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## Funding Issues Curtailing Mosquito Control Season

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With spring already here and the mosquito season typically arriving jointly, the Jefferson County Mosquito Control (JCMC) last week released its service schedule for the current year, along with its operations report for the last year.

JCMC Director Mark Positano, an environmental specialist III with the Florida De-

partment of Health (FDOH) for Jefferson and Madison counties, emailed the information to the *Monticello News* on Wednesday, March 19.

“This season we plan to provide larvacide and fish service April through September,” Positano wrote in the email, adding the caveat that given no storm events or equipment failures, “this should provide a reasonable level of service.”

All the same, the



schedule represents a shortened spray season (typically the season has been April through October) — the shorter

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## The Controversial Oak

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The oak at the southwest of the Courthouse Circle is the center of a long debate of historical proportions: was it the hanging tree or the meeting tree?

The meeting tree side is lead by a group of local historians; the hanging tree side is led by professional ghost tracker, Betty Davis.

Davis asserts her argument in broad terms, writing: “According to the Florida Department of Correction hangings took place in the yards of county courthouses. Public hangings were seen as a good moral lesson for children and townspeople. These public spectacles of death often took on a festival type atmosphere, as families attended with picnic baskets in hand, vendors sold souvenirs, and photographers took multiple photographs of the event, many of which would end up on penny post-cards.”

Her argument continues to assert that the use of a gallows did not become commonplace until the 1870’s. “Prior to that,” she writes, “most were hanged from the branch of a tree. More commonly



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the gallows was ‘a stout tree adjunct to the county court houses.’” She goes on to say that according to an unnamed document in the Jefferson County Archives, “most of these oaks ‘save one great spreading tree to the south’ were lost when the 1841 courthouse was replaced with the present-day courthouse in 1909.” Lastly, she states the

dates and names of the first and last hangings in Jefferson County—Stephen Yeomans in 1846 and M.L. Thomas of 1908.

Her argument does prove that hangings did happen in Florida and in Jefferson County. Unfortunately, she offers no evidence that the particular tree that is left is indeed the hanging tree. Even if it were an oak by the

courthouse, it could easily have been one of the oaks that were lost.

The worst of the historians’ arguments says that a tree was never used, only gallows. The best states that the tree no longer stands. In summary that argument is as follows: roughly where Rancho Grande stands now was the old jail. A tree had been used for public hangings, but

they were not done at the courthouse—they were done close by to the jail. According to this argument, the tree stood where the cell phone tower now stands behind the Rancho Grande restaurant.

Historians scoff at the county courthouse tree being a hanging tree, because it did not happen that the ac-

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## Congressional Happenings During Week Of March 17

Following are noteworthy Congressional happenings during the week of March 17-21, as reported by the NWYC Congressional Review & Preview Report.

**Jobless Aid:** A bipartisan group of senators reached agreement on a five-month extension of expanded jobless aid that appears to be headed toward passage later this month.

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## Rain Plentiful During February

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Rainfall was plentiful across the Suwannee River Water Management District (SRWMD) during February, according to the agency’s latest hydrologic conditions report.

The report indicates that the region received 4.88 inches of rain during the month.

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## Proclamations Highlight Water Conservation & Teen Drinking

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The Jefferson County Commission last week approved two proclamations that separately recognized the importance of water conservation and parental involvement, insofar as influencing teenage children not to drink alcohol in the latter case.

The first proclamation declares April as Water Conservation Month, in effect underscoring the recognition that clean, safe and sustainable water resources and supplies

are vital to the economy, environment and residents of Jefferson County.

The proclamation notes the combined efforts of the state, water management districts and county to increase water conservation awareness, particularly in April, a typically dry month when water demands are most acute.

Which explains the state and county choosing April as *Water Conservation Month* as a way of educating citizens about the importance of saving precious water resources.

States the procla-

mation in part: “Whereas Jefferson County is committed to setting a good example for its citizens regarding water conservation; and Whereas every business, industry, school and citizen can make a difference when it comes to conserving water; Now, Therefore, The Board of County Commissioners of Jefferson County, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 2014, as Water Conservation Month and urge all residents and businesses to help protect our precious water resources by practicing water saving measures.”

The second proclamation underscores the importance of parents talking with their teens about alcohol and the dangers of its consumption. The measure takes note that high school students who use alcohol or other substances are five times more likely to drop out of school or believe that good grades are unimportant. Teen alcohol use, moreover, annually kills 4,700 people — more than all other illegal drugs combined. States the proclamation in part: “Whereas the majority of kids

say their parents are their primary influence when it comes to decisions about drinking alcohol; and Whereas *PowerTalk 21® Day* is established on April 21, 2014, to encourage parents and caregivers to embrace their important role in influencing America’s youth and their decisions about drinking alcohol; Now, Therefore, do we, Board of County Commissioners of Jefferson County, proclaim Monday, April 21st to be: *PowerTalk 21® Day* in Jefferson County.”

As part of the planned activities dur-

ing the designated day, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) will kick off “21 Days in Support of 21” (April 1-21) as a way to initiate “a sustained and prolonged national conversation about underage drinking.”

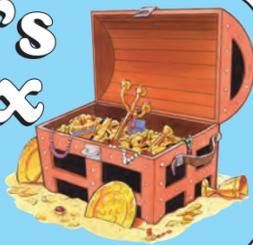
Additionally, in order to better prepare parents to speak to their teens about alcohol, MADD of Northwest Florida on April 21 will offer a free community parent workshop to give parents the tools to talk to their teens about alcohol. The proclamation does not give the time or place of the workshop.

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# Emerald's Gem Box

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## Searching For Ambrosia

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Guest Columnist

## 10 Things God Won't Ask You

1...God won't ask what kind of car you drove, He'll ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.  
2...God won't ask the square footage of your house, He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home.  
3...God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet, He'll ask how many you helped to clothe.  
4...God won't ask

what your highest salary was, He'll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it.  
5...God won't ask what your job title was, He'll ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.  
6...God won't ask how many friends you had, He'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.  
7...God won't ask in what neighborhood you lived, He'll ask how you treated your neigh-

bors.  
8...God won't ask about the color of your skin, He'll ask about the content of your character.  
9...God won't ask why it took you so long to seek Salvation, He'll lovingly take you to your mansion in heaven, and not to the gates of Hell.  
10...God won't ask you how other people treated you, He'll ask you how you treated other people.

## Devine Deviled Eggs



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Caper Deviled Eggs

ROSE KLEIN  
ECB Publishing, Inc.

Easter is next month and with that holiday comes Easter eggs. While I know there is still plenty of time to plan for egg dying, I happen to be thinking of it because I have a refrigerator full of fresh eggs, given to me by several chicken-raising friends, generous enough to share their abundance with me.

Deviled eggs are one of the easiest things I can think to make when I have a good supply of eggs and are usually welcomed where groups of people come together. Not only are they tasty but they are easy to serve, and

eat as a finger food. You can also get creative when making deviled eggs because you can add almost any of your favorite ingredients to personalize the eggs to suit your taste.

Searching the Internet for deviled egg recipes, I came across a site completely devoted to the crowd-pleasing eggs and it contained recipes using ingredients I had never even thought of mixing in my yolks. After scanning the numerous recipes, I chose a simple one that called for ingredients I already had in my kitchen.

That is another great thing about making deviled eggs; you can use what you have

on hand and produce a great flavor without making a special trip to the grocery store. The recipe I made may have been simple, but I thought the flavor was exceptional. It wasn't the traditional mayonnaise and mustard combination I grew up eating, and love, but used butter and capers, which gave the eggs a mild, smooth flavor, allowing the yolks to shine.

The next time you find yourself with an abundance of eggs, whether it be from a friend, colorful eggs at Easter or need a good dish for potluck, you should visit the website [www.deviledegg.org](http://www.deviledegg.org), where you will find a plethora of deviled egg recipes to try. Today, I am including the recipe I used from the site.

### Caper Deviled Eggs

- 12 hard boiled eggs, peeled
- 2 tbsp. softened butter
- 4 tbsp. mayonnaise
- 3 tps. minced onion
- 4 tps. capers
- 1 tsp. caper juice
- salt and pepper to taste

Cut peeled eggs in half and place yolks in a medium bowl. Mash the yolks with a fork and add remaining ingredients. Pipe or spoon filling into the egg white halves.

Cover and refrigerate one hour before serving.

## NEWS RELEASE

### New Estimates Add \$150 Million To The General Revenue Available For The Next Budget

Already enjoying what is called a more than \$1 billion budget surplus to appropriate during the 2014 Legislative Session, lawmakers were given another \$150 million by the latest General Revenue (GR) Estimating Conference. A Budget Watch report from Florida TaxWatch for this coming fiscal year examines the latest round of estimating conferences by state economists and recommends that the Legislature still consider this a tight budget year and continue to implement cost-saving reforms such as those identified by the TaxWatch Center for Government Efficiency.

"Florida lawmakers should continue to push for opportunities to save taxpayers' hard-earned dollars during the budgeting process, even as the budget outlook is improving after

years of shortfalls brought on by the Great Recession," said Dominic M. Calabro, President and CEO of Florida TaxWatch, the independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit taxpayer research institute and government watchdog. "In order to continue on the path to financial recovery, Florida must remain prudent during its budget allocations."

FY 2014-15 GR collections are now estimated at \$27.7 billion, an increase of \$1.4 billion (5.2 percent). This marks the first time the state's GR collections are expected to exceed the \$26.8 billion collected in FY 2005-06 which was the highest amount ever. Coupled with unspent funds from the current year (\$2.2 billion), there will be almost \$30 billion in GR available for the next budget.

Though revenue collections have increased overall, most

GR sources had their estimates reduced during this week's estimating conference. The state's largest revenue source-the sales tax-showed solid growth but other categories-including real estate and insurance premium taxes-were scaled back, causing state economists to express caution.

The independent analysis notes that the projected surplus may be smaller than anticipated, because the original estimate assumed cash reserves of \$1 billion. Legislative leaders have continued to push for larger reserves, as much as \$2 billion. With at least \$500 million in tax cuts and an increase in K-12 per public school-student funding, there will not be much money remaining.

"While lawmakers will have more than enough money to fund a continuation budget, there are many factors that impact the estimate of a budget surplus and most of them have changed," said Kurt Wenner, Vice President for Tax Research. "Lawmakers should continue to examine the base budget for efficiencies and spending that may no longer be needed. Only this way will they be able to put limited funds into the areas that are important to Florida taxpayers today and tomorrow."

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## Did You Know?

The word Sheriff came from Shire Reeve. During early years of feudal rule in England, each shire had a reeve who was the law for that shire. When the term was brought to the United States it was shortened to Sheriff.

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## Funding

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spraying period one of two options discussed by the Jefferson County Commission last summer when the programs funding ran out midseason. The other discussed possibility, not completely off the table, is to fund the service by charging its registered customers an annual fee.

“The second scenario would take time to develop but may be an option in future seasons,” Positano posits, adding that it’s impossible to continue providing the same level of service as in the past, given the increased demand and the program’s limited funding.

“Adulticiding (killing adult mosquitoes) via...trucks is the bulk of our control effort, so any cost reduction will come from reducing those services,” Positano says. “The question is how to fairly go about reducing or eliminating this service.”

He notes that in the past, the assumption was always that the free service would be offered so long as the funding permitted. And since the program’s start in 1999, the funding had always proven sufficient to provide the service throughout the season, he says. In 2013, however, for the first time operations had to be suspended midway through the season because of depletion of the funding.

“The program grew to a point in 2012 where we could not provide weekly spraying on an as-needed basis to the number of customers that we now serve, which has increased beyond 1,200 residences,” Positano says. “For the 2013 season we were only able to provide reduced services in October 2012 and April through May before the funding ran out.”

The 2013 recap indicates that larval surveillance began in March and routine surveillance for adult mosquitoes began in April, utilizing CDC light traps baited with carbon dioxide (CO2) and landing rate counts in the latter case.

“Spraying as necessary began predicated on the need for control measures by these two methods of surveillance,” the report states.

The report takes note that although spray operations typically run April through October, it is not unusual for mosquitoes to appear as

early as mid March or remain as late as early December. What made 2013 unusual, according to the report, was the persistence of mosquitoes into February, a phenomenon attributed to an extremely mild winter that allowed mosquitoes to survive at low numbers throughout the year.

The report states that a noticeable mosquito population reduction was achieved with regular sprayings in October 2012 and again in April and May 2013. But then the program’s funding ran out and operations ceased before June.

The way the program works, Positano explains, surveillances are conducted to determine when and where spraying may be done, as state law sets minimum standards that must be met for the application of the pesticide. Those standards define the minimum quantity of adult mosquitoes or larvae that must be present at any one place and time to justify the use of the pesticide.

“Weather is the main driver of mosquito populations and we have a pretty good idea of just how bad mosquitoes will be from how much it rains and how warm it is,” Positano says. “We can directly measure the abundance of mosquitoes by monitoring standing water for mosquito larvae and through the use of CDC light traps baited with CO2 to trap adults.”

The JCMC, in conjunction with the FDOH and other agencies, also monitors the mosquito population for prevalence of insect-borne diseases.

“Flocks of sentinel chickens are maintained around the state, with Leon being our closest monitoring county,” Positano explains. “The chickens are tested weekly for the presence of arthropod-borne viruses such as West Nile Virus. Horses without vaccinations also serve as sentinel animals unfortunately, and results are monitored by the Florida Department of Agriculture.”

In addition to spraying via trucks to control mosquitoes, the JCMC employs larvacide in floodwaters where the insects breed and it uses larva-feeding *Gambusia* fish in permanent water bodies.

“Each method has a role to play in an integrated pest manage-

ment plan,” Positano says, adding that ideally it’s best to control mosquitoes in the larval stage when they are consolidated in the water.

The difficulty of this method arises in accessing and treating the larva in flooded areas, as the larva can mature and fly away within as little as a week.

“Accessing the many creeks that run through forested areas is not possible,” Positano says. “As these creeks dry out they leave thousands of small pond areas that would each need to be treated with larvacide.”

More familiar to the average person, he says, are the “fog trucks” that utilize ultra-low-volume (ULV) dispersal methods, “essentially putting out very low volumes of pesticide in very fine particles sufficient to kill mosquitoes over a large area cheaply and effectively.”

What’s more, this method is specific to the control of mosquitoes and leaves no residual pesticide, he says.

“This is very different to the way most pesticides are applied to a specific crop or structure where residue is desired in order to provide a barrier to pests,” Positano says.

Positano underscores that pest control is an integral part of living in Florida, much like air conditioning. The focus of mosquito control program is simply to reduce pest numbers to a manageable level for both nuisance and disease control, he says.

“We do this by concentrating our efforts in areas around where people and their pets and livestock are located,” Positano says. “...However, there is a limit to what repellent can do and since mosquitoes are abundant for at least seven months out of the year, strict avoidance is not easy to achieve.”

He emphasizes the importance of property owners emptying or turning over all containers that may hold water, as mosquitoes breed in such places. He also urges members of the public to help the department identify temporarily flooded areas that may become breeding grounds for floodwater mosquitoes.

For more information, call the Jefferson County Mosquito Control at (850) 342-0170.

## Oak

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cused went straight from the trials to the gallows. The assertion, they claim, is a bit of Hollywood slanting the historical perspective.

Unfortunately, both arguments lack firm documentation that is

relevant to Jefferson County’s hanging tree location. However documentation may exist that historians and Ghost Trackers are not aware of.

Do any readers have an ancestor’s

journal describing a hanging or other documentation that might answer this historical controversy? Send in documentation or commentary as a Letter To The Editor and weigh in.

## Congress

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The measure would resume the unemployment benefits that expired at the end of 2013 and provide retroactive payments to those whose benefits were cut off.

The five-month extension carries an estimated cost of about \$9.7 billion that would be offset by spending cuts or revenue raising measures. The new agreement provides several offsets that enjoy bipartisan support, including an extension of customs user fees through Fiscal Year 2024 and two pension-related offsets.

**SGR Repeal and Medicare Provider Payment Act - “Doc Fix”:** This House-passed bill would replace the Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) formula that determines the annual updates to payment rates for physicians’ services in Medicare. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that enacting the bill will increase direct spending by about \$138 billion over a 10-year period.

**Childcare Protection Law:** This Senate-passed measure calls for criminal background checks for all who work around children.

**Water Rights Protection Act:** Passed by the House, this bill is designed to protect private property rights from what the GOP sponsors say are recent federal overreach actions. Supporters of the bill argue it would stop the government

from taking water supplies from recreation businesses and demanding that citizens and businesses turn over their privately owned water in order to qualify for a federal permit or lease.

**Student Loans:** These White House proposed regulations would apply to for-profit colleges and come after a federal court overturned a previous like effort. The move is expected to incite a critical response from congressional Republicans who say the “gainful employment” regulations, which would withhold federal funding from for-profit colleges that are not adequately preparing students for well-paying jobs, would limit educational opportunities for students who are seeking knowledge in a desired field but are not preparing for a career.

**Measure Asks President to Enforce Law:** The House passed two measures calling for the Obama administration to enforce the laws of the land. The Faithful Execution of the Law Act and ENFORCE the Law Act of 2014 would allow legislators to take agency officials to court if the latter don’t enforce laws. The two measures’ supporters say the President has repeatedly declined to fully enforce laws, pointing to immigration, welfare, environmental and education as areas where the administration has allegedly enforced the

law selectively.

**Flood Insurance:** This Senate-passed bipartisan bill aims to protect Americans from potentially unaffordable increases in the cost of federal flood insurance. The measure would limit annual increases to no more than 18 percent. It next goes to the President for a signature.

**Military Sexual Assault Prosecutions:** Senators finished work on reforming the military’s practices for reporting and prosecuting sexual assaults within its ranks. The bill would amend the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014, requiring special victim’s counsels in sexual assault cases and forbidding the use of a defendant’s military records in defense arguments. The bill also would require evaluations of whether commanding officers have established a climate in which allegations of sexual assault are properly managed and fairly evaluated and victims can report criminal activity without fear of retaliation.

**Childcare Block Grant Reauthorization - Enzi Amendment:** Senate approved amendment requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in conjunction with Secretary of Education, to conduct a review of federal early learning and care programs and make recommendations for their streamlining.

## Rainfall

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ing February, an inch higher than the historic average of 3.87 inches, based on readings going back to 1932.

It’s reported that most counties received above average rainfall, with parts of some counties receiving up to eight inches.

Across the district, the average rainfall for the 12 months ending Feb. 28 was 5 inches higher than the long-term average of 54.63 inches. And the region’s average rainfall for the three months ending Feb. 28 was 2.8 inches higher than the long-term average of 10.66 inches.

Jefferson County received 3.94 inches, compared with the February average of 4.65 inches. The county received 52.56 inches of rainfall during the last 12 months, or 87 percent of the annual normal.

Madison County, meanwhile, received 4.22 inches, compared with the February average of 4.36 inches. Madison County received 59.03 inches dur-

ing the last 12 months, or 105 percent of the annual normal.

Rivers were high or above their long-term median for the most part. Lake levels likewise generally rose across the district, attaining levels above their long-term medians, with the exception of Waters Lake.

Groundwater levels also rose slightly in February, improving for the second month in a row.

The National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center’s (CPC) three-month outlook shows equal chances of above or below normal precipitation through May.

“Neutral El Nino/Southern Oscillation conditions are expected through the spring, with no tendency toward either El Nino (cooler and wetter) or La Nina (warmer and drier) conditions caused by Pacific Ocean temperatures,” the report states. “For the longer term, the CPC issued

an El Nino watch on March 6 giving a 50 percent chance of El Nino developing in the summer or fall. According to the National Weather Service, El Nino effects, including enhanced precipitation and severe weather in the Southeast, are strongest in the fall, winter and spring. In the summer, El Nino can reduce the formation of tropical cyclones in the Atlantic by causing increased wind shear.”

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

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

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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Wakulla County Extension Agent Sherri Kraeft delivered a dynamic program to the Monticello Rotary membership on

Friday, March 7 about bees. In her presentation she explained the biology of bees, and three major things we can do to 'bee friendly': use no pesticides in your yard, pesticides are toxic to bees; buy local honey;

support 'Bee' research. "Bees pollinate one out of three foods we eat today," she said. To learn more about Rotary and its service programs, contact President Angela Gray at angelagray@yahoo.com.

**March 26, 27**  
Cardio Fitness at **K&J's Fitness** on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 6 p.m. at the Boy Scout Eagles Nest, located at 1035 South Water Street. Bring your own workout mat and drinking water. For more information call Frazier at 850-321-2358 or Skipworth at 850-688-6286. Or email to kjsfitness@hotmail.com and follow on IG @James\_Skipworth and @Kelvin\_Frazier.  
**March 26, 27, 31**  
Adult Dance Fitness at MADCo Studio at 7:30 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays; 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, and 7 p.m.

on Thursdays. These 45-minute classes utilize stretch and toning exercising. Contact Melanie Mays at 850-321-0036 for information.  
**March 27**  
Monticello Area Historic Preservation Association, Inc. (MAHPA) will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday in the meeting room at Christ Episcopal Church on York Street. Guest speaker will be Marc Dick, a professor at Tallahassee Community College and an expert on energy conservation in existing and new homes. He will provide suggestions on how to make homes consume less energy in this age of increasing fuel costs. The meeting is free to all who are interested and wish to attend. Membership in MAHPA is also free. To be included in future mailing lists or to ask questions about the meeting, contact Coordinators Terri and Tom Dunn at 850-997-6552.  
**March 27**  
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.  
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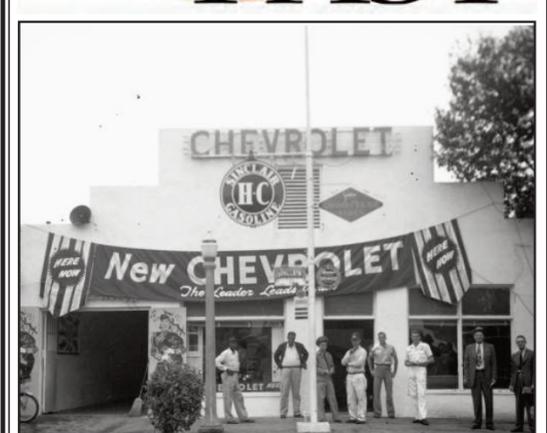
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**March 28**  
Monticello Jamboree Band will perform music for dancing every Friday at 7 p.m. at 625 South Water Street. Everyone is welcome to come dance, listen to some of the finest music, enjoy door-prizes, soft drinks, snacks, and just enjoy some fun and camaraderie with neighbors and friends. This is a nonprofit charitable event; donations are accepted. For questions or concerns, contact Bobby Connell at 850-445-0049.

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# AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

## Altrusa Sponsors Junior Leadership



ECB Publishing Photo By Debbie Snapp, February 26, 2014.

Altrusa partnered with the Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce in sponsoring the Junior Leadership Project. Pictured from left to right are: JCMHS Students Danella Potter, Estela Valdovinos, Speaker Linda Benedict, ACA Students Morgan Cline, and Monique Restrepo.

**DEBBIE SNAPP**  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

Altrusa International of Monticello/Jefferson County, Florida sponsored a daylong 'Speaker's Bureau' for the February 26 Junior Leadership, a Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce program. Service Committee Chairperson Diane Freeman and other members joined with Chamber Coordinators Penny and Julius Hackett and Justin Forehand, who made contact with Aucilla Christian Academy and Jefferson County Middle High School, and interfaced with school personnel.

Altrusa members made contact with the guest speakers, sent emails, and coordinated the 'speaker line-up schedule', and follow-up. Altrusa's goal was to partner with the Chamber and the Junior Leadership Project Coordinators to organized the Speaker's Bureau from the community's civic leaders, and leaders of non-profit organizations, to speak to the Junior Leadership partici-

pants regarding leadership skills required to direct and lead an organization. This made for an opportunity for these future community leaders to acquire basic leadership skills, and also afforded an opportunity for the leaders to impart civic responsibility to the students. They were also allotted time to practice their speaking skills on prior assigned topics.

The individual speakers spoke about the importance of leadership qualities for businesses and non-profit service projects, fundraisers, organizational skills, leadership, activities, the continued maintenance efforts of clubhouses, traits of a leader, making decisions, creativity, teamwork, persistence, integrity, honesty, and the importance to give of your time and talents to someone gaining self-satisfaction.

Speakers included Joyce Sealey, Altrusa; Denise Vogelgesang, Monticello Opera House; Kent Watson, JCMHS JROTC; John Lilly, 4H Clubs; Linda Benedict, Property Ap-



Altrusa partnered with the Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce in sponsoring the February 26, 2014 Junior Leadership Project. Pictured from left to right are: Jefferson County Teen Center and J.O.Y. Speaker Gladys Roann; JCMHS JROTC Chief Warrant Officer IV Director Kent Watson; Monticello Opera House President Denise Vogelgesang; Altrusa President and Speaker Joyce Sealey; and 4-H Clubs Extension Office Director John Lilly.

praisers Office; Angela Gray, Rotary International; and Don Condon, Kiwanis.

Mary Frances Gramling, Cottage Catering on Mulberry, prepared lunch for all the student participants, speakers, and volunteers.

This service project was quite the success and most interesting for Altrusa and the Chamber.



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Worship Service.....6:00 PM  
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Fellowship Meal.....6:30 PM  
Prayer Meeting/Bible Study.....7:00 PM

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Youth Worship (2nd Sunday).....11:00 AM  
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Prayer Meeting.....6:30 P.M.  
Bible Study.....7:00 P.M.

## Gaither Night Sunday

**DEBBIE SNAPP**  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

First Baptist Church of Lloyd is sponsoring 'Gaither Night' on Sunday, March 30, at 6 p.m.

The program will feature a variety of old gospel classics made popular by the Gaither family, and other gospel greats over the years.

In addition to the First Baptist Church of Lloyd Worship Choir, a number of guest artists will be participating in

the program, including Tom Roberts and the 'True Church Players', Fred Burns and the 'Bottom Dollar Boys', and Jill King, a gospel pianist, singer and humorist who's homespun mannerisms and joy will brighten the service.

This Sunday program will be a full evening of continuous music for all who come. So, get ready for some good music and great fellowship.

The public and neighboring church friends are invited and



encouraged to attend this awesome event. The Church is located at 124 St. Louis Street in Lloyd. Call the church office at 850-997-5309 for additional information.

## Expression Of Thanks

On behalf of Moderator Rev. Isaac Manning, Jr. and the members of Bethpage Missionary Baptist Church, we would like to thank the Monticello Community for your participation and/or support of our 'Praise and Worship Benefit Program' for Sis. Lola Hightower.

It took all of 'YOU' to make this a blessed and memorable occasion for our Sister in Christ.

We truly thank you and pray God's favor on your life. Thanks to



**Lola Hightower**

'YOU' our program was a success and our Sister was blessed beyond measures.

Sis. Evangelist James and Sis. Melissa Howard, and Moderator Rev. Isaac Manning, Jr., pastor.



Fear comes from many different sources. It can be a person or a place. Sometimes it erupts when everything seems calm and serene. Often it seems to grip us when we know we are in the center of God's will, doing God's work and

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## African American Men Conference

**DEBBIE SNAPP**  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

Evangelist, Pastor, and Prophetess Betty Hightower will render a Worship Service, assigned by the Holy Ghost, on Friday, April 4, in the Jefferson County Middle High School gymnasium, David Road.

The African American Men Conference will begin at 7 p.m. with several guest speakers bringing messages for



**Betty Hightower**  
the African American Men.

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the past while he was still a sinner? Could it be that he is afraid to ask for healing as he was going through a time of sickness?

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# CHURCH

## Greater Fellowship MBC Honored With City Presentation



Vice Mayor Gerrold Austin reads a proclamation from the City to the family of the late Rosa and Johnnie Webster during the special program at Greater Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church.

**DEBBIE SNAPP**  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

Greater Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church held a special program in February honoring

the family of the late Rosa and Johnnie Webster.

During the family recognition Vice Mayor Gerrold Austin read a proclamation from the City to the family members in attendance and the church family.

Sam Austin then presented a 'Key to the City' to the Webster family historian Rev. Anthony Namdia Webster.

The program 'Keepers of the Dream' was very well attended and well received.

# CHURCH NEWS NOTES

[debbiesnapp@embarqmail.com](mailto:debbiesnapp@embarqmail.com) or 850-997-3568

**March 23-26**  
**Olive Baptist Church**, 7369 Boston Highway, will continue its spring revival through Wednesday at 7 p.m. Bro. Ellis Cross from Arcadia will be speaking. Transportation will be provided as needed, call 850-879-4262 or 850-997-1596. Bro. David Doring, pastor.

**March 26**  
**Memorial Missionary Baptist Church** will host 'Heaven's Kitchen - Feed My Sheep', a weekly noon-day service and meal ministry, every Wednesday at 12 p.m. Rev. JB Duval and Rev. Semmeal Thomas will conduct the Bible Study and Prayer Service each week. For more information, or to make a contribution, contact Coordinator sis. Mary Madison at 850-997-4504 or 850-210-7090.

**March 27**  
**Transforming Life Church** will host Dave Ramsey's 'Financial Peace University' classes at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings. More than two million families have positively changed their financial future through this nine-week course, which provides families and individuals with practical tools to gain control of their finances and set themselves up for long-term financial success. For more information, visit the church website at

[transforminglifechurch.com](http://transforminglifechurch.com) or call the church office at 850-997-8527.

**March 27-30**  
**True Wisdom New Hope Ministries** International Development Center to host S.D. James Evangelistic Association's International Women's Auxiliary Conference beginning Thursday at 8 p.m. through Sunday. Contact Host and Pastor Vickie Rutledge at 850-504-0730 or [vision5800@yahoo.com](mailto:vision5800@yahoo.com) or Pastor Lucille Mason at 561-842-0729.

**March 28**  
**Church of the Nazarene** 'Family Skate Night' is held from 6 to 8 p.m. on the last Friday evening of every month. Light snacks and soft drinks are available. For more information contact Pastor Clay Stephens at 850-528-5451.

**March 28**  
**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.

**March 30**  
**Greater Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church** will hold a Fifth Sunday Night Gospel Sing at 6:30 p.m. All choirs, groups, soloists, and dance ministries are invited to participate in the program. Rev. Dr.

Melvin Roberts, pastor.

**March 30**  
**Memorial Missionary Baptist Church** will host its Fifth Sunday Fellowship Program at 11 a.m. on Sunday. Guest speaker will be Rev. Albert Barfield and his congregation from First Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, Valdosta, GA. For more information call 850-878-9613. Come looking for a blessing in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Sis. Teresa Duval, chairperson. Rev. James Bobby Duval, pastor

**March 30**  
**Elizabeth Baptist Church** will host a 'family movie night' on Sunday at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall. All are invited to come join for an evening of film and fun. For more information contact Rev. Robert Dennison at 850-559-5177.

**March 30**  
**First Baptist Church of Lloyd Music Ministry** will sponsor an evening of Gaither-Style music on Sunday at 6 p.m. Musicians from the Tallahassee area will be joining with the Worship Choir and instrumentalists in performing a mix of the old gospel classics made famous by Bill Gaither and artists that have performed with him over the years. Call the church office at 850-997-5309 for additional information.

**April**

**First Methodist Church** Monticello is offering to host a 'Bereavement Seminar' for those in the community who are in the darkness of loss of a loved one and would like to share with those who have walked that path of sorrow before you. Contact the church office at 850-997-5545. When a nucleus is formed, a time and date will be given. A time of fellowship will follow each meeting.

**April 2, 16**  
**First Presbyterian Church** will host EaglesWings, an outreach ministry 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](mailto:eaglewingsmonticello@yahoo.com) or [www.firstpresbyterianmonticello.org](http://www.firstpresbyterianmonticello.org).

**April 4**  
Evangelist, Pastor, and **Prophetess Betty Hightower** will render a Worship Service, assigned by the Holy Ghost, on Friday evening in the Jefferson County Middle High School gymnasium, on David Road. The African American Men Conference will begin at 7 p.m. with several guest speakers bringing messages for

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LLOYD

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**Pastor George L. Smith**

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Sunday School-Small Groups..... 9:15 AM  
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

### ST. RILLA MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

13 Barrington Road • Monticello • 850-997-8747  
**Rev. James Mack, Pastor**

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

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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

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Children's Church  
Infants & Toddler Nursery  
Wednesday.....7:00 PM  
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### CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

US 19 N 1590 N. Jefferson Street (US 19)  
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[monticellonaz@gmail.com](mailto:monticellonaz@gmail.com)  
**Pastor Clay Stephens**

- Sunday School.....9:45 AM  
Morning Worship.....10:45 AM  
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

### WACISSA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

14492 Waukeenah Hwy/ P.O. Box 411  
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**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](mailto:sonnyjohnjr@aol.com)

- Reverend John Jones, Pastor**  
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Wednesday Bible Study.....6:30 PM

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# SCHOOL

## Aucilla Christian Endowment Tops \$1 Million



possible and to Him we give all the glory.”

With the continued growth of the endowment, ACA plans to continue being good stewards by putting the investment right back into the school in all areas, including supporting its faculty and staff with improved compensation to enable ACA to retain and attract Christian educators who are dedicated to the Christian principles the school was founded on.

“Our teachers and staff are unique,” said Finlayson. “Every faculty member and administrator is expected to mentor our students by example in the way they conduct their own lives. It’s one of the greatest strengths we have developed at our school, and they continue to increase the value of our education. Supporters who contribute to the ACA endowment give more than money, they give our school a gift with eternal benefits that will affect people who spread the Good News, not just here in our surrounding areas, but around the world for generations to come.”

For more information on ACA, visit [www.aucilla.org](http://www.aucilla.org) or [www.facebook.com/auillacristianacademy](http://www.facebook.com/auillacristianacademy). To arrange a school tour or make a contribution to the endowment, contact Finlayson at (850) 997-3597.

Submitted by ACA's Office of Development

Jesus told his disciples if they had faith as small as a mustard seed, nothing would be impossible, not even moving mountains. At Aucilla Christian Academy, that statement of faith is moving, not mountains, but something greater... students. Thanks to benefactors who believe in the school's mission, ACA is reaching a greater number of students for Christ every year in the five surrounding Florida and Georgia counties it serves – Jefferson, Taylor, Madison, Leon and Brooks.

ACA was founded in 1970. In 2002, the

board of directors felt led to secure the school's future both eternally and financially by establishing an endowment fund, and now, in 2014, the endowment is just over \$1 million.

“When the endowment fund began, our vision was to reach \$1 million,” said ACA Principal Richard Finlayson. “From a worldly standpoint, it was a farfetched goal, but we had great faith that God would bless our efforts, and He has.”

Over the years, as the endowment fund has grown, ACA has been able to construct a new building and remodel existing facilities on its 57-acre campus, including a

new classroom building, walkway improvements, renovations in the historic Demott/Gerry main building, as well as advancements in technology. ACA also has been able to provide need-based scholarships to families who would otherwise not be able to afford a private education.

“It’s an exciting thing to see God moving in the lives of our students, faculty, staff and supporters,” said Finlayson. “They are the reason we are here and have surpassed our goal with the \$1 million investment we now have. This is not just an investment into education, but also into furthering God’s work. God made it all

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## School Board Recognizes Teachers



Photo courtesy of Debbie Lingle  
Superintendent Cooksey acknowledges the recent retirement of Edna Henry, the district's longtime and enthusiastic parent coordinator. The recognition took place at the March 10 School Board meeting.



Photo courtesy of Debbie Lingle  
Willie Saffo, the Teacher of the Year for Jefferson County High Middle School, is recognized at the recent School Board meeting. Pictured from left to right are Superintendent Al Cooksey, Saffo and FMB representative Jerry Boatwright. The bank typically presents a monetary gift to the honorees.



Photo courtesy of Debbie Lingle  
Lia Hill, named District Teacher of the Year, is congratulated at the School Board meeting. Hill teaches Science at the elementary school. Pictured from left to right are Superintendent Al Cooksey, Hill, Jerry Boatwright of FMB, Dr. Gwen Coverson and Nancy Whitty. Hill travels to Orlando next to represent the District in the statewide Teacher of the Year competition.

# Tobacco Cessation Program Combines Health With Faith In Jefferson County

Submitted By **Cindy Brown,**  
Florida Dept. of Health  
In Jefferson County

The Faith Based Tobacco Program in Jefferson County is a collaborative faith-based pilot project where county health departments work with local faith-based organizations to eliminate the exposure of secondhand smoke. The program tactics are through policy development, increased awareness of the Bureau of Tobacco Free Florida cessation services (three ways to quit: Call, Click or Come in), organizing Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) clubs within the participating churches, adopting policies to create tobacco-free premises or Breathe Easy Zones

and working within the community to increase awareness on point-of-sale issues in rural and low-income population communities in the county. This strategy targets underserved populations and incorporates the development of a health care ministry for sustainability purposes. The health ministers, coaches and congregation members will be invited to join the County Tobacco Free Partnership and become active members.

Along with tobacco cessation, Healthy Eating and Living education has been on going since Sept. 1, 2013 through the end of the grant period, March 31, 2014. Nutritional information on how to incorporate healthier meal choices has been given to the church members.



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**Sharita Scott, Health Educator for the faith-based tobacco cessation program in Jefferson County, is committed to helping individuals in leading a healthier life style.**

Healthy cooking classes have been offered to expose members to another choice instead of the traditional "Sunday Dinner" that includes fried chicken. Many seasoning alternatives have been substituted for the long-used bacon and fried, grease-laden meats and vegetables historically included in the "southern meal."

The African-American churches of Jefferson County are targeted in the grant and all are encouraged to join the partnership to receive valuable health education and opportunities to assist their members. These congregations have agreed to a smoke-free church grounds, created a policy to support a healthier life style by promoting smoking cessation classes and

created a policy to support healthier eating. Health Ministries have been formed in these churches to help the members understand they can make decisions to help themselves prevent illness and manage chronic diseases in a more satisfying way.

Sharita Scott, Health Educator for the Faith Based Outreach Program in Jefferson County, is committed to the success of the program. She has been with the tobacco program for four months and is constantly searching for improved methods of service to the African-American churches.

For more information, contact the Florida Department of Health in Jefferson County at (850) 342-0170.

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# SPORTS

## JV Lady Warriors Lose Three Of Four



**FRAN HUNT**  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

The Aucilla Christian Academy junior varsity Lady Warriors lost three of the past four games to now stand 3-5 on the season.

The game slated against Maclay on March 4 was rained out.

The JV Lady Warriors hit the diamond against Madison Academy on March 5, and after holding the lead for the first three innings, Aucilla fell for a 24-14 loss.

Aucilla gave up the lead in the fourth inning and could not regain it.

The JV Lady Warriors scored 14 runs on nine hits, with six walks, and four stolen bases.

On the field, Aucilla committed eight errors, with three passed balls.

Ashlyn Rogers went three for four with three singles.

Natalie Vasquez went two for three with two singles.

Cali Burkett ripped one triple.

Meagan Schofill smacked one double.

Dena Bishop had one single.

Brianna Nolan had one single.

Rogers, Nolan and Alexis Alexandrou, all served as pitchers during the game.

On March 7 the JV Lady War-

riors faced off against Hosford and Aucilla blanked their opponent for a 16-0 win.

Aucilla scored 16 runs on seven hits, with 11 walks, and two hit by pitches.

Camryn Grant had two hits. Burkett had one hit.

Bishop had one hit. Schofill had one hit.

Nolan had one hit.

Daisy Dee had one hit.

On the mound, Rogers pitched all five innings.

On March 13, the JV Lady Warriors squared off against Chiles in a rain out make-up game, and Aucilla suffered a 17-3 loss.

The JV Lady Warriors had a total of four hits.

Burkett had a single.

Rogers had a single.

Schofill had a single.

Nolan hit a double.

Serving as pitchers for the game were Rogers and Burkett.

The JV Lady Warriors faced off against Chiles on March 14 and Aucilla was slashed for a 20-3 loss.

Camryn Grant ripped one triple, and hit and one single.

Nolan had one single.

Bishop had one single.

Chiles scored their 20 runs on 10 hits, and four ACA errors.



## Lady Warriors Inch Chiles

**FRAN HUNT**  
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Staff Writer

The Aucilla Christian Academy varsity Lady Warriors hit the diamond against Chiles on March 13 and the Lady Warriors inched their opponent for a 4-3 win, to now stand 11-1 on the season.

As a team, at the plate, Aucilla had 25 plate appearances, 21 at bats, three hits, one single, two triples, three RBI's, four runs, three walks, and six strikeouts.

Whitney Stevens had two plate appearances, two at bats, and one strikeout.

Ramsey Sullivan had two plate appearances, two at bats, and one strikeout.

Kelly Horne had three plate appearances, two at bats, one hit, one triple, two RBI's, two runs, and one walk.

Courtney Watts had three plate appearances, one at bat, and one walk.

Abigail Morgan had three plate appearances, three at bats, and one strikeout.

Elizabeth High-



tower had three plate appearances, three at bats, one hit, one triple, and one RBI.

Taylor Copeland had three plate appearances, two at bats, one run, one walk, and two strikeouts.

Carly Joiner had three plate appearances, three at bats, one hit, one single, one run, and one strikeout.

On the field, the Lady Warriors had 26 total chances, five assists, 21 putouts, and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

Natalie Sorensen had two total chances, two assists, and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

Sullivan had three total chances, one assist, two putouts, and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

Horne had nine total chances, one assist, eight putouts, and a fielding percentage of

1.000. Watts had two total chances, two putouts, and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

Morgan had two total chances, two putouts, and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

Hightower had five total chances, five putouts, and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

Copeland had one total chance, one putout, and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

Joiner had two total chances, one assist, one putout, and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

On the mound, Morgan pitched five innings, giving up seven hits, two walks, three runs, all of which were earned, and striking out five batters. She was credited with the win.

Hightower pitched two innings, giving up one walk, and striking out three batters.

## Tigers And Branford Evenly Matched

**FRAN HUNT**  
ECB Publishing  
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The Jefferson County varsity Tigers faced off against Branford on February 25, and in a game that went back and forth, the score resulted in a 7-7 tie at the bottom of the sixth inning, as the game was called due to darkness.

The Tigers now stand 1-1 on the season.

As a team, at the plate, the Tigers had 28 at bats, seven runs, eight hits, four RBI's, five walks, and eight strikeouts. There were five reach on errors, one fielder's choice, one hit by pitch, two stolen bases, and one caught stealing.

Nick Matthews had four at bats, and one hit.

AP Hawkins had four at bats, and four strikeouts.

Denijaay Maxwell had two at bats, two runs, one hit, one RBI, one hit by pitch, and one walk.

Jeffrey Wayne Prevatt, Jr. had four at bats, two hits, and one reach on error.

D'Tay Ford had two at bats, two

runs, two walks, one strikeout, and one stolen base.

Ronzo Wade had three at bats, one walk, and one strikeout.

Kevon Blue had four at bats, one run, two hits, one RBI, one strikeout, one fielder's choice, and one stolen base.

Reggie Hering had three at bats, one RBI, and one strikeout.

KJ Thomas had two at bats, one run, two hits, one RBI, and one walk.

Austin Sober had one run.

On the field, Matthews, Maxwell, and Omari Sloan, each had one double play. Maxell had two double

plays.

On the mound, Prevatt pitched 3.2 innings, giving up four hits, two runs, one of which was earned, one walk, and two strikeouts. He had 30 strikes on 45 pitches, one ground out, six fly outs, and 11 first pitch strikes with 15 batters faced.

Maxwell pitched 2.1 innings, giving up five hits, five runs, one of which was earned, one walk, and four strikeouts. He had 32 strikes on 52 pitches, one ground out, and eight first pitch strikes with 17 batters faced.



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Plaintiffs,  
vs.  
ALBERT GREEN, et al.  
Defendants.

**NOTICE OF ACTION**  
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**E 1/2 of NW 1/4 Section 17, Township 1 North, Range 5 East, containing 80 acres more or less, saving and excepting state road right of way, and S A L RRR way. This is by Warranty Deed to Washington Green from James Denham dated January 1888 and of record in Deed Book T, page 524, public Records of Jefferson County, Florida**

also  
**SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 17, Township 1 North, Range 5 East, containing 36 acres more or less. This was originally 40 acres more or less and was the land deeded to Washington Green by the State of Florida in Deed Book 3, Page 32 on the 13th day of February, 1900. The 4.02 acres of land excepted from this 40 acres was the land deeded to the ACLRR by the heirs of Washington Green in Deed Book XK, Page 389, and Deed Book KK, Page 386, which except description being as follows, to-wit:**

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**FRAN HUNT**  
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**T**imothy Dwight Long, 48, of Jefferson County, was arrested March 18 and charged with two counts of violation of probation. Bond was set at \$200 and he bonded out of jail the same day.

Barbara Hagan, 48, of Monticello, was arrested March 20 and charged with disorderly intoxication. She was released on her own recognizance the following day.

Anthony Newmon, 45, of Monticello, was arrested March 20 and charged with writ of

attachment for nonpayment of child support. Bond was set at \$2,000 and he remained at the County Jail March 25.

Tonya Newton, 41, of Savannah, GA, was arrested March 20 and charged with driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol, and driving under the influence with property damage.

Dequaries Deshon Ward, 20, of Monticello, was arrested March 21 and charged with trespass on property after warning. Bond was set at \$500 and he bonded out of jail the same day.

Matthew Reagan Clark, 34, of Jefferson County, was arrested

March 21 and charged with aggravated battery. Bond was set at \$1,000 and he bonded out of jail the following day.

Dale Lee, 56, of Homestead, FL was arrested March 22 and charged with driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$500 and he bonded out of jail the following day.

J'amie S. Angarita, 37, of Lloyd, was arrested March 19 and charged with retail theft over \$300, giving false information during a felony investigation, and obstruction without violence. A total bond of \$3,000 was set and she bonded out of jail the same day.

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## Energy Saving Strategies For Our Homes

**DEBBIE SNAPP**  
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**M**onticello Area Historic Preservation Association, Inc. (MAHPA) will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 27 in the meeting room at Christ Episcopal Church on York Street.

Guest speaker will be Marc Dick, a professor at Tallahassee Community College and an expert on energy conservation in existing and new homes. He will provide suggestions on how to make homes consume less energy in this age of increasing fuel costs.

Dick is a managing partner at Earth-STEPS, LLC, providing smart technology for energy production and



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savings to residential, commercial, governmental, and institutional energy users. He provides green building certification documentation under US Green Building Council and Florida Green Building Council certification criteria for commercial and residential buildings. Residential energy ratings (HERS Ratings) for single and multi-family structures are also provided.

He has been an integral participant in the City of Tallahassee REACH program since the program began in December 2010. He has performed Quality Control assessment, and serves as a subject matter expert for training team members in the areas of safety, energy efficiency, and water efficiency measures installation. He also serves as a substitute field supervisor and field technician as needed.

The meeting is free to all who are interested and wish to attend. Membership in MAHPA is also free. To be included in future mailing lists or to ask questions about the meeting, contact Coordinators Terri and Tom Dunn at 850-997-6552.

## Girl Scouts Need Help Creating Cookbook

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**D**on't miss the chance to be part of the inaugural Girl Scouts of the Florida Panhandle Cookbook, full of taste-tempting favorite recipes from its members, family, and friends.

The recipes received to date are fantastic and there's still room for more great recipes. If you've been busy with cookie season and missed the initial deadline, don't worry... the deadline has been extended until April 1.

The cookbook will be professionally published and will contain special pages of interest, a table of

contents, an index, helpful cooking hints, and recipe category dividers. The cookbook is sure to be treasured for years to come.

You are invited to submit your favorite recipes in any of the categories including sweets, bread and breakfast items, meats, vegetables, salads, sauces, stews, and even campfire cooking. The recipes do not need to be original. Here's your chance to pass on your family favorites for all to enjoy.

An official form is provided for you to submit your entries. A separate form must be used for each recipe. Contact Irene Field at 1-800-876-9704, or go to gscfp.org and scroll to recipe deadline.



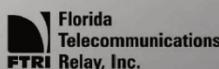
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