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School District Plays Host To Area Educational Event

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The Jefferson County School District got to play host to the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) and three other school districts last week.

Jefferson County Middle High School (JCMHS), in fact, was the site of the FDOE-sponsored 2013 Differentiated Accountability (DA) Region 1 Summer Academy, a program that offers professional development opportunities to teachers in underperforming schools.

The goal is to help teachers become better at their professions, and in the process improve students' performances and ultimately help turn around failing schools.

Districts participating in the four-day event — which ran Monday, July 8, through Thursday, July 11 — were Gadsden, Madison, Taylor, and Jefferson counties. And topics covered ranged from an overview of the school improvement plan, to understanding resistant learners, to establishing annual measurable objectives, to doing hands-on math and science exercises.



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Jefferson County teachers attend one of the morning sessions offered by the Florida Department of Education at the high school as part of the 2013 Differentiated Accountability (DA) Region 1 Summer Academy.

Michael G. McAuley, executive director of the FDOE's Bureau of School Improvement for Region 1, headed the

effort. McAuley spoke to the News about the program and other educational matters on Thursday morning.

He said the beauty of the summer academy was that its focus was the school improvement plan. He said one of the notable developments of the sessions was that the different school teams got to work together to craft their respective improvement plans, which process the FDOE was facilitating through use of the problem-solving model.

"We help to identify the goals and obstacles and then go through the process of building plans that help achieve those goals," McAuley said.

He said a common theme running through many of the discussions was the need to get greater community and parent buy-in into the school systems.

"Schools are always a central part of the community," McAuley said. "Where one goes, the other goes."

He said school officials recognized the integral part that parents played in the process and were trying to address the issue.

"They're building their plans around trying to get more parents involved," McAuley said, acknowledging a **Please See SCHOOL Page 3**

Body Found Under Residence Identified

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The body found under a city residence in Monticello last month has been identified.

The Monticello Police Department reported that as of June 21, the Medical Examiner's Office confirmed that the remains discovered at 685 South Waukeenah Street on June 5, were in fact those of Marion Gresham Patronis.

On June 24, Patronis' remains were forwarded to the CA Pound Human Identification Laboratory, located at the University of Florida in Gainesville, where a cause and time-frame of death will be determined.

Additional information will be forthcoming as it is made available.

Recapping the case, on Thursday, May 30 the nephew of Marion Patronis, approximately 87, who resided at 685 South Waukeenah Street with her son, David Michael Patronis, 42, and reported that he was concerned for her.

The caller explained that he had attempted to make contact with the two of them, to let them know that Marion's sister had passed away, however, he had not received any response from them.

Investigator Jennifer Jackson, along with other officers, went to the residence.

MPD Chief Fred Mosley was able to get David Patronis to answer the door. Patronis stayed behind the door, and opened the door only enough to speak to Chief Mosley.

Chief Mosley explained that he was there to conduct a welfare check on Marion, and Patronis said that his mother passed away in September of last year, and closed the door.

The nephew, who had accompanied Chief Mosley to the residence, told Chief Mosley that David's brother would have let the family know if Marion had passed away.

Chief Mosley then knocked on the door again, and Patronis answered in the same manner as he had previously.

Chief Mosley inquired about the details of Marion's death. Patronis said his mother passed away of natural causes in a hospital in Tallahassee. When



ECB Publishing Photo by Fran Hunt, June 5, 2013

Monticello Police Department and Florida Department Of Law Enforcement personnel discuss what had been found at the scene at 685 South Waukeenah Street, where "unidentified remains" were found under the residence.

pressed about the funeral details Patronis said that his brother William, who resides in Hawaii, had taken care of all the funeral arrangements, and that Marion was buried next to their father in a cemetery in Tallahassee. Patronis then named the location. He said he did not have a death certificate, nor did he have any contact information for his brother William in Hawaii.

On Saturday, June 1, the nephew contacted Chief Mosley and told him that he had gone to his uncle's (Marion's deceased husband) grave, and there was no sign of Marion being buried at that location.

Investigator Jackson checked the online roster of names for persons buried in that cemetery, and it did not list Marion Patronis, however, it did list her husband.

Chief Mosley checked the state records, and the state did not have any record of a death certificate for Marion Patronis. He also checked with Jefferson County Fire Rescue to determine if they had responded to any medical calls to the Patronis residence. The records check indicated that that they had not responded to that address anywhere around the time that Patronis claimed that his mother had passed away, or since that time.

Investigator Jackson checked with the Social Security Administration and

discovered that Social Security benefits were still being paid to Marion Patronis, via direct deposit into a financial account held by her.

Social Security did have record of a change of deposit being made to her account, not long ago. Social Security had been issuing her a check for \$1,500 per month. The total amount since October 2012, came to \$13,500.

Investigator Jackson also checked with Tallahassee Memorial Hospital and Capital Regional Medical Center, and neither had a record of Marion Patronis being admitted into, or deceased, at their hospitals during that time frame.

Investigator Jackson also located the brother, William, in Hawaii, who told her that he had not handled any of his mother's funeral arrangements, and had only been notified of her death by his brother, David, who sent him notification by email.

William Patronis forwarded the email to Officer Jackson, that he said David had emailed him. In the email, David told William that their mother passed away at David's residence on September 29, 2012, between 9 p.m. and 11 p.m.

On the afternoon of June 5, 2013, MPD officers served a search warrant issued earlier the same day.

Once the residence was secured, a human recovery team with dogs

trained and certified to locate humans, including human remains, were deployed.

The cadaver dog went immediately to a crawl space vent, located on the northeast corner of the residence, and alerted. The recovery team informed of officers.

The crawl space had two pieces of plastic shelving leaned up against the space opening. Officers also noticed what appeared to be a white powdery substance spread around the opening. Officers noted that the crawl space was approximately two feet by three feet in diameter.

Captain Roger Murphy, through his experience, believed the powder to be lime powder, and indicated that the powder was often used to mask the odor of decomposing flesh.

Officer Ryan Jacobsen looked into the crawl space, and just inside, Jacobsen noticed a rolled plastic material that appeared to be wrapped with blue tape. The officer also noticed a knee joint and foot exposed. The skin appeared leathery, as if partially decomposed. Officer Jacobsen also noticed that the powdered substance appeared to have been thrown into the crawl space.

The substance appeared to be caked and corrosive, causing a burning sensation to the officer's skin. Officer Jacobsen was **Please See IDENTIFIED Page 3**

New Charter School Makes Bid To Operate In Jefferson

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Nearly three years after the Jefferson County School District terminated its contract with the CARE Charter School of Excellence, a new charter school is applying to operate in the district.

Inlet Grove Community High School describes itself as a career academy public charter high school. Based in West Palm Beach, the school was founded and is headed by Dr. Emma Banks, formerly of Jefferson County.

Dr. Banks and several of her administrative staff appeared before the Jefferson County School Board on Monday evening, July 8, to introduce themselves, give an account of their organization and its purpose, and answer questions pertaining to the charter school application, which the board officially received on July 1.

Others of the Intel's staff to address the board included Kemia Lockhart, assistant principal, and Shelley Kelley, guidance coordinator.

Intel's mission, per Dr. Banks, is to graduate students with the skills and knowledge to be life-long learners and responsible citizens.

How? "Through technology-rich and innovative learning environment that integrates rigorous academic and career preparations and develops internationally-minded students who make contributions to a better and more peaceful world," Dr.

Banks said, adding that the school enjoys a 95 percent graduation rate.

As for the school's vision, it's "to prepare students to reach their maximum potential in all subjects, with special emphasis on preparing them for college and the career aspirations through career academies and similar real world learning opportunities."

Meaning that the school partners with local businesses to provide internships that culminate in capstone projects. Students additionally have to take the core subjects and electives in compliance with all the guidelines and standards set by state and federal regulations, Dr. Banks said.

She said the school gave motivated students an opportunity to skip eighth grade "and dive immediately into high school and even advanced placement coursework."

"We also help students develop their life skills and experiences in their chosen career area," Dr. Banks said. "At Inlet Grove Community High School, students receive career certifications along with their standard high school diplomas upon graduation."

Among the career certifications that the school offers are TV film production, commercial arts, culinary arts and pre-architecture. Dr. Banks said the career options that would be offered here initially would be journalism and TV production, culinary arts and pre-med, including LPN certification. **Please See CHARTER Page 3**

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Local Weather

Wed 7/17 90/71

Scattered clouds with the possibility of an isolated thunderstorm developin.

Thu 7/18 92/72

Plenty of sun. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.

Fri 7/19 93/73

Partly cloudy, chance of a thunderstorm.

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.

Travon Martin

What a sad situation. I am sorry that Travon is dead. From court records Travon was 17 years old, weighed 185 pounds and had a small amount of drugs in his body. Decisions have consequences. The death of Travon had nothing to do with race. It had to do with Travon's decision to attack George Zimmerman and attempt to hurt him and possibly his decision to attempt to kill him. Apparently, from the evidence presented in the trial, Travon punched George Zimmerman and attempted to beat his brains out against the sidewalk. Also, Travon attempted to get the gun away from George and kill Zimmerman with his own gun. Many law enforcement officers have been killed by an unarmed suspect with the law enforcement officer's own gun. It apparently is not uncommon.

So the jury made their decision on the basis of the evidence presented in court. This is the American judicial system. It is not perfect but it has worked for years. Enough already. The Obama Justice Department needs to pack its bags and go home. This situation would not have occurred and Zimmerman would have never faced trial if it had not been for inappropriate interference from President Obama. The President of the United States has no business interfering in this matter. The Police Chief of the City of Sanford long ago made the decision (based on the facts in the case) not to arrest Zimmerman. And for that decision the Police Chief was drummed out of office by the Obama Administration. Now the jury has confirmed the police chief's decision.

It is time for everyone to hush up and let the decision stand. Our criminal justice system got it right this time. Justice prevailed.

Amber McClellan

Public Lynching

Just look who is performing a public lynching and they didn't even drape themselves in white sheets, none other than the largest retail chain in the world - WAL-MART! Of course we have some brave tag-a-longs. Sears, CVS, Walgreens and God only knows who else will feel righteous indignation and pile on.

Who is the recipient of such disdain-Paula Deen. A little, Old white lady. Southern to the bone with an up and coming business. small, compared to the humongous and heavy handed bunch after her hide. What is her offense? Some years ago, in a moment of distress, she uttered the "N" word. God forbid!!! She shouldn't be allowed to breathe the same air all the political correct people breath.

HEY MR. BIG BUSINESS, do you think you might need to give all your employees a political correctness test to make sure THEY never said the "N" word? Think you might also want to give your customers a litmus test to determine if they are politically correct? I'm sure you wouldn't want to have THEIR tainted money. Right?

I, my family and friends have shopped the above mentioned stores (including Sam's Club) for YEARS. Can't speak for the them, but I will no longer be giving those businesses my money. I'm tired of the political correctness and self righteous B.S!

Ethelene Whitbeck

Searching For Ambrosia

Rose Klein
Guest Columnist



Finding Love In A Tomato Tart

Tomatoes, tomatoes everywhere! At least that's what I want when I plant my tomato garden every year. This year I planted new varieties that I have not grown before and some I had never heard of until this spring: Paul Robeson, Purple Cherokee, Costoluto Genovese and Juliet to name a few. My tomato garden is, by far, the biggest garden I plant, and the one with the most variety. The first reason is that not much tastes better to me than a home-grown tomato, plucked from a plant in my own backyard and it's absolutely essential for my annual (okay, sometimes bi-annual) BLT. Another reason is because I absolutely love tasting new varieties; will they be sweet, acidic, tart? However, probably the largest reason of all I grow so many tomatoes, are for their versatility in cooking. You can use them fresh in salads or slice them up for the table. You can cook them down into sauce and make pizza, spaghetti, chili, or casseroles. You can broil tomatoes whole, or chop them up and add them to baked recipes; Not to mention canning, where you can preserve them whole, juiced, sauced, or even made into a jam (which is, by the way, absolutely stunning if you use yellow tomatoes). And what tomato lover could let summer pass without a plate of fried green tomatoes?

Obviously I could go on and on about tomatoes, but I will stop so that I can share a tomato recipe with you that I made and fell head-over-heels in love with. The recipe is for a Tomato Tart. I have eaten this before as "Tomato Pie" where it was prepared with a custard base and a heavy layer of mayonnaise, but I really fell in love with this version because instead of using the mayonnaise or cream and eggs, it was simply tomatoes and herbs in pastry and the freshness of the tomatoes really came through. It makes a great 'light' supper with a glass of iced tea. Enjoy the tomato season while it lasts!

TOMATO TART

I made this in a 9-inch tart pan with a removable bottom, but there's no need to buy a special pan, simply use a 9-inch pie pan.

Tart Dough

- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 9 TB butter, chilled and cubed
- 1 egg, beaten
- 2 to 3 TB cold water

Preheat oven to 425 degrees.

In a medium bowl, mix the flour and salt to-

gether (omit the salt if you're using salted butter). Using a pastry blender, cut butter into the flour until the mixture is crumbly. In a small bowl, combine egg and 2 TB of the cold water. Stir the egg mixture into the flour mixture; stir until the dough holds together. If the dough seems dry, add the additional TB of water.

Roll the dough on a lightly floured surface so that it is large enough to cover the bottom and up the sides of the pan you're using. (An easy way to know how big to roll your dough is to place your pan upside down on dough and make sure you have 2-inches of dough all around the pan). Gently press the dough into the pan and allow it to rest for 10 to 15 minutes.

Tart Filling

- 2 to 3 TB Dijon mustard
- 2 to 3 large tomatoes
- 2 TB olive oil
- chopped fresh herbs

(basil, oregano, dill, parsley, chives, etc.) salt and pepper to taste optional: fresh mozzarella or goat cheese

Spread the mustard in an even layer on the crust and allow it to sit for a few minutes to dry out. (Hopefully you're reading ahead because I spread my mustard on before allowing my dough to rest, so both my waiting periods are combined). Slice tomatoes and place them over the mustard in a single layer. Drizzle olive oil over the top of tomatoes. Sprinkle the amount of herbs, salt, and pepper you want on top. Add cheese if using and bake about 30 minutes or until the dough is nicely browned and the tomatoes are tender. If using cheese, make sure it is nicely browned as well.

Allow to cool about 5 minutes before eating...if you can! I like it at room temperature as well. But if there are leftovers (really?) be sure to refrigerate because of the cheese.

Obituaries

SHELBY ROBERT LASTINGER

Shelby Robert Lastinger passed away on July 13, 2013. He was born December 15, 1926 to James and Ethel (McMullen) Lastinger. He grew up in Barwick, GA, the son of a farmer. He graduated from Barwick High school in 1943, and immediately joined the Navy during World War II, where he was a radio man until 1945. He then went on to graduate from the University of Georgia in 1951 with a degree in Agricultural Engineering.

He spent 15 years in soil conservation service in south Georgia. For three of those years he taught farm practices to veterans in Brookes County, GA. From 1962-1970, he was an Area Engineer in Tifton, GA. It was during this time he married and had three children.

In 1972, he moved to Lloyd, FL and for 35 years ran the small business, Lloyd Sod Farms, that landscaped many homes and businesses in the Tallahassee area, and where he met and made many friends.

He loved the South Georgia, North Florida area and one of his fa-

vorite things to do was to take a short day drive with his wife, visiting and picnicking at the St. Mark's Lighthouse, the coast or just visiting the old farms and cemeteries in the country. He also loved watching his Braves and Georgia Bulldogs, cheering them on every year. He always had a small garden and grew a cane patch for his grandchildren to enjoy every Fall.

He is preceded in death by his parents, and brothers James and Marshall Lastinger, and daughter Shella. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Pennie (Willie) Lastinger and children, Eddie Lastinger and Celia (Tom) Sorensen. He has six grandchildren: Shelby Anne, John, Thomas, Malena, Maggie and David. He is also survived by his sister Linda (Roger) Blanchard, nephew Jim (Jean) Willie and niece Abbie (John) Martin, as well as numerous other nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

There is no service planned, but the immediate family will gather at a later date to inter the ashes.

DEBORAH SHELLEY BAILEY

Mrs. Deborah Shelley Bailey, 68, passed away on Sunday, July 14, 2013 at her home surrounded by her family.

Mrs. Deborah was born in Bainbridge to the late Wade E. and Madge Shelley. She was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church of Bloomingdale where she had taught Sunday School. She retired from the Savannah Baptist Association. She was a student of the Bible, enjoyed gardening, but her greatest joy was spending time with her family and the tea parties shared with family and friends.

Survivors include her husband, Rev. Darrell E. Bailey; her sons and their wives, Darrell E. Bailey, Jr. and Angela of Savannah, GA, Gary Bailey and Phyllis of Madison, FL, Scott Bailey and Laura of Lake Park, GA and Brian Bailey and Kim of Ocala, FL; fourteen grandchildren; one great-grandchild; her siblings and their spouses, Sara Thorpe and James of Hosford, FL, Paula Fountain and David of Tallahassee, FL, Betty Willis and Ray of Tallahassee,

FL, John Shelley and Holly of Bonham, TX, Jerry Shelley and Joy of Lake Mary, FL, Caron Barton of Marietta, GA, Kenny Shelley and Becky of Ackworth, GA and Lydia Abbott and James of White, GA as well as a number of nieces and nephews.

The visitation was from 2-3 p.m. on Monday, July 15, 2013 at Rothwell Baptist Church. The funeral was held at 3 p.m. on Monday, July 15, 2013 at Rothwell Baptist Church. The church is located at 216 East Rothwell Street in Pooler.

An additional funeral was held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, July 16, 2013 at the Elizabeth Baptist Church located at 4124 Bassett Dairy Road in Monticello, FL with the burial to follow in the church cemetery. Remembrances may be given to The First Baptist Church of Bloomingdale, Deborah Bailey Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 279, Bloomingdale, GA 31302 or to Hospice Savannah, P.O. Box 13190, Savannah, GA 31416 www.hospicesavannah.org.

Then JES Principal Bill McRea, left, and Assistant Principal Mary Newell, right, flank JES Spring Banquet King Patrick Penn, and Queen Allison Buzbee, in May, 1988. Entertainer Jeff Whitty looks on from behind.

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strong correlation between parent involvement and student achievement.

"There are a lot of innovative and simple things that can be done to get more parents involved," he said.

As for his part in the Jefferson County School District's overall turnaround plan for JCMHS, McAuley reiterated that the FDOE's role was to offer support and help facilitate the process, but not to dictate what the effort should be.

"Our job is not to tell districts what to do," McAuley said. "What we do is to be part of their planning. We want to be a resource."

Of course, there existed state statutes and Florida State Board of Education rules, along with prescribed criteria and standards, that districts couldn't ignore, he said. But within those established parameters, districts still enjoyed a great degree of latitude and discretion, he said.

"In the end, what I always say to districts is that, it's not my name out there on the marquee out front; it's the principal's and the district's," McAuley said, adding that districts ultimately must

own their plans.

"Toward that end, I will support their goals," he said. "But in the end, we know that every school has specific needs and that they must develop their plans around these needs."

He said the reason much of the effort was focused on teachers was because teachers represented the front lines of education and largely carried the responsibility for school improvement.

"It's about helping teachers become the consummate professionals that we know they can be," McAuley said of the professional development and other training that the summer academies offer. He conceded that, at times, the slew of state and federal regulations and programs, and their sometimes-conflicting natures, created confusion and difficulties. As did Florida's size and diversity, which gave rise to districts as divergent and disparate as Jefferson and Miami-Dade.

Add to the mix that the jobs that kids in kindergarten today would one day hold had yet to be defined or created and it further complicated the educational task, he said.

Yet at bottom, all school districts and educators wanted the same thing. Which was to educate the young and prepare them for the workforce and for productive lives, McAuley said.

He said he believed that the Common Core State Standards (CCSS), which Florida plans to implement in 2014-15, would go a long way to establishing structure and consistency in the system and correcting many of the existing problems.

The CCSS, according to the FDOE, are designed to ensure that all students leave high school prepared to enter college or the workforce and ultimately possessing the needed knowledge and skills to compete in the global jobs' market.

"The burden falls on us as educators," McAuley said. "We have to be responsive to changes in society and stay sensitive to the options that are available to kids. We have to be prepared for all the possibilities. When you don't know what the future will bring, you respond the best way you can in the moment. We need to teach kids critical thinking and how to engage and collaborate."

Identified

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also familiar with lime and believed that was what the substance was.

To ensure that the remains were human, Officer Jacobsen partially opened a small portion of the wrapping and discovered what was clearly a human head.

At that point, officers maintained security of the residence and contacted the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's (FDLE) forensic team to process the crime scene, and the medical examiner was notified.

Once the body was recovered an autopsy was conducted, in which the medical examiner determined the person had been deceased at least six months.

Captain Murphy said MPD was almost certain that the remains were that of Marion Patronis, however it would be another three to four weeks before they were 100 percent certain of the identification,

or what the cause of death was.

Arrest warrants were obtained for David Patronis for failure to report a death, among additional charges.

On June 6, FDLE Agent Gaynor received a phone call from Patronis, who told the agent that he was in Orange, TX. Agent Gaynor informed Patronis that he needed to return to Jefferson County to be interviewed. Patronis agreed to do so.

On June 7, Patronis was interviewed at the Jefferson County Jail by Agent Gaynor and Captain Murphy.

Post Miranda, Patronis confirmed that the body recovered was that of his mother, Marion Patronis. He said that his elderly mother's health had deteriorated to the point that she became bedridden, and she eventually passed away.

Patronis said that before his mother became

bedridden, the two of them discussed how he would survive after her death. Patronis said his mother said to bury her under a tree and not tell anyone, so that he could continue to receive her Social Security and retirement checks.

Patronis said that he had previously applied for Social Security for himself, but had been denied. He said after his mother passed away, he was not physically able to bury her as she had wished.

He said that he had been surviving on his mother's Social Security checks since her death.

Patronis was arrested June 7 and charged with storing a human body in an unlicensed facility; failure to refrigerate or embalm a body; failure to report a death; altering a body; making a false report to law enforcement officers; and grand theft over \$300. A total bond of \$27,500 was set and he bonded out of jail June 9.

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Dr. Banks said a governing board would be responsible for the operation of the school. That board, she said, would perform such functions as policymaking, personnel hiring, budget formulation, and procurement practices, among other things. The board, she said, would be based in West Palm Beach, but it would receive input from a local advisory board.

Designated members of the local advisory board are Mr. & Mrs. Charles Parrish, Mr. Williams Crumity, Mrs. Mary Madison, Mrs. Kate Calvin and Mrs. Olive King.

Dr. Banks described the charter school's target population as being students residing in Jefferson County and enrolled in grades 9th through 12th, with the stipulation that 12th grade students would be accepted in the first year.

"The school will be nonsectarian in its programs, admission policies, employment practices and operations," she said. "The school will not charge tuition or fees except for those fees normally charged by other public schools."

Kelley described the school's program design as operating on a 4X4 block schedule, meaning students take four classes per semester instead of the traditional seven.

"This allows students to receive eight credits in a school year instead of the seven credits offered in traditional schools," Kelley said. "Everything we do is centered on the kids."

She asked the audience to consider two basic questions.

"Are you satisfied with your graduation rate? Ours is 95 percent," Kelley said. "And what are students ready to do when they get out of school? Just having a high school diploma is not enough anymore in this recessionary economy."

She said the school would accept Exceptional Student Education (ESE) students, although not ones with severe learning disabilities.

Lockhart, in her turn, said the school's instructions were data-driven and constantly aimed for aca-

demic achievement.

"We're about always improving and involving parents," she said. "We're already preparing for what's coming beyond the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards."

In the question part of the presentation, School Board Member Larry Halsey asked if the school proposed to draw its targeted 200 or so students from the Jefferson County Middle High School population?

Dr. Banks said the goal was to draw back those students who had opted out of the school district and who were attending schools in other counties. She believed that if the district offered a good enough option, as Intel would do, many of these students would choose to return to Jefferson County, she said.

Parent involvement was a critical component of the equation, she said.

"If parents won't come to us, we'll go to their homes," she said.

Did the school have branches in other counties, or was this its first? Halsey asked.

Dr. Banks said Jefferson County would be a first.

"Because I am a native of here, I want to give back what I've established in another county," she said.

The Inlet application indicates it hopes to secure a building here via negotiations with the Jefferson County School Board. Failing that, it will seek to secure a site that satisfies its needs for classroom and administrative space and other requirements.

Per Florida Department of Education (FDOE) standards, as explained to the School Board by Attorney Opal Williams on Monday evening, the district cannot refuse a charter school application, nor can it charge a fee for the application's review. What's more, per the FDOE requirements, the review must be completed within 60 days of submission of the application, which put the deadline date at Aug. 29, she said.

Should the district find technical errors on the application, it must notify the applicant of the

errors and allow the latter time to revise and resubmit the application, Williams said.

Should the district deny the application, the applicant could appeal the decision to the State Board, she said. And if the district should not act within the prescribed 60 days, the applicant could go directly to the State Board, she said.

As for who evaluated the application and how, that was up to the discretion of the School Superintendent, Williams said.

Sudoku Puzzle!

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"So Clumsy of Me!"

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AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

Altrusa Announces Scholarship Recipients

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Altrusa of Monticello Florida announced recently the recipients of its annual \$500 education scholarships. They are Alexis Makayla Allen and Whitney Ann McKnight.

Alexis Makayla Allen will attend Florida State University and is planning a career in Sports Medicine. She is a graduate of Jefferson County Middle High School and has volunteered with the TCC 21st Century program, resulting in over 200 community service hours. She is the daughter of Woodson Enoch.

Whitney Ann McKnight is a graduate of Aucilla Christian Academy. She will begin her college



Alexis Makayla Allen
career at North Florida Community College, with a goal of transferring to a major university to complete a degree in Health Science and Physical Therapy. She has volunteered over a 100 community hours in Beta Club



Whitney Ann McKnight
activities and as the senior class treasurer.

She has attended ACA all through her school years and played softball beginning in the sixth grade. She is the daughter of Becky and Shane McKnight of Monticello.

Kickoff Meeting For National Wild Turkey Federation

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A new 'National Wild Turkey Federation' chapter is kicking off in Monticello this month with a membership drive and meeting on Tuesday, July 30 from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Beau Turner Youth Conservation Center, located at 9194 South Jefferson in Lamont.

For more information, contact Kenny Barker at 850-251-0638, or Patty Foster at 904-210-1110. A gift will be given to everyone who attends this informative meeting.

Projects are taking place in this area, that are benefiting not only wild turkeys,

but also other upland wildlife species that share the habitat. With the community's help, and with help from this new

NWTF Chapter, even more conservation work for many species of wildlife can take place. Plan to join this evening meeting, and learn how you can help protect our hunting heritage and have an even greater impact on wildlife in Jefferson County.

Patty Foster is the NWTF Regional Director-North Florida, South Georgia, contact her for more information about this organization at 904-210-1110, or pfooster@nwtf.net or go directly to www.floridanwtf.org or www.gorgianwtf.org or www.nwtf.org.



Shop Your Friends Closet

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'Shop Your Friends Closet: Back To School Edition' is coming to Monticello on Saturday, July 20, at the Martin Luther King Jr. Center, located at first Street from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is an event where students from the community can come and select clothing and footwear for FREE.

There will also be food, drinks, music, and activities. A limited amount of school supplies will also be given away. This day is a first come, first served. So, come out early and enjoy the fun and surprises!

This event is sponsored by Merissa Evans, a Pre-Law student at Florida A&M University and the daughter of Jefferson County residents Wendy and George Evans.

If you have any questions or need additional information, contact Merissa Evans at 850-284-2085 or Althera Johnson at 850-933-2012.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

debbiesnapp@embarqmail.com or 850-997-3568

July 17-31

Jefferson Arts Gallery July exhibit will feature the watercolor and oil works of local artists Susanna Winton and Kay Cromartie. Two artists... two different styles. The gallery is located at 575 West Washington Street. The gallery is open on Wednesday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., or by appointment by calling 850-997-3311. For more information go to www.jeffersonartsgallery.com or info@jeffersonartsgallery.com.

July 18, 22, 25

Fun Fitness Classes for all levels! Mondays and Thursdays: Golden Girls Revival 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. and Girls Revival with Core 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. For more information contact Doris Bishop at 850-591-0085 or go to www.GirlsRevivalFitness.com.

July 18

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.

July 19

Bonus art exhibit at the Jefferson Arts Gallery on Friday beginning at 8 p.m., with a reception on the front lawn. The exhibit will begin as soon as it's dark enough. Chase Jones will present 'Sunrise Cube'. What is the Sunrise Cube? Part sculpture, part performance, the lines are obscured. Join for a delightful evening as this rising artist entertains with visual art created with nature, projection, light, and dancers. The cost is free. If you would like to donate to the artist, it is encouraged.

July 19

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 Neill Wade at 850-545-4940.

July 19

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.

July 20

'Shop Your Friends Closet: Back To School Edition' on Saturday, at the Martin Luther King Jr. Center, located at 1st Street from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Community students are invited to come and select clothing and footwear for FREE. There will also be food, drinks, music, and activities. A limited amount of school supplies will also be given away. This day is a first come, first served. So, come out early and enjoy the fun and surprises! This event is sponsored by Merissa Evans, a Pre-Law student at Florida A&M University and the daughter of Jefferson County residents Wendy and George Evans. If you have any questions or need additional information, contact Merissa Evans at 850-284-2085 or Althera Johnson at 850-933-2012.

July 20

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.

July 22

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.alanon.alateen.org.

July 22

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.

July 23

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

July 23

Silver Dome Chapter of the American Business

Women's Association will meet at 6 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday. To reserve seating for this dinner and program meeting, contact Hospitality Chairwoman Ann Walker at 850-556-4729. For more information about ABWA contact Von Holmes at 850-212-7373. The membership will be happy to have you join for a wonderful time of fun, information and fellowship.

July 23

Triple L Club (LLL) will meet for a program and luncheon at 10:30 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday at First Baptist Church Monticello. A program, potluck luncheon and good Christian fellowship will be provided. Contact Ethel Strickland at 850-509-9445 for more information.

July 24

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 Rocky Gavins at 850-997-2646.

August 6, 20

Jefferson County Lions Club will meet at 1 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday at the Brick House Eatery, in the community room for a program and business meeting. For more information about this organization and its fundraising efforts, contact Lion Debbie at 850-997-0901.

August 10

Scarlet O'Hatters meet at 11:30 a.m. on the second Saturday for lunch and a program at a location of their choosing. Contact Queen Mum Pat Mutchowski at 850-997-0688 for more information about the Red Hat Society.

July 29

Martin Luther King Community Center will meet 6 p.m. on the last Monday at the MLK Center. Contact Charles Parrish at 850-997-3760 for more information.

July 27

Jefferson County Branch of the NAACP will meet at noon on the last Saturday at the MLK Center. Contact Charles Parrish at 850-997-3760 for more information.

August 2

Ashville Area Volunteer Fire Department meets at its facility on the first Friday of each month. For more information, contact

Kiwanis Learn About Conservation



Local District Conservationist Steve Tullar was guest speaker to the Monticello Kiwanis meeting on July 10. He helps local residents help the land. He spoke about conservation planning and the cost share programs available.

A WALKWAY OF REMEMBRANCE

As you enter into the garden area of the Margaret Z. Dozier Hospice House, you are greeted with the sound of the cooper tree fountain draining. There are yellow flowers that line a walkway and pink camellia's bushes that make for a smooth respite for all that visit. The first word that comes to mind while visiting this garden is 'peaceful.'

Throughout the garden lies a walkway of remembrance, made up of hundreds of etched brick pavers that have been donated in memory of love ones. It's difficult to walk through the garden without stopping to gaze down at the walkway and read the touching sentiments etched upon each brick. Many are in memory of relatives or loved ones who have gone ahead. Still others are in celebration of a new grandchild or treasured friend. All have deep meaning to those who placed them there.

"The pavers allow me and my family to reflect on the love that our parents gave to us," says Barbara Wright, who purchased a brick in honor of her mother and father.

For every brick that is set upon the walkway, words are spoken by a Hospice chaplain at a Walkway Dedication ceremony. The service features music, words of comfort, and a special moment when the etched names are read aloud and a



chime sounds in honor of each. Funds raised through the paver program are used to assist the families and patients of Big Bend Hospice.

Anyone interested in placing a brick on the Remembrance Walkway should contact Michael Eurich at 850-878-5310, or michaele@bigbendhospice.org.

Big Bend Hospice has been serving this community since 1983 with compassionate end of life care along with grief and loss counselors available to provide information and support to anyone in Jefferson, Madison, Leon, Taylor, Gadsden, Liberty, Franklin or Wakulla county. For additional information about BBH services, call 850-878-5310, or visit www.bigbendhospice.org.

Rotary Donates To Summer Camp Program

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Summertime means summer camp for many children in this area and the North Florida Rotary Youth Camp is dedicated to giving children with physical or mental disabilities an unequaled camping experience. The campers are ages seven to young adult and they attend at no charge... thanks to support from Rotary Clubs, Rotarians, and Friends of the Camp.

Operating since 1996, Rotary Youth Camp helps campers grow in self-confidence, develop human relationships, and experience success in physical activities.

Monticello Rotary has and continues to be an active supporter of the Rotary Youth Camp. This year Monticello Rotary supported the Camp by donating a golf cart and the construction of a handicap ramp for accessibility,



Monticello Rotary gives to the North Florida Rotary Youth Camp. Pictured from left to right are Agency Representative Leslie Smith and Rotary Past President Neill Wade.

(a \$1,500 donation.) If you would like to learn more about Rotary Youth Camp or make a donation, visit its website at www.nfryc.org or call 850-656-7921.

Rotary's motto is 'Ser-

vice Above Self' and this year's Rotary Theme is 'Engage Rotary... Change Lives'. If you are interested in service to your community, contact President Angela Gray at angelgray@yahoo.com.

AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

Altrusa Ends Year With Installation Of New Officers



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Officers for the new Altrusa year are pictured from left to right: Immediate Past President Anita Ashworth, Directors for 2013-2015 Betty Messer and Diane Freeman, Treasurer Linda Benedict, Secretary Allene Sandell, Vice President Pat Cichon, and President Joyce Sealey.

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Altrusa ended its 2012-2013 year with the installation of officers and directors for the 2013-2014 year and the initiation of its new members before adjourning for its summer hiatus. During the month of July committees will meet and plans for the new year will be discussed and scheduled. In August the group will gather for a potluck 'Getting To Know You' dinner. Regular scheduled meetings will resume again in the fall, beginning on September 12.

The new members included Deborah McArdle (sponsor, Linda Benedict,) Lynette Wimberly (sponsor, Betty Messer,) and Joanne Brown, Zella Scott, Debbie Snapp, and Vivian Smith, (sponsor, Dianne Westbrook.)

The new officers and directors included Immediate Past President Anita Ashworth, Directors for 2013-2015 Betty Messer and Diane Freeman, Treasurer Linda Benedict, Secretary Allene Sandell, Vice President Pat Cichon, and President Joyce Sealey. Directors continuing their final terms for 2013-14 were recognized. They are Peggy Day and Dianne Westbrook.

The members enjoyed an active spring/early summer time by sponsoring the Watermelon Festival Bed Race in June, kicking off the annual two-week event. In May, Focus Group Meetings for Strategic Planning were

held. Also in May, two Preview Party fundraisers were held at the Monticello Opera House. The events were well received and all participating enjoyed evenings of fine fellowship, great food, and lots of fun. In April an Orientation Workshop was held for the new members. It was a great success.

Members were encouraged to attend the Altrusa District 3 Conference by New District 3 Governor Colleen Duris; and to submit reports on Monticello Club activities to date. Five members attended the Asheville, North Carolina event sharing reports on the club's activities through the year. Members attending were: Joyce Sealey, Pat Cichon, Elizabeth Robinson, Linda Benedict, and Anita Ashworth. The attendees covered almost 1,000 road miles and made it there and back safely. What was really amazing was that they all managed to get themselves and their luggage in one vehicle! All had a good time. The conference was enjoyable too; they each learned a few things. They enjoyed meeting folks from other clubs and were inspired by their accomplishments. The District 3 Conference next year will be in Jacksonville.

Dr. Anne Holt-Webb, director of MainStreet Monticello, was speaker to one of the meetings Her message was informative and filled with good ideas on how we as a commu-

nity can work together for better things in the future. The goal of MainStreet is to revitalize Monticello and Jefferson County without damage to the heritage and history. Over \$85,000 in grant money has been awarded and every effort is being made to spend the money here in Jefferson County on such projects as the renovation of the Old Jail Building. She also spoke briefly about the Little Free Library project of 'bring one-get one' book houses that are being set up around town. Other upcoming MainStreet events include a Smithsonian exhibit at the Arts Center; monthly local growers markets on the first Saturday's; a native wildflower/plants/trees Garden Show at the Arts Center; and another First Floridian Conference.

Mary Frances Gramling has been the preparer of the luncheon meals throughout the year. To contact her for your next party or gathering go to: mfgamling@centurylink.net, or call her at 850-997-3657.

Altrusa meetings are held September through the end of May (except December) every second and fourth Thursday, with a noon luncheon meeting located at the Methodist Youth Center on the corner of West Walnut and South Water streets. For more information about Altrusa and upcoming events and meetings, contact Dianne Westbrook at 850-997-2973, or Joyce Sealey at 850-997-1612.



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New Altrusa members are installed into the Monticello group. They are pictured along with their sponsors from left to right: sponsor Dianne Westbrook, Zella Scott, Joanne Brown, Debbie Snapp, Deborah McArdle, sponsor Linda Benedict, Vivian Smith, and sponsor Betty Messer.



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An Orientation Workshop was held for the newest members of the Monticello Altrusa. Several seasoned members joined in to offer help and get a refresher course.



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Altrusa members attending the District 3 Conference in Asheville, N.C. are pictured from left to right: Pat Cichon, Joyce Sealey, Linda Benedict, Anita Ashworth, and Elizabeth Robinson.

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Sunday School.....9:45 AM
Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 AM
Sunday Evening.....6:30 PM
Wednesday Evening.....7:00 PM
Wed. TRAC Club for teens.....7:00 PM

CAPITAL HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH

7150 Apalachee Pkwy • Tallahassee
www.chbaptistchurch.org
Pastor Derrick Burrus 850-345-0425

Sunday School.....10:00 AM
Sunday Worship.....11:00 AM
Children's Chapel.....11:00 AM
Sunday Evening.....6:00 PM
Wednesday Evening.....7:00 PM
Prayer Meeting and Bible Study
Classes for Students

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH

625 Tindell Road • Aucilla • 997-2081
P.O. Box 163 • Monticello
Pastor Daryl Adams 850-251-0129

Sunday School.....9:45 AM
Sunday Worship Service.....11:00 AM
Choir Practice.....5:00 PM
Worship Service.....6:00 PM
Wednesday
Fellowship Meal.....6:30 PM
Prayer Meeting/Bible Study.....7:00 PM

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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

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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
-Nursery for all services-

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780 Second Street • Monticello • 997-4947
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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

NEW HOPE CHURCH OF GOD

415 E Palmer Mill Rd • Monticello • 997-1119
newhope415@yahoo

Pastor Dr. E. Bob Kuchel

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

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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

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690 Cypress Street Monticello 850-997-4375
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Sunday Church School.....10:00 A.M.
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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.

ELIZABETH BAPTIST CHURCH

4124 Bassett Dairy Rd • Monticello • 997-8444
Email: ebcmonticello@centurylink.net

Student Pastor, Don Self

Sunday Worship Service.....8:30 AM
Sunday Bible Study.....9:45 AM
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
RA's/ GA's/Mission Friends/Youth



"Keeping the Faith"
Ronnie McBrayer

Take It Outside

It was the early 1980s. It was Texas. It was December. It was a Southern Baptist church. It is customary in Southern Baptist churches to take up an offering during the Advent season to support missionaries overseas. This collection is called the "Lottie Moon Christmas Offering," named after a Baptist pioneer missionary to mainland China more than a century ago.

This is the setting young Pastor Kyle found himself in, fresh out of the seminary; green, idealistic, and zealous. Wanting to have a fantastic missions emphasis at his first church, what could be better than having an actual missionary come speak? A missionary who had directly benefited from US dollars sent overseas?

So Kyle invited one of his peers to be the special missionary speaker. He was a young man who had been raised in Africa by missionary parents, would soon be graduating with a missiology degree of his own, and would be returning to African soil to continue the good work. But there was a problem. Kyle's friend was an African. No person of color had ever stood in the pulpit of this Texas Baptist church.

Kyle pressed on with youthful enthusiasm, however, breaking new ground. On the appointed day the young African missionary arrived and spoke with passion and love for his continent. Largely, he was received well by the congregation, but a couple of folks did walk out.

Then one night at a church business meeting a man stood and said, "I'm tired of this preacher talking about race all the time, and I'm fixin' to whip him." And here the guy came, climbing over the pews like scaling a ladder toward Kyle. Just as he got to him, four big men

intervened and said, "If you're going to whip the preacher...take it outside."

Like something from a Hollywood script, the entire congregation spilt outside and gathered in a circle to see the prize fight. Kyle had no idea what to do - he was young and fit - but he didn't think it was right to whip a parishioner at a church business meeting. But again, just as the first punch was about to be thrown, those same men intervened: "If you're going to whip the preacher," they said, "you'll have to start with us." The man backed down, never to return.

When Kyle returned to that church many years later for an anniversary service, to his jaw-dropping astonishment, half the congregation was African-American! "How could this be?" he asked a number of the "old-timers" still around from the younger days.

One man answered, "Well, preacher, after you left, the neighborhood around us began to change. And we had a decision to make: Dig in, move away, or open our doors to our neighbors. Thanks to what you taught us, we opened our doors." Kyle's few years at that little church in the Texas pines as an inexperienced, didn't-know-any-better-than-to-try seminarian had really made a difference in the lives of the community.

While there is often no room in our religious structures, churches, denominations, or in our hearts for those who are different than us - due to race, gender, nationality, legal status, sexuality or what have you - God has plenty of room in his house and in his heart for all of these, with a far-reaching, outrageous grace that can replace bigotries and prejudices with acceptance and hospitality.

CHURCH NEWS NOTES

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July 14-19
Monticello Church of Christ, 475 South Jefferson, continue to host its Gospel Meetings through Friday at 7:30 p.m. with Speaker John Zellner. All are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Jerry Boltz at 850-997-2028.

July 15-19
New Bethel AME Church and Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church is hosting a joint Revival Meeting through Friday at the New Bethel location. Guest minister will be Rev. Norman Clary, pastor of Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church in Thomasville, GA. The public is invited nightly at 7 p.m. Rev. Jimmie F. Dickey, pastor of New Bethel. For more information and directions, contact Nellie Akins at 850-997-3242.

July 15-19
Restored Glory Christian Center continues its Vacation Bible School from 6 to 8 p.m. through Friday. All ages are welcome to attend.

July 15-19
Sardis United Methodist Church continues its Vac-

ation Bible School from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. through Friday. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m.

July 17
Union Hill AME Church, located at 148 Tin Top Road in the Wacissa Community, is hosting a 'Hurricane Preparedness Workshop' at 7 p.m. on Wednesday. This evening workshop is sponsored by Jefferson County Emergency Management. For more information, contact Annette Wilson at 850-997-4104. Hurricane Season Is Here! Are You Ready?

July 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 850-997-1084, or go to eagleswingsmonticello@yahoo.com or www.firstpresbyterian-monticello.org.

July 17

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

July 19
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.

July 21
Union Hill AME Church, located at 148 Tin Top Road in Wacissa, offers Morning Worship at 11 a.m. on the first, second, and third Sunday of each month with 4th Sunday Worship at 8 a.m. Church School is held at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study begins at 7 p.m. Church Pastor Joseph O. Love.

July 21
Welaunee Missionary Baptist Church will present the "Women of the Bible" at 3 p.m. on Sunday. Guest presenters will be: Sis. Christie Henderson, Friendship PBC; Min. Ruby Hayes, Mt. Pleasant MBC; Sis. Erlene Chavers, Kingdom Life Tabernacle; Dea. Stephanie Roberts, Welaunee MBC; Sis. Hattie Jordan, Union Hill AMEC; Dea. Laverne Mack, St. Rilla MBC; Rev. Gloria Cox, St. Phillip AMEC; and Mistress of Ceremony Missionary Maggie Duval. For more information, contact Dea. Angeles Allen at 850-591-6267 or Dea. Julia McKelvin at 850-766-2042.

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If we're honest with ourselves, every one of us can agree that we're acquainted with the ego part that controls and manages our lives and eagerly attempts to do the same for others. Be they family, friends, co-workers, or even strangers, ego routinely accepts the job of edging God out and taking on the role of being the master manipulator. As we move in a different direction, we realize the pointlessness of attempting to control any individual or any situation. We recognize this need to practice interference as the power trip of our false self.

There was a time in my life, for instance, when I needed to be in charge of most social conversations. Having made the shift from control to trust means that I now flow with the conversational direction and opinions that are expressed. I'm content to sit back and observe, even as others take on the false-self role, as I view it. I can smile inwardly at some of my children's choices in life even when I disagree. The shift from control to trust has increased my noninterference.

Beyond my personal interactions with friends and family, in a much larger sense I trust more and control less. In my heart I know that God writes the books, delivers



Listen and trust in God for meaning in your life.

the speeches, and builds the bridges. When trust replaces control, edging God out isn't appealing. "All I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen" may have been Ralph Waldo Emerson's words, but I agree so completely that they could be my own. I absolutely trust the wisdom of the universe and its creative source.

With trust, we acknowledge our own wisdom. We remember that we came from the same source and, therefore, must be like what we came from. We can trust God to guide us, rather than screw things up with ego's demands for self-recognition and belief in our superiority. Trust lets us listen rather than take over. Listening allows us to comfortably sit back, knowing that the creative source of everything is in charge instead of our puny

little ego. Shifting from control to trust is so important for our life work.

By trusting my inner

excitement, I was able to make a big shift in my life, away from writing about psychology to writing about living life from a spiritual orientation. That shift away from the ambition of ego, which tried to control my writing and speaking career, put me on the path of meaning.

Wayne W. Dyer, Ph.D., is an internationally renowned author and speaker in the field of self-development. Wayne holds a doctorate in educational counseling from Wayne State University and was an associate professor at St. John's University in New York.

Gospel Meetings Continue At Church Of Christ

DEBBIE SNAPP
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

Monticello Church of Christ continues to host its Gospel meetings through Friday July 14 to 19 beginning at 7:30 p.m. 'Our Relationship With Jesus' is lead by speaker John Zellner.

On Sunday participants were taught 'what's in a relationship;' they gave great thought into 'what they still lack;' and they received 'help with their unbelief.'

On Monday and Tuesday the speaker touched on 'how first cen-

tury Christians dealt with adversity' and 'the third temptation.'

The rest of the week will continue in the same direction with 'this is one of the Hebrew children,' on Wednesday; 'oh brother, where art thou' on Thursday; and 'what happened to Judas' on Friday.

All are welcome to attend these evening events that begin at 7:30 p.m.

Monticello Church of Christ is located at 475 South Jefferson. For more information, contact Jerry Boltz at 850-997-2028.

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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
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3rd Thursday
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DEBBIE SNAPP
ECB Publishing
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This year's Vacation Bible School theme scripture is found in Luke 18:16, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

For more information, contact Rev. Daryl Adams at 850-251-0129.

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Jefferson Releases Varsity Football Schedule

FRAN HUNT
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Staff Writer

Jefferson County Middle High School has released the schedule for varsity Tigers gridiron action.

Action begins with the Kickoff classic at Sneads, August 23 at 7 p.m.; and the regular season begins August 30, which is open; Dixie County September 6 at 7 p.m., home; Newberry, September 13 at 7 p.m., away; Port St. Joe, September 20 at 7 p.m., home; and North Florida Christian, September 27 at 7 p.m., away.

A District game against Branford, which is also Homecoming, October 4 at 7 p.m., home; Taylor County, October 11 at 7 p.m., away; a District game against Mayo, October 18 at 7 p.m., home; and Potter's House, October 25 at 7 p.m., away.

Hamilton County in a District game, November 1 at 7 p.m., away; and wrapping up the regular season, FAMU, November 8 at 7 p.m., which is also Senior Night, home.

The head coach for the Tigers this year is Vic Cully.



Schedule Released for JV Tigers

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The schedule has been released for the Jefferson County Middle High School junior varsity football team.

The season kicks off on August 29, the opponent to be determined, at 6 p.m., home; and continues against East Gadsden, September 5 at 6 p.m., away; Hamilton County, September 12 at 6

p.m., away; Chiles, September 19 at 6 p.m., home; Hamilton County, September 26 at 6 p.m., home; October 3 is open; and wrapping up the season, Taylor County, October 10 at 6 p.m., home.

JCREA Recaps Eventful Year



Touring the Meek-Eaton Black Archives Center and Museum at FAMU, were JCREA members, front row, left to right, Dr. Byrd, Madison, Perry, and Barrington; second row, left to right, Mitchell, C. White, McCloud, and D. Barnhart; third row, left to right, Grant, Larry, and Wilson; and back row, left to right, S. Hall, and Benjamin.

The Jefferson County Retired Educators Association (JCREA) unit ended its 2012-2013 fiscal year June 11, 2013.

Wrap-ups and immediate upcoming events were finalized, after which, members conducted its Annual Scholarship Brunch. Scholarship recipient Alexis M. Allen was unable to attend because she was conducting school business. Her mother Sharon Woodson-Enoch, accepted her daughter's plaque and a \$500 check.

Scholarship Chairman Glover Jones, Jr. called Alexis and via speakerphone members conveyed congratulations and best wishes. Alexis is attending Florida State University, and her major is athletic training, with a minor in history.

Recap of the Unit's 2012-2013 year began September 12, 2012, with JCREA hosting the Florida Retired Educators Association (FREA), Inc., District II Leadership Workshop held at Serenade Oaks. State officers and District II members totaled over 50 in attendance.

JCREA acquired its Consumer's Certificate of Exemptions from the Florida Department of Revenue.

October 29, 2012, Florida's Retired educators were issued proclamations by Governor Rick Scott, extending best wishes and thanks to all units observing Retired Educators Day activities on November 18.

Barbara Kirksey with SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs for Elders) brought pertinent Medicare coverage information to members and guests.

December 2012, JCREA gave Christmas cheer top four elders in a \$50 gift card, and the Unit collected over 300 books for their Annual Cultural Affairs Christmas Book Drive. The books were delivered to Gladys Nealy, who represented Christmas JOY (Jefferson Outreach to Youth). The books were distributed to students in all grades, Pre-K through fifth, at Jefferson Elementary School.

Unit members were enlightened by Jaci Seabrooks, Educational Assistant of TCC, about the GEAR-UP (Gaining Early Awareness & Readiness for Undergraduates) program implemented in the Century 21 after school program.

In January 2013, JCREA



Alexis M. Allen, was the recipient of the JCREA \$500 scholarship.

conducted its Annual New Years Luncheon and observed their Retired Educators Day Celebration. The theme was, "Education, The Pathway To Success," with Retired Principal Dr. Pink Hightower as the speaker.

In February, 2013, Unit members D. Barnhart, Barrington, Benjamin, Byrd, Grant, S. Hall, G. Jones, Larry, Mary Madison, McCloud, Mitchell, Perry, C. White, and new member, Wilson, journeyed to Tallahassee and toured the Carrie Meeks, James N. Eaton, Sr., Black Archives Research Center and Museum on the FAMU campus, in recognition of Black History Month.

Practically every member reflected on a vast number of items from different eras while attending/working at the former FAMCEE and FAMU campus. With innumerable items to view and time restraint of the guided tour, members were unable to see the entire display. They did view many astonishing items, and a couple of the items were from Jeffersonians. Some of the items included a handmade detailed king size quilt of the State of Florida done by Unit member Margaret Jones, sister of Education Historian Dr. Byrd, and mother of Membership Chairman Glover Jones, Jr., and a pictorial display of the late Webster parents of Joseph Webster, MD, and Bishop Anthony Webster.

In March 2013, JCREA Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) was donated \$100 to aid cadets in travel to the Florida-wide drill competitions in Lakeland.

Treasurer Louiza Larry was named JCREA's Volunteer Of The Year, logging over 1,300 community service hours.

In April 2013, JCREA held its Annual Fish Fry at the Collins residence. There were 25 Unit members and guests, which included

Judge Bobby Plaines, Clerk of Court Kirk Reams, MPD Chief Fred Mosley, Sheriff David Hobbs, City Council Chairperson Idella Scott, and special guest, former Miami Dolphins and New York Giants Superbowl 42 member, Sam Madison, Jr., dined on succulent prepared dishes of baked beans, potato, garden, and fruit salads, fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, hushpuppies, fish fried to perfection by Chef Randy Moore, and a wide variety of homemade desserts and ice cream.

In May 2013, JCREA Vice President Mathye McCloud and Cultural Affairs Chairperson Nancy Benjamin, represented the Unit at the 59th Annual FREA Convention in Jacksonville. The theme was, "Stay Connected," with keynote speaker Jacksonville native, Dr. Alvin G. White, author of what he calls a different kind of book, "Education Is Not A Four-Letter Word." They also enjoyed a dinner cruise down the St. Johns River; the Captain's Table Banquet with entertainment from Jacksonville's Douglas Anderson School of the Arts Orchestra; continuing education programs, projects and awards; continuing programs, projects and awards discussions and distributions; and a "Celebration Of Lives We Remember" Memorial, and much more, was the attendees report.

Dr. Kelvin Norton, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, visited the Unit giving an overview of current and upcoming matters for the school system. He was presented a certificate of appreciation for his presentation.

July and August are the Unit's vacation months, and September 10, 2013 begins their 2013-2014 fiscal year. Unit members will attend the District II Leadership Workshop in Tallahassee.

The fore4mentioned recap gives only a minimal of the Unit's events and activities for any given year. If you are a retiree of any job or profession career and you would like to continue to "Serve and not be served," JCREA is where you need to be. We invite and welcome new members with innovative ideas to join and connect with a group of individuals filled with excitement and enthusiasm. Contact any Unit member for information/application.



ACA Releases Varsity Football Schedule

FRAN HUNT
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Aucilla Christian Academy has released the football schedule for the varsity Warriors.

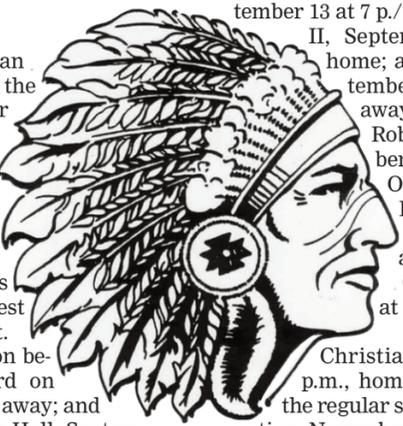
Pre-season gridiron action starts of August 23 at 7:30 p.m., in the Jamboree, to be held at Corey Field in Quincy. The Warriors will face off against West Gadsden and Freeport.

The regular season begins against Branford on August 30 at 7:30 p.m., away; and continues against Oak Hall, Septem-

ber 6 at 7 p.m., home; St. Joseph's, September 13 at 7 p.m., home; John Paul II, September 20 at 7 p.m., home; and St. Francis, September 27 at 7:30 p.m., away.

Robert F. Munroe, October 4 at 7:30 p.m., away; October 11 is open; Bishop Snyder, October 18 at 7:30 p.m., away; and Bacotton Charter, October 25 at 7:30 p.m., away.

Rocky Bayou Christian, November 1 at 7 p.m., home; and wrapping up the regular season, Temple Christian, November 8 at 7 p.m., home.



ACA JV Football Schedule

FRAN HUNT
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Aucilla Christian Academy has released the JV football schedule for the 2013 season.

Gridiron action begins on August 29, against Sherwood Christian, at 6 p.m., away; and continues against FAMU on

September 5 at 6 p.m., home; North Florida Christian on September 12 at 6 p.m., away; Sherwood Christian on September 19 at 6 p.m., home; Governors Charter on September 26 at 6 p.m., home; and wrapping up the season is Governors Charter on October 3 at 6 p.m., home.

Coaching the JV Warriors is Daryl Adams.

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Copies of the Bidding Documents may be examined at the Architect's office:
Clemons, Rutherford & Associates Inc.
2027 Thomasville Road, Tallahassee Florida (850) 385-6153
and at F. W. Dodge, 823 Thomasville Rd, Tallahassee, Florida. Drawings will be available after noon on Monday July 1, 2013.

General Contractors may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents at the Architect's office in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders upon depositing the sum of \$100.00 for each set of Documents. Contractors will be limited to two (2) sets of Bidding Documents. Bidders may receive bid documents in one of the following manners: (1) bring deposit check and pick up bid documents at the Architect's office; (2) mail in deposit check and bid documents will be shipped by UPS ground \$15.00 C.O.D. to cover shipping and handling; or (3) mail in deposit check and include a separate check of \$8.00 for handling and your FedEx or UPS account number for shipping.

A **Pre-Bid Conference** will be held for Contractors on **Tuesday, July 9, 2013 at 10:00 am** at the project site, Jefferson County Elementary School in Monticello, Florida. All questions at the Pre-Bid Conference by General Contractors and Subcontractors shall be presented on the "Request for Clarification Form". See Section 000100 - Instructions to Bidders.

Other interested parties may purchase complete sets of Bidding Documents for the sum of \$100.00 for each set, which is non-refundable. Bidders may obtain a refund of their deposit by returning the complete Bidding Documents in good condition no later than ten (10) calendar days after the opening of Bids.

Bidders who do not submit a Bid will forfeit their deposits unless Bidding Documents are returned in good condition three (3) days prior to the Bid Opening.

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A letter from a bonding company must accompany each bid, stating that the bidder is capable of obtaining all bonds required by the Construction Documents.

It is the intent of the Jefferson County School Board to review the bid with the apparent low bidder for any value engineering items. Owner reserves the right to negotiate scope and contracting method with apparent low bidder.

The Jefferson County School Board reserves the right to waive irregularities and to reject any and all Bids. 7/3,10,17/13

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

IN RE: ESTATE OF RONALD EARL LITTON
decedent
File No.: 13-28-CP
Division: Probate

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Ronald Earl Litton, deceased, whose date of death was December 2, 2011, is pending in the Circuit Court for Jefferson County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 1 Courthouse Circle, Monticello, Florida 32344. The names and addresses of the personal representatives and the personal representatives' attorney are set forth below.
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of first publication of this notice is: July 10th, 2013.

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INVITATION TO BID

JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
CAFETERIA & GYMNASIUM ACOUSTICAL RENOVATIONS
You are invited to bid on a General Contract, including mechanical work for the acoustical renovations in the Cafeteria and Gymnasium at Jefferson High School in Monticello, Florida. All Bids must be on a lump sum basis; segregated Bids will not be accepted.
The Jefferson County School Board will receive sealed bids until **4:00 PM on July 26, 2013** at the Jefferson County School Board offices, 575 South Water St. in Monticello, FL 32344. Bids received after that time will not be accepted.
Copies of the Bidding Documents may be examined at the Architect's office:
Clemons, Rutherford & Associates
2027 Thomasville Road Tallahassee, Florida (850) 385-6153
at F. W. Dodge, 1311 Executive Center, Suite 108, Tallahassee, Florida. Drawings will be available after noon on Monday July 1, 2013.

General Contractors and Mechanical, Plumbing and Electrical Subcontractors may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents at the Architect's office in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders upon depositing the sum of \$100.00 for each set of Documents. Contractors will be limited to two (2) sets of Bidding Documents and Mechanical, Plumbing and Electrical Subcontractors will be limited to one (1) set. Bidders may receive bid documents in one of the following manners: (1) bring deposit check and pick up bid documents at the Architects office; (2) mail in deposit check and bid documents will be shipped by UPS ground \$15.00 C.O.D. to cover shipping and handling; or (3) mail in deposit check and include a separate check of \$8.00 for handling and your FedEx or UPS account number for shipping.

A **Pre-Bid Conference** will be held for Contractors on **Tuesday, July 9, 2013 at 11:00 am** at the project site, Jefferson High School in Monticello, Florida. All questions at the Pre-Bid Conference by General Contractors and Subcontractors shall be presented on the "Request for Clarification Form". See Section 000100 - Instructions to Bidders.

Other interested parties may purchase complete sets of Bidding Documents for the sum of \$100.00 for each set, which is non-refundable. Bidders may obtain a refund of their deposit by returning the complete Bidding Documents in good condition no later than ten (10) calendar days after the opening of Bids.

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NOTICE OF MEETING

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF JEFFERSON COUNTY met in Emergency Session on Monday, July 15, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was held at the District Office at 575 S. Water Street, Monticello. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss security fencing at JES; the cost of which is to be covered by a Homeland Security Grant. Questions regarding the meeting may be directed to the District Office at (850) 342-0100 Monday thru Thursday from the hours of 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

Remembering the Good 'Ole Days

with Carol Aman

AMBER HOUSTON
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Carol Aman glides into a room with a smile and a glow, and it is clear that she loves life, God, and Monticello.

Aman moved into Monticello 34 years ago, when her first husband decided to open an irrigation business in the area. "Why Monticello?" She says, "I really don't know. I suppose there were enough farmers in the area that there was a good demand for it. We settled here, and I love it."

Aman is the mother of three children—Rebekah, Matt, and Lamar—

and countless others. "I teach," said Aman, "so I have more kids than I can count. I was down at the beach last week watching their Fourth of July parade, and all of a sudden I hear a little voice say, 'I know that lady! That's Ms. Aman!' I couldn't see that far, so I couldn't tell which of my kids it was, but all of the third graders I teach are my kids."

Aman works at Aucilla Christian Academy (ACA), which she says, "is home. When I am not at my house, it is home. It's a wonderful place to be." She has worked there since she moved to Monticello, and recalls how the

Academy has changed. "We have a new classroom building at Aucilla—I guess we got that about four years ago. I don't like moving, but when I got the chance to move into that new building, I moved my whole classroom cheerfully. They've made many other campus improvements, too, since I started working there."

But ACA is not the only thing that has changed: Monticello's buildings are occupied by different businesses now. "There used to be a few dress shops in town. Fashion Flair was here in town, and Milady's was down the street. I think we



Carol Aman is a local school teacher and avid gardener who has lived in Monticello for 34 years.

even had a little department store. Now, if I want to do any serious shoe shopping, I have to head to Tallahassee or

Thomasville."

Aman loves Monticello. "I like being able to go to the grocery store and see people that I know," she said, with a contented, radiant smile. "When my kids were young, we had chickens—they loved those yard chickens. If we were in a subdivision or in city limits of Tallahassee, we sure couldn't have them. My sister tells me about all the rules they have in her Atlanta subdivision, and I think to myself, 'that may be for her, but I sure am glad I don't live there.'"

These days, Aman can be found in town doing her shopping, and

most often at her home, gardening, canning, freezing, and preserving. "We've got a great big garden that we do with my husband's brother. I'm always making jelly and canning or blanching some vegetable. I read during the summers a lot, because the school year does not allow me much time to read."

She can also be found at church at Mt. Gilead Church in Eridu. Whenever the pastor is not able to preach, her son Lamar does so, and her daughter Rebekah leads the choir. "That makes me very proud to see," she said. "Very, very proud."

Training Workshop At Golden Acres Ranch Saturday

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Golden Acres Ranch will host a training workshop from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 20 featuring FAMACHA Training, microscope use and hoof trimming. Participants are asked to register in advance.

The cost of the day-long seminar is \$20 and will include *Hands on Hoof Trimming; *Rain and Humidity Parasite Management; *Parasite Identification through use of a Microscope, with Dr. Manuel; and *When and how to take fecal samples to your veterinarian. The schedule will

begin at 9:30 a.m., or before, with registration and coffee and breakfast bites. At 10 a.m. put on your boots and let's do hooves. At 12 p.m. there will be a break time for lunch. Participants are asked to bring a picnic meal, or a lunch of sandwiches and wraps can be prepared and delivered from Rosemary Tree for \$7.95. The cost includes chips, dessert, and a drink.

FAMACHA Certification will be held from 1:00 to 1:45 p.m. and may be taken without attending the day's entire program, however, a head count is needed for the event as it does require a minimum

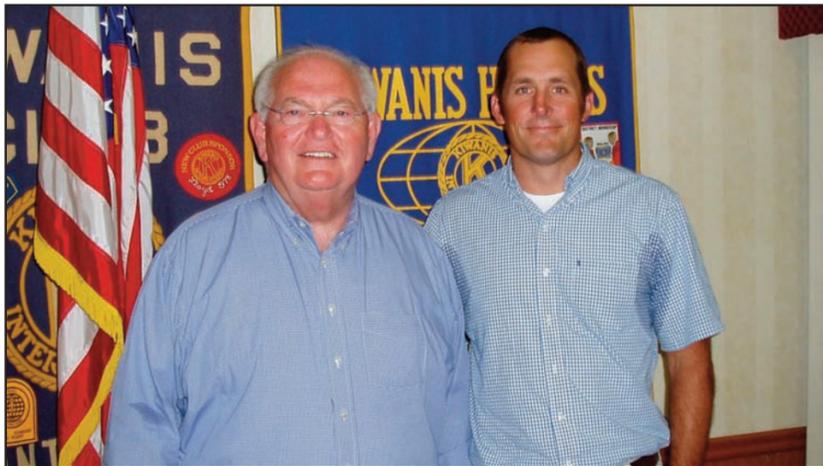
of five registrants to conduct the FAMACHA session. So, contact bobbie.golden@gamil.com or call 850-997-6599. The cost is \$15 and will be given by Dr. Mike Purvis. He is well-known here in Jefferson County both as a veterinarian and as a musician. He is now teaching at Florida A&M University, at the Quincy, Florida facility.

At 1:45 p.m. Dr. Casandra Manuel with the Animal Medical Clinic in Monticello will conduct the session showing you what parasites look like in a microscope. You can bring your own microscope if you have one, but its not required. Bring samples from your own flock or herd if you want. Dr. Manuel has been a part of the Animal Medical Clinic staff for two years. She has a special interest in livestock, horses in particular. She will conclude the day with this session on Parasite Identification.

Participants are asked to wear clothing and shoes that you do not use around your own animals. And to be prepared to remove those clothes and disinfect your shoes before going into your own pastures. There will be plastic shoe covers available and places to wash your hands.

For more information about Golden Acres Ranch go to www.goldenacresranchflorida.com

Kiwanis Receive Visit From Elected State Officials



State Senator Bill Montford, left, and State Representative Halsey Beshears, right, addressed the Monticello Kiwanis recently, during one of their weekly Wednesday meetings. Representative Beshears gave a recap of the previous legislative session and Senator Montford talked about upcoming items for next year.

Scott Campbell Trio To Perform At Monticello Opera House July 20



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The Scott Campbell Trio, featuring Randy Barhill and Leon Anderson with very special

guest singer Avis Berry, will be gracing the Monticello Opera House stage on July 20.

The Opera House feels is very fortunate to be hosting one of Jefferson County's 'local gems'. The combination of these great musicians is truly a listening treat; an eclectic mix of jazz, blues, rock, rhythm and blues, and gospel.

The cost of this Saturday show is just \$15. Ticket cost for dinner and the show are \$35. There will be limited seating for dinner before the show. The menu will include a spring mix salad, creamy chicken and rice casserole, sautéed vegetable medley, and rolls with butter chips. And for dessert... sour cream pound cake with fresh

cream and berries.

Doors open for dinner at 6:30 p.m.; dinner is at 7:00 p.m.; doors open for the show at 7:30 p.m.; and the show begins at 8:00 p.m. As always at the Monticello Opera House, there will be a cash bar.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.monticelloopera-house.org/tickets or by calling 850-997-4242 or stopping in at the Opera House office.

Also a reminder for Monticello Opera House members, the annual Monticello Opera House Board Meeting/Banquet will be held on Friday, August 9. The 'Beach Party' will begin at 6:00 p.m. For more information or tickets, visit the website or call the Opera House.

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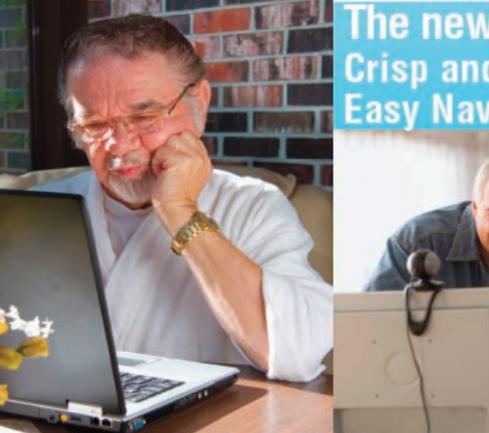


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