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MUMS THE WORD ON PRINCIPAL'S TRANSFER SCHOOL BOARD TO INITIATE INVESTIGATION

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School Superintendent Bill Brumfield wasn't saying on Monday evening, April 9, why he had transferred Jefferson Elementary School (JES) Principal Valarie Thompson to the adult school the week before; and for once, the School Board wasn't demanding to know the why either.

The School Board, at least, plead ignorance to the matter on Monday evening, and declined to question Brumfield

about the issue, pointing out that personnel transfers were strictly within the discretion of the superintendent's powers.

The issue surfaced during the part of the School Board's agenda where the public is allowed to address the board on issues of concern. Although the rule calls for citizens to limit their comments to three minutes and for board members to refrain from engaging in dialogue on these non-agenda items, the rule is rarely observed, and this portion of the agenda frequently

tends to spiral into lengthy free-for-alls that consume major portions of meetings.

This time around, however, Chairwoman Marianne Arbulu asked for observance of the three-minute limit and that board members refrain from commenting, and for once, all the participants complied with the request for the most part.

Thompson was first to approach the board and distributed copies of papers the contents of which she didn't identify. The handout, however,

apparently dealt with a grievance that she had earlier filed against Brumfield and had asked the board to investigate.

Thompson noted in her brief remarks that she had yet to receive a board response on the request, which she had first made on Dec. 14. She was again making the request and doing it in a public forum this time around so there wouldn't be any question as to her action, she said. She asked that the board respond to the request

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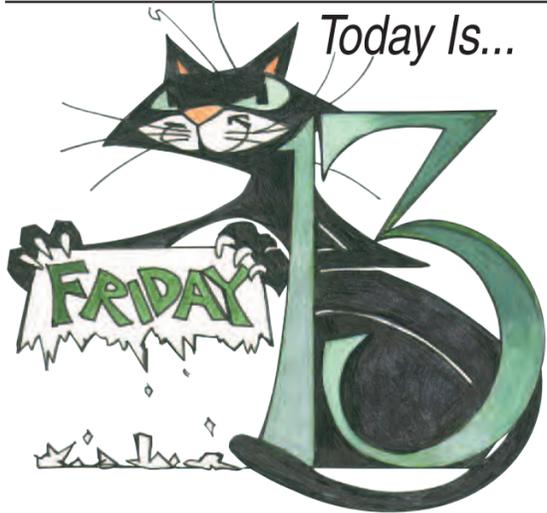
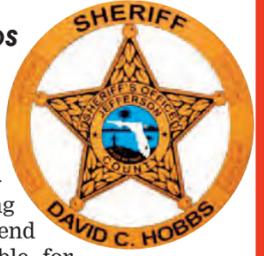
CITIZENS BEWARE

- A Note From Sheriff David Hobbs

Jefferson County has experienced a recent upswing in residential burglaries over the last month. Please be assured that we are working very diligently to apprehend the person(s) responsible for these crimes. We are asking for the community's help by reporting any suspicious vehicles, activity or people to our dispatch line at 850-997-2023 or 9-1-1.

Always remember to lock your doors, set your alarm and to be aware of your surroundings.

If anyone has any information about these recent burglaries please call the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department at 997-2023. (Anonymous tips are always welcome.)



COACH BROWN IS LATEST SCHOOL DISTRICT CASUALTY

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Whatever it is that's ailing the Jefferson County School District, the malady's latest casualty is Tigers head football coach Jeremy Brown, who tendered his resignation on Tuesday, April 10.

Brown, whose last day will be April 27, is moving with his family to Pensacola, where he has accepted a position as offensive coordinator at Escambia High School.

Brown declined comment on Tuesday, other than to convey a few words through School Superintendent Bill Brumfield.

"He asked me to let everyone know how much he appreciates the kids, the parents and the community and that he will miss

them," Brumfield said. "That's all he wants to say."

Brown was more forthcoming with sportswriter Fran Hunt.

"It's been a great three years here but we feel that the Lord has told us that it is time to move on," Brown told Hunt. "It's time to close this chapter for myself and my family and open up a new chapter. There are certain things that can't be controlled. It will be a transition for the kids. Anytime you bring about change, there is transition. We have done a lot of good things here and I feel that the Lord will send someone to continue that good."

As for the fundraiser to buy commemorative rings for each of the football players in honor of

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Jeremy Brown

Barnhill Named Outstanding FL Woman In Public Health

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Jefferson and Madison Counties Health Departments Director Kim Barnhill continues garnering awards and honors, the latest being recognition for her outstanding work in the field of public health.

In an awards ceremony held in Tampa on April 4 during National Public Health Week, the College of Public Health (COPH) at the University of South Florida (USF) presented Barnhill with the Florida Outstanding Woman in Public Health Award for 2012. The honor is one the college bestows annually on a woman it deems deserving of the recognition because of the latter's career achievements and significant contributions to the enhancement of the state's public health field.

Barnhill, as the award noted, is a dynamic, passionate and widely recognized public health advocate whose initiatives are credited with increasing uninsured Floridians' access to dental and healthcare. Consider this alone: the Volunteer Health Care Provider Program that Barnhill

put together in 1996 reportedly now provides more than \$1 billion in donated health services to Floridians who otherwise would not receive quality health-care because of the lack of health insurance and ineligibility to state assistance. The program, the COPH observed, currently serves as a model for other such efforts across the state.

Barnhill further is credited with providing management and planning for the state's 67 county health departments when she became director of statewide services in 2000. In this position, Barnhill immersed

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Health Department Director Kim Barnhill

TWO RESPOND TO REQUEST FOR BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT EXPERT

OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS PROPOSALS TUESDAY

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County officials have scheduled a workshop on Tuesday morning, April 17, to hear from the two respondents who submitted proposals to the county's advertisement for the services of an economic/small business development expert.

The workshop, set for 9 a.m. in the courthouse annex, will focus on the proposals of Dr. Dallas Garrett, a county resident, and Metropolitan Design and Consulting Group Inc. (MDCG), a Tallahassee-

based company.

County Coordinator Roy Schleicher, who reported the proposals to the board, offered that commissioners had several options. They could, he said, discuss the proposals and make a decision that very day; have the applicants make a presentation at the next commission meeting and then decide; or schedule a workshop to discuss the proposals and then make the decision.

The commission opted for the last choice, with the added stipulation that the respondents be available to make presentations or answer

questions at the workshop.

The two proposals result from the commission's decision on March 15 to open the opportunity to other experts, following Dr. Garrett's proposal to the board, in which he offered to provide the consultant service for a period of 12 weeks for \$9,600.

After listening to Dr. Garrett's presentation, a majority of the commissioners determined that they would feel more comfortable if the position was advertised, given that the \$9,600 represented a significant expenditure.

Dr. Garrett is a retired college administrator with more than 40 years of small business development experience in diverse communities across the country. He has also owned and operated private businesses and received awards for his entrepreneurial excellence.

MDCG describes its mission as being to assist organizations and individuals develop creative strategies to maximize their profit and potential. The company's services include grant writing, marketing, and business development.

Miss and Teen Miss Watermelon Queen Pageant Slated For June 9 • 7:00 p.m.

The Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that the Watermelon Festival Pageants will be held on June 9, at the old Jefferson County High School auditorium, located on South Water Street. This marks the second year the event is being chaired by Emerald Greene. This year's pageants will include age divisions from birth through 24 years old.

The Baby to Tween pageant will be held on June 9 at 10 a.m. The age divisions are: 0-11 months old (separate division for boys and girls); 12-23 months old (separate division for boys and girls); 2-3 years old (sepa-

rate division for boys and girls); 4-6 years old; 7-9 years old; and 10-12 years old. Each girl/boy will compete in the "formal wear" competition only.

The Teen Miss Watermelon and Miss Watermelon pageant will be held at 7 p.m. on June 9.

The Teen Miss Watermelon division is for girls ages 13-15 years old. Each young lady will compete in sportswear, and an evening gown competition.

The Miss Watermelon Queen division is for girls ages 16-24. The Miss contestants will be judged during a private interview, a sportswear com-

petition and an evening gown competition.

Every contestant will receive a trophy and the queens in each division will receive a crown, trophy and sash.

There is a \$50 entry fee to enter the pageant. The deadline to enter the pageant is May 4. Applications may be picked up at the Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce, Buggy's Bling and the Monticello News Office.

For more information please contact the pageant chairman, Emerald Greene, at 997-3568, or 973-4141, or 973-3497.

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Local Weather

Fri 4/13 78/53 Partly cloudy. High 78F. Winds ENE at 5 to 10 mph.	Sat 4/14 83/59 More sun than clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 50s.	Sun 4/15 86/60 More sun than clouds. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 60s.	Mon 4/16 86/61 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 60s.	Tue 4/17 88/64 Plenty of sun. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 60s.
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Viewpoints & Opinions

CHURCH NEWS NOTES

APRIL 13, 14

St. Tabernacle Church invites the community to worship at its annual 'April-Praise-A-Bration on Friday at 7:30 p.m. and on Saturday at 7:00 p.m. For more information, contact Deaconess Etta Brinson at 850-997-3120.

APRIL 13, 14

Prayer Summit presented by Prophetess Katabia Henry Ministries Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. nightly at Springfield AME Church at 1732 Piney Woods Road. This 'Don't Stop Praying' event will feature Prophetess Pamela Kelly with Lion of Judah Wailing Women International on Friday and Dr. YaQuana McCall with I Speak Life Global Ministries on Saturday. Increase in your prayer life; learn and participate in corporate prayer and intercession; and experience the power of the Most High God on a personal level through prayer. Elder Stefon McBride, pastor. For more information call 850-241-6043.

APRIL 14

Joshua Lodge #13 of Monticello will meet at 10 a.m. on Saturday at the Greater Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church. All members are asked to attend. For more information contact President Georgiana Barker at 850-342-4694.

APRIL 14, 21

Sweetfield Missionary Baptist Church will host a 'Waiting to Exhale' Prayer

Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. on the next two Saturdays. The community is invited to come out and join the church family and Pastor Ben Ransom Jr. for some great prayer and the uplifting of Jesus. A 'Clothing Giveaway' will be held after the service. If you need more information, contact Derry Williams at 850-644-7998 or 850-345-4731.

APRIL 14, 15

Transforming Life Church will hold its first fundraising event on Saturday, for Transforming Center, a multipurpose outreach center. Images of Tallahassee Photography & Custom Framing will provide professional portraits taken onsite at the church. Portrait packages start as little as \$10. To schedule an appointment and to obtain an advance order form, call 850-997-TLC7 (997-8527) or visit the church website at TransformingLifeChurch.com for more information. The church is located at 1206 Springfield Road in the Lloyd area just ¼ mile east of Gamble Road.

APRIL 15

Centenary AME Church of Miccosukee will celebrate its 'Family and Friends Day' at 11 a.m. on Sunday. Guest speaker will be Min. Georgiana Barker. The community is invited to join in the service. Rev. David Hall, pastor.

APRIL 15

Springfield AME Church will celebrate its 'Men and Women Day' program on Sunday, at 4 p.m. Bishop Horace Smith and the Saint City Ministries of Tallahassee, will be in charge of this Worship Experience. For more information, contact Sis. Mary McBride at 850-510-1808 or call the church at 850-997-5400. The public is invited to attend this and all services held at Springfield AMEC. Rev. Stefon McBride, pastor.

APRIL 15

New Bethel AME Church will observe its Youth Day with a Worship Service on Sunday at 11 a.m. Min.

Carla Simmons of Albany, GA will be guest speaker and the New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church Choir of Waukeena will be present the music. The public is invited to attend this annual time of fellowship. Dinner will be served. Rev. Jimmie F. Dickey, pastor.

APRIL 15

Casa Bianca Missionary Baptist Church Pastor/Teacher Tobbie Berrian, III and church family will celebrate their Deacons, Mothers, Deaconess and Mission Anniversary on Sunday at 3 p.m. at the church location 1097 Waukeena Highway in Monticello. Pastor Reginald Bennett and the Holy Ghost Revival Center will be special guests. They are prayerfully requesting your presence to come and help us lift the name of the Lord. Contact Burnette Thompson at 850-997-4484, or 850-997-5018 for more information.

APRIL 18

First Presbyterian Church will host EaglesWings, a ministry of outreach, serving the community on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Volunteers are always welcome to distribute 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-monticeool.org.

APRIL 19

Clergy Break Bread on Thursday with Big Bend Hospice chaplains for a time of fellowship and education. A complimentary lunch will be served at noon followed by a special presentation on 'The Faces of Hope.' There is no charge for this gathering and congregational leaders may send a representative that might benefit from this conversation. To register or receive more information, contact Rev. Candace McKibben at 850-878-5310 or

candace@bigbendhospice.org.

APRIL 19

Bible Study is held at 7 p.m. every Thursday 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.

APRIL 20

Tent of the Holy Guests offers prayer for the sick and a special scripture message every Friday at 7:30 p.m. The Tent is located at 295 West Palmer Mill in Monticello.

APRIL 21

First Baptist Church Monticello will hold a Car Wash and Bake Sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, in the FBC parking lot to support its youth group ministry. For more information contact Michael Stewart, Minister of Youth and Outreach at 850-997-2349 or fbcmonticello.org.

APRIL 21

Memorial Missionary Baptist Church Senior Choir will host a 'Musical Extravaganza' at 7 p.m. on Saturday. Everyone is invited to attend. All church choirs, groups and soloists are encouraged to participate. The church is located at 780 Second Street. Rev. JB Duval, pastor/moderator.

APRIL 27, 28

Second Harvest Food Program, together with the churches of New Bethel AME, Elizabeth MB, Hickory Hill MB, Mt. Pleasant AME and Philadelphia MB, will provide food to anyone needing assistance including the needy, infants and the elderly. This is done monthly with distribution from 8 to 9 a.m. usually on the fourth Saturday at the New Bethel AME Church located at 6496 Ashville Highway. Volunteers are also welcome to come on Friday evening at 6:30 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.

Letters To The Editor

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

Our Governor Has A Decision To Make

He will decide if thousands of Florida women will be told "no" when they go for their next mammogram. For the first time ever, the Florida Legislature approved lifesaving funding for our state's breast cancer screening program. But, Governor Scott could use his power to veto that funding.

The impact could be devastating. We know that mammograms save lives. And we know that without this funding, many Florida women won't be able to afford one.

Send an email to Governor Scott now using the following link: <http://action.acscan.org/site/Advocacy?pagename=homepage&id=7639> Ask him to approve the state funding currently in the budget for the Mary Brogan Program to ensure that more women have access to breast cancer screening.

Right now, Florida is one of only seven states that provides no state funding for a screening program that is proven to save lives by detecting breast cancer at its earlier and most treatable stages. In just two minutes, you can help change this.

Send a message to Governor Scott today. It's quick and easy and will show Governor Scott that Floridians believe that fighting cancer should be a state priority. Thank you for quick action,

Paul Hull

Vice President, Advocacy & Public Policy
American Cancer Society, Florida Division

Drop A Note To
Debbiesnapp@embarqmail.com

Happy Friday the 13th and good luck to you all today!

The Quitman Brooks County Historical Museum and Cultural Center is hosting a 'Tour of Homes' from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 14. So, if you're in the area check it out! For more information call 1-229-263-6000.

The Dixie Community Center will feature the 'Half 'N' Half Four' on Saturday evening 7 to 10 p.m. at the Dixie Opry in Dixie, Georgia. Join for a good time, enjoy good music and do a bit of dancing. Band members/musicians include Arlene Roberts, Leon Roberts, Vic Henderson and Wendell Quick. Refreshments are served during intermissions. This is a nonprofit charitable organization.

Teachers, youth organizations, parents and youth artists, the 5th annual Forest Capital Music and Art Festival will be held from April 19 to May 7. Its goal is to provide a venue for adult and youth to showcase performing, musical and visual arts, both traditional and folk to be enjoyed by the community. The call is now to submit artwork for display at the Forest Capital State Museum. This is an open venue for original artwork in all media done in good taste in two and three dimensions. All two and three-dimensional artwork must have on it the youth's name, grade level (Kindergarten, 1st Grade, 2nd Grade,) name of school/organization, name of teacher, youth coordinator or parent submitting the artwork. Student artwork will be displayed from April 26 to May 7. Deliver your artwork to the Forest Capital State Museum. You can pick up your artwork from May 5 after 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. on May 7. Additional art activities to enjoy include the adult art show. Featured local guest artist this year is Ben Flowers. May 5 is music performance day at the Forest Capital Heritage Pavilion. Rebeca Aman will be featured performer along with many new and past performances. If you have any questions contact Jeff Byers at 850-838-2802 or wjefbyers@gmail.com.

You have years of life to gain by quitting smoking. Your risk for heart attack drops sharply just one-year after you quit smoking. And, because secondhand smoke also affects others and can increase their risk of heart attack and death, quitting smoking can help protect your loved ones. For free support and advice, call the Quitline at 1-877-U-CAN-NOW or <http://www.quitnow.net/florida> or call the health department at 850-342-0170X2101 for Chastity McCarthy or 850-342-0170X207 for Marianne Arbulu.

Sallie Worley reminds the community to stop by and shop at the 'Spring Yard Sale at One Heart Earth Center this Saturday, April 14 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. So many donations have been coming in and more is on the way as many are cleaning out their houses so that there will be so much to choose from. Lots and lots of wonderful books on photography, art, novels, mysteries, cookbooks, raw food preparation books, some antiques, clothes, kitchenware, golf clubs, shoes, purses and too much more to mention... you'll just have to come and see for yourself. Come and bring your friends. The monies help the nonprofit center.

Monticello Jamboree Band plays regularly on Friday evenings at the old JCHS in the gym. Everyone is welcome to come dance, listen to some of the finest music and just enjoy the fun and camaraderie with neighbors and friends. The band members/musicians include Bobby Connell, Don Corbitt, John Howell, Ashley Morgan, Sue and Wanzie Tucker, Arlene and Leon Roberts and Wendell Quick. Refreshments are available. This is a nonprofit charitable organization.

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Arlene Roberts, Leon Roberts, Vic Henderson, and Wendell Quick
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The Humane Society Returns With Pet Pampering

Saturday, April 14
10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Ear Cleaning & Toe Nail Clipping (donation \$7) and back by popular demand, Dog Washing (donation \$7). Pamper your pet and treat them to a Spa Day (wash, ear clean, & nail clipping) for a \$12 donation. Wag the Dog Thrift Shop, Monticello. Contact Jeri Kimbrel at 997-4932 for more information or if you want to help out.

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herself in planning programs, working through budgetary processes and developing outcome measures, as well as engaging in the legislative process as a registered lobbyist.

Barnhill assumed the directorship of the Jefferson and Madison counties health departments in 2002, and she immediately set about implementing programs to raise the level of services of the two largely rural organizations. Among her numerous successes, Barnhill initiated health-related careers and college fairs, brought dental care services to the clinic, and sponsored several initiatives to encourage physical activity as a means of promoting health and wellbeing.

In 2009, Barnhill was one of 12 health officers from across the country invited to the White House to

discuss the H1N1 (swine) flu pandemic and the steps needed to combat the spread of the disease, particularly as it related to small, rural communities with limited resources.

The latter invitation came as a result of Barnhill's standing as a commissioner on the National Commission on Prevention Priorities, a group charged with assessing the value of preventive services and advising decision-makers on preventive services choices to maximize the impact of their investments. At the time, she was also (and remains) a board member of the National Public Health Foundation, which is dedicated to improving the infrastructure and performance of the public health system; and an executive committee member of the National Association of

County and City Health Officials, which supports efforts that protect and improve the health of communities and the populace.

In the nomination letter that Seminole County Health Department Administrator Michael Napier wrote on behalf of Barnhill to say why she was deserving of being named Florida Outstanding Woman in Public Health for 2012, he cited her dedication and commitment to the cause of public health.

Wrote Napier: "Kim is highly respected by her staff, her community and her peers as an action-oriented, passion-driven public health advocate. She is often sought out for her knowledge and opinions on everything from legislation, management issues and dealing with complex problems. You will often

find her working from early morning to late at night and on weekends (with the aim of) moving the public health agenda forward... Without question, Kim Barnhill is the ideal Public Health Woman of the Year, who embodies the practice of public health at the service delivery level, while making a significant contribution at the state and national levels. It is rare to find someone with such passion in the field of public health, (especially when that passion) is coupled with knowledge and experiential practice, (making for someone) who has affected so many people in our state."

A graduate of Florida State University, where she earned a bachelor's in health education, Barnhill went on to earn dual masters in adult education

(gerontology) and public health at FSU. Early in her career, she focused on dental care. In the latter capacity, Barnhill planned and directed preventive programs for 37 counties, provided consultation for 106 community fluoridation programs, and managed the development of new programs, among other responsibilities.

Besides currently administering the Jefferson and Madison counties health departments, she also helps administer the Franklin County Health Department, and is involved, in one form or another, with the Florida Association of County Health Officers, the Big Bend Learning Coalition, Apalachee Services, and the Jefferson County/Monticello Community Traffic Safety Team.

She also currently

chairs the Big Bend Rural Health Network; is a member of the FSU Master's of Public Health Advisory Council, the Jefferson County Legislative Committee and the Florida Public Health Association; and a liaison to the U.S. Taskforce on Community Preventive Services.

USF initiated the Florida Outstanding Woman in Public Health Award in 1988; the university solicits nominations for the honor from public health practitioners across the state. Past recipients of the award include Lillian Stark, director of virology at the Florida Department of Health Tampa Branch Laboratory; Jean Malecki, director of the Palm Beach County Health Department; and Dr. Lora Fleming, an epidemiologist with the University of Miami.

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within five days.

"All I'm asking is for someone to speak to me and get my side of the story," Thompson said.

She said she preferred not to make a public spectacle of the issue; but if the board failed to respond timely to her request, the public would be privy to all the details at the next board meeting.

That was all she had to say on the matter for the time being, Thompson said.

A woman whose granddaughter she said attended the elementary

school next asked to know why Thompson had been removed as principal. The woman said her granddaughter's attendance at JES was directly tied to Thompson's leadership there. Yet three days after her granddaughter had started attending the school, Thompson had been removed. She wanted to know the why.

"Help me to understand if I'm a little slow," the woman said. "I was pleased with the leadership there and now there is no principal. I tried to talk to

the superintendent but he won't talk to me about it."

The board was unusually quiet on the question. Board Member Sandra Saunders said she would say the reason if she knew it; but she simply didn't know it.

Board Member Charles Boland offered that the superintendent alone could answer the question. It was for the superintendent to make personnel recommendations and for the board to approve or reject the recommendations, he said.

Board Member Ed Vollertsen appealed to Attorney Opal Williams for a clarification of the policy.

Williams affirmed that the board's interpretation of the policy was correct. She said the responsibility for personnel matters resided with the superintendent. On matters of personnel, she said, the board could not initiate action. It could only act when the superintendent made a recommendation, she said.

And when it came to personnel transfers, the latter were completely within

the superintendent's discretion, she said.

"The superintendent doesn't have to come to the board on personnel transfers," Williams said. "So yes, the superintendent is the only one who can provide the answer."

Brumfield reiterated that he wasn't going to discuss the matter.

"I won't discuss personnel issues," he said.

That pretty much closed the discussion on Monday evening.

On Wednesday afternoon, however, Arbulu informed the *Journal* that she had since spoken with Williams, and per School Board policy, the board was initiating an investigation into Thompson's charge.

"This is not an indictment of anyone," Arbulu said. "But we're going to absolutely follow the policy to the letter of the law. It's in the policy that we have to

act. I spoke with the attorney and the policy is very clear on this. It states that when a charge is made, we have to initiate an investigation."

Why, if the policy requires such investigations, hadn't the School Board initiated one when Thompson first filed her complaint on Dec. 14?

"The first letter wasn't a harassment charge," Arbulu said in a subsequent call after checking with Williams. "It was being investigated by the district. This subsequent letter is a charge of harassment. It falls into a different category."

If the district was indeed investigating the original complaint, that information apparently was not communicated to Thompson, judging from her accusation on Monday that the board had ignored her first request.

Coach Brown

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their state championship win, Brown said the Rotary Club would be making a \$1,000 donation this Friday and that would fulfill the effort's goal. Unfortunately, he said, he wouldn't be attending the yet-to-be-scheduled ring presentation ceremony.

"It would be hard for me and it would be hard for the kids if I were there," Brown told Hunt. "I think they will just be excited about getting their rings... I will greatly miss the kids. They worked hard these past three years. They earned those rings and I didn't want them to have to pay for them. That is why we worked so hard to collect the funds for them, so that the community could show their support for the team and their years of hard work."

As Hunt has duly noted in her reporting, Brown completely transformed the team and its fan base over the course of the three years that he was part of the Tigers football program. Under Brown's watch, the Tigers went from a losing team that could barely muster a dozen fans in the stands to a first-rate state championship organization that drew packed crowds to its games and fired up the community with pride and enthusiasm. And at the heart and soul of the transformation was Brown.

Consider: In 2008, the Tigers missed the playoffs for the fifth consecutive season, ending the season 1-9 and suffering a humiliating 77-0 loss to Florida High.

Brown joined the team in 2009 as the offensive coordinator under then head coach Willie Spears. That very year, the Tigers took the district title and were just bumped out of the regional.

In 2010, following Spears' departure and Brown's promotion to head coach, the Tigers took their second district title and first regional title, and were just shy of going to state.

In 2011, under Brown's leadership, the Tigers won their third

consecutive district championship, their second consecutive regional championship and then went on to win the state championship — a feat last accomplished by a Tigers team 20 years earlier.

"It's a process like anything else," Brown said at the time. "Anything like that doesn't just come overnight. You have to work and work hard for it. That (championship game) was a culmination of the years we've put into this football program."

As generally acknowledged by school officials and members of the community alike, Brown restored pride, cohesion and purpose to the Tigers football team; bonded with the kids and served as a parental figure and role model, helping modify their behavior for the better both at home and in school; and succeeded in encouraging players to improve their grades, with the result that several received college football scholarships.

Yet, whatever Brown's successes on the football field and with the kids under his charge, that success failed to translate into a salary boost. An attempt by Brumfield several months ago to enhance Brown's pay by way of increasing his responsibilities met with School Board resistance, leading to Brumfield's withdrawal of the proposal.

Last month, the parent of a Tigers football

player specifically asked the board to consider giving Brown a pay increase in recognition of his achievements and worth to the school and community.

Paula Pierce told the School Board that the district risked losing Brown if it didn't up his salary, which she cited as currently under \$38,000 annually.

"We don't have a lot here, but we have football," Pierce said. "Behind every winning team is a winning coach. Our athletes are blossoming athletically, emotionally and academically because of him. I also know if we don't give coaches competitive salaries we will lose them."

Brumfield indicated he supported the idea, noting that football was the only athletic program currently generating money. He further noted that other districts in the region paid their coaches much higher salaries.

"Football is carrying the other sports," Brumfield said. "I know the football program has turned this district around."

School Board Chairwoman Marianne Arbulu and Board Member Ed Vollertsen expressed openness to the idea. The board, however, could do nothing absent a formal recommendation from the superintendent, they pointed out.

"Superintendent, the ball is in your court," Arbulu told Brumfield. "It's for you to drive this ball."

Board Member Shirley Washington, how-

ever, voiced objection to the idea. It was her contention that every school district employee deserved an increase, not only the coach.

"Every staff member and every child is important," Washington declared. "If we can help Coach Brown, let's help everyone across the board."

Brumfield pointed out that what he was proposing to do was to augment the coach's administrative responsibilities, not create a new job. Hence, it didn't entail creating a job description, as some on the board indicated. Regardless, he was ready to reward Brown for his performance, come what may, he said.

"I'm not afraid to make a decision," Brumfield said. "Right now we've got a 'D' instead of 'C' at the high school because a guidance counselor didn't put in a grade. I'm tired of incompetence. I will make a job for this man, and if you don't support me, I don't care."

Listed on the School Board agenda on Monday evening, April 9, was an item under the personnel section identified as "position package for athletic director-safety coordinator".

When the item came up for discussion, however, Arbulu informed the board and public that the item was no longer up for consideration, as the superintendent had withdrawn it. No explanation was given for the withdrawal.

On Tuesday, Brown tendered his resignation.

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KESSLER CONSTRUCTION HOSTED CHAMBER AFTER 5

Kessler Construction LLC hosted the Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber Business After 5 on Monday evening, April 2 at the future home of Jeannie and Richard Beetsma on East Washington Street, just outside of town. The home is under construction but attendees were delighted to be given a sneak preview of Kessler's Tallahassee Parade of Homes entry.

During the Chamber After 5 event local Chamber members and the public enjoyed a sneak peek of the largest house entered in the 2012 Parade of Homes sponsored by the Tallahassee Builders Association. Full of charm and understated elegance this estate has over 9,000 square feet under roof and is packed with practical luxuries.

Custom built by Kessler Construction LLC the home makes entertaining easy with a wrap around porch, butler's pantry, chef's kitchen and beautiful ceiling details. Kessler's award winning craftsmanship and attention to detail is showcased throughout.

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rade of Homes entry will be both ENERGY STAR and Florida Green Building Coalition certified and our team makes it easy to build or remodel any size project to our customer's level of green," says Marketing Director Nicole Kessler.

"We invite everyone to stop by in May."

The house is a must see and is located at 2123 East Washington, just two-miles east of the courthouse on Highway 90. The Parade is a wonderful opportunity for Monticello to welcome visitors to town.

This year's Tallahassee Builders Association

annual Parade of Homes includes 22 homes. As always, the first weekend coincides with Mother's Day. This year it is May 12 and 13. All homes will be open the following weekend, May 19 and 20. The hours are Saturdays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sundays 12 to 6 p.m. Call 850-997-4540 for more information.



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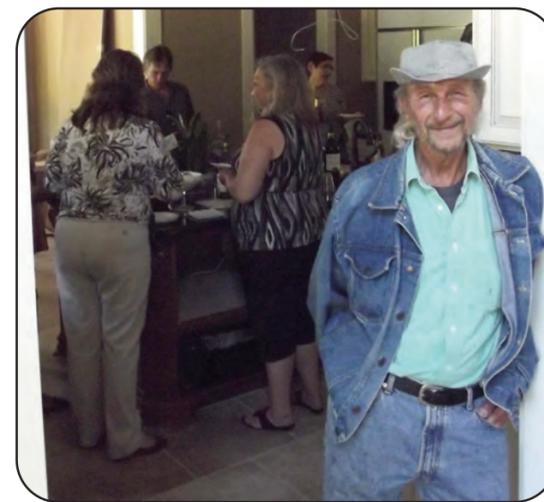


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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

APRIL 13
Monticello Jamboree dancing and music 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 door-prizes, cold soft drinks and snacks.

APRIL 13, 14, 15
'Flea Across Florida,' the longest yard sale in Florida, Friday - Sunday. All churches, clubs, organizations, businesses and individuals are invited to participate. Contact Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce Director Melanie Mays at 850-997-5552 for more information about signs, banners, flyers posters and advertising. The yard

sale runs from Pensacola to Live Oak.

APRIL 14-28
Jefferson Arts will feature 'The Human Form', an exhibit of works of various artists through the month of April in the Gallery. The Jefferson Arts Gallery is located at 575 West Washington in downtown Monticello and is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays, or by appointment. For more information about the Arts or to ask about free art classes, call 850-997-3311 or go to info@jeffersonarts-gallery.com or www.jeffersonartsgallery.com.

APRIL 14
Lions Club will hold its monthly yard sale from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday in the Monticello News parking lot. To make a donation or to rent a space (\$10 dona-

tion) contact Lion Jane at 850-997-3392 or just come by on Saturday to setup or drop off.

APRIL 14
Monticello Red Hat Scarlett O'Hatters will celebrate Easter at the Rancho Grande Restaurant at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday. All attending are asked to decorate their 'Easter Bonnet' for the 'Easter Celebration.' Contact Hostess Lorrie Ann Klug at 850-997-3603 for reservations and for further information.

APRIL 14
One Heart Earth Center will hold a 'Spring Yard Sale' from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. OHEC is a non-profit 501c3 corporation. Financial donations to OHEC are tax deductible.

APRIL 16
Free Living Wills offered for National Healthcare Decisions Day by

Covenant Hospice, to highlight the importance of advance healthcare decision-making. A workshop providing information and tools for the community to talk about their wishes with family, friends and healthcare providers, and execute written advance directives, or living wills in accordance with state laws will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, at the Jack McLean Community Center located at 700 Paul Russell Road. Lunch will be provided. If community members are unable to make the workshop they can request a free copy of Five Wishes, an easy to use living will, by contacting Covenant Hospice at 850-575-4998.

APRIL 16
Forks Over Knives DVD

Viewing at One Heart Earth Center from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on Monday evening. Discussion with Cynthia Connally of Ladybird Organics and Monticello Vineyards and Winery. Afterwards producer Brian Wendel's concern for the many Americans suffering from multiple chronic diseases, as well as the strain this puts on our nation's health care system and economy, sparked the idea for documenting what doctors researching the issue have to say about it. In his latest film, Forks Over Knives, these pioneering thinkers examine the claim that most, if not all, of the degenerative diseases afflicting humanity can be controlled or reversed by avoiding the ingestion of animal-based and

processed foods; more they make a compelling case that switching to a whole-foods, plant-based diet can restore health. After the viewing, there will be a discussion with Cynthia Connally, PhD in Agricultural Engineering and Agricultural Education, a certified organic grower and owner of Ladybird Organics and Monticello Vineyards and Winery. Reserve seating by calling 850-997-7373 or oneheartearthcenter@oneheartearthcenter.com. Donations benefit the non-profit OHEC.

APRIL 16
Al-Anon meetings are held at 8 p.m. every Monday at the Anglican Church, 124 Jefferson Avenue in Thomasville. For more information go to www.al-anon.alateen.org

Kiwanis Hold Interesting Meetings

Local businessman Mark Raciappa was speaker at the Wednesday afternoon March 21, 2012 meeting of the Monticello Kiwanis. He shared some experiences from the business-coaching world and toiled the membership through an exercise to help them understand more about the connection between their behavior and results. Raciappa was recently recognized by his peers at the North American Regional Conference with a collection of awards: *Forum Poster of the Year, which is awarded to the business coach with the highest level of participation in the online forum.

*Brand Coach Award recognizes the coach who most exemplifies the character, culture and promotion of the ActionCOACH brand. Both awards were presented by Brad Sugar, founder/Chairman of ActionCOACH. The company has sum 1000 franchisees in 39 countries. Mark has owned and operated his Tallahassee office for six-years.



Jack Carswell was guest speaker at the March 28, 2012 meeting of the Monticello Kiwanis. He and 'King Possum', in the foreground, spoke to the membership about the 5th Annual Southern Music Rising Festival coming to Monticello on April 20-21. The kick off will begin on Friday evening at the Opera House with the Cobb Brothers Bluegrass Band as the headliner.

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CHAKAVIA BRITT

Chakavia Lechelle Britt, age 19, of the Monticello Florida Wacissa Community, died in an automobile accident on Friday, April 6, 2012.

A dual-enrolled student at TCC and FSU, Chakavia was a 2011 honor graduate of Jefferson County Middle High School and a Junior ROTC Cadet 2nd Lieutenant. She planned to fulfill her lifelong dream



of becoming a lawyer.

Funeral services are at 1 p.m. on Saturday at the Union Hill AME Church in Wacissa, with burial at the Bethpage Cemetery. Visitation is on Friday from 3 to 8 p.m. at TILLMAN OF MONTICELLO, 850-997-5553.

Chakavia's vibrant personality and willing spirit will be missed and forever cherished by all who knew her. Her love and memory will be especially treasured by her family, including her parents Calvin Fishburn and Keisha Gardner; sister April Gardner; her paternal grandparents Alex and Hattie Jordan Fishburn; and her 'baby' Chubby, her Chow-Husky dog. She was preceded in death by her brother Arthur Robinson and her maternal grandparents Henry Gardner and Josephine Morelon.

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If you answered YES to ALL 3 of these questions, you MAY qualify for the new \$15,000 County and \$15,000 City (City residents only) Low-Income Senior Citizen Homestead Exemption.

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Deacon Ernest Sneed Recognized By VFW 251

Rev. Ernest Bruton, pastor of the Philadelphia Missionary Baptist Church, located at 555 Fulford Road in Monticello, along with his congregation, graciously recognized one of their members, Deacon Ernest Sneed, as an honoree at the VFW 251 Awards Banquet on Saturday evening, March 24.

The entire church



Deacon Ernest Sneed

family is very proud of him for all his untiring service he so faithfully delivered for his country with diligence and endurance.

"We do earnestly thank him and respect him for his accomplishments and dedication," said Rev. Bruton. "May God richly and continuously bless him."



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Come and worship with us! (John 4:24)

TREATMENT FOR HEAT RELATED CONDITIONS

Because of the ongoing high temperatures and humidity, Emergency Services Director of the Capital Area Chapter of the American Red Cross Chris Floyd relates definitions and treatment for heat-related conditions.

"Heat can affect everyone," said Floyd. "It is most likely to affect young children, elderly people, and people with health problems. For instance, people with medical conditions that causes poor blood circulation, and those who take medications to get rid of excess water from the body (diuretics) or for certain skin conditions, may be more susceptible to heat sickness than others. It is important for everyone to be prepared for heat emergencies."

Heat wave is a prolonged period of excessive heat and humidity. The National Weather Service steps up its procedures to alert the public during these excessive periods of heat. Heat wave can result in three heat emergencies: heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke (also known as sunstroke).

Heat Cramps are muscular pains and spasms due to heavy exertion. They usually involve the abdominal muscles or legs. It is generally thought that the loss of water from the body causes the cramps. To treat heat cramps, get the person to a cooler place and have him or her rest in a comfortable position. Lightly stretch the affected muscle and replenish fluids. Give the person a half glass of cool water every 15 minutes. Do not give fluids with alcohol or caffeine

in them, as they can make the conditions worse.

Heat exhaustion typically occurs when people exercise heavily or work in a warm humid place where the body fluids are lost through heavy sweating. Blood flow to the skin increases, causing blood flow to decrease to vital organs. This results in a form of mild shock. The skin will be cool and moist and could appear either pale or flushed. The victim may have a headache and/or be suffering from nausea. There may also be some dizziness. It is important to treat the victim promptly so that the condition will not intensify and become heat stroke. Begin treatment by getting the person out of the heat and into a cooler place. Remove or loosen tight clothing, and apply cool, wet cloths such as towels or sheets. If the person is conscious give cool water to drink, a half glass every 15 minutes, and make sure the person drinks slowly. Again, do not give liquids that contain alcohol or caffeine. Let the victim rest in a comfortable position, and watch carefully for changes in his/her condition.

Heat Stroke is the most serious heat emergency. It is life threatening. The victim's temperature control system, which produces sweating to cool the body, stops working. The body temperature can rise so high that brain damage and death may result if the body is not cooled quickly. Here are some signs that a person is having a heat stroke: Hot, red skin; changes in consciousness;

rapid, weak pulse and rapid shallow breathing. Body temperature can be very high, sometimes as high as 105 degrees. If the person is sweating from heavy work or exercise, skin may be wet otherwise it will feel dry. A person suffering from heat stroke needs help fast. Call 911 and move the person to a cooler place immediately. Immerse the victim in a cool bath or wrap wet sheets around the body and fan it. Watch for signals of breathing problems.

Keep the person lying down and continue to cool the body any way you can. If the victim refuses water, is vomiting, or there are changes in the levels of consciousness, do not give anything to eat or drink.

These are very serious conditions. Now that you know what can happen, here are some ways that you can protect yourself and your family from heat emergencies:

If a heat wave is predicted or happening...

Slow down. A void strenuous activity, do it during the coolest part of the day, which is usually in the morning between 4-7 a.m.

Stay indoors as much as possible. If air conditioning is not available, stay on the lowest floor, out of the sunshine.

Wear lightweight, light colored clothing to reflect away some of the sun's energy.

Drink plenty of water, regularly and often.

Drink plenty of fluids even if you do not feel thirsty.

Water is the safest

liquid to drink during heat emergencies. Avoid drinks with alcohol or caffeine in them. They can make you feel good briefly, but makes the heat's effect on the body worse. This is specifically true about beer, which actually dehydrates the body.

Eat small meals and eat more often. Avoid foods that are high in protein, which increase metabolic heat.

Avoid using salt tablets unless directed to do so by a physician.



Pet Pampering Saturday At Wag The Dog

The Jefferson County Humane Society will be conducting a "Pet Pampering," Saturday, April 14 from 10 a.m. until 1p.m. at Wag The Dog, located just north of the Monticello Post Office on North Jefferson Street.

It includes ear cleaning and toenail clipping for a donation of \$7 and back by popular demand, dog washing for a donation of \$7.

Pamper your pets and treat them to a Spa Day to include wash, ear clean and nail clipping for a \$12 donation.

Contact Jeri Kimbrel at 997-4932 for more information or if you want to help out.

Free Living Wills Offered For National Healthcare Decisions Day April 16

Covenant Hospice, along with other national, state and community organizations, is leading a massive effort to highlight the importance of advance healthcare decision-making... an effort that has culminated in the formal design-

ation of April 16 as National Healthcare Decisions Day.

A workshop providing information and tools for the community to talk about their wishes with family, friends and healthcare providers, and execute written advance directives, or living wills in accordance with state laws will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, April 16 at the Jack McLean Community Center located at 700 Paul Russell Road.

Lunch will be provided. If community members are unable to make the workshop they

can request a free copy of Five Wishes, an easy to use living will, by contacting Covenant Hospice at 850-575-4998.

"As a result of National Healthcare Decisions Day, many more people in our community can be expected to have thoughtful conversations about their healthcare decisions and complete reliable advance directives to make their wishes known," says Dale O. Knee, Covenant Hospice President/ CEO. "Fewer families and healthcare providers will have to struggle with making

difficult healthcare decisions in the absence of guidance from the patient, and healthcare providers and facilities will be better equipped to address advance healthcare planning issues before a crisis and be better able to honor patient wishes when the time comes to do so."

For more information about National Healthcare Decision Day, contact the nearest Covenant Hospice branch or visit www.nationalhealthcaredecisionsday.org or www.covenanthospice.org

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Saturday-12:30-3:45-7:00-10:00
Sunday-12:30-3:45-7:00
Mon-Thurs-7:00

Mirror Mirror (PG)
Friday-4:30-7:20-9:50
Saturday-1:05-4:30-7:20-9:50
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Friday-4:05-7:10-9:40
Saturday-1:00-4:05-7:10-9:40
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Mon-Thurs-7:10
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Titanic 3D (PG)
Friday-4:35-8:35
Saturday-12:35-4:35-8:35
Sunday-12:35-4:35
Mon-Thurs-7:00
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Three Stooges (R)
Friday-5:25-7:40-9:55
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Sunday-12:55-3:10-5:25-7:40
Mon-Thurs-7:00
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LINDA HENRY IS A SURVIVOR

"Having cancer changed my life," says local resident Linda Henry. Her story began in Kentucky, during Christmas week in 2004.

She mentioned to her sister that she was having an unusual and bad taste in her mouth. Her sister was concerned, which added to her concern, so a doctor's appointment was made immediately. She was told that she was having seizures and was sent to have an MRI of her brain.

Doctors use MRI, or magnetic resonance imaging, for cancer diagnosis, staging and treatment planning. The main component of most MRI systems is a large tube-shaped or cylindrical magnet. Using non-ionizing radiofrequency waves, powerful magnets and a computer, this technology produces detailed, cross-sectional pictures of the inside of the body. With MRI, doctors can distinguish between normal and diseased tissue to precisely pinpoint cancerous cells within the body. It is also useful in revealing metastases. Additionally, the MRI system provides greater contrast between the different soft tissues of the body than a CT scan. Thus, it is especially useful for imaging the brain, spine, muscle, connective tissue and the inside of bones.

CT scan stands for Computed Tomography scan. It is also known as a CAT (Computer Axial Tomography) scan. It is a medical imaging method that employs tomography. Tomography is the process of generating a two-dimensional image of a slice or section through a 3-dimensional object (a tomogram.) The medical device (the machine) is called a CTG scanner; it is a large machine and uses X-rays. It used to be called an EMI scan, because it was developed by the company EMI. Undergoing a CT scan is a painless procedure.

The MRI showed a melanoma tumor on her brain... and possible cancer in and around her intestines and lymphnodes. One or the other had to be removed now and the other soon after. What to do next left her devastated and confused.

She, with the support of her family, chose to have the brain tumor removal first. So, after six-weeks in the hospital for therapy to help her walk and talk again, she was back home recouping. Within three-months she was on the road to recovery, just long enough for her next step... intestinal cancer surgery.

The small intestine is part of the digestive system. It is a long tube that connects the stomach to the large intestine. Intestinal cancer is rare, but eating a high-fat diet or having Crohn's disease, celiac disease, or a history of colonic polyps can increase your risk. Abdominal pain or lumps, weight loss for no reason or blood in the stool can be symptoms. Imaging tests that create pictures of the small intestine and the area around it can help diagnose intestinal cancer and show whether it has spread. Surgery is the most common treatment. Additional options include chemotherapy, radiation or a combination.

She did not have any symptoms or stomach pain in any way. As a matter of fact, if she hadn't experienced the brain seizures she would not have known about the intestinal cancer until it was too late. So, being told that she had intestinal cancer and that the cancer was wrapped around her intestine and that chemotherapy was not an option made her "scared to death," she said. And, all the other options her doctor was trying to explain to her made her fears even worse. After realizing that he was creating more worry to her awful situation, her doctor came 'down to her level' with his explanations and the surgery was performed in March 2005.

The surgery went well, but because of the cancer's location a few of the lymphnodes got away. She was told that the cancer may come back in 10-years; yearly checkups will keep her informed.

It was two-months before she had the strength to get back to work and feeling better. She says that she's fine now. She credits God, her family and especially her sister for getting her through these trials. She says now if she gets confused or has a 'blonde' day... she can always blame it on the tumor!

Jefferson County Relay for Life is in full swing, as you can tell by all of the fundraisers happening around town. There are car-washes, fish fries, chicken dinners, auctions and much more. Thanks to all that participate to support the American Cancer Society through Relay for Life.

This year's Relay theme is 'Caped Crusaders, Saving the World One Cure at a Time.' The event's Opening Ceremony is scheduled for Friday, May 4 at 6 p.m. at the Jefferson County High School track, located on South Water Street.

Relay for Life events are held overnight as individuals and teams camp out at an athletic track, park or other gathering area, with the goal of keeping at least one team member on the track or pathway at all times throughout the evening. Teams do most of their fundraising prior to the event, but some teams also hold creative fundraisers at their campsites during Relay.

Relay celebrates people who have battled cancer, remembers loved ones lost and provides participants with an opportunity to fight back against the disease... all aimed at furthering the American Cancer Society's vision of a world with less cancer and more birthdays. Not only does a large portion of the proceeds go to support cancer research, but they also help fund many patient services, some of which are even close to home. These services include:

- *Online Communities and Support - If you're facing a cancer diagnosis, connecting with others

- who've been through one already can be a source of comfort and support. Learn more about the American Cancer Society's online communities including WhatNext (cancer support network), Circle Of Sharing™ (personalized cancer information), and Cancer Survivors Network, and then join the one that's right for you.

- *Road to Recovery (Rides to treatment) - Every day, cancer patients' need rides to treatment. Some may not be able to drive themselves, and family and friends cannot always help. Our Road to Recovery program provides rides to patients who have no way to get to their cancer treatment.

- *Hope Lodge (Lodging) - Getting the best care sometimes means cancer patients must travel away from home. This can place an extra emotional and financial burden on patients and caregivers during an already challenging time. The American Cancer Society is trying to make this difficult situation easier for both cancer patients and their families through Hope Lodge.

- *tlc (Hair loss and mastectomy products) - The "tlc" magalog is the American Cancer Society's catalog and magazine for women. It offers helpful articles and a line of affordable products made for women with cancer. Products include wigs, hairpieces, breast forms, bras, hats, turbans, swimwear, and accessories. All proceeds from product sales go back into the American Cancer Society's programs and services for patients and survivors.

- *Reach To Recovery

- (Breast cancer support) - If you have breast cancer, you may want to talk to someone who knows what you're feeling - someone who has "been there." Through our Reach to Recovery program, we can match you with a volunteer who will talk with you about coping with your breast cancer diagnosis and treatment.

- *Man To Man (Prostate cancer support) - If you have prostate cancer, you may have many questions. Sometimes even asking for help can be hard. Our Man-to-Man program helps you learn about diagnosis, treatment options, side effects, and ways to cope with prostate cancer.

- *I Can Cope (Cancer education classes) - If you or someone you love gets cancer, you will have questions. Our I Can Cope classes can help you and your loved ones learn about cancer and how to take care of yourselves. The more you know about cancer, the better you can handle your treatment and decisions about your care.

- *Look Good...Feel Better (Help with appearance-related side effects of treatment) - In a Look Good...Feel Better session, trained volunteer cosmetologists teach women how to cope with skin changes and hair loss using cosmetics and skin care products donated by the cosmetic industry.

- *Look Good... Feel Better for Teens - Look Good...Feel Better for Teens is a unique, free program for teenage cancer patients' ages 13 to 17. It helps them cope with how cancer treatment and side effects can change the way they look. The program addresses the needs of

both boys and girls.

- *Patient Navigator Program (Personal cancer guide) - The American Cancer Society Patient Navigator Program connects you with a patient navigator at a cancer treatment center. You can talk one-on-one with a patient navigator about your situation. This person will listen in your time of need. Call us at 1-800-227-2345, and we can tell you more about this program.

- *Children's Camps - Cancer can make children feel different from other children, and that may be one of the disease's worst side effects of all. The ACS funds many camps across the nation, one of which is located in our own state. Reaching Out to Cancer Kids, or R.O.C.K. Camp, is the first camp for children with cancer in the U.S. and is located in Eustis, Florida. All R.O.C.K. Campers attend free of charge. Campers are encouraged to ride the American Cancer Society's free, chartered buses to camp. R.O.C.K. Camp features traditional summer camp activities such as swimming, music, arts and crafts, archery, sports, fishing, talent shows, horseback riding and campfires. Visit www.boggycreek.org for more information.

For more information about any of these programs, you can call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-227-2345.

This year's Relay is off to a great start with 18 teams. There is still room for more! For more information on how to get involved, go to www.relayforlife.org/jeffersonfl or contact Event Chair Dana Lastinger at 850-508-2174.

Relay For Life Upcoming Fundraising Events

*April 14 from 8 a.m. until all is gone, the Central Baptist Church 'Super Friends' team will host a Bake/Yard Sale in the Courthouse Circle parking lot.

*April 21 from 11 a.m. until the food is gone, the Central Baptist Church 'Super Friends' team will host a Fish Fry at the Gulf Coast Lumber hardware store located at 1400 South Jefferson.

*April 28 from 7 to 9 p.m. the First United Methodist Church 'Cinco de Mayo Warriors' team

will host a Dessert/Coffee with live entertainment and a fun time for the entire community.

*April 29 after the 11 a.m. Morning Worship Service the Elizabeth Baptist Church 'X-Men' will host a Donation Dinner in the church fellowship hall. Come enjoy the Sunday service and stay for a great meal.

Thanks to all of your help in making this year's Jefferson County Relay For Life a successful annual event.



RELAY FOR LIFE LUMINARIA CEREMONY VIDEO TO BE RECREATED

The special Luminaria Ceremony to be held during the American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Jefferson County will remember those lost to cancer and will honor those who have survived. Luminaria will be lit at the Jefferson County High School Track and Field on Friday, May 4 at 10 p.m. to represent these individuals.

"Each Luminaria represents the life of someone who has battled cancer. It is a beautiful sight when all the bags with candles are illuminated around the track," says Laura Holden, volunteer Luminaria chair. "The Luminaria Ceremony is a moving way to remember loved ones lost to cancer and to pay tribute to cancer survivors."

This year's Luminaria Ceremony video is going to be recreated and started from scratch by this year's committee. "We have found that to some, the video has become quite long, and some of the pictures reflect persons or their families that are no longer part of our community," states event chair

Dana Lastinger. "The slideshow is several years old. Rather than determine ourselves how to edit it, we thought we would just start over. We will have two different videos, one of those that have passed for the Luminaria Ceremony, and a celebration of survivors to show all night long".

The committee is requesting those that wish to have a photo entered of themselves or a loved one to submit the photo in an envelope to a committee member, or to the *Monticello News*. Please limit it to ONE photo. If more than one photo is received for someone, those photos will share the same slide and will make them smaller. On the envelope, include that person's

name, whether they have passed or are a survivor, and contact info for the person submitting the photo.

"We will make every effort to return the photos to the person they belong to, and will have them available at the Luminaria Tent at Relay", says Luran Holden. "You can also email the photos to my email address at aucilla5106@aol.com."

Anyone desiring to make a Luminaria donation may do so by emailing the Luminaria Chair Laura Holden at aucilla5106@aol.com or by phone at 850-933-5537. You can also do so by visiting www.relayforlife.org/jeffersonfl.

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School & Sports



JES Recognizes Nicole Roddenberry

The Jefferson County School Board and the Jefferson Elementary School recognizes First Grade Teacher Nicole Roddenberry.

Roddenberry graduated from Florida A&M University and was a member of the National Honor Society. She has been an Elementary School Teacher for eight years and is currently the Team Leader for First Grade.

Roddenberry states, "As an educator and a parent, I value the importance of obtaining an education. Teaching Reading is my passion. Reading is a vital skill all children need in order to be successful in life. Nothing gives me more joy than to hear children read and to observe the progress they have made from the beginning of the school year to the end. I encourage parents to spend 30-minutes a night reading with their children and listening to them read, it can make a difference."

In her spare time, Roddenberry enjoys spending time with her family.

We are proud to have Nicole Roddenberry as a part of our team of teachers in Jefferson County.

BRANFORD INCHES LADY TIGERS

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The Jefferson Lady Tigers faced off on the diamond against Branford March 29 and Branford inched Jefferson for a 15-14 Lady Tigers defeat. The Lady Tigers now stand 5-13 on the season.

Branford scored seven in the second inning, two in the second, four in the sixth and two in the seventh to take the win.

Jefferson scored two runs in the second inning, three in the third, four runs in the fifth, three in the sixth and two in the seventh, just shy of a win.

At the plate as a team the Lady Tigers carried a .515 batting average, with 38 plate appearances, 33 at-bats, 14 runs on 17 hits, nine RBI's four doubles, one triple, one home-run, four walks, seven strikeouts, one hit by pitch, an on base percentage of .579, a slugging average of .788 and nine stolen bases.

Individually, Ladayshia Williams had a batting average of .500 with five plate appearances, four at-bats, three runs, two hits, one walk, an on base percentage of .600, a slugging average of .500 and two stolen bases.

Taylor Clemens had a batting average of .500 with five plate appearances, four at-bats, three runs, two hits, one RBI, one double, one triple, one strikeout, one hit by pitch, a batting average of .600 and a slugging average of 1.250.

Alyssa Lewis had a batting av-

erage of 1.000 with four plate appearances, four at-bats, one run, four hits, three RBI's one double, an on base percentage of 1.000, a slugging average of 1.250 and five stolen bases.

Tovya Vargas had a batting average of .333 with five plate appearances, three at-bats, two runs, one hit, two walks, two strikeouts, an on base percentage of .600, a slugging average of .333 and one stolen base.

Justice Barrington had a batting average of .250 with four plate appearances, four at-bats, one run, one hit, one double, an on base percentage of .250 and a slugging average of .500.

Kayleigh Babb had a batting average of .500 with four plate appearances, four at-bats, one run, two hits, one strikeout, an on base percentage and slugging average of .500 and one stolen base.

Jana Barber had a batting average of .200 with five plate appearances, five at-bats, one hit, one RBI, one double, two strikeouts, an on base percentage of .200 and a slugging average of .400.

Carlie Barber had a batting average of 1.000 with two plate appearances, two at-bats, two hits, two RBI's, one strikeout, and an on base percentage and slugging average of 1.000.

On the field as a team the Lady Tigers carried a .839 fielding percentage with 31 total chances, 18 putouts, eight assists and five errors.

Individually, Williams had a

fielding percentage of .833 with six total chances, four putouts, one assist and one error.

Lewis had a fielding percentage of 1.000 with eight total chances, five putouts and three assists.

Vargas had a fielding percentage of .667 with three total chances, two putouts and one error.

Barrington had a fielding percentage of .625 with eight total chances, one putout, four assists and three errors.

Babb had a fielding percentage of 1.000 with two total chances and two putouts.

Jana Barber had a fielding percentage of 1.000 with one total chance and one putout.

Carlie Barber had a fielding percentage of 1.000 with three total chances and three putouts.

On the mound as a team the Lady Tigers had an earned run average of 12.00, an on base percentage of 4.800, with seven innings pitched, 15 runs, 12 of which were earned, 19 hits, three doubles, one triple, five walks and two wild pitches.

Clemens had an earned run average of 9.80, an on base percentage of 5.000, five innings pitched, nine runs, seven of which were earned, 12 hits, one double, three walks and one wild pitch.

Vargas had an earned run average of 17.50 with an on base percentage of 4.500, two innings pitched, six runs, five of which were earned, seven hits, two doubles, one triple, two walks and one wild pitch.

LADY WARRIORS DROPPED BY MAYO

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The game originally set against Mayo April 5, for the Aucilla Christian Academy Lady Warriors, was rained out and rescheduled for April 9. In that game Aucilla was dropped 10-1 to now stand 8-10-1 on the season.

The Lady Warriors scored the team's lone run in the sixth

inning, while Mayo scored one in the fourth, one in the fifth, four in the sixth and added four additional runs in the seventh inning.

As a team at the plate, Aucilla had 23 at-bats with one run, five hits, one RBI, three walks and five strikeouts.

Individually, Pamela Watt had three at-bats and one hit.

Taylor Copeland had one at-bat, one run, one walk, one

hit by pitch and one hit into double play.

Kelly Horne had three at-bats with one hit, one RBI, one strikeout and a double.

Sunnie Sorensen had three at-bats and one strikeout.

Whitney McKnight had two at-bats and one hit.

Carley Joiner had two at-bats, two hits, one walk and one double.

Hadley Revell had four at-

bats with one strikeout.

Stacy Brock had two at-bats with one walk and two strikeouts.

Natalie Sorensen had two at-bats, one hit by pitch and one stolen base.

Courtney Watts had one at-bat, one stolen base and one caught stealing.

On the mound as a team the Aucilla pitchers had 21 outs in seven innings pitched, 19 hits,

10 runs, all of which were earned, four walks, three strikeouts and one homerun.

Joiner had 18 outs in six innings pitched, 15 hits, six runs, all of which were earned, three walks, one strikeout and one homerun.

Abigail Morgan had three outs in one inning pitched with four hits, four runs, all of which were earned, one walk and two strikeouts.



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Sports

WARRIORS STATS TO DATE

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The Aucilla Christian Academy Warriors now have 15 games under their belts and seven remaining in the regular season prior to postseason play. They currently stand 9-6-0 on the season and 3-1-0 in District play.

To date they have accumulated some impressive statistics.

As a team the Warriors have played 15 games, they carried a batting average of .241 with 481 plate appearances, 399 at-bats, 85 runs, 96 hits, 61 RBI's, 13 doubles, four triples, four homeruns, four sacrifice flies, four sacrifice hits/bunts, 66 walks, 75 strikeouts, eight hit by pitch, 24 run on errors, 14 fielder's choice, an on base percentage of .356, a slugging average of .323 with 30 stolen bases on 32 attempts and 75 left on base.

Individually, Tyler Jackson played in 14 games with a batting average of .190, 52 plate appearances, 42 at-bats, 11 runs, eight hits, four RBI's, 10 walks, four strikeouts, six run on errors, one fielder's choice, an on base percentage of .346, a slugging average of .190, five stolen bases on five attempts and nine left on base.

Jared Jackson played in 15 games, with a batting average of .341 with 52 plate appearances, 44 at-bats, 11 runs, 15 hits, 13 RBI's, four triples, one homerun, one sacrifice fly, seven walks, eight strikeouts, two run on errors, an on base percentage of .432, a slugging average of .591, eight stolen bases on eight attempts and 11 left on base.

Trent Roberts played in 14 games, had a batting average of .385 with 51

plate appearances, 39 at-bats, 12 runs, 15 hits, 12 RBI's, two doubles, two homeruns, two sacrifice flies, 10 walks, seven strikeouts, one run on error, an on base percentage of .490, a slugging average of .590, three stolen bases on three attempts and 12 left on base.

Hans Sorensen played in 14 games with a batting average of .158, with 25 plate appearances, 19 at-bats, fur runs, three hits, two RBI's, one sacrifice hit/bunt, four walks, 11 strikeouts, one hit by pitch, three run on errors, one fielder's choice, an on base percentage of .333, a slugging average of .158, one stolen base on two attempts and two left on base.

Josh Wood played in 15 games, had a batting average of .171 with 46 plate appearances, 41 at-bats, eight runs, seven hits, four RBI's, one sacrifice hit/bunt, three walks, two strikeouts, one hit by pitch, one run on error, one fielder's choice, an on base percentage of .244, a slugging average of .171, six stolen bases on six attempts and one left on base.

Bradley Holm played in three games, with two plate appearances, two at-bats, one run, two strikeouts and an on base percentage and slugging average of .000.

Russell Fraleigh played in 15 games, had a batting average of .227 with 56 plate appearances, 44 at-bats, 11 runs, 10 hits, seven RBI's, one double, one homerun, one sacrifice fly, nine walks, 15 strikeouts, two hit by pitch, one run on error, an on base percentage of .375, one stolen base on one attempt and nine left on base.

Casey Demott played in two games, had a batting average of .500 with two

plate appearances, two at-bats, one hit, one strikeout, an on base percentage and slugging average of .500 and one left on base.

Kaleb Wyche played in four games with seven plate appearances, six at-bats, one walk, one strikeout, one fielder's choice, an on base percentage of .143, a slugging average of .000 and one stolen base on one attempt.

Hunter Horne played in eight games, had a batting average of .304 with 24 plate appearances, 23 at-bats, seven hits, eight RBI's, two doubles, one walk, one strikeout, four fielder's choice, an on base percentage of .333, a slugging average of .391 and one left on base.

Tres Copeland played in 15 games, had a batting average of .250 with 49 plate appearances, 40 at-bats, nine runs, 10 hits, six RBI's, three doubles, eight walks, 10 strikeouts, one hit by pitch, two run on errors, one fielder's choice, an on base percentage of .388, a slugging average of .325, three stolen bases on three attempts and 11 left on base.

Austin Bishop played in 15 games, had a batting average of .192 with 61 plate appearances, 52 at-bats, eight runs, 10 hits, one RBI, three doubles, two sacrifice hits/bunts, seven walks, five strikeouts, three run on errors, one fielder's choice, an on base percentage of .288, a slugging average of .250, one stolen base on two attempts and seven left on base.

Brandon Holm played in four games with four plate appearances, three at-bats, one walk, one strikeout, one fielder's choice, an on base percentage of .250, a slugging average of .000 and one left on base.

Gus Smyrniotis played in 15 games, had a batting average of .238 with 50 plate appearances, 42 at-bats, 10 runs, 10 hits, fur RBI's, two doubles, five walks, seven strikeouts, three hit by pitch, five run on errors, one fielder's choice, an on base percentage of .360, a slugging average of .286, one stolen base on one attempt and 10 left on base.

On the field, the Warriors carried a fielding percentage of .884 with 329 total chances, 190 putouts, 101 assists, 38 errors and 12 double plays.

Individually, Tyler Jackson had a fielding percentage of .842 with 57 total chances, 20 putouts, 28 assists, nine errors and five double plays.

Jared Jackson had a fielding percentage of .955 with 22 total chances, 20 putouts, one assist and one error.

Roberts had a fielding percentage of .974 with 78 total chances, 71 putouts, five assists, two errors and four double plays.

Sorensen had a fielding percentage of .913 with 23 total chances, 11 putouts, 10 assists and two errors.

Wood had a fielding percentage of .900 with 40 total chances, 18 putouts, 18 assists, four errors and two double plays.

Bradley Holm had a fielding percentage of 1.000 with one total chance and one putout.

Fraleigh had a fielding percentage of .867 with 15 total chances, 12 putouts, one assist and two errors.

Wyche had a fielding percentage of .1000 with three total chances and three putouts.

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

Copeland had a fielding percentage of .778 with 18 total chances, five putouts, nine assists and four errors.

Brandon Holm had a fielding percentage of .500 with two total chances, one putout and one error.

Smyrniotis had a fielding percentage of .840 with 25 total chances, 10 putouts, 11 assists and four errors.

On the mound, The Warriors pitchers had an earned run average of 2.54 with a batting average of .207, an on base percentage of .319, in 102 innings pitched with 467 batters faced, 391 at-bats, 81 runs, 37 of which were earned, 81 hits, 19 doubles, three triples, two homeruns, two sacrifice flies, nine sacrifice hits/bunts, 53 walks, 94 strikeouts, 12 hit by pitch, 22 wild pitches, in 1,616 pitches, with nine wins, six losses, one save, a winning percentage of .600, one balk, two putouts and 26 stolen bases.

Tyler Jackson had an earned run average of 8.08 with a batting average of .182, an on base percentage of .400 in 4.1 innings pitched, 30 batters faced, 22 at-bats, 12 runs, five of which were earned, four hits, four walks, seven strikeouts, four hit by pitch, one wild pitch in 82 pitches with one loss and a winning percentage of .000.

Jared Jackson had an earned run average of 5.73 with a batting average of .300, an on base percentage of .333 in 3.2 innings pitched, 21 batters faced, 20 at-bats, 19 runs, three of which were earned, six hits, one balk, one homerun, one walk, three strikeouts, one wild pitch on 59 pitches and four stolen bases.

Roberts had an earned

run average of 1.68, a batting average of .208, an on base percentage of .296, in 8.1 innings pitched, 29 batters faced, 24 at-bats, two runs, both of them earned, five hits, one triple, two sacrifice hits/bunts, three walks, 13 strikeouts, three wild pitches in 128 pitches, one win, one save, a winning percentage of 1.000, one putout and 10 stolen bases.

Sorensen had an earned run average of 2.10 with a batting average of .213, an on base percentage of .300, in 36.2 innings pitched, 165 batters faced, 141 at-bats, 23 runs, 11 of which were earned, 30 hits, 10 doubles, one triple, one sacrifice fly, five sacrifice hits/bunts, 15 walks, 27 strikeouts, three hit by pitch, seven wild pitches, in 561 pitches, four wins, one loss, a winning percentage of .800 and one putout.

Fraleigh had an earned run average of 4.67 with a batting average of .200, an on base percentage of .392 in 15 innings pitched, 81 batters faced, 50 at-bats, 12 runs, 10 of which were earned, 12 hits, three doubles, one triple, two sacrifice hits/bunts, 18 walks, 14 strikeouts, one hit by pitch, six wild pitches in 307 pitches, one win, two losses, a winning percentage of .333 and six stolen bases.

Bishop had an earned run average of 1.24 with an on base percentage of .194, a batting average of .284, in 34 innings pitched, 141 batters faced, 124 at-bats, 13 runs, six of which were earned, 24 hits, six doubles, one homerun, one sacrifice fly, 12 walks, 30 strikeouts, four hit by pitch, four wild pitches, in 479 pitches, three wins, two losses, a winning percentage of .600 and six stolen bases.



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Sports

Jefferson JV Softball Has First Winning Season Ever

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The Jefferson junior varsity Lady Tigers ended their season on a 4-3 record following two victories for the team's first winning season ever. "The girls are really excited about it," said Coach Frank Brown.

The young Lady Tigers hit the diamond and faced off against Hamilton March 30 and Jefferson came out on top of a 13-10 scoreboard for the victory.

"The teams were pretty evenly matched, but their pitching was really poor," said Coach Brown. "It was more of a walk-a-thon. We had a lot of walks too, but they walked twice as many as we did," he added.

Brianna Nolan had three at-bats, two walks, two runs and one strikeout.

Summer Eades had three at-bats, two runs, one single, one walk and one strikeout.

Marta Vargas had three at-bats, two strikeouts and one putout.

Kemmy Barrington had two at-bats, two runs, one walk and one hit by pitch.

Jasmine Addison had two at-bats, two runs and two walks.

Amalee Addison had two at bats, two runs and two walks.

Merdina Myles had two at-bats, one run and two walks.

Dalayna Nolan had two at-bats, one run and two walks.

Kelvisha Norton had two at-bats, one run and one walk.

On the mound Brianna Nolan gave up six hits, six walks, one strikeout and two hit by pitch.

The two games

scheduled against Taylor County were canceled due young Lady Tigers' members being pulled up to varsity and the JV team not having enough players.

In the final game of the season, the young Lady Tigers faced off against Maclay and Jefferson walloped their opponent for a 16-6 victory.

"The teams were pretty evenly matched, but our pitching was better. They walked our runners to base. Their pitcher was fairly young and didn't have much experience," said Coach Brown.

At the plate Brianna Nolan had four at-bats, three runs, two walks, one hit by pitch and one putout.

Eades had four at-bats, two walks, one hit by pitch, one putout and one run.

Tovya Vargas had four at-bats, two runs, one hit, two walks and one putout.

Mikayla Norton had four at-bats, one run, one hit, two walks and one putout.

Jasmine Addison had four at-bats and four walks.

Amalee Addison had four at-bats, one run, three walks and one strikeout.

Marta Vargas had three at-bats, three runs and three walks.

Dalayna Nolan had three at-bats, two runs, one walk, one hit by pitch and one putout.

Kelvisha Norton had three at-bats, three runs and three walks.

On the mound, Tovya Vargas gave up five walks, one hit by pitch and struck out two batters.

Brianna Nolan gave up six walks, one hit by pitch and one strikeout.

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The Week of April 13, 2012 through April 20, 2012
Major Feed Times are marked by an asterisk (*)

Friday, April 13 1:20 AM *7:30 AM 1:40 PM *8:00 PM	Saturday, April 14 2:20 AM *8:20 AM 2:30 PM *8:45 PM	Sunday, April 15 3:20 AM *9:10 AM 3:20 PM *9:30 PM	Monday, April 16 3:45 AM *9:45 AM 3:55 PM *10:10 PM
Tuesday, April 17 4:20 AM *10:30 AM 4:30 PM *10:45 PM	Wednesday, April 18 5:10 AM *11:10 AM 5:20 PM *11:30 PM	Thursday, April 19 5:40 AM *11:45 AM 5:55 PM	Friday, April 20 *12:10 AM 6:20 AM *12:45 PM 6:30 PM

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Third Annual Richardson Pond Fishing Tournament May 5

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The Third annual Richardson Pond Fishing Tournament will be from

5 p.m. until 6 p.m., Saturday, May 5 at the Richardson Pond, located at 895 Hiawatha Farms Road. Many more participants are expected this

year. The first year saw 12 fishers and 22 adults and last year saw 16 fishers and 36 adults.

Entrants are urged arrive early for check-in. Pictures will be taken at 4:30 p.m.

Check in at the official's table located on the north side of the pond. You must check in.

Trophy presentations will be immediately following the tournament once point totals have been tallied. Three trophies will be presented regardless of age or of gender of contestants. First place will be awarded for the most points; second place is for the second most points; and third place is for the third most points.

Competing in the tournament is free, compliments of the Richardson family.

Contestants need to

bring a stringer to keep fish alive, gloves or a towel for taking fish off the hook, bait, rod/reel, tackle (see Thomas Richardson if you need a rod or tackle) and a ruler or tape measurer.

The tournament is for anyone ages 5-13 (male or female). Each participant must be accompanied by an adult. The tournament is open to Hiawatha Farms residents and family members and friends of residents.

Entry form and waiver of liability must be submitted prior to tournament day.

The tournament is limited to first 25 contestants with paper work submitted, so hurry.

So why does the Richardson family conduct this tournament? "To give the kids something fun and exciting to do and to increase their interest in fishing and being outdoors," said Richardson.

He spoke of an exciting moment during the first year's tournament, which proved to be a barnburner. "A five year old girl was winning the tournament until an 11-year boy caught a fish with 20 seconds remaining on the clock. It was a very exciting finish. I am hoping for just as much excitement this year."

Last year the first place winner was Jack Carswell, 12, of Tallahassee, who caught 22 Brim, two Shell Crackers and

one Large Mouth Bass, the first ever caught in Richardson Pond, for a total of 25 fish and 74 points.

Hiawatha Farms own Sydney Moore, six, had an outstanding day and caught 22 Brim, for 66 points for second place.

Graye Keel, 10, of Tallahassee, rounded off the top three by finishing with 14 fish, including 13 Brim and one Shell Cracker for 42 points.

This year, due to the fish being bigger than in tournaments past, the rules have slightly changed because reeling in a Bass or Catfish takes more effort than a Brim or Shell Cracker.

The rules are as follows:

Contestants must stay in pre-assigned designated area and may not move to another position during the tournament. Designated areas will be painted on the ground.

Anyone intentionally disrupting other contestants will be disqualified.

No lure and no fly rods; they prefer use of a bobber (this will make it obvious where contestants lines are at). Bobber size and style does not matter, but the bobber must float and be visible from the surface of the water.

Cane poles are acceptable, open and closed face reels are acceptable. Parents can take fish off hook, offer advice/ words

of encouragement, help put bait on hook, help put fish on stringer, help untangle line, or help set up rigs with tackle. Helping with casting, reeling, or catching of fish in any manner will not be permitted and will result in a penalty of one fish per offense. Multiple offenses will lead to disqualification of the contestant.

Points may be obtained as follows:

Brim - three points (must be 5" in length to qualify)

Shell Cracker - three points (must be 5" in length to qualify)

Catfish - five points (must be 10" in length to qualify)

Bass - six points (must be 10" in length to qualify)

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Snagged fish must be returned to water with no points awarded for the fish. In order to keep a fish on your stringer, it must have been hooked in the mouth and be a valid length per fish type.

Final rankings/ places will be determined by the order of total points when the time elapsed whistle sounds. Only fish on the stringer at that time will qualify toward the contestants' total score (even if hooked and out of the water).

No lines may be in the water until official starting whistle sounds.

Fish may be taken home after tournament, but only if intention is to eat them. All other fish should be returned to the pond.

Entry form and waiver of liability must be submitted prior to tournament day.

The tournament is limited to first 25 contestants with paper work submitted.

Catching of bait or any fish other than using a hook will not be permitted; No netting, scooping with buckets, etc.

No nets of any kind will be permitted.

For further information, entry forms and waivers, contact Tom Richardson at 850-997-5759 or by email at tigtom6884@aol.com.

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For more information, contact Tom Nordlie at tnordlie@ufl.edu or call 352-273-3567.