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Driver Overtakes Truck

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A driver was charged earlier this week after overturning her truck.

Florida Highway Patrol Gerri E. Nazworth-Armstrong, 38, of Crawfordville, FL, was driving a 1997 Freightliner 6x4 truck traveling westbound on US-98 in the west-bound lane.

The vehicle began to travel on to the north shoulder of the road, and she overcorrected the steering back onto the roadway, causing the vehicle to overturn onto its right side and come to a rest facing southeast in the west-bound and eastbound lanes of US-98.

FHP did not deem the crash to be alcohol-related. Nazworth-Armstrong was wearing her seatbelt and uninjured.

The vehicle sustained \$5,000 damage. Nazworth-Armstrong was charged with failure to maintain a single lane.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and Jefferson County Fire Rescue assisted FHP Trooper JD Smith on the scene.

Jefferson School Libraries Receives Books

The libraries at Jefferson County Elementary School and Jefferson Middle/High School were the recent recipients of donated books from the Florida Department of Education (FDOE), Division of Public Schools. All told, a total of 320 were donated (approximately 160 titles to each library) in the genres of fantasy, poetry, science fiction, historical fiction and realistic fiction. Debra Willacey, with the FDOE, presented the books.



City And County Officials Begin Negotiations On Fire Assessment

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After more than an hour of discussion of the fire assessment and why city dwellers should have to pay it the same as county residents, the Monticello City Council appeared to come to some kind of consensus on Tuesday evening, Nov. 5.

Understanding that the issue is far from resolved and that any accord will require the blessings of both city and county officials, as well as buy-in from the public, the discussion on Tuesday succeeded in setting a framework of sorts for the formulation of an agreement.

According to that framework -- which city

and county staff and professional and volunteer firefighters were to hammer into greater detail at a subsequent meeting in preparation for presentation to the County Commission on Nov. 19 -- the agreement will likely hinge on a city-adopted resolution.

Which resolution would give the Jefferson County Commission the authority to impose the assessment on city residents, ostensibly relieving city officials of some of the political heat for imposition of the assessment.

The city, meanwhile, would retain intact its volunteer fire department and the volunteer firefighters' pension program, with the county providing the funding for both the volunteer

department and pension program from the fire assessment revenues.

It would furthermore be a stipulation of the agreement that should the county ever stop funding the volunteer fire department and its pension program, the city would have reason to withdraw from the agreement.

Again, the details of the accord -- at best loosely and preliminarily defined on Tuesday evening -- have yet to be worked out legally and to the satisfaction of both boards.

Tuesday's discussion began with Clerk of Court Kirk Reams, Fire Rescue Chief Mark Matthews and County Coordinator Parrish Barwick presenting the proposal on behalf of

the Jefferson County Commission.

Reams took the lead, giving a brief summary of the history and purpose of the fire assessment; the reasons for, and outcome of, a recent study of the assessment by an outside consultant; and the commission's efforts to come to terms with the study's findings.

Bottom line, Reams said, the study found a problem of fairness and equity in that the assessment applied to county residents and not city residents, even though the latter nonetheless benefited from the county's fire-protection services. Which meant that county residents were subsidizing city residents' fire protection, he said.

Should a county resident ever file a lawsuit against the county alleging the unfairness and inequity of the fire assessment, it could bring down the entire financial underpinning of the county's fire protection program, Reams said. Which was why it was imperative that the disparity be addressed and corrected, he said.

Matthews noted that his department hadn't received a budget increase in seven years -- a situation that he said wasn't sustainable. The increased revenues that would come from city residents paying the fire assessment and from the assessment also being applied to vacant lands would allow his

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Commissioners Hold First Hearing On Floodplain Management Rules

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The Jefferson County Commission held the first of two required public hearings on the floodplain management ordinance last Tuesday morning, Nov. 5.

The hearing was mostly a formality, as local officials have no choice but to adopt the ordinance if they want federal flood-protection insurance to be available in the county.

Attorney Scott Shirley, who specializes in land-use and environmental issues and who drafted the ordinance, gave a brief summary of the document and its purpose.

The Floodplain Management Ordinance, as it is formally named, repeals all previous floodplain ordinances and brings the regulations into coordination with the Florida Building Code (FBC).

The ordinance essentially requires that all buildings, structures and facilities in flood-

prone areas be constructed above flood elevation level both to minimize flood damage and reduce the federal government's liability risks on its insurance program.

The new floodplain maps are considered vastly superior to the old maps in terms of accurately identifying elevations to within inches of the true elevations and confining wetlands to specific and narrow boundaries.

In its scope, the ordinance applies to all development wholly or partially within flood hazard areas, including but not limited to subdivisions, site improvements, utility installations, new constructions, alterations, repairs, demolitions, and, "facilities that are exempt from the Florida Building Code," among many others.

The intent of the 35-page measure, as Shirley explained it, is to complement the flood load and flood-resistant construction regulations of the FBC by establishing minimum requirements

that aim, among other things, to promote construction practices that prevent or minimize flood damage; minimize the impact of development flood on the natural and beneficial functions of floodplains, watercourses and shorelines; and minimize the expenditures of public funds for flood control projects and recovery efforts post floods.

The ordinance recognizes that its minimum set standards don't guarantee absolute prevention from flooding damage -- which may be augmented by manmade and natural causes -- and offers that the ordinance may have to be revised in future to maintain the community's participation in the National Flood Insurance Program.

The effective day for the ordinance, along with the Flood Insurance Study For Jefferson County and the accompanying Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM), is Feb. 5, 2014.

The ordinance su-

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School Board To Consider Slew Of Policy Revisions

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The Jefferson County School Board had a slew of policy revisions to deal with at its meeting on Tuesday evening, Nov. 12.

Typically, the School Board holds its regular monthly meeting on the second Monday. Given that Nov. 11 was Veterans' Day, however, the board delayed its meeting a day.

Immediately preceding its regular meeting, the board was scheduled to hold its annual reorganization meeting, beginning at 5:15 p.m. The reorganization meeting is where the board elects a new chair and vice chair and acknowledge

the outgoing chair.

Altogether, the board was scheduled to deal with 14 policy revisions, touching on everything from general administration and personnel to transportation and curriculum.

The 14 policy slated for revision and final adoption on Tuesday were:

Policy 1.207 -- dealing with board meetings. The revision assures members of the public the opportunity to address the board about any issue under discussion.

Policy 1.215 -- dealing with school reports. The changes requires that in addition to being made available to parents annually, school reports must also be published

in the district website and in the local newspaper.

Policy 2.101 -- dealing with public information and inspection of records. The change states that in accordance with state law, public records will be available for inspection and/or copying at reasonable times during normal office hours of the district office or wherever such records are maintained.

Another change states that photocopying, as well as the charges for photocopying or reproducing of any records, will be performed in accordance with state law.

A third change exempts from public inspection misconduct

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Windy with a mix of sun and clouds.

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Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the mid 40s.

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Considerable cloudiness. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 50s.

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.

Help Clean Up Roostertown

Dear Commissioner Nelson: Hello again. As we pass by we see that the weeds still over take us. And, behold, there came a man named Jai'rus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue; and he fell down at Jesus' feet, and besought him that he would come into his house. For he had one only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she lay dying. Luke 8:41(The New Scofield Reference Bible). As you know sir, Jai'rus' daughter was sick (she lay dying) and Jesus healed her. Simi-

larly, our neighborhood is sick because of the overgrown lot at M.L. King and Branch Street. You have the power as a public official to help heal it by having that same lot cleaned up and mowed periodically. It is without question, situated within County Commission District 2. Yes, we realize it is within the jurisdiction of the City of Monticello, nonetheless, we ask that you initiate an inter-local agreement (memorandum) with City officials to have this parcel and its under-brush cleaned. The elderly great-grandmothers (95 and 85

years old), and the rest of our community ask you humbly just as Jai'rus did before our Lord and Saviour, King Jesus. "And he put them all out, and took her by the hand, and called, saying Maid, arise". Commissioner Nelson, guess what? She did in fact arise. Please cause our Rooster-town community to once again arise by helping us to clean it up.....parcel by parcel. God bless you sir. We seek your compassion upon our youth and elderly who cannot do this for ourselves.

Rev. Gene Hall

Reader Offers Clarification On District 3 Split

Dear Editor, I'm not sure why my work photo from the internet was used on the front page for a story that mentioned me once, almost in passing. Let me justify the front page use of my work photo by providing some quotes from the audio recording of the meeting. The article was about the county level voter redistricting process that is still going on. County redistricting is important because it determines who you get to vote for in local elections. Census Block 3006 has been split: Jefferson Arms Apartments has been carved out and put into District 2 and the rest of Census Block 3006 is in District 3. I asked the BOCC

"What is the valid policy objective that the county is using to support the splitting of the Census Block 3006?" Commissioner Boyd responded with, "I think there are two of them...keeping communities of a common interest together ...all the people that live in that part of town are together and voting in the same district (District 2)." He stated that keeping communities of a common interest together is "clearly outlined in the federal guidelines." Given his level of certainty, it is possible; however, I have not been able to find that provision yet. That was the first part of his answer. The second part was, "It's a matter of maintaining this (District 3) as a true toss up district in an election and keeping the electorate there (in District 3) balanced." He goes on to say, "I think those are the two policy objectives that certainly justify that. The other thing is that basically this is the way it's been for the last 12 years so if there was a problem with it, you would certainly think that someone would have raised an objection." Commissioner Nelson made a statement that he preferred the block not be split and that the issue get resolved. No other commissioners spoke on this question. Then, I asked Commissioner Boyd, "In

last night's meeting, you had made a comment along the lines of, if Jefferson Arms were to be moved into District 3, it would produce a demographic shift in that district and we all understand what the consequences of that would be. What demographic shift would that produce and specifically what consequences are you referring to?" Reporter Laz Aleman's description of Boyd's answer on the demographic shift was accurate. In short, it involved moving black voters into District 3 and moving white voters out of District 3. Boyd also stated that historically, "it's fairly clear that there's a lot of voting along racial lines." As for the consequences, Boyd's answer can be summarized with his statement, "I think it will be very difficult for this district to ever be a toss-up district again, I think that for all practical purposes, it will make it a district that heavily favors a black candidate. That's the consequence."

In 1985, Jefferson County was found guilty of violating the Voting Rights Act and the plaintiffs were black. Currently, the black population in the county is around 36%. I am curious to see how the redistricting process comes to a close.

Kate Calvin

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Veterans Day - In Honor Of Those Who Have Served

Veterans Day came and went this past Monday. With it came a three-day weekend for some, special family gatherings for others, or just another day at work (depending on what your job is.) Veterans Day often just means another holiday to many people; a day to get off work, play, and have fun. But I sometimes wonder how many people keep in the back of their mind WHY we have this national holiday. Veterans Day is a special day, set aside, for all of us to honor all veterans, past and present, who have served in the U.S. military. I heard one person say that it is important to celebrate Veterans Day, year after year, because 'it is important to remember; to never forget.' The United States of America is what it is because of our military personnel. Our soldiers in our armed forces have fought/will fight/ are

fighting for our freedom, everyday. Veterans Day gives Americans the opportunity to celebrate the bravery and sacrifice of all U.S. veterans. These are the men and women we owe our respect to...past, present, and future. They are the ones that gave their life for our freedom, and they are the ones that are still fighting for that same freedom, today. So, I end this column with a big "Thank You" to all of our veterans, and to the men and women that are currently serving in our military. If it were not for the wars of "yesteryear" and the soldiers that fought in them, we would not have the freedoms that we take for granted today. Furthermore, if it were not for our current military men and women, we would not be able to continue to enjoy these same freedoms. Until then..... I'll see you around the town.

Searching For Ambrosia

Rose Klein
Guest Columnist



Pursuing The Persimmon

When my neighbor Freddie brought over a bag of fresh persimmons from his tree, my first thought was, "Now, what am I going to do with these?" I washed them and put them in my fruit basket while I pondered the question. The persimmons were still there the next day when my mother came by for a visit. Hoping she could give me some insight on the fruit, her experience with the persimmon left me even more wary, as she described one astringent bite that caused her mouth to pucker and resulted in her tossing the remaining fruit in the trash.



Another day went by and the fruit still waited on me, but I instead had lunch with a friend who, ironically, looked to me for information about a tree in her yard, bearing a yellow-orange fruit that resembled a tomato, persimmon of course. My curiosity finally got the best of me, and I decided it was time to do research. Persimmons are widely grown in the U.S. and trees will thrive anywhere the winter temperatures stay above 0 degrees. Florida produces the fruit commercially, but trees are wide spread here, so sampling the fruit fresh is not a problem. The single most important thing to know about the persimmon is you absolutely have to wait until ripe before eating it, or else you end up with a puckered mouth, just like my Mom.

raw or use them in salads, salsas and stir-frys. Fuyu are ripe when the fruit yields slightly to pressure. Hachiya tends to be more cone-shaped, larger than fuyu and have a deep orange to red color. This variety is great for puddings, ice creams and quick breads. Hachiya can be astringent, so you must wait until fully ripe to use. Hachiya will feel similar to a water balloon and their skin will appear like it's almost ready to burst before ripe enough to eat. When ripe, the flesh is scooped out with a spoon. The flavor of persimmons are said to be similar to apricots or plums with under tones of cinnamon and clove when completely ripe. The variety my neighbor shared with me was fuyu and I tried them when just ripe, sliced, eaten like an apple and completely ripe, where I scooped out the flesh. The riper the fruit, the more flavor you will have.



Fuyu persimmons, sweet to taste and beautiful when cut.

I can't say I tasted cinnamon or clove, but the fruit was very sweet, and I immediately fell in love, so much so that I was eating them two at a time, and barely saved enough to bake with. I made a simple Persimmon Crumble; just to see how the fruit reacted when cooked, because I wanted a recipe that would highlight the fruits flavor, not mask it with added spices or additional ingredients. I enjoyed the

dessert, but, my love affair with the fruit is so new and intense, that even butter and sugar couldn't win me over from eating the fruit in its natural state. I'm not finished experimenting as I have a traditional persimmon pudding recipe to try and yummy sounding persimmon butter, but for this season, my taste buds need only a knife.

Persimmon Crumble

(This yields a small amount but you could easily double the recipe)

- 4 very ripe persimmons, chopped finely
- ½ cup flour
- 2 Tbsp sugar
- ¼ tsp salt
- 3 Tbsp butter, melted

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Place persimmons in a small baking dish or 2 to 3 ramekins. Drizzle one Tbsp butter over fruit. In a small bowl, combine flour, sugar, salt and remaining butter. Using a fork, mix ingredients until crumbly; sprinkle evenly over fruit. Bake about 25 minutes or until crumble is lightly browned.

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department to operate at optimum efficiency in future, he said.

Speaking as “a citizen and city resident”, Commissioner Hines

Boyd asked the council to think long and hard before imposing “a \$100 fire tax” on its citizens.

Boyd proposed an alternative solution, one that entailed city residents being assessed a \$15 annual fee, including vacant lands in the assessment, and upping the volunteer fire department’s funding (from the assessment’s revenues) to allow for a more active organization and one that would ultimately allow for a reduction of the paid fire department. The proposal is one that Boyd earlier pitched to his own board to no avail.

Boyd said he believed a common sense solution existed to the present dilemma. He urged the council not to commit its scarce resources to the county’s proposition and “dump this responsibility on city residents.”

Barwick in his turn expressed surprise and not a bit of consternation to hear “a citizen” speak out against a proposal that the commission had approved.

“I’m at a loss where we stand on this,” Barwick said, a state of confusion later echoed by Councilman George Evans, who noted that county officials themselves didn’t appear united on their own proposal.

Barwick apologized in advance for what he said might be perceived as bluntness on his part, but “the elephant in the room,” could no longer be ignored, he said. And that elephant was the fact that residents in unincorporated areas of the county had been subsidizing fire protection for city residents during the last 20-plus years, he said. The fact was that Fire Rescue couldn’t continue to operate without the appropriate funding and that would require city residents’ participation, he said.

“That’s the nature of the beast,” Barwick said. “The chief has done everything to survive without addressing the critical issue, which is that the city needs to participate for the program to continue.”

The bottom line, Barwick said, was that the County Commission had approved a rate structure for the fire assessment and if the city wanted continued fire protection it had to abide by the rate schedule.

“The city’s cost for fire protection now is zero,” Barwick said. “The facts of life are that we need you to participate. We need you to take a look at the ordinance and become part of the funding of the department.”

He went further. “Jefferson County is violating the law at present,” Barwick said. “We’re operating illegally. Our fire depart-

ment is providing service to citizens without them paying for the service. If a resident were to sue Jefferson County, we would have to return the money. There is a time when right is right. We need to have an agreement where the incorporated part of the county cooperates with the unincorporated part.”

Councilman Tom Vogelgesang took offense with Barwick’s implication that the city didn’t contribute to fire protection. The city, in fact, annually funded the Monticello Volunteer Fire Department (MVFD), which organization did a great job of providing fire protection within the confines of its limited resources, he said.

Vogelgesang’s agitated manner, jerky start-and-stop presentation and piling of multiple and disparate thoughts one upon the other made it difficult to discern his exact point. But overall, he seemed to agree that it was high time city residents began paying the assessment.

It was obvious to him that the city couldn’t provide the level of fire protection service it needed, Vogelgesang said. He found it surprising that the county had waited 20-plus years to address the disparity, he said.

But he disagreed that the way to get the city to participate was to have the council impose the assessment on city residents, he said. To his way of thinking, that was simply adding another layer of government bureaucracy to the process, he said.

As he saw it, city residents were also county residents and already paid the solid waste assessment, he said. So why couldn’t the County Commission simply impose the fire assessment directly on city residents? Vogelgesang asked.

The apparatus for imposition of the assessment on citizen residents already resided in the draft resolution that he held in hand, Vogelgesang said, waving about a paper. Again, as he saw it, all that was required was for the imposition of the assessment on city residents was for the council to make minor revisions to the wording in the resolution, he said.

Which boiled down to the council giving the commission permission to impose the assessment on city residents, Barwick interpreted Vogelgesang’s proposition.

Adding a cautionary note to the discussion were MVFD volunteers Edward “Zef” Fessenden and Mike Long, assistant chief Fessenden spoke to the overall complexity of the issue. It was true that the MVFD didn’t have the manpower to respond to fires absent help from the county’s fire department, he said. By the same token, the MVFD often wasn’t paged on calls that it could re-

spond to, he said.

Admittedly the MVFD volunteer force was small, but it was a dedicated cadre and he would hate for the department to lose its momentum, he said.

Fessenden encouraged city officials to weigh their options carefully, taking into account the ISO rating and other important factors. The ISO is a rating used by insurance companies to determine fire insurance premiums; the ISO is affected by the number of fire hydrants in an area, proximity to a fire station and such variables.

It was possible that the cost of the assessment would be offset by the savings from the lower ISO rating, Fessenden said. It was something to consider, he said.

“It’s a complicated issue,” he concluded.

Long expanded on Fessenden’s points. The city’s volunteer fire department couldn’t provide fire protection on its own, Long said. By the same token, the city department not infrequently helped the paid department with county fires, he said.

“We need the county and the county needs us,” Long said.

But more critical to him was the possible loss of the volunteer firefighters’ pensions in any agreement between the city and the county, he said.

“If someone isn’t looking out for us, we could lose our pension system,” Long said, adding that the pension was the one valuable tool the department had to recruit and retain volunteers.

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persedes, but does not repeal existing ordinances governing the management of development in flood hazard areas; where in conflict with existing regulations, “the more restrictive shall govern.”

The ordinance designates the Jefferson County Planning Official as the floodplain administrator and authorizes this individual to administer and enforce the ordinance’s provisions, as well set policies and procedures and render interpretations, so long as the latter are consistent with the ordinance’s intent and purpose.

The ordinance details the numerous duties of the floodplain administrator, inclusive of the review of applications for new development or modification of existing development in flood hazard areas, the interpretation of flood hazard area boundaries, and the maintenance of floodplain management records, among many others.

The ordinance requires that property owners obtain all the necessary floodplain development and other permits for any development located wholly or partially within a flood hazard area, particularly if it’s not subject to the FBC.

Building, structures and facilities that currently qualify for exemption from the FBC include railroads, non-residential farm buildings on farms, temporary buildings or sheds used exclusively for construction purposes and mobile or modular structures used as temporary offices.

The ordinance spells out the process for obtaining a flood development permit. Such permits become invalid

if the authorized work isn’t begun within 180 days of the permit’s issuance or if the work is suspended or abandoned for a period of 180 days after its commencement.

The ordinance enumerates the types of site plans and other documents that are required for development in flood hazard areas, either with or without delineated base flood elevations.

The ordinance additionally details the engineering analyses and certifications that must be submitted with site plans and construction documents.

Developments for which floodplain development permits are required are subject to inspection.

Appeal and variance requests will be heard and decided by the Jefferson County Commission. The ordinance details the types of variances that may be issued, the considerations that must be entertained for issuance of the variance, and the conditions under which variances may be issued.

The ordinance establishes what constitutes a violation and what the penalties will be for such violations, as prescribed by law.

The ordinance provides six pages of definition, followed by specific sections on subdivisions, subdivision plats, sanitary sewage facilities, manufactured homes, recreational vehicles and park trailers and a host of other buildings, structures and facilities.

The ordinance finally amends the county’s Code of Ordinances by adding various administrative amendments to the FBC.

The commission holds its final hearing on the ordinance, preparatory to adopting, on Tuesday, Nov. 19.

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complaints filed against a district employee, as well as any information obtained in the resulting investigation, until the investigation is completed and a finding to proceed or not proceed with disciplinary action is made and the employees notified of the fact.

Policy 2.107 -- dealing with flag display. The change requires that flags be displayed according to established guidelines.

Policy 2.120 -- dealing with safe and secure schools. The change requires that emergency response agencies such as Fire Rescue and Sheriff and Police departments notify the district and the appropriate facilities in the event of an emergency.

It also requires that emergency management and preparedness plans include notification procedures for weapon uses and hostage situations, hazardous materials and toxic chemical spills, weather emergencies and manmade emergencies.

Policy 3.134 -- dealing with criminal background checks and employment. One revision changes the composition of the Criminal Background Check Committee by removing from the committee the now defunct office of Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning and amends the title of a

second committee member.

Another change requires that all parties under contract to the district notify the latter within 48 hours if they are convicted of any disqualifying offense while under contract. Such individuals must also return within 48 hours any identification badge issued to them.

Policy 3.138 -- dealing with reports of misconduct. The change requires that School Board members and the School Superintendent complete annual ethics training.

Policy 6.101 -- dealing with purchasing and bidding. The several changes in this policy aim to give preference to local businesses, all other things being equal.

Policy 6.303 -- dealing with transporting students in private vehicles. The changes establish which district official may authorize the use of private vehicles for transporting students and what requirements the driver and vehicle must meet to qualify for the activity.

Policy 6.310 -- dealing with the duties and responsibilities of bus operators. The changes enumerate several of the bus operators’ responsibilities, including maintaining a valid driver’s license, completing annual training and avoiding unnecessary

idling.

Policy 6.314 -- dealing with the inspection, maintenance and repair of vehicles. The one change underscores the no-texting-while-driving law.

Policy 8.103 -- dealing with early high school graduation. The change underscores that students who earn 24-hour credits and meet the graduation requirements in less than eight semesters may elect early graduation and cannot be made to meet additional graduation requirements.

Policy 8.2220 -- dealing with driver education. The revisions reflect recent legislation. One change prohibits students from using wireless communication devices for texting, emailing and/or instant messaging while operating a motor vehicle. Another emphasizes that driver education does not qualify for the requirement of taking one online learning course as a prerequisite for high school graduation.

Policy 8.301 -- dealing with exceptional student. The change underscores that the district is required to develop a written statement of policies and procedures for appropriate programs of specially designed instruction and services for exceptional students.

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Panic On Airplane From Pet Snake

A London man, Adam Gubbay, was traveling home by airplane, when he released his pet snake during the middle of the flight. Gubbay had purchased the baby corn snake, while visiting in Israel, and managed to sneak it past airport security in Tel Aviv. He released the snake in order to give it water. Gubbay warned the passenger sitting on his left, who told him to go ahead, but when Gubbay brought the snake out, the female passenger on the other side of the man, jumped up and began screaming, creating panic.

Cat Dials Emergency Number 999 After Owner Leaves

In London, England, James Cocksedge returned home, after only a few hours away, to find police waiting for him. His cat, “Bruce Lee,” had dialed 999 (same as our 911) that brought the police to his apartment. Cocksedge said, “Basically, he always jumps when the phone rings and then starts knocking about the receiver. I imagine someone must have rang, he probably went nuts, dialed 9 three times, heard a voice, suddenly freaked out and left the phone.” When officers arrived at the house, they broke into the apartment and only found “Bruce Lee” hiding under a pile of clothes in a wardrobe. A police spokesman said, “We take all abandoned calls seriously. These calls are typically resolved with a call back from a police operator, confirming the need for police. When call backs are unanswered, checks are carried out, and police will respond.” Cocksedge said, “Bruce Lee is still in shock...we’ve started to unplug the phone when we’re out. He’s got a cheeky side to him, and he might do it again, although he’d be silly to.”

Reindeer Meat Controversial At Holidays

In London, reindeer meat will be in British supermarkets for the holidays, despite some protests against “eating Rudolph.” A public relations manager for the supermarket chain, Lidl, said diced Siberian reindeer was introduced to the 600 stores in Britain in 2010 and most stores sold out within a week. Clare Norman, Lidl management said, “The demand from our customers have been huge.” While PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) spokesman Ben Williamson says, “No one likes the idea of eating Rudolph at Christmas.” The animal charity Viva! said raising reindeer as meat can add to the destruction of endangered wild animals, such as wolves and bears, in order to protect the reindeer herds. Unfazed by the protests, Lidl said the reindeer meat would be ready to sell.

AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

Rotarians Recognize Mark Kessler



Local builder and Rotarian Mark Kessler was honored with the Paul Harris Award during the Friday, November 1 afternoon meeting. This is the highest honor a Rotarian can receive. He was recognized for his exceptional service and charity to Rotary. Picture from left to right are: James Muchovej, Mark Kessler, and President Angela Gray. For more information about Rotary contact Gray at angelagray@yahoo.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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November 14, 28
Altrusa of Monticello meets at 12 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday in the First United Methodist Church Youth Center. For more information about Altrusa International Monticello/Jefferson County call 850-997-2973 or 850-997-2230. Contact Mary Francis Gramling at mfgamling@centurylink.net, or 850-997-3657 if you plan to attend.

November 14
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.

November 15
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.

November 15
Monticello Jamboree Band will perform music for dancing every Friday at 7 p.m. at 625 South Water Street. Everyone is welcome to come dance, listen to some of the finest music, enjoy door-prizes, soft drinks, snacks, and just enjoy some fun and camaraderie with neighbors and friends. This is a non-profit charitable event; donations are accepted. For questions or concerns, contact Curtis

Morgan at 850-933-8136 or Bobby Connell at 850-445-0049.

November 15, 16
Arsenic And Old Lace on the Monticello Opera House stage presented by the Opera House Stage Company on Friday and Saturday evenings. Contact the Opera House at 850-997-4242 for ticket information.

November 17
Camellia Garden Circle of the Monticello Garden Club members will meet at 2 p.m. on Sunday this month at the home of Chairman Jane Davis. Speaker will be Judy Persons; she is one of the actors appearing on the Opera House stage in 'Arsenic and Old Lace;' she will teach the art of making sugar flowers for cake decorations, which should make for a dynamic program. Members are asked to bring a treat or beverage to share. For more information about this Circle and its events and programs, contact Chairman Jane Davis at 850-997-4320 or email her at jkdeercrossing@aol.com. This group will continue to meet at 2 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month.

November 18
Alzheimer's and Dementia Support is held from

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. usually on the fourth Monday at First United Methodist Church in the Family Ministry Center on West Walnut Street in Monticello. A light lunch is provided and your loved one is provided respite care during the group meeting. This is a free monthly program. Call the Alzheimer's Project at 850-386-2778 for more information or 850-997-5545 for directions. The group will not meet in December.

November 18
Al-Anon meetings are held at 8 p.m. on Mondays at the Anglican Church, 124 Jefferson Avenue in Thomasville. For more information go to www.al-anon.alateen.org.

November 18
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.

November 18, 19
Zumba® classes with Certified Zumba Instructor Susan Hayes, on Mondays and Tuesdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the MADCo Studio, 262 North Cherry Street, in Monticello. For schedule and contact information, go to www.susanhayes.zumba.com.



Financial Focus...

Plan for Long-term Care Costs

November is Long-term Care Awareness Month. And when it comes to long-term care — such as a stay in a nursing home or the services provided by a home health aide — you'll want to plan for the potential costs involved.

Of course, you might think that you'll always be able to live independently, without requiring any assistance — and perhaps you will. However, the odds aren't necessarily in your favor: About 70% of Americans who reach the age of 65 will need some form of long-term care in their lives for an average of three years, according to estimates from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

And every type of long-term care is expensive. Consider these numbers, taken from the 2013 Cost of Care Survey produced by Genworth, a financial security company:

The national average rate for a private room in a nursing home is \$83,950 — a jump of 24% over the past five years. And it's not much cheaper for a semi-private room in a nursing home — the average cost is \$75,405 per year, up 23% from five years ago. A full-time home health aide costs, on average, \$44,479 per year. If you had to spend more than \$80,000 per year for a nursing home, and you needed to stay in that nursing home for several years, what would it do to your savings? How would it affect all your financial goals?

Many people think Medicare will pay for long-term care expenses, but that's just not the case. In reality, Medicare only covers a small percentage of long-term care costs, which means it's typically up to the individual to foot the bills.

You've worked hard to position yourself for an enjoyable retirement, so it's important to protect your income and assets from potentially huge long-term care costs. How can you deal with these expenses?

Essentially, you have a couple of options. First, you could "self-insure" by incorporating long-term costs into your future budget — but, as the above numbers indicate, that could be pretty expensive. Your second choice is to "transfer the risk" of incurring long-term care costs to an insurance company. A financial professional can assist you in choosing the right solution for your individual needs.

However, as important as it is to address costs, and ways of meeting them, it's also necessary to look at some of the other factors that may be connected with the need for long-term care services. To illustrate: If you were to enter a nursing home, you might be suffering from a physical or mental disability that could keep you from handling your own affairs. So you may want to consult with your legal advisor to discuss a durable power of attorney, which would allow you to delegate your financial decisions to a relative, close friend or anyone else you might choose.

Preparing for the unexpected, including long-term care, takes time and careful planning. So why not observe Long-term Care Awareness Month by getting started on your plans? It can be time well spent.

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Ma'Khya Mo'Nique Akins celebrated her 6th birthday with family and friends on Tuesday. She is the daughter of Jerrod and Tieshia Akins and the sister to Jamiyah Akins. Her grandparents are Jerome and Nellie Kay Akins of Monticello, FL, Willie Tolbert of St. Petersburg, FL and Priscilla and Anthony Barnes of Monticello.

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Counseling For Youth

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Capital City Youth Services (CCYS) has opened an office in Monticello to provide cost free counseling to children, teens, and their families in Jefferson County. Local resident and program counselor Dr. Jack Williams can be reached to determine eligibility and schedule appointments by calling 850 728-4611.

The mission of CCYS is to promote the healthy development of youth and their families by providing counseling, outreach, and

emergency shelter for youth in crisis. These services are available throughout Jefferson County and the Big Bend Area.

All CCYS programs focus on reaching out to youth and families who have found themselves in situations beyond their control.

The Jefferson County CCYS office is located in the Court-house Annex at the corners of South Water and East Walnut streets, (the former band building at the old Jefferson County High School.)

For more information about CCYS, visit CCYS.org or call 850-576-6000.

Jefferson County Community Coalition 2014 Schedule

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The Jefferson County Community Coalition members have set a 'tentative' schedule of

meeting dates for the 2014-year, so be sure to mark your calendars.

All the meetings will be held at the RJ Bailar Public Library on South Water Street in Monticello, beginning at 9:30 a.m., unless otherwise stated on the notices issued each month.

January 28, February 25, no meeting in March, April 29, May 20, June 24, no meeting in July, August 26, September 23, October 28, November 18, and no meeting in December.

For more information about these shared agency meetings or to be a guest speaker, contact Cindy Hutto, business manager for the Healthy Start Coalition of Jefferson, Madison, & Taylor Counties, Inc. in Greenville at 850-948-2741 or cjhutto@healthystartjmt.org.

CHURCH

The Son's Salvation: A Pastor's Story



Dequon, Clay, Amanda, and Caleb Stephens

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His full title and name is Pastor Clay Stephens of the Monticello Church of the Nazarene, but he isn't much for standing on ceremony. In fact, as I walk into his office, he's sitting.

Pastor Clay's office is sparse and tidy—except the desk. That's where he is, amid papers and books and bibles. He looks up at me and greets me, his mind still half-buried in his studies, even though he's extracted his nose from his Bible. He offers me a chair and a smile.

He is exceptionally tall and broad-shouldered as most Jefferson County boys are. Paired with his easy nature, southern accent, and how he never meets a stranger, it is surprising that he was not raised right here in Monticello.

Instead, he was raised in Tallahassee, though Stephens doesn't make a distinction between cities. "I was born and raised in the church," he said. "I was there for Vacation Bible School, Sundays, Wednesdays, Youth. Unfortunately, the depth of my Christianity amounted to 'don't say G-- d-- and go to church.'

"It wasn't until I was twenty one and I looked into my infant son's eyes that I saw into my own eyes and really looked at my life. Before that, I would go into the church reeking of booze. And when I left, I'd go right back to muddin' and drinking. Church was little more than a habit to me. I called myself a Chris-

tian and nobody in the church had the courage to grab ahold of me, shake me, and tell me, boy, this thing you call Christianity—it isn't."

What he called Christianity was drinking, partying, and chasing after women—without saying G-- d-- and while still going to church. That lifestyle led the young Stephens to the birth of his son. "I'm not going to say much about my first wife," he said. "You're here for my testimony, not hers. I can express her actions, but not her intentions. When we found out she was pregnant, there was no certainty that the child was mine because of the lifestyle we led. We were totally outside of God's will. I didn't want anything to do with it—what was I going to do with a child? I was barely more than a kid, myself. By the time he was born, I already had another girlfriend.

"Well, Caleb was a few days old, and his mother called me and said, 'we need to talk.' Normally, I'd have cursed her out and hung up the phone mad. I don't know why I listened that day. She asked me to come to her parents' house and meet Caleb. I don't know why I said yes."

When he arrived, her entire family was there. "Most sane men would have turned around and left," Stephens quipped. "I didn't. I went inside, and there she was sitting on the couch holding the baby. I remember being so angry at that tiny baby boy.

"And then I held him, and I looked into his eyes and I saw myself. I was brought to

my knees, and there I was in the middle of her living room, weeping. Her family must have thought I was crazy, but all at once I knew that God was saying 'If you want this responsibility, it will never be taken away from you.' And so I was weeping and saying over and over, 'I want this responsibility. I want this responsibility.'"

And through divorce, injury, custody battles, a career change, and the ups and downs of life, God was faithful. The injury occurred when Stephens damaged his back doing a manual labor job. In his early twenties, he was paralyzed. His work didn't want the worker's compensation claim, and gave him the run-around for months. With God's help and the kindness of a surgeon, Stephens is whole.

After that job, Stephens worked his way up to a six-figure paycheck. In the meantime, he was growing in his faith, being a single dad to the son that Saved him, and working through custody arrangements concerning Caleb. "That really forced me to look at my past and tell Caleb the truth of it. I had to confess my old lifestyle to him and to myself. He was asking why the court had to decide who he got to live with, when he'd lived with me primarily.

"I told him about the promise God gave me when I first laid eyes on him—that if I wanted the responsibility of my son, he'd never be taken from me. At twelve years old, he looked into my face and said, 'Oh. Well if God

said that, then we're good.' At twelve years old, he stood on God's promise, and reminded his father to do the same."

Just before that time, Stephens felt his call to the ministry. While he had felt he was doing enough in the church by being able to provide monetary donations, that conviction quickly and unexpectedly began to wear thin. "I was serving as a youth leader,

and I didn't feel like I knew how to minister to them. And all of a sudden, there I was at a Bible college. In three days I had quit my job, enrolled in classes, and started college. But it wasn't normal classes. I didn't exactly know what I was doing. I enrolled in condensed, senior-level classes. That means the whole semester was condensed into two weeks."

Despite his challenges, he graduated

and became an ordained minister. His son, Caleb, and adopted son DeQuon are both strong in the faith. Caleb even runs his own ministry, passing out bracelets that remind others to "Do Your Best, Leave The Rest To God."

Clay and Amanda, his wife of a year, have a baby girl on the way and are known to argue which of them is more blessed for having the other.

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November 15

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.

November 16

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

November 17

Mt. Morilla Missionary Baptist Church Young Adult Youth Choir of Lamont will celebrate its second anniversary on Sunday at 3 p.m. Guest speaker and choir will be Min. Sarah Terrell and the Rock Hill Youth Choir of Tallahassee.

November 17

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in Greenville will celebrate its annual 'Family and Friend Day' program on the third Sunday, at 11 a.m. Guest speaker will be Rev. Larry Johnson and his New Bethel Primitive Baptist Church congregation in Madison. For more information call 850-878-9613. Chairperson is Sis. Teresa Duval and the Shiloh Youth Choir; Co-Chairpersons are Sis. Shuwanda Miller, Gloria Robinson, Barbara MacDonald, and Angie Thompkins. Rev. JB Duval, pastor.

November 17

Central Baptist Church Aucilla, located at 625 Tindell Road, will celebrate its 106th Homecoming beginning with a Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday. Come enjoy special music by the Purvis Brothers. Rev. Daryl Adams, pastor, can be contacted at 850-251-0129 for more information, or Dan Morris at 850-251-3296.

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 eaglewingsmonticello@yahoo.com or www.firstpresbyterian-monticello.org.

November 20

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.

November 22, 23

His mother loses her cool over all the name-calling and goes crackers and has to be locked away. Then poor Dumbo can't perform the stunts assigned to him, stepping all over his ears, and he brings the big top and sprawling elephants crashing to the ground. Dumbo is demoted to the role of a silly clown, and he hates it. But finally there comes this recognition for little Dumbo: His defect, those very ears that caused all his trouble from the beginning, is his greatest asset. Dumbo can fly! The little elephant is finally vindicated, flies around the big top like a bird, vanquishes his enemies, and frees his mother. And yes, they live happily ever after. That's God's kind of elephant; God's kind of people. No, not all the great stories God writes end with "happily ever after." Let's not be ridiculous. But every great story he writes certainly begins with a person who is somehow and someday flawed, damaged, and defective by most standards. But grace has a way of turning the defective into the magnificent.

One of the more amazing men I ever met was a drunk. I am sorry I only knew him for a moment. The brief time we shared together was a hurried prayer as he lay on an Emergency Room gurney. Minutes later he was unconscious, and two days later he was gone. Still, I have never forgotten him.

Obviously, it's not what he said or what he did for me that made him so memorable. It was what I learned about him in those hours as we – his friends and at the time, me the hospital chaplain – kept vigil at his bedside. It was



who he was as a person.

For more than thirty years this man had kept sober after throwing away most of his teenage years and young adulthood on a half-dozen legal and illegal substances. And once sober, he climbed on the wagon with feroc-

ity; not as some kind of tee-totaling moralist, but as a friend, ally, AA sponsor, and last resort for every drunk, coke-head, meth-addict, and pill-pusher he could find.

The once-smashed-but-now-made-well lined up at this man's bedside until his death and

even after. They were mechanics, lawyers, cooks, contractors, teachers; their diversity and visits seemed to never end. And each one came to say "thank you," weeping in gratitude over this man who had quite literally saved their lives.

It was later that I learned this hero of so many had never made more than a few thousand dollars a year. He had been a day laborer and handy man whose home had been a dilapidated old house trailer, one hair's breath away from being condemned. And his aged truck was a wonder of persevering rust and duct-taped magic.

He may have had nothing, but he sure was something, a man who let God use his weaknesses to display true greatness. But isn't this just like God? God uses imperfect people – dubious, questionable, flawed people – to do good for others. He does not always pick the wise, noble, talented or the

capable. He opts to use and empower the broken, weak, lowly, and despised.

When and where our lives are broken, either because of life's circumstances, because of what someone else has done to us, or because of what we have done to ourselves, those broken places are exactly where the unexpected and extraordinary acts of God's power take place. This does not mean that our defects magically disappear, our sicknesses suddenly heal, our addictions miraculously relent, or our past scars fade into nothingness. It simply means that we are not disqualified by God. He can do something with us even when everyone else has given up.

Here is the short of it: God loves the Dumbos of the world. You know the story. Ms. Jumbo finally gets her little baby tusker from the stork and he is utterly perfect – except – for those enormous, hulk-

ing ears. He is immediately made fun of by the others in the circus and named "Dumbo."

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Heirline Returns To Madison



Heirline is, left to right, Ernie Dawson, Landon Dawson, Eric Dawson, Linda Dawson and Jackie Lamb.

Heirline will be returning to Madison on Friday night, November 22, for an exciting night of gospel music at Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park. The concert will start at 7 p.m., and the doors will open at 6 p.m. LifeSong will also be performing during the evening.

Ernie Dawson is the lead vocalist for the group. Ernie has written many of the songs the group sings. Many of the songs have been in the top ten and top twenty of the Singing News Magazine Chart. He is best known for writing such songs as "My Mama's Prayer," "He's Alive," "Lord Send Me A Refuge," "She's Not Crying Anymore," and a song he co-wrote with his son Eric, "Jesus Has Conquered The Grave," which was their first top 10 song. Ernie says it has been like a dream come true being able to travel with his wife, Linda, and their two sons, Eric and Landon, and minister to crowds across the country.

Ernie and Linda's oldest son, Eric, sings baritone for the group. Eric also co-wrote the groups first top ten song, "Jesus Has Conquered The Grave." Eric is the bus driver, sound technician among other things for the ministry. Eric does a lot for the ministry, but never complains about what he does. Ernie said, "He's my right arm, I don't know what I would do without him."

Eric's love for the Lord is evident in everything he does. His goal, first and foremost though, is to reach those who doesn't know Christ.

"I hope something that we sing or say touches someone's life," Eric said. "That's why we

do what we do." Jackie Lamb is the tenor vocalist and is no stranger to gospel music. For many years, Jackie served as the tenor vocalist for the Heartland Boys Quartet and the George Amon Webster Trio. Jackie is a former member of Heirline. Group manager Ernie stated he is glad to have Jackie back as a part of the family.

They say that big talent comes out of small towns, and LifeSong is no exception to the rule. While they are all young, their roots run deep in southern gospel music. From the simple lyrics of the gospel, to a genuine love for the people and music, LifeSong continues to reach audiences of all ages and sizes.

The group is comprised of Bryant Thigpen, baritone; Jessica Ratliff, alto; and Ethan Brooks, lead.

LifeSong began in 2008 when three friends decided to join together and perform a concert with the Dixie Echoes.

From that evening, it wasn't long before LifeSong was on the road touring the southeast. During their first year of ministry, the group enjoyed much success signing with national label, Lamp Music Group. The group was featured on SingingNews.com and SouthernGospelNews.com during the signing and release of their project, Brand New Start. Their first release to radio, "Sounds Like Heaven," featured the distinguished voice of living legend, Naomi Segal Reader, who was a special guest vocalist on the recording.

For more information, please call (850) 464-0114, (850) 973-8269 or visit www.lifesonggospel.com.



LifeSong is (left to right) Bryant Thigpen, baritone; Jessica Ratliff, alto; and Ethan Brooks, lead.

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New Beta Club Officers - Left to right: Sam Hogg, Delegate at Large; Whitney Stevens, Treasurer; Kinzi Mattingly, Secretary; Ricky Finlayson, Vice President and Aimee Love, President.

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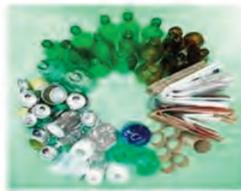
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SCHOOL

JES Honors Veterans

FRAN HUNT
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

Jefferson Elementary School second and third grade students, as well as members of the JROTC, paid tribute to local veterans in honor of Veteran's Day, on November 6 in the JES media center.

As attendees entered the building, the JROTC cadets lined both sides of the hallway, saluting them.

The programs began with Superintendent of Schools Al Cooksey welcoming the many in attendance, and recognizing local dignitaries.

JES Principal Gwen Coverson then welcomed everyone and explained that the program was paying tribute to all of our veterans.

The Jefferson County Middle High School JROTC Color Guard, led by 1st Sgt. Terry Walker, then posted the colors.

As all in attendance remained standing, and those veterans in attendance remained saluting, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the second and third graders sang the National Anthem.

Led by 1st Sgt. Walker, the JROTC Drill Team then put on a very impressive exhibition of precision and timing.

The largest percentage of the cadets performed a cadence with many different rhythmic moves.

The exhibition squad then gave a very impressive performance with their rifles, and rhythm. They illustrated precise moves and timing. One of the moves, five of the squad knelt on one

knee in a circle with their rifle barrels to the floor and the butts pointed upward. Then the squad commander Sgt. Major Nicolas Branham stood atop the rifle butts, saluting and holding his rifle in perfection and stance.

At the conclusion of the JROTC Drill Team exhibition, JES students Kamar Mays, Elizabeth Kessler, Ariel Williams, Kiamani Wesley, Jaycie Breland, and Zaniyah Parris, recited the poem, "Because of You, Unknown Soldier," written by Courtney Tamalm.

All of the students then stood up and sang Lee Greenwood's "God Bless The USA." As they sang the refrain each time, their voices rose and one could hear their pride in this country ringing.

Students Maria Rosas, Aliria Williams, and Rubin Jaimes, then recited the poem, "Sometimes The World Seems," written by Larissa Myschuk.

Jeff Whitty and the students then sang a medley of the armed forces songs. As each was sung, veterans in the audience would stand when the song for his/her branch of service, was performed.

Students Arleja Nealy, Tykora Thompson, Sandy Lee, Tahj Green, Aquanye Thompson, and Shunias Bellamy, then recited the poem, "American Heritage," written by Elsie Walsh.

Dr. Jim Sledge then gave a very special presentation honoring Sgt. Ernest "Boots" Thomas, Jr. During his presentation he utilized pictures and historic magazine cover photos, to illustrate what he was saying.



JES second and third grade students performed a perfectly in-sync routine while waving their US flags to the song, "The Stars and Stripes Forever," during the JES Veteran's Day program.



The JROTC cadets performed a cadence with many different rhythmic moves during the JES Veteran's Day program.

He told how Thomas, who was color blind, had gone to college after graduating, but when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, he left school to serve his country, and joined the marines. Dr. Sledge said that Thomas kept volunteering for combat, and worked his way up to the rank of Sgt. He explained the importance of the US bombers in the war,

and how they were long-range, but the fighter planes were not, so many bombers were shot down during missions. He said they needed a place between where they were and Japan. That place was Iwo Jima. Dr. Sledge told of the fight for Iwo Jima, that the Japanese were waiting and we were coming. He told of Thomas' Lt. being shot

and Thomas having to command his squad. Dr. Sledge said they made it to the top of the mountain and hoisted the US flag after affixing it to a piece of pipe. He concluded his tribute by telling the attendees how Thomas was later killed by sniper fire.

Wrapping up the program, the students performed a perfectly

in-sync routine while waving their US flags, to the song, "The Stars and Stripes Forever."

Dr. Coverson then made closing remarks, thanking the program coordinators, the children, the veterans, and those in attendance.

JES Assistant Principal Nancy Whitty then invited all veterans to join them in the cafeteria for lunch.



In one of the moves performed by the JROTC Exhibition Squad during the JES Veteran's Day program, five of the squad knelt on one knee in a circle with their rifle barrels to the floor and the butts pointed upward. Then the squad commander Sgt. Major Nicolas Branham stood atop the rifle butts, saluting and holding his rifle in perfection and stance.



Dr. Jim Sledge gave a special presentation during the JES Veterans Day program, on Sgt. Ernest "Boots" Thomas, Jr., who led the squad of marines, which raised the US flag on Iwo Jima.

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SPORTS

JES Mighty Tigers Wrap Up Season 8-3



The Jefferson Elementary School Mighty Tigers football team wrapped up their season on an 8-3 record, after splitting the first two games of the championship playoffs.

FRAN HUNT
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

The Jefferson Elementary School Mighty Tigers football team wrapped up the season on an 8-3 record, after splitting the first two games of the championship playoffs.

Jefferson faced off against the Quincy Bengals on October 29, and the Mighty Tigers skinned their opponent for a 13-6 victory.

Coach Steve Keith said the Bengals were a much better team than the Tigers had played all season and the Tigers went in knowing it would be a tough, and hard-fought game.

The Tigers received the ball, made a strong drive toward the goal line, but several penalties halted the run.

The Tigers kicked off to the Bengals, but the Tigers defense held them from making much yardage, and they finally had to punt.

Upon receiving the punt, the Mighty Tigers embarked on another long drive, which resulted in Jartavious Howard bringing in the touchdown, and Rico Watkins scoring the extra point, with one minute remaining in the half.

The Tigers kicked the ball down to the 20-yard line, and the Bengals running back returned it 80 yards for a touchdown to end the first half. The extra point attempt was no good.

Starting the second half, the Tigers kicked off to the Bengals, and as it had been all season, the Jefferson defense kept their progress down field very slow. As they were ready for the go-ahead score, Calvin Alexander intercepted the pass, which was the Tigers first interception of the year.

"The play seemed to inspire the Tigers offense as they marched down the field, to allow Elijah Brannon to score a Jefferson touchdown," said Coach Keith. However, the extra point attempt failed.

"The Tigers defense once again rose to the occasion, holding the Bengals offense to short runs. The Tigers took over on downs and ran out the clock for the win," Coach Keith added.

The Tigers traveled to Quincy on November 4 in the second round of the playoffs, and took on the Wildcats, only to suffer a 12-6 loss, closing the season

for the Mighty Tigers. The Tigers received the ball but couldn't move it down the field and had to kick-off on the fourth down.

On the first Wildcats play, they ran a reverse and broke into the open for a touchdown. However, the extra point attempt failed.

"The Tigers started a long drive to even the score, but on a third down they attempted a pass from Rico Watkins to Jartavious Howard. The pass, which as a lateral, was incomplete, and one of the Wildcats picked it up and ran it in for their second touchdown," said Coach Keith. Again the Wildcats extra point attempt failed.

The second half was a defensive battle, with neither team being able to mount a good drive. Late in the second half, the Tigers once again attempted a pass play, which worked to perfection.

Rico Watkins passed to Jartavious Howard, who in turn, threw a long pass to Calvin Alexander for the touchdown. However, the extra point attempt was no good.

"This ended the Tigers bid for a fourth consecutive trip to the

Championship game," said Coach Keith.

He thanked everyone who has supported the Tigers throughout the season, and hoped

to see everyone at their final game of the year, **Homecoming**, which is slated for November 14 at 6 p.m. at **Death Valley**. The

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Schedule Released For Lady Tigers Basketball

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The schedule has been released for the Jefferson County varsity Lady Tigers basketball team.

The team played preseason games on November 8 and 9 at West Gadsden, those statistics, as well as the roster for the team, will be forthcoming.

Action continues against Taylor County, November 14 at 6 p.m., away; Lincoln, November 15 at 6 p.m., home; West Gadsden, November 19 at 6 p.m., away; Chiles, November 21 at 6 p.m., away; Branford, December 5 at 6 p.m., away; Taylor County, December 6 at 6 p.m., home; Hamilton, December 10

at 6 p.m., home; Lincoln, December 12 at 6 p.m., away; Chiles, December 16 at 6 p.m., home; Mayo, December 19 at 6 p.m., away; Madison, December 20 at 6 p.m., away; January 4 at 6 p.m., John Paul, home; Tallavana, January 7 at 6 p.m., away; Branford, January 10 at 6 p.m., home; Mayo, January 16 at 6 p.m., home; Hamilton, January 18 at 6 p.m., away; John Paul, January 22 at 6 p.m., away; Tallavana, January 23 at 6 p.m., home; and wrapping up the regular season, Madison, January 25 at 6 p.m., home. The District Championship will be held January 31 and February 1 at Mayo. Coaching the Lady Tigers this year is Rodell Thomas.

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LEGALS

NOTICE OF MEETING

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF JEFFERSON COUNTY will meet in Special Session on Monday, November 18, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Board room located at 1490 W. Washington Street, Monticello, FL. An agenda is available thru their website at www.jefferson-schooldistrict.org. Any questions may be directed to the District Office at (850) 342-0100 Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. 11/13

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

BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, Plaintiff,

CASE NO.: 2010 CA 000272

vs. DIVISION: THOMAS H. BIZZLE, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated September 12, 2013 and entered in Case No. 2010 CA 000272 of the Circuit Court of the SECOND Judicial Circuit in and for JEFFERSON County, Florida wherein BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP is the Plaintiff and THOMAS H BIZZLE; DONNA DIANE BIZZLE A/K/A DONNA D. BIZZLE A/K/A DONNA BIZZLE; are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at NORTH DOOR OF THE COURTHOUSE LOBBY IN JEFFERSON COUNTY, MONTICELLO, FLORIDA at 11:00AM, on the 13th day of March, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

ALL THAT PORTION OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE 1/4 OF NE 1/4) OF SECTION THIRTEEN (13), IN TOWNSHIP TWO (2) NORTH, RANGE FOUR (4) EAST, JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA, WHICH IS ENCLOSED WITHIN THE FOLLOWING BOUNDARY LINES, TO-WIT: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID NE 1/4 OF NE 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP AND RANGE AFORESAID, AND RUNNING THENCE SOUTH SIX HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO (632) FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LAND FORMERLY CONVEYED BY MANUEL SANDERS AND LAURA SANDERS TO MARK SANDERS; THENCE RUNNING WEST A DISTANCE OF TWELVE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN (1218) FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE EAST BORDER OF THE OLD ATLANTIC COAST LINE RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY; THENCE RUNNING IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE SAID EAST BORDER OF SAID RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY, A DISTANCE OF SIX HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO (632) FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID NE 1/4 OF NE 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP AND RANGE AFORESAID; AND THENCE RUNNING EAST ALONG SAID NORTH LINE OF SAID NE 1/4 OF NE 1/4 OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP AND RANGE AFORESAID, A DISTANCE OF TWELVE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN (1218) FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING;

LESS AND EXCEPT:

COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST, JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 28 MINUTES WEST 345.5 FEET ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF SECTION 13 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 629.7 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST 690.6 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF THE OLD A.C.L. RAILROAD BED; THENCE NORTH 8 DEGREES 53 MINUTES WEST 631.91 FEET ALONG SAID OLD RAILROAD BED TO A POINT ON THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF SECTION 13; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 28 MINUTES EAST 790.5 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on September 12, 2013.

Kirk B. Reams
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Sherry Sears
Deputy Clerk

**See Americans with Disabilities Act

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact:

Kirk B. Reams
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1 Courthouse Circle
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Monticello, FL 32344
Phone: 850-342-0218

11/6,13,20/2013

JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER REDISTRICTING OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER ELECTION DISTRICTS

The Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") of Jefferson County, Florida (the "County") will hold a public hearing to consider revising the boundaries of the election districts for the five members of the Board of County Commissioners. The public hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 19, 2013, or as soon thereafter as can be heard, in the Courthouse Annex at 435 West Walnut Street, Monticello, Florida 32344. All interested parties, citizens of the County and anyone else may attend the public hearing and be heard.

Florida law provides that after each census, the County must fix the boundaries of the board member election districts to keep them as nearly equal in proportion to population as possible, with any changes made to the boundaries of such districts occurring only in odd-numbered years. At the conclusion of the November 19 public hearing, the Board will consider a resolution approving a map describing the boundaries of the voting districts. Copies of all district maps under consideration by the Board are available for inspection at the Jefferson County Courthouse, 1 Courthouse Circle, Monticello, Florida 32344.

If any person decides to seek review of any official decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered, a record of the proceedings will be required and the person intending to appeal will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence necessary for the appeal. Any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the Clerk of Circuit Court at (850) 342-0218 or via e-mail at kreams@jeffersonclerk.com prior to the meeting.

11/13,15/2013

AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

Palmer Place Book Club To Meet

DEBBIE SNAPP
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Staff Writer

The Palmer Place Book Club will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, November 19 to discuss the book 'Sing You Home,' by author Jodi Picoult; a writing about

family, relationships, and love.

Last meeting's book discussion was of 'The Lizard Cage,' by Karen Connolly. A book of fiction, but based on actual situations in Burma. This first novel peers into the tortured mind of an incarcerated

ated political dissident. It gave the reader a very real idea of what it was like to be in solitary confinement for years for writing songs where there's anti-government in a dictatorship. Books like these give reason to be involved in a book club.

Participants read books they normally would avoid, but are so worth reading.

For more information about this book club, or give book suggestions, contact Coordinator Abi Vandervest at douwahnadance@yahoo.com.

After Thanksgiving Seafood Feast

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Jefferson County Union Number One will host an 'After-Thanksgiving Seafood Feast' on Saturday, November 30 at the Monticello Opera House.

This free meal will begin at 1 p.m. and will continue through the day. This is an opportunity for the ministry to



give back into its community; and, what better time than during the season of Thanksgiving.

Plan to dine-in or take-out. Come share good food and good fellowship with good friends and neighbors.

For more information contact Rev. Charles G. Smith at 850-345-8623 or Rev. James Mack at 850-997-8747. This is a FREE event.

Jefferson Outreach For Youth

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Staff Writer

J.O.Y. (Jefferson Outreach for Youth) volunteers have kicked off this year's annual toy drive for the Christmas holiday season.

Now is the time to share your holiday joy by donating a new toy for an area boy or girl, and help to make this Christmas special for the children in Jefferson County.

Unwrapped toy drop off loca-



tions include: Tallahassee Memorial Family Medicine, 1549 S. Jefferson Street; Huckleberry's Creations, 210 W. Washington Street; Capital City Bank, S. Jefferson Street; Farmers and Merchants Bank, E. Washington Street; Monticello News, 180 W. Washington Street, and Tupelo's Bakery & Cafe at 220 W. Washington Street. Deadline is December 6.

"The spirit of giving is our J.O.Y." Dave Bitner.

Thor Invited To Walk For A Cause



ECB Publishing Photo By Debbie Snapp, November 2, 2013

Pictured from left to right: Teresa Kessler, Jeri Kimbrel, Thor and Faye Pritchett.

DEBBIE SNAPP
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Staff Writer

Thor and Faye Pritchett have been invited to represent Monticello in the TREATS, INC. 18th Santa Paws Walk on Saturday, December 14 at Lake Ella in Tallahassee.

All monies raised will fund spay and neuter services and pet medical care for animals in need. All in an

effort to reduce the numbers that fill area shelters and rescue groups facilities.

If Thor can raise the most money, to help animals in need, he will win a year's supply of dog food and other goodies from Panhandle Pet Supply.

"Thor and I would like to show Monticello's dedication to helping pets in need," says Faye. "Thor and I would like to thank all

our friends for all you can do."

If you can help Thor and Faye with a donation, call 850-274-

2778. Or drop your donations off at Wag The Dog Thrift & Treasure Shop on North Jefferson Street, 850-997-2416.

COLD WEATHER BLANKET DISTRIBUTION

State Representative Halsey Beshears (R-Monticello) will be in Monticello on Monday, November 25th to distribute wool blankets donated by Farm Share, a non-profit organization. This event will take place at Total Landscape Supply located at 2191 S. Jefferson St. from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. We would like to encourage everyone to come by and pick up a blanket.

Howard Academy High School Monticello, Florida November Death Anniversaries of Teachers & Affiliates

- *5th Anniversary: **Bailey Foster Sloan, Jr.**
 - Principal - Aucilla Elementary School
 - Died: November 17, 2008 (Age 89)
- *11th Anniversary: **Bertha Thompson Black**
 - Specialty: Elementary Education
 - Died: November 18, 2002 (Age 97)
 - Born: November 10, 1905
- *12th Anniversary: **Darlene Walker Britt**
 - Specialty: Elementary Education
 - Jefferson Elementary School
 - Died: November 3, 2001 (Age 56)
- *15th Anniversary: **Blandy Taylor Miles**
 - Specialty: Elementary Education
 - Jefferson Elementary School
 - Died: November 23, 1998 (Age 55)
- *29th Anniversary: **Henry Hall**
 - Specialty: Janitorial Technician
 - Howard Academy High School
 - Died: November 5, 1984 (Age 62)

Birthday Remembrances

- *November 23rd **Rosa Lee Smith Sloan (1922)**
 - Specialty: Elementary Education
 - Principal: Mamie B. Scott Elementary School
- *November 26th **Gertrude Simpkins Jackson (1909)**
 - Specialty: English
 - Historian: Rosa Bassa, Class of 1968
 - Former Student of Jackson • First Cousin-in-law of Hall

AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

United Way Jefferson Up And Running



ECB Publishing Photo By Debbie Snapp, October 30, 2013. Helping to serve guests at the United Way of the Big Bend Jefferson kickoff are Nan Baughman and Ray Hughes.



Altrusa Monticello members presented a donation to Jefferson United Way campaign during its kickoff fundraising event. Pictured from left to right are: Joyce Sealey, Megan Picht, Heather Mitchell, Nan Baughman, and Dean Jerger.



ECB Publishing Photo By Debbie Snapp, October 30, 2013. Attending the fundraising effort of the UWBB Jefferson County Campaign, from left to right, are: United Way of the Big Bend Jefferson Campaign Associate Megan Picht, Co-Chairperson Dean Jerger, United Way President/CEO Heather Mitchell, and Jack Bulloch.



ECB Publishing Photo By Debbie Snapp, October 30, 2013. Winning the highest bid on the Scarlett O'Hara Cake Auction during the United Way of the Big Bend Jefferson County fundraiser was Joyce Sealey. Pictured from left to right are: Dean Jerger, Nan Baughman, Sealey, and Katrina FitzSimmons.

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(UWBB) Jefferson County Co-Chairpersons Nan Baughman and Dean Jerger held a successful kickoff fundraiser on October

30 at the First United Methodist Church Family Life Center. Altrusa International of Monticello-Jefferson made a generous contribution to the campaign with the presentation of a check. A cake auction took place towards the end of the evening with Joyce Sealey as highest bidder. The Scarlett O'Hara crême de mint cake was baked and donated by Katrina's Kitchens and Katrina FitzSimmons. UWBB Jefferson County has set its goal this year to raise \$40,000 for its agencies

in need. In the past 12-years \$643,710.57 has been donated. The Wednesday evening fundraising meal and event was filled with music from Dr. Mike Purvis and Laura Powell, and Becky Stoutamire. The chicken dinner was prepared by Johnston's Meat Market, with sides from Carrie Ann & Co. and Katrina's Kitchens. Home-made desserts were prepared by the UWBB Jefferson Campaign Team. There are 21 Jefferson County agencies supported through the United Way of the Big Bend. The funds are allocated through the Community Investment Process and the Jefferson County Community Investment Team. The team's agency review process includes several components that take time to complete properly. Everyone benefits from the United Way! Donations may be made to the United Way of the Big Bend in care of Baughman at P.O. Box 853, Monticello, FL. 32345.

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