

Spring Forward

MARCH 11TH...

Daylight Saving Time Begins. Clocks move forward one hour on the second Sunday in March.

Crash On I-10

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A single-vehicle crash on I-10 Monday resulted in three receiving injuries.

The Florida Highway Patrol reported that on Monday, March 5 at 7:15 a.m. on I-10 at mile marker 220, Albert Torrentino, 24, of Plant City, FL, was driving a 2003 Chevrolet Avalanche westbound on I-10 in the outside westbound lane. In the vehicle as passengers were Abigail Amorocia, 19 and a three-year old male, also of Plant City, FL.

Torrentino drove the vehicle into the inside lane then off into the median. He oversteered the vehicle losing control of the vehicle and it rotating in a clockwise direction coming back onto the roadway.

The vehicle crossed both westbound lanes out of control and entered the north shoulder, where the left side of the vehicle collided with some trees.

The vehicle, still out of control, rotated in a counterclockwise direction and came to a rest on its right side, facing west in the tree line.

Congressman's Staff To Visit Monticello On This Tuesday



Staff from Congressman Steve Southerland's office will be visiting Monticello on Tuesday.

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PROCEDURES ALREADY IN PLACE TO ADDRESS UNSAFE BUILDINGS

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It turns out that the county has had an unsafe buildings abatement ordinance on the books since 1997; it's just a matter of enforcing it.

That was the word from Planning Attorney Scott Shirley to the Jefferson County Commiss-

sion on Thursday morning, March 1, relative to substandard and dilapidated or deteriorating structures in the county.

Shirley's briefing was prompted by complaints from citizens and officials alike about specific buildings, particularly a former restaurant on the outskirts of town that has been abandoned

for years and its roof has collapsed.

Shirley, however, discouraged the targeting of specific buildings, concentrating his focus instead on the established procedures for abating such structures.

He noted that the county's abatement ordinance was based on building codes and stan-

dards set by the Southern Building Code Congress International, a precursor to the International Code Council, which is dedicated to strengthening building codes and standards nationally and internationally.

Shirley said the county's ordinance defined as unsafe any

building or structure that could potentially endanger the health, property or safety of its occupants or the general public, as in constituting an attractive nuisance to kids in the latter case.

"Any building or structure that meets these conditions can be

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City Reapplies For Funding To Develop Water St. Park

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tee to reapply to the state for a recreation and trails grant, which the Office of Greenways and Trails, Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), declined to award last year.

Committee members Patricia Gardner and Winston Lee told the council that the group had learned valuable lessons from the previous year's application.

One of the things they had learned was that their earlier application was much too complex and detailed, they said.

"We have simplified the application this time around," Lee said. "It's now simple and color coded."

Another of the lessons learned was that the footpaths didn't have

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PLAN AFOOT TO REVIVE OLD COMMUNITY GARDEN

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A plan is afoot to bring the Roostertown Community Garden back to life and involve the community in the doing of it.

Leading the effort is UF/FAMU extension agent Covey Washington, who works with the Jefferson County Extension Office.

Washington talked to the Monticello City Council about the project on Tuesday evening, March 6.

"For the past two months, I've been trying to get the Roostertown Community Garden going again," Washington said, referring to the property on King and Marvin streets in the southeast part of town.

He said the garden had 28 plots of different sizes available for the ask-

ing. Individuals or families had simply to come by the extension office to sign up for a plot, he said.

"There's no charge," Washington said. "We just want to get people out there."

He said the goal was to have young and old working together and getting back into the art of gardening.

"We want the garden to be a learning experience," Washington said.

He said that he hoped eventually to have a tool shed erected on the property. It was also his hope eventually to establish a committee that would act as the governing body for the garden. For the time being, however, his office would be coordinating the effort, he said.

Washington mentioned that he

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MARCH 9

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.

MARCH 10

New Bethel AME Church will have a Church Clean-up Day from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday. Pastor Jimmie Dickey asks for all members to come help.

MARCH 11

Monticello Community Temple Church of God in Christ Inc., located at 630 East Holly Street will host its annual Men's Day program at 11:15 a.m. on Sunday and it's annual Women's Day program at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. Elder Coleman Fairley, pastor.

MARCH 11

New Bethel AME Church Ushers Board will observe its anniversary with an 11

a.m. Sunday Morning Worship Service. Ushers Boards from area churches are welcome to attend and join in the service celebration. Speaker will be Minister Calvin Thomas from Daytona Beach. Rev. Jimmie Dickey, pastor.

MARCH 11

Sunday of Silence is 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 begins 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 are appreciated and are tax deductible.

For more information contact her at 850-322-3424.

heartearthcenter@embarqmail.com or 850-997-7373.

MARCH 11

First Baptist Church Monticello will celebrate its Homecoming at 11 a.m. on Sunday. This will be a time of renewal and remembrance for the church and its membership, past and present. The community is invited to come worship on this special day. Rev. Dr. Rick Kelley, pastor.

MARCH 11

New Bethel AME Church invites the community to its 8 a.m. Worship Service every second Sunday. Rev. Jimmie Dickey, pastor.

MARCH 15

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

MARCH 17

First Baptist Church Monticello will host a Clothing Giveaway from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday.

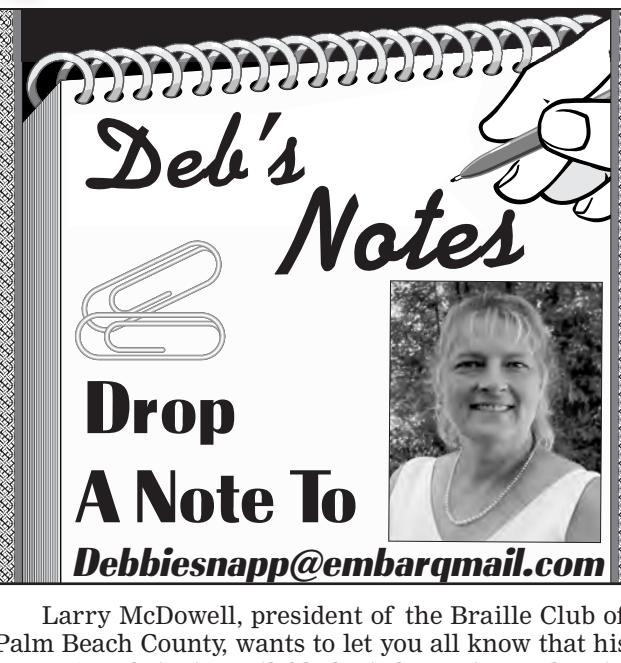
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MARCH 17

Women's Conference 'Initial Sermon' will be held at 5 p.m. on Saturday at the old Jefferson County High School, in the auditorium on South Water Street. Speaker will be Sharon 'Lynn' Jones Hudson. For more information email to siludson2815@yahoo.com. This free event is open to all women, men and students.

MARCH 18

Salem and Shiloh AME churches will celebrate together their Choir Anniversaries at 11 a.m. on Sunday at the Salem Church location on South Salt Road. Speaker will be Evangelist Georgianna Williams. Rev. Gilbert Connley, pastor. Sis. Loretha Young and Sis. Veronica Woodson, co-presidents. Sis. Eddie L. Harley, secretary.



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Larry McDowell, president of the Braille Club of Palm Beach County, wants to let you all know that his agency's website is available for information and registration. Go to <http://justusblindgirlspbc.org/conference.htm>. The agency wants to reach as many women as possible to make this year's conference a success. A LIVE telephone chat is scheduled for every Monday and Wednesday at 6 p.m. The number to call is 218-548-2869 then enter the code 151515#. He can be contacted at 561-667-5500 for information.

Nan Baughman is the new Outreach Counselor for the local Refuge House. She can be reached at 850-342-3518 for help and counseling.

Low-income students who want to attend Monticello Christian Academy this fall should apply now for a state-backed scholarship that is expecting its biggest year yet. The scholarship program, run by the nonprofit 'Step Up For Students' under a law called the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship, is currently serving more than 38,000 students in nearly 1,200 different K-12 private schools across the state. This school year, the scholarship is worth up to \$4,011. The program is intended to provide a learning option for students from economically disadvantaged households and enrollment has more than tripled in the past seven years. Check the scholarship website for the most current requirements. Applications are available online at <http://www.stepupforstudents.org>. Parents who want more information or assistance with the application process can call 'Step Up For Students' directly at 1-877-735-7837. Scholarships are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Monticello Christian Academy offers a Christian curriculum with an individual educational plan for each student. The Florida Tax Credit Scholarship provides educational options for students from households whose income meets federal guidelines for free and reduced-price lunch. Corporations receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit for contributions to scholarship organizations that then provide annual private school tuition scholarships worth more than \$4,000.

Two upcoming Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce events to add to your calendar should be Flea Across Florida April 13 - 15 and the Watermelon Festival Kickoff Dinner on June 8; Pageants on June 9; Woman's Club Luncheon on June 21; Rotary Dinner/Scholarship Winners/Photo Contest Winners/Baby Photo Contest Winners/Program Cover Winners/Altrusa Bed Race/Children's Theatre/Vendors/Street Dance and other Activities on June 15; Festival Day/Kiwanis Melon Run/ Vendors/FMB Breakfast/Parade/Children's Theatre/Car Show/Ghost Tours/Art Show on June 16. Sign up now, at the Chamber, to be a vendor during either of these events.

For information about 'Parenting Play Dates' contact Jennifer Brown at Jennifer_Brown@doh.state.fl.us.

Dot Inman-Johnson reports that she will be retiring on May 31 from CACAA. She intends to write a book on poverty and hopes to contract with the state for consulting services. For more information about her agency contact her at 850-222-2043 or visit cacaainc.org.

Edna Henry is working on a Literacy Program with children and their parents in her role with the School District.

A special thank you from the Church of the Nazarene family to the local ambulatory personnel who attended to one of their members on a recent Sunday after services. Three paramedics were called to the church and they were very helpful, courteous and caring of the woman who was in need of their attention. Monticello has a lot of really good people.

GARDEN CIRCLE

CAMELLIA CIRCLE TO VISIT MACLAY GARDENS

GEORGIE JOSEPH

Suddenly it's March and almost time for the next Camellia Garden Circle meeting. Where does the time go?

This month there will be a change in plans for the group. The group will be going on a field trip to Maclay Gardens instead of meeting at my house. Due to the warmer winter, plants are blooming early there.

On Sunday, March 11, those planning to attend will meet at the home of member Isabelle de Sercey; the carpool will depart at 1:45 p.m. to Maclay Gardens.

Should you have any questions about this Circle of the Monticello Garden Club, contact Circle Chair Jane Davis at 850-997-4320.

Atlanta Speaker To Visit Memorial MBC

The Memorial Missionary Baptist Church Youth Choir will celebrate its Choir Anniversary on the second Sunday, March 11 at 11 a.m.

Guest speaker will be

Rev. Antonio Wyatt, associate pastor of the Greater Mt. Ephesus Missionary Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia. Rev. Wyatt is the son of Rev. Bobby and Teresa Duval. The Jerusalem Mis-

sionary Baptist Church Choir of Lloyd will be the guest choir, along with other special guests.

The church is located on the corner of Second Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue. Plan to

come and help the church family and Rev. JB Duval, pastor, celebrate this great occasion and receive a blessing from the Lord.

For more information call 850-878-9613.

Benefit Concert For Leonard Yeomans

A benefit concert will be held on Saturday, March 10 at Pentecostal Deliverance Center in Jennings for Leonard Yeomans. Yeomans is the father-in-law of Tommy Thigpen's son.

Many remember Yeomans as being the lead vocalist for gospel music group 'The Yeomans Family.' The group toured for eight years as a family consisting of dad and mom, Leonard and Donna Yeomans and their children Justin, Alison and Stephanie. As the children grew up, the family eventually came off the road from touring.

The year 2011 took the Yeomans house by storm, when he suffered a heart attack. This was the beginning of a long train of bad news, as the doctors announced he had cancer as well.

His heart attack was addressed by surgery to place a stint in his heart. The doctors found cancer in his left lung and removed his upper left lobe. Yeomans also has cancer in

his lymph nodes and is currently awaiting treatment.

With these medical issues pressing against Yeomans, the medical bills are stacking. His prescriptions are very costly and currently he is unable to work and therefore, he does not have insurance.

The benefit concert has been scheduled for 7 p.m. and will feature the musical group 'LifeSong.' All proceeds raised will benefit Yeomans and his ever-increasing medical bills.

For more information, call 850-973-4622 or 850-973-6528.



Letters To The Editor

Letters to the Editor are typed word for word, comma for comma, as sent to this newspaper.

WHAT A MESS!

I guess the world revolves around Sandra Fluke. We need to pay for her contraception. The President says she is just great. I do not know about you but I do not want to pay for anyone else's contraception. I feel that they should pay for their own self-gratification. But I am not surprised that in this society, as it has evolved, we are expected to do so.

I am saddened by the deterioration of our moral fiber in this country. With each generation our morals seem to deteri-

orate more. Many folks in our society now feel it is the government's responsibility to take care of them. These people are mostly on some kind of government assistance. Their medical care, food (food stamps), housing, child care, education, etc., is provided for by the government.

Who is the government? The government is the worker. The person who gets up every morning, and whether he feels like it or not, goes to work to earn a living. As a result, he pays taxes. These

taxes pay for the care of the people who do not work. But now we have a problem. We do not pay enough taxes to pay for the care of those who do not work. So we borrow the money. Every year we borrow the money. We get further and further in debt. The interest on the debt is getting larger and larger.

We now have a crisis. The number of people who have or want to be taken care of without working because they cannot work for health reasons, they just do not want

to work, or simply cannot get a job, is beginning to catch up with the number of people who are working. What is going to happen?

Well, something has got to give. There is too much month at the end of the money. It is time for our country to have an attitude adjustment. It is time for some folks to adopt a sense of personal responsibility.

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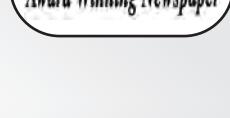
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Humane Society Happenings

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There is going to be much going on that the Jefferson County Humane Society is involved in, including fundraising events and other animal-related news. Society Secretary Teresa Kessler advised of latest Humane Society news.

Cay Curtis, a volunteer with Big Dog Rescue, needs your help locating a dog. He is 50 pounds, chow/bulldog mix, broadly built with fluffy hair around his head/face and medium coat on his body. He is reddish with brown overtones and scarring on the inside of his back legs. He was last seen Thursday on 19

north, two miles north of I-10 and he was heading north. Curtis has been able to, on two occasions, feed him from her hand. She desperately wants to get him into a safe, loving, and caring environment so please call her at 545-6533 when you see him.

Wag the Dog Too, located at 295 North Jefferson Street, is now open late on Fridays until 6 pm. Stop by after work or dinner to browse the constantly changing selection of items for sale.

Both Wag the Dog locations in Monticello will be accepting debit/credit cards soon. Volunteers will be competing in the third annual Chili Challenge at

the Opera House Friday, March 9. Scott Baker will be cooking up a great big pot of chili for the Humane Society booth. Volunteers ask you to please come by and vote their chili the best by placing a donation in their "People's Choice" bucket.

Judging is from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. The public arrives at 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$6 each and visitors get all the chili they can eat. Later in the evening, dance to the sounds of 19 South. The dance begins at 8 p.m.

There will be a cash bar.

Saturday, March 17, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m., is the third Saturday of the month ear cleaning and toenail clipping at

Wag the Dog. It only costs a \$7 donation. Contact Jeri Kimbrel at 997-4932 for more information or if you want to help out.

Tuesday, March 20 is the general membership meeting at 6 p.m. at Wag the Dog Too!

Sunday, March 25 the Humane Society will have animals available for adoption at Willow Pond in Monticello. Additional information will be forthcoming.

During the Southern Music Rising festival April 20th and 21st the Human Society is planning to have their sausage dogs for sale.

On Watermelon Festival day, June 16, the Humane Society is planning to have their sausage dogs for sale.

Chamber Director Speaks To Kiwanis

Guest speaker to the February 22 meeting of the Monticello Kiwanis was Melanie Mays, executive director of the Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce. She brought the membership up-to-date on Chamber activities and efforts to promote business in the county.



Park

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as developed as they had originally planned, he said.

"Compacted dirt will do," Lee said

He said the changes would make the cost of the trails less expensive and would thus allow for the entire boardwalk loop to be completed.

The two expressed confidence that the city would receive the grant this time around, saying they had consulted with a staff member of the Office of Greenways and Trails on the viability of the application.

For her part, Mayor Idella Scott — also chair of the Monticello Park Committee — assured her colleagues that the city would most definitely meet the state deadline of July 1 for completion of the first phase of the park.

The July 1 deadline derives from the original \$200,000 grant that the city received from the state about 2007 for the purchase of the 28-acre property on Water Street that today comprises the park.

A requirement of the grant was that the city must accomplish certain improvements of the property, including the establishment of trails and the posting of the signage.

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March 13, to hear from constituents.

Southerland encourages city and county residents to address any issues they may have with his deputy district director and constituent services specialist. Residents can offer input; ask questions; or request assistance on numerous federal issues, including Social Security, Medicare, Housing and Urban Development, Veterans Affairs and immigration.

The staff will be at City Hall from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. City Hall is located at 245 Mulberry Street, one block south of US 90.

For more information, call Lori Hutto at (850) 561-3979 or email her at Lori.Hutto@mail.house.gov.

Garden

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had recently taught a master gardener class, whose graduates were helping with the community garden project. He was also involving the high school students in the project, he said.

He said the plan also called for beekeeper Tony Hogg, of Full Moon Apiary, to teach the kids about beekeeping, an art that was being lost.

"By spring we hope to have the kids learning about beekeeping," Washington said, adding that a special area has been designated in the garden for the stationing of the beehives.

A once notorious lot mainly identified with drug dealing and other illegal activities, the placement of a community garden on the site was the idea of former Police Chief David Frisby, who brought it to fruition with the help of Councilman John Jones in the late 1990s. A success for a while, the garden eventually ceased to be viable, although various attempts have been made to revive it through the years — some more successful than others.

DID YOU KNOW?



TODAY IS BARBIE'S BIRTHDAY!

The Barbie Doll was introduced on this day in 1959.

Buildings

called unsafe, as determined by the building inspector and the fire chief," Shirley said.

Such a joint determination, he said, would require an onsite inspection of the building or structure by the two officials and documentation of their findings, in the event the case ended up in court. Too, the owner had to be formally notified of the finding and the appropriate notice posted on the property to warn the public of its danger.

Shirley said the building inspector and fire chief had three options when inspecting a potentially unsafe building or structure: They could declare the building or structure unsafe but repairable; they could, if the building or structure was in a location that didn't pose a danger to the public, cause either to be vacated and leave the decision to repair or demolish up to the owner; or they could declare the building or structure not repairable and order a demolition.

Shirley said the ordinance contained a provision that allowed the building inspector and the fire chief to enter a building or structure for inspection if the owner denied access, but it was always best to secure the owner's permission.

He emphasized that the owner always had the right to ap-



Hamilton, Lafayette, Suwannee and Taylor counties.

As the director of branch operations for Tallahassee Covenant Hospice, Schlein manages hospice services for eight counties in the Big Bend area including Jefferson, Madison and Taylor counties. She is also responsible for supervising all staff and services, as well as assuring compliance with regulatory agencies.

Covenant Hospice is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing comprehensive, compassionate services to patients and loved ones during times of life-limiting illnesses.

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peal a determination, and it was important that due process be observed at all times, if the proceeding was to be legally defensible. If the owner was unsatisfied with the county's decision following an appeal, the next step was the circuit court if the owner wanted to pursue the matter, he said.

Shirley said once the appropriate procedures were followed, an order to demolish could be issued. He said if the owner failed to comply with the order, the county could then have the building or structure demolished and put a lien on the property. He didn't, however, advise the latter course if it could be avoided, Shirley said.

He cautioned of instances where governments had authorized demolitions and then been unable to foreclose on the property and collect on the lien because due process or others of the procedures hadn't been properly followed.

Shirley said the one thing he recommended changing in the ordinance was that it presently had the County Commission hearing the appeals. He said it was preferable that the code enforcement board heard appeals and that the commission restricted itself to policy making.

One of the advantages to such a setup was that the code en-

forcement board could impose fines for noncompliance, which added "another tool to the toolbox," Shirley said. The only problem, he said, was that the code enforcement ordinance presently didn't address unsafe buildings and it would have to be amended, if the code enforcement board were to be given the task of hearing such appeals.

He said the unsafe building abatement ordinance also lacked "a right to secure" provision, which would authorize the building inspector to shutter building or structures, a step short of demolition.

In the end, the board instructed Shirley to make the recommended changes to unsafe building abatement and code enforcement ordinances to allow for the code enforcement board to hear such cases.

It must be noted, however, that although the county has adopted a code enforcement board ordinance, it does not have a code enforcement officer or a code enforcement board at this point. On the positive side, three volunteers have stepped forward to serve on the code enforcement board, which requires seven members. The commission continues looking for volunteers to serve on the code enforcement board.

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Rotary Adopt-A-Road Clean-up crew on Saturday, February 25, 2012 are pictured from left to right: Tom Conley, Angela Gray, Chuck Sarkisian, Noah Abron, Tom Harmon, Ric Leedom, John Muchovej, Hines Boyd, Rick Anderson, James Muchovej, Neill Wade, John Lilly, Johnnie Abron and John Gebhard.



Rotary Cleans Up Nash Road



Adopt-a-Road
Monticello
Rotary Club

As part of its International Day of Service, Monticello Rotary Club members picked up trash along Nash Road on February 25, 2012. Members, family and friends showed up early on Saturday morning, helping to make the work easier. Rotary club members have adopted Nash Road as their service project and plan to perform trash clean-ups on a regular basis. Those participating on this day included Tom Conley, Angela Gray, Chuck Sarkisian, Noah Abron, Tom Harmon, Ric Leedom, John Muchovej, Hines Boyd, Rick Anderson, James Muchovej, Neill Wade, John Lilly, Johnnie Abron and John Gebhard.

Remembrance of Things Past

BRYANT THIGPEN
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It's amazing how time changes things. Since Billie Louise McClellan moved to Monticello in 1972, she has seen with her eyes the difference that 40 years can make.

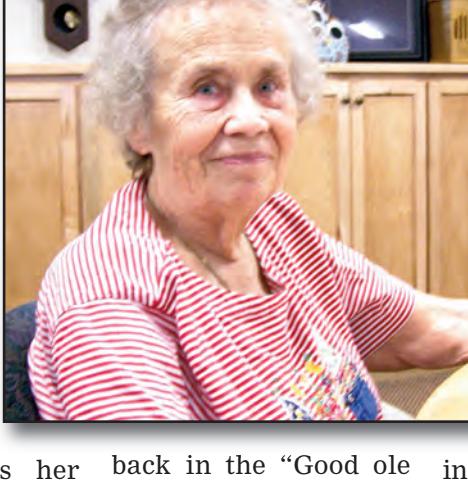
"When I moved to Jefferson County, they

had just started constructing Interstate 10," she laughed. "The only roads we traveled down were either highway 90 or 27."

McClellan has spent her life making an impact on others by being a mom to her own children, and ones she took under her care and treated them as her own.

"Between my husband and I, we had seven kids," she said. "After they were grown, we adopted two more children (a brother and sister). We later took in three foster children, three foreign students (two from Germany and one from Spain), and a high school teenage girl who needed a mom and dad."

McClellan recalls



restaurant in town. There was one grocery store downtown called A & P Groceries, and all it contained was groceries. It wasn't like the stores we have today where you can get everything you need in one store."

McClellan also recalls being able to buy candy for a nickel, sometimes a dime, at the "filling stations."

"Doctors offices have changed big time, too," she said. "There are a lot more doctors now than there were then. I remember people telling me that babies were delivered right there in the doctor's office, or even at homes."

Although Jefferson County has changed a lot down through the years, McClellan still believes Monticello is one of the best places to be.

Red Hats To Celebrate St. Patty's Day

MARY CREEMEANS

Ladies, the local Red Hats welcome you to join the Monticello Scarlet O'Hatters for their St. Patrick's Day Celebration on Saturday, March 10. The group will meet at the grassy lot in downtown Monticello to promptly leave at 10:45 a.m.

They will caravan to the Seineyard Restaurant in Tallahassee, located at 1660 - 6 North Monroe, in the Publix Shopping Center. Contact the restaurant directly at 850-386-9191 if you don't want to caravan and need directions.

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Ladies will order off the menu at the cost of \$8+. The restaurant accepts credit cards and cash, but no checks. There will be games, door prizes and lots of fun, including a St. Patrick's Day Hat Contest.

Call March hostesses Bethany Kemp at 850-997-1063, or Betty Hill at 850-997-3210, for reservations and further information.

February Birthday Girl is Red Hat Mona Mackenzie at the age of 94 years young.



COVENANT HOSPICE OFFERS ORIENTATION FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS

Covenant Hospice is seeking individuals who are interested in providing administrative, development or outreach support for the organization. A volunteer orientation will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 10 at the Tallahassee Covenant Hospice branch office, located at 1565 Raymond Diehl Road, Suite 150. The training class is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be provided.

Covenant Hospice Volunteer Orientation will provide an overview of hospice care, including programs, services and other volunteer opportunities. This training prepares individuals to volunteer in a variety of ways, which includes patient and family support,

assisting with fundraising events, providing administrative support in a Covenant office, serving as an outreach Ambassador and much more.

No special background or experience is required to volunteer for Covenant, just the desire to make a difference. Time commitment is flexible and based on volunteer availability. Retired and working professionals are also needed to share their expertise and experience. To register or learn more, call Kortney Rudd at 850-701-0131.

Covenant Hospice is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing comprehensive, compassionate services to patients and loved ones during times of life-limiting illnesses.

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MARCH 9

3rd Annual Chamber Chili Challenge on Friday. Judging from 5 to 6 p.m. Open to the public at 6 p.m. at the Monticello Opera House. Tickets cost is \$6 for all the chili you can eat and at 8 p.m. dance to the sounds of '19 South'. There will be a cash bar. Call or stop by the Chamber of Commerce to sign up, 850-997-5552.

MARCH 9

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 850-933-8136 or Bobby Connell at 850-445-0049. There are doorprizes, cold soft drinks and snacks.

MARCH 10

Monticello Red Hat Scarlett O'Hatters meet at

Obituaries
Rosa Lamar Seabrooks

Rosa Lee Lamar Seabrooks, 76, of Monticello heeded her Savior's call on Fri., Mar. 2, 2012 at Tallahassee Memorial Healthcare. Services will be



1 p.m. at Memorial Missionary Baptist Church with burial at Gilmore Cemetery. Viewing is 3-7 p.m. Fri. at TILLMAN OF MONTICELLO 850-997-5553. Mrs. Seabrooks was a homemaker and dedicated member of Mt. Pleasant AME Church where she served as an usher, choir member and volunteer in most church activities.

Holding precious memories close to their hearts are: her sons, Jessie and John Seabrooks; daughters, Rosemary S. (Benjamin) Hudson and Rosa Seabrooks; four grandchildren; one great grandchild; a sister, Pennie Lamar McCloud; along with numerous nieces, nephews, others relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Berry "Shine" Seabrooks; her parents, James and Sarah Thompson Lamar and her siblings, Robert, James, Roosevelt, William, Theodore, Victoria, Lucinda, Alberta, Dora and Selma.

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11:30 a.m. on the second Saturday for lunch and a good time at a location of their choice. This month the ladies will celebrate St. Patty's Day with a 'Hat Contest' at the Seine-yard Restaurant in Tallahassee. The group will caravan to the location. Contact hostesses Bethany Kemp at 850-997-1063, or Betty Hill at 850-997-3210, for reservations and further information.

MARCH 10

Library Book Sale from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Jefferson County Bailar Public Library on Saturday. All proceeds will benefit library activities and services to the community. The Library is located at 375 West Water Street in Monticello. Call the library at 850-342-0205 for more information.

MARCH 7-28

Jefferson Arts will host 'A Dance With The Camera' exhibited in the gallery for the various works of Gerald Grow, Larry Coltharp, DE Matthews, Thora Kleinert, Charles Sawyer and Dudley Witney. This unique photography can be viewed from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays, or by ap-

pointment. There is no charge to view and store prices are very reasonable. For more information call 850-997-3311 or go to www.jeffersonarts-gallery.com

MARCH 11

Camellia Garden Circle meets on the second Sunday at 2 p.m. Participants are asked to bring goodies to share. For more information contact Chairman Jane Davis at 850-997-4320 or jkdeer-crossing@aol.com A field trip to Maclay Gardens is planned. Meet at the home of Isabelle de Sercey at 1:45 p.m. to carpool to the destination. Afterward, the group will return to Isabelle's for refreshments and a meeting.

MARCH 12

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.bighorse.com for more information.

MARCH 12

Vintage Bunnies craft class at One Heart Earth Center at 5:30 p.m. on

Monday, with instructor Janet Moses. Reserve at oneheartearthcenter@embarqmail.com or contact Sallie Worley at 850-997-7373.

MARCH 12

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

MARCH 12

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.

MARCH 13

U.S. Representative Steve Southerland, II announced that his Florida staff will be hosting mobile office hours in Jefferson County on Tuesday, March 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Monticello City Commission Chambers, 245 South Mulberry Street in Monticello. Residents of Jefferson County and the surrounding area are invited to join Rep. Southerland's Deputy District Director and Constituent Services

Specialist to provide input on legislation, ask questions or request assistance with a federal agency on issues including: Social Security, Medicare, Housing and Urban Development, IRS, Veterans Affairs and Immigration. For questions, contact Lori Hutto at 850-561-3979 or Lori.Hutto@mail.house.gov

MARCH 13

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.

MARCH 13

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.

MARCH 14

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 Rob Beshears at 850-997-5054 for more information.

MARCH 15

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 Rev. George Smith at 850-997-6114 for an appointment from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the third Thursday at First Baptist Church of Lloyd. 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.

MARCH 15

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

MARCH 16

Rotary meets at 12 p.m. on Friday 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.

MARCH 17

Dog ear cleaning and nail clipping from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the third Saturday of each month at the JCHS Wag-the-Dog thrift store on North Jefferson. Jeri Kimbrel and other volunteers are ready to pamper your dogs for just a \$7 donation. For more information call 850-997-4932.

MARCH 17

Road CRU Car Club meets at 5 p.m. every third Saturday. There is a 50/50 drawing and lots of door prizes. Everyone is welcome to join the activities and see some awesome cars. Contact Ray Foskey at 850-997-0607 for more information.

MARCH 17

Dixie Community Center in historical Dixie, GA is open on the first and third Saturday nights for an evening of music and dancing with live local bands. Free line dance classes begin at 5:30 p.m. with the fun to follow at 7 p.m. For more information contact Kenneth Price at 1-229-263-7231.

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One year ago we sadly said goodbye to you ~ knowing that we will meet again sustains us ~ your unwavering love keeps our hearts at peace ~ you are in our thoughts and in our prayers ~ you left a foundation for us in John 14:1

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Your warmth and caring spirit will live on forever. Rest on Dearest Mother. With everlasting love! Your Children, Grandchildren, Great-grandchildren, Nieces, Nephews, Family, Friends and the Brynwood Center Staff.



RELAY FOR LIFE MEETING TUESDAY

DEBBIE SNAPP

ECB Publishing

Staff Writer

The 2012 Jefferson County Relay For Life committees and teams are underway and the fundraising has begun. Join this year... it will be lots of fun! The theme is 'Caped Crusaders' and the finale event will be held on Friday and Saturday, May 4 and 5 at the Jefferson County High School track, on Tiger Lane.

More teams and volunteers are needed to make this event as successful as in past years. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 13 at the Jefferson Art Gallery. If you are interested, the Team Party begins at 5:30 p.m. followed by the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Event Chairperson Dana Lastinger will keep the evening running smoothly and in a timely manner and American Cancer Society Community Representative

Representative Cheron Thornton will be available to answer any questions that may come

about.

The committee meeting will focus on what steps will be taken to energize and recruit teams, recruitment and fundraising ideas.

Consider a team from your agency, business, club or church. Register during any of the scheduled meetings or online by paying the initial \$100 registration fee, so that your team can make a difference. Call 850-297-0588x3723 or 850-329-4542.

"Thank you in advance to everyone who has and will help us to continue the fight

against cancer in Jefferson County. More lives are saved everyday because of your contribution," concludes Thornton.

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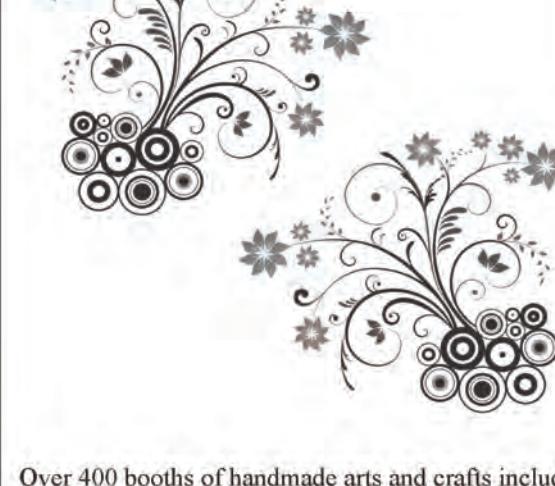
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Obituaries
Luchis Cummings, Jr.

Elder Luchis Cummings, Jr., 67, a self-employed lawn maintenance proprietor, passed unexpectedly on Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2012. Services will be 11 a.m. Sat. at Greater Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church with burial at Texas Hill Cemetery. Viewing is 3-7 p.m. Fri. at



TILLMAN OF MONTICELLO with a wake from 6-7 p.m. He was a former employee of Simpson Nurseries and an Elder at Cornerstone Full Gospel Church, Valdosta, GA.

Treasuring precious memories are: his devoted wife, Annie Parrish Cummings; daughters, Geneva and Latrice Cummings, Tabbie (Michael) Mathis, Elizabeth (Eddie) Everett, Cheryl Stewart, Latoria (Julius) Jenkins; sons, Christopher Cummings, Jerry (Angela) Cummings, Gregory (Daphne) Cummings, Patrick (Terri) Parrish, Tedrick Parrish and Carl Nelms; and a grandchild he raised as his own, Akaiba Cummings; 27 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; a brother, Alex (Betty) Nixon; two sisters, Doreen Mulky and Valarie Cummings and a host of other relatives and friends. He was predeceased by his parents, Luchis Sr. and Alberta Oliver Cummings; stepfather, Phil Harris; and his eldest son, Luchis Cummings III.

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Jefferson County Living

TROOP 49 TO CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF GIRL SCOUTS



GIRL SCOUT TROOP 49 PARTICIPATES IN A SPECIAL INVESTITURE CEREMONY.

From left to right are: Caroline, Haylie, Riley, Desiree, Lillie, Riley, MaryRose, Riley, Lauren, Bailey, Kinsey and Kate.

There is a new Girl Scout troop in Monticello. Troop 49 was established in January of 2012. The troop is comprised of Daisies in grades K-1, Brownies in

grades 2-3, Juniors in grade 4 and Cadettes in grade 6. The troop has been busy learning about the Girl Scout organization, its founder Juliette Gordon Low and the Girl Scout Promise and Law.

The girls and their families attended a special investiture ceremony where they recited the Promise and the Law during a candle lighting ceremony.

They learned about the Brownie Story and connected it to a part of their responsibility of being a helper at home and within the community. Each girl had a turn in the spotlight, turning around and around to the quote from the Brownie Story 'Turn me and twist me and show me the elf, I looked in the water and

saw MYSELF'. Each girl stepped up to the bridge and saw herself in the water and then crossed over to the other side to receive her vest. Each girl was pinned and received identification patches as well as at least one earned badge.

The girls are learning about leadership using the "Discover, Connect, Take Action" approach that the curriculum uses.

This encourages the girls to: choose the activities and badge work they want to work on, connect it to other girls, and then find a way to take it to the community level in a leadership role.

At each meeting, the girls also have a rotating kaper, or job.

One girl closes the meeting by leading the very special friendship squeeze that reminds them all to 'do a good turn daily.' This can be something as simple as doing a chore, or maybe something a bit more involved like helping to plan the dinner menu for the week, or bringing food to the local food bank.

At Troop 49's most recent meeting, they celebrated Thinking Day.

It is a day when girls participate in activities with a global theme, acknowledging Girl Scouts and Girl Guides in about 150 countries. The 2012 theme related to saving the planet. The girls discussed recycling and energy. Their projects ranged from decorating posters to making journals out of cereal boxes to making solar ovens.

Lauren, a younger scout, said "We used cut up cereal boxes

and we put paper bags on them that we had crumpled up to give them a neat texture. We glued the bags on one side. On the other side, we decorated them with wrapping paper. At the next meeting we are going to add paper to make it into a book. And what was neat was that we got to share them with all the girls at the end of the meeting."

The girls recently voted unanimously to plan a camping trip. In preparation for this, they learned fire safety. They also learned the importance of using fire for cooking

and



Girl Scout Troop 49 has been very visible in the community lately by selling Girl Scout Cookies in front of local stores.

the dew-covered grass. They will have time to share what good turns they have been doing at home and in the community. There will be games and songs, which are both important parts of traditional Girl Scout events.

Troop 49 has set a goal to sell one thousand boxes of Girl Scout Cookies. To prepare for meeting this goal, the girls learned about the cookies, enjoyed being a part of a taste test, and role-played selling cookies. They did pre-sales with their friends and families.

Now, they are well prepared to help you choose the perfect cookies to take home!

The choices this year are: Savannah Smiles (lemon with powdered sugar), Trefoils (shortbread), Dossi-dos (oatmeal cookies with peanut butter), Samoas (coconut, caramel, and chocolate), Tagalongs (peanut butter and chocolate), Dulce de Leche (with milk caramel chips), Thank U Berry Munch (real cranberries and white fudge), and Thin Mints. Cookies are \$3.50 a box.

Cookie sale profits will be used to pay for badges, pins, camping trips, community service projects, and craft supplies.



Girl Scout Troop 49 experience fire safety and how to build a fire using a unique, edible, hands-on approach. Afterward they enjoy a tasty, fiery snack!

warmth. They had a unique hands-on-experience which was led by Kate, an experienced scout.

Creating their own

edible snack which resem-

bled a fire circle and the

different types of wood

needed to build a success-

ful fire, they used marsh-

mallows, shredded cereal,

pretzel sticks, and cut up

chocolate candy. They put

mini-marshmallows on

toothpicks and pretended

to roast them. Kate com-

mented, "I can't wait to go

camping!"

At the next troop

meeting, the girls will be

participating in some fun

and exciting activities to

celebrate the 100th birth-

day of the Girl Scout orga-

nization. They will be

making traditional Girl

Scout sit-upons, or seat

cushions, which will keep

the girls dry and clean,

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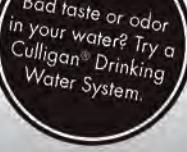
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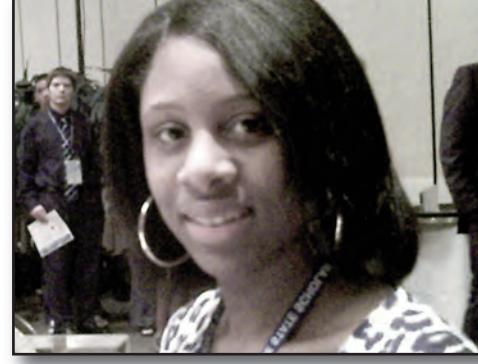
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School & Education

Tykeria Jones Chosen 2012 Sunshine State Scholar

Tykeria Jones has been chosen to participate in the 2012 Sunshine State Scholars' Program. Health Science Teacher Eurica Burch selected her to participate on February 16, because as a junior at Jefferson County Middle High School she excelled in Science, Technology and Mathematics. The Florida Education Foundation acknowledges the brightest juniors in every county in the state of Florida.

While in Orlando, she met with Commissioner of the Florida Department of Education Gerald Robinson and with Chancellor of the State University System of Florida Frank T. Brogan. She was awarded with tons of knowledge about financial aid, managing a budget in college and she was introduced to many college and univer-



sity representatives from FAMU, FAU, UF and many more.

Tykeria wants to continue her education to eventually become a Pharmacist, her career choice. To date she has narrowed her schooling choices to FAMU and USF.

"Everything I learned at this

program truly helped me out a lot. I have started my scholarship research and have applied for six so far," she says.

Her hobbies include volleyball, writing and hanging out with her friends. And, she is working part-time. English is her most favorite subject and she currently holds a 3.6 GPA.

One thing she has held onto from her experiences was the closing remark made by Dr. Jimmie L. Davis, Jr., president of STEMFlorida... "Be you, stay true and improve."

Tykeria is the daughter of Laphadra Jones and Courtney Conyers and the granddaughter of Dessie Jones and Margaret and Rufas Conyers.



JES Pre-K Student Alphonso Reed reading Marti and the Mango with teacher Pre-K Teacher Cheryl Gross.

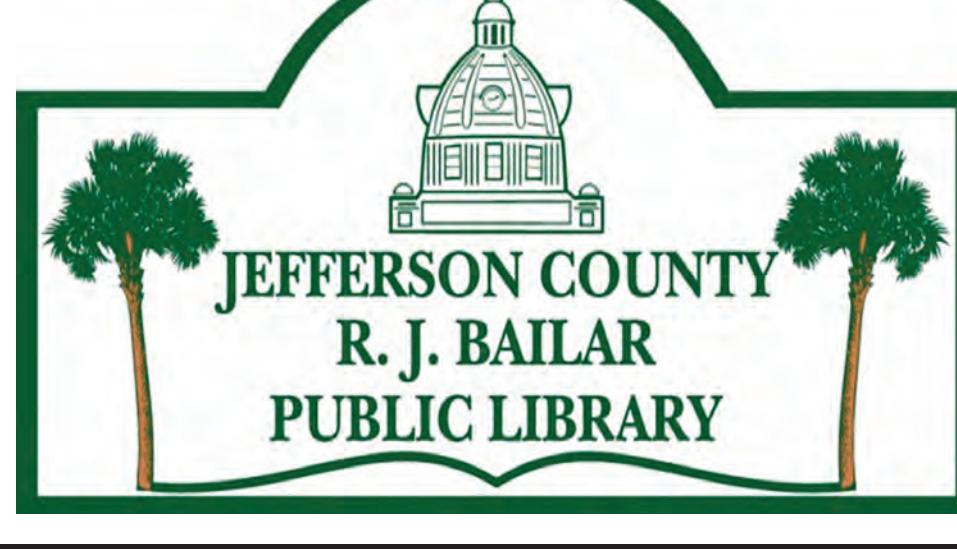
JES TEACHER CHERYL GROSS AND PRE-K STUDENT ALPHONSO REED RECOGNIZED

The Jefferson County School Board along with the Jefferson Elementary School, recognizes Pre-K teacher Cheryl Gross and Pre-K student Alphonso Reed.

Mrs. Gross obtained a B.S. in Elementary Education from Edward Waters College and continued her studies in Early Childhood Development at Florida A&M University. She has been an educator for 25 years and a Pre-K teacher for 15 years. Mrs. Gross states that the key to a good education is for parents to work with their children for 10-15 minutes everyday. If the child struggles in an area, repetition is the key. Make sure they continue to practice the concepts until they get it right. Give your child lots of love and partner with your child's teacher to help them get the best education possible. In her spare time, Mrs. Gross enjoys reading, bowling and supporting her church.

Alphonso Reed, age 5, is a Pre-K student at Jefferson Elementary School. He is a student of Pre-K teacher, Cheryl Gross. He is a very hard worker and a great learner. He loves reading and playing with his friends. Alphonso is the son of Latisha Akins and Alphonso Reed of Monticello.

We are proud to have Cheryl Gross as a part of our team of teachers in Jefferson County and honored to have the future graduate, Alphonso Reed of Jefferson Elementary School, as part of our family.



Friends Of The Library Fundraiser

The Friends of the Library of the Jefferson County Bailer Public Library announce a Springtime Round-up at Honey Lake Plantation on April 29, from 4 to 7 p.m. to benefit the Jefferson County Bailer Public Library.

This event will be held at the Pavilion at the Honey Lake Plantation in Greenville, FL and features a three-course dinner, entertainment by the Purvis Brothers Band and a silent auction. Tickets are \$25 per person. The grand prize drawing will be a one-night stay at one of the Honey Lake Cottages.

The Jefferson County Bailer Public Library is a vital part of the county and last year

had over 80,000 visits to the facility.

In addition, the community has utilized the library for many local groups including computer classes, photography classes and genealogy programs

and studies. Jefferson County citizens have used over 31,000 sessions on the available computers.

This is outstanding for a small rural library, a vital link to education and knowledge in the Mon-

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Warriors Dings Bell

FRAN HUNT
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

The Aucilla Christian Academy varsity Warriors hit the diamond against Bell and Aucilla dinged Bell for an 8-5 victory to now stand 4-2 on the season.

The Warriors drew first blood bringing one run across the plate in the first inning, while holding Bell scoreless. Both teams were scoreless during the second inning. The Warriors knocked in another five runs in the third inning, while still holding Bell to zero. Both teams failed to score in the fourth quarter and in the fifth, ACA brought two more runs across the rubber and Bell answered bringing in three runs of their own.

Both teams were blank in the sixth inning and Bell knocked in another two runs in the seventh, while Aucilla failed to score.

As a team at the plate, the Warriors carried a .346 batting average, with 32 plate appearances, 26 at-bats, eight runs on nine hits, with seven RBI's, one double, one triple, one sacrifice hit/bunt, four walks, three strikeouts, one hit by pitch, one run on error, one fielder's choice, an on base percentage of .452, a slugging average of .462 and five stolen bases on five

stolen base attempts.

Individually, Jared Jackson carried a .667 batting average, with four plate appearances, three at-bats, one run, two hits, one RBI, one triple, one walk, an on-base percentage of .750, a slugging average of 1.333, with two stolen bases on two stolen base attempts.

Hans Sorensen had a batting average of .500, with three plate appearances, two at-bats, one run, one hit, two RBI's, one sacrifice hit/bunt, one strikeout and an on-base percentage and slugging average of .500.

Josh Wood had a .250 batting average, with four plate appearances, four at-bats, one run, one hit, an on-base percentage and slugging average of .250 and one stolen base on one stolen base attempt.

Russell Fraleigh had four plate appearances with four at-bats and one strikeout.

Kaleb Wyche had three plate appearances, two at-bats, with one walk, one fielder's choice, an on-base percentage of .333 and one stolen base on one stolen base attempt.

Hunter Horne had a 1.000 batting average with three plate appearances, three at-bats, three hits, four RBI's, one double, an on-base percentage of 1.000 and a slugging average of 1.333.

Tres Copeland had a batting average of .333, with four plate appearances, three at-bats, two runs, one hit, one walk, one strikeout, an on-base percentage of .500 and a slugging average of .333.

Austin Bishop had four plate appearances, three at-bats, one run, one walk, one run on error and an on-base percentage of .250.

Gus Smyrnios had a batting average of .500,

with three plate appearances, two at-bats, two runs, one hit, one hit by pitch, an on-base percentage of .667, a slugging average of .500 and one stolen base on one stolen base attempt.

In fielding the Warriors carried a fielding percentage of .774, with 31 total chances, 16 putouts, eight assists and seven errors.

Individually, Jared Jackson had a fielding percentage of 1.000, with two total chances and two putouts.

Hans Sorensen had a fielding percentage of .750, with four total chances, three assists and one error.

Josh Wood had a fielding percentage of 1.000, with two total chances and two assists.

Russell Fraleigh had a fielding percentage of 1.000 with three total chances and three putouts.

Hunter Horne had a fielding percentage of 1.000, with six total chances and six putouts.

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

Austin Bishop had a fielding percentage of .600 with 10 total chances, four putouts, two assists and four errors.

Gus Smyrnios had a fielding percentage of .333 with three total chances, one assist and two errors.

On the mound Hans Sorensen pitched the entire game of seven innings, with an earned run average of 1.00, a .111 batting average, an on-base percentage of .200, with 32 batters faced, 27 at-bats, he gave up five runs, only one of which was earned, three hits, one double, two sacrifice hits/bunts, three walks, three strikeouts and one wild pitch on 99 pitches.



COACH GIVES UPDATE ON TIGERS BASEBALL

FRAN HUNT
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

The Jefferson varsity Tigers baseball team dropped the first four games of the season to now stand on an 0-4 record.

The season opener was against FAMU DRS February 21 and the Tigers were bitten by the Rattlers for an 11-7 loss.

"It was a game where we gave up eight unearned runs. John Burns pitched five innings and threw the ball very well," said Coach Eddie Thomas.

"We committed several errors that were costly and contributed to the eleven runs scored by FAMU. Burns collected 13 strikeouts against the Rattlers."

Jefferson manned the diamond against Mayo February 23 and the Tigers were skinned for a 25-2 loss.

"Mayo was not 20 runs better than we were, but again, costly errors put us in a bad situation," said Coach Thomas. "Revonte Robinson started the game on the mound and pitched three innings before being relieved.

"Trey Brannen drove in the two runs with a single to left field," he concluded.

added.

The Tigers hit the field against John Paul February 27 and Jefferson came to a 9-7 defeat in the neck and neck contest.

"This game went back and forth but a couple of big errors late in the game put us on the losing end of this one," Coach Thomas said.

"Robinson started this one on the mound, pitching three strong innings before being relieved by Smiley, who came in and did a great job finishing the game," he added.

"Smiley and Robinson both had two hits in this game, both with a double and a single," Coach Thomas added.

Jefferson faced off with Hamilton March 1 and the Tigers met with a 15-5 loss.

"Starting the game on the mound for this one was Burns, who pitched five good innings, before being relieved by Ladarian Smiley who finished the game," said Coach Thomas.

"Offensively Smiley and Burns had two hits each, both collecting a double and a single. Robinson had a triple while Kean Thomas and Denijay Maxwell had one hit each," he concluded.

LADY WARRIORS JOLT ST. FRANCIS IN SEASON OPENER

FRAN HUNT
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

The Aucilla Christian Academy varsity Lady Warriors jolted St. Francis in the season opener February 6 for a shocking 21-5 victory.

The Lady Warriors brought three runs across the plate in the first inning, compared to St. Francis' one run. Aucilla brought in two more runs in the second while holding St. Francis to one run. The Lady Warriors walked in another nine runs in the third inning and St. Francis could only muster three. While holding St. Francis scoreless for the remainder of the game, ACA brought in four runs in the fourth inning and another three runs in the fifth inning before the game ended.

At the plate, Kelly Horne and Carly Joiner each had a double.

Sunnie Sorensen ripped two triples.

Pamela Watt and Kelly Horne each smacked a homerun.

Taylor Copeland had two total bases.

Pamela Watt had six total bases.

Kelly Horne had eight total bases.

Sunnie Sorensen had seven total bases.

Whitney McKnight, Stacey Brock, Hadley Revel and Carly Joiner each had two total bases.

Natalie Sorensen and Ashli Cline each had one total base.

Kelly Horne had one run on error.

Taylor Copeland had two fielder's choice.

Carly Joiner and Natalie Sorensen each had one hit by pitch.

Taylor Copeland, Sunnie Sorensen, Stacie Brock, Hadley Revell, Brooke Joiner and Ashli Cline each had one stolen base.

On the mound, Joiner had 15 strikeouts with 57 total strike on 99 pitches.

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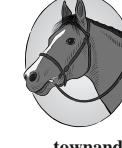
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NFC Whips Lady Warriors

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On February 13 the Aucilla Christian Academy varsity Lady Warriors hit the diamond against NFC in a game, which during the first inning, looked to be anyone's game due to both teams bringing in three runs across the plate.

But the error bug badly bit the Lady Warriors, who committed eight errors in the field, so the game resulted in Aucilla being whipped 12-3 by NFC to now stand 1-2 on the field.

At the plate, Pamela Watt hit a double.

Sunnie Sorensen smacked a triple.

Taylor Copeland and Watt, each had two total bases.

Kelly Horne and Sorensen each had four total bases.

Carly Joiner had three total bases.

Sorensen also had two RBI's and one stolen base.

On the mound, Carly Joiner pitched the entire game. She threw 78 strikes in 155 pitches. She gave up 15 hits, 12 runs, eight of which were earned, she walked nine and struck out five batters. Joiner hit one batter, tossed two wild pitches, she had eight groundouts and three fly outs.



Lady Warriors Belted By Rickards

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Staff Writer

The Aucilla Christian Academy varsity Lady Warriors was belted by Rickards on February 10 for an 11-3 loss to now stand 1-1 on the season.

The Lady Warriors were unable to score in the first three innings. Rickards brought in two runs in the first inning and another four runs in the third inning. Aucilla brought in two runs in the fourth inning, while Rickards added another four runs.

ACA failed to score in the fifth inning, while Richards brought in one run. Aucilla wrapped up the game bringing one run across the plate in the sixth inning.

At the plate, Kelly Horne ripped a triple.

Taylor Copeland, Pamela Watt, and Horne each had three total bases.

Whitney McKnight and Ashley Hebert each had one RBI.

On the mound, Carly Joiner gave up 11 runs on 12 hits, with eight earned runs, six walks and six strikeouts.

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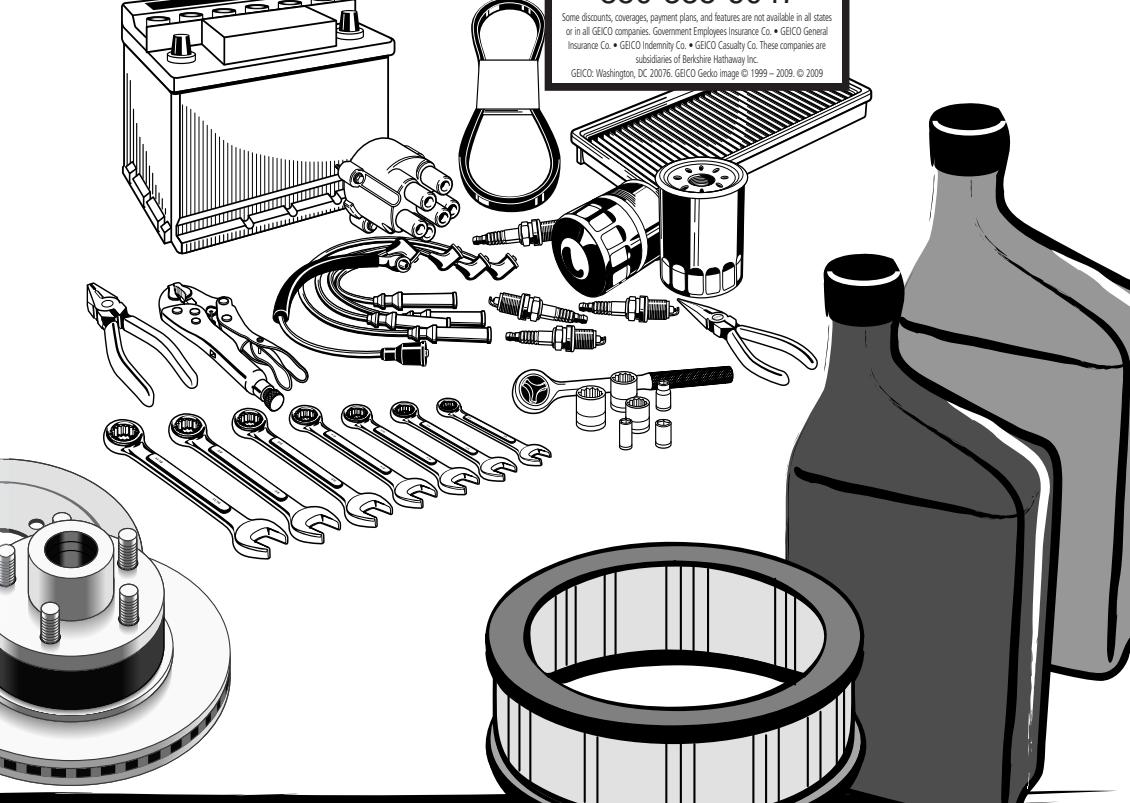
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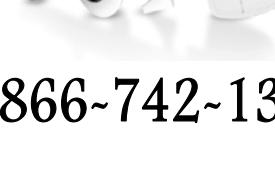
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NOTICE OF DRAFT PERMIT**

The Department of Environmental Protection gives notice of its preparation of a draft permit for a wastewater treatment system at Walker and Sons Farms, Inc., Monticello, Jefferson County, Florida.

The applicant, Walker and Sons Farms, Inc., applied on August 4, 2011 for renewal of an industrial wastewater permit for the continued operation of an existing concentrated animal feeding operation located at Rt. 2 Box 17A, County Road 146, Monticello, Jefferson County.

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Any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit of the Department or may submit a written request for a public meeting to William Armstrong, Department of Environmental Protection, Northwest District, 160 W. Government Street, Suite 308, Pensacola, Florida 32502 in accordance with Rule 62-620.555, Florida Administrative Code. The comments or request for a public meeting must contain the information set forth below and must be received in the Department's Northwest District Office within 30 days of publication of this notice. Failure to submit comments or request a public meeting within this time period shall constitute a waiver of any right such person may have to submit comments or request a public meeting under Rule 62-620.555, Florida Administrative Code.

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(c) A statement of the facts the Department should consider in making the final decision;

(d) A statement of which rules or statutes require reversal or modification of the Department action or proposed action; and

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The permit application file and supporting data are available for public inspection during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at Department of Environmental Protection, Northwest District, 160 W. Government Street, Suite 308, Pensacola, Florida 32502. Additional information concerning this project may be obtained by contacting William Armstrong (850) 595-8300.

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IN RE: ESTATE OF	PROBATE DIVISION
ALLEN TYSON, JR.,	CASE NO: 10-61 CP
Deceased.	:

NOTICE OF ACTION

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5:50 AM
*12:10 PM
6:20 PM

Saturday,
March 10
*12:30 AM
6:45 AM
*1:10 PM
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Sunday,
March 11
*2:40 AM
9:50 AM
4:10 PM
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Monday,
March 12
*4:35 AM
10:45 AM
*5:00 PM
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Tuesday,
March 13
*5:40 AM
11:50 AM
*6:10 PM

Wednesday,
March 14
12:30 AM
*6:45 AM
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Thursday,
March 15
1:30 AM
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CONTAINER GARDENING, ORGANIC PEST CONTROL, FLORIDA FRIENDLY FRUITS AMONG TOPICS AT GREEN INDUSTRIES INSTITUTE'S UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Whether you are a beginner or an expert in the garden, North Florida Community College's Green Industries Institute is the place to go for informative and engaging workshops. Check out the upcoming workshops March through May 2012:

Saturday, March 17 - Building Raised Beds with Micro-irrigation (Organic Gardening 101)

Expand your garden with raised beds, and learn to install micro-irrigation to keep them watered.

Saturday, March 24 - Florida Friendly Fruits (Sustainable Farming Workshop)

Instructor Dr. Peter Anderson, Horticultural Sciences Professor at the North Florida Research and Education Center in Quincy. There are plenty of Florida Friendly fruit trees that perform well in our climate without needing pesticide or chemical fertilizer applications. Dr. Anderson will provide tips and troubleshooting advice to get you producing fresh and delicious fruits sustainably.

Saturday, March 31 - Attracting Birds for Pest Control in Your Garden (Sustainable Farming Workshop)

Instructors: Dr. Katie Sieving, Department of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation at the University of Florida and Bill

Pennewill, Florida Bluebird Society President. Our region's wild birds, bluebirds included, need all the help they can get finding habitat. Professor Sieving will present her research about birds' role in pest control, and Florida Bluebird Society

President Pennewill will be doing hands-on construction of bluebird boxes. Learn the benefits of having bluebirds in your garden, including:

Using birds generally in consumption of pest insects; Designing your yard, garden, or farm to be more bird-friendly;

Bluebird ecology; Best placement of bluebird houses on your site; and

Bluebird house construction.

Saturday, April 21 - Window Boxes and Container Gardening (Organic Gardening 101)

Plant a garden, no matter how small. Get big results from small containers.

Saturday, May 12 - All About Wildflowers (Sustainable Farming Workshop)

Instructor: Dr. Jeff Norcini from OeoHort, LLC. Learn more about how to support native

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