



AUSTERE CITY BUDGET CUTS TAXES; PLUS GIVES EMPLOYEES PAY RAISE

Balance Achieved At Expense Of Reserve Funds

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City officials are pleased to report that they were able to balance the budget for the coming fiscal year and give employees a small pay raise and lower property taxes at the same time.

To do so, however, they had to cut deeply into expenditures and borrow heavily from the reserve funds — the latter an option they won't have next time. Officials

further recognize that although it's an extremely austere budget, it's one that will bear close watching in the coming months and that may require adjusting as the new fiscal year proceeds.

City officials, specifically, were able to grant employees a three-percent across-the-board pay raise (with an additional increase for the city manager); and they were able to set the millage rate at 6.000 mills, representing a 3.98 percent decrease in

property taxes. (The millage last year was 6.1 mills).

At the same time, the city forewent the purchase of new equipment (choosing to extract a few more years out of the old equipment and trucks by refurbishing them), and choosing a health insurance plan that reduces hospitalization benefits for employees, but otherwise represents a slight cost reduction to

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DRIVER KILLED IN FIERY CRASH IDENTIFIED

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The driver who was killed in the fiery crash early Friday morning, August 19, after attempting to elude Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) during a chase, which began in Leon County, diverted through Jefferson County and ended back in Leon

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Christopher K Proctor

ROAD DEPARTMENT TO UNDERGO INTENSIVE 3RD PARTY EVALUATION

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The Jefferson County Road Department is set to undergo an intensive review of its organizational makeup and operational functions for the stated purpose of identifying its strengths and

weaknesses and possibly devising a superior model for delivery of its services.

Which is a fancy way of saying that the aim is to improve the department's efficiency and performance, possibly by privatizing or outsourcing some of its functions. But the point

that review team member Phil Calandra most emphatically emphasized was that the evaluation was in no way a witch-hunt or a fault-finding investigation, and that Road Department Superintendent David Harvey was not a target.

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Chairman Stephen Fulford raised the proposed review at the board's meeting on Thursday evening, Aug. 18, noting that the idea of having private contractors do some of the work that was beyond the department's capa-

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GREENVILLE MAN SENTENCED TO 16 MONTHS DOC

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A Greenville man who was arrested by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and slapped with possession charges and resisting

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Terrance R. Mutch

MAN ARRESTED FOR BURGLARY / GRAND THEFT

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A county man was arrested last week and charged with burglary and grand theft after stealing a bicycle and two chairs from a house.

On August 17, Deputy Paul Peebles was dispatched to Nellie's Retired Inn on State Line Road in reference to a resident at the facility, Jason Wandell Parker, 44, of Jefferson County, that had walked off.

While Deputy Peebles was en route he was advised that the subject was on Gilley Road. He went and checked both north and south Gilley Road but was unable to find the subject. The deputy then went to the facility and spoke with the nurse who reported him missing.

Upon his arrival the deputy made contact with Keith Roann and Parker. Roann told Parker to tell Deputy Peebles what he had just told him just a couple of seconds before the deputy arrived.

Parker told him that he took a bike and two chairs from a house. The deputy asked Parker if he knew where the house was and he said he did not. Deputy Peebles asked Parker if he saw the house again would he be able to recognize it and he said he would not.

Roann asked Parker where the stolen items were and Parker stated that they were in the cemetery. Roann took Parker to the cemetery and the deputy followed them. Parker walked over to an area that was grown up and showed Deputy Peebles the bicycle and chairs. The deputy asked Roann to take Parker back to the facility and he called Deputy Don Barfield to come and pick up the items.

When Deputy Barfield arrived, Deputy Peebles photographed the items and loaded them in Deputy Barfield's truck. After the items were loaded up, Deputy Peebles was advised by dispatch that a person on Fulford Road wanted to report their bicycle stolen.

Deputy Peebles noted that the location of the complaint was in close proximity to where Parker had stashed the items.

The deputies went to the Fulford Road address and made contact with the complainant, who positively identified the bicycle and chairs in Deputy Barfield's truck as his. He stated that the bicycle was in the carport and the chairs were in the unlocked room just off of the carport. He said that the bicycle

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UPGRADE OF COLLECTION SITES IN THE WORKS; RECYCLING UP

SALE OF SCRAP METAL AN ESTABLISHED PRACTICE

Photo Courtesy Of Ross Barnes

It's the hope of county officials that scenes such as this one of strewn garbage and trash at the collection sites will cease once the new procedures are put in place.

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County residents can expect to see improvements at several of the county's garbage collection sites once the new fiscal year kicks in on Oct. 1.

Solid Waste Department Director Beth Letchworth noted recently that there is money in the coming year's budget that is specifically dedicated for the upgrade of several of the collection sites and the possible relocation of two.

On a related topic,

she noted that the county routinely recycles scrap metal and has been doing so for years.

Letchworth's comments were in response to the criticism of a citizen whose frustration with the messy condition of the Fulford Road collection site prompted him to approach the *Journal* with a series of photos and to vent his frustration as a last resort.

Ross Barnes said the collection site stayed a constant mess, with garbage overflowing the containers and trash and debris strewn every-

where on the ground.

"I think it's a shame," Barnes said.

He wondered why county crews didn't clean the sites more frequently, or if they ever did?

More baffling to Barnes was why the county didn't recycle as scrap metal such "white goods" as the stoves, refrigerators and other appliances that were regularly discarded at the collection sites.

Having been in the scrap metal business for years, Barnes said he knew that scrap metal paid about \$9 or \$10 per

100 pounds. He said the county was missing an opportunity to make money and at the same time extend the life of the landfill.

"Why are they hauling the white goods to the landfill when they can haul them to the scrap yard and get paid for it?" Barnes said. "I think it's a shame they're dumping scrap metal in the landfill."

Had he tried to raise the issue with officials or the Solid Waste Department? He had mentioned it to one or

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WOMAN CHARGED IN HYDROPLANING CRASH

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A Pensacola woman was charged Monday in a hydroplaning crash that resulted in a single-vehicle crash.

The Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) reported that on Monday, August 22 at 6:10 p.m., Katrina Linette Stakely, 36, of

Pensacola, was driving a 2008 Mercury Milan traveling eastbound on I-10 at mile marker 217 at approximately 50 miles per hour, in the outside lane during a heavy rain storm. In the vehicle as a passenger was Vernard Johnathan Hairston, 38, of Winston Salem, NC.

The vehicle was crossing a bridge

and struck standing water. Stakely lost control of the vehicle and struck the bridge guardrail with the front of the vehicle, which caused the vehicle to rotate while sliding eastward.

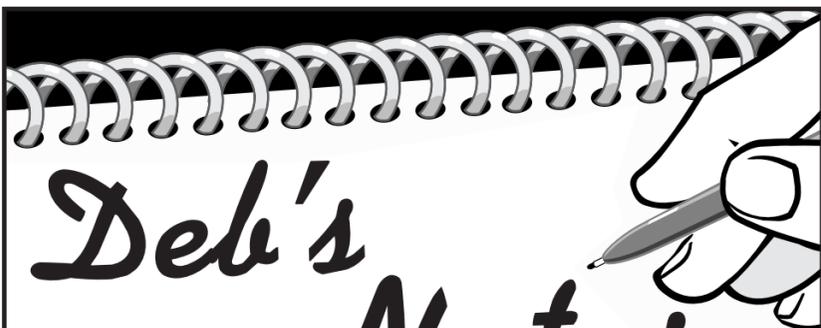
The vehicle exited the roadway on the south shoulder and slid sideways down the slope, where it came to a rest at the tree line facing east.

FHP did not deem the crash to be alcohol-related and both Stakely and Hairston were wearing their seatbelts.

Hairston was uninjured and Stakely was transported to Capital Regional Medical Center for treatment of minor injuries.

Stakely was charged with failing to use due care causing a crash.

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Eva Baxter, regional director for the office of U.S. Senator Marco Rubio tells me that staff from Senator Rubio's office was at the Jefferson County Bailar Public Library on Monday morning, August 22. This was a good opportunity for local folks to meet with the Senator's staff for assistance with federal issues. Should you like to speak with her about this meeting, or have a concern, contact her at 850-491-2749.

Sandy Porrás-Gutierrez, with the Department of Children and Families Access Program, encourages clients to set up a 'My Florida Access Account'.

Suzanne Lane is the area training coordinator with Family Network on Disabilities. The agency has been around for sum 20 years. She makes it known that the goal of her agency is to ensure that all children with disabilities know their rights and responsibilities. The agency is federally funded and works with persons age 0 to 26. She handles 15 counties and is available for presentations. She encourages clubs, groups, churches and other organizations to consider inviting her to speak at events and meetings. She is willing to present a program or just be present to distribute flyers and verbal information. She can be contacted at 850-566-0700 or Suzanne@fndfl.org

Myriah Harper, with

STINGERS

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“Now that we no longer pay people to babysit our garbage dumps can we please re-establish consistent hours of operation for each site?”

“I think Betsy Barfield's cannon was right on target - for too long a few public employees and officials have treated taxpayer properties and resources as their own private feeding trough... Cheers to Barfield for not letting this behavior be swept under the rug. Barfield is pushing for professionalism and accountability in a county that for too long has let the good ole boys rule.”

the Epilepsy Association of the Big Bend, also is available for presentations. She can be contacted 850-222-1777 or eabbpe@embarqmail.com.

Cumi Allen reports that as of June 30, the Jefferson County Health Department is no longer promoting Florida KidCare Insurance. Beginning in July, the clinic put an ARNP on duty on Wednesday's and Thursday's. The position became full-time this month. The clinic hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Thursday evenings from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Michael Curtis tells me that the Healthy Start website, www.healthystartjmt.org has been revamped. He would like to see different agencies and their events featured on the site. He also encourages the community and especially area agencies to check out the Whole Child website at www.wholechildtricity.com and reminds those agency representatives that he's spoken to be on the lookout for emails and calls from him in the very near future.

Deveda Bellamy again wishes to thank all the community partners who participated in the National HIV Testing Day event earlier this summer. She also reports that Melisa Auter is no longer with the Leon County Health Department and she doesn't know if she will be replaced at this time.

Edna Henry, Jefferson County Schools, once again thanks all the parents and families who participated in the Parent University earlier this month. For more information about this educational experience contact her at 850-342-0115. She also mentions that she is in the process of planning a Parent Healthy Smart Day and would like Whole Child involvement; more information will follow.

Donna Hagan, Healthy Start Coalition, reports the need for a greater collaboration between the Big Bend Community Based Care, DCF and the Healthy Start staff, citing the two children that died in Taylor County as an example of a tragedy that could have been prevented. Nicole Stookey, with DCF Circuit 2, offered to help organize an in-service for Healthy

Start and CBC staff this fall.

Kristin Jackson, extension agent for Jefferson County, delivered an informative, engaging and fun presentation on Financial Management to the recent Shared Services group meeting. She used familiar childhood games as examples of understanding for identifying the right tools for financial management. She elaborated on her experience with investments, tax preparation and budgeting as the services she will be able to provide to targeted Jefferson County families. She will also serve to triage families into other services via the Whole Child Connection in her role as the Family and Consumer Services Advocate with the Extension Office.

As a reminder, the next meeting of the Jefferson Whole Child Coalition will be held on Tuesday, August 30, at 9:30 a.m. The community is invited and encouraged to attend. Find out what's going on in your community. You will hear updated and informative information from representatives of agencies like: Jefferson County Health Department, Early Steps, Leon County Health Department, Healthy Start Coalition, Jefferson County Schools, Whole Child Tri-County, Capital Area Community Action Agency, Jefferson County Extension Office, Department of Children and Families Access, the Monticello Police Department, DCF Circuit 2, Family Network on Disabilities, Big Bend Transit and the Epilepsy Association of the Big Bend.

CHURCH CALENDAR

August 26
Tent of the Holy Guests offers prayer for the sick and a special scripture message every Friday at 7:30 p.m. Scripture topics will be discussed. The Tent is located at 295 West Palmer Mill, in downtown Monticello.

August 26, 27
USDA Commodities Food Program and Second Harvest Food Bank have joined with New Bethel AME, Elizabeth MB, Hickory Hill MB, Mt. Pleasant AME and Philadelphia MB churches to provide food to anyone needing assistance including the needy, infants and the elderly. This is done monthly with distribution from 8 to 9 a.m. usually on the fourth Saturday at the New Bethel AME Church located at 6496 Ashville Highway. Volunteers are also welcome to come on Friday evening at 6 p.m. to help bag the food packages. Contact Nellie Randall at 850-997-5605 or 850-997-6929 to volunteer or for more information about the program.

August 26, 28
Memorial Missionary Baptist Church will host its Pre-Anniversary Program for Pastor Moderator JB Duval at 7 p.m. on Friday with Rev. Artis Rambo and the Sweetfield MBC Junior Choir rendering the service. At 11 a.m. on Sunday, Elder Lucius Wade and the Holy Ghost Revival will render the service. The celebration will conclude at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday with Rev. Dr. I.L. Mulling and the First Missionary Baptist Church of Thomasville rendering the service, with his Georgia congregation. For more information contact Sis. Betty Russell at 850-997-4251 or Sis. Barbara Rambo at 850-274-9001.

August 27
Sardis United Methodist Church, 4549 Waukeenah Highway, is hosting a Pancake Breakfast from 4:30

to 7:30 p.m. on Saturday. Adults \$6.50, age 12 and up, and children \$3.50.

August 27
Casa Bianca Missionary Baptist Church Women of Promise Ministry will host a dynamic workshop titled 'Powerful Character Study of Ruth' on Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall/Learning Center. For directions and more information go to www.casabiancambc.com

August 27, 28
Faith and Worship Ministries, with Pastor Ronald and Minister Kookie Rackley, will host 'Walking in the Beauty of Holiness,' presented by the Women of Power & Purpose Ministry. The event will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday with a breakfast buffet and on Sunday at 11 a.m. Speakers will be Elder Shanta Wilson, Pastor Susan Towels and Co-Pastor Stephanie Williams. For more information call Rackley at 850-997-4995. The event will be held at 7337A Old Lloyd Road.

September 3
Memorial Missionary Baptist Church will observe its annual Prayer Breakfast at 9 a.m. on Saturday. Speaker for the occasion will be Evangelist Gladys Goodwin of Greater Fellowship Baptist Church in Monticello. All are invited to attend. For more information contact Min. Joretha Sloan at 850-997-2705. Rev. JB Duval, pastor.

September 5
Cody Pentecostal Holiness Church will host its annual Labor Day BBQ from 11 a.m. to 3pm. on Monday. Dinners are \$8 for adults, \$4 for children ages 3-10 and free for children under three if dining in. The church is located at 3812 Tram Road, just five miles east of WW Kelley Road, in Jefferson County. For more information call 850-997-2770 or visit www.codyphc.org

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bility wasn't a new idea. The issue had come up previously, he said.

"The question is, how can we come up with alternatives to better serve the public?" Fulford said.

He said the idea was to appoint a review group that would evaluate the department and facilitate the process. And the county, he said, was fortunate to have Calandra, a retired corporate executive with experience in performance evaluations and who was willing to provide his service for free.

The review team, as it developed, will consist of Calandra; Clerk of Court Kirk Reams; consultant engineer Alan Wise, of Preble-Rish Inc.; and Assistant County Coordinator John McHugh, an industrial engineer in his own right.

Calandra throughout his brief presentation underscored the benign nature of the review.

"This is not to make anybody look bad or to point out bad performance," he said. "This is to look at ways to provide services more competitively, excluding the rock mine. It's about taking another look at how the Road Department delivers its services and coming up with options that you as

a board can consider."

Calandra said the length and success of the review would largely depend on the cooperation of the key players, such as Harvey, commissioners, and department personnel, as well as the team having access to the pertinent data.

Fulford assured Calandra that the group would have the cooperation of Harvey, who welcomed the review and saw it as a tool to help him do a more efficient job.

Cooperation, Calandra said, was key to the project's success.

"The biggest hurdle is getting people to open up and talk," Calandra said.

Notwithstanding the assurances that the review was not targeting Harvey or the Road Department, Commissioner Danny Monroe remained skeptical. He worried that the review was nothing more than a disguised investigation of Harvey and his department.

"There's been a lot of anti-feeling against Harvey on this board," Monroe said.

Fulford and Calandra assured Monroe that nothing was further from the truth.

"This has nothing to do with Harvey," Fulford said. "It's unfor-

tunate that we have members on this board who don't trust each other and who don't trust Harvey. But this is not a study of Harvey; it's a study of the department. And it is not an attempt to micro-manage Harvey."

He repeated that Harvey welcomed the review. The review, in fact, would give Harvey a voice in the process, and an opportunity to present his proposals, Fulford said. Many times in the past, he said, Harvey had offered proposals to improve the department that the board had ignored.

"We're in a position to make changes now," Fulford said.

Calandra agreed. He said personnel changes and other practices that Harvey had implemented had created a window of opportunity that allowed for the assessment and the department's more efficient operation.

Commissioner John Nelson saw the assessment as a valuable management tool.

"This is something that has long been need-

ed and it will benefit the department head," Nelson said. "The Road Department is the most visible department, and it needs to be top notch. How members of the public see it is how they see us."

Commissioner Hines Boyd expressed concern that the review not be part of a move toward privatization, adding the historical perspective that the Roman Empire in its time had been able to rule the then known world because of its excellent system of roads. He worried that privatization would diminish, if not eliminate, the county's flexibility to use the Road Department for a multitude of projects other than road building and maintenance.

Which comment prompted a slightly barbed remark from a smiling Fulford.

"Is it your concern that someone else may be coming on your turf?" Fulford asked, a reference to a standing perception among his colleagues that Boyd is an activist commission-

er who sometimes goes it alone and inserts himself into the operations of the various departments.

Commissioner Betsy Barfield, who has had a long-running battle with Boyd precisely over the latter's alleged propensity to go at it alone, picked up on the theme.

Barfield said she thought it was right that the board should step back and let the review team evaluate the department and make its recommendations. Her problem, she said, was Boyd's tendency to go at it solo and initiate programs and experiments without the board's prior consent. She fervently believed that all such actions should result from board consensus, she said.

Acknowledging her longstanding dissatisfaction with Harvey, Barfield said she was willing "to step back and give the man a chance."

But Boyd too had to do his part, she said.

"It takes all of us reaching consensus to

make a decision and not just one person dictating," Barfield said.

Monroe still wasn't completely convinced that the review wasn't simply setting up Harvey and the Road Department.

"If we're going to have a review committee, we need to do it for all the departments," Monroe said.

Fulford and Calandra again assured him that the review was in no way an indictment of Harvey.

"This will allow for vetting of Harvey's past proposals," Fulford said, adding that the Solid Waste Department had undergone a similar review and it had benefited the department, a remark that Solid Waste Department Director Beth Letchworth affirmed.

Calandra agreed.

"This will give David a voice and an opportunity to bring his ideas forward," he said.

The board ultimately voted unanimously to approve the formation of the committee and its review of the department.

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County, has been identified. He was Christopher K Proctor, 32, of Monticello.

FHP reported that on Friday, August 19, at 2:52 a.m. on I-10 west of the 217-mile marker, FHP was attempting a traffic stop on a 2007 black Mercedes Benz four-door passenger car for unlawful speed.

The vehicle began to flee and attempted to elude the trooper.

The vehicle fled southbound on Main Street in Lloyd and turned right traveling westbound on Old Lloyd Road.

The vehicle continued fleeing law enforcement and turned northbound on to CR-1541 (Baum Road).

As the vehicle attempted to round a right hand curve, Proctor lost control and crashed into a wooded area west of Baum Road.

The front of the vehicle struck a tree and became engulfed in flames.

Proctor expired on the scene inside the vehicle.

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arrest after knocking down the deputy attempting to place him under arrest, was sentenced in the Jefferson County Courthouse Monday, August 22 to serve 16 months in the Florida Department of Corrections (DOC).

He remained at the Jefferson County Jail August 25 awaiting transport to the Florida DOC Reception Center to begin his sentence.

Recapping the case, on Saturday, February 27, 2011 at about 12:57 p.m., Deputies Toby Ward, Daniel Williams and Logan Wilcox stopped a white Chevrolet car for loud music on First Street near the Care Charter School.

Deputy Ward identified the driver and Deputy Wilcox approached the passenger side of the vehicle and started talking with the front passenger, who he later identified as Terrance R. Mutch, 22, of Greenville, FL. While speaking with Mutch, Deputy Wilcox noticed that he was moving around as if he was trying to hide something. He also noticed that Mutch had some cash and a clear plastic bag part-

ly showing out of his right front pants pocket.

Deputy Wilcox could see a white power substance inside the clear bag, which he thought to be cocaine. The deputy asked Mutch to step out of the vehicle. He patted Mutch down and located in his right front pocket a plastic bag with three individual smaller bags of powder cocaine inside and forty-six dollars in cash.

Deputy Wilcox located in Mutch's rear pocket an orange pill bottle with a clear plastic bag containing nine cocaine rocks. He informed Mutch that he was under arrest and went to place him into handcuffs.

Mutch turned around, knocked Deputy Wilcox to the ground and fled on foot into the nearby woods. Deputies Williams, Ward and Wilcox chased Mutch. Deputy Wilcox later caught up to Mutch and he was given several commands to stop running. Mutch refused to stop and continued to resist arrest so Deputy Wilcox tased him.

Mutch fell to the ground and Deputy Williams placed him into handcuffs. After placing Mutch

into Deputy Ward's patrol car, Deputy Wilcox asked the driver if he could search his vehicle for drugs. He told Deputy Wilcox that he could. The deputy located a five-dollar bill with marijuana inside and a plastic bag of marijuana lying on the rear passenger, driver's side floorboard.

The driver and both rear passengers told Deputy Wilcox that the marijuana belonged to Mutch. They stated that it fell onto the floorboard as he was trying to hide it from law enforcement officers.

All the drugs were field tested with positive results. The drugs and money were taken as evidence. The marijuana weighed about six grams, the powder cocaine weighed about four grams and the nine cocaine rocks weighed about four grams. Mutch was transported to the Jefferson County Jail by deputy Ward and charged with possession of cocaine with intent to sell; resisting arrest with violence; and possession of marijuana less than 20 grams. A total bond of \$5,500 was set and he bonded out of jail the same day.

City Budget

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the city. Retaining the existing health plan would have meant the city absorbing a 21.59 percent increase in its health insurance costs.

Department heads assured the council that they had cut their budgets as deeply as they dared, foregoing equipment and other purchases, letting open positions remain vacant, and trimming back on expenses wherever possible.

As City Clerk Emily Anderson informed the Monticello City Council at the budget workshop on Tuesday evening, Aug. 23: "This year's budget is balanced on paper, but the story of the general fund budget is really shown by looking at the reserve accounts that we had to sweep, or will have to sweep by the end of the budget year, and by considering the transfers we have made from water and sewer (accounts separate from the general fund)."

She added that, "even with the sweep of the reserve accounts, managing the cash flow for the general fund for the next three or four months is going to be critical."

And she advised the council that going forward, it should carefully watch the cash flow

and monitor the state revenues, which are projected to be down in every category.

"The proposed budget includes optimistic revenue numbers," Anderson said. "But if the economy continues to sink, as larger cities and counties predict, we may face some very serious budget cuts, without the reserve backing that we've had for the past few years. The council may want to adopt spending policies in this regard."

Councilman George Evans expressed concern over the sweeping of the reserve funds. He wondered how long the city could afford to sweep the reserves, before all the money was depleted.

"If we keep sweeping the reserve, we won't have anything to sweep after a while," he said.

Evans wondered if the council shouldn't establish a threshold beyond which no further sweeps could be made of the reserve? Or did such a mechanism already exist?

He was told that no such mechanism existed, as individualized capital expenditure categories, or reserve funds, hadn't existed per se until three or four years ago, and the need to raid

these reserves had not arisen before.

The council found merit in Evans' concern. Councilman Tom Vogelgesang, in particular, recommended that the council establish by policy or practice a rule that required departments to hold back spending between five and 10 percent of their budgets until at least midway through the fiscal year, when it became more evident if income would match the projections. He offered that these held-back expenditures could include such budgeted items as equipment purchases and the contributions that the city regularly makes to non-city organizations.

It worried him, Vogelgesang said, that revenues from the sales tax, the communications tax, and other state collected taxes were projected to be down, as were ad-valorem taxes, based on depressed property values.

"We need to stay on this austerity budget and monitor it regularly," Vogelgesang said.

It was the council's consensus that department heads would need to monitor their budgets monthly and make adjustments as needed, and that the council would need to review the entire budget quarterly.

In Loving Memory

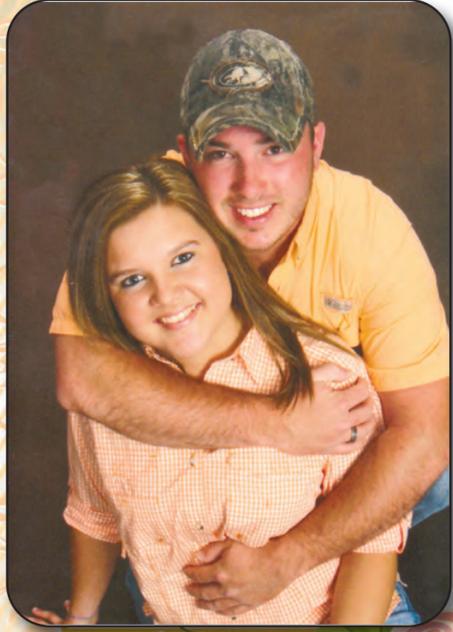
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Jefferson County Living

Kinsey and McCoy to Wed



Bill and Ramona Kinsey announce the engagement of their daughter Chelsey Ann Kinsey to Charles Dustin McCoy. Dustin is the son of Charlie McCoy and Carrie Elizabeth Thigpen, both of Monticello. Chelsey has her Associates in Business Administration and is currently working on her Bachelors. Dustin is a Correctional Officer at Jefferson Correctional Institution. The Wedding will be at HoneyLake Plantation in November 2012.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AT LITTLE ANGELS IN TRAINING CENTER



Tony 'GG' Jackson celebrated his birthday with a party held on Wednesday, August 17 at the Little Angels In Training Center. He is co-owner of the center and felt it only right to celebrate with his friends, family and co-workers. Everyone enjoyed pizza, cake, ice cream and water slide fun. Tony is in the center of each photo.



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HURRICANE ALERT PROMPTS LOCAL COMPANY TO ISSUE DISASTER SAFETY PREP CHECKLIST FOR SENIORS

Older adults may be among the most vulnera-

ble victims when hurricanes strike. That's why Home Instead Senior Care has issued a disaster safety preparation checklist to help prepare seniors for the possibility of weather emergencies.

"We know that a disaster can be deadly for some seniors because of physical and other limitations," said Scott Harrell, owner of the Home Instead Office serving Leon, Gadsden, Jefferson and Wakulla Counties, as well as the Panhandle. "That's why the sooner the better for families to talk with their senior loved ones and begin preparing in advance for any kind of emergency that could threaten their health or safety. Consider this checklist as you help your older adult get ready."

Home Instead Senior Care's Disaster Prep Checklist For Seniors:

___Tune in. Contact the local emergency management office to learn about the most likely natural disasters to strike your area. Stay

abreast of what's going on through your local radio or television.

___Take stock. Decide what your senior can or can't do in the event of a natural disaster. Make a list of what would be needed if a disaster occurred. For example, if your loved one is wheelchair-bound, determine an evacuation strategy ahead of time. Prepare for whatever disaster could hit the area.

___To go or to stay? When deciding to evacuate, older adults should go sooner rather than later. By waiting too long, they may be unable to leave if they require assistance.

___Make a plan. Schedule a family meeting to develop a plan of action. Include in your plan key people - such as neighbors, friends, relatives and professional caregivers - who could help.

___More than one way out. Seniors should develop at least two escape routes: one to evacuate their home and one to evacuate their

community. The local emergency management office can tell you escape routes out of the community.

___Meet up. Designate a place to meet relatives or key support network people outside the house, as well as a second location outside the neighborhood, such as a school or church. Practice the plan twice a year.

___Get up and "Go Kit." Have an easy-to-carry backpack including three days non-perishable food and water with an additional four days of food and water readily accessible at home. Have at least one gallon of bottled water per person per day. Refresh and replace your supplies at least twice a year. And don't forget the blanket and paper products such as toilet paper.

___Pack extras and copies. Have at least a one-month supply of medication on hand at all times. Make ready other important documents in a waterproof protector including copies of prescriptions, car title registration and driver's license, insurance documents and bank account numbers, and spare checkbook. Also take extra eyeglasses and hearing-aid batteries. Label every piece of important equipment or personal item in case they are lost.

___Your contact list. Compile a contact list and include people on a senior's support network as well as doctors and other important health-care professionals.

___If you can't be there. If you're not living close by to help your loved one, enlist the help of family or friends, or contact a professional caregiving company.

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AUGUST 29
Martin Luther King Community Center meets 6 p.m. on the last Monday of each month at the MLK Center. Contact Charles Parrish at 850-997-3760 for more information.

AUGUST 29
Al-Anon meetings are held at 8 p.m. every Monday at the Anglican Church, 124 Jefferson Avenue in Thomasville, GA. For more information go to www.alanon.alateen.org

AUGUST 29
AA women's meetings are held on Mondays at 6:45 p.m.; AA meetings follow at 8 p.m., at the Christ Episcopal Church Annex, 425 North Cherry Street. For more information, call 850-997-2129 or 850-997-

1955.
AUGUST 30
AA classes are held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. for those seeking help. The classes are held at the Harvest Christian Center, 1599 Springhollow Road. Contact Marvin Graham, pastor, at 850-212-7669 for more information.

August 30
The Jefferson County Shared Services, an entity of the Healthy Start Coalition of Jefferson, Madison & Taylor Counties meets at 9:30 a.m. on the last Tuesday of each month at the Jefferson County Bailar Public Library. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this very informative community meeting.

This is an opportunity for agencies to share services. For more information about these meetings, or to be a speaker at any of these meetings, contact Cindy Hutto, business manager, at cjhutto@healthystartjmt.org or 850-948-2741.

AUGUST 31
Monticello Kiwanis Club meets every Wednesday at noon at the Jefferson Country Club on the Boston Highway for lunch, a program, and a meeting. Contact President Jessica Corley at 850-997-2591 for more information.

SEPTEMBER 1
Business Community Prayer Breakfast is held at 7 a.m. on the first

Thursday of each month at a different location, hosted by a different group, and with a guest speaker. Come and bring a friend. If you have names for the prayer list you can email them to Coordinator L. Gary Wright at lgwright39@embarqmail.com or call 850-997-5705 or 850-933-5567 for more information.

SEPTEMBER 1
You may qualify for assistance through the Capital Area Community Action Agency Weatherization Assistance Program. The program reduces heating and cooling costs by improving the energy efficiency of the home. Contact Annette Wilson at

850-997-4104 for an appointment from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the first Thursday at Union Hill AME Church. Homes in Jefferson County are needed for weatherization. Or, contact Pat Hall or Melissa Watson at 850-997-8231 for additional information, and other services currently being offered. This is free to the client.

SEPTEMBER 1
AA meetings are held weekly at 8 p.m. on Thursdays at the Christ Episcopal Church annex, 425 North Cherry Street. For more information call 850-997-2129 or 850-997-1955.

SEPTEMBER 2
Rotary meets at 12 p.m. on Fridays at the First Presbyterian Church in the fellowship hall for

lunch and a meeting with a program and speaker. Contact President John Lilly at 850-342-0187 for more information.

SEPTEMBER 2
Monticello Jamboree begins at 7 p.m. every Friday evening at 625 South Water Street, just three blocks north of the American Legion Otto Walker Post 49. For questions or concerns contact Curtis Morgan at 850-933-8138 or Bobby Connell at 850-445-0049. There are doorprizes, cold soft drinks and snacks.

SEPTEMBER 2
Ashville Area Volunteer Fire Department meets 6:30 p.m. on the first Friday of each month at the fire station. Contact John Staffieri at 850-997-6807 for more details.

OBITUARIES

CAROL ALDERMAN

Carol Ann Alderman, born April 26, 1934, passed away on Monday, August 22, 2011 in Quitman, GA. She was a retired office manager.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, September 3, 2011 at the Quitman Church of Christ in Quitman.

Mrs. Alderman was a native of Burlington, WI and had lived in Pinellas Park, FL and Clearwater, FL before moving to Jefferson County in 1991. She loved to garden, do ceramics and was a terrific homemaker. She was of Church of Christ faith and was a member of the Quitman Church of Christ in Quitman.

Mrs. Alderman is survived by her husband Burton Alderman of

Monticello, FL; two sons Harold J. Alderman and Brian M. Alderman (LeeAnn) of Clearwater; one daughter Susan M. Blackburn (Randy) of Thomasville, GA; one brother Eugene Maxfield of Knoxville, TN; two nieces LuAnn Bullyan and Sharon Loveday; four nephews LeRoy Maxfield, Greg Maxfield, Jeff Maxfield and Ronald Newby; four grandchildren Marianne Alderman, Danielle Alderman, Lauren Blackburn and Kathryn Blackburn; and one sister-in-law Ida Alderman of Clearwater.

Beggs Funeral Home Monticello Chapel, 485 East Dogwood Street, Monticello, is handling the arrangements for the family. 850-997-5612, beggschmonticello@embarqmail.com

DORIS BURDETT

Doris Irene Burdett, age 83, was called home to be with her Lord on Saturday, August 20, 2011. She was born on October 8, 1927 in Nashville, GA.

Doris lived her life for others and served her Lord every day. She is reunited with her husband and leaves two daughters, Cheryl Doris Burdett and Judith Burdett Polchowski; one son Samuel A. Burdett; seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, August 26 at Central Baptist Church, Greenville, FL with burial at the Oakfield Cemetery at Monticello, FL. Family will receive friends from 10 a.m. until the service at the church.

Culley's MeadowWood funeral home in Tallahassee, FL is handling the arrangements for the family. culleysmeadowwood@yahoo.com 850-877-8191

CLAUDE GRANGER

Claude Donald Granger, age 72, of Monticello, FL passed away on Tuesday, August 23, 2011.

A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 27, at the Waukeenah Cemetery, in Waukeenah, FL. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, August 26 at Beggs Funeral Home Monticello Chapel, 485 East Dogwood Street in Monticello 850-997-5612, beggschmonticello@embarqmail.com

Claude led a long and full life. He was born in Wacissa, FL on August 21, 1939. He proudly served his country from June 16, 1958 to July 1, 1978; doing two tours in Vietnam. He retired from the Army as a Sergeant 1st Class. After retirement he moved back home to

Florida, where he was employed as an engineer with Florida Gulf Construction Company. He was an outdoorsman; loved fishing and was an avid hunter. He loved to entertain his many friends and family with his stories and silly jokes.

He is survived by his wife of 24-years, Barbara Woodard Granger of Monticello; his children from his previous marriage Becky (Eddie) Harrod and Lyvonde (James) Corbett of Crawfordville, FL and a son Claude (Kerry) of Quincy, FL; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; two brothers Ralph Granger and family of Chaires, FL, George Granger and family of Woodville, FL and many nieces and nephews.

FLORENCE SPRATT

Florence Spratt, age 79, of Tallahassee, FL passed away on Tuesday, August 23, 2011.

A graveside service will be held at 3 p.m., on Saturday, August 27, 2011 at the Beth Page Cemetery. Family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday at Beggs Funeral Home, 3322 Apalachee Parkway, in Tallahassee. 850-942-2929,

beggsapalachee@embarqmail.com

Florence was a native of Jefferson County, Florida and a lifelong resident of Wacissa, FL. She was of Pentecostal Faith.

She is survived by her two daughters Judy Willis (Ray) of Tallahassee and Gena Spratt (John) of Atlanta, GA; three sisters Rochell Bailey of Tallahassee,

Mary Clark and Mattie Boland, both of Wacissa; three grandsons Ward Heffner of Bellville, IL, Trey Spratt of Tallahassee and Scott Heffner of Sayreville, NJ; and seven great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband Pete Spratt and son Bill Spratt.

Milton Stubbins, Jr. Pastor Milton Stubbins, Jr., 53, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, August 18, 2011.

Services are 12 noon Friday at the Old Jefferson County High School Auditorium, with burial at Bradley Cemetery, Monticello. Viewing-visitation is 3-8 p.m. Thursday at TILLMAN OF MONTICELLO 850-997-5553.

A 1975 graduate of Jefferson Co. High, he was the founding pastor of the Holy Ghost Revival Center and a supervisor with the Jefferson Co. Road Dept., where he was employed for over 32 years.

Cherishing precious memories are: his wife, Sandra Harris Stubbins; son, Michael Stubbins; daughter, Falecia S. Wiggins; mother, Emma Lou Francis Stubbins; brother, Dr. Calvin (Vickie) Stubbins; sisters, Alice (John) Peck, Vivian (Alvin) Wright, Almira (Marvin) Howard and Brenda Graham; mother-in-law, Josie Harris; three grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

He was predeceased by his father, Milton Stubbins, Sr.



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The Sound of Music At The Opera House

Like the family von Trapp in The Sound of Music, Bethany Sheats is a member of a large family of musicians who entertain one another by singing and playing music. Director Melanie Mays cast Bethany as Maria Rainer, the youthful postulant who reports for duty as a governess to the seven children of widower Captain Georg von Trapp. "We gave concerts as kids when we were growing up," says Sheats, "especially when we had family visiting." Her sister Elizabeth is the family flutist but accompanies her on stage as Frau Schmidt, the von Trapp family housekeeper.

The show is based on the true story of the von Trapp family who fled Austria after the Nazis forced unification with Germany. This Tony Award winning musical was Rodgers and Hammerstein's final collaboration in their

golden run. It includes the popular songs "The Sound of Music," "My Favorite Things," and "Do-Re-Mi."

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Mays has also cast families into the show. The Mueller family includes Brad as Admiral von Schreiber, wife Pam as Baroness Elberfeld, and daughters Emily and Caroline as von Trapp chil-

dren Brigitta and Liesl, respectively. The Muellers have performed in numerous musicals, but this is the first time for Caroline as a college student. The recent Aucilla Christian graduate begins

her studies in chemical engineering at Florida State this fall.

The Litteral family from Tallahassee is an entire family cast in this M&M Productions musical. Dan portrays Austrian talent scout Max Detweiler while wife Lisa is Sister Margareta. Daughter Bethany plays a novice, and son Jonathon is the "incurrible" Kurt von Trapp.

The show opens at the Opera House on September 9 and runs Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons through September 25. Pre-show dinner or lunch is available for all performances by advance reservation. Show only tickets are also available. For ticket sales or information visit www.MonticelloOperaHouse.org or phone the office at 850-997-4242.



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Monticello Senior Center Offers Caregiver Support Group

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In North Florida, the aging population is growing tremendously. This means that the need for caregivers, or the

amount of children becoming caregivers is growing as well. More and more people are finding themselves taking care of their aging parents or spouses, and this can sometimes add a

lot of stress to an individual's life.

The Monticello Senior Center is trying to help caregivers by offering them a chance to talk with others going through what they are

going through. They have begun facilitating caregiver support groups to allow these people to know they are not alone in their stresses and concerns.

These support

groups give the caregivers a chance to vent about their stresses and to learn how to better handle the stress. It also offers information on how to get suitable help for certain things and to take some of the responsibility off of them.

Mike Miller is the facilitator of the caregiver support group, and has been for over six years. He hopes that this group will help caregivers learn to better handle stress and not let their stresses wear them down. Most importantly he teaches them about options for help that they might not know exist.

While it is hard to let someone else take partial responsibility for your parent or spouse, it is nearly impossible for one untrained individual to take full responsibility of another person's life. This group allows other people who are feeling these con-

cerns to get together and be completely honest about their feelings.

The group is sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging of North Florida, which is a service provider of the Florida Department of Elder Affairs. The meetings take place every second and fourth Thursday of the month at 1:30 p.m. at the Monticello Senior Center. For more information on this program, call the Madison Senior Center at 342-0242.

ROTARY RAMP PROJECT



The Monticello Rotary Club built another wheelchair ramp on August 13 for Monticello resident Mary Lee Gilley. Her grandson Marcus assisted the Rotarians, as did Mack Benjamin. Pictured from left to right are: Angela Gray, Mary Lee Gilley, Tom Harmon, Mack Benjamin, Bobby Plaines, Rick Anderson and John Gebhard. Another example of "Service Above Self."



SUNDAY OF SILENCE AT OHEC

DSEBBIE SNAPP
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

There is a Sunday of Silence held from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. every second Sunday of each month at One Heart Earth Center. It's a non-denominational time of stillness and reflection. The next day will be September 11. Consider spending this special day in silent remembrance. A meditation room, sunporch, gardens and Labyrinth await you.

after church, spend a little time, or a day. Reservations would be nice, as to know just how much food to prepare. A vegetarian lunch is offered at noon; served and eaten in silence.

Gentle Hatha Yoga will begin at 10 a.m. with instructor Joy Moore. Mats are provided. *Be still, and know that I am God: Psalm 46:10*

OHEC is located at 450 West Madison Street in downtown Monticello and is a non-profit 501c3

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Smurfs (PG)
Friday-4:10
Saturday-1:10-4:10
Sunday-1:10-4:10
Mon-Thurs-4:10

Fright Night (R)
Friday-7:15-9:45
Saturday-7:15-9:45
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Rise Of Planets Of The Apes (PG13)
Friday-4:35-7:35-10:15
Saturday-1:35-4:35-7:35-10:15
Sunday-1:35-4:35-7:35
Mon-Thurs-4:35-7:35

Spy Kids (PG)
Friday-5:25-7:40
Saturday-1:05-5:25-7:40
Sunday-1:05-5:25-7:40
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30 Minutes or less (R)
Friday-9:50
Saturday-3:15-9:50
Sunday-3:15
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Don't be afraid of the Dark (R)
Friday-4:05-7:10-9:30
Saturday-1:15-4:05-7:10-9:30
Sunday-1:15-4:05-7:10
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The Help (PG13)
Friday-4:30-8:00
Saturday-1:00-4:30-8:00
Sunday-1:00-4:30-8:00
Mon-Thurs-4:30-8:00
NO PASSES

Columbiana (PG13)
Friday-4:00-7:00-9:35
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NFCC RN Program Accepting Applications

Applications are currently being accepted for North Florida Community College's Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) program. Now is the time to enroll and take care of application, testing and program entrance requirements for Spring Term 2012. Classes begin January 9. Deadline to apply is October 1.

NFCC has full approval from the Florida State Board of Nursing to offer the Associate in Science Degree for Registered Nursing. The two-year (six-semester) program prepares graduates to make application to take the National Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). A passing score on this exam and licensure by the Florida State Board of Nursing

enables graduates to seek employment as a Registered Nurse in the state of Florida.

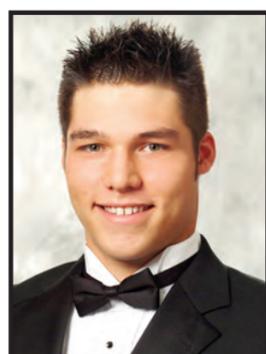
New students are admitted into the program each January. For minimum entrance requirements and more information, see the 2011-2012 NFCC College Catalog online at <http://www.nfcc.edu/admissions/catalog/schedule>. Nursing and Allied Health staff and faculty are also available to help prospective students through the enrollment process; contact Debbie Bass at (850) 973-1662, email bassd@nfcc.edu or stop by the Nursing and Allied Health Department (NFCC campus, NFCC Career and Technical Education Center, Bldg. #13) to receive an application packet for the ADN program. Financial aid and scholarships may be available to qualified students.

NFCC's Associate Degree in Nursing program is a limited access program. Only the most qualified applicants are accepted. In the case where equally qualified applicants

are identified, residents of Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee, and Taylor counties are given precedence for admission.

NFCC also offers vocational certificates in Patient Care Technician and Practical Nursing. These programs prepare students for a variety of jobs in the healthcare

system. For more information visit www.nfcc.edu or contact the Nursing and Allied Health Department at (850) 973-1622.



RESIDENT CLARK CHRISTY ON NFCC PRESIDENT'S HONOR ROLL

Jefferson County resident Michael Clark Christy of Monticello has been named to the President's Honor Roll at North Florida Community College for Summer Term 2011.

The President's Honor Roll recognizes outstanding academic achievement at the completion of each semester.

Inclusion on the list is awarded to all full-time students who, during summer term, have earned a grade point average of 3.8 to 4.0 on course work of at least 12 hours.



ECB Publishing Photo By Debbie Snapp, July 27, 2011.

JCMHS Summer Camp Recognition Ceremony

A Recognition Ceremony was held in July for the Jefferson County Middle High School students attending the TCC 21st CCLC Fun 2 Learn Summer Camp. Receiving recognition certificates and gifts from EST Teacher/Leader Carlton Landerean, for their time spent in the outdoor gardening horticulture program are: (Front row left to right) Damian Morris and Nikolas Branham. Not pictured, John Brooks. Back row left to right: Principal Guy Cooper and Landerean.

ACA First Day Of School Runs Smoothly

FRAN HUNT
ECB Publishing Staff Writer

Aucilla Christian Academy had a very smooth running first day of school and teachers and staff look forward to another successful year.

"We began school on August 8 and we had a very smooth opening to the new school year," said ACA Principal Richard Finlayson. "Our staff had an excellent week of pre-planning the week prior and their dedicated efforts definitely made the difference.

"We had 306 students in attendance on the first day of school and currently have 310 students enrolled," he added. That number is slightly down from last year's count of 324 students.

There have been some editions to the ACA curriculum to assist students in furthering their education. "We have begun

an Advanced Placement program. This program will give our students an additional way to potentially earn college credits. We are beginning with an AP English and AP American History class and plan to expand this offering over time," said Finlayson.

There have also been some improvements at the school as well. "All of our gym locker rooms have now been renovated. We have added additional covered walkways so that all buildings are now connected by coverings. Our football field has a facelift with a brand new press box," he added.

There are 37 year round staff members this year compared to last year's 39 staff members. Of the staff members, there are 23 teachers and four new staff members.

New staff members include bus driver Joe Bellamy, who drives a Jefferson County bus route; Clyde Cruce, who teaches English in grades six through nine; Colby

Roberts, who teaches Bible, social studies and physical education and he is also ACA's new head football coach; and Cecelia Rodriguez, who teaches art and Spanish.

There are four buses running for ACA again this year, between them they cover approximately 250 miles per day.

In conclusion, Finlayson defined the goal of Aucilla Christian Academy. "The primary goal at Aucilla Christian Academy never changes," he said. "We strive to impact our students in a positive way as they grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. Our dedicated staff of Christian servants continues to raise the bar academically as we work to help our students reach their full potential. We are thankful that God has blessed us so much in so many ways. It is our desire to serve Him in all that we do and to be a light for Him in the world."



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The Week of **AUGUST 26, 2011 through SEPTEMBER 6, 2011**
Major Feed Times are marked by an asterisk (*)

Friday, August 26 4:30 AM *10:40 AM 4:55 PM *11:10 PM	Saturday, August 27 5:30 AM *11:30 AM 5:45 PM	Sunday, August 28 *12:00 AM 6:20 AM *12:30 PM 6:30 PM	Monday, August 29 *12:50 AM 7:10 AM *1:20 PM 7:30 PM
Tuesday, August 30 *1:40 AM 7:55 AM *2:10 PM 8:20 PM	Wednesday, August 31 *2:45 AM 9:00 AM *3:10 PM 9:25 PM	Thursday, September 1 *3:40 AM 9:50 AM *4:10 PM 10:25 PM	Friday, September 2 *4:45 AM 10:55 AM *5:20 PM 11:30 PM




Farm To Table Dinner



Carrie Ann & Co (squash, cucumbers, tomatoes,) Tupelo's Bakery & Café' (bread, tarts) and Green Meadows (blueberries.)

Jefferson County Tourist Development Council Coordinator Nancy Wideman greeted them upon arrival and introduced them to all in attendance.

While in Jefferson County they toured Tuten Farms, Golden Acres, Full Moon Apiary, Barnhart's Wheat Farm and the O'Tooles Herb Farm.

They were also introduced earlier on the tour to Farm Service Agency Associates Mark Demott and Agriculture UF Extension Agent Dan Fenneman.

The event was sponsored by the TDC.



DEBBIE SNAPP
ECB Publishing Staff Writer

The Avera-Clarke House Bed & Breakfast hosted a Farm to Table Dinner in mid-June to introduce participants of the Original Florida Culinary Press Familiarization Tour to a few of the area farmers. The participants included Rose Derkay, Susannah Watson, Bryan Thomas, Tommy Thompson, Donna Creamer, Apryl Chapman Thomas and Doc Lawrence.

Local farmers prepared foods and such for the evening meal. Those farmers included the Fulford Family Farm (peanuts,) Golden Acres (goat, sheep, lamb, Mayhaws,) Heavenly Homestead (chicken,)



2012 NON - INSURED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM DEADLINES ANNOUNCED

The Jefferson/Leon/Wakulla County Farm Service Agency announces Non-Insured Assistance Program deadlines. The Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) was designed to reduce financial losses that occur when natural disasters cause a catastrophic loss of production or prevented planting of an eligible crop by providing coverage

equivalent to FCIC catastrophic (CAT) insurance. Statute limits NAP to each commercial crop or agricultural commodity, except livestock, for which CAT insurance is not available.

Producers must file form CCC-471, application for coverage, and pay the applicable service fee by the applicable deadline. The service fee is \$250 per crop per county or \$750 per pro-

ducer, per county. The fee cannot exceed a total of \$1875 per producer with farming interest in multiple counties.

NAP coverage is only available for crops not covered under the Federal Crop Insurance program. Producers are reminded about the need for insurance coverage on crops in order to remain eligible for the agency's Disaster Assistance Programs

for crop or livestock feed loss such as SURE, LFP, TAP, and ELAP.

Producers must purchase at least catastrophic (CAT) level of insurance for all insurable crops and producers must apply for coverage before a disaster strikes.

Producers with NAP coverage must remember to complete the following to remain eligible for NAP benefits:

Timely file acreage reports and keep track of harvested produc-

tion using acceptable methods. For example, bale weights or other means of determining quantities of hay are required.

File a Notice of Loss within 15 days of when a loss is apparent, so the loss can be appraised and production counted before the crop is put to another use, abandoned or destroyed.

The upcoming application closing dates for 2012 crops are as follows:
September 1, 2011

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 Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that KIRK B. REAMS, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Florida, will on the 15th day of SEPTEMBER, 2011, at 11:00 a.m. at the Jefferson County Courthouse in Monticello, Florida, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Jefferson County, Florida, to-wit: Parcel I.D. #R07-2N-5E-0130-0000-1310

Lot 131 of Springdale Pecan Subdivision as per map or plat thereof as recorded in the Public Records of Jefferson County, Florida, in Plat Book "A", subject to any existing road right of ways and easements.

Together with an ingress-egress easement over the East 20 feet of the South 100 feet of Lot 132, Springdale Pecan Company Subdivision. The purpose of this easement is to connect the Northeast corner of Lot 141, Springdale Pecan Company Subdivision to the existing county maintained road, which lies adjacent to and East of Lots 132 and 145, whether accurately described herein or not.

LESS and EXCEPT:

Begin at the Northwest corner of Lot 131 of Springdale Pecan Subdivision as per map or plat thereof as recorded in the Public Records of Jefferson County, Florida and run North 88°54'51" East, along the North boundary of said Lot 131, 58.39 feet to a point, thence South 00°06'53" West 8.84 feet to a point, thence South 86°16'39" West 272.86 feet to an iron rod, thence South 02°22'35" West, 13.30 feet to an iron rod, thence South 86°14'21" West 244.38 feet to a point, thence North 01°58'03" West 46.08 feet to the Point of Beginning. ^

pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in a case pending in said Court, the style of which is as set out above, and the docket number of which is 11-47-CA. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of said Court, this 10th day of August, 2011.

By: Sherry Sears
 Deputy Clerk
 8/19,26/11,c.

KIRK B. REAMS
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 Jefferson County, Florida

Collection Sites

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two individuals, including an official, but nothing had come of it, Barnes said.

Letchworth sighed slightly when she heard about the complaint, especially the part about the collection sites' messiness, a familiar plaint to her.

The fact was that, barring equipment breakdowns and other unforeseen events, her crews regularly cleaned the collection sites, she said. But the problem was that the crews no sooner cleaned up the unmanned sites than they were trashed again, sometimes almost immediately, she said.

Letchworth attributed the problem in large part to individuals who frequently and illegally dumped truckloads and trailer loads of tires, tree limbs and construction debris at the sites. Given that no one was there to monitor the situation, would-be violators were free to do as they pleased, she said.

Adding to the problem, Letchworth said, residents from adjacent counties were also disposing of their garbage and trash here, especially at those unmanned sites nearest the county lines. She said the resulting volume of trash and its disarray hampered the efficiency of the collection process.

"The Bassett, Aucilla and Lamont sites are especially bad because they're unmanned," Letchworth said. "People can go to these sites and dump whatever they want and wherever they want to dump it. People say we're not cleaning up but it's because it takes us so long to clean up the unmanned sites. When the place is not manned, it takes the drivers twice as long to clean up the site, putting them behind. And often, as soon as we clean a site, it's trashed again."

The ideal solution, she said, was to man all the collection sites, an option that commissioners have discussed many times previously and dismissed as impractical, given that budgetary constraints won't allow it. But it may be that Letchworth has come up with the next best solution.

She said the new plan calls for the redesign, fencing, and landscaping of the unmanned sites to make them more accessible, secure and aesthetical. She said security cameras would be installed at the sites to monitor activity and gates installed to allow for pedestrian traffic into the site for the disposal of household garbage.

Hopefully too, adoption and enforcement of the code enforcement ordinance will help curtail

much of the illegal dumping, she said.

Hopefully she said the New Monticello and Lamont collection sites could possibly be relocated, if new locations can be found.

As for the white goods and other metals dumped at the collection sites, Letchworth said these items are sold to one of several scrap metal companies, depending on which is offering the best price. She named among the companies Ace Scrap Metal, Midway Scrap Metal and Madison Metal.

"We take a load about twice a month," Letchworth said. "We wait until there's enough at the collection sites. But sometimes, the stuff gets stolen."

She said the county averages about \$5,000 annually on the sale of scrap metal. Prior to economic crash in 2007, the sale of scrap metal brought in a lot more money, she said.

Letchworth said recycling in general was up and production was going up.

"We're sending out more," she said, speaking of such recyclables as aluminum, plastic, glass and cardboard. "Recycling sales have brought in \$23,239 since Oct. 1 of this fiscal year. We recycle everything we can."

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Man Arrested

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was worth \$350 and the chairs were worth approximately \$15 each. The items were returned to the complainant.

Deputy Peebles went back to the facility where Parker was and placed him under arrest for burglary and grand theft and transported him to the County Jail.

A total bond of \$7,500 was set and he remained at the County Jail August 25.

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