



JCI SPARED, FOR TIME BEING

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Local and state leaders late Wednesday were celebrating a House approved budget amendment earlier the same day that spares the closing of Jefferson Correctional Institution (JCI).

All the same, some of the same leaders were trying to temper the euphoria with a cautionary note that the battle wasn't over yet.

State Representatives on Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 8, approved a budget amendment introduced by

Republican Appropriations Chairwoman Denise Grimsley that shifts \$10.2 million in the House's \$69.2 billion spending plan to keep JCI from being closed.

Grimsley's amendment — supposedly an amended version of a budget proposal made days earlier by Representatives Leonard Bemby and Michelle Rehwinkel Vasilinda, who represent Jefferson County, and Representative Alan Williams — passed unanimously.

Members of the Jefferson County legislative delegation praised the de-

cision.

"The people of Jefferson County made a compelling case to save the prison and Appropriations Committee Chair Denise Grimsley deserves special thanks for her leadership," Vasilinda said. "Grimsley not only listened to the stories of the good citizens of Jefferson County, but understood the long-term economic devastation that this closure would have caused in one of Florida's smallest and most fiscally constrained counties that has little economic diversity. This action by the Florida House to save Jef-

erson County from being a ghost town gives hope to the people of Florida that Republicans and Democrats can work together to solve tough problems."

Bemby likewise applauded the measure.

"I know how hard these people work and how much they love their community," Bemby said. "I live in a rural county; I have worked hard for rural counties and understand the problems this closure would have created for every small business in the area. The House action is a positive step toward the future."

Jefferson County Commission Chairman Hines Boyd also was generous in his praise of the House action and Grimsley in particular.

"What happened Wednesday afternoon on the House floor was extraordinary — a rare and bipartisan show of corporate heart by the legislative body," Boyd said. "A JCI rescue proposal had already failed a narrow vote in committee. The tipping point was the compassionate support of powerful Appropriations Chair Denise Grimsley. Rep. Grimsley summarized the

legislative sentiment well in her floor comments when she said, "This Legislature may not be in the business of creating jobs, but it is also not in the business of devastating communities."

Boyd noted that Grimsley amendment "didn't just buy JCI another year; it includes 'proviso' language that would make it much more difficult for the Department of Corrections to close any prison in an economically challenged county of less than 15,000 people."

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FINAL VERSION OF COMP PLAN, FLUM APPROVED

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The Jefferson County Commission last week approved the final version of the amended Jefferson County Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Map (FLUM) for transmittal to the state and hoped-for implementation within two or so months.

"This is the second and final hearing for transmittal to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (FDEO), the state's new planning agency," Planning Attorney Scott Shirley said. "The state has 31 days to determine if the amendments are in compliance. Then there's a 21-day window where a third party can challenge the amendments before the documents become final."

The series of comprehensive plan and Future Land Use Map (FLUM) amendments, which the commission tentatively approved in mid September of last year for initial transmittal to the state, reflect the changes identified in the earlier Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR).

As Shirley and Planning Official Bill Tellefsen explained it to commissioners, the finalized versions of the two documents comply with the 2008 EAR that commissioners adopted late last year.

The two documents also address the objections and recommendations made by the FDEO in its initial review.

Tellefsen offered that in addition to the state's objecting that the county had failed to submit a new overall map depicting all the proposed changes, the FDEO had noted seven text items that needed addressing. He assured the commission that these latest versions of the documents — last updated on Jan. 25, 2012 — addressed all the FDEO's comments and objections.

Those comments, which stemmed from reviews by the staffs of the departments of state, education and transportation, largely related to procedural and policy changes that needed to be clarified or inserted in the text for the protection of archaeological sites and historic buildings or the update of traffic circulation levels of service and interlocal agreements relative to public school facility planning.

The 132-page document, consisting of nine chapters, addresses such elements as future land use, traffic circulation, conservation, recreation, coastal management and capital improvement.

For the most part, the revisions correct scrivener's errors, update the language to bring it into compliance with new state rules and regulations, or change the land-use designations of particular parcels to reflect the existing reality and bring them into conformance with surrounding land-uses. Slightly more controversial were those changes initiated by property owners or officials for visionary or speculative purposes, as reflected on the FLUM.

As in the first public hearing on the comprehensive plan and FLUM amendments on Sept. 15, the one proposal to draw critical attention was the rezoning of a 1,971.5-acre tract in the Wacissa area from ag-20 (one house per 20 acres) to ag-5, or one house per acre. The rezoning allows for up to 400 houses on the property, as opposed to the 100 allowed under the ag-20 zoning.

Commissioner Betsy Barfield again voiced objection to the particular rezoning and asked that it be pulled from overall document and addressed individually, a request that failed to get her colleagues' support.

Barfield argued that the rezoning went against the commission's stated vision of wanting to preserve the county's rural character and directing growth toward existing developed areas. What's more, the property was in an environmentally sensitive area, given its proximity to the Wacissa River and its springs, she said. A proliferation of septic tanks could potentially harm the river and its many springs, she said.

Barfield further argued that allowing amendments to be clumped together, rather than addressed individually, fast-tracked the process and diminished transparency.

Commission Chairman Hines Boyd alone sided with Barfield, as he did at the first hearing.

"I agree with Commissioner Barfield that increasing density in environmentally sensitive areas is not good public policy," Boyd said.

With that, the commission voted 3-2 to approve the two documents for transmittal to the state.

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On SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12th, bring your kid to the FREE!!! Jefferson County Kids Bicycle Rodeo to learn important bicycle skills to keep them safe on the road. We'll go over important skills such as Helmet Fit, Traffic Mix, Rock Dodge, and Shoulder Check. We will provide bicycles and helmets, or you can bring your child's own bicycle and helmet. After the rodeo, we'll do a quick bicycle race around a closed course in downtown Monticello.

Bicycle Races This Weekend

If you're wondering about the checkered flags around town, they're a reminder of the bicycle races scheduled for this weekend.

We're talking about the 3rd annual Seminole Cycling Classic — a two-day racing event set for 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. to noon Sunday, Feb. 11-12.

Sponsored by the FSU Cycling Club and featuring races of various lengths and endurance, the compe-

tion is expected to draw participants from near and far.

The races will take place on three designated courses (one in the city and two in the county).

A post-race dinner and awards ceremony, including live music, is planned from 5 to 10 p.m. Saturday at the Mays House on East Washington Street. The dinner is open to the public.

REGIONAL CONSORTIUM GETS \$300,000 EXPANSION GRANT

GROUP PLANS TO SET OFFICE HERE

The Tallahassee Lenders' Consortium (TLC) has announced receipt of \$300,000 in grant funding over the next three years that will enable it to expand its service area into Wakulla, Gadsden, Jefferson and Madison counties.

The grant will be used to establish satellite offices in each of the four counties and provide free housing services to low-income families, including pre-purchase counseling, credit counseling, budgeting, home-buyer education and

delinquency counseling. The grant is part of \$3.65 million in expansion grant funding awarded to

TLC and other local members of the NeighborWorks network by NeighborWorks America.

"We are excited to be able to expand our service area and help more low-income families realize their dreams of homeownership," said Libby Lane, TLC's executive director. "TLC equips families to make proactive decisions on such issues as priority spending that reduces the possibility of future mortgage delinquency and default. We are proud to be part of the process of building stronger communities, one family at a time."

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ILLEGAL TURN RESULTS IN TWO-CAR CRASH

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An illegal turn resulted in a two-car crash Monday on the interstate.

Florida Highway Patrol reported that at 11:25 a.m. at the 235-mile marker on I-10, Anna Mae Lamb, 38, of Panama City Beach, FL, was driving a 2011 Honda Civic, traveling eastbound on I-10 in the inside lane. In the vehicle as a pas-

senger was Kimberly Elaine Pope, 27, of Panama City.

Bart A. Bryant, 61, of Thomasville, GA, was driving a 2010 Ford F-150 traveling eastbound on the inside lane behind Lamb.

Lamb was slowing down in an attempt to make a U-turn across the median in a prohibited U-turn area.

Bryant applied brakes to avoid the collision and entered into the median.

Lamb made the turn and the left front of her vehicle struck the right side door of Bryant's vehicle.

No one involved sustained any injuries and all were wearing their seatbelts. FHP did not deem the crash to be alcohol-related.

Lamb's vehicle sustained \$1,500 damage and Bryant's vehicle sustained \$1,000 damage.

Lamb was charged with making an improper U-turn in a U-turn prohibited area.

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Viewpoints & Opinions

CHURCH NEWS NOTES

FEBRUARY 11 AND 12
New Bethel AME Church will celebrate the anniversaries of its Choirs #1 and #2 and the Male Choir with a Musical Program at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday and a Worship Service at 11 a.m. on Sunday. Guest Minister will be Rev. Sinclair Madry and the Holy Light Missionary Baptist Church of Havana Choir will be guest choir. 8 a.m. Early Worship Service will begin on the second Sunday of each month. Church School and 11 a.m. Worship Service will continue as usual every Sunday.

FEBRUARY 11
First United Methodist Church will do its part to Stop Hunger Now from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday. Contact Rex Ware at 850-997-5545 to volunteer.

FEBRUARY 12
Memorial Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate its Annual Black History Program at 11 a.m. on Sunday. Guest

speaker will be Rev. Bill Proctor, county commissioner for district 1 in Tallahassee. For more information about this celebration of African American Heritage contact Sis. Eunice Smith at 850-545-8514. A Pre-Anniversary program will be held at 4 p.m. for Pastor Rev. Dr. JB Duval. Elder Gerald McGill will be speaker.

FEBRUARY 12
Mt. Ararat AME Church and Pastor Margaret Brown will celebrate an Evening in White at 5 p.m. on Sunday. Rev. Joseph Austin and the congregation of New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church of Waukeena will be in charge of the service. For more information call chairperson Louise King at 850-997-2853.

FEBRUARY 12
Mt. Pleasant Ministries of Capps Florida Pastor's Aide Committee will celebrate with Pastor/Elder Charles G. Smith, Sr. and First Lady Sis. Linda

Smith their 3rd Anniversary Pre-Anniversary at 3 p.m. on Sunday. Deaconess Maggie Duval will be speaker.

FEBRUARY 12
New Jersey Missionary Baptist Church, 835 Piddock Road in Dixie, GA will celebrate the 2nd Anniversary of its Pastor Rev. Kassalando M. Brooks, Sr at 11 a.m. on Sunday with Rev. Ben Ransom Jr. and the Sweetfield Missionary Baptist Church rendering the program and at 3 p.m. with Dr. James Redmon and the Ford Chapel AME Choir rendering the program.

FEBRUARY 12
Welaunee Missionary Baptist Church and Pastor/Elder Herbert R. Thomas, Sr. will celebrate Family and Friends Day at 11 a.m. on Sunday with guest speaker Rev. Rudolph Nealy and New Hope.

FEBRUARY 12
Sunday of Silence will be held from 8 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. 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. OHEC is located at 450 West Madison Street in downtown Monticello and is a non-profit 501c3 public charity. Donations appreciated and are tax deductible. For more information contact Sallie Worley at oneheartearthcenter@embarqmail.com or 850-997-7373.

FEBRUARY 15
EaglesWings, a ministry of outreach, serves the community on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The food pantry is located at the First Presbyterian Church on East Dogwood Street. Volunteers are always welcome to hand out food items and

to donate non-perishable food items. Call and leave a message for JoAnne Arnold at 850-997-2252 or go to eaglewingsmonticello@yahoo.com or www.firstpresbyterian-monticello.org

FEBRUARY 16
Bible Study every Thursday at the Lloyd Woman's Club at 7 p.m. Join with Elder Linda Ross for an evening of Christian faith. For more information contact her at 850-322-3424.

FEBRUARY 17
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.

FEBRUARY 24, 25
Second Harvest Food Program, together with the churches of New Bethel AME, Elizabeth MB, Hick-

ory Hill MB, Mt. Pleasant AME and Philadelphia MB, will provide food to anyone needing assistance including the needy, infants and the elderly. This is done monthly with distribution from 9 to 10 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 6:30 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 this program.

MARCH 3
Monticello Church of the Nazarene will hold its monthly Clothing Give-away from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday at 1590 North Jefferson. There is clothing for everyone, young/old, big/small!

INAUGURAL NORTHEAST SOUL FOOD FESTIVAL

KRISTIN FINNEY
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Car shows and soul food and gospel, oh my! On Friday, February 17, and Saturday February 18, HottCoffey Records and the On The Rise TV Show will be bringing a festival of epic proportions to Madison County. The festival is being held at the Madison County Recreation Center, located at 320 SW Arnold St. in Madison.

Stingers

"In the Shadow of His Rainbow," the poem by the late Carol Lewis, is indeed a poem, unlike much of what has been called poetry, but in really prose sentences with some rhyme attached. Those sentences would be best written in an essay."

"The cheapest way to have your family tree traced is to run for office."

"A former Ron Paul supporter... is like a lion that use to eat meat."

"It has been impressive to see the community come together regarding the proposed closing of the JCI. Yet, it would be even more impressive if we could come together to solve the problem that is far more damaging to our economy - our public school system. After years of failure, the logical first step to improvement would be a complete replacement of all of the leadership."

There will be live performances by Tank on Paint, Ceeje the Kid, Essence Green, Rashonda Denson and many more. There will be a cake auction and car show during the festival. There will also be live celebrity entertainment, gospel shows and official parties. There will also be plenty of soul food for everyone to enjoy.

Not only are Madison residents invited to the festival, those in the surrounding counties are as well. There will be a chance that those who attend could end up on TV thanks to FMN Live Productions.

"Our main focus is trying to get the community together as a whole to come out and have a good time. We are inviting everyone in all of the surrounding areas to join us. We might even have some people coming from Jacksonville and Miami area. The main purpose of this is trying to help support the recreation center by trying to remove some of the finan-

cial burdens that they have. Also, we are trying to have fun. I have invited some prominent members of society to try to expand the effort," said Clifford Brown, who is helping put together the event.

You can visit the website at youtube.com/

Ddj5starstunna or myspace.com/DJPrinceofJville. You can also call Diddy Coffee for registration information and vendor info. The number is 904-576-2568. You can also call Clifford Brown at 904-654-1428.

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PRESS RELEASE-- From Jefferson County Schools

Jefferson County Schools continues to make rental of its facilities available to members of the community for events such as funerals, concerts, benefits and family reunions; to name a few.

In order to hold an event at one of these facilities, liability insurance is required. Due to changes made by the Panhandle Area Education Consortium (PAEC), it is asked that individuals interested in renting the facilities take note of the following changes:

- Liability insurance can be obtained electronically through PAEC;
- Go to: www.marshcampus.com/paec;
- Only Visa and Mastercard will be accepted. No cash, money orders or personal check;
- There is a 24-hour processing

time so please plan accordingly. PAEC will send you notification that your request has been processed, and you will be able to print your certificate of insurance from the convenience of your own home.

•In order to avoid any unforeseen difficulties, please plan to hand in all necessary paperwork and apply for your liability insurance AT LEAST 10-business days in advance of your event.

•Liability insurance will be accepted from other carriers.

We at Jefferson County Schools look forward to helping you arrange just the right location for your event. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Pleas, Mrs. Skipworth or Mrs. Lingle at 342-0100.

Debbie's Notes
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Chamber Director Melanie Mays reports that the recently held Small Business Development Center workshop on 'Starting A Business' was well attended. 10-perspective business owners, representing seven new business ventures, learned about resources to help develop a business plan; marketing plan resources; how to perform a SWOT analysis; how to conduct market research; legal aspects of starting a business; and how to get funded. Jonathan Wiggins leads this series of workshops. The next workshop on 'Business Plan Basics' will be held from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. on Tuesday, February 28 at the Chamber. No matter how large or small, all businesses need a business plan. This introductory workshop will explain and illustrate the business plan format as well as provide an overview of the contents of a good business plan and how to use it as a road map to success. Contact her at 850-997-5552 to register for the upcoming workshop.

The Lloyd Volunteer Fire Rescue will hold election of officers and board members during the regular monthly meeting at the Lloyd Volunteer Fire Station on Thursday, March 1 at 7 pm.

Express Computer Solutions announces that they are beginning to take in old and broken electronics, not just computer parts but everything, as a service to the community and to promote green thinking. This is a free service for drop-off and pick-up. Express Computer Solutions is located at 760 East Washington, Suite C, in the Monticello Health & Fitness building.

Are you interested in learning how to paint with watercolor? Are you a beginner? Then this free class may be for you. On Monday, February 27 at 1 p.m. there will be a two-hour workshop at the Jefferson Arts Gallery for beginning adult watercolorists. Only interested beginners should email rogalice89@gmail.com for more info. This class is provided free through a grant received from the Florida Department of Cultural Affairs ending June 2012. Sign up today!

Thank you to ABWA members Connie and Cheryl McCaskill for working at the polls on Tuesday for the Silver Dome Chapter. The next election will be held on August 14. The training will be done one to two weeks prior to that date. If you are interested in helping with this fundraising effort contact vonholmes47yahoo.com or call her at 850-212-7373.

The Spring Fling is a craft and gift show with a variety of fantastic vendors. Enjoy two days of shopping at the Fellowship Presbyterian Church in Killlearn Estates. The vendors will hold prize drawings. The event will kickoff on Friday, March 2 from 5 to 8 p.m. and continue on Saturday, March 3 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Vendors will include: At Home America, Bitty Bears, Pampered Chef, Initials Inc, Letter Photography by Mischa, Beauti Control, Traveling Vineyard, Thirty One, Mary Kay, Cruise One Vacation Agency, Scentsy, Tastefully Simple, Gold Party Group, Premier Jewelry and Discovery Toys. Contact Mischalina Franklin at mischafrank@live.com if you are interested.

The Stress Management For Women Webinar held recently at the Chamber was very informative and helpful for those who attended. This was another free event hosted by the Chamber for its members and their employees. Participants learned how to beat stress-caused tension, frustration and fatigue and how to manage their active, vigorous schedules.

Ethel Strickland, president of the Monticello Women's Club, reminds all about the upcoming Country Dinner this Thursday evening, February 16. Call now for advance tickets, just \$10. She also thanks those who dined with the members last year. The meal will be similar but with more additions and a few new members will be in attendance. Come join a deliciously prepared meal by some of the best cooks in Monticello and Jefferson County!

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From Page One

Remembering 'The Good Ol' Days'

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Many times the older people in different communities throughout the country will reminisce about the days gone by and what life was like back in the "good ol' days." County resident Paul McClellan, 80, recently reminisced about his earlier days of living in Jefferson County.

"I live now within 1,000 feet of where I was born," said McClellan. "Where I was born was directly across the street from where I am now. The Millers own that now.

"We usually got a new pair of shoes at the beginning of each school year and hopefully, they would last for the year, if not, we had to go barefoot," he recalled. "We had chores. Dad and Grandpa farmed together. They owned a 1,027-acre plantation. We plowed the field using mule-pulled plows. I tell a lot of people that I learned to walk behind a mule and a plow.

"We had corn for feeding the cows, hogs and mules and we would plant velvet beans with the corn so the beans could run on the corn stalks," he said. "Those beans were hard to pick because the fuzz on them would eat you up. It didn't seem to bother the blacks who worked for us though, but then again, maybe they just needed the money so bad that they didn't complain about it when they were picked in the fall. After the beans were picking really good, we put them in what we called the bean room and we would soak them from one feeding to the next to soften them up. That is how the cows got their protein.

"We had 40-50 head of cows and they were milked by hand. My grandpa had a milk route in Monticello that he ran daily. People didn't lock their doors back then and he would walk in the houses, down the hallways, into the kitchens, open the refrigerators and put the milk in there for his customers. Then he would reach up and take whatever money was owed to him for the milk. He delivered the milk in an old closed-in Chevrolet truck," said McClellan. "Grandma got half of the milk every day to save the cream to make butter with the churn. She had two wooden bowls, a half-pound bowl and a one-pound bowl and we would pack them tight with the butter.

"We had chickens for eggs. Grandpa's brother Tom McClellan had a grocery store and dry goods store on the lot where the courthouse parking lot is now," said McClellan. "He would buy the eggs and butter.

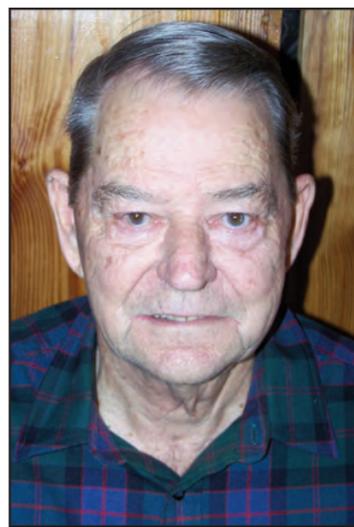
"We sold out the cows when I was very small, to try to save the plantation. It was during the Depression. But he couldn't save the plantation. They were ready to foreclose on it when they heard that someone might be interested in buying it, so the foreclosure was held off. A man who worked for the railroad bought it. Daddy kept seven acres. When he sold it, the mortgage was \$10,000. My dad got \$8 an acre plus the \$10,000 mortgage, so he got \$18,000 for it." He added that where he lives now is the place that his grandpa had right across the street.

"Mama made our clothes. White flour sacks were used for under clothes and the printed

feed sacks were used for shirts and little pants," he recalled. "Mama did a lot of sewing for other people also, using that old foot-petal sewing machine. My oldest son has it now. He refinished it and it almost looks brand new.

"We drew water from the well. We had no electricity, so cooking was done on the wood stove and the wood stove was used for heat," he added. "We used the two-man cross cut saws to cut the wood and then split it with an ax.

"There were some black families who had about 160 acres and their land joined with our planta-



Paul McClellan

tion. Their land wasn't open so they rented five to 10 acres at a time from us to plant watermelons. They would take the seeds out of the melons, wash them and dry them on burlap to save them for the Gilbert Seed Company," said McClellan.

"When we did laundry, we drew the water, boiled the clothes in a wash pot and had three tubs, the first with the scrub board and the other two for rinsing the clothes. Mama made potash soap and Grandma made potash soap. They made it the same way but Mama's was always better. The best I can remember, to make it they took old grease like bacon grease, strained it to get all the little bits of meat out of it until they had the pure grease, and then mixed in the potash. Grandma used to put hers in a wash pot and put a little heat to it but Mama never did," McClellan recalled.

"Daddy would go out to where the colored people had their watermelons and he would cut hay. Sometimes it had a lot of good native grass and some times it was all sand spurs. We would fill the huge top of the barn with hay and stack it as high as you could stack it. The hay was hauled by two-horse wagonloads and stacked as high as you could get it. To cut the hay, Daddy had a sickle-mower pulled by mules and a dump-type rake to dump it in a row where it could be picked up," he added.

"We also grew a lot of sugar cane, about two to three acres and two to three acres of sweet potatoes. We would bank some of the potatoes and sell some. Cane grinding went on for six to eight weeks with three to four cookings a day at the most," he said. "There was no electricity to see at night so we would build a small fire with fat-lighter and set it on the back of the furnace and

grandpa's eyes were getting bad. He bucked (skimmed the scum off the top of the syrup) the syrup and there was still about an inch of scum on it. Remember, everything was rationed it was during the war so you couldn't buy sugar. One night, two men from Wakulla County came down and asked Daddy about buying syrup. He told them it was bad and they took the cap off, one stuck his finger in, swished it around and tasted the syrup. He said it was all right, that he'd take it. Daddy sold that syrup for one dollar a gallon. Daddy said we should go into moonshine. CC Wright bought syrup from Daddy several times and brought it to the mountains of the Carolinas and probably for the same thing," McClellan recalled.

"During cane grinding Grandpa would draw the buck and put it in a wood barrel and put the juice in a five-gallon jug and let it ferment. Grandma would keep adding to it to make her own red vinegar," he said.

"There wasn't any money to mention and the colored people who worked for us got \$2 to \$2.50 per week. Grandpa would pay a little bit of money, a peck of potatoes, half a gallon of syrup, one peck of meal and a piece of meat," said McClellan.

"We finally got power out there in 1943, when they paved Waukeena Highway. Before they paved it, that hill where I live was a clay hill, There weren't very many cars and when the rainy season hit, the cars couldn't make it up the hill. They all slid off the road and into the ditch. Daddy would hook up two mules to the wagon and go out and pull them up to the top of the hill," he added.

It was wartime and everything was rationed, so you could not buy lumber to build a new house, everything was rationed. The Curtis Sawmill in Drifton had closed and Dick Olms bought the land. Daddy knew him and asked if any of the buildings, which included a commissary, old hotel and several laborer houses, were for sale. Dick said he only had one building, the old hotel and that is what Daddy wanted. Daddy paid \$250 for that old hotel and took it down piece by piece with the colored people helping him. They hauled the lumber back to the seven acres that Daddy kept and he built our house from it. The Rationing Board did approve that he could get enough metal for a roof and some windows for the house. Daddy ordered the windows and until they came in, we had to hang burlap over the windows to keep the mosquitoes and birds out," he added.

"Old Mr. Sam Grantham and his brother Uncle Tom Grantham lived beyond us and they would come into town every Saturday with a two-horse wagon pulled by two mules. They were asked by the merchant who Daddy bought the windows from, if they could deliver Daddy's windows on their way home and that is how we got our windows," he concluded.

It's no wonder why people like to sit and remember the "Good Ol' Days!"

If you would like to sit and reminisce about the "Good Ol' Days" with Fran, call 997-3568 or email franhunt@embarqmail.com for an appointment.

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That proviso, Boyd added, applies most specifically to Jefferson and two other counties.

Boyd was equally lavish in his praise of the work done by professional lobbyists Wendy Bitner and Chris Doolin, whom the county hired for \$10,000 each.

"In the halls of the capitol, our community is earning widespread admiration and support for the way it has worked the JCI closure issue," Boyd said. "A lot of people have worked together hard and unselfishly to get us this far. But despite our best efforts, none of this would likely have happened without the expert guidance and behind the scenes work of our two lobbyists, Wendy Bitner and Chris Doolin. They were the catalysts that made the success possible. We owe them our heartfelt gratitude."

All the same, Boyd introduced a cautionary note to temper the celebratory mood, noting that numerous hurdles yet remained ahead. Not only did the full House have to adopt the measure, but the Senate also had to adopt a similar proposal and the Governor then had to approve it, he said.

It was a cautionary note that Williams also sounded.

"Our efforts to save these jobs won't be over until the Senate acts and the Governor signs the budget into law," Williams said. "It's going to take continued bi-partisan effort so that this restored funding stays in the budget. This legislative delegation is committed to following through and making sure that Governor Rick Scott understands the unique problems that confront small counties in this economically trying time."

Boyd's was the last word, and he chose to end on a positive note.

"While we still have to get past the hurdles of the Senate and a Governor's veto pen, the unanimous House vote gives us very strong momentum to reach our ultimate goal of keeping JCI open," he said.

Grants

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TLC's low foreclosure rate of 1.56 percent for clients who have received both counseling and down payment assistance through the program that TLC administers for the City of Tallahassee is reportedly well below Florida's average of 14 percent. TLC also provides delinquency counseling for families facing foreclosure.

"The expansion grants are a truly efficient use of funding for the nonprofit industry," said Eileen Fitzgerald, CEO of NeighborWorks America. "Instead of starting from scratch, the expansion grants enable NeighborWorks organizations to broaden their reach and bring their already established services and best practices into underserved communities,"

For more information on how TLC will use the expansion grant funding, contact Libby Lane at (850) 222-6609, extension 104, or email her at llane@tallahasseeenders.org

For more information about the network expansion grants, contact Douglas Robinson at (202) 220-6317, or email him at drobison@nw.org.

TLC is a nonprofit organization created in 1993 by the City of Tallahassee and local lenders. Its stated mission is to make the dream of homeownership a reality by improving people's ability to obtain and retain safe, decent and affordable housing through creating housing options; providing homebuyer education; and providing access to affordable financing.



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Jefferson County Living

Altrusa District Governor Elect Visits Local Group

DEBBIE SNAPP
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Staff Writer

Altrusa of Monticello held its January 26 meeting on Thursday afternoon at the Jefferson Senior Citizen Center. Visiting from out-of-town to speak to the membership was District III Governor-Elect Colleen M. Duris.

Duris spoke about club, state and national goals for the upcoming year, noting that the Monticello club has already met its goals and is number five in standing with the 29 clubs in District III. She encouraged focusing on membership and to appreciate what Altrusa does for the community. Altrusa is a service organization with education related scholarships.

She encouraged attendance to the National



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Altrusa District III Governor-Elect Colleen M. Duris, right, visited the local group and President Linda Benedict, left.



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The Thursday afternoon meeting of the Altrusa of Monticello/Jefferson County was well attended so the members could hear from and visit with District III Governor-Elect Colleen M. Duris.

Convention beginning April 12 in Sandy Springs, GA and the upcoming International Conference in New Zealand. "These gatherings are great times to form new friendships and to meet with friends," she said. She shared pictures of last year's convention in South Dakota with the group.

Duris explained the new 'Wave' logo and the meaning behind the selection. She told that it meant clarity, inclusion and flexibility. She said that, "A website is in the making. I encourage you to check it out when it is

up and running."

After her program she was presented with a gift basket filled with Monticello mementos.

The 'Zumba' committee gave an update on its recent fundraising event noting that the event was well attended and that \$760 was raised for local food banks.

On Thursday, February 9 Altrusa will present a special preview of the Opera House Stage Company's romantic comedy 'Nobody's Perfect'. The evening will begin with complimentary hors d'oeuvres and refreshments at 6 p.m. at the Monticello Opera

House. The show will be presented in the downstairs reception area at 7 p.m.

Altrusa members will volunteer to help with Monticello Main-Street during the 'Seminoles Cycling Classic' on February 11 and 12 and will visit with Brynwood Center residents on February 14 at 2:30 p.m. The NOCC Teal Magnolias will host an 'Ovarian Cancer' fundraiser at the Willow Pond Plantation on March 25 called 'Pops at the Pond.' Members were invited to attend.

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WOMAN'S CLUB TO HOST COUNTRY DINNER

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The Monticello Woman's Club will host its annual Country Dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 16 at 875 East Pearl Street, in the clubhouse.

Dinner will be freshly prepared and homemade by the members. Members will also serve the country meal of chicken purlieu and sausage, baby lima beans, collards, sweet potato soufflé, slaw, potato salad, sliced tomatoes, macaroni and cheese,

corn bread, biscuits, desserts and cold tea.

Ticket cost is \$10 per meal and tickets may be purchased from any MWC member or by calling Ethel Strickland at 850-997-3382 or Linda

Ricke at 850-997-3518. Dine-in or take-out is available.

All proceeds from this fundraising event will benefit MWC philanthropies and the maintenance of the clubhouse.



HAPPY 3rd BIRTHDAY Kaleah Janiah Mosley

Kaleah will be three-years-old on Sunday, February 12, 2012. She will celebrate her birth-

day on Saturday, February 11 at the Jefferson County Recreation Park. Family and friends will enjoy a 'Dora' themed party with her from 12 to 5 p.m.

Kaleah is the daughter of Latoya Jalisa Henry and Kendrick Antonio Mosley of Monticello, FL. She is the granddaughter of Tawanda Henry and Willie Steen and Mary Hawkins and Walter Mosley. Her godparents are Leroy Profice, Thaddius Green, Tamika Scott, Shandria Alexander, Katrina Webster,

Shirley Washington and Ieshia Jones. Her god-sisters are Nakaya Stebbins and Jakala Gallon.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 10

A Sweetheart Candlelight Dinner will be held as a fundraiser for the Jefferson Senior Citizen Center and its programs. The affair is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. on Friday, at the Willow Pond Plantation in Monticello. The evening will feature music, live entertainment and a cash bar. The cost is a \$25 donation. For ticket information and updated information, contact Mary Ann Van Kleunen at 850-997-3986.

FEBRUARY 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25

The romantic comedy 'Nobody's Perfect' opens at the Monticello Opera House on Friday and Saturday. The play is directed by Jan and Jack Williams. Judy Turner is the stage manager and Denise Tosado is the props master. The play will be presented in the downstairs reception area of the Monticello Opera House, in an intimate dinner theater setting. Dinner is at 7 p.m. and the show is at 8 p.m. Ticket cost is \$35, with discounts for Opera House members. Reservations will be needed for the dinner, so contact the Opera House at 850-997-4242 or go to www.monticelloopera-house.org

FEBRUARY 11

Monticello Red Hat Scarlett O'Hatters meet at 11:30 a.m. on the second Saturday for lunch and a good time at a location of their choice; Reservations will need to be made to Mary Connell at 850-997-2772 or Irene Evans at 850-997-3724

FEBRUARY 11
"The Well Balanced Child" Conference will be held 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday. Join with The Early Learning Coalition of the Big Bend Region under the Big Top for a conference for their own. To register contact cjhutto@healthystartjmt.org

FEBRUARY 11
"Share the Love Day" at One Heart Earth Center at 10 a.m. on Saturday. This is a delightful day of sharing what makes you happy. To make your reservations call 850-997-7373 or go to oneheartearthcenter@embarqmail.com OHEC is located at 450 West Madison Street and is a 501 c 3 non-profit and tax-deductible.

FEBRUARY 11-29

Celebration of African American Art at the Jefferson Arts from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the gallery on Wednesdays and Saturdays, or by appointment; located at 575 West Washington Street, in downtown Monticello. Call 850-997-3311 for more information.

formation. There is no charge and the gift shop will be open. This exhibition will run through February.

FEBRUARY 13

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

FEBRUARY 13

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.

FEBRUARY 13

Big Bend Horseman's

Club meets at 7 p.m. on the second Monday at Green Industries Institute for a brief program and meeting. This is an open horse club for all breeds. Everyone is welcome. Go to www.bigbendhorse.com for more information.

FEBRUARY 14

Jefferson Elementary School SAC Meeting at 5 p.m. on Tuesday in the JES Media Center. PTO Meeting will follow at 6 p.m. with a special presentation by the second grade students honoring Black History Month and Presidents. Parents, teachers and community leaders and residents are encouraged to attend; your support is needed

and appreciated. SAC President Nancy Whitty. PTO President Robert Walker.

FEBRUARY 14

Jefferson County Democratic Executive Committee will meet at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday through November at the Jefferson County Bailar Public Library. For more instruction, contact Beth Davis at 850-544-6561.

FEBRUARY 14

American Legion Post 49 meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month for a business meeting and program at the Otto Walker Post on South Water Street. Contact Adjutant Ron Slik at

850-997-8103 for more information.

FEBRUARY 14

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

FEBRUARY 15

Monticello Kiwanis Club meets every Wednesday at noon at the Jefferson County Club on the Boston Highway for lunch, a program and a meeting. Contact President Rob Beshears at 850-997-5054 for more information.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) service aims to maximize refunds by claiming credits and deductions for families and individuals throughout Jefferson County. All are encouraged to take advantage of this free tax preparation and filing at the Jefferson County Bailar Public Library, 375 South Water Street in Monticello.

VITA is a free tax preparation and filing service, which is available to all individuals and families regardless of household income. This is an important component of United Way of the Big Bend BEST Project (Believe, Earn, Save, Thrive,) that along with community partners serves residents of the Big Bend through proactive and collaborative solutions to improve their long-term financial stability and quality of life.

Any individual or family can benefit from VITA, which is conducted by local, IRS-trained volunteers on select Tuesdays from 5 to 7 p.m. on February 7 and 21; March 6 and 20; April 3 and 10. On select Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 3 to 5 p.m. on February 8, 22 and 29; March 7 and 14; April 4 and 11. On select Thursdays from 5 to 7 p.m. on February 9 and 23; March 8 and 22; April 12. On Monday, April 16 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 3 to 5 p.m. On Thurs-

day, April 17 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 3 to 5 p.m.

VITA service is a fast and free tax service that helps residents avoid predatory income-tax preparers and costly refund-anticipation loans. Another goal of this tax service is to bring a portion of the \$5 million in unclaimed Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC) to Big Bend citizens who have earned them. The EITC could be worth thousands of dollars to a qualified taxpayer. In fact, unclaimed EITCs can still be claimed retroactively for up to three years. VITA volunteers work to ensure that eligible families take advantage of the EITC and other credits/deductions, which can increase a family's annual income up to 15 percent.

"VITA volunteers are trained to look for additional credits and deductions that families may not know they qualify for," said Megan Earnhardt, UWBB Strategic Initiatives Associate. "VITA's number one goal is to maximize everyone's tax refund,

every dollar you've earned. This service helps put more money back into the pockets of Big Bend residents, which in turn boosts our local economy. In just seven years, VITA has brought back \$17.9 million in tax refunds and saved Big Bend residents an estimated \$2.5 million in tax-preparation fees. This has resulted in a \$20.4 million impact on our local economy."

To contact Earnhardt, call the office at 850-488-8342 or 850-694-2760 or megan@uwbb.org

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Obituaries

BETTY GARLINGTON MAXWELL

Betty Garlington Maxwell of Thomasville, Georgia, formerly of Milledgeville, Georgia, passed away on Sunday, February 5, 2012 at her home.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, February 9, 2012 at the First Baptist Church in Milledgeville. Interment was held at 11 a.m. at the Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Milledgeville.

Mrs. Maxwell was born on November 20, 1928 in Macon, Georgia. She was a homemaker and was active in her neighborhood and community. She was a Girl Scout leader, a teacher for the church preschoolers and worked as a tireless volunteer for the American Cancer Society; she assisted cancer patients by driving them to and from treatments. She was a long-time member of the First Baptist Church of Milledgeville and the Faith Sunday School Class.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Douglas Maxwell.

Her survivors include three daughters, Brenda Jones (Buck) of Winchester, VA, Lynn Maxwell of Tucker, GA and Jo Morris (John) of Monticello, FL; five grandchildren, Carla Soylemez (Timur), Rebecca Jones, Douglas Jones, Abby Wiggins (Curtis) and Amanda Morris; great-granddaughter Mina Soylemez; her brother Carl Garlington (Sallie) of Jacksonville, FL; her sister-in-law Catherine Franklin of Macon; and a host of beloved nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: First Baptist Church-Building Fund, P.O. Box 795, 330 South Liberty Street, Milledgeville, GA. 31059.

The family received friends from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, February 8, 2012 at the Moores Funeral Home, 301 South Wayne Street, 31061-6631.

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APPLY FOR HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION BEFORE MARCH 1, 2012

A reminder from
Angela Gray, Property Appraiser

If you've had any change in home ownership in the last year, make sure you apply for Homestead Exemption by March 1, 2012.

Applicants need two forms of Florida identification (driver's license, voter registration card, vehicle tag numbers) listing the current address along with the Social Security numbers of all applicants.

Apply by visiting the Property Appraiser's Office at 480 W. Walnut St. between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Mon. - Fri. For further information or appointments call the Jefferson County Property Appraiser's Office 997-3356 or visit jeffersonpa.net.

Jefferson County Living

JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIME BEAT

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Marie A. McAllister, of Franks Road in Jefferson County, was arrested August 27, 2010 in Thomas County, GA and

charged with driving under the influence, for the second DUI on her record. After pleading no contest she was convicted in court April 19, 2011 to 12 months probation, a \$1,066 fine, she must attend DUI school, pay \$25 for her mug shot fee and she was sentenced to 30 days of community service work.

Michael Stephen Williams, 22, of Jefferson County, was arrested January 31, 2012 and charged with possession of marijuana

less than 20 grams and possession of paraphernalia. A total bond of \$1,000 was set and he bonded out of jail the same day.

Tony Charles Streetman, 47, of Jefferson County, was arrested February 1 and charged with driving while license suspended or revoked, knowingly. Bond was set at \$500 and he bonded out of jail the following day.

James Daniel Shiver, 24, of Jefferson County, was arrested

February 1 and charged with possession of cocaine and possession of paraphernalia. A total bond of \$3,000 was set and he bonded out of jail the following day.

Jose Gonzalez Lopez, 32, of Boston, GA, was arrested February 1 and charged with driving under the influence with property damage and operating a motor vehicle without a valid driver's license. A total bond of \$600 was set and he remained at the County Jail Febru-

ary 9.

Michael Daniel Brizzo, 25, of Homestead, FL, was arrested February 3 and charged with driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond was set at \$500 and he bonded out of jail the same day.

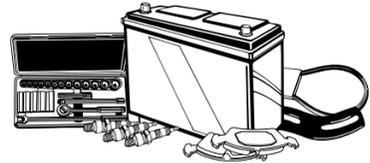
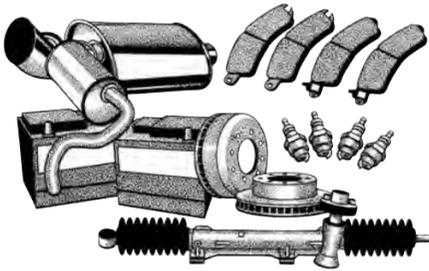
Ginger Walker, 38, of Lincoln, AR, was arrested February 4 and charged with two counts of possession of methamphetamine and two counts of possession of paraphernalia. A total bond of \$6,000 was

set and she bonded out of jail February 6.

Candace Pope, 28, of Tallahassee, was arrested February 4 and charged with possession of paraphernalia. Bond was set at \$500 and she bonded out of jail the following day.

Benjamin Lee Wertenberger, 35, of Tallahassee, was arrested February 4 and charged with possession of methamphetamine. Bond was set at \$2,500 and he bonded out of jail the same day.

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MARCHING BAND STILL SEEKING DONATIONS

Anyone interested in accompanying the Jefferson County Community Marching Band to its performance in Savannah, GA, must pay the bus fare for the trip upfront.

That's the word from band founder/director Derrick Jennings.

"For anyone who would like to travel with the band to Savannah, the cost of a bus seat is \$45 per person," Jennings said. "Each person must also provide his or her own lunch and spending money."

Too, any person wanting to march alongside the band in the parade must contact him for a blue permit, Jennings said.

He said the deadline for signing up for the bus ride and paying the fee remains March 1.

The Jefferson County Community Marching Band has been approved to participate in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in downtown Savannah on March 17. Jennings estimates that it will cost nearly \$3,000 for the group's transportation and overnight accommodations in Georgia.

Dating from 1813, Savannah's St. Patrick's Day is the second largest in the United States. It typically lasts about three hours and features more than 350 units, including numerous award-winning bands and the world-famous Budweiser Clydesdales.

Jennings said the effort to raise the necessary funds for the band's trip continues. Anyone wanting more information or to make a donation can call Jennings at (850) 459-3490 or email him at derrick.jennings36@yahoo.com.

The Community Marching Band, composed of musically inclined youths ages 10 and up, has been in existence a little more than a year. The band is the brainchild of Jennings, who sees it serving as a source of community entertainment, as well as giving the kids direction and a focus.

JV Warriors Season Stats

FRAN HUNT
ECB Publishing Staff Writer

The Aucilla Christian Academy junior varsity Warriors had a very impressive season winding up the year with an 11-5 record.

As a team, the Warriors bucketed 201 of 497 attempts from the field, netted 67 of 215 attempts from the three-point zone and hit 80 of 192 attempts from the free-throw line for 683 points. They collected 213 assists, 214 offensive and 281 defensive rebounds for a total of 495 rebounds, with 239 block/steals and 259 turnovers.

Individually, Brandon Holm bucketed 20 of 57 attempts from the field, hit two of 18 attempts from the three-point zone and sunk 10 of 31 attempts from the free-throw line for a total of 56 points. He had 61 assists, 28 offensive and 32 defensive rebounds for a total of 60 rebounds, with 57 block/steals and 41 turnovers.

Casey Demott bucketed 69 of 116 attempts from the field hit two of six attempts from the three-point zone and net-

ted 13 of 20 attempts from the free-throw line for 157 points to lead the Warriors. He collected 11 assists, 55 offensive and 61 defensive rebounds for a total of 116 rebounds, with 23 block/steals and 27 turnovers.

Carson Nennstiel bucketed 22 of 61 attempts from the field, missed one attempt from the three-point zone and sunk six of 22 attempts from the free-throw line for 50 points. He had 50 assists, 23 offensive and 43 defensive rebounds for a total of 66 rebounds, with 44 block/steals and 55 turnovers.

Ricky Finlayson bucketed 18 of 55 attempts from the field, targeted 31 of 70 attempts from the three-point zone and netted 21 of 40 attempts from the free-throw line for 150 points. He had 25 assists, two offensive and 15 defensive rebounds for a total of 17 rebounds, with 17 block/steals and 37 turnovers.

Hunter Handley hit one of nine attempts from the field, missed four attempts from the three-point zone and sunk three of nine attempts from the free-throw line for five

points. He had two assists, one offensive and one defensive rebound for a total of two rebounds, with six block/steals and three turnovers.

Braden Mattingly sunk 23 of 57 attempts from the field, hit 15 of 47 attempts from the three-point zone and netted eight of 26 attempts from the free-throw line for 99 points. He collected 28 assists, 32 offensive and 46 defensive rebounds for a total of 78 rebounds, with 41 block/steals and 41 turnovers.

Timmy Burrus bucketed 25 of 66 attempts from the field, hit nine of 29 attempts from the three-point zone and sunk five of 15 attempts from the free-throw line for 82 points. He had 22 assists, 25 offensive and 23 defensive rebounds for a total of 48 rebounds, with 31 block/steals and 25 turnovers.

Austin Bentley netted four of 12 attempts from the field, missed two attempts from the three-point zone and hit two of six attempts from the free-throw line for 10 points. He had 14 offensive and 12 defensive rebounds for a total of 26 rebounds, with three block/steals and 10 turnovers.

Bryce Sanderson netted three of 10 attempts from the field, hit two of 21 attempts from the three-point zone and sunk two of two attempts from the free-throw line for 14 points. He had six assists,

13 offensive and 17 defensive rebounds for a total of 30 rebounds, with nine block/steals and five turnovers.

Tyler Zimmerly sunk 10 of 29 attempts from the field, netted one of two attempts from the three-point zone and hit four of eight attempts from the free-throw line for 27 points. He had two assists, 10 offensive and 17 defensive rebounds for a total of 27 rebounds, with five block/steals and six turnovers.

DJ Wilkinson sunk two of 10 attempts from the field, netted five of 13 attempts from the three-point zone and hit two of five attempts from the free-throw line for 21 points. He had two assists, three offensive and two defensive rebounds for a total of five rebounds, with one block/steal and nine turnovers.

Gatlin Nennstiel sunk one of eight attempts from the field, missed two attempts from the three-point zone and netted four of eight attempts from the free-throw line for six points. He had four assists, three offensive and five defensive rebounds for a total of eight rebounds, with five block/steals and eight turnovers.

San Hogg netted three of 10 attempts from the field for six points. He had five offensive and seven defensive rebounds for a total of 12 rebounds, with one block/steal and one turnover.

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FRAN HUNT
ECB Publishing Staff Writer

The Aucilla Christian Academy varsity Warriors squeaked Liberty County January 31 for a 50-49 victory in what originally appeared to be an upcoming loss for Aucilla.

The Warriors were down 22-7 at the end of the first quarter and Aucilla was still trailing by 13 points at the beginning of the fourth quarter. But the Warriors came back hard and steady to squeak the win by one point and that's all it took to seal the victory.

As a team, the Warriors netted 14 of 36 attempts from the field, bucketed four of 16 attempts from the three-point zone and hit 10 of 24 attempts from the free-throw line for 50 points. They collected 10 assists, 22 offensive and 18 defensive rebounds for a total of 40 rebounds, with six block/steals and 12 turnovers.

Individually, Tyler Jackson netted one of two attempts from the field and missed three attempts from

the three-point zone for two points.

Jared Jackson targeted eight of 12 attempts from the field and netted three of nine attempts from the free-throw line for 19 points to lead the Warriors. He had eight offensive and four defensive rebounds for a total of 12 rebounds and a double-double, with one block/steal.

Hans Sorensen missed two attempts from the field and targeted three of three attempts from the three-point zone for nine points. He had two assists, three defensive rebounds and one turnover.

Cody Ledford netted one of three attempts from the field for two points. He had three offensive and one defensive rebound for a total of four rebounds, with one turnover.

Jay Finlayson targeted four of six attempts from the field, missed seven attempts from the three-point zone and bucketed four of six attempts from the free-throw line for 12 points. He collected two assists, five offensive and two defensive rebounds for a total of seven rebounds,

with two block/steals and five turnovers.

Corey Burrus missed nine attempts from the field, hit one of three attempts from the three-point zone and missed five attempts from the free-throw line for three points. He had three assists, two offensive and one defensive rebound for a total of three rebounds, with one block/steal and one turnover.

Josh Funderburke missed two attempts from the field and hit three of four attempts from the free-throw line for three points. He had three offensive and five defensive rebounds for a total of eight rebounds, with two block/steals and one turnover.

The Warriors now stand 12-9 on the season.

The Warriors had the home court advantage during the District Quarter-Finals and District Semi-Finals February 6 and 7, but those statistics were not available at press time and will be forthcoming.

Aucilla will host the District Championship February 10 at 7 p.m.

THOMAS UNIVERSITY RECOGNIZES STUDENTS

The following students at Thomas University are recognized for achieving academic success during the Fall 2011 Semester.

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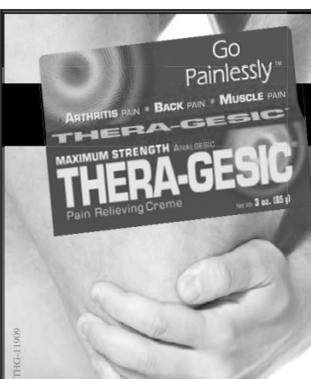
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NOTICE OF MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

The Monticello City Council will conduct a workshop on Thursday, February 23, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. Items for discussion include a budget review, budgeted monies for aid to private organizations and a proposed change in public notification procedures for applications for rezoning. Other budget and operational issues may also be discussed. The workshop will take place at City Hall, 245 S. Mulberry Street, Monticello.
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NOTICE

The Lloyd Volunteer Fire Rescue will hold election of officers and board members during the regular monthly meeting at the Lloyd Volunteer Fire Station on March 1, 2012 at 7 p.m.
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Cupid's Love Notes

*Clyde K. Snapp,
I love you so
very much,
-Debbie*

*Love to my
BFF
Norma Martin
-Debbie*

*Jane E. Hand,
You are the Best
Mother in the
whole wide world.
-Debbie*

*Wishing Everyone
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-Monticello
News Staff*

Alfa,
Why do I love you? I can't think of why,
Unless it's the sweet way that you make me sigh
With pleasure and rapture, emotion and bliss,
Each time that you hold me to give me a kiss.
Why do I love you?
You've brought contentment and peace.
Each hour that I'm with you brings total release
From the cares of the day and the stresses of living.
You do that with caring and loving and giving.
Why do I love you? Reasons abound;
I know for a sure thing that I love the sound
Of your voice and your laugh,
and I love your dear face,
And I know no one else could take your place.
Why do I love you? Did I mention your eyes?
The way that they smolder and hypnotize?
Your touch--what delicious sensations when we're...
Well...I'm crazy about you, I guess that's very clear.
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Adam

*A forced meet by the matchmaker,
Who knew where it would go?
A quick conversation,
Which lead to the number exchange.*

*A silent week until I heard your voice.
We met once more to talk and to laugh,
And to learn more about the other.
What a wonderful night this turned
into.*

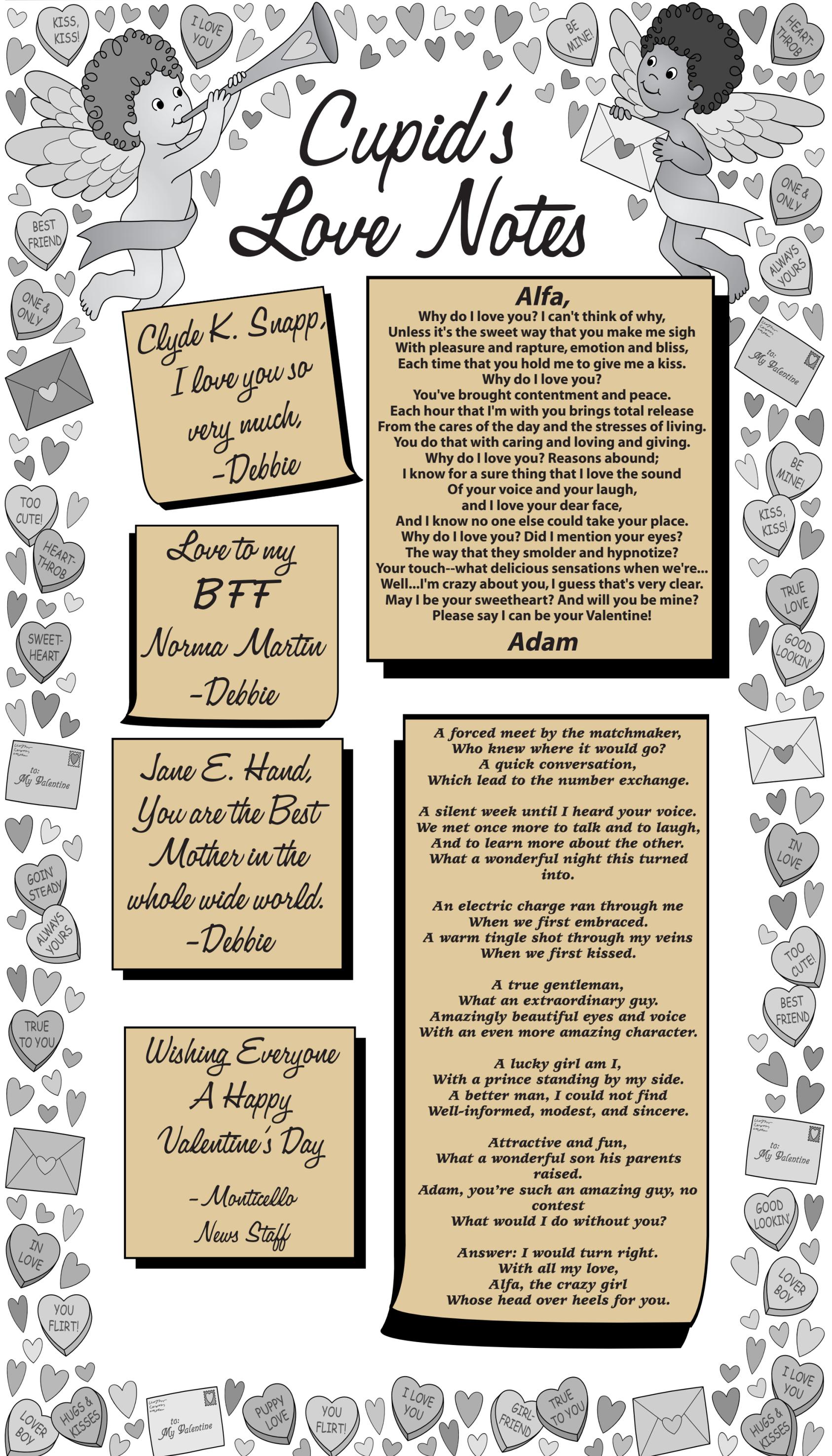
*An electric charge ran through me
When we first embraced.
A warm tingle shot through my veins
When we first kissed.*

*A true gentleman,
What an extraordinary guy.
Amazingly beautiful eyes and voice
With an even more amazing character.*

*A lucky girl am I,
With a prince standing by my side.
A better man, I could not find
Well-informed, modest, and sincere.*

*Attractive and fun,
What a wonderful son his parents
raised.
Adam, you're such an amazing guy, no
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Friday, February 10 *1:10 AM 7:20 AM *1:30 PM 7:50 PM	Saturday, February 11 *2:10 AM 8:10 AM *2:30 PM 8:45 PM	Sunday, February 12 *3:10 AM 9:20 AM *3:30 PM 9:40 PM	Monday, February 13 *4:10 AM 10:10 AM *4:20 PM 10:30 PM
Tuesday, February 14 *5:10 AM 11:20 AM *5:30 PM 11:40 PM	Wednesday, February 15 *5:50 AM 12:00 PM *6:20 PM	Thursday, February 16 12:30 AM *6:45 AM 12:55 PM *7:20 PM	Friday, February 17 1:30 AM *7:40 AM 1:50 PM *8:10 PM




Brock Farm Featured At Regional Meeting

It's been a while since Gene Brock planted corn with a mule drawn single row planter and a lot of things besides farm equipment have changed since those years as well. Many commodity prices are as high as they've ever been but farmers will tell you in a heartbeat that costs are climbing as fast as commodity prices. And speaking of change, when's the last time somebody told you the weather hasn't changed since their childhood days?

Kirk Brock is proud to be farming with his dad on the farm where they both grew up but it hasn't been simple to sustain a

"amazing" understanding of his soils and how to manage them.

The Brock farm isn't irrigated nor is it flat. When it rains, the water runs off and takes topsoil with it. When it doesn't, moisture loss from the soil stresses plants, resulting in decreases in plant yields and plant health.

"We got tired of hauling topsoil back to the top of the hill every year," Kirk said. So more than 10-years ago, the Brock operation began using high-residue cover crops and strip tillage to reduce weed pressure, prevent soil erosion, increase soil

other equipment on the farm have also been subjects of the duo's shade tree modifications to increase efficiency.

The rye mulch shades out weeds and reduces soil surface temperatures resulting in reduced moisture loss from the soil. "Last year during the heat of the summer we measured soil surface under the mulch and on exposed soil," he told the group in Quincy. "Soil underneath the mulch was 25-degrees cooler than the bare soil and we have significantly improved our control of Palmer amaranth. Weeds don't sprout if they don't have sunlight."

Local farmers have long known a rye cover crop results in reduced pressure from nematodes, but the mulch provides additional benefits. As it rots, the organic matter stays in the soil and the rye's root channels allow summer crops' roots to grow deeper and better collect moisture.

"In an El Niño year, we reduce soil erosion from high rainfall, and in a La Niña year, we lose less soil moisture," he added. "We can't change the weather, but we can adapt to it. We follow the El Niño/La Niña cycle and have had positive results. It helps us decide when to burn back our cover crop to retain maximum soil moisture and in a La Niña year like 2011, we've moved our planting later to better capture the summer rains. It's a challenge to get three crops planted at the "right best time" but it makes a difference."

Challenges and changes. Weather and markets. They won't stop coming and the Brocks won't stop innovating and adapting. The good news for other farmers is they'll keep sharing their results. If you'd like to go where Kirk goes for his long term weather information, the AgroClimate website provides a wealth of information at <http://agroclimate.org>

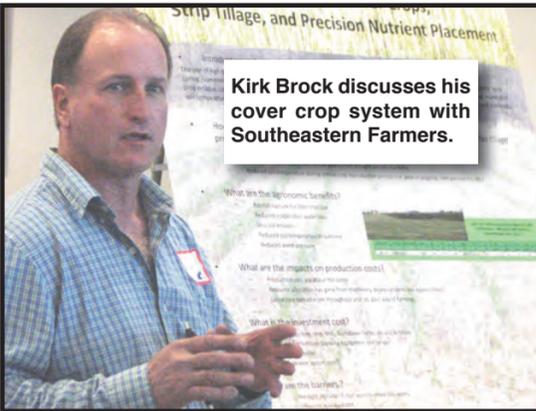


Southern Pines Workshop Offered

The Florida Forest Service and Leon County Extension will offer a workshop from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, February 16 at the Leon County Extension Office, 615 Paul Russell Road in Tallahassee.

'Longleaf, Loblolly and Slash: A Comparison Of Southern Pines' is being offered at the cost of \$5, which includes lunch, snacks and seedlings. Learn more about our native pines, their

planting, management and the products they produce. To register contact Extension Agent/Forestry Stanton Rosenthal at 850-606-5202 or email Genice Harris at harris@leoncountyfl.gov



Kirk Brock discusses his cover crop system with Southeastern Farmers.

family farm through the generations. Part of that success has come from pure hard work but conservation, innovation and adaptation have allowed them to work smarter, not just harder. Kirk's experience and willingness to share the farm's practices brought him to "The Adaptation Exchange" held at the North Florida Research and Education Center in Quincy, Florida last week. The Exchange was a cooperative event organized by Federal and State resource agencies from Florida, Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina to share farmers' management strategies and technologies to reduce climate-related risk and improve resource efficiency. Conference coordinator Wendy-Lin Bartels calls Brock a "cover crop wizard" who has an

temperatures and retain moisture in corn, cotton and peanuts. The system starts with a winter cover crop of rye. "We fertilize it to maximize total biomass volume. Then, before our spring planting, we kill the rye with herbicide and plant into the mulch." Kirk uses a homemade roller to flatten the rye in front of the planter. Seed goes into a narrow trench in the mulch as it's knocked down.

"I couldn't find a roller I could afford that did what I wanted it to do, so we just built our own," Kirk said off handedly, making it sound like every father and son "just builds it" when they need a specialized piece of equipment. In fact, the roller isn't the only thing they've built or modified to their specifications. Planters, fertilizer equipment and



DUCKS UNLIMITED AUCILLA RIVER CHAPTER OF DUCKS UNLIMITED BANQUET SET FOR FEBRUARY 17

The Aucilla River Chapter of Ducks Unlimited will hold its annual fundraising banquet on Friday, February 17, 2012, at the Willow Pond Plantation in Monticello, Florida, with the social hour to begin at 6:00 p.m. and the dinner to begin at 7:00 p.m.

The event includes a live auction, a silent auction and several raffles, with all proceeds going towards the Florida Wetlands Conservation Initiative and other conservation efforts.

Tickets for the event are \$35 for Greenwings (children 16 years of age and younger), \$55 for single, \$80 for a couple; and \$800 for a corporate table (seats 8). Each ticket includes a steak dinner with all the trimmings (per person) and a one (1) year Ducks Unlimited membership. Once again, due to the limited amount of space, only 150 tickets will be sold. Last years banquet was a sell-out, so make sure you purchase tickets in advance. Online ticket sales end on February 15, 2012.

For tickets and other information about the event, visit Sorensen Tire Center at 1300 North Jefferson Street; or call Caldwell McCord at 850-528-1079, Renee McCord at 850-528-1081, Ben White at 850-528-3846 or Ted Nixon at 850-997-3773.

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The organization identifies Florida as part of the Atlantic Flyway, which provides an important winter habitat for migrating waterfowl from the prairies, Great Lakes and eastern Canada. The state's coastal and interior wetlands provide important habitat for a significant number of blue-winged teal, green-winged teal, ring-necked ducks, northern pintails and wood ducks. Florida is unique among Atlantic Flyway states in that its wetlands and interior prairies offer habitat to the native mottled duck, a/k/a Florida Mallard.

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DIRECTIONS:

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