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County's Financial Health In Good Shape, Per Audit

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The latest audit of Jefferson County found its overall financial health to be in sound shape, notwithstanding a few minor deficiencies.

So determined CPA Chris Johnson, of Carr, Riggs and Ingram, who conducted the annual audit and reported its findings to the Jefferson County Commission on Tuesday morning, Aug. 6.

"You have an unqualified opinion letter, which is the best you can get," Johnson said. "You have

got a healthy fund balance for a county your size. You've done a good job."

He noted that the five-page summary at the head of the 50-plus-page report did a good job of summarizing the contents "in a nutshell". If commissioners preferred, however, they could peruse the entire document, he said.

"It makes for good reading when you have nothing else to do," Johnson said drolly.

He remarked on the county's \$2.5 million reserve, calling it healthy.

"You're pretty frugal when it comes to spending," Johnson said. "It's a

healthy reserve for a county your size."

The reserve is intended to serve as a safety net to carry the county through rough financial times until it can begin generating revenues again, without having to drastically cut back operations.

Commissioner Hines Boyd noted that helpful as the audit was, it represented information that was a year old. He de-

scribed its usefulness for decision-making as being akin to driving a car forward by looking in the rear-view mirror. He wondered if there wasn't a way of obtaining more timely information that would give commissioners a more current view of the state of the county's finances for budgeting purposes.

Johnson offered that his office's finance department could provide accurate information on a yearly basis, or at least through June 30, which

would prove helpful for budgeting purposes.

He then proceeded through the remainder of the report fairly rapidly, summarizing the contents of the various sections and only giving details on particular areas as the item dictated or if commissioners had specific questions.

Part of the discussion focused on the budget of the Tax Collector, particularly in light of the deficit and related problems that had just surfaced relative to the latter's operation. Johnson, for the most part, steered clear of the controversy, offering that

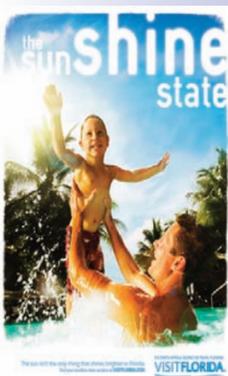
his was strictly a professional accounting of the office's financial functions.

George Carswell, a citizen with apparent particular interest in the operation, made a point of asserting, and getting Johnson to agree, that the latter's responsibility was to the Board of County Commissioners and to the citizens, not to any particular constitutional officer when it came to auditing.

"When you audit constitutional officers, your represent the board and citizens and your relationship. Please See AUDIT Page 3



Visit Florida Awards County Tourism Grant



Visit Florida, the state's official source for travel planning, has awarded an \$875 grant to the Jefferson County Tourist Development Council (TDC) for the 2013-14 Fiscal Year, which began July 1.

"The purpose of these grants is to help nonprofit entities and local governments stretch their tourism marketing dollars in an effort to expand cultural, heritage, rural and nature tourism activities in Florida," Will Secombe, president & CEO of Visit Florida, said in announcing the award.

TDC Coordinator Nancy Wideman welcomed the funding. "We were pleased that Visit Florida and Enterprise Florida selected us from among a large number of grant applicants during their most competitive grant cycle to date," Wideman said. "These funds will be used for the development and printing of a brochure that will feature the cultural events in Jefferson County."

Wideman went on to say that the brochure would feature the Monticello Opera House, Jefferson Arts, Historical Society and the community's two big annual festivals, the Watermelon Festival and Southern Music Rising.

"This grant will help us better position and market Jefferson County and Monticello as a desirable destination," Wideman said.

Visit Florida, a private/public partnership, is Enterprise Florida's day-to-day operating corporation for tourism.

City May Pursue Grant To Upgrade Downtown



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The City of Monticello may seek a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the commercial category to spruce up the downtown area.

The Monticello City Council last week agreed to solicit the services of a consultant, following the presentation of Deborah Belcher, of Roumelis Planning and Development Services, Inc.

Belcher, who is already working on a project for Main Street Monticello, pitched the idea of the city seeking a commercial development grant, one of four CDBG categories available. The

other three categories are housing, neighborhood revitalization and economic development.

A seasoned grants consultant whose specialty is small communities, Belcher told the council that she was the longest practicing consultant in Florida, with the exception of one other person.

"I like to do personal projects," Belcher said. "I would like to see the city apply in the commercial category."

She said the money could be used to install lighting, sidewalks, public restrooms and do other streetscape projects. The city, she said, was eligible for a grant of up to \$700,000.

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Director Of Small Business Program Reports Progress

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The 15-month-old Small Business Development Program now has 208 clients enrolled, according to information that Director Dr. Dallas Garrett presented to the Monticello City Council on Tuesday evening, Aug. 6.

Dr. Garrett, who approached the podium with the use of a walker, having recently undergone hip-replacement surgery, was his usual upbeat self.

Of the 208 clients, 68 were existing businesses looking to expand or improve and 140 were individuals planning new enterprises, he said. On average, he said, the program was gaining 14 new clients per month, which was a good showing.

He reported that 60 clients had completed business plans and 34 had been funded, representing a capital investment of

\$1,312,412. He said 19 business plans were currently out for funding and another seven were on hold, pending improvement of the clients' credit scores.

A breakdown of the funding sources, he said, showed that banks accounted for 40 percent, owners, partners and other private individuals for 50 percent, and grants, donations and such for 10 percent.

Thus far, he said, the program had created 51 jobs in Jefferson County and 13 in adjoining counties.

Dr. Garrett reiterated that the total startup capital invested during the last 15 months by the 34 funded businesses amounted to \$1,312,412. He said that investment represented renovation labor, materials, shelving, equipment, marketing and inventory, among other expenditures.

"A small business

local impact equal to \$100,000 per employee is an accepted average," Dr. Garrett said. "The total potential impact for the past 15 months is \$5.1 million. Some businesses take two to three years to reach their potential. But we have some local businesses that exceed that average by three times."

He noted that during the last 15 months, most of the vacant buildings in the downtown area had been occupied by businesses. Moreover, he was currently working with Tracey and David Jackson to have occupied three more of the few remaining vacant spaces, he said.

"Many of our clients have started farm-related businesses, which are very appropriate for this county," Dr. Garrett said.

He expressed gratitude to Main Street and the City of Monticello for the opportunity to work with each.

Main Street Gets \$2,500 For Promotion Of Events



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Main Street Monticello is \$2,500 richer as of last week, thanks to the Jefferson County Commission, which agreed to contribute the money to help the organization market two traveling exhibitions that are coming here in the next several months.

The first is a wildflower photo exhibit titled "La Florida: 500 Years in the Place of Flowers", which is set to come to the Jefferson Arts Gallery Sept. 9 through Oct. 25. This show, sponsored by the Florida Wildflower Foundation, consists of 15 large-format photos of wildflowers by award-winning Florida nature photographer John Moran.

The second exhibition, titled Journey Stories, is scheduled to come to Jefferson Arts from Jan. 11 through Feb. 22 of next year. The show features seven freestanding stations — one a general



introduction and the other six explorations of the essence of mobility and the different modes of transportation in North America from prehistoric to modern times. The Smithsonian Institution is the sponsor.

Dr. Anne Holt, Main Street program manager, secured a \$10,000 grant from the Florida Humanities Council (FHC) to bring the two exhibitions to Monticello. But as she told the Jefferson County Commission on Tuesday, Aug. 6, the council exp-

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Just a reminder to everyone that you can read the actual Monticello News and Jefferson County Journal newspapers online.

The online edition of the newspaper (called an e-edition) is available not only on computers, but also on iPads, Kindles, other tablets, iPhones and Android phones.

A one year subscription to the e-edition is only \$25 per year. The online e-editions become available for viewing every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon.

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Scattered thunderstorms possible.

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Scattered thunderstorms possible.



Letters To The Editor

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Wards Creek Has Much To Offer County

To The Editor:
Re: "County Doesn't Need Wards Creek Problems" (*Monticello News*, August 7, 2013)
My family has lived one mile northwest of Wards Creek since 1978. I do not recall my parents ever saying they witnessed a problem with Wards Creek nor have I in the eight years I have lived here. I certainly wish Mr. McBride had taken the time to come and speak at the "emergency" meeting of the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners Monday, July 29. This was the appropriate opportunity to speak one's mind. The values of Wards Creek are vastly greater than just public hunting land. In fact, I have recently discussed

ecotourism opportunities for non-hunters with former colleagues at the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission. And then there are the inherent values of wildlife corridors for people who just like to observe the beauty of nature. It brings me great joy every day and is a great part of the reason my family bought this property and I live here. I would gladly pay a nominal fee to keep this land in the public domain and maintain it for the public good. If adjacent landowners have a problem with people getting on their land, let them fence it according to an accurate land survey.

Roy I. King

Federal Grants Are Not Money Trees

After reading the 2012 audit for Jefferson County, I found several items of concern. Here is one item:

In 2011, federal and state grants the county took in equaled \$2.2 million. In 2012, this jumped to \$3.8 million, a 73% increase. Property owners did not see a similar decrease in their taxes.

These state and federal grants are looked at by many as the magic money tree. The conventional wisdom here is someone else is paying for it, so it's a free ride. This is similar to taking a trip on the company credit card and not worrying about the cost of the trip since someone else is paying for it. I saw this mindset firsthand while working as a Sergeant on the Highway Patrol when my Lieutenant told me to put new tires on my squad's police cars every 10,000 miles whether they were needed or not his exact words were "You're not paying for them." Even though this was over 12 years ago, my thinking was the same then as now. I informed the Lieutenant how the FHP was funded out of general revenue, which was funded by the taxes we both paid, and that I would buy tires as they were needed.

Where does this money originate? From you and I that pay taxes. Washington as operated by Democrats and Republicans has not had a balanced budget since 2001. That is where the so-called "federal money" for these grants is coming from. In the long term, unchecked spending such as this will doom our economy. According to the Treasury Department, we're currently around at least \$17 trillion in debt. In September 2001 the national debt was about \$5.8 trillion, so

in just 12 years it has nearly tripled. To cope with this, the federal government has printed more money. In simple terms, what happens when there is more of something? Is it worth more or less? Would rare gems such as diamonds be so valuable if they were no longer rare? Our dollar is now worth far less. Pick nearly any currency and you'll see this. As recently as 2006, one US dollar was worth about 1.5 Canadian dollars. In 2012, it's now about even, a drop of 33%.

Grants invariably have strings attached. We've seen this from grants to help us with housing for the poor that do not allow us to make efficient use of the money such as buying an existing \$50,000 home. Instead, we construct a \$75,000 new home. This same grant prohibited the use of local preference to area construction companies. This year our Sheriff reported the federal grant used to hire deputies a few years ago was modified so that the money could no longer be used for salaries. The bill then came directly to us.

The solution is to wean ourselves from this trough of so-called "government money." If we fail to do so, the end result will not be good for the county as a whole. Government at all levels must be scaled to offer only basic services, and taxes must be reduced to reflect this. Doing one without the other will not accomplish anything. Jefferson County can become a model for other counties to follow, or we can continue to contribute to the downward spiral by thinking/spending "If we don't spend it, someone else will."

Paul Henry

County Stewardship Of Ward Creek Will Be A Blessing, Not A Burden

County Commissioners Betsy Barfield, Benny Bishop, and Stephen Walker, and Commission Chairman John Nelson demonstrated true leadership for the people when they recently adopted a resolution to keep Ward Creek accessible to the public and to keep it from falling into the hands of a single private owner as "surplus" property. The area known as Ward Creek actually is a portion of the shallows of Lake Miccosukee. Its ownership passed from the Federal government to the State of Florida, in 1845, by virtue of Florida's becoming a sovereign State of the United States. Thus, Lake Miccosukee, of which Ward Creek is a part, is State-owned, sovereign land.

Its status as such is recognized in Florida Supreme Court precedent going all the way back to 1909. The current misguided effort by some in State government to sell this land, which has

been in public ownership and enjoyment for nearly 200 years, is based on a nonexistent "management crisis."

County stewardship of Ward Creek will be a blessing, not a burden. The area is the real, real Florida. It no more needs expensive, active management than do the backwaters of many, many other lakes and streams throughout Florida. Folks, thank Commissioners Barfield, Bishop, and Walker, and Chairman Nelson, for standing tall for all citizens. And, contact the Governor and Cabinet, the Division of State Lands of the Department of Environmental Protection, your State Senator, and your State Representative and ask them to keep Ward Creek in public ownership and available for public hunting, fishing, and other recreation. It is an important part of our heritage and our future. Do not let it be lost.

Chris Anderson

Searching For Ambrosia

Rose Klein
Guest Columnist



Experimenting With A Southern Favorite

Experimenting with food is one of my favorite pastimes, much to the delight or (detriment) of my personal food tasters. Sometimes I like to tweak recipes by adding different flavors or ingredients. Other times, I pick a starting point and work at trying to get the best flavor, texture and appearance of the food I'm experimenting with. One of my lengthier experiments was trying to create the "perfect" butter cake. My research produced many versions for "yellow" cake and I tried a lot of them before making changes and ultimately developing my final recipe.

My latest experiment involved neither tweaking nor making changes. Banana pudding is a real southern favorite and I have learned that sometimes, it's best not to mess with people's favorites. I personally feel that way about my BLT's. I can't imagine anyone not knowing what those letters mean, but just in case you don't, BLT stands for a bacon, lettuce and tomato sandwich. While I can appreciate the versions I've read, and know from experience that they would taste good, I just can't get to the point where I add things like onion or avocado to my favorite summertime sandwich. But I digress.

Yesterday I made two banana puddings, from two really good, but differ-

ent, recipes. I didn't tweak or change anything about them. My experiment was to find out my family's preference on this southern favorite. The one I typically make is a recipe that uses instant pudding and was introduced to me by my father, who always made it for church potlucks. This type seems, traditionally what most people I know have eaten. The second recipe is a more traditional banana pudding recipe. It is made with homemade custard and topped with meringue, and traditionally served immediately after coming from the oven. Most people aren't aware that the last version is how the dessert was originally made. There have been recipes for this type of banana pudding dating back 100 years in old southern cookbooks.

The verdict from my family was tradition over history, although both were considered very good. However, the recipe I'm going to share with you is the "historical" version. This recipe, to me, is the best cooked banana pudding recipe I have eaten and I enjoyed it warm from the oven as well as cold. If you've never tried this version of banana pudding, try this recipe and see how it ranks with you and your family.

Old-Fashioned Banana Pudding

¾ cup sugar



- ¼ cup flour
- pinch of salt
- 1 cup milk
- 1 cup evaporated milk
- 2 eggs, separated
- 3 TB butter
- 1 tsp vanilla
- Vanilla Wafers
- 2 - 3 bananas, sliced
- 2 TB sugar
- 1/8 tsp cream of tartar

Combine sugar, flour, salt, milks, and egg yolks in top of a double boiler. Cook over simmering water, stirring constantly until thick, about 15 minutes. Remove from heat; add butter and vanilla, stir until smooth.

In a one quart, heat proof dish, alternately layer pudding, vanilla wafers and bananas, ending with a layer of pudding. In a medium bowl, beat egg whites, cream of tartar and sugar until meringue forms peaks; spread over pudding. Bake about 5 minutes or until meringue starts to turn brown.

Serve immediately or chill.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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August 15

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.

August 15, 19

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.

August 15 - September 19
Covenant Hospice is offering a six-week grief support group from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. beginning on Thursday, at the Covenant Hospice Office, located at 1921 Capital Circle NE, in Tallahassee. Those who attend will have the opportunity to explore their grief in a safe and caring environment, as the feelings of grief and loss can be overwhelming. The support group meetings will run for six Thursday evenings. The support group is free but registration is required. Light refreshments will be served. To register for this support group, or for additional information, contact Bobbie Massey, LCSW at 850-575-4998 or email to bobbie.massey@

covenant.hospice.org.

August 16

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.

August 16

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; donations are accepted. For questions or concerns, contact Curtis Morgan at 850-933-8136 or Bobby Connell at 850-445-0049.

August 17, 19

Opera House Stage Company will hold open auditions for the comedy 'Arsenic and Old Lace' on Saturday, beginning at 3 p.m. and on Monday, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Monticello Opera House. Show dates will be the first three weekends of November. Judy Turner will direct.

August 17

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.

August 19

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.

August 19

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.

August 20

The Palmer Place Book Club will meet on Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Brick House Eatery to discuss its most recent book 'Snow Island' by Katherine Towler. The meeting will begin with the discussion and selection of the next book, and then attendees will share their views about the book of the month. Contact Abi Vandervest at 850-997-4607 for more information. All are welcome to join for the discussion, to help select the next book, and to suggest authors.

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We the family of Marvin Holland, would like to say THANK YOU for the acts of kindness shown to us during his illness and death on July 23, 2013. And a special Thanks to Alan Croy, a close friend.

Sincerely, Evelyn Holland, Justin Clark, Mandy & Joe Shiver, Terrie & Steve Jones, Dianne & Bobby Bell, Terri Morrison, Wray & Kathy Holland, Many grand & great grand children, many nieces & nephews.

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Audit

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ship (with the constitutional officers) is adversarial, is that correct?" Carswell asked.

Johnson conceded that Carswell's representation was correct.

Carswell indicated that he would have more to say on the matter when the commission took up the issue of the Tax Collector's budget at the emergency meeting that it had set for Monday evening, Aug. 12.

Johnson finally returned to the audit report after several more digres-

sions brought on by questions from commissioners. He noted that the report also included a single audit, which was triggered when a government entity received in excess of \$500,000 in state or federal grant, whether singly or in aggregate.

He also noted that although the county had made great strides in improving its operations, a few deficiencies persisted.

"They are not detrimental and are common for the most part when it comes to governmental ac-

counting," Johnson said, adding that the report contained recommendations for their improvement.

He lastly took note of past issues with the Section 8 subsidized housing program under the administration of an outside third-party.

The commission assured Johnson that the housing program problem had been addressed and that the county was completely out of the loop, with a different third-party now administering the program.

Bilinski Talks About Vietnam



Guest speaker for the August 7, 2013 meeting of the Monticello Kiwanis was Rotarian Max Bilinski. He presented a talk on his experiences in the Vietnam War. He was assisted by Kristin Jackson, an agent with the Jefferson County Extension Office.

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Belcher said that if the city wanted, it could coordinate the project with the county or other entities for the sake of leverage. She mentioned a rural business enterprise grant that she was seeking for Main Street Monticello as a possibility.

Belcher said she was willing to work at risk, meaning that if she weren't successful in getting the grant, she wouldn't get paid. If she were successful, however, the grant would pay for her services. Typically, she said, the fee was eight percent of the total amount of the grant.

A couple of the council members asked about the

possibility of pursuing the housing and neighborhood revitalization categories. Belcher said it was possible to apply for more than one category at a time. Some communities, in fact, pursued just such a strategy and then decided on one or the other grant, in the event both should be awarded.

She said no matching per se was required for the commercial category. Ideally, however, a match of \$125,000 increased the chances of an applicant getting the grant.

It wasn't her desire to encourage competition, she said. Even so, it was her duty to advise the council to seek proposals

from other consultants for the sake of fairness, she said.

Belcher also advised the council that although the grant application was still a ways off, the process to ready the application took time, and it warranted getting the process started as soon as possible.

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ected a community investment in return.

"With the money I have I can do a barebones promotion of the two events," Dr. Holt said. "They (the FHC) expects the community to do something to make it a big bang event for us."

It was her estimation that the two events would draw in about 3,500 visitors, which she said translated into about three or four people per day.

"If I can bring in three or four additional people everyday for 100 days and just one person shops or eats in a restaurant in town, that's economic development," Dr. Holt said.

A problem with the Board of County Commissioners was that although it had allocated \$10,000 in the current budget for donations to outside organizations such as Main Street, it had yet to establish a committee or develop a procedure for the distribution of the funds.

Commissioner John Nelson was one who saw a problem with dispensing the money without first establishing a process.

"We agreed to a process and we don't have it in place," Nelson said. "I, for one, am going to have to vote against granting the request because we don't have a process in place. I think we're going to open up a Pandora's Box."

The other commissioners, however, were willing to make an exception, given the time constraints for promotion of the two events, particu-

larly the wildflowers show.

Commissioner Betsy Barfield, however, requested that Main Street submit a report after the fact detailing how the money had been spent, along with adding the stipulation that the county funding be used only for marketing.

The board also agreed to have ready for review and approval by the next meeting a set of procedures for the distribution of funds to outside organizations.

Sudoku Puzzle!

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Unhappy Patient Attacks Doctor Over Medical Care

In Urbina, Italy, Dr. Daniela Vivani needed 40 stitches after being attacked by an 81-year-old patient who was unhappy with her. Enrico Bostregghini charged through the clinic waiting room and struck Dr. Vivani in the head and hands with a machete. He later told police he was angry with the level of treatment he had been getting from Vivani. Bostregghini was reported as having a history of overreacting to situations. He had twice tried to burn down the town hall after being fined for things he didn't agree with.

Elephants Seek Revenge Over Death Of Herd Member

In Eastern India, an elephant was hit and killed by a train, causing the remaining 15 elephants to seek revenge on other trains and nearby villages. Wildlife activist, D.S. Srivastave explained that elephants are intelligent and emotional and have been known to resort to revenge attacks against those they feel were responsible for a death of friend or family. For the last several days, the group of elephants remained near the location where the fatal accident occurred, damaging about 10 homes and destroying a schoolhouse. Since 2012, at least 50 elephants have been killed on train tracks in India.

Swimsuit Advisory Due To Biting Fish

In Copenhagen, Denmark, men have been advised to keep swim trunks on when swimming in the strait that separates Sweden and Denmark. A fisherman caught a pacu, a fish related to the piranha, about 8-inches long, causing the Natural History Museum to order the swimsuit warning. The pacu have been known to attack men's sensitive areas, as reported in Papua New Guinea, where very serious bites have occurred.

An ichthyologist at the museum says chances of being attacked are low as pacu are not normally dangerous to people.

Supermarket Argument Leads To Flashing

In Smethwick, England, two women arguing in a supermarket parking lot, ended with one woman flashing the other woman, along with her four children. The mother of the children was able to take two pictures of the naked woman before she left and then handed them over to the police. The police Sgt., James Proffitt, called the incident, "a very serious crime" and appealed to anyone who knew the woman to call police. The mom and her kids were all "shocked" and the incident is being treated as sexual assault.

Male Robber In Women's Clothes Arrested

In London, a man wearing women's clothing was arrested and charged with conspiracy to commit robbery. Vasile Bogdan, 35 would dress in women's clothes, enter jewelry stores, followed by two men who were often seen carrying sledgehammers. Bogdan was arrested when a shop owner chased him down following an attempted robbery. He was sentenced 10 years in prison. Police are working to track down the other two suspects.

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AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

Main Street Monticello To Open Old Jail Museum

DAN SCHALL

for Main Street Monticello

After two years of effort by main street volunteers and county contractors the Old Jail Museum, located at 380 West Dogwood Street is opening to the public for tours. The tour will include a window into prison life during the early twentieth century.

The museum will be open on Saturday, August 17. Hours of operation will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Main Street project manager Dr. Anne Holt, will be the museum's first curator and will be conducting tours.

Main Streets program manager Dr. Anne Holt, recognized the two story building on West Dogwood Street as a jail, probably constructed in the early 1900's and presented the idea of a jail museum to the Main Street board. The Main Street organization approached the Jefferson County Commissioners



with the idea that this asset of the county and city could be refurbished and make a museum. The Main Street organization said they would take on this project if the county would lease the building. The commissioners shared the vision of Main Street, and agreed to lease the building.

Main Street applied to the State of Florida Department of State Division

of Historical Resources for a \$50,000 grant to begin the work on the old jail and in June 2012 was awarded the grant. Monies from the grant enabled installation of windows, doors, heating and air conditioning, upgrading electrical systems and general repairs to the roof and other areas of the building. All work has been completed by volunteers and qualified local Jefferson County contractors.

Main Street has submitted a second grant request to the State of Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, for phase two, to restore the women's jail building behind the main building.

Main Street organization is hopeful that this grant will be approved in the 2014/2015 time frame.

Main Street's president, Margie Stern and the Main Street board thank all who have been involved thus far with restoring this historic community asset. We believe this museum adds to attracting visitors to our area and helps stimulate the local economy which is one of the central goals of Main Street.

Main Street Monticello invites all citizens to visit the Old Jail Museum at 380 West Dogwood Street.

Monticello Volunteer Fire Department Receives Award



Monticello Volunteer Fire Department Assistant Chief Mike Long, on left, accepts a certificate recognizing his department for its seatbelt pledge and compliance, during Florida Fire Chief's Summer Executive Development Conference.

Firefighters scramble to get to a fire. A quick response time saves property and lives. Sometimes they forget to be aware of their own safety. Surprisingly firefighter deaths in motor vehicle accidents are problematic.

Monticello Volunteer Fire Department was recently recognized at the Florida Fire Chief's Summer Executive Development Conference. Along with six other fire departments, Monticello was awarded a certificate recognizing it as a nationally 100 percent compliant seat belt pledge department. All members were required to complete a safety class and sign a pledge to only operate a vehicle once all personnel were safely seat belted in the vehicle.

Assistant Chief, Mike Long received the award for Chief Lester Lawrence.

The award was presented to the members on July 25 at their training meeting. All new members will be trained and will sign the pledge to carry forward this tradition in safety.

The award was established nationally in response to development of a program to reduce firefighter deaths in motor vehicle accidents. It is sponsored by the following organizations and agencies: National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, National Fire Academy, International Fire Chief's Association, National Fire Protection Association, Florida Fire Chief's Association, and National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

The Monticello Volunteer Fire Department strives to maintain the firefighters safety so they can be on the ready when they are needed.



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Spice Up Your Life



Kristin Jackson and Jed Dillard during a 'Basil' class at the Extension Office on July 30, 2013.

KRISTIN JACKSON
Extension Agent I
Jefferson County Cooperative Extension Services

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), one in every three American adults (approximately 67 million individuals) have high blood pressure. The CDC indicates that reducing sodium (salt) intake from 3,300 mg to 300 mg per day could help Americans reduce their blood pressure. One great way to reduce sodium intake, is to use sodium free seasonings such as fresh herbs to add flavor to your foods.

Last Tuesday, July 30 the Jefferson County Extension Office Family Consumer Science (FCS) Agent, Kristin Jackson and the Livestock and Natural Resources Agent, Jed Dillard teamed to work with the Jefferson County Health Department to offer a class on growing and cooking with basil.

Why basil? "A little bit goes a long way," explained Dillard. Fresh basil is said to offer vitamin K, vitamin A, magnesium, and may even have antioxidant and antibacterial properties. As a result of these joint efforts, each person in attendance received their very own fresh basil plant. Participants also learned a quick Pesto recipe to help them



Pesto Pasta is the results of the 'Basil' class held at the Extension Office on July 30, 2013.

start experimenting with fresh basil.

Pesto Ingredients:
2 peeled garlic cloves
2 tablespoons Parmesan cheese
2 cups basil leaves (packed)
1/3 cup extra-virgin Oil

Directions: In a blender or food processor mince garlic. Add one cup of basil leaves. Add olive oil. Pulse the ingredients. Add second cup of basil leaves. Pulse again until leaves are ground. Cook four cups of pasta and spoon sauce over the top. Sprinkle Parmesan cheese on top. Try making the recipe your own by adding onions, walnuts, and sun

dried tomatoes, or your favorite meat. This recipe serves four adults with about six ounces or 3/4 cups of pasta each. Each serving has 303 calories, 43.5 mg of sodium, and 15.2 grams of fat. To save on the sodium and make this recipe even more heart healthy skip the Parmesan cheese and don't forget to spoon on the pesto so you can use less. Leftover pesto can be refrigerated immediately for two to three days and should remain food safe for future consumption.

Jackson can be contacted directly at 2729 West Washington Street, or by phone at 850-342-0187, or email her at kris88@ufl.edu.

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The Ones Jesus Loves

"Just who do you think you are?"

Now there's a question that has been posed and pointed more than a few times. Usually it is a weaponized question of sorts, laden with accusation. Nevertheless, I think it is an essential question of spiritual identity.

Consider the writer of the New Testament book commonly known as "John." Tradition holds that this Gospel was written by the disciple John, one of Jesus' closest associates, though the writer, mysteriously, never identifies himself by name. He used an alias, a pen name tagged: "The one Jesus loved."

Why such a moniker? I think he was using a literary device to force his readers to take hold of the core meaning of what it means to be in relationship with Jesus Christ. He was asking the question, "Just who do you think you are?"

John understood that his core identity was directly connected to the love Christ had for him. So much so, that he did not think of himself as a fisherman, a disciple, an apostle, a Gospel writer, or a Church Father. He was simply one who was supremely loved. Likewise, we are not defined by occupation, label, race, nationality, culture, popularity, or the ancillary chorus of the voices around us. We are simply the Ones

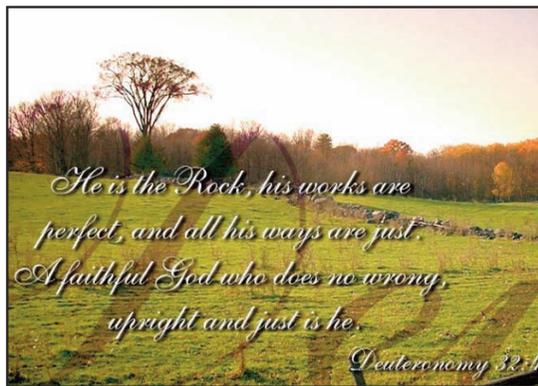
Jesus Loves. This is who we really are.

Is this too much to understand? Probably so. But I don't have to understand it to embrace it and live it. I don't understand the science of how the sun can be 93 million miles away, provide life-giving light to this planet, and keep our solar system from devolving into chaos, but I believe it, and I experience its light and heat every day. I don't understand Newton's Law of Gravitation or Einstein's later Theory of Relativity, but I know these things keep my feet grounded on planet earth every day, and anchor me within this time and space.

I understand very little about these things. But can't God's love in Christ work the same way? As a shining light, a grounding force, a sustaining atmosphere; an affection, passion, and serenity that gives us life and meaning?

No, we can only understand bits and piece of it all, but our lack of complete knowledge should not prevent us from believing and living this fact: We are unconditionally and eternally adored by God. We are indeed, the Ones Jesus Loves.

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CHURCH NEWS NOTES

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August 13-15

Springfield AME Church will continue its three-day Fall Revival nightly at 7:30 p.m. Guest Evangelist will be Rev. Isaac Manning, Jr., with Bethpage Missionary Baptist Church, Wacissa. Come listen and learn from this powerful man of God. For more information, call the church at 850-997-5400. REVIVAL Wednesday! REVIVAL Thursday! Rev. Stefon McBride, pastor.

August 16

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.

August 18

Springfield AME Church, located at 1732 Piney Woods Road, invites the community to join with them for their 'Pastor's Appreciation' program as they celebrate their pastor Rev. Stefon McBride on Sunday at 4 p.m. Rev.

Stacey G. Lindsey and the Mt. Zion AME Church family of Havana will be in charge of the service. Come help celebrate this true servant of God. For more information contact the church at 850-997-5400.

August 21

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.

August 21

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 email to eaglewingsmonticello@yahoo.com or www.firstpresbyterianmonticello.org.

August 23

Christ Episcopal Church Brotherhood will host a Cuban Style Dinner from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday evening to raise money for a clean water project for two villages in Cuba. The cost of the meal is a \$10 donation per plate, eat in or take out, at the Christ Episcopal parish hall, located at the corner of North Jefferson and York Street. For advance tickets, see any of the men from the Church. To get more information on this fundraising event, call Bobby Henderson at 850-997-3865, or 850-491-3279, or call Jack Williams at 850-933-9726.

August 23, 24

Second Harvest Food Program, together with the churches of New Bethel AME, Elizabeth MB, Hickory Hill MB, Mt. Pleasant AME and Philadelphia MB, will provide food to anyone needing assistance, including the needy, infants, and the elderly. This is done monthly on the fourth Saturday with distribution from 8 to 9 a.m. at the New Bethel AME Church, located at 6496 Ashville Highway. Volunteers are also needed to come on the Friday evening before at 6:30 p.m. to help bag the food packages. Contact Nellie Randell at 850-997-5605, or 850-997-6929 to volunteer, or for more information about this program.

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Black Churches Should Open Its Doors Every Sunday

EUGENE HALL

The other Sunday I woke up exuberant, ready to celebrate the perpetual goodness of the Lord our Savior. My youngest son, Travis and I jumped in the ole sedan as his sister Chelsea and older brother Lil Gene would often do, and eagerly headed to church. We drove for miles only to discover this time that the church doors were closed. Yes, they were completely locked. Oh, we forgot, it was the third Sunday of the month and that church did not have 11 a.m. services on the first and third Sundays. That simply was not only that church's rule, but that tradition has morphed into a cultural norm.

Since times memorial many black churches have maintained a tradition of not having church on certain Sundays of the month. Some say it is because "We need a Sunday to rest." Others say it's because the Pastor has two churches. Many Pastors say it's the members who are quenching the Holy Spirit.

The Sabbath, according to Rabbi Abraham Heschel, is not for the sake of the weekdays; the weekdays are for the sake of the Sabbath. "It is not an interlude but the climax of living." He goes further to assert that "three acts of God de-

noted the seventh day: He rested, He blessed, and He hallowed (Genesis 2:2-3)." Throughout America the churches served multiple functions. During the days of slavery they served as stations along the Underground Railroad. After the Civil War, churches were also our first schoolhouses. Even most all of our historically black colleges were catapulted to greatness via the generosity of the churches. There was even a time when folks were so excited about going to church that they would ride mule and buggy to get there every Sunday... come early for Sunday School, hear the preached word, eat on the church grounds, and then worship again that Sunday night. What happened to our zeal for the gospel of Jesus Christ?

Albeit we are in more contemporary times, many black churches are still looked to as sanctuaries for dual operations. For instance, during election time, any politician worth his/her own salt would make sure to pay a visit to our churches to try to get the black vote. Back in the day, most all of the famous superstars of Motown such as Sam Cook, Aretha Franklin, and Gladys Knight and the Pips got their musical start right there in the church. And for rural communities like Monti-

cello, that still does not have a taxpayer-funded community center it was the church that met that essential need as well.

Lest we forget, it was at the church where poor folks would hold mass meetings that eventually led to the passage of historic legislation. Events such as President Lyndon B. Johnson signing the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and the Fair Housing Act comes to mind. Hence, it seems quite appropriate for us to take the locks off the doors and have our black churches open every Sunday so that the gospel can be preached.

Not convinced yet? Just take a closer look at the May 2013 'Ebony Magazine' Special Report on the 'State of Black Boys' article which solidifies the relevance of us being open for worship every Sunday. It confirmed that only 10 percent of black male eighth graders are deemed proficient in eighth grade reading. It also authenticates that there are almost as many black and Hispanic males in prison and jail than in college. Remember, our churches used to be the first schools in our neighborhoods. They were and still are considered to be a safe haven for many youth who may be in peril and facing unspeakable dangers.

Essentially, it's obvi-

ous that our young men and ladies need to hear the gospel preached to them every Sunday. Moreover, some of them are transportation disadvantaged and cannot even conceive of driving to the other side of the county to attend services simply because their home church is open only two Sundays out of the month. If we open the holy temple, the Lord will bless us richly. Many theologians are already convinced that it will help to significantly reduce ignorance, alcoholism, crime, and likely avert someone from spending all day Sunday hanging around the whiskey barrel or sitting under the sycamore tree waiting for the next illegal drug exchange.

We Christians often complain that when we drive by the night clubs (hole-in-the-wall) every weekend there are always large crowds there. One reason may be that the doors are open. Hum. Our churches in the black communities could draw similarly large crowds. All we simply have to do is take the padlocks off the buildings and open up for church services every Sunday.

We must forget cultural traditions and be obedient to the true words of the Lord. Some young person may be knocking at the door just waiting to be converted.

Cuban Dinner Benefit For Clean Water

DEBBIE SNAPP
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

The Brotherhood of Christ Episcopal Church is planning a dinner of Cuban style foods to raise money for a clean water project for two villages in Cuba.

The cost of the meal will be a \$10 donation per plate, eat-in or take-out, at the Christ Episcopal parish hall, at the corner of North Jefferson and York Street.

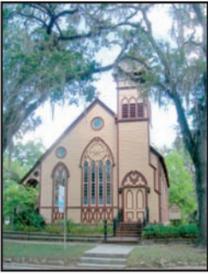
Dinner will be served on Friday, August 23, from 6 to 8 p.m. The menu will include roast pulled pork, black beans and rice, plantains, dessert, and a soft drink.

Christ Church has a sister parish, Cristo Rey (Christ the King) in Cautro Equinas, Cuba. St. John's Episcopal Church in Tallahassee has a sister parish,

San Pedro Apostle, a few miles away in the village of Zorillo. During a recent visit to the area by Americans, villagers said their number one need is clean, uncontaminated water. It seems that the water systems in both villages have cracked water pipes, which allow bacterial contamination into the water supply. The water makes the children sick.

A Presbyterian ministry, Living Waters of the World (LWW) plans to fix the water system in each village. The total cost will be about \$25,000. Christ Episcopal Church has pledged to raise \$5000 of that amount.

To purchase dinner tickets, see any of the men from the Church. To get more information, call Bobby Henderson at 850-997-3865, or 850-491-3279, or call Jack Williams at 850-933-9726.



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Rev. Dr. Ethel Gibbs Brinson



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We love you. It's all in God's hands. Love from your sons, Kevin and Rev. Karsten Brinson and Leslie; and your grandchildren Kaytlin and Kameron.
Psalm 8:1-9

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

Wednesday

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

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Wednesday Prayer Meeting.....6:30 PM
Youth Group.....6:00 PM
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Cheerleaders Camp Held At Jefferson High School



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Aucilla Christian Academy Cheerleaders volunteered to help teach during Summer Camp at Jefferson County Middle High School. Pictured from left to right are: Marisa Duber, Kate Whiddon, Ashley Herbert, Megan Schofill, Grace Beshears, Shona Whiddon, Victoria Brock, and Emily Brock.

DEBBIE SNAPP
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

Cheerleaders Camp was held for junior varsity Jefferson County Middle High School (JCMHS) girls on July 22 and 23, under the instruction of a few Aucilla Christian Academy (ACA) cheerleaders. The two-day camp was held at JCMHS and included Coach Adrienne Smith with JCMHS and Coach Shona Whiddon

with ACA. After the girls and their coaches introduced themselves and talked a bit, the first day of camp got underway. The ACA girls had the JCMHS girls learning proper motion placement and jump techniques. Then, several cheers and chants were taught until the day's end. Day two began with a review of the cheers and chants learned the day before. The girls continued the day with stunt safety,

and some basic stunt techniques and instruction. Camp made for a positive connection with the girls. They learned from each other and added their own personal differences to the learning and teaching. ACA cheerleaders who shared their knowledge and instruction in the camp included Victoria Brock, Christiana Reams, Ashley Hebert, Marisa Duber, Kate Whiddon, Emily Brock, Grace Beshears, and Megan Schofill. Their coach, Shona Whiddon, teaches fourth grade at ACA, and is in her third year as head cheerleading coach. She relates that she has coached cheerleading since the age of 19. She was varsity cheerleading coach at Taylor County High School in Perry for eight years; she founded Taylor Elite Cheerleading and served as head coach and all-star director for 13 years, until she retired in 2012. "I am also a nationally certified cheer and dance judge with The American Championships," said Whiddon. JCMHS cheerleaders who learned a lot from this camp experience included Co-Captain Kelly Parker, Captain Makayla Brown, Tahja Chavis, Tykeria Howard, Arianna Jones, Taylor Mitchell, Yunisha Cooper, and Olivia Parker. Their coach, Adri-



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Cheers and chants are practiced during Cheerleaders Summer Camp at JCMHS under the instruction of ACA volunteers.



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Jefferson County Middle High School Varsity Cheerleaders during Summer Cheerleaders Camp learned new cheers and chants from Aucilla Christian Academy Cheerleaders. Pictured from left to right are: Co-Captain Kelly Parker, Captain Makayla Brown, Tahja Chavis, Tykeria Howard, Arianna Jones, Taylor Mitchell, Yunisha Cooper, and Olivia Parker.

enne Smith, is in her second year at JCMHS teaching Middle School Exceptional Student Education. She comes here from Mainland High School in Volusia County. She was a cheerleader during her high school years and continued her cheerleading talents by coaching, coordinating, and sponsoring her school's Majorette and Flag Corp for the band.



ACA and Jefferson JV Cheerleaders doing stunts together during Summer Camp.



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Jefferson County Middle High School Junior Varsity Cheerleading Coach Adrienne Smith, on left, and Aucilla Christian Academy Varsity Cheerleading Coach Shona Whiddon, on right, during Summer Cheerleaders Camp.

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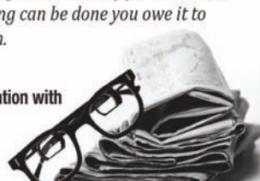
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SCHOOL

Howard Academy Class of 1963 Golden Reunion: A Review

The Howard Academy Class of 1963 fifty year reunion was a grand success. The occasion provided many classmates the first opportunity to see their fellow classmates since they graduated.

The class extends gratitude to the Farmers and Merchants Bank for its warm greeting to the group, the Monticello News-Journal for publishing an article on the reunion, and the Jefferson County School Board for permitting us to rent our alma mater, the former Howard Academy High School, Second Street, which was the site for all of our activities, except church.

The reunion began on June 26 and ended on June 28. Activities consisted of a picnic on Friday, a banquet on Saturday, and church on Sunday. Highlights of the occasion follow:

The picnic and banquet were catered by classmate, Philip Blake and his wife.

The highlight of the picnic was remarks made by classmate Patricia Manual Barrett. Mrs. Barrett and her husband are retired Lee County (Ft. Myers) educators and owners of Barrett Funeral Home. Mrs. Barrett commented on the need for people to include laughter into their lives, especially when one is depressed, ill, or just needs a



change of attitude. She viewed life as a journey, similar to a game which has many players.

Before and during the banquet, classmates had the opportunity to take individual and group photographs. The photographer was Michael Robinson and his wife. Michael is the son of classmate Bernice Roberts Robinson, retired Jefferson Elementary School teacher.

The speaker at the banquet was John Edwards, retired Educational Consultant with the Illinois Department of Education. Edwards stressed the values of

hard work to achieve individual and group goals; for life only gives us an "opportunity." He admonished classmates to "Walk humbly with their God." He concluded by saying that "A life of service is a life that counts."

Classmate Dr. Mae O. Clemons presided at the Banquet. Classmate Ray Hill and the granddaughter of Classmate Ida Frazier Crim, Hattie Crim, provided the music.

Classmate Nell Thomas Randall transformed the school's cafeteria into a sea of white table cloths and beautiful columns and floral pieces, all donated from her busi-

ness, "Ms. T's Creations."

Teachers and administrators in attendance were Mrs. Lettie White, Mr. Albert Thomas, Dr. Frances H. Stallworth and her husband, Dr. Willie T. Williams, Mr. George W. Pittman, former assistant principal and later principal of Howard Academy. (Retired teacher, Ms. Josephine Perry attended the church service.)

When the banquet ended, classmate Drs. Pink and Pamela Hightower showed a CD of the pictures of classmates that appeared in the 1963 yearbook. In addition, the Hightowers also provided music and a DJ at the con-

clusion of the afternoon.

Church was held at St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church in Tallahassee. Devotion was led by classmates Theresa Kinsey Smith of Miami and Archie Gallon of Daytona.

Classmates Thomas Scott, Joseph Norton, Ruby Herring, and Nancy Benjamin lifted the offering. Classmate Ray Hill and former teacher, Dr. Frances H. Stallworth sang musical solos. The sermon was provided by classmate Minister Ruthie Mae White Frazier and classmate Evangelist Miner Brookins, presided. Other program partici-

pants included classmates Nell Thomas Randell, Ida Mae Frazier Crim, and Castella Blue.

The Church served dinner to the class and congregation after the service.

This was truly a "Golden Reunion" fit for a king and queen." Nonlocal classmates are still telephoning and writing members of the reunion planning committee about the splendid time they had during the three-day weekend. We say, "To God be the Glory."

For additional information, please contact Miner Brookins at 997-2196.

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Because of the association, students and families in Florida can now receive free \$250 SAT or ACT prep programs. On Monday, Dr. Roger Dearing, the Executive Director of FHSSA shared this information with their 800+ school principals and athletic directors in Florida.

Director Dearing added, "This is a truly amazing opportunity for our student athletes and their families. Every student who wants to attend college must complete the SAT or ACT test, so these prep programs are invaluable."

"Our biggest obstacle has been simply getting the word out to parents and students that all of the students in the State of Florida are now included in the SAT/ACT Project. We hope local media will assist us in getting this good news out to parents in Florida." Elliot Hopkins, MLD, CAA, NFHS Dir of Educational Services, National Federation of High Schools.

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What is your least favorite part of Back-To-School?

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"Working and waking up early."
Erin Winstead

"Mean kids bossing us around."
Caroline Taylor

"Seeing all my teachers again."
Loren Fabian

"All the shuttling kids and driving back and forth."
Dave Bennage

"When you run out of all your new back-to-school clothes, it's not fun anymore."
Damon Gilbert

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