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Barrel Racing Group Puts On Show At Horse Arena



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Participants in the barrel racing competition at the horse arena at College Park on March 23 didn't let cold temperatures, thunderstorms and muddy conditions of the arena grounds divert them from their goal.



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Cowgirls apparently don't let a little cold, rain and mud discourage or divert them from their intended purpose.

At least it didn't discourage or divert the

100 riders who participated in the open class and other barrel-racing competitions at the horse arena at Jefferson County College Park on Saturday, March 23.

Notwithstanding thunderstorms that ushered in a cold front and turned the arena grounds into a slop pit, members of the district

chapter of the National Barrel Horse Association (NBHA) proceeded with the event, underscoring the adage that the show must go on.

And a show the performers put on, despite the flying mud and occasional horse that
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BARREL RACING Page 3

One Seriously Injured In Two-Vehicle Crash



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One man was seriously injured over the weekend in a two-vehicle crash.

Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) reported that on March 30 at 1:40 p.m., Robert Turner, 76, of Monticello, was driving a 2011 Ford F-150 traveling northbound on Waukeena Highway at US-27, with a trailer in tow.

Cecil Williams, 67, of Tallahassee, was driving a 2002 Honda Shadow traveling westbound on US-27, in the right travel lane.

Turner's vehicle traveled into the path of Williams' vehicle, and the front of Williams' vehicle collided with the right side of Turner's vehicle.

Williams was ejected from his vehicle, and thrown onto the right travel lane. His vehicle rotated clockwise a quarter of a turn and came to rest facing northwest in the right travel lane.

Williams was transported to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital for treatment of serious injuries.

Turner was unharmed and did not require transport.

Turner was wearing a seatbelt, Williams was not wearing a seatbelt.

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

Turner's vehicle sustained \$1,000 damage.

Williams' vehicle sustained \$3,000 damage.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, and Jefferson County Fire Rescue/EMS assisted FHP Trooper Boatwright on the scene.

Officials Seek Ideas For Fundable Projects With Restore Act Money

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County commissioners are asking local businesses and organizations to suggest project ideas that may be eligible for funding under the Restore Act and the millions of dollars that are expected to come from BP's settlement with the federal government as a consequence of the 2010 Gulf oil spill.

County Coordinator Parrish Barwick told the *Monticello News* last week that commissioners are seeking the project ideas for possible submission to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) for funding. He said the project ideas should be tied to economic development, tourism, infrastructure or restoration and protection of environmental resources, or a combination of said elements.

The deadline for submission of the project ideas is Wednesday, April 17. The submissions may be made to the commission via the coordinator's office. For more information about the types of project ideas and such, call the coordinator's office at (850) 342-0287.

Jefferson County reportedly stands to receive anywhere between \$1 and \$10 million under one scenario, depending on how the rules are written, the types of projects that are selected, and how the



county leverages the projects, among other factors.

And this first funding is only one of four possible pots of money available to the county, according to the experts. The three other pots will supposedly represent larger amounts. But they will also require the involvement of the scientific and academic communities, as well as the cooperation and collaboration of numerous state and federal agencies and will entail layers upon layers of reviews.

The commission plans to appoint a nine-member committee to conduct the initial review and vetting of all recommended projects. This committee is to be composed of individuals who represent various areas of expertise, as well as a cross-section of the community.

State's Jobless Rate Ties With National (Rate Drops Here And Madison)



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Florida's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 7.7 percent in February, the lowest it's been since October 2008 and tied with the national rate.

The jobless rates likewise dropped in Jefferson and Madison counties.

In Jefferson County, the rate went from 6.8 percent in January to 6.2 percent in February, and in Madison County, it dropped from 9.9 percent in January to 9.1 percent in February.

These latest job statistics — released by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (FDEO) on Friday, March 29 — came a little more than a week after release of the January figures, which were released a month later than usual because of an annual process known as 'benchmarking'.

Benchmarking, as explained by the FDEO, is a standard practice that states conduct each March in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Statistics as part of an estimation and historical data revision process.

The seasonally adjusted 7.7 percent jobless rate for February was 0.2 percentage point lower than the revised January rate of 7.9 percent. This is the lowest the state's jobless rate has been since October 2008, when it was 7.4 percent. The U.S. unemployment rate for February was likewise 7.7 percent.

Statewide, the 7.7 per-

cent rate represents 729,000 jobless Floridians out of a labor force of 9,427,000.

The jobless rate does not reflect individuals who have given up the search for work or who are underemployed or employed part time, the inclusions of which would inflate the numbers.

And seasonally adjusted means that the figures have been purged of seasonal and other factors that would likewise increase the jobless rate if counted.

According to the FDEO, Florida's seasonally adjusted total nonagricultural employment was 7,479,700 in February, an increase of 7,800 jobs over the month. And overall, the number of jobs statewide was up 128,100 from a year ago.

February was reportedly the 31st consecutive month showing positive annual job growth after the state lost jobs for three consecutive years.

For Jefferson County, the 6.2 percent rate translates into 407 jobless persons out of a labor force of 6,531, compared with 442 jobless persons out of a labor force of 6,498 in January.

In February 2012, the comparable figures were 558 jobless persons out of a workforce of 6,569 when the unemployment rate was 8.5 percent.

For Madison County, the 9.1 percent translates into 648 jobless persons out of a labor force of 7,089, compared with 695 jobless persons out of a labor force of 7,048 in January.
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David Brumfield Killed In Crash

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David Brumfield, 44, of Monticello, equipment manager for the Jefferson County State Championship Tigers, was killed Wednesday afternoon, March 27, at 3:15 p.m. in a vehicle crash in Leon County.

The Leon County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) reported that LCSO received a report of a traffic crash near the intersection of West Tennessee Street and Bethel Church Road.

Upon arrival, LCSO deputies discovered that Brumfield had died in the crash.

The preliminary investigation revealed that Brumfield was driving a silver 2005 Ford Ranger pickup truck, traveling eastbound on West Tennessee Street.

As his vehicle approached the intersection at Bethel Church Road, it crossed through the grass median and entered the westbound lane, and into oncoming traffic.



Kenneth Baker, 38, was driving a white 2006 GMC Sierra pickup truck, pulling a trailer loaded with construction materials, and traveling westbound on West Tennessee Street.

Baker was able to steer his vehicle out of the way of Brumfield's approaching vehicle, however, Brumfield did crash into the trailer that Baker was hauling.

Brumfield was killed on impact. Baker was unharmed.

The results of an autopsy performed Thursday morning, indicated that Brumfield died as a result of multiple injuries, consistent with the traffic crash. LCSO could give no further information as to the reason behind the vehicle suddenly swerving, due to the crash being an ongoing investigation.

Brumfield's funeral service was held at Begg's Funeral Home in Monticello, Monday, April 1, at 11 a.m., with visitation from 10-11 a.m. He was buried at the Oakfield Cemetery following the service.

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Local Weather

Wed 4/3

80/62



Showers possible. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 60s.

Thu 4/4

71/63



Thunderstorms. Potential for severe thunderstorms.

Fri 4/5

72/51



Few showers. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 50s.

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.

So Wrong What Has Happened

And, so help me God, this is the truth. I paid the County \$100 to appeal a Planning Commission decision approving a cell tower in the Waukeelah area. By law (County Land Development Code-LCD), I should have received a letter giving me the date, time, and location of the appeal. See LCD 9.11.05 and I quote, "The appellant (me) shall be notified by the Planning Official of the time, date, and place of the public hearing by certified mail, return receipt requested."

Folks, it never happened. I even checked with the Planning Official to see if there was not some oversight on my part as to the absence of the letter. I was informed by the Planning Official that no letter was ever sent. The absence of the letter created all types of last minute pandemonium on our part trying to notify everyone as to the specifics of the meeting.

Unfortunately, with no letter, we got the specifics wrong. I had to post a person at the main Court House to tell those showing up there that it was at the County Annex Building, two blocks away. Unfortunately, we had people who were to testify, showing up late or not at all to the appeal meeting.

Most recently, in response to my

March 1, 2013 letter to John Nelson, Chairman of the Jefferson County Commission, asking for a new appeal hearing, I received a letter from Bill Tellefsen, Planning Official, dated March 4, 2013 (letter attached) stating that I was not going to receive another hearing appeal regardless of my request for a rehearing. The letter from Mr. Tellefsen basically said "You made it to the meeting". It was like I was not supposed to appear at my own hearing.

Needless to say, I and those with me were not prepared for this meeting and we were severely beaten down using the LDC where compliance was good for them but not us.

Question: Is Mr. Tellefsen authorized to be sending notices of this nature? Where is the Commission Chairman's signature as to this action? I am still asking, "Where is my letter as required by law". As citizens of Jefferson County, do we really have any chance of being heard and treated fairly? In my opinion, IT IS TIME THAT WE TOOK OUR COUNTY BACK FROM BUREAUCRATS AND SPECIAL INTERESTS. PLEASE JOIN ME IN THIS BATTLE.

Fred Williams

1827 Roseland Cemetery Tour



The Jefferson County Historical Association invites the public to a free tour of the 1827 Roseland Cemetery, with accurate historic reenactments, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 13.

Meet our Jefferson County founders at the City Cemetery on East Madison Street at Henry Street. Be sure to take advantage of this rare opportunity... people have been dying to get in for almost 200 years!

Donations will be gratefully accepted.

TLC To Celebrate Five Year Anniversary With Nationally Known Christian Comedian

Transforming Life Church in Lloyd is excited to have well-known and much sought after Christian Comedian Justin Fennell coming to perform at its Five Year Anniversary Celebration!

Don't miss this amazing day, Sunday, April 7; starting at 10:30 a.m. with cake and ice cream served following this fun filled service.

Everyone loves a good laugh; and that's what you're guaranteed to experience when you hear Justin N. Fennell (fin + nail.) Don't say his name too quick or it sounds like just an infidel!

Justin Fennell is a one-of-a-kind comedian who takes you on a journey through the ordinaries of life. It's yarn-spinning stories, outrageous props, audience participation, funny music, and stand-up comedy. The best part of it is that all of his material is clean. There's no need to hit the censor button or turn down the sound so the kids don't hear. His concerts are the kind the whole family can enjoy. From the moment he hits the stage you know you are in for more than just another "talking head" guest speaker. Justin takes you on a hilarious



journey. "I never can look at another road sign again," says a young woman who recently attended one of Fennell's concerts. Another says, "I've never laughed so hard in all my life. I really needed this!"

Community Band Receives Recognition

DEBBIE SNAPP
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The Jefferson County Community Band has once again received high praises for its performance in the 189th Savannah, Georgia St. Patrick's Day Parade, on March 16.

Band Director Derrick Jennings and the members of the band are especially grateful to the many people who have supported their fundraising events. "Without you this trip would not have been possible for us," mentions Jennings. "We thank you again for your continued support."

The 37 members in the Community Band were awarded a plaque from the 189th Savannah Georgia St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, in honor of Francis De Sales M. Brady, as a thank you for their participation in



Jefferson County Community Band received this plaque for their participation in the 189th Savannah, Georgia St. Patrick's Day Parade, on March 16, 2013.

this year's event.

The Community Band has no scheduled plans to march in any upcoming parades. They will be prepping for their performance in the 'TaxSlayers.Com SFL Gator Bowl game and parade in Jacksonville, Florida next January 2014.

Most of the band members are excited about Band Camp this August 3 through August 16.

For more information, to join, to volunteer, or to donate to the Jefferson County Community Band, contact Director Derrick Jennings at 850-702-1384.



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March 4, 2013

Fredrick A. Williams
725 Rainbow's End Rd.
Monticello, FL 32344

Re: NOTICE OF FINAL ACTION
Re: Appeal of Planning Commission Approval of Site Plan Review for 250 Ft. Telecommunication Tower Stephen and Kristin Monroe (Owner)
Parcel ID 08-1S-4E-0000-0672-0000

Dear Mr. Williams:

Pursuant to Jefferson County Land Development Code Sections 9.11.02 and 9.11.05, on February 21, 2013, the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners held a hearing on your appeal of the Planning Commission approval of the above referenced application. You attended the hearing and were provided with an opportunity to present testimony and evidence. At the end of the hearing the Board of County Commissioners voted to uphold the decision of the Planning Commission.

You are hereby notified that the above constitutes the final action of the Board of County Commissioners regarding your appeal. Pursuant to Jefferson County Land Development Code Section 9.11.06, the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure and such other provisions of State statutes as may apply, you have thirty (30) days from the filing date displayed above in which to seek judicial relief.

Bill Tellefsen, Planning Official
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Cc: Scott Shirley
David Theriaque
Stephen and Kristen Monroe

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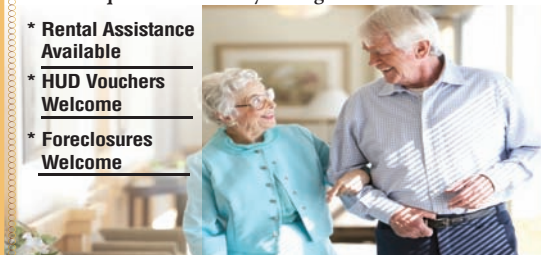
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lost its traction and slipped a little around the turns. Otherwise, it was a veritable showcase of horsemanship on the part of the riders and athletic agility, speed and strength on the part of the animals.

Overall, 61 riders participated in the open, 12 of whom won a combined \$1,428 in prizes, with several of the participants riding more than one horse. All told, the entries totaled 100, counting the senior, youth and adult divisions.

As explained by Dana Morgan, director of the NBHA Florida 01 district, which takes in Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Taylor and Wakulla counties, the difference between divisions has mostly to do with the cost of the horse and/or age of the rider and horse.

"In the open, we ride against all ages and sex and we also have members who have spent anywhere from \$500 to \$50,000 on one horse," Morgan said. "Using this bracket system with divisions puts it on a more competitive playing field."

Otherwise, she said, the top 15 fastest horses would typically win and most riders would lose interest in competing, soon leaving the field to a handful of horses and riders.

Time brackets, she explained, determined the makeup of the classes, with the fastest time in each class setting the time for the payback and points.

Following are the names of the winners in the four division in the open, as well their times and winnings:

1D: Amanda Dobbins, 1st place, with a time of 15:021 and a winning of \$200; Wendy Temple, 2nd

place, 15:060, \$150; Wendy Yarbrough, 3rd place, 15:214, \$100; and Ashley Whitfield, 4th place, 15:454, \$50.

2D: Debbie Bass, 1st place, 15:701, \$171; Wendy Temple, 2nd place, 15:772, \$128; Rayner Taylor, 3rd place, 15:837, \$86; and Sarah Hatcher, 4th place, 15:875, \$43.

3D: Rayner Taylor, 1st place, 16:062, \$114; Judy Sineath, 2nd place, 16:136, \$86; Dana Sutton, 3rd place, 16:141, \$57; and Sue Whitaker, 4th place, 16:183, \$29.

4D: Roger Odom, 1st place, 17:103, \$86; Dana Sutton, 2nd place, 17:117, \$64; Amanda Dobbins, 3rd place, 17:127, \$43; and Shelby Thompson, 4th place, 17:178, \$21.

Saturday's participants came from all over the district and even Georgia. Typical of these were Juanice Sanders of Liberty County, Wendy Taylor of Calhoun County, and Sue Whitaker, of Georgia.

Sanders said she had been barrel racing six years, starting at age 40. It was something that she had always wanted to do, she said. And when her young daughter, Bailey Johnson, now 12, had taken up barrel racing, she too had decided to do it, she said.

The owner of four horses, Sanders rode two of her horses on Saturday. She also participates in rodeos, she said.

Taylor, in her 30s, offered that she had been riding since age seven and barrel racing since age 12. The owner of 12 horses, Taylor described herself as a professional. She said she competed all over the Southeast and also trained horses at her Blountstown farm.

Whitaker, owner of four horses, said she had

been barrel racing some 15 years and likewise competed across the Southeast. She said she did it both as a hobby and a profession.

All three said the arena's muddy ground on Saturday wasn't ideal for competition, but they allowed that some horses performed better than others in mud.

Primarily a women's rodeo event, barrel racing involves a horse and rider safely and successfully completing a series of cloverleaf turns around preset barrels in record time, hence speed is a critical element of the activity.

Local sponsors contributing prizes and/or monies toward the success of Saturday's event were CarQuest, Monticello Pizza Kitchen, Rosemary Tree Café, Tupelo's Bakery and Café, Monticello Milling, Friedel and Dick Bailar, Southern Music Rising, Gulf Coast Lumber, Waukeenah Fertilizer, Simpson Nurseries, and Commissioners Benny Bishop, Hines Boyd and Stephen Walker.

Walker, who attended the event, praised Morgan and staff for a job well done and for bringing to Monticello what he called "top-of-the-line competition from surrounding areas in spite of the rainy weather."

"I was very impressed with the event's participation and competition and look forward to many more," Walker said. "This type of event is family friendly and suited for all ages. With a few improvements in seating, surface prep and parking changes, I could see large crowds and vendors participating as well, which would be a huge boost for Jefferson County's economy."

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ary. In February 2012, the comparable figures were 743 jobless persons out of a labor force of 7,078, when the unemployment rate was 10.5 percent.

The FDEO reports that the industry gaining the most jobs was leisure and hospitality, up 41,500 jobs; followed by transportation and utilities, up 37,600 jobs; professional and business services, up 24,700 jobs; private education and health services, up 24,100 jobs; financial activities, up 4,700 jobs; construction, up 3,200 jobs; other services, up 3,200 jobs; and manufacturing, up 1,800 jobs.

The industries losing jobs over the year continued to be government, down 11,100 jobs; and information, down 1,700 jobs.

Monroe County continued to have the state's lowest unemployment rate at 4.2 percent, followed by Walton County at 5.1 percent; Okaloosa County at 5.5 percent; Alachua County at 5.6 per-

cent; and St. Johns County at 5.8 percent.

Hendry County had the state's highest unemployment rate at 10.8 percent, followed by Flagler and Putnam counties at 10.3 percent; St. Lucie County at 9.5 percent; and

Hamilton and Miami-Dade County at 9.4 percent.

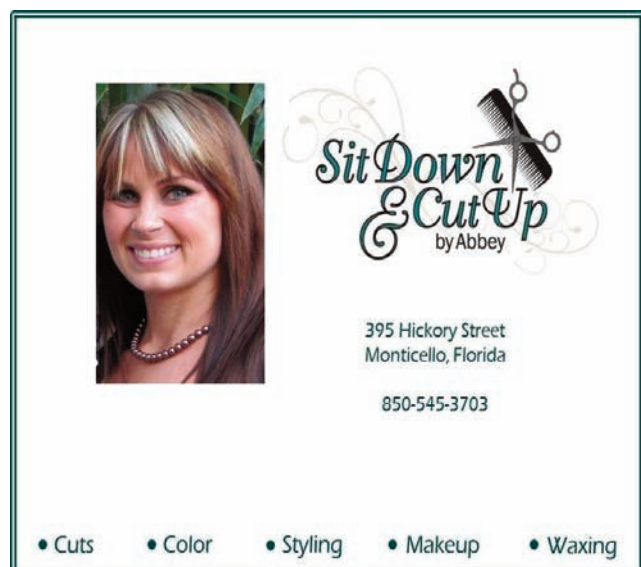
The FDEO reports that three of Florida's 67 counties experienced double-digit unemployment in February, down from six in January.



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The Pan-American Highway is the longest road in the world. It runs from Fairbanks, Alaska to Buenos Aires, Argentina, stretching 29,800 miles (47,958 km). But it was never completed. A portion called the Darien Gap, mostly jungle about 100 miles (160 km) long located in Panama and Colombia, remains uncompleted. Cars and passengers are transported around the gap by ship.

The Pan-American Highway is a network of roads, each with its twists and turns. Measuring the highway's distance as the crow flies makes it about 16,000 miles (25,750 km) long.

World's Longest Straight Road
The world's longest straight road - thus without any bends - is in Saudi Arabia, connecting the Haradh area with Badha on the UAE border. The road, Highway 85, is about 160 miles (260 km) long.

Australia's longest straight road is the famous "90 Mile Straight." It runs between Balladonia and Caiguna on the 1,036 mile (1,668 km) long Eyre Highway across the flat, arid Nullarbor Plain. (The Eyre Highway is the main road that connects South Australia with the south of Western Australia.) The "90 Mile Straight" actually is 91 miles (146.6 km) long; all asphalt without a single curve.

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Pictured from top left to lower right:
Our mama and our grandmother, our foundation, our first angel as our mom, Ruth Juanita Lawrence Hall (b. 021020 - d. 022258, breast cancer)
Our daddy and granddaddy, a man among men, who never left us until he passed away, Henry Hall (b. 081022 - d. 110584, massive heart attack)
Our mama who finished raising us, and our grandpa, our inspiration, our second angel as our mom, Emma Lou Mosley Hall (b. 052117 - d. 111397, COPD)
Our oldest sibling, "the oldest boy," and our uncle, so easy to love, so uncomplicated, Eddie Lee Hall (b.010748 - d. 040311, mestastzd. colon cancer)

Always in our hearts, always our inspiration, and with all our love, Your oldest daughter and "oldest sister," Dr. "Judy" ("Koot") Hall Royster; Your special granddaughter and niece Renee Gwendolyn-Juanita; Your other sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, and nieces and nephews; (Al ("Fonza" Pinky), Gwen (Julio), Diane, Kenny ("Kenny Boy") and Gene ("Genie Boy") and their children and grandchildren and their families (Lil' Kenny, Kayla (Marc), Kevin, Gene II ("Keithy"), Chelsea (Otis), and Amber.)

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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April 3
Monticello Kiwanis will meet at 12 p.m. on Wednesday at the Jefferson Country Club for lunch, a program and a meeting. For more information, contact President Rocky Gavins at 850-997-2646.

April 3
Early Learning Coalition of the Big Bend Region will see customers at its 1145 East 2nd Street location on Wednesday from 1 to 6 p.m. Contact www.elcbigbend.org for additional information.

April 3
'Basics of Funding Your Business and Accounting Practices' workshop offered from 3 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday at the Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce; sponsored free 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 discuss the various types of loan sources and help new businesses prepare their financials. To participate, contact Garrett at 850-997-2185, or dgarrett@jeffersoncountyfl.gov.

April 4
AA meeting 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.

April 4
Community Exercise at

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

April 5
Spring Fling, a benefit for the Monticello Opera House, will be held on Friday from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. with music by the Purvis Brothers and hors d'oeuvres by Carrie Ann & Co. Ticket cost is \$15 per single and \$25 per couple. For advance tickets call 850-997-4242 or go to www.monticelloopera-house.org.

April 5
Rotary will meet at 12 p.m. on Friday at the First Presbyterian Church, in the fellowship hall, for lunch, a meeting, program, and speaker. For questions or comments, contact President Neill Wade at 850-545-4940.

April 5
Monticello Jamboree Band will perform music for dancing at 7 p.m. on Friday at 625 South Water Street, in the old JCHS gym. There will be doorprizes, cold soft drinks, and snacks. Everyone is welcome to come dance, listen to some of the finest music, and just enjoy some fun and camaraderie with neighbors and friends. This is a nonprofit charitable event. For questions or concerns, contact Curtis Morgan at 850-933-8136 or Bobby Connell at 850-445-0049.

JES PreK Get Visit From The Weatherman

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The PreK students and their teachers received a visit from WTXL27 Weatherman Casanova Nurse on Wednesday, March 20. He began his morning in the classroom of PreK Teacher Wanda Ross. Then, he was off to the JES Media Center to join with the other four PreK classroom students and teachers for a screen presentation about weather, clouds, precipitation, and thermometers.

In the classroom, he allowed for the students to give weather reports... in only the way a four or five year old can! "They did a super job," he exclaimed. "I enjoyed visiting with them. They ask a lot of questions and know a lot about clouds."

He talked to the students in a way they could understand... with pictures and objects! He explained to them about the many different thermometers and weather instruments, and how they work.

The students all seemed to be quite knowledgeable about the weather, and most of them knew just who Casanova Nurse was... The Weatherman! When he asked, "Who knows what today is?" They all raised their hands and shouted, "The first day of Spring!"

Nurse is chief meteorologist for ABC27TV and has worked with the television station for 8+ years. He knew that he wanted to be a meteorologist when he was in the third grade. A meteorologist is a person who studies the weather.

Jefferson Elementary School PreK teachers include Nikki Barrington, Cheryl Gross, Wanda Ross, Tammy Haseldon, and Conrad Norton.



ECB Publishing Photos By Debbie Snapp, March 20, 2013. ABC27WTXLTV Chief Meteorologist Casanova Nurse spent his Wednesday morning with Jefferson Elementary School PreK teachers Nikki Barrington, Cheryl Gross, Wanda Ross, Tammy Haseldon, Conrad Norton, students, and other school personnel.



ECB Publishing Photo By Debbie Snapp, March 20, 2013. The second grade class of teacher Brenda Brown with Media Class Teacher Amy Kell and ABC27WTXLTV Chief Meteorologist Casanova Nurse.

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ABC27WTXLTV Chief Meteorologist Casanova Nurse with District Parent Involvement Coordinator Edna Henry at the Jefferson Elementary School.



ECB Publishing Photo By Debbie Snapp, March 20, 2013. ABC27WTXLTV Chief Meteorologist Casanova Nurse visited with the PreK students at Jefferson Elementary School on Wednesday morning.

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Obituaries

DAVID CHARLES BRUMFIELD



David Charles Brumfield, 44, passed away March 27, 2013. David was born August 4, 1968 in Nashville, TN., but has been a resident of Jefferson County for 34 years. He is survived by his mother, Marilyn Nikki Shepherd; father, William E. Brumfield, Jr. (Donna), both of Monticello; his sister, Kristi Cooksey; nieces Caroline and Ella Cooksey, of Tallahassee; aunt, Carolyn Holt; cousins, Erick Holt (Gina), Kim Constantaras (Stas), and Scott Holt; and a host of friends.

David was employed by the Jefferson County School Board since 1987 and assisted with the football program for many years, where he was affectionately known as "Coach B." His passion was Tiger football but he was also an avid and loyal FSU and Miami Dolphin fan.

Those who knew David loved his smile, laughter, and sense of humor; above all, his work ethic was above reproach.

From your entire family, David, one last "BATA-BOONGA," we love you and will always treasure the memories you gave us.

There is a tear in the eye of the Tiger today.

Services were held 11:00 a.m., Monday, April 1, 2013, at Beggs Funeral Home, 485 E. Dogwood St., Monticello, FL., 32344 (850) 997-5612, with visitation from 10:00 until 11:00 a.m., prior to services.

Interment was at Oakfield Cemetery in Monticello. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Jefferson County Football Boosters (575 S. Water St., Monticello, FL. 32344).

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 De-loise 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, was 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.memorialfuneral-homehouston.com.



April Is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

IT'S TIME... TO GET INVOLVED!

If you follow the headlines, you know that sexual abuse happens. It happens often and close to home. Sexual assaults affect thousands of women, men, and children in our communities every year. Nationally, one in five women has been raped in her lifetime, and nearly half have experienced some other form of sexual violence. One in five men, too, have experienced either rape or some form of sexual violence. One in three women have experienced rape, physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner. This reality can be overwhelming, but it's important to remember that sexual abuse can be prevented when we all play our part.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and communities across the country are standing up for sexual abuse prevention by proclaiming, "It's time... to talk about it!" Let's start talking early, talking often, and taking action.

There is often silence and discomfort when it comes to the discussion of sexual abuse. You may be wondering if you have been the victim of sexual assault, concerned about your own well-being, and wondering what support might be useful for you. You may be the friend or family member of someone you think has been sexually assaulted. You want to be informed so you can understand what the victim may be going through, and to be helpful to them. By opening up communication, and educating one another, we are taking steps toward a safer community.

Trained Refuge House staff members are available by calling the 24-hour hotline at 850-681-2111, or by contacting Jefferson County Coordinator Nan Baughman at 850-342-3518.

Choose to start the conversation. Whether you are a parent, educator, or community member, it's time... to talk about it!

Monticello Kiwanis Meeting Speakers



Monticello Kiwanis enjoyed an interclub visit from area Kiwanis clubs on March 20. Kiwanis Division Lieutenant Governor Jim Ledbetter spoke to all about the goals for the 2013 administrative year. The group visiting, from left to right, included: Richard Royster and Heather Locke, from the Lake Jackson Club; Ledbetter; Woody Price; Jim Wylie; and Howard Pardue.



Kiwanis Program Chairman Floyd Faglie introduced the guest speaker for the February 27 meeting of the Monticello Kiwanis; he was Richard Finlayson, principal at Aucilla Christian Academy. Finlayson brought the membership up-to-date on events happening at the school. Pictured from left to right are: Faglie and Finlayson.



Guest speaker for the February 20 meeting of the Monticello Kiwanis was Rae Pike, director of Florida Military Family and Community Covenant, Inc. Pike is a Monticello resident. She has been working effortlessly on taking her initiative nationwide; helping returning veterans and military families.

Upcoming MainStreet Events

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ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

Artisans and Growers Market will open in the Wirick-Simmons Garden area, at the corners of Pearl and Cherry streets, on the first Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., beginning this Saturday, April 6.

All are welcome to show your support by selling or buying. If you make it... bake it... or grow it... you can sell it here. The cost for a table under one of three canopy tents is \$5; \$10 for a 12x12 space on the lawn for your tent or pickup.

All proceeds from this monthly event will benefit the Monticello Old Jail Museum project. For more information contact Anne H. Holt at 850-576-0721, or ahholt@ahholt.com.

The second Pioneer Journey Stories is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 2, at the Christ Episcopal Church, in the Fellowship Hall.



Speakers will be Sallie Worley, who will tell how her ancestors came to Monticello and Dr. Jim Sledge, who will tell stories about the quieter, more calm days in Monticello and Jefferson County.

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Sunday Worship Service.....11:00 AM
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Wednesday
Fellowship Meal.....6:30 PM
Prayer Meeting/Bible Study.....7:00 PM

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Choir Practice.....5:00 PM
Evening Worship Service.....6:00 PM

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Wednesday Bible Study.....6:30 PM
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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

Thursdays

Glory Girls Fitness.....10:00 AM

1st & 3rd Monday

Mighty Monday-Ladies Bible Study.....6:00 PM

1st Wednesday

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2nd Thursday

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Youth Group.....6:00 PM
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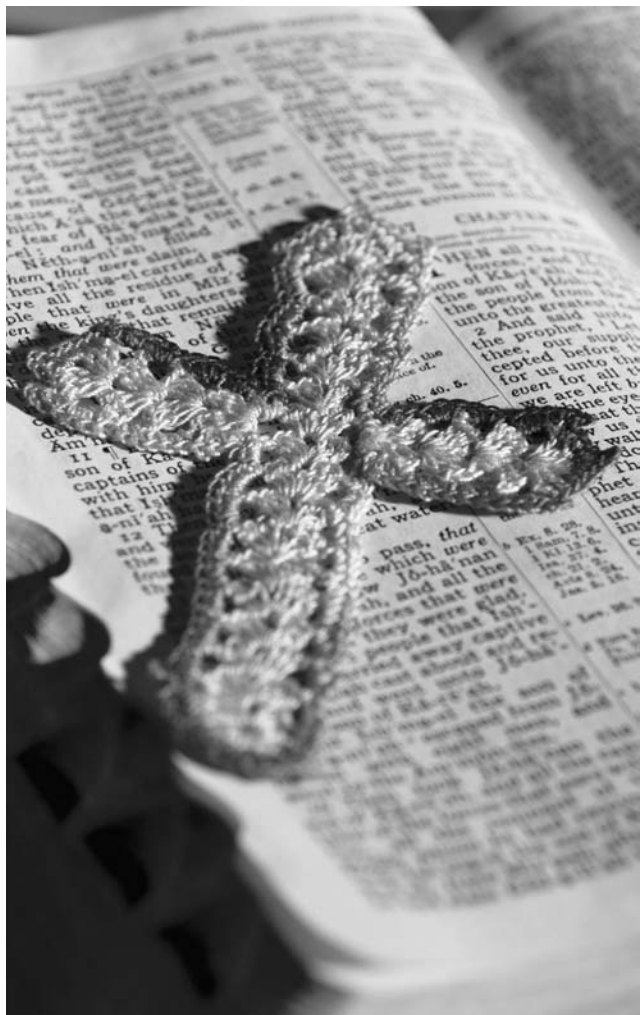
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Spreading The Faith



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Contact And Control From Porch de Salomon (Guatemala)



Bailey Powell (right) with Luisa (center) and teammate Rebecca.

One of the richest parts of our teams' experiences here in Guatemala's Western Highlands is the opportunity to have close contact with the indigenous folks we are privileged to serve. This contact often changes teamers' hearts (or opens their eyes) in ways that sending money "down" alone usually cannot (even as important as that money is to our work!). Many team members then return to their families, churches or communities "better"—better able to love and follow God with all their heart, soul, mind and strength and to love their neighbors as themselves. Here are comments from recent University of Georgia women's soccer (Langford) and Burke family (TX) members:

GIVING UP CONTROL

BAILEY POWELL

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11

I played soccer my entire life and it always came first; before friends, family and even God. I never gave my sport to God because I thought I could control it better than he could. Even when I lost that, it took me a while to accept this and allow God to guide me. I have been so much happier since I stopped trying to control everything; God has filled my heart with new desires and plans.

As part of my new

lifestyle, I was afforded the chance to travel to Guatemala with my UGA soccer friends. When I learned we would work with a Christian organization, I was hesitant. While I am a Christian, I disliked my childhood church. I found it hypocritical; my previous mission trips had been empty and devoid of authenticity—we didn't help people on those. I found Porch de Salomon to be nothing like that and the folks there honestly gave me hope in Christians again.

On the first day of our trip, I prayed that the Lord would use me the way he saw fit. I also asked that he would open my heart to receive what I needed. Our group was scheduled to deliver a new bed to Luisa (a 94 year-old barefooted, indigenous woman), her daughter and granddaughter. She had never had a good bed—having one was her only request of Porch.

Upon arrival, we removed her hard board bed out of their one-room adobe house and moved two new beds in. As all that was happening, I looked and saw Luisa sitting alone outside on her porch. God spoke to me clearer than ever at that moment; he wanted me to go to her, not take the easier route of helping with the beds, sheets and blankets. I didn't want to but was so strongly compelled I said "OK, God." I walked to her and held and kissed her hand and she gave me the sweetest hug and kiss on both my cheeks. This woman (who had never had a bed and only had one eye) did nothing but

love us and thank and praise God for us. She was so strong and she didn't need me to hold her hand—I needed her to hold mine. God graciously provided me one of the most rewarding experiences of my life at that moment.

There are not words for me to express my gratitude to God, Luisa and the wonderful people of Porch de Salomon. It is amazing what happens when you give God control.

Bailey is a University of Georgia alumnus who digs a mean foundation footer and still has a wicked soccer kick! She plans to enter the Marine Corps very soon.

Other Team Comments:
Most amazing and moving moment of the most amazing and moving week of my life! Casey Burke, former Monticello resident now living in Dallas, TX

I don't know that I'll ever be hugged and kissed again with such precious and sincere love as I was by Luisa. The UGA girls sat with her and held her hand and were unable to hide their tears. I can't say that their lives were changed, but their hearts definitely were. All this was Luisa's gift to us. Beth Langford (Tallahassee), co-team leader.

We at Porch de Salomon thank our Jefferson County friends and donors for your faithful support of our mission ministry. We invite you to contact lloyd@porchdesalomon.org or Rex 850.933.0344 to get involved.



"Keeping the Faith"

Ronnie McBrayer

Blowin' in the Wind

Now that Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio has been installed as Pope Francis, I must say that I could not be happier with the papal conclave's choice. Not that the College of Cardinals would bother to ask my opinion on the matter—I'm not even Catholic—but as a student of religion, one who stumbles along trying to follow Jesus, and a lover of startling, historic moments, I am ecstatic.

All the obvious reasons for my joy come to mind. Pope Francis is the first pope from the Southern Hemisphere; the first Bishop of Rome born in Latin America; he is the first Vicar of Christ with a Jesuit background, and the first Successor of Peter to take the name "Francis," honoring the legacy of Francis of Assisi, the medieval saint who so loved God's creation and who practiced spiritual and everyday simplicity.

But I am most thrilled for Francis because it means the end of Pope Benedict's reign over the Catholic Church. It's not that I had anything personal against old Ben (remember I'm not even Catholic), though his role as "God's Rottweiler," the theological enforcer of the Church, made me jittery. My grudge with Benedict goes back to September 1997.

It was the Italian Eucharist Congress, and a frail Pope John Paul II was presiding. The Harlem Gospel Singers had just finished performing for the audience when who should walk out on the stage but no other than Bob Dylan! In pinstripes and a white cowboy hat, he sang three songs that night: "Knocking on Heaven's Door," appropriate I think; "A Hard Rain's A Gonna Fall," (classic Dylan); and a salute to the youth in the crowd and the aging pope, "Forever Young."

Talk about startling, historic moments! But bad-tempered Benny, then known as Cardinal Ratzinger, was not amused. He had failed in his attempt to cancel Bob Dylan's appearance before the Holy See. Benedict, a classically trained pianist, loves classical and sacred music. But his love for song does not transfer to other musical genres.

He has said that all rock music is the product of Satan, he cancelled the Advent rock and roll concert series at the Vatican begun by Pope John Paul, and took a negative view of using guitars at mass. In his memoirs he sneered about Bob Dylan's appearance before Pope John Paul II, saying: "There was reason to be skeptical—I was, and in some ways I still am—over whether it was really right to allow this type of 'prophet' to appear."

So while there may be many reasons to be glad for Pope Francis' arrival—many of these reasons complex, political, and theological—my reason is fairly simple. You have to be cautious of giving your whole-hearted trust to someone who doesn't like Bob Dylan.

But Pope John Paul II seemed to have liked Dylan just fine. As Cardinal Ratzinger stood coldly by, he delivered a short homily after the concert that included lyrics from Bob Dylan's "Blowin' in the Wind," saying: "You've asked, 'How many roads must a man walk down before he becomes a man?' I answer you: One! There is only one road for man and it is Christ, who said, 'I am the life.'"

Interesting, don't you think, that the then Pope John Paul spoke of sim-

plcity as the road forward. He spoke as Christ being enough. It has echoes of another Paul, the Apostle Paul, who once said that all his spiritual accomplishments, all his religious fanfare, all his ceremonial ballyhoo, all his pompous credentials, and all his ceremonial posturing were now considered garbage. They were trash. Junk. Rubbish. Literally, it was all manure. The only thing that mattered to his faith was Jesus Christ alone.

I have hope that change is indeed blowing in the wind.

The Bassa Family's
Birthday / Memoriam
Happy Birthday
April 3

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To: Andrea Bassa (Niece)
Miami, Florida
10th Death Anniversary
Robert Bassa (Uncle)
Orlando, Florida
Submitted by: Rosa Bassa,
Family Historian

Financial Focus...

HELP YOURSELF REDUCE INVESTMENT STRESS

Provided by Robert J. Davison

You probably aren't too worried about it, but April is Stress Awareness Month. Each year, the Health Resource Network sponsors this "month" to inform people about the dangers of stress and to share successful coping strategies. Obviously, it's important to reduce stress in all walks of life—including your investment activities. How can you cut down on the various stresses associated with investing?

Here are a few possible "stress-busters":

Know your risk tolerance. If you're constantly worrying about the value of your investments, your portfolio may simply be too volatile for your individual risk tolerance. Conversely, if you're always feeling that your investments will never provide you with the growth you need to achieve your long-term goals, you might be investing too conservatively.

Know what to expect from your investments. Uncertainty is often a leading cause of stress. So when you purchase investments that are mysterious to you, you shouldn't be surprised if they perform in ways that raise your stress levels. Never invest in something unless you fully understand its characteristics and risk potential.

Be prepared for market volatility. Over the long term, the financial markets have trended upward, though their past performance can't guarantee future results. Yet for periods of months, and even years, these same markets can sputter and decline. So when you invest, be aware of this volatility; if you're prepared for it, you won't be shocked when it happens, and you should be able to better keep stress at bay.

Maintain realistic expectations. If you think your investments are going to earn a very high rate of return, year after year, you are more than likely going to be disappointed—and you could easily get "stressed out." You're much better off, from a stress standpoint, not to expect eye-popping results.

Diversify your portfolio. If you were only to own one asset class, such as growth stocks, and that particular segment took a big hit during a market drop, your whole portfolio could suffer, and it could take years to recover—causing you no end of stress. But if you spread your investment dollars among a range of vehicles—stocks, bonds, government securities and so on—your portfolio has a better chance of weathering the ups and downs of the market. (Keep in mind, though, that while diversification may help you reduce the effects of volatility, it can't prevent losses or guarantee profits.)

Think long term. If you only measure your investment success by short-term results, you can feel frustrated and stressed. But when you stop to consider your objectives, you may find that the most important ones, such as a comfortable retirement, are all long-term in nature. Consequently, it makes more sense to measure the progress you're making with your investments in periods of years, or even decades, rather than days or months. Instead of fretting over your monthly investment statements, compare where you are today versus where you were 10 or 15 years ago. The results may well surprise and help "de-stress" you.

Stress Awareness Month will come and go. But by making the right moves, you can help take some of the stress out of investing for a long time to come.

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Church News Notes

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April 3
Monticello Nazarene Church will host a BBQ Dinner fundraising event on Wednesday evening from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Family Life Center on US19 north. The meal will include a barbecue pork sandwich, potato salad, baked beans, and dessert. Dine-in or take-out. Ticket cost is \$5. Purchase tickets in advance by calling Tammy Bowling at 850-997-8624. Proceeds will be used to send children and teens to church camp.

April 3
Wacissa United Methodist Church will hold after-school classes every Wednesday through April 17 for children ages 5 to 15 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. The classes will be filled with activities for the children. Contact Kathy Walker at 850-997-4800, 850-997-2179, or 850-997-3019 for more information. Parents must send a permission slip to the child's school to allow

the bus driver to drop them off at the church after school. Rev. James Gamble, pastor.

April 3, 17
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 needed, 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 eagleswingmonticello@yahoo.com or www.firstpresbyterian-monticello.org.

April 3
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.

April 4
Community Prayer Breakfast will be held from 7 to 8 a.m. on Thursday at the training center of Jefferson Correctional Institute. Monticello City Clerk Emily Anderson will be guest speaker. The training center is located just past the JCI main entrance on Big Joe Road, which is accessible from US 90 approximately five miles east of Monticello. It is important that we all show support for JCI as they outreach to the community in sponsoring the April meeting. Come and bring a guest. For more information contact Coordinator Gary Wright at 850-997-5705 or 850-933-5567.

SPORTS

Warriors Unsaddle Cowboys

FRAN HUNT
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

The Aucilla Christian Academy varsity Warriors manned the diamond against the Madison County Cowboys on March 22, and the Warriors unsaddled the Cowboys for a 4-3 win, to now stand 9-3 on the season.

Aucilla drew first blood in the contest, bringing one run across the plate in the first inning. Madison answered, scoring one run in the fourth inning, and two runs in the fifth inning. The Warriors came back in the sixth inning, to bring two runs of their own across the plate, and tie the game at 3-3. The game was thrown into an eighth and ninth inning, when Aucilla brought in one run to take the win.

As a team, at the plate, the Warriors carried a .235 batting average, with 39 plate appearances, 34 at-bats, four runs, eight hits, two RBI's, one sacrifice fly, one walk, eight strikeouts, three hit by pitch, four reach on errors, three fielder's choice, an on base percentage of .308, a slugging average of .235, and one stolen base.

Individually, Josh Wood had a batting average of .500, with four plate appearances, four at-bats, two hits, and an on base percentage and a slugging average of .500.

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

Russell Fraleigh had a batting average of .000, with five plate appearances, five at-bats, two strikeouts, one fielder's choice, one stolen base, and an on base percentage and a slugging average of .000.

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

Hunter Horne had a batting average of .000, with four plate appearances, three at-bats, one RBI, one walk, one strikeout, one

reach on error, one fielder's choice, an on base percentage of .250, and a slugging average of .000.

Tres Copeland had a batting average of .250, with four plate appearances, four at-bats, one run, one hit, one strikeout, and an on base percentage and a slugging average of .250.

Austin Bishop had a batting average of .250, with five plate appearances, four at-bats, one hit, one hit by pitch, one fielder's choice, an on base percentage of .400, and a slugging average of .250.

Jared Jackson had a batting average of .000, with five plate appearances, three at-bats, one run, one RBI, one sacrifice fly, one strikeout, one hit by pitch, one reach on error, an on base percentage of .250, and a slugging average of .000.

Gus Smyrnios had a batting average of .000, with four plate appearances, three at-bats, one run, one strikeout, one hit by pitch, one reach on error, an on base percentage of .250, and a slugging average of .000.

In the field, the Warriors caught two runners attempting to steal base. One runner was caught by Jackson, the second runner was caught by Smyrnios.

On the mound, the Warriors had an earned run average of 1.56, with nine innings pitched, four hits, three runs, two of which were earned, five walks, seven strikeouts, 38 batters faced, 32 at-bats, a batting average of .125, an on base percentage of .263, one wild pitch, one hit by pitch, and one stolen base on 137 pitches.

Sorensen had an earned run average of 3.00, with 4.2 innings pitched, three hits, three runs, two of which were earned, four walks, three strikeouts, 22 batters faced, 19 at-bats, a batting average of .167, and an on base percentage of .318, on 79 pitches.

Demott had an earned run average of 0.00, with 4.1 innings pitched, one hit, one walk, four strikeouts, 16 batters faced, 14 at-bats, a batting average of .071, an on base percentage of .188, one wild pitch, one hit by pitch, and one stolen base, on 58 pitches. He was credited with the win.



Warriors Take Out Franklin County

FRAN HUNT
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The Aucilla Christian Academy varsity Warriors manned the diamond against Franklin County on March 14, and the Warriors came out on top of a 9-5 scoreboard to now stand 7-2 on the season.

Aucilla took an immediate lead, scoring 6-1 in the first inning, and Franklin came back to take the fourth inning, 4-3, but shy of the Warriors taking the victory.

At the plate, as a team, the Warriors carried a .240 batting average, with 34 plate appearances, 25 at-bats, nine runs, six hits, four RBI's, one sacrifice fly, eight walks, two strikeouts, three reach on errors, one fielder's choice, three stolen bases, an on base percentage of .412, and a slugging average of .240.

Individually, Hans Sorensen had a batting average of .500, with three plate appearances, two at-bats, one run, one hit, one RBI, one walk, an on base percentage of .667, and a slugging average of .500.

Russell Fraleigh had a batting average of .000, with four plate appearances, two at-bats, one run, one RBI, one sacrifice fly, one walk, one reach on error, an on base percentage of .250, and a slugging average of .000.

Casey Demott had a batting average of .000,

with three plate appearances, two at-bats, one run, one walk, an on base percentage of .333, and a slugging average of .000.

Hunter Horne had a batting average of .000, with three plate appearances, three at-bats, one run, one reach on error, an on base percentage and a slugging average of .000.

Hunter Handley had one run.

Tres Copeland had a batting average of .000, with four plate appearances, four at-bats, one RBI, one strikeout, one fielder's choice, an on base percentage and a slugging average of .000.

Austin Bishop had a batting average of .750, with four plate appearances, four at-bats, two runs, three hits, one reach on error, an on base percentage and a slugging average of .750.

Brandon Holm had a batting average of .000, with four plate appearances, two at-bats, one run, two walks, an on base percentage of .500, and a slugging average of .000.

Nick Roberts had one plate appearance, one walk and an on base percentage of 1.000.

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

Gus Smyrnios had a batting average of .333, with four plate appear-

ances, three at-bats, one run, one hit, one walk, one strikeout, an on base percentage of .500, and a slugging average of .333.

In fielding, Bishop caught one attempting to steal base out of one attempt.

On the mound, the Warriors had an earned run average of 1.00, with seven innings pitched, four hits, five runs, one of which was earned, nine walks, five strikeouts, 35 batters faced, 26 at-bats, a batting average of .154, an on base percentage of .371, and two wild pitches on 125 pitches.

Fraleigh was credited with the win. He had and earned run average of 1.91, with 3.2 innings pitched, three hits, five runs, one of which was earned five walks, four strikeouts, 21 batters faced, 16 at-bats, a batting average of .188, an on base percentage of .381, and one wild pitch on 71 pitches.

Demott had an earned run average of 0.00, with 2.2 innings pitched, one hit, one strikeout, eight batters faced, eight at-bats, a batting average of .125, and an on base percentage of .125, on 28 pitches.

Roberts had an earned run average of 0.00, with .2 inning pitched, four walks, six batters faced, two at-bats, a batting average of 0.00, and an on base percentage of .667, on 26 pitches.

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File No.: 13 09 CP
Division: Probate
Deceased.

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.

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Date of first publication: March 27, 2013
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SPORTS

JV Lady Tigers Stand 2-5

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The Jefferson County junior varsity Lady Tigers dropped the past two contests to now stand 2-5 on the season.

Jefferson manned the diamond on March 18 and took on Lafayette (Mayo), which resulted in the Lady Tigers suffering a 15-0 loss. The game was called after three innings due to the 15-run "mercy" rule.

"Just like with the varsity team when they played Mayo, Mayo just overwhelmed us," said Head Softball Coach Frank Brown. "Their pitching just dominated us. They had good hitting, good defense, they're just a strong team all the way around. No doubt, they shut us down"

At the plate, Kayla Burns had two at-bats, and two strikeouts.

Summer Eades had two at-bats, and two strikeouts.

Ashanti "Minnie Me" Brannan had two at-bats, one strikeout, and one putout.

Marta Vargas had two at-bats, one single, and one strikeout.

Arianna Pierce had two at-bats, one single, and one strikeout.

Dalayna Nolan had one at-bat, and one strikeout.

Hanna Black had one at-bat, and one putout.

Lea Vargas had one at-bat, and one strikeout.

Luna Ball had one at-bat, and one strikeout.

On the mound, Marta Vargas gave up seven hits, 13 walks, and two hit by pitches.

In comparison, the Mayo pitcher gave up two hits, and struck out 10 batters.

On March 21, the JV Lady Tigers took on Hamilton County, and suffered a 14-0 loss. Coach

Brown explained that the game was called after two innings, due to getting a 90-minute late start, and darkness.

Burns had one at-bat, and one walk.

Eades had one at-bat, and one walk.

Black had one at-bat, and one single.

Marta Vargas had one at-bat, and one single.

Pierce had one at-bat, and one strikeout.

Nolan had one at-bat, and one putout.

Addison had one at-bat, and one putout.

Lea Vargas had one at-bat, and one walk.

Ball had one at-bat, and one strikeout.

On the mound, Marta Vargas gave up five hits, eight walks, five hit by pitches, and struck out five batters.

By comparison, the Hamilton pitcher gave up two hits, two walks, and struck out four batters.



JV Lady Warriors Stand 3-2

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Following the first five games of the season, the Aucilla Christian Academy junior varsity Lady Warriors stand on a 3-2 record.

"The first two games of the JV season saw the Lady Warriors get off to slow start," said Coach J'son Sullivan.

On February 5 the JV Lady Warriors we faced off against Lincoln, and suffered a close 3-0 loss.

"Even though Elizabeth Hightower delivered a stellar pitching performance, the Lady Warriors failed to get the bats going to give her any run support at all," Coach Sullivan added.

Hightower put up six strikeouts and one walk, throwing 94 pitches, 57 of which were strikes.

At the plate, Emma Witmer, Ramsey Sullivan, Natalie Sorenson and Gaige Winchester, each had a hit in the contest against a very good Lincoln pitching staff. "The Lady Warriors played well considering it was their first game of a new season," said Coach Sullivan.

On February the 14 The Lady Warriors traveled to Lake City to play Columbia County, to suffer a second loss, 10-2.

"A cold and rainy night game proved not to be the optimal environment for the Lady Warriors. Led by a good pitching performance by Abigail Morgan, the Lady Warriors failed to play good defense and committed seven errors," Coach Sullivan said.

Facing an outstanding pitcher, the Lady Warriors were only able to put out two hits, including a double by Abby Morgan, and a single by Hightower. "Winning becomes very difficult if you don't hit and commit seven errors," Coach Sullivan added.

February 15 found the Lady Warriors traveling to Godby to play, and Aucilla had a stellar outing, taking a 15-0 victory.

"The weather was warming up and the Lady Warriors' bats were warming up as well," he said.

On the mound, the team of Hightower and Ramsey Sullivan shut out Godby. Hightower faced seven batters in the first two innings, recording all six outs by strikeout, throwing only 30 pitches, 21 of which were strikes.

Sullivan also pitched well, facing 14 batters in three innings, striking out four, while throwing 29 strikes out of 50

pitches.

At the plate, Emma Witmer and Hightower led the Lady Warriors with three hits each, with Hightower hitting two doubles and driving in four runs.

Ramsey Sullivan was two for three with two runs batted in.

Abby Morgan hit a two-run triple.

Natalie Sorenson, Gaige Winchester, and sixth grader Lee Lee Rogers also had hits.

"When we play error free ball, our pitchers hit their spots, and we are selective at the plate, we can play with anybody," Coach Sullivan commented.

On February 28 the Lady Warriors played against the neighboring Madison County Cowgirls, and the Lady Warriors walloped the Cowgirls for a 15-0 blanking. Ramsey Sullivan put on an outstanding pitching performance. In four innings she faced 13 batters, striking out six, and throwing a no-hitter. She only required 29 pitches to dispatch the competition, 25 of which were strikes.

Sullivan also led the Lady Warriors at the plate. She was three for three with six runs batted in, and a triple.

Morgan drove in two runs with a double.

Rogers and Katie James also had hits.

"Again, pitching led the way and our girls were selective, then aggressive at the plate, a winning combination," added Coach Sullivan.

March 5 saw Florida High come to Aucilla to be the Lady Warriors' first home game, and resulted in a 10-6 victory for Aucilla.

Aucilla again sent Hightower to the mound and she again turned in a good pitching performance. Even though she did not have her best stuff, she pitched well and led the Lady Warriors to victory. Hightower struck out four batters in six innings, throwing 90 pitches, 58 of which were strikes.

Hightower also led the Aucilla at the plate, going three for four and driving in a run.

The big blow though came in the fourth inning, when Morgan hit a 2-0 pitch over the scoreboard in left field for a grand slam homerun.

Sullivan had a two-run single.

Sorenson, Burkett, Bishop, Winchester, Rogers and Monique Restrepo also had hits.

"Timely hits and defense win softball games," said Coach Sullivan.



Sunshine Express Derails Madison

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The Sunshine Express softball team hit the diamond against Madison last week and the Sunshine Express derailed their opponent for a 20-17 victory.

The Express jumped out to an early lead, and never looked back.

Karlon Blue went four for five with two RBI's.

Jarvis Atkins went three for five.

Kelvin Jones went three for five, and had four RBI's.

Mario Rivers went three for five, with three RBI's.

Ronzo Wade went three for five, with two RBI's.

Jay Jay went three for five, with two RBI's.

Clark Mitchell went three for five, with two RBI's.

Jay McQue went three for four, with three RBI's.

Kendall Cooksey went three for four.

Nick Russell went 0 for four.

The Sunshine Express will face off against Madison on April 7, here, and Lake City, on April 14, there.



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FHSAA Honors ACA Basketball Players

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Each year the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) awards schools for their academic, as well as their athletic accomplishments, and the varsity boys and girls basketball teams at Aucilla Christian Academy were in the top running.

The FHSAA named the Winter Athletic Academic Team Champions earlier this month.

The Warriors placed second in the Boys' Basketball Class 2A, with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.315. The Warriors wrapped up their regular season on a 12-10 record.

Athletes on the team included Jay Finlayson, Braden Mattingly, Jared

Jackson, Hans Sorenson, Ricky Finlayson, Casey Demott, Brandon Holm, Carson Nennstiel, and Ryan Rivera.

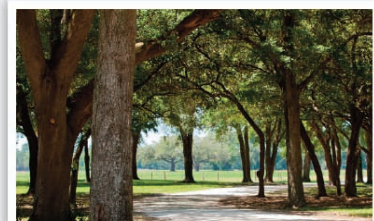
The Lady Warriors placed fourth in the Girls' Basketball Class 2A, with a GPA of 3.528.

The Lady Warriors wrapped up their season on an 18-6 record.

Athletes in the team included Ashli Cline, Pamela Watt, Brooke Kinsley, Michaela Metcalf, Ashley Schofill, Marissa Duber, Lauren Demott, Ashley Hebert, Payal Chaudhari, and Whitney

Stevens.

"We are very proud of the academic accomplishments of these students and their representation of Aucilla," said ACA Athletic Director Kevin Smith.



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