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British Tourist Murder Case Resurfaces 20 Years Later

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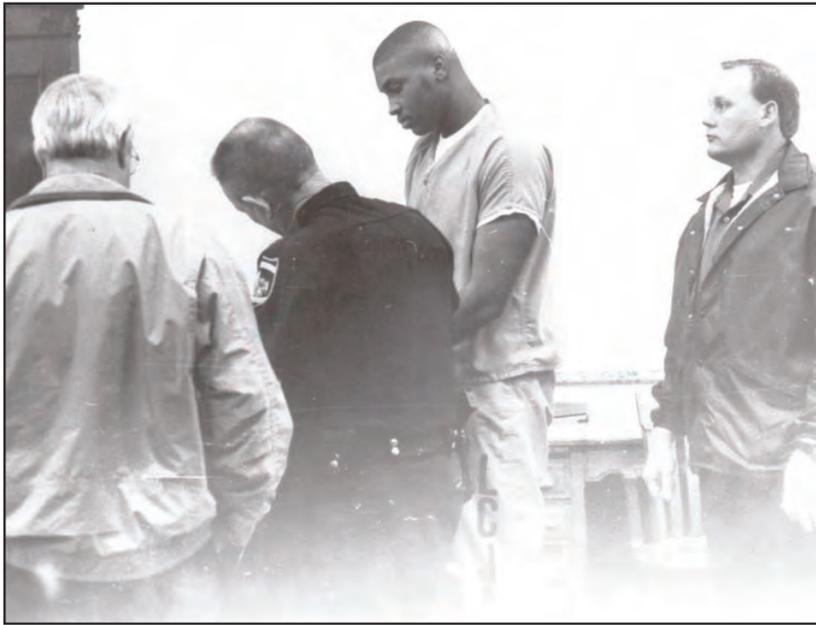
A new trial date has been set for the re-sentencing of Aundra Akins, one of four Monticello youths involved in the 1993 shooting death of a British tourist and the wounding of his girlfriend in a botched robbery at the I-10 rest stop near the Madison County line.

Akins, now 34 (the same age as his victim, Gary Colley, was in 1993), is scheduled to appear before Circuit Judge Karen Gievers at 9 a.m. Tuesday, June 11, in the Jefferson County Courthouse for a non-jury trial.

In addition to determining a new sentence, the court will address whether the sentence for the crime against the girlfriend, Margaret Jagger, will be served concurrently or consecutively with the separate sentence for the murder of Colley; and whether Akins will be credited with time served.

The First District Court of Appeal (DCA) last year ordered that Akins be re-sentenced, following a 2010 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that juveniles can't be sentenced to life terms.

The DCA determined that imposition of a life sentence was inappropriate for Akins because he was 14 at the time of the crime and 16 when he was sen-



Monticello News archives; Photo by Laz Aleman, Nov. 14, 1995
Aundra Akins is fingerprinted following his sentencing on Tuesday, Nov. 14, 1995, for his part in the fatal shooting of British tourist Gary Colley and the wounding of his companion, Margaret Jagger, in November 1993. Pictured from left to right are Sheriff Ken Fortune, Deputy Wallace Blount, Akins and a correctional officer waiting to escort Akins back to jail.

tenced in November 1995. The DCA offered that a sentence between 27 and 40 years would be more appropriate.

Colley and Jagger, then 37, had pulled over for a nap at the I-10 eastbound rest stop near the Madison County line on the night of Sept. 14, 1993 when they were suddenly awakened by four youths tapping on their rental car's windows.

The other three youths were Cedric Green, 13; Deron Spear, 16; and John Jerome Crumity, also 16.

When Colley panicked and attempted to start the vehicle, Akins and Crumity fired, killing him and wounding Jagger.

The shooting drew national and international attention, given that Colley was the ninth tourist to be killed in the state in less than a year, with the resulting negative publicity threatening to harm the state's then \$30 billion a year tourism industry.

At the time, national and international media descended on Monticello and focused scrutiny on the community and in particular on the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, which was leading the investigation, with assistance from the state.

The department concluded the investigation within a matter of days with the Please See **AKINS** Page 3

"Papa!"

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Imagine a six-year old little girl who loves her grandfather, or as she calls him, her Papa, more than anything in the world. Now imagine he's been away for the past nine months in Afghanistan, and her reaction when she finally gets to see him again. That's the story of little Nina Bisch of Monticello.

Nina and her Papa, William Collins, did everything together. If he were working underneath the car, she would be under there with him. If he were mowing the lawn, she would ride on the mower with him. If he were working on the new addition to the house, little Nina would be right there, holding the wood for him. They were always together.

But Sgt. 1st Class Collins, of the US Army Military Police 160th Battalion of Tallahassee, was serving his fourth tour of duty. The previous three were in Iraq, where he was away for nine months, 12 months, and 18 months, respectively.

Bill and his wife Janet, known to Nina as "Nana," have been raising Nina off and on her entire life, and Bill is the man she grew to love, so rather than saying Nina is a "Daddy's girl," you could call her a "Papa's girl."

As his tour of duty neared an end, Nina began making posters, which



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Obvious joy is seen on the faces of William Collins and his granddaughter, Nina Bisch, who were reunited last week after he served nine months in Afghanistan.

said "We love you Papa," ... "When are you coming home, Papa?"...We miss you Papa."

Janet reported that Nina even made a paper maché image of him that stands about knee-high. Everything on her mind and in her heart was "Papa."

Even her teacher at Jefferson Elementary reported that all Nina could talk about was her Papa.

But last week, Nina had the surprise of a lifetime coming home, but unbeknownst to her:

After nearly 48 hours of travel time and layovers, Bill arrived in Ft.

Bliss TX, where he would spend the next two weeks before coming home.

He made it habit to call Janet and Nina as often as he could, so Nina knew he was back in the US, but she still didn't know when Papa was coming home.

Bill wanted to save that information for a surprise.

Meanwhile, Janet took Nina shopping to find the perfect dress for Nina to wear when her Papa came home.

"We went to four different stores. The dress had to be blue, Bill's favorite color, and she had to find just the right one. She would pick one up, look at it and say no, and grab another, until she found the perfect dress for the welcome home," reported Janet.

Last Thursday, Janet asked Nina to wear her new dress to school, but Nina said, "I can't that's for when Papa comes home." Janet convinced her to wear the dress so they could go right after school to get a pretty photo taken of her in her dress to send to Papa, and there wouldn't be enough time to go home after school to change.

So, Nina went to school in her pretty new dress, anticipating another day as usual in the classroom.

But, at 2:30 p.m., Assis-

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Woman Seriously Injured In Rollover

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A woman was seriously injured in a vehicle rollover on the Interstate over the weekend.

Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) reported that at 1:55 p.m., May 26, Marinda Aldave Horn, 60, of Sunnyvale, CA, was driving a 1998 Ford Explorer traveling westbound in the outside lane of I-10, at 70 miles per hour, at the 218-mile marker.

Horn's vehicle drifted into the inside lane, where she overcorrected the steering to the right.

This action caused the vehicle to rollover. The vehicle continued to over-

turn while entering onto the north shoulder, traveling down to the tree line.

The vehicle struck several trees and came to rest on its roof, facing east.

Horn was transported to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital for treatment of serious injuries. She was wearing her seat-belt.

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

Horn was charged with failure to drive within a single lane.

The vehicle sustained \$6,000 damage.

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



Fallen Heroes Remembered



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Remembering military servicemen and servicewomen during the annual VFW Post 251 Memorial Ceremony, held at the New Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church Ashville Cemetery, are from left to right: Rev. John Peck, Rev. Jimmie Dickey, Mary Madison, Sam Madison, Dennis Gallon, Nathaniel Gallon, seated, Eric Shield, standing, and Ned Hill.

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VFW Post 251 and friends remembered and honored Jefferson County fallen heroes and other military servicemen and servicewomen on Sunday afternoon, May 26, at the New Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church Ashville Cemetery.

During the service church family members

placed flags and flowers on the graves of all deceased veterans.

VFW Post 251 Commander Ned Hill, Jr. and Auxiliary President Mary Madison presented this annual military program in recognition of these brave souls, and to keep their purpose alive for generations to come. Rev. Jimmie F. Dickey presided over the service.

The program began with "America The Beau-

tiful" being sung by all in attendance; followed with a prayer by Horace Nealy; scripture offered by Rev. John Peck; and a poem by Brittany Harvey.

An abbreviated memorial ceremony was held, with President Mary Madison remembering the POWs and MIAs in prayer; and flags and flowers were placed on the graves of those lost to war, and for those who bore the wounds and scars of wars.

Art Center Is Being Readied For Noteworthy Exhibitions

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Main Street Monticello is pressing the Jefferson County Commission to address a flooding problem on a county-owned prop-

erty that abuts the Jefferson Arts building and that has the potential to mar two important shows coming to the art center.

Troy Avera and Dr. Anne Holt were the two Main Street representa-

tives who addressed the commission about the problem on Tuesday evening, May 21.

For Avera, a retired airline pilot, it was his sec-

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Last Thursday at JES, little Nina Bisch was reunited with her Papa, William Collins, who had just returned from Afghanistan, after a nine-month tour of duty.

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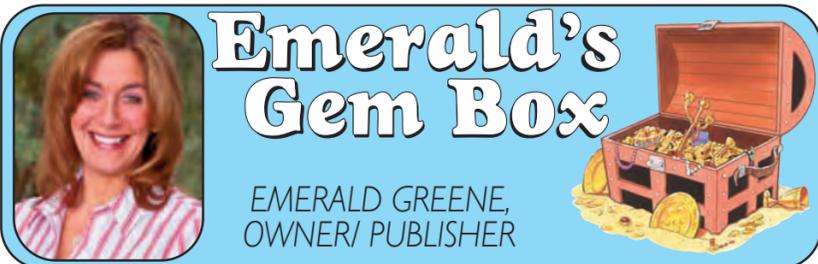
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Local Weather

Wed 5/29 92/69
Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.

Thu 5/30 91/69
Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.

Fri 5/31 91/68
Isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.



Emerald's Gem Box
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The Miss Watermelon Queen Pageant Is This Weekend

The annual Jefferson County Watermelon Festival is kicking off again in full swing. I have the pleasure, again, of serving as the director of the Miss Watermelon Queen and Teen Miss Watermelon Queen pageants. The pageant will be held this Saturday night, June 1, at 7:00 p.m. at the old Jefferson County High School, on Water Street.

The third annual "Baby to Tween" pageant will be held Saturday morning from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, also at the old Jefferson County High School, on Water Street.

The "Baby to Tween"

pageant will highlight the formal/evening gown portion of pageantry and will conclude with the crowning of five new queens, in each of their respective age divisions, and a new Watermelon King.

The Miss Watermelon Queen Contestants get their night started at 5:00 p.m. when they will compete in a private interview. The doors to the auditorium will open at 6:00 p.m., and at 7:00 p.m. the audience will sit back and enjoy the production of the Teen Miss and Miss Watermelon Queen Pageant. The night will start

with an opening dance, featuring all the young ladies. The Teen contestant will then compete in Sportswear and Evening Gown competitions and the Miss contestants will compete in Casual Wear and Evening Gown competitions. The night will conclude with the crowning of the two new 2013 Watermelon Queens.

So come on out and enjoy what promises to be a fun-filled day/evening.

Until then....see you around the town.

(Or better yet, I'll see you Saturday and/or Saturday night, at the Watermelon Queen Pageant(s))

Searching For Ambrosia

Rose Klein
Guest Columnist



Finding Organic Bliss

Monticello and its surrounding areas are blessed with having so many organic growers and farmers of all kinds. It was one of the first discoveries I made after moving here and it greatly helped in easing my homesickness. Instead of strictly focusing on my move away from friends and familiarity, I began seeking out all the markets and meeting the producers. To me, the people I have met have given me a feeling of family and it has grown each time I meet a new business and the people behind their product. I was (and still am) in an organic state of euphoria.

Available to anyone on the local level are all kinds of produce, goat milk and goat meat, dairy products, honey, eggs, chicken, beef, cheese, coffee, chocolates, baked goods, wine, prepared foods at organic food establishments and even cosmetics! To the folks who have been in organics for any length of time, or have been surrounded by it, my enthusiasm may seem humorous, but for someone who has lived in an area where there was little organic choices and could only dream of an organic network like Monticello has, it has felt like winning the lottery.

If you have not been tuned in to the organic network around you or are new to the area like me, you will have no trouble

connecting because the network of growers/farmers/producers/shepherds here is amazing. If you've never made it a point to shop or use organics, I'm going to tempt you to do so with a very easy recipe. This recipe uses fresh mint, which is something that grows in abundance and can be found almost anywhere, but I have found most people use it very little in cooking.

Mint does have a strong and very distinct flavor, but it's versatile and can accompany other flavors well. You can choose from different types of mint...peppermint, spearmint, apple, orange, chocolate...and it can be used in all types of food. You can use it in beverages: teas, cocktails, lemonade (which I'm sharing with you below), and even plain water. You can use it in salads, jellies, baked recipes, and even savory foods (especially if you enjoy Middle Eastern cuisine).

My mother and I recently visited a local nursery and both purchased mint plants. Her cat Blue is enjoying her purchase (catnip being a type of mint), and I brought home a chocolate mint plant and have my eye on an organic chocolate mint ice cream recipe to try...I'll keep you updated on that adventure as it develops.

For now, here is the recipe for homemade Lemonade with fresh mint; perfect timing for

you to make for the hot summer days that have kicked in. Mint is also purported to have a calming side effect, so one more reason to pour up a glass of this lemonade, sit back, relax, and Enjoy!

LEMONADE COOLER with FRESH MINT

- 3 cups sugar
- 1 cup water
- 1 cup fresh mint leaves
- 1 1/2 cups freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1 TB grated lemon zest
- Club soda to serve

Combine sugar and water in a large pot; place over medium heat and stir until sugar dissolves. Increase heat to medium-high, add mint leaves and bring to a boil. Stirring constantly, boil for 1 minute. Strain syrup (removing mint leaves) into a heat-resistant container; allow to cool. After syrup has cooled, stir in lemon juice and zest; cover and chill.

To serve, combine 1 part lemonade syrup to 2 parts club soda and serve over ice.

If you want to get fancy, mix in a pitcher and add lemon slices and a few mint leaves.

If you have any food questions, comments or article requests, I would love to hear from you. Email me at searchforambrosia@aol.com.

STINGERS

As a fella who has been known to take a drink or two from time to time, let me ask the city council to consider a thing or two before they vote on Sunday sales of alcohol in Monticello.

You see, we have sit by and let the Lord Jesus be taken out of our public schools. We have sit by and let Him be taken out of public property displays at certain times of the year. We can not offer a prayer before a high school football game for fear we may infringe upon some minority beliefs. Now, let's not ruin His one day of the week by allowing the sale of alcoholic beverages to be sold. Six days a week of drinking is enough for anybody.

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as the cultural, artistic, and entertainment hub of our community.

The Opera House has seen our children enjoy their wedding receptions, dance at recitals, experience community festivals, and attend their proms. Citizens have voted there, attended conferences and trainings, and met candidates for local and state offices. The upstairs theater, with its wonderful acoustics, has entertained us with plays, musicals, and concerts. The Opera House is a part of all of our lives.

As many of you know, last fall, the very old and antiquated air conditioning system at the Opera House gave out. It was necessary to replace the entire system. This project came with a hefty price tag but has, so far, cut the Opera House utility bill in half.

The Opera House Board of Directors invites you to join us on Saturday, June 8th, at the beautiful Dixie Plantation Mansion, for a fundraising event to raise money specifically to pay for the new AC System. This event will coincide with the running of the Belmont Stakes and is themed as a Race Day event – complete with a live showing of the race, opportunities to win some unique items, live dance music, fabulous food, and a race day hat contest - a beautiful event in a beautiful setting.

The Opera House operates as a 501(c)3 entity and is supported solely by the community. We depend on your support through memberships, event revenue, and donations. Your support of this event, whether through the purchase of tickets or as a sponsor, will help ensure that The Monticello Opera House continues to provide quality programs to our community. You may visit the website at www.monticellooperahouse.org and click on "Coming Attractions" to get more details on this fabulous evening. You may also contact the Opera House office at 997-4242 for information and tickets.

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tant Principal Nancy Whitty entered her classroom, told her she had a visitor, and took her by the hand.

Meanwhile, Janet stood in the doorway to the entry way and Bill sat on the couch behind the partition in the lobby.

When Nina saw Janet, she broke away from Whitty and called, "Nana!" ran to her and hugged her, not seeing that her Papa was right there.

As she hugged Janet, she turned the child around so she could see that Papa was right there.

"Papa! Papa! Papa!" and she ran to him and totally melted into his embrace. She held tightly to him and said, "I didn't know you were coming home today."

He replied, "I know, I wanted to surprise you."

She grabbed him by the hand and led him to her classroom to introduce everyone to her beloved Papa. The children applauded him for being an American hero who had just come home, and one little boy even approached him shook his hand and said, "You the man!"

Nina led him proudly around the room introduc-

ing him to all of her classmates, after which, she looked at Janet and said, "Can we go home now?"

When Nina was asked how much she loved her papa, she said, "More than the whole wide world." But this reporter would venture to say bigger than the sky by her facial expression and her reaction to seeing him again.

The following Monday, knowing that Nina must have monopolized his entire weekend, and wanting the perfect end to this story, I called to see how they were doing, and it was just as anticipated.

"She has always been attached to him," Janet reported. "She was all over him constantly. She wouldn't let him out of her sight and was just clinging to him. They played some ball, he read her a story, and we went out to dinner. Of course, she had to sit right next to him. She even crawled in the bed the first night, got in between us and slept there."

Now that little Nina's world is back in order, and her Papa is home, Bill reported that this tour of duty would be his last. "I'm going to stay home and spend more time with my family."

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arrest of the four youths, all of whom were eventually convicted.

Akins, who fired the .38 caliber bullet that killed Colley, was adjudicated guilty of second-degree murder on Nov. 14, 1995, and sentenced as an adult. At his sentencing, prodded by defense Attorney Mark Olive, Akins turned to Jagger and apologized for his part in the botched robbery.

"Ms. Jagger, I'm very sorry and I dedicate my life to you," Akins said.

Jagger, for her part, called the day in court one of the most difficult of her life, having once again to face "the man who killed Gary and scarred me."

"I started serving my life sentence on Sept. 14, 1993," Jagger told the court. "I hope Aundra realizes the pain he has caused so many people... We all need to rebuild our lives in different ways. Let's hope we can grow into better people."

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ond time before the board to talk about the issue.

"We ask that you move forward on the plan for the art center," Avera said, referring to a project long in the works to improve the county-owned parking lot south of the Jefferson Arts building and the alleged cause of the flooding.

Avera reminded the commission that a touring wildflower exhibition and a Smithsonian travel exhibition are scheduled to come to the art center in the fall and it is critical that the various works be safeguarded against potential flooding and damage.

County Coordinator Parrish Barwick responded that the plan Avera referenced was "actually in the works", adding that consultant engineer Alan Wise was preparing it.

Dr. Holt in her turn urged the commission to resolve the flooding problem as quickly as possible, describing the two exhibitions as precious and saying they would hopefully attract many visitors.

The wildflower photo exhibit, titled "La Florida: 500 Years in the Place of Flowers", showcases 15 large-format photos of wildflowers by award-winning nature photographer John Moran.

Sponsored by the Florida Wildflower Foun-

ation, the exhibition is scheduled to come to the art center Sept. 9 through Oct. 25. It is intended to commemorate the state's natural and cultural history since its discovery by Juan Ponce de Leon in 1513.

Moran is a former journalist and photographer who in 2003 dedicated himself to photographing the best of vanishing natural Florida. He has been called Florida's laureate photographer. His works have appeared in books and magazines, including National Geographic, Life, Time, Newsweek, Smithsonian and The New York Times Magazine.

The foundation, meanwhile, is a nonprofit whose stated mission is "to enrich lives with Florida's native wildflowers."

The second exhibition, titled Journey Stories, is sponsored by the Smithsonian Museum on Main Street. It consists of seven freestanding stations — one an introduction and the other six explorations of the essence of mobility and the different modes of transportation in America from prehistoric to modern times.

Dr. Holt secured a \$10,000 grant from the Florida Humanities Council to secure this exhibition, scheduled for Jan. 11

Emancipation Day Parade



ECB Publishing Photos By Fran Hunt

The Annual Emancipation Day Parade banner



Parade Grand Marshal George Pittman, Sr.



The Mims Middle School Band



Jefferson Correctional Institution Confrontation Team

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Monday, May 20, was a beautiful and hot, sunny day for the onset of the Annual Emancipation Day Parade.

Parade goers peppered the street in anticipation of the annual event.

Though 41 different groups and organizations committed to be in the parade, 14 actually showed up. The parade was headed by Jefferson County Sheriff David Hobbs, and Monticello Police Department Chief Fred Mosley, followed by Florida Highway Patrol Trooper Mike Fillyaw.

Riding in the Tillman's Funeral Home limousine was Parade Grand Marshal George Pittman, Sr., followed by the parade banner, and Mary Madison, who represented the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 251 Ladies Auxiliary, as the organization's president, and the Jefferson County Retired Educators Associa-

tion. Next was the Jefferson County Senior Center bus, followed by the Mims Middle School band. Jefferson County Property Appraiser Angela Gray was in her golf cart, followed by the Sweetfield Missionary Baptist Church, and the Jefferson Correctional Institution Confrontation Team and K-9 Unit.

The final entries in the parade included the Jefferson County R. J. Bailor Public Library, Brynwood Center, and County Tax Collector Lois Howell-Hunter.

Following the parade, parade goers gathered at the MLK Center for programs, entertainment, and vendors of every description.

Obituaries

MARY IRENE CLARK

Mary Irene Clark, 85, passed away Friday in Gainesville.

Funeral Services were held 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 28, 2013 at Beggs Funeral Home, with burial following at Broomsage Cemetery. Family received friends Monday at Apalachee Parkway Chapel.

Mary was a native and lifetime resident of Jefferson County, and will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

She is survived by her husband, William L. Clark; two sons, Raymond Earl Clark (wife Mary) and Jerry Eugene Clark both of Monticello; a daughter, Evelyn Darlene Clark (husband John) of Cross City; two sisters, Rochelle Bailey of Tallahassee, and Mattie Boland of Wacissa; nine grandchildren, twenty five great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Mary is preceded in death by a sister, Florence Spratt.

Financial Focus...

WHAT DOES DOW 15,000 MEAN TO YOU?

Provided by Robert J. Davison

This month, the Dow Jones Industrial Average hit a milestone, when, for the first time, it closed above 15,000. Of course, 15,000 is a nice, round number, and it sounds pretty big — but what does it mean to you, as an individual investor? Is it cause for celebration — or is it more of a "caution" flag?

There's no one simple answer to these questions. Since March 2009 — the low point of the market following the 2008 financial crisis — the "Dow" has risen about 130 percent. And while the Dow is just one index, it's nonetheless an important measure of the market's performance — which means that you were likely glad to see the 15,000 mark eclipsed and you'd be happy if the numbers just kept rising.

However, as you're no doubt aware, the market does not move in just one direction. Typically, declines of 10% or more — or "corrections" — occur about once a year. Unfortunately, they're not predictable. Sooner or later, the markets will indeed change course, at least for the short term. When this happens, don't panic — corrections are a normal part of the market cycle. Still, you might feel like you should do something to cope with the downturn. But what?

Here are a few suggestions:

- Keep investing — Too many people, when faced with a market drop, decide to "cut their losses" and take a "time out" from investing. But that can be a costly mistake — had these investors bailed out of the market in 2009, and only recently returned, they would have missed a substantial part of that 130 percent run-up in the Dow. And when you invest in a down market, your dollars may actually go farther if the market rebounds, because you would have bought more shares at the lower prices.

- Review your portfolio — It's usually a good idea to review your portfolio at least once a year, and it may be especially important during those times when the market changes directions. Over time, a portfolio can become unbalanced — for example, following a long period of rising prices, some of your growth-oriented investments may have gained so much value that they now take up a larger percentage of your holdings than you had intended, possibly subjecting you to a greater level of risk than you desire. If this happens, you may need to scale back on these investments and reallocate the money elsewhere.

- Diversify — Always look for ways to spread your dollars among a range of vehicles — stocks, bonds, government securities, certificates of deposit (CDs) and other investments. Even within these classes, look for ways to diversify further, such as owning different types of stocks, bonds of varying maturities, and so on. Diversification can't guarantee a profit or protect against a loss, but it can help reduce the impact of volatility that can occur in a downturn.

The Dow at 15,000 is certainly no minor event. And since stocks don't appear too expensive compared to their earnings, don't be surprised if higher milestones follow. But record highs can be quickly forgotten when the market falls. By being prepared for that day, too, you can help yourself continue to work toward your goals — even when the major market indices have, for the moment, taken a wrong turn.

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Sunday Evening.....6:30 PM
Wednesday Evening.....7:00 PM
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Sunday School.....10:00 AM
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Children's Chapel.....11:00 AM
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Wednesday Evening.....7:00 PM
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Classes for Students

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625 Tindell Road • Aucilla • 997-2081
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Pastor Daryl Adams 850-251-0129

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

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study/Prayer Meeting.....6:00 PM
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325 West Washington Street
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Dr. Rick Kelley, Pastor

Sunday School.....9:45 AM
Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 AM
Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Study.....6:30 PM
Children's Church - Ages 4-6.....11:30 AM
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CHURCH NEWS NOTES

debbiesnapp@embarqmail.com or 850-997-3568

May 29

Heaven's Kitchen Noon Bible Study and Prayer every Wednesday at Memorial Missionary Baptist Church, with speakers 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.

May 31

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.

May 31

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.

June 1

First Baptist Church of Lloyd will host a Commu-

nity Block Party from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. There will be a car and bike show, live bands, great speakers, a silent auction, a Moon Walk, and other games for children, teens, and adults. Teen Challenge will be assisting in this 'free entry/free food' event. All proceeds will go to Teen Challenge. The church is located at 124 St. Louis Street, across from the old Railroad Station (Post Office) in Lloyd. For more information, contact Church Pastor George Smith at 850-997-5309.

June 1

Welaunee Missionary Baptist Church will hold a Fellowship Program honoring its Pastor Herbert Thomas, Sr. at 6 p.m. on Saturday. The church is located off Highway 27 East, in Capps. For more information, contact Dea. Angeles Allen at 850-591-6267 or Dea. Julia McKelvin at 850-766-2042.

June 1

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

June 3-7

First Baptist Church Monticello will host Vacation Bible School at 5:15 p.m. on Monday through Friday. 'Kingdom Rock, Where Kids Stand Strong For God' is an epic adventure for new friends, amazing experiments, wild games, lip-smacking snacks, surprising adventures, and incredible music. For more information, call 850-997-2349.

June 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 eaglewingsmonticello@yahoo.com or www.firstpresbyterianmonticello.org.

June 10-14

First Baptist Church Lloyd Vacation Bible School for children ages PreK-3 through 6th grade. All knights and fair maidens, princes and princesses, are invited to unite and Stand Strong in the Lord. Participants will explore Learn-

a-Lot Chambers, Craft Courtyard, Cook's Kitchen, Sir Gavin's Games, and the Great Hall through hands-on learning, special craft creations, tantalizing eats, Old World games, and a daily drama presentation. So prepare to step back in time, embark on a journey, and partake of one royally fun time! All troupes gather nightly at 6:00 p.m. and parents and/or guardians are invited to return at 8:00 p.m. for Closing Assembly; children will be dismissed at 8:30 p.m. Costumes are encouraged, though no weapons of any kind are allowed on campus. Register now by calling the church office at 850-997-5309, and join at 124 St. Louis Street in Lloyd.

June 11

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



"Keeping the Faith"

Ronnie McBrayer

School's Out

(at least it ends this week here where I live). By the end of summer I'm afraid my description of these little animals will be a bit stronger. I'll be ready for them to return to the classroom.

Still, I appreciate their euphoria. I can recall the

butterflies that formed in my stomach as summer break approached each year: "No more pencils, no more books, no more teachers' dirty looks." It was sweet release. Now, this does not mean my summers were always easy. I worked on my uncle's poultry farm every summer from the time I was twelve or so until graduation.

And ironically, it was those hot, stinking chicken houses that convinced me to stay in school and get a college education. But as a kid anything - anything - was better than sitting in a dull classroom doing algebra problems, memorizing Lord Byron, and studying vocabulary words. Even if that meant doing hard labor shoveling, well, you know what.

So, I still get giddy this time of year just thinking about escaping for the summer. But I'm not the only one - nor are my children. The real happiness is found in empty classrooms where teachers are dancing with unmitigated joy.

At least I know my sons' teachers are dancing. These dear souls will probably be sitting somewhere in a retirement home sixty years from now, telling horror stories about those McBrayer boys. Preachers' kids are the worst, you know. I hope their teachers don't tear up their contracts this summer and refuse to return.

It's been said that if teachers were paid like professional athletes, and if athletes were paid like teachers, our society would be a much better place. Amen to that. But money is not the reason these men and women give themselves to the classroom.

Sure, teachers would take a raise (or two), but they teach for other reasons: They teach because they love working with children. They teach because they are drawn to a particular subject. Or they teach because as a student, they themselves were greatly influenced by a teacher. In fact, influence seems to be the real reason teachers teach.

Only parents and close family members have the kind of unparalleled impact on youngsters as teachers. The influence is incalculable. The Apostle James said, "My brothers and sisters, most of you shouldn't want to be teachers. You know that those of us who teach will be held more accountable."

Why this higher standard? Because teachers have an extra responsibility, not only as adults that little ones observe, but also as ones who encode and train our children. Teachers are the architects and designers of the future. That is indeed, a great responsibility.

Too many times we who stand behind pulpits or travel to the "mission field" (whatever that means) monopolize the market on doing God's work. But everyone - everyone - has opportunity to do the work of God. This is doubly true for teachers. Theirs is nothing less than a divine calling.

Sure, there are a few bad apples in the educational barrel - those who do not take their calling or responsibility seriously enough, or who give the profession a bad name - you can find these kinds of folks in all career fields. Yet, all in all, teachers are a heroic lot who deserve our support, admiration, and even our prayers. God knows if I were matched against twenty-five second graders every day, I'd want someone praying for me.

And to my sons' middle school teachers, a final word before you slip into the rapture of a kid-less summer: My wife and I have one more son coming your way. As he has been cultured by his older brothers, he may be the most challenging one yet. Regular readers of this column can confirm this for you. So accept my apology in advance. I'll be praying for you.

Ronnie McBrayer is a syndicated columnist, speaker, and author of multiple books. You can read more and receive regular e-columns in your inbox at www.ronniemcbrayer.me.

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Sunday Church School.....10:00 A.M.
Sunday Praise & Worship.....11:15 A.M.
2nd Sunday Youth Praise & Worship
4th Sunday Individual Outreach Ministry & Fellowship
3rd Sunday Holy Communion
Wednesday Evenings
Prayer Meeting.....6:30 P.M.
Bible Study.....7:00 P.M.

INDIAN SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Rev. Greg Roberts

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

MEMORIAL M.B. CHURCH

780 Second Street • Monticello • 997-4947
Moderator J.B. Duval, Pastor

Worship Services 2nd and 4th Sundays
Sunday Church School (every Sunday).....9:30 AM
Sunday Worship (2nd & 4th Sundays).....11:00 AM
Youth Worship (2nd Sunday).....11:00 AM
Wednesday
Prayer Meeting/Bible Study.....7:00 PM

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415 E Palmer Mill Rd • Monticello • 997-1119
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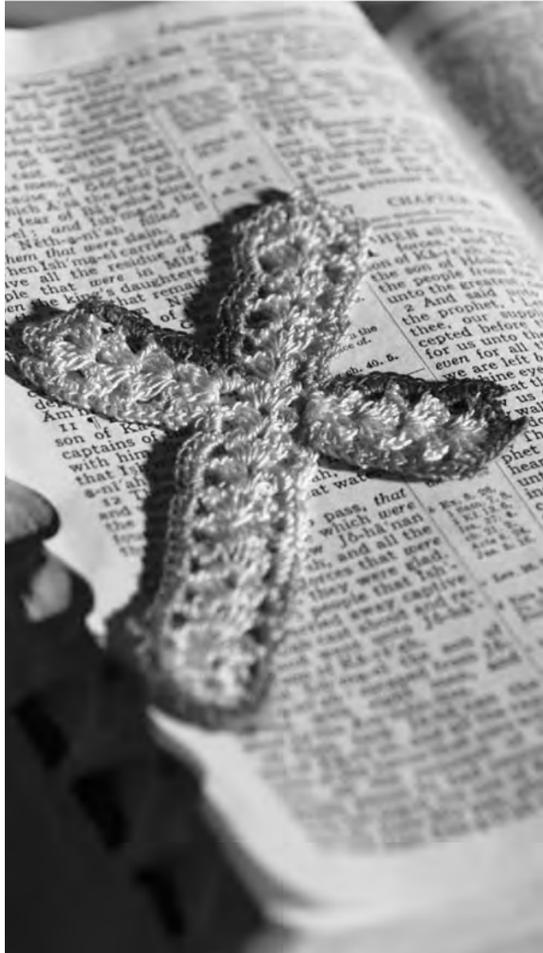
Pastors Ray and Angel Hill

Sunday School.....10:00 AM
Sunday Worship.....11:00 AM
Wed. Family Training Hour.....7:00 PM
Ignite student Ministries.....7:00 PM

OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

7369 Boston Hwy. Monticello
850-997-1596
Bro. David During

Sunday Bible Study.....10:00 AM
Sunday Worship.....11:00 AM
Sunday Evening.....6:00 PM
Wednesday
Bible & Prayer Meeting.....6:30 PM



CHURCH

Waukeelah United Methodist Women Host District Spring Gathering



Becky Olsen lead the congregation of women through hymns.

AMBER HOUSTON
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

On Saturday, April 27, Waukeelah United Methodist Women's Group hosted the Northwest District United Methodist Women's Spring Day Apart. 93 churches were in attendance from Quincy to Lake City.

The host church is responsible for a breakfast and a lunch as well as space accommodations. This was the first time that Waukeelah United Methodist Church acted as a host.

The host church members, however, were not the only ones that enjoyed the event. Many women were well pleased with the facilities, the beauty of the Monticello and Waukeelah areas, the friendly faces of the host church members, and the meal. In fact, most women agreed that the meal set a new standard for Men's groups across the district. The Waukeelah United Methodist Men

(WUMM) got up at 5:30 a.m. on that same morning and smoked 16 chickens for the women's luncheon. They also warmed up the sides that the host churchwomen prepared so that the host women could enjoy the event.

And they did enjoy the festivities. The real fun occurred before and after the luncheon. David and Becky Olsen, a husband and wife band that came all the way from Fulford UMC in Miami, Florida, delighted the audience with a sort of musical tag. Becky Olsen encouraged audience members to call out the number of her favorite hymn, and then everyone joined in singing the first verse and chorus.

Rev. Shirley Groom acted as the keynotes speaker for the event. She spoke about abundant life: the difference between worldly and godly abundance, how to achieve spiritual abundance, how to let go of worldly things, and how to let God handle

the details women fret about. Said Groom, "Abundant life is not wealth, or a big house, or possessions, or power or any of those things! Abundant life is inner peace, joy, love, generosity and so much more."

She discussed the role of the Good Shepherd, and how Jesus is a good shepherd to the women that believe in Him—His princesses. To that, Pastor Donald Thompson Jr., who was assisting in the sound booth exclaimed, "I'm a princess!"

As Groom put her train of thought back on its rails, she explained that the Good Shepherd makes His sheep rest, be at peace, and fill themselves up so that they are able to pour themselves out for others.

She also discussed tips and tricks to find peace in God during a busy day. First is to "go to... the bathroom," according to Groom. No matter how busy a woman is, or who is stressing her out, Groom assured that

those individuals would not likely follow her into the bathroom. This move allows a woman to steal a few precious moments of silence, an opportunity to regroup, and—most importantly—a chance to pray. Even with little hands or paws reaching under the door.

Her next tip was both simpler and more predictable: *breathe*. This lesson was demonstrated with an exercise in breathing. All of the attendees closed their eyes and were encouraged to breathe slowly and deeply as Groom spoke. "Breathe in the grace of God; exhale your trials, worries and concerns. Breathe in God's peace; exhale your need to be in control."

She ended with a beautiful benediction:

"God go before you to guide you, Above you to bless you, Behind you to protect you, Beneath you to hold you up, Alongside you to keep you from stumbling.

And the Women of God say?" Amen.



Rev. Shirley Groom was the speaker at the event and spoke to attendees about abundant life and how to claim it.



David and Becky Olsen, a husband and wife band from Miami, provided music.



The Waukeelah United Methodist Men's group cooked and served lunch for the ladies in attendance.

First Corinthian Church

955 Lemon St., Monticello, Florida
850-445-0076
sonnyjohnjr@aol.com
Reverend John Jones, Pastor

Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 AM
Wednesday Bible Study.....6:30 PM

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

290 East Dogwood Street • Monticello • 850-997-2252
Interim Pastors

Sunday School.....9:45 AM
Sunday Worship.....11:00 AM
Adult Bible Study-Wednesday.....6:30-7:30 PM
Men's Breakfast.....2nd Saturday 8:00 AM

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LLOYD

124 St. Louis Street • Lloyd • 997-5309
fbclloyd.pastor@embarqmail.com
Pastor George L. Smith
Sunday

Sunday School-Small Groups..... 9:15 AM
Praise & Worship.....10:30 AM
AWANA –ages 3 years–6th grade.....5:00 PM
CSI: Youth–Grades 6-12.....5:30 PM
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

Shades of REAd Book Club.....5:45 PM

2nd Thursday

Lloyd Silver Saints– Senior Adult.....11:00 AM

3rd Thursday

W W Diners.....5:30 PM
Widows/Widowers outing

3rd Saturday

Brotherhood.....8:00 AM

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Wednesday
Prayer & Bible Study.....7:00 PM

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Wed. followed by Novena.....7:00 PM
1st & 3rd Saturday
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13 Barrington Road • Monticello • 850-997-8747
Rev. James Mack, Pastor

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

SHILOH A.M.E. CHURCH

224 Thomas Road
Aucilla
Rev. Gilbert Connelly, Pastor

Second and Fourth Sundays
Sunday School.....10:00 AM
Morning Worship Service.....11:00 AM
Wednesday Evening Prayer and Bible.....7:00 PM
Fourth Sunday Youth Participation

WACISSA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

14492 Waukeelah Hwy/ P.O. Box 411
Wacissa • 997-2179 or 997-1769
Pastor James Gamble

Sunday School.....9:45 AM
Sunday Morning.....10:55 AM
Sunday Bible Study.....6:30 PM
Wednesday
Prayer Meeting.....6:30 PM
Youth Group.....6:00 PM
Choir Practice.....7:30 PM

WAUKEELAH UNITED METHODIST

81 Methodist Church Rd • Waukeelah • 997-2171
www.waukeelah-umc.org

Pastor Donald Thompson, Jr.

Sunday School.....9:45 AM
Sunday Worship.....11:00 AM
Youth Group.....7:00 PM

Wednesday

Choir Practice.....7:00 PM
Youth Group.....7:00 PM

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

325 W. Walnut Street • Monticello
Pastor Wayne Cook 997-5545

Praise & Worship.....8:30 AM
Sunday School.....9:30 AM
Traditional Worship.....11:00 AM

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

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

TRANSFORMING LIFE CHURCH ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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

Sunday..... 10:30 AM
Sunday Morning Praise and Worship
Children's Church
Infants & Toddler Nursery

Wednesday.....7:00 PM
Praise & Worship
Adult & Teen Bible Study
Young Explorers (K-5th Grade)

SPORTS



ACA Awards Banquet

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Staff Writer

The Aucilla Christian Academy Athletic Awards banquet was held May 18, and many athletes were recognized for their great accomplishments during each particular season.

The evening kicked off with athletes and their guests being welcomed and serving of an excellent dinner, compliments of the athletic committee. Next, came the ever-popular power point presentation.

The first awards of the evening went to the varsity cheerleaders. Coach Shona Whiddon said, "I was blessed this year to be able to work with the ACA varsity cheerleaders. First, I want to thank God for the opportunity to work with this amazing group of young ladies. I also give a special thanks to my husband, Stan, who has scheduled his life around cheerleading from scheduling our first date around a basketball tournament, to changing the date of the wedding rehearsal, so I could coach a team at the state football championship. I also offer a big thanks and hug to Lisa Jackson for being so helpful and supportive. I couldn't have made it through this year without you. Thank you to Coach Smith for adding cheerleading to his overflowing plate. Thanks to the parents for entrusting me with your daughters. To the girls, thank you for pushing yourselves. You are the most successful varsity team I have ever coached. I pray that you continue to push your-



Pamela Watt, left, received the Female Athlete of the Year Award. Jared Jackson, right, received the Male Athlete of the Year Award.

selves through this next chapter of your lives. Life isn't always easy. When you have those moments of doubt, refer to Proverbs 3:5-6. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight." Keep believing in yourselves as I believe in all of you," she concluded.

Caroline Schwab received the trophy for Most Valuable Cheerleader; Hadley Revell received the trophy for Best All-Around Cheerleader; and Brooke Kinsley received the Coach's Award trophy.

Golf Coach David Jackson said, "Thanks to God for letting me serve with such a great group of people. The students worked hard and I am appreciative of the parents support I received throughout the golf season. I also

want to thank the Jefferson Country Club for letting the team use their facilities."

Austin Malloy received the MVP Award; Ricky Finlayson received the Most Improved Award; and Josh Wood received the Inspirational/Spiritual Award.

Cross country Coach Dan Nennstiel said, "Thanks to God for letting me serve with such a great group of Godly people. It takes many people to make the cross country ministry possible and thanks to all the parents for being such a blessing, providing snacks, drinks, and helping with the meets. Special thanks to assistant coaches Phil Barker, Anna Finlayson, and Liaison Traci Giddens."

On the girls cross country team, Taylor Copeland was named the MVP; Sarah Tharpe received the Leadership Award; and Hanna Searcy was named the Rookie of the Year.

On the boys cross country team, Braden Mattingly was named the MVP; Carson Nennstiel received the Leadership Award; and Taylor Nugent was named the Rookie of the Year.

Varsity football Coach Colby Roberts began by giving thanks. "Special thanks to Jesus Christ, my Savior and Lord; my wife, Laura, for her patience and support; my coaches Will Smith, Kevin Smith, and Dave Roberts; my players for all of their hard work and dedication; student



Ashli Cline, left, received the Female Academic Athlete award while Jay Finlayson, right, received the Male Academic Athlete award.

managers Courtney Watts and Marissa Duber; Mrs. Whiddon and the varsity cheerleaders; Daryl Adams and our other JV coaches; our Football Boosters, the best around; Mr. and Mrs. Horne and our other fish fry cooking crew members; pre-game meal coordinator Patricia Sorensen; all of our parents for the meals and so much more; statisticians David Jackson and Mike Holm; Ellen Hutsell for filming; Cindy Watts and Tammy Thrash for photography; Mr. Harvin and Coach Nennstiel for announcing; our dedicated Chain Gang Crew; ball boys Ryan Jackson and crew; Steve Weeks for field maintenance; the Athletic Committee for their support; Richard Finlayson for having faith in me; and the many others who were involved in making this a great year."

Jared Jackson was named the Most Valuable Player; Gus Smyrnios was named the Defensive MVP; Hans Sorensen was named the Offensive MVP; Bradley Holm was named the Best Offensive Back; Jay Finlayson won the North Florida Football Conference Sportsmanship Award and Tres Copeland was named the Special teams MVP.

Varsity girls basketball Coach Daryl Adams said, "I want to thank our Lord and Savior for all of the opportunities and patience; my wife, Stacy, for all of the patience and sacrifice; my son Ryan for hours of waiting; Mr. Finlayson for all of the

opportunities and patience; Coaches James Burkett, Amanda Sapp, and Shaina Mattingly for all their support, stat, and bookkeeping; Mac Finlayson for expert advice; Stephanie Cook for filming, food, and driving; Corey Brandies for bookkeeping; Chelstie Kinsley, Timmy Finlayson, and Kinzi Mattingly for keeping stats; Lisa Jackson for all the help with boosters; and Lady Warrior parents for food and driving, including the Chaudharis' van, the Everett family and Mattingly family with help at camps.

Pamela Watt was named MVP; Michaela Metcalfe received the Defensive Award; Brooke Kinsley was named Sharp Shooter; Ashley Schofill received the Warrior Award; and Ashli Cline received the Heart and Soul Award.

Varsity boys basketball Coach Dan Nennstiel said, "Thank you to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, for the opportunity to work with so many fine young men, and to all the parents for their help. I would also like to show appreciation to Mac Finlayson for his help coaching and for all the many uncountable things he does; and Kevin Smith, Drew Sherrod, Josh Wood, Abigail Hettinger, and Meagan Finlayson."

Jay Finlayson was named MVP; Jared Jackson was named Offensive Player of the Year; Hans Sorensen was named Defensive Player of the Year; Ricky Finlayson was named Rookie of the Year; and Ryan Rivera was named Most Improved Player.

Varsity softball Coach Becky Lauth gave a special note of thanks. "Thank you, my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, for all of the many blessings He has bestowed upon me, and for allowing me another year of coaching the best group of ladies anyone could ever ask for; Mr. Finlayson for allowing me another year of coaching the Lady Warriors and for your support and confidence in us all; all of the parents for allowing my assistant coaches and me the opportunity to coach your children. Each and every one of them was definitely handpicked by God; Lady Warriors, thanks for another great season. Words could not express how proud I am of you all. Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication, not only to the team, but to the Lord as well. You are all truly a blessing to me. Ansley and Lindsey for helping me coach these wonderful ladies. You have both been a blessing in their lives, as in mine. I look forward to many more years of coaching with you both; Moms, for feeding the girls on game days; Mr. and Mrs. Horne and Mrs. Cindy Watts for helping out with anything and everything that needed to be done; Corey, for being the best scorekeeper, announcer, National Anthem singer, and personal trainer that anyone could ever ask for; Christina for being an awesome DJ; and Jarrod for helping me with everything. Your love and support of me coaching means more than you could ever know."

Ashley Schofill was named MVP; Kelly Horne was named Offensive Player of the Year; Whitney Stevens received the Pitching Award; Whitney McKnight received the Lady Warrior Award; and Michaela Metcalfe received the Coach's Award.

Varsity baseball Coach Drew Sherrod also gave thanks before presenting the awards. "Thanks to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; Mr. Finlayson for all of his hard work and support as principal, and for coaching the JV team this year; Kevin Smith, who does a great job behind the scenes with day to day Athletic Director duties; Ray Hughes and Ridgely Plaines for their time and dedication, the best coaching staff I could ever ask for; Mr. Brown for keeping our book and keeping everyone in line; Don Bishop for the baseball boosters, for their hard work and support; Leslie Wilkinson for all she does running our concessions; the Athletic Committee and their continuous efforts to improve our facilities; all the parents who supported our team with meals, drinks, and field maintenance; all of my sixth grade students who helped get the field ready for games; our announcer, Dan Nennstiel, who does an outstanding job; I want to thank the players, the craziest, most fun group of guys you will ever meet; and last but not least, I want to thank my family, and my wife, for all of their love and support."

Austin Bishop was named MVP; Josh Wood received the Spiritual Award Jared Jackson received the Coach's Award Russell Fraleigh received the Bating Award; Tres Copeland received the Defensive Award; Hans Sorensen received the Pitching Award; and Gus Smyrnios received the Slugger Award.

Athletic Director Kevin Smith said, "I would like to thank Richard Finlayson and the faculty, staff, and parents of Aucilla for creating such a great atmosphere of support and dedication to the mission of the school and to our athletic program. I would also like to thank all the head coaches, assistant coaches and volunteer coaches for all the sports teams this year. We are very lucky to have these dedicated men and women supporting and teaching our young adults and I am very grateful for them all. As well I thank the Athletic Committee for their hours of dedication to improving our athletic department in so many ways. Furthermore, I thank my wife, Valerie, and my children Cooper and Colby Ann for their undying support in the pursuit of my profession. You have been gracious and caring and always supportive. Finally, I want to thank God for leading my life and giving me the faith to pursue my passion.

He then announced that Ashli Cline was named the Female Academic Athlete of the Year, and Jay Finlayson had been named the Male Academic Athlete of the Year.

The Academic Athlete Award is presented to the senior male and female athlete who has maintained the highest GPA throughout high school.

Smith then announced that Pamela Watt was named the Female Athlete of the Year, and Jared Jackson was named the Male Athlete of the Year.

Athletic committee chairperson Tonya Roberts then made closing remarks and offered special thanks to Corey Brandies for putting the Power Point presentation together, and all the parents who shared their photos.

Richard Finlayson offered the closing prayer:



The ACA cross country boys team presented awards to their distinguished runners. From left to right: Carson Nennstiel (Leadership Award), Braden Mattingly (MVP). Not pictured is Taylor Nugent (Rookie of the Year).

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SPORTS

ACA Awards Banquet



The ACA varsity cheerleaders voted on their own squad members to receive their awards. Pictured from left to right: Caroline Schwab (Most Valuable Cheerleader), Hadley Revell (Best All - Around Cheerleader) and Brooke Kinsley (Coach's Award).



The ACA varsity boys golf team received their awards at the sports banquet Saturday, May 18, in Monticello. Pictured left to right: Ricky Finlayson (Most Improved Award), Austin Malloy (MVP) and Josh Wood (Inspirational/Spiritual Award).



The ACA varsity football players proudly received their awards at the annual sports banquet Saturday night May 18. From left to right: Jared Jackson (MVP), Hans Sorensen (Offensive MVP), Tres Copeland (Special Teams MVP), Bradley Holm (Best Offensive Back), and Jay Finlayson (North Florida Football Conference Sportsmanship Award). Not Pictured is Gus Smyrniotis (Defensive MVP).



The ACA varsity girls basketball players were ecstatic to receive their awards from their coach Saturday night May 18, at the sports banquet. Pictured left to right: Michaela Metcalfe (Defensive Award), Ashli Cline (Heart and Soul Award), Pamela Watt (MVP), Brooke Kinsley (Sharp Shooter Award) and Ashley Schofill (Warrior Award).



Aucilla varsity softball girls were honored during the annual sports banquet. Pictured left to right: Michaela Metcalfe (Coach's Award), Kelly Horne (Offensive Player), Ashley Schofill (MVP), Whitney McKnight (Lady Warriors Award) and Whitney Stevens (Pitching Award).



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Title I -Spring Family Fun & Learn Night

The Jefferson County Title I Parent Involvement Committees mission is to use family, school, and community partnerships to strengthen our schools, and improve student achievement.

In an effort to build stronger partnerships in education, a Title I Spring Family Fun & Learn Night took place on May 2, 2013 at Memorial M.B.Church of Monticello. It was a night of having fun and learning more about our schools.

The excitement was there from our first event and just carried over into this one. In the absence of our Superintendent, Al Cooksey, Dr. Kelvin Norton, Assistant Superintendent, along with Ms. Annie Servin, Youth Director at Memorial M.B. Church welcomed everyone.

JCMHS Cheerleaders gave some great cheers to begin our evening. Ms. Tammy McGriff, Federal Programs Specialist spoke to the audience on the understanding of our Roles and Title I. Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, Dr. Kevin Norton enlightened the crowd with his remarks on Academic Challenges. JES and JCMHS Counselors gave excellent school reports. Dr. Melvin Roberts, Human Resource Specialist kept the evening filled with laughter using his great sense of humor while encouraging parents and partners to continue to be involved.

After the learning sessions, came the Fun Time. We broke the families and guests into groups and they were later assigned to an event. The first group played Bingo. Parents, students and community partners joined together in playing several games of Bingo and did not want the fun to end. Ms. Kim Norman & her daughter, Kerstin Creek were the winners of one of the Bingo games. They were both very excited about



JCMHS student preparing for the Tobacco Free Puppet Show sponsored by the Jefferson County Health Department.

winning and the great book they got to take home.

The second group was Arts and Crafts. They made Mother's Day bookmarks of their choice and were given books for parents and children to read at home. Everyone seemed excited as well as very involved.

The highlight of the evening was the Puppet Show. Ms. Chastity McCarthy, Senior Health Educator Coordinator, Tobacco Prevention Specialist, and Swat Coordinator for the Jefferson County Health Department, along with some of our students, did an outstanding job of pointing out the importance of tobacco awareness to our parents, students and community partners with a great show. The students along with Ms. McCarthy certainly enjoyed themselves.

All participants including School Board Members, City and County Officials along with our Partnerships in Education expressed their appreciation and stated that they would try to become more involved by encouraging others parents and community leaders to join in as we continue to build stronger partnerships in education.

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Kim Norman and daughter, Pre-K student at JES, Kerstin Creek.

Jay Finlayson Receives Academic Scholarship Signs Letter Of Commitment



Aucilla Christian Academy senior Jay Finlayson recently signed his national letter of commitment to play basketball for Covenant College, where he was awarded a sizable academic scholarship package. Pictured from left to right are ACA Head Basketball Coach Dan Nennstiel, Mac Finlayson (dad and assistant coach), Jay Finlayson, and Mary Beth Finlayson.



Pictured above are ACA Principal Richard Finlayson, Jay Finlayson and Dan Nennstiel.

FRAN HUNT
ECB Publishing Staff Writer

Aucilla Christian Academy senior Jay Finlayson recently received an academic scholarship from Covenant College in Lookout Mountain, GA, and he signed a national letter of commitment to play basketball while in attendance there.

He explained that Covenant is a Division-3 school and did not have athletic scholarships, but he was able to compete for academic scholarships, and won a pretty good scholarship package. "I was also selected as an alternate for the main scholarship package. With the package I did receive and several smaller scholarships, it will cover most of my four-year education," he said.

"I'm really excited to be able to go and play basketball for Covenant," said Jay. "I fell in love with the campus, the students, and the staff when I was there. It just felt like the place for me."

Jay plans to study business while at Covenant, and upon graduation he plans to come back and manage the family farm and hopefully open a forestry business as

well.

He has maintained a 4.0 grade point average throughout high school.

In his senior year at ACA, he received an award for the highest grade point average (GPA) in physics, as well as the Presidential Award for Academic Excellence. To qualify for this award a student must have a GPA of 3.5 or above and must score higher than the 90th percentile in math or reading on the Stanford Achievement Test or higher than the 90th percentile overall on the ACT or the SAT.

He was also a Senior Honor and Beta graduate, who received both the Gold Beta Cord and a White Honors Cord.

Jay was also one of four ACA seniors who qualified to receive the \$12,000 Bright Future Florida Academic Scholars Award.

He also was one of 24 Florida seniors named to the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) Academic All-State Team, who received a \$1,000 scholarship.

To be eligible for selection to the Academic All-State Team, a student-athlete must be a graduating senior, have a cumulative unweighted

grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale, and have earned a varsity letter in at least two different sports during each of his or her junior and senior years. The members were selected based on academic record, athletic participation, non-athletic activities, community service and an essay. The 24 members came from an applicant pool of more than 240 qualified candidates from the Association's 685 member high schools.

While attending Aucilla, Jay earned four varsity letters in basketball and cross country, as well as one in football. He was active in student government and participated in Beta Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Brain Bowl, all four years of high school.

He is active in the community through his youth group at First United Methodist Church of Monticello, and he sings in the choir. He has volunteered and helped during past community Thanksgiving Day dinners, and he has helped with Southern Music Rising in all it's previous years.

Jay is the son of Mac and Mary Beth Finlayson of Greenville.

Wanda Ross Enjoys Teaching

DEBBIE SNAPP
ECB Publishing Staff Writer

Wanda F. Ross is a Pre-K Teacher at Jefferson Elementary School. She says of her career choice, "I thoroughly enjoy teaching the whole child to meet their individual educational and social needs."

Ross is a former elementary teacher and middle school teacher. She says that she has learned that when you reach the students, they will allow you to teach them. She wants to make a positive impact on the lives of her students like many of her teachers did for her. She says that al-

though many years have passed, she can still remember their teaching and their names.

Ross is a Thomasville, GA native. She has spent over 20 years traveling state-side and overseas with her spouse as he served 27 years in the United States Marine Corps. In addition to her opportunities traveling, she has worked 15 years for the Federal Government in various positions.

As a long-term third grade Substitute Teacher at M.C. Perry Elementary School in Iwakuni Japan, she discovered her gift of teaching. "It was a wonderful six-month experience for



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JES Pre-K Teacher Wanda Ross.

me connecting with my students, teaching cursive writing, sharing my love for math, reading, writing, listening, thinking and learning." She also taught English classes to Japanese students while in Iwakuni.

It was when she returned stateside that she decided to return to school to become a teacher. While being a military spouse, a mother of two, and a full-time federal employee, she pursued a Master of Science in Elementary Education from Wheelock College, in Boston, MA. She maintained a 3.87 GPA. She student taught first grade at James J. Davis Elementary School in Seabrook, SC.

On April 1, 2013 Wanda Ross was designated as an alternate to attend NEH Landmarks in American History and Culture Workshop Jump at the Sun: Zora Neale Hurston; her Eastonville Roots.

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AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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May 30
TCC 21st CCLC Extended Day Program will end on Thursday for summer break and will reopen on Monday, June 17 at JES and JCMHS. Applications will be sent home with your child to attend summer session. Again, contact the school if you have questions or concerns.

May 30
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.

May 31
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.

May 31
Monticello Jamboree Band will perform music for dancing at 7 p.m. on Friday at 625 South Water Street. 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.

June 1
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. 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 and \$10 for a 12x12 space on the lawn for your tent or pick-up. 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.

June 1
Martial Arts classes are held from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday in the Memorial Missionary Baptist Church fellowship hall. Contact Diane Hall at 850-264-1195 for more information.

June 1
Half-N-Half Four Band at the Dixie Community Center at 7 p.m. on Saturday for music and dance. Refreshments and good fellowship are available during intermission. For more information contact Kenneth Price at 1-229-263-7231. DCC is a nonprofit organization.

June 2
VFW Post 251 will meet 5 p.m. on the first Sunday at the Learning Center on Marvin Street for a meeting. Contact Commander Ned Hill at 850-339-5524 for more information.

June 3
VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post 251 will meet at 6:30 p.m. on the first Monday at Memorial MB Church. Contact President Mary Madison at 850-210-7090 for more information.

June 3
MainStreet of Monticello, Florida Board Meeting is held at 5 p.m. on the first Monday at the Cherry Street Commons on South Cherry Street. Contact Margie Stern at 850-210-4097

for more information. For more information about the third Monday Main Street Speaker Series contact Anne Holt at 850-997-5110 or ahholt@ahholt.com. Come to hear about updates and projects that MainStreet has been working on.

June 3
Al-Anon meetings are held at 8 p.m. on Mondays at the Anglican Church, 124 Jefferson Avenue in Thomasville. For more information go to www.al-anon.alateen.org.

June 3
AA will meet at 8 p.m. on Monday at the Christ Episcopal Church Annex, 425 North Cherry Street. For more information, call 850-997-2129 or 850-997-1955.

June 4
AA classes are held on Tuesdays at 8 p.m. for those seeking help. The classes are held at the Harvest Christian Center, 1599 Springholow Road. Contact Marvin Graham, pastor, at 850-212-7669 for more information.

June 4
Monticello Woman's Club meets at noon on the first Tuesday at the clubhouse on East Pearl Street for lunch and a meeting. Contact Club President Ethel Strickland at 850-997-3382 for more information.

June 4
Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce meets at 12 p.m. on the first Tuesday at 420 West Washington Street for lunch and a program. Guest speakers will be from the Chamber Junior Leadership Program. Carrie Ann & Co. will cater the meal. For more information contact Director Melanie Mays at 850-997-5552. Invite an associate.

4-H Ecology Field Day "A Success"



The beautiful Beau Turner Youth Conservation Camp was the site of this year's 4-H Ecology Field Day. This two-day event brought ecology home to the students of Jefferson County. Each day's activity was created by scholars in their respective field to introduce youth to various aspects of ecology; the interdisciplinary study of biology and earth science. Over 100 third graders from JES, Aucilla Christian and homeschoolers attended 4-H Ecology Field Day on Wednesday, May 1. Followed by 60 fifth graders from JES participating on May 2. The students alternated through five stations; three in the morning and two in the afternoon.

On May 1, the third graders participated in the following hands-on activities: Aquatics Science presented by Kimberly Thurman and Sharon Fitz' Coy from the University of Florida Dept. of Fisheries. The students seined for aquatic insect and plants at the pond. Mike Humphrey from Jefferson County Forestry Service presentation introduced our youngsters to forestry. The students learned how to ID trees and gave the youth an opportunity to determine the age of the trees by using an increment borer. Tony Hoggs from the Apalachee Beekeepers Association exposed the kids to the different equipment you will need to maintain a beekeeping operation and the roles bees play in our environment. Steve Tullar and Mark Demott from The Natural Resource Conservation presented to the students the effects of soil erosion and the students also made bird feeders using pinecones and peanut butter. David Cook from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission brought reptiles and amphibians. The students had an opportunity to learn about their habitat and they touched alligators, snakes, frogs, reptiles and amphibians.

On May 2, the fifth graders participated in the following hands-on activities: Betsy Sullivan, volunteer from the St. Marks Refuge, had each student participate in a rain cycle game that revealed how rain affects the earth. Stephanie Hall a graduate student at the University of

Florida, School of Forestry and Natural Resources guided the students' who learned parts of the tree and played a game from the project learning tree curriculum "How Trees Survive in the Forest" using poker chips and playing cards. Griffin Hamilton and Dave Telesco from the Florida Black Bear Management Program did a mystery box presentation - bear artifacts were hidden in a box. Students came up picked an item with their eyes closed and tried to guess what the item was. Once they figured it out, the class discussed the item as it was passed around the group of students, and then moved on to the next item. The box had scat, skull, a bear pelt, as well as other bear related items.

Dan "the Ag Man" Buchanan, Sarah and Stephen Fulford gave the students a history lesson on corn. Students learned

where different crops are raised and popular crops that are raised in North Florida. Dan also cooked popcorn for the students in his antique outdoor cast iron cooking kettle. David Cook returned the following day from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and brought reptiles and amphibians. The students had an opportunity to learn about their habitat and to touch alligators, snakes, frogs, reptiles and amphibians.

The students had lots of fun but most importantly, they learned how to be stewards of the environment.

Thank you goes to Beau Turner, and Kelly Langston at the Beau Turner Youth Conservation Center for all their hard work preparing the camp for the field day. A special thanks to Ray Matty at the BTYCC for providing ice slush for each student.



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