie Morris, 95; Annie Maude Plair, 85; and Chriss Robinson, 100. Standing are members of the New Hope Church of God from left to right, Tami Richard, Vi Ellis, Roy Crawford, Susie Crawford, Pearl Houck, Mary Lee, Brenda Peterson, and Bishop Ray Hill, pastor.

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New Hope Church of God Family Ministry celebrates birthdays once a month at the Jefferson Senior Citizens Center. This is a

family-oriented event with church family and friends celebrating together with homemade cakes, ice cream, and soft drinks provided.

JSCC clients and staff are especially surprised and excited when the New Hope

Church of God family comes to join with them for their special day. Celebrating birthdays on Wednesday, March 20 are: Chriss Robinson, 100; Susie Morris, 95; and Annie Maude Plair, 85.

First Baptist Church of Lloyd To Host Chicken Perlou Dinner

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First Baptist Church of Lloyd will host a Chicken Perlou Dinner from 12 to 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 7. The meal will also include slaw, crackers, desserts, and soft drinks (coffee, tea, and water.)

There is no charge for this meal

but a donation will be accepted. This is a fundraising effort to benefit Stanley Clark, who is undergoing a liver transplant at Shands Hospital in Gainesville, FL.

If you plan to come as a group, reserve by April 4. Call the church office at 850-997-5309.

"We appreciate any assistance you can give," Pastor George Smith.

Holy Week Services at Saint Phillip AME Church!



Minister Tracy Ingram
Wednesday night



Minister Yasmin Fishburn
Thursday night



Rev. Gloria Cox
Friday night

Saint Phillip AME Church will be observing Holy Week with Worship Services on March 27 through March 29, 2013, at 7:00 PM.

The pastor, officers and members of Saint

Phillip invite you to share with them as they give praises and thanks to God for remembering us through the giving of His Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer and die for our sins. Come, bless God, and be

blessed during the Holy Week Services.

For further information and direction, call the Church at 850-997-4226 or 850-291-6938. Thank you for your support.

Church News Notes

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March 27

Holy Week Services at noon, through Friday at the First Presbyterian Church. For more information call 850-997-5545 or funcmonticello@embarqmail.com.

March 27

Heaven's Kitchen Noon Bible Study and Prayer every Wednesday at Memorial Missionary Baptist Church, by Rev. J. B. Duval and Rev. Semmeal Thomas. Come as you are; take your lunch break; for just one hour. Be spiritually filled as you study God's word. After Bible Study, Feed My Sheep Ministry will fill your physical body with a prepared meal. For more information, or to make a contribution, contact coordinators Sis. Mary Madison at 850-997-4504 or 850-210-7090, or Sis. Betty Russell at 850-997-4251.

March 27

Monticello Community Temple COGIC, 630 East Holly Street, will hold its Wednesday Evening Prayer and Pastoral Teaching at 7:30 p.m. Elder Coleman Fairley, pastor.

March 27-29

St. Phillip AME Church will observe Holy Week with Worship Services at beginning at 7 p.m. on Wednesday and continuing through Friday. Pastor J.W. Tisdale, church officers, and the church family invite the community to share with them as they give praise and thanks to God, who suffered and died for our sins. Come bless God and be blessed. For more information and directions, call 850-997-4226 or 850-291-6938.

March 28

First United Methodist Church offers Alzheimer's Respite Daycare at 9 a.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Call the church at 850-997-5545 for more information. Rev. Wayne Cook, pastor

March 28, 30, 31

Union #2 of the Jefferson County Ministers, Deacons, and Home Mission Society will convene with Friendship Missionary Baptist Church on Thompson Valley Road at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday for communion. The union will continue at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday for leadership

conference. Union Worship Service will begin at 9:45 a.m. with Sunday School. All member churches and interested friends are invited to attend.

March 29

Nazarene Church Family Skate Night is held from 6 to 8 p.m. on the last Friday evening of every month. Light snacks and soft drinks available.

March 29

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. Call 850-342-3541 for more information.

March 30

New Hope Church will host its annual Community Eggstravaganza Easter Egg Hunt at the Jefferson County Recreation Park from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. Bring your own baskets and get set for games, cakewalks, face painting, hot dogs, bounce houses and lots more! For more information contact the church office at 850-997-1119.

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SPORTS

Rotary Sandbaggers Gold Classic Raises Over \$4,000



The Low Gross winners were the team of Harold Malloy, Ben Walton, Drew Demott and Heath Bass. Each player was awarded \$100.



The Low Net winners were the team of Lisa McGinley, Merle Zinck, George Zinck and Linda Zinck. Each player was awarded \$50.



The coveted "Last Place Trophy" was awarded to the team of Neill Wade, Rick Combs, Ric Leedom and Hope Leedom.

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The Monticello Rotary Club hosted its 11th Annual Sandbaggers Golf Classic on March 16 at Jefferson Country Club,

and the event was very successful, raising over \$4,000. The event was a four-

player scramble, shotgun start with the best-ball format.

It was a beautiful spring day with a slight breeze. With seven teams participating, the odds were good for winning prizes this year.

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The coveted "Last Place Trophy" was awarded to the team of Neill Wade, Rick Combs, Ric Leedom and Hope Leedom.

The awards banquet was sponsored by North Florida Financial Corporation (Lester Hamrick).

The banquet was catered by Cottage Catering (Mary Frances Gramling). Everyone enjoyed the pork tenderloin, with wild rice, green beans, Hawaiian rolls, and salad.

The Monticello Rotary Club wishes to thank everyone who made this event a success, especially their sponsors, which included Property Appraiser Angela Gray; Antelope Computer Services (Ric Leedom); Automation (Chuck Sarkisian); Big Bend Hospice (Len Dodson); The Brick House (JT Surles); Brynwood Center (Lisa McGinley); Capital City Bank (Barbara Hayes); Cherry Street Ramblers (Ron Cichon); Commercial Furniture Installations (Tom Harmon); Danny's Collision (Danny Lee); Sheriff David Hobbs; Farm Bureau (Freddy Pitts); Farmers and Merchants Bank (Mike Sims); Gulf Coast Lumber & Supply; Home Elevator Direct LLC; ION Lights Inc.; Clerk of Court Kirk Reams; Monticello Family Medicine (Dr. Wesley Scoles); NG Wade Investments of Jacksonville (Neill Wade); North Florida Financial (Lester Hamrick); Preble Rish (Allen Wise); and Progress Energy (Bobby Pickles).

fundraiser supports the Rotary Youth Camp that serves severely challenged youths, as well as scholarships for local high school seniors, handicap ramp projects, and other community service projects.

Rotary's motto is "Service Above Self". If you would like more information about Monticello Rotary contact Neill Wade, president, at 545-4940.



Other golfers included Angela Gray, Chuck Chambers, Lester Hamrick and Logan Hamrick.



Pictured above is the team of Brett King, Ren Gebhard, John Gebhard and Bill King.



This team consisted of the golfers Caleb Burnett, Dixon Hughes, Sean Gray, and Marty Bishop.



Another team consisted of golfers Tim Swords, Phil Cook, John Dodson, and Austin Malloy.

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SPORTS

Varsity Tigers Stand 6-5

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Jefferson Tigers Head Baseball Coach Joseph Jones has provided an update for the Tigers' first 11 games of the season, which resulted in the Tigers now standing 6-5 on the season, and 1-3 in District play.

He explained that during the first few games, he did not have a team statistician, so he was only able to provide the scores for those games.

The Tigers manned the diamond against East Gadsden on February 11, and the Tigers doubled their opponent for an 8-4 victory.

Jefferson faced off against Mayo in a District game on February 15, and the Tigers were tilted for a 12-2 loss.

The Tigers went in against John Paul II on February 19, but the game was suspended in the sixth inning due to lighting on the field. The game was scheduled to be concluded on March 19.

On February 21, the Tigers went in against Mayo in a District game, and the Tigers were blanked for a 10-0 loss.

Jefferson faced off against Branford on March 5 in a District contest, and the Tigers came out with a 7-5 win.

Shawn Blue went two for four and ripped a home-run.

John Burns was credited with the save, and he went three for four at the plate.

The Tigers squared off against Hamilton on March 8, in a District contest, and the Tigers were skimmed for a 7-6 loss, in a

barnburner that was pushed into 12 innings to conclude the contest.

Nick Matthews went two for four, with two RBI's.

Adrian Hawkins went one for four with one RBI.

Burns pitched eight innings, and struck out nine batters.

Blue pitched four innings, and struck out five batters.

The Tigers hit the diamond against Tallavana Christian on March 12, and the Tigers mauled their opponent for a 25-1 win.

Blue went two for two, and scored three runs.

Jeff Prevat was two for three, with one double, Ameer Barakat was credited with the win on the mound

Jefferson manned the diamond against Highland Christian on March 14, and the Tigers zipped their opponent for a 14-0 win.

Burns went one for two, with a double, and scored two runs.

Blue went one for one, with an RBI-single, and he had three stolen bases.

Matthews pitched five shutout innings on the mound, getting the win, and striking out 10 batters.

The Tigers squared off against John Paul II on March 19 to finish off the sixth and seventh innings from the February 19 game, and the Tigers lost, 9-7. John Burns was the losing pitcher.

Following that game the Tigers went into a full game against John Paul, and waltzed out with a 7-3 victory.

At the dish, Matthews went one for three, with a two-run double.

Blue went one for two, and scored two runs.

John Blue went one for three, with one RBI-double. Ronzo Wade went one for two.

Shawn Blue pitched five innings, and struck out eight batters, getting the win.

Prevatt was credited with the save, and he struck out four batters.

Jefferson went in against Melody Christian on March 22, and the Tigers lost, 13-2. John Burns went three for three at the plate.

Adrian Hawkins went two for three.

Ameer Barakat pitched four and one-third inning in relief.

Coach Jones provided the mid-season top five performers at the plate, and on the mound.

At the plate, with a minimum of 12 at-bats, Shawn Blue leads the Tigers, going 12 for 26, and holding a .462 batting average.

Adrian Hawkins went five for 14, and holds a .357 batting average.

John Burns went nine for 28, and holds a batting average of .321.

Nick Matthews went six for 22, and holds a batting average of .272.

Jeff Prevat went seven for 26, and maintains a .270 batting average.

On the mound, John Burns has one win, two losses, and one save.

Shawn Blue has one win, two losses, and one save.

Nick Matthews has one win, and no losses or saves.

Jeff Prevat has no wins, no losses, and no saves.

Ameer Barakat has one win, no losses, and no saves.

ACA Athlete Makes School History



ECB Publishing photo by Fran Hunt, taken March 22, 2013

ACA athlete Caroline Schwab made school history last week when she signed a scholarship letter of intent to play soccer for Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. Pictured from left to right are; Tallahassee United Futbol Club Coach Heather Zurburg, Richard Schwab, Caroline Schwab, Jennifer Schwab, and ABAC Soccer Coach Jim Ballenger.

FRAN HUNT
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An Aucilla Christian Academy (ACA) athlete made school history last week. On Friday, March 22, senior Caroline Schwab signed a full two-year scholarship letter of intent to play soccer for Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (ABAC), in Tifton, GA.

ACA Principal Richard Finlayson welcomed those in attendance for the signing. "You're watching history in the making," he said. "This is the first time ever in the history of Aucilla Christian Academy that one of our students was awarded a soccer scholarship."

"Four years ago, Caroline and her parents decided that they wanted to stay on God's path, and attend a Christian school, which brought them to Aucilla. They decided to let the chips fall where they may. You can be an exceptional athlete, but when you stay within God's will, the sports will come your way. Without Him, none of this would have been possible. If you remain within God's will, you will be blessed and it will be a wonderful path you take."

ABAC Soccer Coach Jim Ballenger said Caroline plays for a soccer club team in Tallahassee, and he had been watching her play for the past two years. "She has above average speed, excellent skill, and she is scrappy in the field," he added. "She is an excellent young lady, who comes from a great family and a great

school. We don't take just anyone. Tifton is a rural farming community. We're a conservative school with a Christian atmosphere. This will be an excellent fit for Caroline and for us. We look for great things next season. I am the winningest soccer coach in the history of ABAC. We have made the playoffs in five of the past six years," he said. "In fact, I'm the only soccer coach ever at ABAC," Coach Ballenger quipped.

Also present during the signing was Caroline's Tallahassee soccer club, Tallahassee United Futbol Club, Coach Heather Zurburg.

Caroline has been playing in the position of outside midfield for the Tallahassee United Futbol Club for the past four years. She has also played at the Taylor County Middle School for two years.

"I started playing soccer in the third grade, and I played rec ball for four years," she said.

About leaving Aucilla, she added, "I'm sorry to have to leave my friends and staff at Aucilla, but I'm excited to be starting something new."

She plans on studying criminal law, and becoming a criminal prosecuting attorney. "I couldn't live with myself as a criminal defense attorney," she added.

After graduating ABAC, Caroline plans to return to Florida and attend either the University of Florida, or the University of Central Florida.

Caroline is the daughter of Richard and Jennifer Schwab of Perry.

Warriors Lose To Taylor County

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The Aucilla Christian Academy varsity Warriors manned the diamond against Taylor County on March 18, and the Warriors lost, 10-8 in the neck-and-neck contest.

Both teams scored two runs in the first and second innings. The Warriors commanded the fourth inning, 4-1, to increase the score to 8-5 in Aucilla's favor. Taylor County came back and took the fifth inning, 3-0, to tie the score at 8-8. Then Taylor County took the seventh inning, 2-0 for the win.

At the plate, as a team, the Warriors carried a .345 batting average, with 35 plate appearances, 29 at-bats, eight runs, 10 hits, four RBI's, one double, one sacrifice fly, five walks, six strikeouts, one reach on error; two fielder's choice, an on base percentage of .429, a slugging average of .379, and four stolen bases.

Individually, Josh Wood had a batting average of .500, with three plate appearances, two at-bats, two runs, one hit, one walk, an on base

percentage of .667, and a slugging average of .500.

Hans Sorensen had a batting average of .250, with four plate appearances, four at-bats, one hit, two strikeouts, and an on base percentage and slugging average of .250.

Russell Fraleigh had a batting average of .750, with four plate appearances, four at-bats, three runs, three hits, one RBI, one double, one strikeout, an on base percentage of .750, and a slugging average of 1.000.

Casey Demott had a batting average of .000, with four plate appearances, three at-bats, one walk, one strikeout, one fielder's choice, an on base percentage of .250, and a slugging average of .000.

Hunter Horne had a batting average of .500, with four plate appearances, four at-bats, two hits, one strikeout, and an on base percentage and a slugging average of .500.

Tres Copeland had a batting average of .333, with four plate appearances, three at-bats, one run, one hit, one walk, one fielder's choice, an on base percent-

age of .500, a slugging average of .333, and one stolen base.

Austin Bishop had a batting average of .000, with four plate appearances, three at-bats, one run, one walk, one strikeout, an on base percentage of .250, and a slugging average of .000.

Jared Jackson had a batting average of .333, with four plate appearances, three at-bats, two runs, one hit, one walk, one reach on error; one reach on error; an on base percentage of .500, a slugging average of .333, and three stolen bases.

Gus Smyrniotis had a batting average of .333, with four plate appearances, three at-bats, one hit, one run, one sacrifice fly, an on base percentage of .250, and a slugging average of .333.

In the field, Hunter Horne caught one attempting to steal base.

On the mound, the Warriors' pitchers had an earned run average of 3.000, with seven innings pitched, eight hits, 10 runs, three of which were earned, five walks, three strikeouts, 36 batters faced, 29 at-bats, a batting average of .276, an on base percentage of .417, one wild pitch, two hit by pitches, and four stolen bases, on 131 pitches.

Demott was credited with the loss. He had an earned run average of 0.00, with three innings pitched, two hits, two runs, two strikeouts, 13 batters faced, 12 at-bats, a batting average of .167, an on base percentage of .231, one wild pitch, and one hit by pitch, on 37 pitches.

Bishop had an earned run average of 5.25, with four innings pitched, six hits, eight runs, three of which were earned, five walks, one strikeout, 23 batters faced, 17 at-bats, a batting average of .353, an on base percentage of .522, one hit by pitch, and four stolen bases, on 94 pitches.

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Perry's Bluegrass Festival

11th Annual Florida State Bluegrass Festival & Chili Cook-off

Presenting the 11th Annual Florida State Bluegrass Festival & Chili Cook-off Event at Forest Capital State Park in Perry, Florida, which starts on April 4th and will run through April 6th. Headlining this event, Grammy Winning and IBMA Honored Band of the Year the Russell Moore and IIIrd Tyme Out and Grammy nominated and IBMA winning Skip Cherryholmes, IBMA Winning group Kenny & Amanda Smith, as well as the Roys, Little Roy & Lizzy, Shannon Slaughter, High Cotton, Swiftwater just to name a few.

What started out as a one day event with a few hundred attendees is now a nationally recognized three-day event, with thousands in attendance from all over the United States!!

There will be talented entertainers filling the park with

music all three days, a Chili Cook-off event, where competitors will be competing for over \$1,000.00 in cash prizes, food vendors and arts and crafts items. Best of all, the entry fee is only \$15.00 for a weekend (3-day) pass in advance and \$20.00 at the gate!! In addition to all that, ticket holders can attend one of many free music workshops held throughout the park in the areas of mandolin, banjo, fiddle, dobro and bass.

The Chili Cook-off event is very popular. Contestants can enter to win cash prizes, trophies and bragging rights. For those who do not wish to enter, you can have the opportunity to purchase a collectible cup for only \$5.00 and eat all the chili you wish! But wait... There's more. Kicking off the event on Saturday morning is the All You Can Eat Bluegrass Pancake

Breakfast from 7-9 a.m.

Show times start on Thursday at 4 p.m., followed by our lineup at 4 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Friday things will get started at noon and will end at 10 p.m. Saturday, the entertainment will begin at 11 a.m. and will continue through the day until 10 p.m. The event will take place at Forest Capital State Park in Perry, FL on Highway 19 South.

So, come out to the Music Capital of the South and get your feet wet to the sound of Bluegrass music!! Expect plenty of parking lot picking and fun-filled singing to the sounds of bluegrass.

For more information about the 11th Annual Florida State Bluegrass Festival event or the Chili Challenge, call the Chamber office at 850-584-5366 or go to www.floridastatebluegrass.com.

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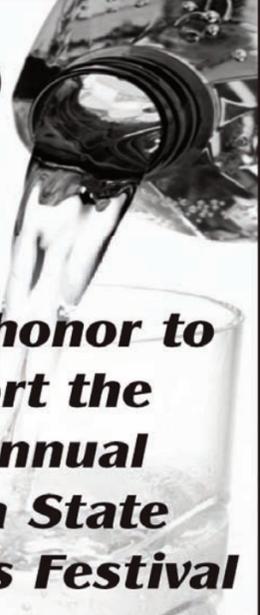
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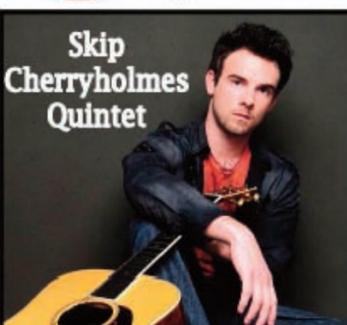
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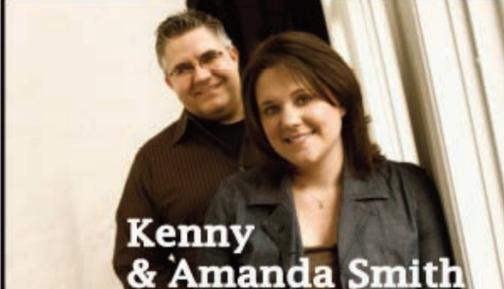
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JEFFERSON COUNTY HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM NOTICE TO BIDDERS

- A. NOTICE TO BIDDERS:
Sealed bids will be received until 2 p.m. on the 17th day of April, 2013, for the rehabilitation of one (1) home in the SHIP program.
- B. General Instructions to Bidders:
- Quotations:
 - All prices shall include all labor, supervision, materials, equipment and services necessary to do a workman like job.
 - Only firm bids will be accepted. Only one (1) bid may be submitted for each house.
 - Bids prices must be itemized on the submitted bid form or the bid will be rejected.
 - Insurance: Before any bid can be accepted, a Certificate of Insurance must be attached to this bid or on file with the Housing Rehabilitation Program. The Certificate must list the Local Government, as a party to be notified ten (10) days before cancellation or expiration of the policy.
 - Legal Compliance: The bidder shall be familiar with all federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations that in any manner affect the work. Ignorance on the part of the bidder will in no way relieve him from responsibility for compliance with all said laws, ordinances, rules and regulations.
 - Right of Rejection: The owner, in cooperation with the Local Government, reserves the right to reject any one bid or all bids, to waive any informality in any bid, and to award the bid in the best interest of the Local Government and the Owner.
 - Pre-Bid Conference: Bidders or their representatives are required to attend an on-site meeting. Failure to attend the meeting will result in automatic bid rejection, unless a waiver is approved by the Local Government.

The MANDATORY conference for this job will be held:

Date: April 5, 2013 Time: 11:00 am
Start Location: Jefferson County SHIP Office - 445 W. Palmer Mill Rd. - Monticello, FL

Bids Submitted: Address all bids to Jefferson County SHIP Office. The bids shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the markings "CDBG SEALED BIDS" and Not to Be Opened until 2:00 p.m. April 17, 2013.

If hand delivering bids the address is: See Below

If mailing bids the address is: Jefferson County SHIP Office
445 W. Palmer Mill Road
Monticello, Florida 32344

- No contractor or subcontractor may participate in this work if ineligible to receive federal or state funded contracts.
- No contractor will be issued more than two (2) Local Government funded contracts simultaneously, unless ability to perform is proven. Three (3) contracts is the maximum for any contractor.
- Federal equal opportunity, civil rights, lead base paint, Section 3 requirements, and record retention requirements are applicable to work performed on this job. Minority participation is encouraged.
- Financing of the work will be provided, in whole or in part by the Housing Rehabilitation Program. The Local Government will act as agent for the owner in preparing contract documents, inspecting, and is suing payments. However, the contract will be between the owner and contractor. Bids, work performed and payments must be approved by the owner and the agent.

Jay Moseley Housing Rehabilitation Specialist March 22, 2013 Date 3/27/13

LEGAL NOTICE

The Jefferson County Planning Commission will hold its regular monthly meeting on April 11, 2013 at 7:00 pm. The meeting will consist of general business and a workshop on the Land Development Code.

The meetings will be held in the Courthouse Annex located at 435 West Walnut Street in Monticello, FL. The meeting will be continued as necessary. Information concerning the meeting is available at the Jefferson County Planning Department, 445 W. Palmer Mill Road, Monticello, FL. 32344, Telephone 850-342-0223. From the Florida "Government in the Sunshine Manual", page 36, paragraph c: Each board, commission, or agency of this state or of any political subdivision thereof shall include in the notice of any meeting or hearing, if notice of meeting or hearing is required, of such board, commission, or agency, conspicuously on such notice, the advice that, if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings, is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. 3/27/13

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

IN RE: ESTATE OF THOMAS JOSEPH O'BRIEN Deceased. File No.: 13 09 CP Division: Probate

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Thomas Joseph O'Brien, deceased, whose date of death was September 2, 2012, is pending the Circuit Court for Jefferson County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Clerk of the Circuit Court, Probate Division, 1 Courthouse Circle, Monticello, Florida, 32344. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 30 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

Date of first publication: March 27, 2013

Vicki Levy Eakin Attorney for James O'Brien Florida Bar No.: 0896357 1732 N. Ronald Reagan Blvd. Longwood, FL 32750-3409 Telephone: (407)321-4844
James O'Brien

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT

TO: Michael W. Dee, Case No: 201200873

An Administrative Complaint to revoke your license and eligibility for licensure has been filed against you. You have the right to request a hearing pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, by mailing a request for same to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Licensing, Post Office Box 3168, Tallahassee, Florida 32315-3168. If a request for hearing is not received by 21 days from the date of the last publication, the right to hearing in this matter will be waived and the Department will dispose of this cause in accordance with law. 3/27, 4/3,10,17

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AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

Post 49 Auxiliary Holds Eventful Saturday

DEBBIE SNAPP
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American Legion Post 49 Ladies Auxiliary held its first all-day fundraising event on Saturday, March 16, filled with a variety of activities and involving themselves in the National March 'Women's History Month' theme. The themed event highlights the contributions of women to events throughout history and contemporary society. For nearly 100 years, American

Legion Auxiliary members have lived and breathed the motto of 'Service Not Self' in support of veterans, military, and their families.

The Saturday events began at 8 a.m., with a community blood drive and inside/outside yard sale, organized by the members of the American Legion. Cub Scout Pack 628 held a sweet treat/bake sale. And, the Ladies Auxiliary organized a mullet fish fry dinner that included three sides and homemade cakes and

brownies. Several volunteers were in attendance to help wherever they were needed.

The event was very successful, raising funds for local veterans, service personnel in the states and overseas, and their families.

Local businesses donating to this possibly annual event included Boland's Country Store, Hilltop Country Store, Gulf Coast Lumber & Supply, Big Save IGA, Huddle House, Winn-Dixie, Farmers & Merchants Bank, JCKC, and Little Angels in Training Day Care. And, special thanks to My Way Seafood in Panacea, FL. for the generous discount on the mullet purchase.

Also, thanks to the community for coming out and helping to make this event happen. The South-eastern Community Bloodmobile collected 14 units of blood and the Auxiliary collected \$800+ to be used for its services.

As the world's largest women's patriotic service organization, the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary membership is nearly 800,000. Together they are fiercely dedicated to serving, helping, and meeting the needs of others. Their mission continues to focus on veterans, military and their families. And the members contribute volunteer hours and dollars that total in the billions.

MWC TO HOST SPAGHETTI DINNER

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The Monticello Woman's Club will host its annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser on April 11 from 5 to 7 p.m. for the cost of a \$10 donation per meal. Dine-in or carry-out. The clubhouse is located at 975 East Pearl Street.

The Thursday evening spaghetti dinner will also include a salad, bread, a cold beverage, and a selection of homemade desserts.

For ticket information and to preorder, contact MWC Member Jaunita Faircloth at 850-509-6152, MWC Member Patsy

Slizewski at 850-997-4496, or MWC President Ethel Strickland at 850-509-9445, 850-997-3382.

The members are also preparing for their annual Secretary's Luncheon scheduled for April 25, at noon. To reserve for this fundraising event, contact the above-mentioned members.

"Thanks to all who have supported our fundraising efforts," adds Ethel Strickland. "The Country Dinner was very well attended and we thank everyone who dined with us. We could not have these events without your help. So, thank you so much."

†† Obituary ††

TIM GANN

James Timothy "Tim" Gann, age 52, died on Thursday, March 21, 2013. He was born on March 3, 1961 in Chickasaw County, MS to James Austin Gann and Deloise Ann Whitt Gann. He was an avid hunter and outdoorsman. He was a former truck driver. He was also a member of Arbor Grove Baptist Church.

Service was held at 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 23, 2013 at the Memorial Funeral Home, with Bro. Randy Rinehart officiating.

Memorial Funeral Home, P.O. Box 272, Houston, MS 38851, 662-456-2500, is in charge of the arrangements for the family.

He is survived by his wife Shelia Gann of Houston, MS; one daughter Jennifer Smith (Ben) of Lafayette, LA; two granddaughters Adriana and Gabriella Smith of Lafayette; his father James Austin Gann of Houston;

one sister Sandy Gann Holm (Mike) of Monticello, FL; one brother Wes Gann of Houston; and three nephews Dayne Parker (Jenna,) Bradley and Brandon Holm of Monticello.

He is preceded in death by his mother Deloise Ann Whitt Gann; his grandparents Miles and Dorothy Gann, and Allie and Mattie Whitt; and one uncle Kenneth Gann.

Honorary pallbearers were Bradley Holm, Brandon Holm, Dayne Parker, Brandon Lofton, Adam Lofton, Erick Lofton, Jerry Foster, Steve Holladay, and Danny Sullivan.

Visitation was from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 23, 2013 at the Memorial Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the America Diabetes Association, or to the Mississippi Kidney Foundation.

For online condolences visit www.memorial-funeralhomehouston.com.

Business And Accounting Workshop

DALLAS GARRETT

Program Director
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Development

Learn the 'Basics of Funding Your Business and Accounting Practices' at a free workshop offered by the Jefferson County Small Business Development Program and organized by Director Dallas Garrett, PhD.

Christine Urban, business analyst for the Small Business Development Center at FAMU, will dis-

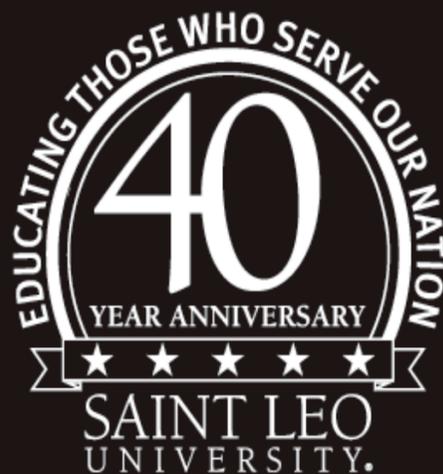
cuss the various types of loan sources and help new businesses prepare their financials.

This free workshop will be presented 3 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3 at the Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce, 420 West Washington Street. To participate, contact Garrett at 850-997-2185, or dgarrett@jefferson-countyfl.gov.

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