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Rainfall Is A Little Higher In November

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The average rainfall in the Suwannee River Water Management District (SRWMD) was higher in November than in the previous month, with the highest deficits remaining in the upper Suwannee, Santa Fe and Aucilla basins.

The latest hydrologic conditions report from the SRWMD, released on Dec. 6, indicates that the average rainfall in November was 3.57 inches, almost 50 percent higher than the long-term average of 2.31 inches.

"On average, almost half of the month's total fell as the result of one frontal system on Nov. 26," the report states.

The average rainfall for the 12 months ending on Nov. 30 was 0.58 inches higher than the long-term average of 54.61 inches, according to the report.

Jefferson County received 3.53 inches, compared with the November average of 3.44 inches. The county received 54.27 inches of rainfall during the last 12 months, or 90 percent of the annual normal.

Madison County, meanwhile, received 3.97 inches, compared with the November average of 3.12 inches. Madison County received 57.75 inches during the last 12 months, or 103 percent of the annual normal.

River levels generally remained in a range that is considered normal, although coastal river flows improved because of the wetter weather and the Suwannee River and its tributaries tended to fall.

Lake levels across

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City Adopts Fire Assessment Fee

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On Thursday, December 12, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2013-24, which opted city residents into the Fire Assessment Fee.

The resolution represents the City's consent and request to be

included in the Fire Assessment Fee and therefore the fire protection services of Jefferson County Fire Rescue (JCFR).

City residents have always received these services, but - until now - have not been a part of the fee that provides funding for JCFR. That has created a crisis of sorts in recent years, as

budget cuts have not provided for rising operations costs.

Earlier this year, JCFR Chief Mark Matthews brought in an independent, third-party consulting firm, GSG, which concluded that there were few ways for JCFR to keep up with the costs of equipment, salaries, gas, building and fleet

maintenance, etc. Essentially, the City needed to either pay in or opt out.

The firm proposed various plans that would tax at different levels. These were presented to the Board of County Commissioners at their October 15 meeting, where the County Commissioners selected a rate 4-1. Only Commissioner Hines Boyd voted

against. The County then sent this proposal to the City Council.

In November, the City Councilmen decided to hold a workshop to draft the resolution and an Inter-local Agreement between the City government and the County government. Please See FEE Page 3

New I-10 Billboard Aims To Attract Visitors Here



This attractive new billboard on I-10 aims to draw visitors into Monticello.

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Motorists traveling east and west on Interstate 10 now have a new billboard vying for their attention — one that promotes Monticello as a worthy destination point or at least one that is worthwhile visiting, if briefly.

The billboard, which the Jefferson County Tourist Development Council (TDC) contracted to have the Lamar Billboard Company install on the east and west sides of Exit 225 on I-10, will be up for the next eight months.

Each billboard features a photo of the iconic Jefferson County Courthouse, alongside

the message, "Monticello, Southern Charm at its Best!"

The sign's only other wording alerts travelers that lodging, dining and shopping are available. It urges them to "exit here" and visit JeffersonCountyFlorida.com for more information.

"It's the hope of the TDC that the sign will direct visitors to Monti-

cello to enjoy our shops, restaurants and attractions," Coordinator Nancy Wideman told the News on Monday, Dec. 16.

She said Lamar offers statistics that show the billboards along I-10 get about 50,000 of what the company calls "weekly impressions". According to figures Please See BILLBOARD Page 3

Elementary School Gets Kudos From Governor

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It's not often that a school district or a school get a personal congratulatory note from the Governor — however brief. When it happens — especially for a school district as challenged as the Jefferson County School District has been in recent years — it's an occasion for public notice.

Which explains School Superintendent Al Cooksey's announcement before the Jefferson County School Board at its meeting on

Monday evening, Dec. 9.

Noting that Gov. Rick Scott was not known for long communications, Cooksey shared a brief handwritten notation from Scott to Jefferson Elementary School (JES) Principal Gwen Coverson. The notation, which Coverson had received the week before, was scribbled across a report showing the statewide ranking of JES, based on its students' FCAT scores in the last battery of the standardized tests.

Circled by the Governor on the report were the ranking en-

tered for JES in the category labeled "Improved Reading Performance from 2011-12 to 2012-13". The entries show that JES registered an eight-percent improvement in its scores on the reading component of the FCAT during the noted period.

The improvement in reading scores ranked JES 107 out of the state's 3,057 schools, 59 out of the state's 1,759 elementary schools, and 765 out of the state's 1,628 Title 1 schools.

"Great Job!" Scott

handwrote at the top of the report, followed by his signature.

JES also registered a five percent improvement in math scores during the same period, although the Governor did not circle this section.

In the math category, JES ranked 521 out of the state's 3,053 schools, 275 out of the state's 1,759 elementary schools, and 303 out of the state's 1,628 Title 1 schools.

Overall, JES ranked 1,727 out of the state's 3,127 schools and 978 out of the state's 1,759 elementary schools.

Title 1 schools are those that receive federal financial assistance because of their high numbers or percentages of children from low-income families. The financial aid is to help ensure that all children meet the established academic standards.

The rankings are based on the results of the first-round of Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test

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It's Time For Santa Letters

Santa's making a list and he's checking it twice. It's that time of year to show Santa who the good girls and boys have been and for them to write letters to Santa Claus.

ECB Publishing, Inc. can save children the cost of postage to send letters to the North Pole. Children can instead send their letters to ECB Publishing, which will publish the letters in the newspaper. Santa will get a copy, so he can read it and check what each



child wants.

The deadline for entries is Dec. 18 at 5 p.m. and they will be published in the Dec. 25 Jefferson County Journal. Letters must be written in black ink, to Santa, in care of ECB Publishing, Inc., P.O. Box 428, Monticello, FL 32345, or dropped off at the Monticello News office, 180 W. Washington St., in Monticello.

Teachers will also be collecting letters for publication, so Santa can see them.



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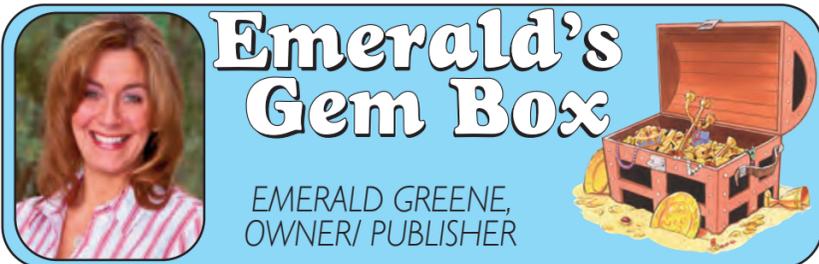
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Wed 12/18 68/39
Sunshine. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the upper 30s.

Thu 12/19 73/52
More sun than clouds. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 50s.

Fri 12/20 78/61
Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 60s.



Emerald's Gem Box
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Do You Have The True Christmas Spirit? Or Are You Full Of Greed?

Christmas time is supposed to be a time for reflecting in Christ's love and a time for giving to others.

Why is it then that so many people have lost that spirit and have replaced it with such greed and selfishness?

My frustrations began months ago when I heard the first "I know what I want you to give me for Christmas." Had it been a child, that would have been one thing; but, it was an adult. (Still a child in many aspects, but an adult none the less.) Yet still, this was an item that she could buy herself, if she wouldn't spend her money on

the frivolous things that I know she buys. I have also listened carefully to others' words and thoughts, for the last few months/weeks/ days, and it has left me feeling a little hopeless about the Christmas Spirit of most folks.

So please, during these last seven days before Christmas please keep an eye on your Christmas Spirit and see where it truly lies. Are you more excited about giving something special to a loved one or do you spend your time wondering what others are going to give you? Do you spend your time planning for a special Christmas Day or

spend your time dropping subtle hints about things you need and want, so that others will go buy it for you?

Make Christmas be about Jesus and His birth and His love for all of us. Make Christmas be about family, friends and fellowship. Make Christmas be about showing love and giving to others out of love and kindness. Furthermore, teach your children these same aspects; for what they learn now will follow them into adulthood.

Merry Christmas to all of our faithful readers. May God bless each and every one of you!

Until then...see you around the town.

CHURCH NEWS NOTES

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December 18-20
First Corinthian Church, 955 Lemon Street, will hold its annual Community Revival Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday beginning at 7 p.m. each night. For more information contact Rev. John Jones, pastor, at 850-445-0076 or sonnyjohnjr@aol.com.

December 19
First Baptist Church Monticello will host a Community Christmas Dinner on Thursday from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. All are welcome to come dine together in Christian love and fellowship. There is no charge and there will be NO carryout meals. Call the church at 850-

997-2349 for more information. Rev. Rick Kelley, pastor.

December 20
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.

December 24
First Presbyterian Church will hold its annual 'Candle Light Service' at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Christmas Eve, in the sanctuary.

December 27
Nazarene Church Family Skate Night is held from 6 to 8 p.m. on the last Friday evening of every month. Light snacks and soft drinks available. For more information, contact Rev. Clay Stephens, pastor, at 850-528-5451.

December 27, 28
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 those needing assistance monthly on the fourth Saturday, with distribution from 9 to 10 a.m. at the New Bethel AME Church, located at 6496 Ashville Highway. Volunteers are also needed 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.

December 28
StoryTime Ministry is held from 1 to 2 p.m. every other Saturday at the Jefferson County Bailer Public Library. For more information contact First United Methodist Church Ministry Chairman Barbara Hobbs at 850-523-1813.

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Searching For Ambrosia

Rose Klein
Guest Columnist



Becoming Friendly With Turnips

Turnips seem to be one of those vegetables that you either love or hate; it's a vegetable with hardly any shades of gray. I like turnips, but never seem to eat a lot of them. What I remember mostly about eating turnips, are the greens. My mom would cook them down in a big pot that was accompanied by a generous supply of some fatty pork meat and they would be served alongside a cast iron skillet of homemade cornbread. I can't remember the cooked turnips showing up on the table very often, but I have a feeling they did and I just didn't like the turnips well enough for them to make an impression upon me.

Cooking as an adult, I have tried turnips in a variety of ways. I have added them to the greens while they cooked, mashed them in potatoes with butter, added them into a soup and eaten young turnips raw in a salad. I liked the turnips in the different ways I had eaten them, but never seemed to find enough reason to revisit any of the dishes.

A few days ago, my mother and I stopped on the side of a road where a man was selling large bundles of fresh turnips from the back of his truck. After purchasing a large bunch, she generously gave me the greens to cook and kept the roots for herself. The next day when she was over for dinner, she brought me some of the turnip roots. I held them several days, pondering over how I would cook them. Not finding any inspiration, I turned to the large recipe index on the Internet. I finally found something that piqued my interest and after a few tweaks, found a turnip recipe that I would call a "keeper."

The recipe is extremely simple and uses everyday ingredients, which is a bonus, and very versatile. I used only turnips since that was the original recipe, but I think a combination of root vegetables, to accompany the turnips, would be outstanding. My sister will be in at the end of this week and I plan on making the recipe for her, using not only the turnips but sweet

potatoes and beets as well. You could add onion, carrots or parsnips too.

If you haven't been friendly with turnips, you might give this recipe a try. Have fun with whatever root vegetables you happen to have and like me, you may find yourself planning to cook with the "forgotten" vegetable a little bit more.

CARMELIZED TURNIPS

3 c. turnips, peeled and diced
1/3 c. chicken or vegetable stock
1 tsp. salt
¼ tsp. black pepper
1 tbs. butter
2 tbs. sugar

Place turnips, stock, salt and pepper in a medium skillet over medium heat. When mixture boils, reduce heat and simmer uncovered until turnips are tender and liquid is evaporated, about 10 to 15 minutes. Add butter and sugar and gently stir. Cook until butter and sugar melts and forms a coating over the turnips, about 5 minutes. Serve hot.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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December 20
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.

December 20
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 doorprizes, soft drinks, snacks, 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.

Thru December
Jefferson Arts presents its members annual show 'Mixed

Bag-A Multi-Media Retrospective.' Shop and browse through the month. The Gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays for public viewing at 575 West Washington Street in downtown Monticello. For more information about the Arts or about art classes for children and adults, call 850-997-3311 or go to info@jeffersonarts-gallery.com or www.jeffersonarts-gallery.com

December 23
Alzheimer's and Dementia Support is held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 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.

December 23
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.

December 23
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.

December 24
AA classes are held on Tuesdays at 8 p.m. for those seeking help. The classes are held at the Harvest Christian Center, 1599 Springholow Road. Contact Marvin Graham, pastor, at 850-212-7669 for more information.

December 26
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.

December 28
Jefferson County Branch of the **NAACP** will meet at 12 p.m. on the last Saturday at the MLK Center. Contact Charles Parrish at 850-997-3760 for more information.

December 30
Martin Luther King (MLK) Community Center Committee meets at 6 p.m. on the last Monday. Contact Charles Parrish at 850-997-3760 for more information.

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At the December 3 City Council Meeting, the Councilmen voted again for a workshop, but quickly changed it out-of-session to a special meeting, to allow Councilmen the ability to vote.

The City saga wrapped up in the December 12 special meeting, which lasted no longer than a quarter-hour. Councilman George Evans asked for comments from the Monticello Volunteer Fire Department (MVFD) members. Chief Lester Lawrence and Director Edward Fessenden Jr. were in attendance.

Fessenden brought up the issue of a payment schedule, noting that the resolution did not legally determine when the MVFD would receive their agreed-upon 20% of the Fire Assessment Fee. City Attorney Bruce Leinback and Jefferson

County Clerk of Courts Kirk Reams resolved the issue, agreeing upon November 1 of each year. Fessenden also noted that by including JCFR officially—that is, by resolution and Interlocal Agreement—into the fire protection of the city, the city's ISO rating would improve, even upon the already-low rating city residents enjoy because of the efforts of the MVFD and because of JCFR's unofficial aid.

The ISO rating is a system upon which most insurance companies base their home insurance rates. The rating is on a scale of one to nine, with one being optimal and providing the cheapest rates.

Councilman Evans noted language in the resolution that states that the MVFD "provides fire protection services within the

City." He asked Chief Lawrence if the MVFD provided services outside of city limits, and Chief Lawrence said that they do as part of a mutual aid agreement drafted some two decades ago and since lost. The agreement has effectively been verbal and common sense, but MVFD and JCFR representatives agreed to re-draft the agreement.

In the last minutes of the meeting, the City Council passed the resolution unanimously and then agreed to pass the interlocal agreement separately. It also passed unanimously.

The resolution is written so that it is only effective if the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) enters into the interlocal agreement by December 31. Both documents were sent to the BOCC in time for consideration at its regular meeting on December 17.

Rainfall

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the district generally remained stable, although most were slightly below their long-term average, according to the report. The removal of the earthen dam at the Sneads Smokehouse Lake had a significant effect, however. The report notes that the lake level fell throughout the month, ending the month at six inches above its historic 2011 low.

Groundwater levels in 95 percent of the monitored wells showed overall declines from the 65th percentile in October to the 55th percentile in November.

"One quarter of the wells had levels below their long-term median, and one well in northern Jefferson County fell below the 25th percentile," the re-

port notes.

The National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center's three-month outlook shows a potential below normal precipitation through February.

The SRWMD continues its Phase I Water Shortage Advisory, which urges the voluntary reduction of the unnecessary uses of water.

The SRWMD encompasses all or parts of 15 counties in north-central Florida, including Madison County and the eastern portion of Jefferson County.

The monthly report is a compilation of data collected from radar-derived rainfall estimates, groundwater and surface water levels, river flows and other sources.

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from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, however, the traffic count on I-10 is closer to 13,000 vehicles, Wideman said.

"I think the discrepancy may be that one includes trucks," she said.

Wideman said the TDC is hoping that the historic Monticello sign that Main Street Monticello had installed on I-10 and the newly installed one that her organization will have a "double whammy" effect and

bring more travelers into town.

She said she planned to contact Lamar this week and ask if the company could trim the trees around the one billboard to the west of Exit 225 to give it greater visibility.

"I am certainly looking for any comments and anecdotes that people hear as to whether the signs are bringing in people," Wideman said. "The TDC has invested a great deal of money for the billboards to be

up for the next eight months."

She said the monthly fee for the two billboards is about \$1,000.

The TDC is charged with attracting visitors into Monticello and Jefferson County and generally promoting tourism as a means of economic development. The organization gets its funding from a special tax that paid by tourists and others who stay overnight in the various lodging facilities in the county.

Tower

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that no facility existed to permit AT&T to achieve its coverage objectives, the company decided to install its own tower.

She noted that the new tower would provide expanded coverage and capacity in voice, data and text services

to a broad area that was previously underserved.

"The expanding use of wireless communications requires providing additional coverage and capacity in many areas as more and more consumers increasingly use wire-

less communications as their primary source of telephone and/or Internet," Smith wrote.

The Planning Commission's approval is final, meaning that the project does not require the review and approval of the Jefferson County Commission.

Kudos

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(FCAT) released by the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) in May 2013.

Per the FDOE, the 2012 FCAT scores for JES showed the following improvements: Grade 3 math, the number of student scoring in levels 3-5 went from 40% in 2012 to 52% in 2013; Grade 3 reading, the number of students scoring in levels 3-5 went from 32% in 2012 to 36% in 2013; and Grade 4 writing, the numbers of students scoring in levels 3-5 went from 73% in 2012 to 76% in 2013.

When the FDOE released the FCAT scores in May, it noted that JES was Florida's second most improved school, in terms of the percentage of its fourth-grade students who scored at 3.5 or higher on the FCAT 2.0 Writing assessment.

Overall, the Jefferson County School District realized a 20-percentage point im-

provement increase, putting it in the top five most improved school districts in the state.

Significant also, starting in 2013, the school grades standard for writing performance became 3.5, as established by the State Board of Education. Before 2013, the standard was 3.0.

Starting in 2013 also, students were given 60 minutes to respond to the writing prompt, an increase of 15 minutes over the previous year. The increase was based on the recommendations of Florida educators.

The increase was to allow students more time to satisfy the test's higher scoring requirements. The scoring now takes into account the correct usage of grammar, punctuation, and other English conventions, as well as the quality of details supporting the written responses.

ROSE KLEIN
ECB Publishing, Inc.

Christmas Tree Sparks Family Fight

In Spartanburg, S.C., three female relatives were involved in a family fight that required authorities to make a trip to their home. The Spartanburg County Sheriff's office said the three women, ages 76, 61 and 24 were arguing because two of the women had decorated their Christmas tree while the third woman was at work. During the fight, a 41-year-old male relative arrived and tried to calm the women down but instead all four family members "admitted to pushing each other and getting in each other's faces." The fight produced no injuries but the 76-year-old woman was examined due to her concern about her blood pressure. After police arrived, the family members apologized to each other. No arrests were made.

Man Steals Money And Leaves IOU

In Yiwn, China, police arrested a man known as Peng, and charged him with stealing about \$3,270 from a stranger's home and leaving an IOU. Peng's parents contacted him and requested money so they could buy a house. He arranged to borrow money from a man in a nearby village but accidentally went to the wrong home. Peng took the money from the house and left his name, address and cellphone number on an IOU. When arrested, Peng told the police he didn't think he had broken any laws because he had left the IOU.

Rude Customers Pay More For Coffee At Café

In Southern France, a café charges customers more for their cup of java if they are rude. La Petite Syrah, alerts customers on their menu board that by ordering "a coffee" their cost will be about \$9.50, if they order "a coffee please" they will pay \$6 and if they order a "Hello, a coffee please" it will cost them only \$2, creating a substantial incentive to be nice. Manager Fabrice Pepino said the sign started as a joke because people would come in at lunchtime very stressed and would sometimes be rude; the posting was a way to tell them to keep calm. Pepino said his customers took note of the sign and he hasn't had to enforce his pricing system. "Most of my customers are regulars and they just see the funny side and exaggerate their politeness," he said. "They started calling me 'your greatness' when they saw the sign. But people are more relaxed now and they're smiling more. That's the most important thing."

CROSSWORDS

"The Fab Four Times Two"

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- 16 Only Huxtable boy, on "The Cosby Show"
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- 20 Beatles song about their apparent favorite number
- 22 Perfect score, often
- 23 Business "pay me" notice: abbr.
- 24 Beliefs
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Obituaries

BILL FARMER

8/31/1935 - 12/2/2013



Bill Farmer was born in Detroit, Michigan and spent many childhood years in California.

He resided in Orlando, Fl. He was in the Air Force for 4 years.

He was an exceptional bowler.

He owned a successful Auto Body shop for 35 years; having his children work along side of him.

Bill is survived by his loving wife Ann of 56 years. Four sons a daughter and 13 grandchildren.

DEBBIE SNAPP ECB Publishing Staff Writer

Cross Landings H&R Center held its Resident's Christmas Party on Saturday afternoon at the facility on North Jefferson. The annual event was attended by several family and friends, all bringing wrapped gifts for their loved ones.

Santa was also on-hand to handout the presents to each of the residents; and the dietary staff prepared and served a delicious spread, including eggnog. The Angel Band played and sang Christmas songs and the Cross Landings staff kept the party going by helping where needed.

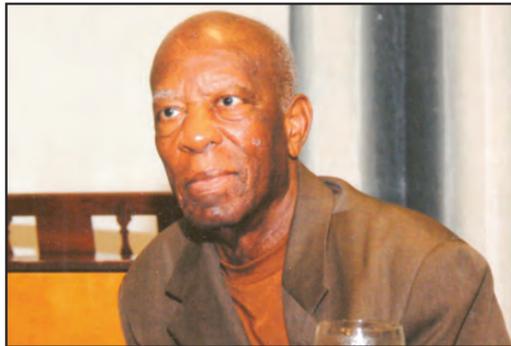
Families Celebrate With Cross Landings Residents



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The Angel Band entertained with Christmas songs and music on Saturday afternoon during the Resident's Christmas Party at the Cross Landings H&R Center.

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The family of the late Moses King Sr. would like to give our heartfelt thanks to all who took the time to express your sympathy through prayers, telephone calls, food, visits, monetary giving, cards, and all other acts of kindness during the illness and passing of our loved one. You made us feel so loved. We will always be grateful to you. Please continue to keep us in your prayers and thoughts. May God richly bless each of you.

The Family



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Patricia and Sonny Patterson get a visit from Santa on Saturday afternoon during the Resident's Christmas Party at the Cross Landings H&R Center.



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Guest and family member Josephine Perry, seated, was in attendance to the Saturday afternoon Resident's Christmas Party at the Cross Landings H&R Center. She is visiting here with Brookins, on left, and Vonnell Thomas.

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Santa visits with Mary and John Timms on Saturday afternoon during the Resident's Christmas Party at the Cross Landings H&R Center.

Correction



In the December 11, 2013 Monticello News, the cutline under the third picture with the article 'Altrusa Continues To Be Active In Community' listed Joanne Brown as District Three Governor Colleen Duris, this was in error. Here is a similar but different picture with the corrected names: Altrusa members were asked to 'dress-up' 1940s style, in keeping with the Preview Party stage play and fundraiser 'Arsenic & Old Lace' on October 29. From left to right are: Joanne Brown, Altrusa President Joyce Sealey, District Three Governor Colleen Duris, and Diane Freeman.

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AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

Camellias And Brunch

DEBBIE SNAPP
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

The Daffodale Estate Bed & Breakfast held its first Christmas Camellia Brunch on Sunday, December 8. Diners enjoyed a delightful meal served by Assistant Inn Keeper Salli Squitieri, with sweet hot tea on the indoor side porch.

The tables and establishment were decorated festively, warmly welcoming the guests. A guided tour through the Camellia gardens was taken after the meal, featuring three acres of beautiful old growth foliage and blooms; followed by a shopping visit in the antique showroom.

A gift drawing rounded out the delightful and memorable afternoon, and each guest received a beautiful camellia and a candy cane.

Daffodale Estate B&B is said to offer one of the biggest assorted collections of camellias in the United States, for a schedule of its wintertime activities and area happenings, contact owners Cathy and Scotty Ebberbach at 850-997-1111 or scott@daffodaleestate.com.



ECB Publishing Photo By Debbie Snapp, December 8, 2013. **Emily Ross, center, was the winner of a prize drawing after the Christmas Camellia Brunch hosted by owners Cathy and Scotty Ebberbach of the Daffodale Estate Bed & Breakfast.**



ECB Publishing Photo By Debbie Snapp, December 8, 2013. **Jane Hand, left, and Debbie Snapp, right, enjoyed a Christmas Camellia Brunch at the Daffodale Estate Bed & Breakfast on Sunday afternoon. This was a Christmas gift from daughter to mother.**



ECB Publishing Photo By Debbie Snapp, December 8, 2013. **Several guests enjoyed Christmas Camellia Brunch at the Daffodale Estate Bed & Breakfast on Sunday afternoon.**

CRIME BEAT

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FRAN HUNT
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

Stella Denise Roberts, 43, of Jefferson County, was arrested November 28 and charged with domestic battery, and violating an injunction. A total bond of \$7,500 was set and she remained at the County Jail December 17.

Cory Edward Gilliard, 24, of Monticello, was arrested November 29 and charged with writ of attachment for failure to pay court costs/fines. Bond was set at \$149 and he bonded out of jail the same day.

James Eugene Hill, 40, of Tallahassee, was arrested November 29 and charged with violation of probation on the charge of trafficking in stolen property. Bond was withheld and he remained at the County Jail December 17.

James Thomas Roberts, 34, of Jefferson County, was arrested December 3 and charged with driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$500 and he bonded out of jail December 11.

Taylor Bres'hey Lanaman, 26, of Tallahassee, was arrested December 3 on an outstanding Leon County warrant. He was turned over to Leon County authorities the same day to

face charges there.

Jonathan Lee Akins, 27, of Greenville, FL, was arrested December 6 and charged with driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$2,500 and he bonded out of jail the same day.

Liwonda Jean Patrick, 42, of Monticello, was arrested December 6 and charged with violation of probation on the charge of throwing a deadly weapon at an occupied vehicle. Bond was set at \$100 and she bonded out of jail the same day.

Rory Sean Coughlin, 26, of Tallahassee, was arrested December 8 and charged with making a false report to law enforcement. Bond was set at \$500 and he was released on his own recognizance the same day.

Ed Rushing, 29, of Tallahassee, was arrested December 10 and charged with writ of at-

tachment for nonpayment of child support. Bond was set at \$1,784.06 and he remained at the County Jail December 17.

Demario A. Rivers, 25, of Jefferson County, was arrested December 11 and charged with writ of attachment for nonpayment of child support. Bond was set at \$2,500 and he remained at the County Jail December 17.

Terrance D. White, 42, of Monticello, was arrested December 11 and charged with writ of attachment for nonpayment of child support. Bond was set at \$1,000 and he bonded out of jail the following day.

Michael Andrews, 36, of Tallahassee, was arrested December 11 and charged with writ of attachment for nonpayment of child support. Bond was set at \$1,500 and he bonded out of jail December 13.



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Wed. TRAC Club for teens.....7:00 PM

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Pastor Derrick Burrus
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Sunday School.....10:00 AM
Sunday Worship.....11:00 AM
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Sunday Evening.....6:00 PM
Wednesday Evening.....7:00 PM
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625 Tindell Road • Aucilla • 997-2081
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Pastor Daryl Adams
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Sunday School.....9:45 AM
Sunday Worship Service.....11:00 AM
Choir Practice.....5:00 PM
Worship Service.....6:00 PM
Wednesday
Fellowship Meal.....6:30 PM
Prayer Meeting/Bible Study.....7:00 PM

INDIAN SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

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Tallahassee • 850-893-5296
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Wednesday
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Wed. Family Training Hour.....7:00 PM
Ignite student Ministries.....7:00 PM

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850-997-1596
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Sunday Worship.....11:00 AM
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3rd Sunday Holy Communion
Wednesday Evenings
Prayer Meeting.....6:30 P.M.
Bible Study.....7:00 P.M.

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

Student Pastor, Don Self

Sunday Worship Service.....8:30 AM
Sunday Bible Study.....9:45 AM
Morning Worship Service.....11:00 AM
Choir Practice.....5:00 PM
Evening Worship Service.....6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study/Prayer Meeting.....6:00 PM
RA's/ GA's/Mission Friends/Youth



"Keeping the Faith"

Ronnie McBrayer

Let It Be

For the longest time I thought a "Hail Mary" was a desperate, last-ditch throw at the end of a football game; a frantic attempt to win at the final second. Having been raised in one of the more contrary factions of Protestantism, you can't blame me. I was taught to avoid Catholicism with the same amount of fierceness as avoiding card-playing and dancing. They were all equal spawns of the same Satan, or so I was instructed.

Well, all these years later, I haven't picked up the habit of praying the Rosary, but I have come to appreciate it. And I understand why some believers find the "Hail Mary," or Ave Maria, so gripping. "Hail Mary, full of grace. Our Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus," comes straight from the Christmas text of Luke. It is Gabriel's announcement that Mary will give birth to the Christ child, the Son of God.

There are plenty of "divine births" in religious literature. God

(or the gods) comes down from heaven, assumes physical form, has intercourse with some fair maiden, and the resulting pregnancy is a mix of the human and divine – demigods – we call them. This is a common narrative, and is especially true of the Greeks.

Greek mythology is filled with tales of classic heroes who claimed paternity from the gods, but were birthed by human mothers (Theseus, Perseus, and Heracles to name a few). In most cases the divine father is Zeus who was nothing short of a cosmic philanderer with children scattered all over the Mediterranean and Mount Olympus.

This is not the nature of Mary's pregnancy. What happens with her is unique in literature and in religion. That God's spirit would come upon her – reminiscent of God's Spirit moving across the waters in the primal act of creation – is a Jewish concept with its own flavor. And it has given Christianity the virgin birth.

Yet, Luke puts little emphasis on Mary's celibacy, hardly any at

all. Luke's emphasis is on Mary's compliance to God's will. Mary's response to her miraculous motherhood is profound; it is an act of complete surrender, as she says to Gabriel, "I am God's slave. Let it be done to me according to your word." Let it be. Now, where have we heard those words before?

The song "Let it Be" might be Paul McCartney's finest work. He wrote at a difficult time: The Beatles were on the skids, individually they were suffering from their success, and Paul was a mess. He was lost, drunk, and confused. He began to feel this wrenching misery, longing for the comfort of his mother – her name was Mary – who had died when he was fourteen.

It was during this time that Paul's mother came to him in a dream, he says. And she said to him, most supportive, "Paul, let it be." McCartney awoke, went to the piano, and wrote the now classic song: "When I find myself in times of trouble, Mother Mary comes to me; Speaking words of wisdom, let it be... There will be an an-

swer, let it be." When Mary – the mother of Jesus, not the mother of Paul – said, "Let it be," she wasn't despairing of life. She was willingly receiving the way of God for her life. She was admitting that her designs for living would be set aside so that God's design for her life would come to fruition in and through her.

Hers, like Paul's, was a song of surrender, not of apathy or hopelessness. It was a song of submission to a higher and better way. Now, this sounds like losing, like we are giving up, but we lose nothing. We gain everything.

By accepting how the world actually is, accepting who we really are, and accepting what God wants for us, we move forward with peace. We collapse into the strength and will of the Almighty. "Let it be." To confess such a thing is to indeed be full of grace.

Ronnie McBrayer is a syndicated columnist, pastor, and author. His newest book is "The Gospel According to Waffle House." You can read more at www.ronniemcbrayer.me.

Leaving The City Of Regret

LARRY HARP

I had not really planned on taking a trip this time of year, and yet I found myself packing rather hurriedly. This trip was going to be unpleasant. I'm talking about my annual "Guilt Trip."

I got my tickets to fly there on Wish I Had airlines. It was an extremely short flight. I got my baggage, which I could not check. I chose to carry it myself all the way. It was weighted down with a thousand memories of what might have been. No one greeted me as I entered the terminal to the Regret City International Airport.

As I checked into the Last Resort Hotel, I noticed that they would be hosting the year's most important event, the Annual Pity Party. I wasn't going to miss that great social occasion. Many of the towns leading citizens would be there.

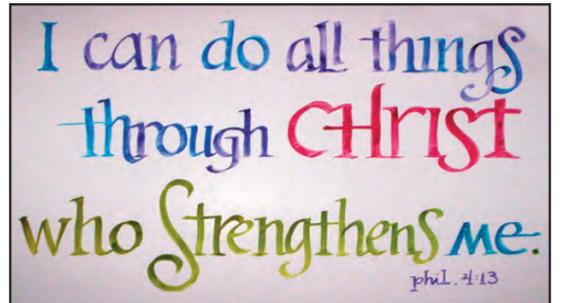
First, there would be the Done Family, you know, Should Have, Would Have and Could Have. Then came the I Had family. You probably know of Wish and his clan. Of course, the Opportunities would be present, Missed and Lost. The biggest family would be the Yesterday's. There are far too many of them to count, but each one would have a very sad story to share.

Then Shattered Dreams would surely make the appearance. And It's Their Fault would regale us with stories (excuses) about how things had failed in his life, and each story would be loudly applauded by Don't Blame Me and I Couldn't Help It.

Well, to make a long story short, I went to this depressing party knowing that there would be no

real benefit in doing so. And, as usual, I became very depressed. But as I thought about all of the stories of failures brought back from the past, it occurred to me that all of this trip and subsequent "pity party" could be cancelled by ME! One thing kept going through my mind, I CAN'T CHANGE YESTERDAY, BUT I DO HAVE THE POWER TO MAKE TODAY A WONDERFUL DAY. I can be happy, joyous fulfilled, encouraged, as well as encouraging. Knowing this, I left the City of Regret immediately and left no forwarding address. Am I sorry for mistakes I've made in the past? YES! But there is no physical way to undo them.

So, if you're plan on a trip back to the City of Regret, please cancel all your reservations now. Instead, take a trip to a place called, Starting Again. I liked it so much that I have now taken up permanent residence there. My neighbors, the I Forgive Myselfs and the New Starters are so very helpful. God bless you in finding this great town. If you can find it -- it's in your own heart -- please look me up. I live on I Can Do It street.



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Back in February, we listed BIG changes that Porch de Salomon would undergo in 2013. Now, we report again, at year's end, that:

- God has been faithful, with his grace and provision, toward PdS

- Many folks have been generous to Porch de Salomon, with the gifts of their time, talents, and treasures, as faithful stewards of their resources

- We have offered hospitality to, and served, many. We have also done our best to be faithful stewards of the resources and opportunities that have come our way.

Because of this, the changes we listed have turned out very well, God be praised:

1. Will and Amber Deeds' family has become an integral part of Porch de Salomon. They have been a blessing to our ministry and the Panajachel community (check out their blog at deedsville.org)

2. Noe had a great first year as our Humanitarian Relief Director. He oversaw 18 short-term teams; their work has included nine new house builds, medical/dental clinics, Bible schools and more. Additionally, with the help of Nik, Sindy, Mirna, Betty and others, he manages our 52-week-a-year humanitarian relief efforts. He is a natural speaker "on his feet" and always brings a positive, witty attitude to bear.

3. The purchase of our first ministry facility, smack dab in Pana's Zona Viva, has worked out very well. Solomon's Porch / Hotel California is a very visible part of our town's vibe. The opportunities to extend hospitality abound! Our Sunday worship gatherings there are often "standing room only."

We thank our Jefferson County "home-folks" for your support in '13.

We invite you to review our year-end PorchTalk mission newsletter at <http://porchdesalomon.org/newsletters/>

Dec13PorchTalk.pdf for more photos, stories and high-impact, tax-deductible giving opportunities (including school scholarships).

Melanie and I will

be stateside Dec. 11—Jan. 30 for our holiday furlough/promo and would love to connect with you! dlloydmonroe@gmail.com or 850-688-2076.

Lloyd and
Melanie Monroe



A new friend is thrilled to meet FUMC Monticello's Ann Hatcher in November.



Catarino and Santos new twins are growing with help from the PdS' formula program



Our new friend, Malcom (in the middle) from Chile joins team CTS Lutheran's roof-top work.

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Pastor George L. Smith
Sunday

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Praise & Worship.....10:30 AM
TeamKID—ages 3 years—5th grade.....5:00 PM
CSI: Youth—Grades 6-12.....6:00 PM
Praise & Worship.....6:00 PM
Adult Choir.....7:05 PM

Wednesday

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

Thursdays

Glory Girls Fitness.....10:00 AM
1st & 3rd Monday
Mighty Monday—Ladies Bible Study.....6:00 PM
2nd Thursday
Lloyd Silver Saints—Senior Adult.....11:00 AM
3rd Thursday

W W Diners.....5:30 PM
Widows/Widowers outing
3rd Saturday

Brotherhood.....8:00 AM

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

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Interim Pastors

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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

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

TRANSFORMING LIFE CHURCH ASSEMBLY OF GOD

1206 Springfield Road • Lloyd • 997-TLC7 (8527)
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www.TransformingLifeChurch.com

Sunday..... 10:30 AM
Sunday Morning Praise and Worship
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Wednesday.....7:00 PM
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Adult & Teen Bible Study
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Pastor Clay Stephens

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Wednesday Evening
Supper.....5:30 PM
Small Group Breakout.....6:30 PM
Bible Study & Prayer Meeting.....6:30 PM
Saturday
Spanish Church Services.....7:30 PM

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Wacissa • 997-2179 or 997-1769
Pastor James Gamble

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

First Corinthian Church

955 Lemon St., Monticello, Florida
850-445-0076
sonnyjohnjr@aol.com

Reverend John Jones, Pastor

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

SCHOOL



JES 2013-2014 Spelling Bee Contestants

Jefferson Elementary Holds 2013-2014 School-Wide Spelling Bee

NANCY WHITTY
Jefferson Elementary 4th-6th grade students have been competing on who is the best speller!

It began by each classroom holding a spelling bee to produce a winner to participate in a grade level bee. Each grade level then held a bee to determine which students would represent their grade in the school-wide competition.

On Tuesday, Dec. 10t, the students in grades four through six sat respectfully as the nine grade level contestants competed in the school-wide competition. Words such as: qualms, asy-

lum, and mammalian stumped some of the contestants. However, Ariyanna Ellison (6th grade), won first place with the word "permafrost". A big smile came across her face as her peers cheered and applauded her accomplishment.

The staff at JES would like to thank our students for taking their time to learn 450 words ranging in levels of difficulty, and their parents for helping them practice.

Congratulations goes out to our school-wide winners were First Place, Ariyanna Ellison (6th grade), Second Place, Monica Campos (5th Grade), and Third Place, Ja'mariya

Young (5th grade).

We would also like to honor our other participants which include: Wilber Gabriel (4th grade), Jalisa Jones (4th Grade), Samaria Ziegler (4th Grade), Orlando Ramirez (5th Grade), Ny'Queria Alexander (6th Grade), and Wanda Gabriel (6th Grade).

All of our contestants will participate in the District-wide spelling, January 14, 7:00 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church in Family Life Center. Please mark your calendars and come out and support our students as they strive for excellence!

Wheeler Wins ACA Spelling Bee



Aucilla Christian Academy awarded trophies to their top spelling bee winners. Pictured left to right: 1st place, Ria Wheeler; 2nd place, Joey Davis; and 3rd place, Ryals Lee.

Aucilla Christian Academy (ACA) recently held their annual school-wide spelling bee for fourth through eighth grade students. Ria Wheeler, an eighth grader, won the spelling bee. Coming in second place was Joey Davis, a fifth grader, and in third place, Ryals Lee, an eighth grader.

"It's wonderful to have such enthusiastic students who love to spell and are willing to use their God-given abilities to do their very best for him," said ACA Principal Richard Finlayson. "All the students worked very hard in this contest,

and we couldn't be more proud of them."

ACA students in the school-wide spelling bee will advance to the Jefferson County Spelling Bee in January.

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NFCC Public Safety Academy Enrolling Now

New Correctional Officer Basic Recruit, Cross-Over And Dual Certification Classes Begin Jan. 21

The Public Safety Academy at North Florida Community College is now accepting students for its Correctional Basic Recruit and Correctional Cross-Over to Law Enforcement programs.

New classes are set to begin Jan. 21, 2014. Those interested in enrolling in upcoming classes are encouraged to contact the Public Safety Academy in early January (as soon as possible) to begin the application and enrollment process. Please note: the NFCC campus will be closed for its winter break holiday Dec. 19-Jan. 3; campus reopens Monday, Jan. 6.

Students can complete the Correctional Basic Recruit program in about five months (420 Clock Hours); the Cross-Over to Law En-

forcement program in approximately seven months (489 Clock Hours); or get a Combined Corrections and Law Enforcement Basic Dual Certification in just over a year (909 Clock Hours or 13 Months). Classes are held Monday through Thursday from 6-11 p.m. at the NFCC Public Safety Academy complex on the NFCC campus in Madison, Fl.

Individuals must be at least 18-years-old to enter NFCC's Law Enforcement and Correctional Basic Recruit programs and must pass the Florida Criminal Justice Basic Abilities Test (CJBAT) before submitting an application for admission. The CJBAT can be taken on the NFCC campus. Official high school/GED diploma and transcripts and passing background

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The NFCC Public Safety Academy is one of 40 criminal justice training centers approved by the Florida Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission (CJSTC) to train basic recruits in law enforcement, corrections, recertification programs, and continuing workforce education. NFCC's Correctional and Law Enforcement Basic Recruit programs prepare students for the certification exams required for all Florida officers.

For more information, contact Gail Hackle, at (850) 973-1617 or hackleg@nfcc.edu. Information is also available at www.nfcc.edu/public-safety.



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SPORTS

Tigers Fall To Melody Christian

FRAN HUNT
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The Jefferson Varsity Tigers faced off against Melody Christian on December 3, and the Tigers were downed for a 62-50 loss, to now stand 0-4 on the season.

As a team, the Tigers sunk six out of 10 attempts from the three-point zone, 12 out of 32 attempts from the field, and eight out of 16 from the free-throw line for 50 points.

They had nine offensive and 24 defensive rebounds for a total of 33 rebounds, with seven assists, six steals, 22 turnovers, four blocked shots, 20 personal fouls, and one technical foul.

John Burns targeted two of two attempts from the three-point zone, and hit one of four attempts from the field for eight points. He had two offensive and four defensive rebounds for a total of six rebounds, with two assists, one turnover, and five personal fouls.

Leo Russell netted one of three attempts from the field for three points. He had one offensive and three defensive rebounds for a total of four rebounds, with one assist, three turnovers, and two personal fouls.

Keondrae Parker bucketed four of seven attempts from the field, and three of seven attempts from the free-

throw line for 11 points. He had two offensive and five defensive rebounds for a total of seven rebounds, with one assist, two steals, three turnovers, two blocked shots, and three personal fouls.

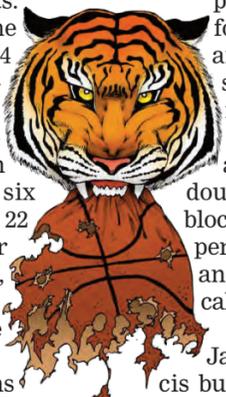
Lascelles Dykes missed two attempts from the field. He also had two defensive rebounds.

Willie Harris netted four of eight attempts from the field, and three of five attempts from the free-throw line for 11 points. He had four offensive and six defensive rebounds for a total of 10 rebounds and a double-double, with two blocked shots, five personal fouls, and one technical foul.

Jayshawn Francis bucketed two of three attempts from the three-point zone for six points.

Terrance White missed two attempts from the three-point zone, hit one of six attempts from the field, and two of four attempts from the free-throw line for four points. He had four defensive rebounds, two assists, two steals, eight turnovers, and three personal fouls.

Tarlon Jackson bucketed two of three attempts from the three-point zone, and one of two attempts from the field for eight points. He had one assist, two steals, seven turnovers, and two personal fouls.



Tigers Maul Branford

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The Jefferson Varsity Tigers manned the hardwood against Branford on December 5, and the Tigers mauled their opponent for a 61-42 victory, to now stand 1-4 on the season.

Branford led the first half of the game, outscoring Jefferson 7-6 in the first quarter, and tying the third quarter 13-13. The Tigers came back in the third quarter and outscored Branford 21-12, and taking the fourth quarter 21-10 for the win.

As a team, the Tigers bucketed five of nine attempts from the three-point zone, netted 16 of 43 attempts from the field and netted 12

of 18 attempts from the free-throw line for 61 points. The had seven offensive and 25 defensive rebounds for a total of 32 rebounds, with six assists, six steals, nine turnovers, two deflections, and 17 personal fouls.

John Burns missed two attempts from the three-point zone and hit two of four attempts from the field for four points. He had two offensive and six defensive rebounds for a total of eight rebounds with two steals, one turnover and five personal fouls.

Leo Russell missed two attempts from the field, and had one turnover.

Keondrae Parker hit one of four attempts from the field, and one of two attempts from

the free-throw line for three points. He had one offensive and three defensive rebounds for a total of four rebounds, with one assist, one steal, one turnover, and three personal fouls.

Robert Nealy targeted three of four attempts from the three-point zone, six of 11 attempts from the field, and three of five attempts from the free-throw line for 24 points. He had one offensive and one defensive rebound for a total of two rebounds, with four assists, two steals, two turnovers, two deflections, and four personal fouls. He was named the player of the game.

Willie Harris bucketed four of 10 attempts from the field, and five of five attempts from

the free-throw line for 13 points. He had two offensive and 12 defensive rebounds for a total of 14 rebounds and a double-double, with two turnovers, and two personal fouls.

Ronzo Wade missed two attempts from the field, and one attempt from the free-throw line.

Brandon Bradley missed one attempt from the field.

Tarlon Jackson netted one of one attempt from the three-point zone, missed two attempts from the field, and netted three of five attempts from the free-throw line for six points. He had one offensive and three defensive rebounds for a total of four rebounds, with one assist, one steal, and one turnover.

Warrior Stats Mount

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With nine games under their belts, the individual statistics for the Aucilla Christian Academy varsity Warriors have begun to mount.

Leading the way on the scoreboard is Ricky Finlayson with 84 points, which averages 9.3 points per game. He had 13 rebounds, an average of 1.4 per game, seven assists, an average of 0.8 per game, and 10 steals, an average of 1.1 per game.

Shawn Blue had 59 points, which averages 6.6 points per game. He had 30 rebounds, an average of 3.3 per game, he leads the way in assists, with 20, an average of 2.2 per game, and he leads the Warriors in steals, with 23, an average of 2.6 per game.

Braden Mattingly had 52 points, which averages 5.8 points per game. He had 42 rebounds, an average of 4.7 per game, with 12 assists, an average of 1.4 per game, and 20 steals, an average of 2.2 per game.

Casey Demott had 47 points, which averages 5.2 per game. He had 29 rebounds, an average of 3.2 per game, three assists, an average of 0.3 per game, and five steals, an average



of 0.6 per game.

Steven Trest had 40 points, which averages 4.4 points per game. He leads the way in rebounds with 66, an average of 7.3 per game, three assists, an average of 0.3 per game, and he had five steals, an average of 0.6 per game.

Timmy Burrus had 38 points, which averages 4.2 per game. He had 18 rebounds, an average of 2.0 per game, one assist, an average of 0.1 per game, and 14

steals, an average of 1.6 per game.

Carson Nennstiel had 24 points, which averages 2.7 per game. He had 33 rebounds, an average of 3.7 per game, 16 assists, an average of 1.8 per game, and 22 steals, an average of 2.4 per game.

Brandon Holm had 17 points, which averages 1.9 per game. He had 34 rebounds, an average of 3.8 per game, 10 assists, an average of 1.1 per game, and nine

steals, an average of one per game.

Gatlin Nennstiel had 16 points, which averages 1.8 per game. He had 12 rebounds, an average of 1.3 per game, and four steals, an average of 0.4 per game.

Zack Arceneaux had 14 points, which averages 1.6 points per game. He had 26 rebounds, an average of 2.9 per game, two assists, an average of 0.2 per game, and two steals, an average of 0.2 per game.

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SPORTS

JV Lady Warriors Win Two Of Three

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The Aucilla Christian Academy junior varsity Lady Warriors won two of the past three games on the hardwood, to now stand 5-1 on the season.

On November 21, the JV Lady Warriors hit the court against FAMU, and suffered their first loss of the season in a neck-and-neck, heartbreaking, 27-26 squeaker.

"This was a hard fought battle that went to the very end," said Coach Amanda Sapp. "My girls played with a lot of heart, but in the end we just had too many missed free-throws and lay ups."

Ramsey Sullivan led the scoreboard, targeting for 12 points.

Cali Burkett netted for three points.

Kelly Horne scored two points.

Camryn Grant-bucketed for seven points.

Dena Bishop had two points.

The JV Lady Warriors squared off against Lighthouse on November 22, and Aucilla bounced their opponent for a 33-28 victory.

Gaige Winchester bucketed for 10 points.

Cali Burkett scored four points.

Kelly Horne led the scoreboard with 12 points.

Emma Witmer netted for seven points.

The JV Lady War-

riors faced off against Lincoln on December 3, and came out on top of a 34-32 scoreboard, which went into overtime.

"In the third quarter we were down by eight points, but the girls kept fighting to eventually take us into overtime," said Coach Sapp. The victory came down to successfully netting two free-throw shots.

Gaige Winchester targeted for 10 points, one of which came from a free throw in overtime.

Cali Burkett-netted for five points.

Kelly Horne bucketed for 10 points, one of which came from a free throw in overtime.

Taylor Copeland scored nine points.

"The close game against FAMU really helped us in this game. The girls stayed calm the whole time and I felt I managed the game better as a coach," said Coach Sapp. "My girls have a lot of heart and it really showed in this game. They played the whole time as a team. I am so blessed to be their coach."

The JV Lady warriors have since played against Lafayette on December 9 and FAMU DRS on December 10. Those statistics will be forthcoming.

Action continues against Lighthouse, Lafayette, December 20 at 4 p.m., away.

Young Warriors Drop Three Of Four

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The Aucilla Christian Academy middle school Warriors dropped three of the past four games on the hardwood, to now stand 1-6 on the season.

The Young Warriors faced off against north Florida Christian on November 26 and the young Warriors lost, 30-20.

Jake Freeland targeted for eight points.

Ryan Jackson scored three points.

Joe Walton scored three points.

Timothy Finlayson netted for six points.

Aucilla hit the court against Madison Academy on December 3, and the young Warriors were tossed for a 42-27 loss.

Timothy Finlayson targeted for 13 points.

Jake Freeland netted for five points.

Ryan Jackson scored four points.

Joe Walton scored three points.

Dylan Stowers had two points.

The young Warriors squared off against RF Munroe on December 5, and Aucilla came out on top of a 39-11 scoreboard.

Timothy Finlayson targeted for 10 points.

Jake Freeland netted for eight points.

Joe Walton scored seven points.

Ryan Jackson scored six points.

Brandon Bates scored six points.

Dylan Stowers had one point.

Levi Stafford had one point.

Aucilla faced off against FAMU on December 13. Those statistics will be forthcoming.

Timothy Finlayson targeted for 10 points.

Joe Walton netted for three points.

Ryan Jackson scored two points.

Jake Freeland had two points.

The young Warriors have since played Mayo on December 9, Munroe on December 10 and wrapping up the season, North Florida Christian on December 13. Those statistics will be forthcoming.



ACA Presents JV Football Awards



Aucilla Christian Academy (ACA) recently presented their JV football Players with the end-of-season awards. Pictured left to right: Hunter Key - Offensive Skill Award; Joe Hannon - MVP; and John Thomas Walker - Line-man of Year Award.

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LEGALS

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

Case No.: 33-2012-CA-000236
Section:

CITIMORTGAGE, INC.
Plaintiff,

v.
DAVID A. MEDIATE; MELANIE F. MEDIATE; ANNI WICHMANN;
ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH,
UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DE-
FENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE,
WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST
AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER
CLAIMANTS; VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE INC.,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 29, 2013, entered in Civil Case No. 33-2012-CA-000236 of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Jefferson County, Florida, wherein the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash on 23rd day of January, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. at the North door of the Jefferson County Courthouse, 1 Courthouse Circle, Monticello, Florida 32344, in accordance with Chapter 45 Florida Statutes, relative to the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment, to wit:

BEGIN AT AN IRON ROD MARKING THE INTERSECTION OF THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD 149 WITH THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 5 EAST, JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 54 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE SECTION LINE, 99.77 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT, THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 35 SECONDS WEST 291.01 FEET TO AN IRON ROD, THENCE NORTH 69 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 27 SECONDS WEST 223.02 FEET TO AN IRON ROD ON THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SAID COUNTY ROAD 149, THENCE NORTH 28 DEGREES, 00 MINUTES 15 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, 237.76 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.94 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

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 60 days after the sale.

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: Susan Wilson, ADA Coordinator; 301 South Monroe Street; Tallahassee, FL 32301; 850.577.4401; at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

Dated at MONTICELLO, Florida this 29th day of October, 2013

By: Sherry Sears
Deputy Clerk
Kirk Reams
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
Jefferson COUNTY, FLORIDA

12/11,18/2013

NEPA/S106 PUBLIC NOTICE

Cellco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless is proposing to build a 195' self-support in the vicinity of Ashville Highway (CR 146), approximately 600 ft southeast of the intersection with Gum Swamp Road, in Greenville, Jefferson County, FL, 32331. Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30-days from the date of this publication to Virginia Janssen, Principal Archaeologist, Dynamic Environmental Associates, Inc., 3850 Lake Street, Suite C, Macon, GA 31204, (877) 968-4787, Sec106@DynamicEnvironmental.com. Re: 21311009.

12/18/2013

NOTICE OF GATHERING OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Two or more members of the Monticello City Council may be present at a City Employee Christmas Luncheon on December 20, 2013 at noon at the City Barn, 1220 Mamie Scott Drive, Monticello, Florida 32344.

12/18/2013

LEGAL NOTICE

JEFFERSON HAS BEEN AWARDED FEDERAL FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS)/FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY UNDER THE EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER NATIONAL BOARD PROGRAM.

Each jurisdiction has been chosen to receive the following award to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the Big Bend Area.

JEFFERSON.....\$ 20,801

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the U. S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency management Agency and consists of representatives from American Red Cross; Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA; The Jewish Federations of North America, the Salvation Army; and, United Way Worldwide. The Local Board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local organizations chosen to receive funds must: 1) be private, voluntary non-profits or units of government, 2) be eligible to receive Federal funds, 3) have an accounting system, 4) practice non-discrimination, 5) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and 6) if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying organizations are urged to apply.

Application and requirement information will be available beginning 12/11/13 by email request to carons@refugehouse.com. For funding consideration, applications must be submitted electronically to carons@refugehouse.com by the deadline below. The application deadline is 01/03/14. For questions please call (850)922-6062. 12/18/2013

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-04

A RESOLUTION MODIFYING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE MEMBER RESIDENCE DISTRICTS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA.

WHEREAS, Florida Statute 1001.36 requires that each county in the State of Florida shall be divided into at least five (5) school board districts, which shall, as nearly as practicable, be equal in population; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County School Board, by prior resolution established and designated Districts 1 through 5 with specific legal descriptions of said member residence areas described in the exhibits attached to said Resolution and recorded in the public records of Jefferson County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statute 1001.36 provides that the school board of any district may make any change which it deems necessary in the boundaries of any school board member residence area of the district at any meeting of the school board in odd numbered years; and

WHEREAS, the United States Census Bureau completed the 2010 decennial census in 2011, which census reflects moderate changes in district population and which necessitates a modification of district boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of Jefferson County, Florida, desires to modify the boundaries of School Board Member residence areas to better equalize the population in each district and to conform to the modified residence areas for the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Board has engaged in an open and transparent redistricting process, which has included holding publicly noticed meetings on October 22, 2013, October 29, 2013 and November 18, 2013, and two workshops with the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners on August 20, 2013 and November 4, 2013, for the purpose of informing and receiving input from the public concerning the redistricting process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Jefferson County, Florida, as follows:

1. That, in accordance with Article VI, Section 4, Florida Constitution, and Section 1001.36, Florida Statutes, the entire area of Jefferson County shall continue to be composed of five (5) School Board Member residence districts to be designated as Districts 1 through 5 as set forth in the map attached hereto as Exhibit A, and the legal description attached hereto as Exhibit B; Exhibits A and B are hereby incorporated by reference.
2. That the School Board Member residence districts conform with the modified residence areas for the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners, which residence areas correspond with the population change.
3. That this Resolution shall be included in the minutes of the School Board's December 9, 2013 meeting, and the Superintendent is hereby directed to record said Resolution in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, in accordance with Section 1001.36, Florida Statutes.
4. That the Superintendent is directed to publish this Resolution in the Monticello News at least once within thirty (30) days after the adoption of the Resolution as provided in Section 1001.36, Florida Statutes (2013).
5. That the Superintendent is further directed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Florida Department of State, pursuant to Section 1001.36, Florida Statutes (2013).
6. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the Board and shall supersede the described boundaries established in all prior resolutions.

Upon motion of Larry Halsey and second by Charles Boland, the foregoing Resolution was adopted in open session of the School Board of Jefferson County, Florida as reflected by the following vote:

Chairperson Phil Barker	<u>Y</u>
Vice Chair Sandra Saunders	<u>N</u>
Board Member Shirley Washington	<u>N</u>
Board Member Lawrence Halsey	<u>Y</u>
Board Member Charles Boland	<u>Y</u>

at Monticello, Florida, on this 9th day of December, 2013.

Phil Barker
Phil Barker, Chairperson

Attested:
Al Cooksey
Al Cooksey, Superintendent

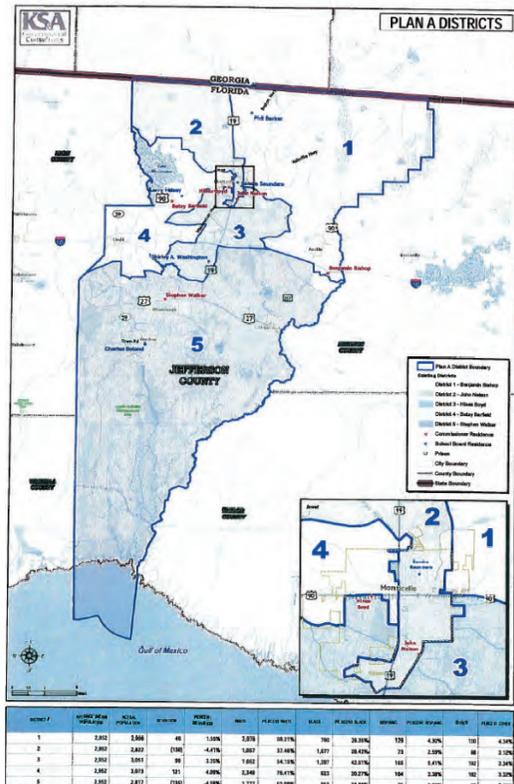
Approved as to Legal Form and Sufficiency:
Opal McKinney-Williams
Opal McKinney-Williams, School Board Attorney
Ausley & McMullen

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

I, the undersigned authority, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the instrument presented to me by Al Cooksey, Superintendent, and Phil Barker, Chairperson of the School Board of Jefferson County, Florida, as the original of such instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 9th day of December, 2013.

(SEAL) Debra Lingle
Debra Lingle
Notary Public



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AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

Dressed For Christmas



ECB Publishing Photo By Debbie Snapp, December 13, 2013.
Rosie enjoys dressing for the holidays.

2000 Bibles In Two Weeks



Chris Kirkendoll was guest speaker for the Wednesday, December 11 noon meeting of the Monticello Kiwanis. He spoke to the group about his various mission trips to Thailand with his church family, and their task with giving away 2,000 bibles in just two weeks.

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CITY OF MONTICELLO HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Monticello City Hall will be closed on the following days:

December 24th
December 25th
January 1st

There will be no city garbage pickup or recycling on those days.

Service Of Remembrance

DEBBIE SNAPP
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

Big Bend Hospice held its Service of Remembrance on Tuesday, December 3 at the Christ Episcopal Church in Monticello, hosted by the Jefferson County Advisory Council.

The evening began with a call to worship and invocation by Chaplain Len Dodson, and a welcome by Rev. Jim May. Mandy Self sang a musical meditation 'Wish You Were Here,' (it never rains and no one complains.)

Helen Braswell followed with a reading and Rev. Wayne Cook offered a prayer. Melissa Hasel played musical meditation and sang 'All That We Love Deeply' before Lee Condon spoke in memory of her mother and friend Betty Condon. She was introduced by Rev. Andy Creel, and called the Hospice family her 'Angels of Mercy.'

Dr. Lettie White led the lighting of the candle of GRIEF. "Grief is an expression of love," noted Rev. Creel.

Liz Kamphausen

led the lighting of the candle of HOPE. Earlene Knight led in the lighting of the candles of REMEMBRANCE. "Death ends a life but it doesn't end that person," noted Earlene Knight.

Music Therapist Melissa Hasel again played, this time it was 'Forever A Candle.' Rev. Andy Creel offered words of hope saying, "All that we love becomes a part of us."

Barbara Moody thanked the quiet and solemn and gave closing words to the fami-

lies of the loved ones now gone in body. Rev. James May Jr., pastor and director of Christ Episcopal Church led the benediction.

Most of the guests stayed to enjoy refreshments and visit with neighbors and their Hospice friends.

Big Bend Hospice is located in Monticello at 205 North Mulberry Street. For information about its services, contact Community Coordinator Michele Brantley at 850-566-7491 or micheleb@bigbendhospice.org.



ECB Publishing Photos By Debbie Snapp, December 3, 2013.
Mandy Self sang a musical medication during the Tuesday evening Service of Remembrance, hosted by Big Bend Hospice.



ECB Publishing Photos By Debbie Snapp, December 3, 2013.
Rev. Andy Creel and Big Bend Hospice Community Coordinator Michele Brantley light candles of REMEMBRANCE for the guests on Tuesday evening.



ECB Publishing Photos By Debbie Snapp, December 3, 2013.
Music Therapist Melissa Hasel sang and played guitar during the Big Bend Hospice Service of Remembrance on Tuesday evening.