



TIGERS FOOTBALL COACH DECIDES TO STAY HERE

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It's rare that a thing done gets undone, but it happened in the case of Tigers head football coach Jeremy Brown, who late last week rescinded his April 10 resignation. School Superintendent Bill Brumfield told the *Journal* on Wednesday, April 25, that Brown had decided to take back his resignation on Thursday — the outcome of several talks between the two and an outpouring of community support.

"Jeremy and I talked several times," Brumfield said. "I knew something was bothering him. I told him, 'You don't really want to leave?' He said, no, but the pressure of some people trying to discredit him had gotten to him. I promised him I would support him and that he didn't have to leave."



Brumfield wouldn't elaborate on the specific reason for Brown's resignation, but he did say it stemmed from the false accusation of a particular School Board member relating to a student.

"He got very upset," Brumfield said of Brown. "This person accused him of something that

turned out to be wrong. He said he didn't want to put his family through this anymore."

Brumfield said that in the wake of Brown's announced resignation, numerous teachers, students and parents had stepped forward to express their support for the coach. It was this support that had convinced Brown to remain here, Brumfield said.

Brown, whose last day was to have been April 27, followed up on the discussion with Brumfield by declining the offensive coordinator position that had been offered him at Escambia High School in Pensacola. He will now continue teaching at the Opportunity School and coaching the Tigers, a team he led to the Class 1A State Championship in the fall.

A pleased Brown told sportswriter Fran Hunt earlier this week that the community reaction to his announced resignation had surprised him.

"I'm as excited to be back as the kids are to have me back," Brown said. "I realized after I resigned that the community had gotten behind me. I realized too that I didn't really want to leave. The community showed an outpouring of support for my family and me. I prayed about the situation and I think it was a really a good, learning experience for me. The timing wasn't right for me to leave. After meeting with the kids and some of the people in the community, I knew I needed to stay. The Lord convinced me that I had unfinished business here."

"You really don't realize what you're going to miss until you get ready to leave it," Brown added. "In other words, you don't miss the water until the well runs dry."

Brown said the icing on the cake, now that he has decided to stay, is that he will get to attend the ceremony to present each of the Tiger football players with a commemorative ring in recognition of the team's state championship win. That ceremony is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, April 30, in the old high school auditorium off Water Street.

Meanwhile, Brown told Hunt, he is already planning for another winning season for the Tigers.

"Spring practice starts next Tuesday and we're going to be ready to go for another one (state championship title)," Brown said. "We have got some holes to fill because of departing seniors Alphonso Footman, Denzel Whitfield, Kamari Young and Levi Cobb; but we will get those holes filled and those seniors replaced."

He noted that spring jamboree, set for May 26, would include teams from Jefferson, Madison, Gadsden and Wakulla counties.

Organizers Calling Music Festival A Mixed Success

RAIN MARS FESTIVITIES



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Kevin Mooney was one of six solo musicians who entertained audiences at the Wirick Simmons House Stage.

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Notwithstanding light attendance and a rainstorm that largely snuffed much of the festivities early Saturday afternoon, organizers of the 5th annual Southern Music Rising (SMR) Festival are calling the event a success, financially speaking.

Jack Carswell, one of the festival's founders, told the *Journal* on Monday, April 23, that the early figures indicated the event had come out ahead financially — a feat accomplished only once before in its five-year history.

"We were disappointed with the rain," Carswell said. "But we had the second highest financial success in five years. The preliminary numbers indicate that we'll finish with about \$3,000."

Which was amazing, he conceded, given the light attendance and rainstorm. What's more, a possibility existed that a claim would be filed with the insurance company because of the rain, he said.

A claim, in fact, was subsequently filed and denied by the insurance company, which cited national weather statistics to prove its point that the required amount of rain had failed to fall during the prescribed period to warrant payment. Per the insurance coverage policy that the festival organizers secured this year for the first time, a quarter inch of rain had to fall in the area between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday. The statistics showed the rainfall was just a little shy of the required quarter inch.

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POLICY FAILS TO REFLECT COMMISSIONERS' INTENT

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It appears the newspaper got it slightly wrong last week when it reported that the topic of a coming commission workshop would be on the county coordinator's role.

As it turned out, the discussion wasn't about whether the coordinator would assume a greater economic development

function in the future, as reported; rather, it was about the coordinator's hiring and firing authority, vis-à-vis the board and the department heads.

The reason for the workshop, as County Coordinator Roy Schleicher explained it to the board on Thursday afternoon, April 19, was Commissioner Danny Monroe's concern about the personnel policy, as it re-

lated to the coordinator's authority in hiring and firing employees.

"The authority to hire and fire department heads should not be with the coordinator," Monroe said, a point he has made previously. "It should be the board's responsibility and authority. I have no problem with the coordinator conferring with department heads about their employees, but the de-

partment heads should have the final say. The crux of it is, I don't think the County Coordinator should be hiring or firing employees."

Commission Chairman Hines Boyd noted that the distinction Monroe made was an important one that went to the heart of the issue.

"An employee's loyalty and response is to
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62nd Annual Jefferson County Watermelon Festival Baby Photo Contest Event

Support the festival this year by submitting your favorite photo in the annual baby photo contest. This is always a fun and popular event so get snapping for that perfect pose.

Categories range from newborn to 4 years. Submit your picture and application no later than noon on Friday May 25th. The application fee is only \$10. Contestants must be full-time Jefferson County residents. Winners from last year are ineligible.

Stop by The Chamber of Commerce to pick up your application or to drop off your

entry. Applications also available on-line at: www.monticellojeffersonfl.com under the events tab.

Photos will be displayed in a downtown storefront (location to be announced). Winners will be introduced at the Kick-off Dinner on Friday June 8th; featured in an article in the Monticello News/Jefferson Journal; and participate in the Festival Parade Saturday June 16th.

If you have questions please contact: Cherri Linn (997-3252) or Angela Gray (997-0302)



City Will Soon Have A New Engineer Onboard

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The City of Monticello and the engineering firm of George and Associates Consultant Engineers have parted ways after a long relationship, supposedly on amicable terms.

City Manager Steve Wingate reported to the Monticello City Council earlier this month that the city had received two proposals in response to its advertisement for engineering services. He identified one proposal as coming from Preble-Rish Inc., the county's current consultant engineers; and the other from Mittauer & Associates, a firm out of Orange Park, FL, near Jacksonville, that is presently involved with the city's water treatment plant project.

Wingate said the city's review committee had evaluated the two proposals and had ranked Preble-Rish #1 and Mittauer #2. He received council permission to negotiate with the two parties, with the understanding that he would return with a recommendation to the council meeting on Tuesday, May 1.

Wingate said George and Associates Consultant Engineers, the city's contractual engineer since

about 1998, had chosen not to submit a proposal. He characterized the relationship between the two as ending on a positive note, notwithstanding the occasional grumblings of some council members over the years. Wingate acknowledged as much in November, when he asked for approval to advertise for the engineering services.

He noted at the time that although the city didn't have a problem with George and Associates' services and that the firm had performed satisfactorily throughout the years, some on the council questioned the lengthiness of the contract, absent new bids being sought.

Before advertising for the service, however, Wingate said he wanted to make sure that George and Associates had completed the two major projects it was working on at the time. Those two projects, since completed, were the citywide sewer system rehabilitation and the water reclamation projects.

If the relationship between the council and George and Associates ever suffered a setback it was during the construction of the Dollar General store on US 19. Although George and Associates was sup-
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17th Annual Bless The Beast June 9

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The largest fundraiser for the Jefferson County Humane Society, the 17th Annual Bless the Beast will be held 6 p.m. until 10 p.m., Saturday, June 9 at Carrie Ann & Company (Mays House), located at 925 East Washington Street.

The tax-deductible tickets are currently on sale for \$25 each and available at three locations in town, including Wag the Dog Thrift and Treasure Shop, located at 315 North Jefferson Street; Wag The Dog Too! located at 235 North Jefferson Street; and The Rosemary Tree, also located on North Jefferson Street.

Coordinators have been working on the Bless the Beast for the past several months and they look for the Society's biggest crowd to date for the event, so inside and outside space will be utilized at the Mays House.

The menu will include a barbecue pork dinner buffet with all of the trimmings.

Donations are still coming in and being accepted for the event, which will benefit the Shelter. The event features, silent and

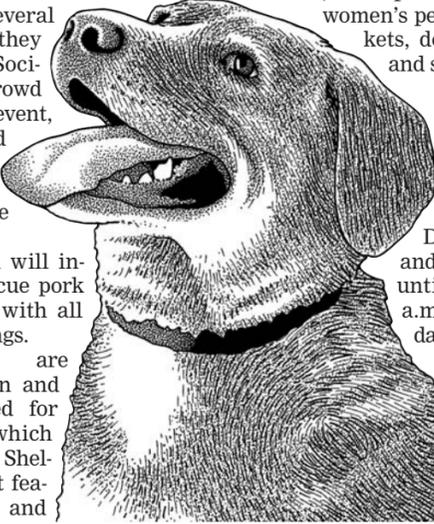
live actions, a 50/50 cash drawing, a cash bar and entertainment will be provided by the Booger Holler String Band, which was one of the featured bands during Southern Music Rising. They are known to provide some good old fashion foot-stomping tunes to please about any tastes, which feature the fiddle, banjo and guitar.

Plenty of opportunities still exist for volunteers, including set up and clean up to name a few.

In past years, the event has featured nice donated items including such things as baked cakes, farm equipment, paint ball party, local art, a Jon-boat, gardening equipment and trees, lawn accessories such as swings and weed-eaters, vacations, pallets of sod, motion sensor cameras, silver-plated wine stand, men's and women's perfumes and cologne baskets, dog and cat care baskets and so very much more.

The hours of operation at Wag the Dog are Thursday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. and the hours of operation for Wag The Dog Too! are Wednesday and Thursday from noon until 4 p.m., Friday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Those wishing to volunteer or donate new or quality collectible and practical items can call Teresa Kessler at 997-4540.



Letters To The Editor

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

Dear Residents of Jefferson County and District 1 Voters

It is with much regret that I will not be able to seek a second term of service on the Board of County Commissioners. I apologize for the late hour of this notice, but very recent personal events have largely contributed to this decision. Due to the increasing demand for my time, my wife and I have concluded that we

need to step back for a season to focus on our young family. The past four years have been challenging and rewarding and it has been an honor and a privilege to represent the voters of District 1.

Thank you,
Stephen Fulford
County Commissioner, District 1

FROM THE OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S DESK

DEAR PARENT(S) AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS:

It is with great pleasure that I have the a chance to introduce the staff and students at the Jefferson County Opportunity School. We plan to work diligently to continue to improve the atmosphere and reputation at our school. I am confident that with your support we will continue to have a successful school year. I am looking forward to devising a plan of action to ensure that the Opportunity School is structured and thriving during the 2012 - 2013 school year.

The Opportunity School has two dedicated teachers Coach Jeremy Brown and Ms. Pearlean Garland. Coach Brown has been an educator for 7 years and Ms. Garland has been teaching for 25 years. At this time, we have six great students with

various aspirations for the future. I would like to introduce the wonderful scholars that attend the Jefferson County Opportunity School they are as follows:

•Ashlee H. Sober is an eleventh grade student and she wants to be a vet tech when she grows up because she enjoys working with animals.

•Calvin Footman is a tenth grade student and he wants to be a barber when he grows up. Maybe someone in the community will afford Calvin the opportunity to visit their barber shop?

•Austin McClellan is an eighth grade student and he wants to be a bull rider when he grows up.

•Antonio Dawkins just joined us on April 17th and he is an eighth grade student. Antonio would like to become a brain surgeon when he grows up. He also men-

tioned becoming an UFC fighter in the future.

•Travis Addison is also an eighth grade student and he wants to make it to the NFL as a football player. If that does not work out Travis would like to become a Forensic Scientist.

•Antonio Greene is a sixth grade student and he enjoys skateboarding as a hobby. He also wants to become famous for becoming an outstanding skateboarder.

I am looking forward to working with the staff, students, parents and community to help enhance the Jefferson County Opportunity School. Thank you for your continued support. You are appreciated!

Sincerely,
Valarie Thompson,
Principal
thompson_v@firn.edu

CHURCH NEWS NOTES

APRIL 25-27

St. Phillip AME Church will hold its 'Spring Revival' at 7 p.m. Wednesday through Friday. Evangelist will be Steven Andrews from Bonifay. Rev. JW Tisdale and the St. Phillip Church family invite all to share with them as they give praises and thanks to God for His reviving and sustaining grace. They are asking that you join them in the revival and receive a blessing from the Lord. For more information and direction, call the church at 850-997-4226 or 850-291-6938

APRIL 27

Union #2 of Jefferson County Ministers, Deacons and Home Mission Societies will convene with the Hickory Hill Missionary Baptist Church on Bassett Dairy Road on Friday at 7:30 p.m. for Union Communion. The Leadership Convention will begin on Sunday at 11 a.m., with a business meeting to follow. The Morning Worship Service will begin at 9:45 a.m. with Sunday School. All members and friends are encouraged to attend.

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.

APRIL 29

New Bethel AME Church, Pastor Jimmie Dickey and Mt. Pleasant AME Church, Pastor Maryetta Cromartie, and Philadelphia AME Church, Pastor David Williams, will come together for Fifth Sunday Service at the Philadelphia AME Church at 11 a.m.

APRIL 29

Greater Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church will hold its 5th Sunday Night Gospel Sing at 6:30 p.m. All choirs, soloists and dance ministries are invited to participate. Rev. Dr. Melvin Roberts, pastor.

APRIL 29

Memorial Missionary Baptist Church will host its 5th Sunday Fellowship Program at 11 a.m. on Sunday. Guest speaker will be Rev. Keith Cloud of Gretna and pastor of the New Zion MBC in Greenville. The Memorial Gospel Choir will sing. Come looking for a blessing in the name of our lord and Savior Jesus Christ. For more information call 850-878-9613. Sis. Teresa Duval, chairperson. Rev. JB Duval, pastor.

APRIL 29

Shiloh AME Church in Aucilla will hold its 'Family and Friends Day' at 11 a.m. on Sunday. Guest speaker for this annual program will be Min. Lucious Wade of the Holy Ghost Revival Center. For more information, contact Sharon at 850-342-0148. Rev. Gilbert Connelly, pastor.

APRIL 29

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

APRIL 29

Elizabeth Baptist Church will host Cathy Perry in Concert at 11 a.m. on Sunday. There will be a love offering accepted and dinner on the grounds following the service. All are invited to enjoy this celebration of music and friendship.

MAY 2, 16

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 eagleswingsmonticello@yahoo.com or www.firstpresbyteriannonticeo.org.

MAY 3

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.

MAY 4

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.

MAY 5

Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church, in the Dills Community, Deaconesses and Mission Board Members invite the community to join in their annual Prayer Breakfast on Saturday at 9 a.m. Speaker will be Min. Carolee Speed of the Holy Ghost Revival Center. For more information, contact Nell T. Randell at 850-997-5605. Rev. Willie Webster, pastor.

MAY 5

Sardis Methodist Church, 4543 Waukeenan Highway, will sponsor an 'Open Mic Gospel Sing' from 4 to 8 p.m. on Saturday. Free food and drinks will be offered. Come out and enjoy the celebration.

Deb's Notes

Drop A Note To

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Nikki Little reminds the community about the Mother's Day Luncheon to be held from 12 to 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 13 at the Wirick Simmons House, in the garden. Pasta primavera with chicken and shrimp will be served, with a salad, rolls and dessert. Adult cost is \$15 and children under 12 are \$5. To make your reservations call Beulah Brinson at 850-997-2465.

Volunteer baggers will be working for tips this Saturday at the Winn Dixie store on South Jefferson. The area students will then donate all their tips to the Recreation Park to keep the park sports programs going. The baggers will be at the checkout stations from 12 to 3 p.m., so plan to do your grocery shopping on the afternoon of April 28.

The next Home Schooling Group meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 3 in the family ministry center at the First Baptist Church Monticello. Speakers have been scheduled for this meeting to talk about community activities and give information on home schooling. Snacks will be provided as well as lots of great information and support from local home schoolers. Whether you've been a home schooler for years, or you are just curious about the program, now's the time to check out the opportunities available to you.

Restored Glory Christian Center is hosting a 'Spring Clean Fling' at the Northside Laundromat, across from the Jefferson Elementary School. The event will begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday, May 12. Come wash and dry your clothes for free until 2 p.m. Light refreshments will be served and a bounce house will be set up out of doors for the children. Pastor Eddie Yon says, "Church is not just about religion, it's also about relationships. We want to show the people of this community that we care about them." For more information, call 850-556-0857.

Cathy Perry will be live and in concert on Sunday, April 29 at the Elizabeth Baptist Church beginning at 11 a.m. Admission is free to this musical performance. A love offering will be collected.

Jefferson County School Board Member Shirley Washington and several other county officials and concerned citizens will be in attendance to the District 3 Parent Pep Rally from 6 to 7 p.m. on Monday, April 30 at the Sweetfield Missionary Baptist Church, 3679 Old Lloyd Road. The event is hosted by the Parent Involvement Committee. For more information, questions or concerns, call 850-342-0100. Refreshments will be available.

Jefferson County School Board Member Marianne Arbulu and several other officials and concerned citizens will be in attendance to the District 4 Parent Pep Rally from 6 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1 at the Ford Chapel AME Church, 7671 West Lake Road. The event is hosted by the Parent Involvement Committee. For more information, questions or concerns, call 850-342-0100. Refreshments will be available.

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As it was, the downpour scattered all but the most hardy and/or dedicated of celebrants, who reportedly carried on with the festivities in the downstairs of the Opera House and in the rear garden. Carswell said a few hundred people remained and many continued listening to the band in the garden, notwithstanding the rain and blowing wind.

"I think we added to the legend of the Southern Rising Music Festival," Carswell said. "The wind was blowing and people were sitting in the rain listening to the band, which continued to play."

Expect Carswell always to find a silver lining even in the darkest of clouds.

He credited the greater projected revenues this year to adjustments in the festival's business model.

"We had a light crowd, but we made adjustments," Carswell said.

Among the adjustments that he cited: the price of the all-day pass was raised from \$10 to \$15; after-show parties were held both on Friday and Saturday nights; the vendors were charged space fees; and the downstairs of the Opera House was converted into a food court.

"We created more streams of revenue," Carswell said. "I was frankly astonished with the results, especially given the rain."

What was happening, he went on to say, was that the festival was becoming an event of re-

gional consequence and establishing a loyal following. He cited as an example a St. Petersburg couple who told him they had come here specifically for the festival, were having a great time despite the rain, and planned to return next year.

"It's that kind of attitude that allowed us to have a successful event financially," Carswell said. "We also learned to use the Internet to greater effect. If it had been a beautiful day, we would have had 1,000 more people. I think the Southern Music Rising Festival has become a regional force or regional icon."

What the festival hadn't accomplished this year, he conceded, was to add much to the local economy.

"The crowd wasn't sufficient to juice up our restaurants," Carswell said. "I'm not sure we put as much money into the restaurants because the crowd was so light."

Overall, however, it was his assessment that the event was a success. He noted that the idea originally was for the festival to enhance the community culturally, socially and economically.

"Culturally and socially we did a good job this year," Carswell said. "We put on a good event despite the rain. We've got an event that's got legs for the future."

Did that mean the festival was on for next year?

"You'd be in trouble if you didn't continue this thing," Carswell

said.

He praised the 120 or so volunteers who had stepped forward to help make the festival possible. He praised also the city crews for a fabulous job of cleaning up after the event.

"All in all, it was a great event despite the problems," Carswell said. "We have created an event that has a bright future."

SMR Treasurer Paul Michael was more measured in his assessment.

"I think we're going to come out breaking even or better," Michael said, adding that bills yet remained to be paid. "My best guess-estimate is that we will be in the black and make a little money. I definitely think it would have been a greater success without the rain."

He added that the festival's purpose wasn't necessarily to make money, but rather to promote a social and cultural event. Too, he acknowledged the significance of the sponsors' contributions.

"We would not break even if it wasn't for the sponsors," Michael said.

Now in its fifth year, the SMR Festival is the signature event of the Foundation for the Preservation of Historic American Music, a non-profit, volunteer organization that came into being a few years back to promote the preservation, appreciation and performance of historical American music. The event on Saturday featured scores of musicians performing on multiple stages around

the downtown area.

It wasn't all music, however. The activities included a car show, a cowboy stage and an anti-smoking educational station.

Carla Wheeler was one of the organizers of the car show. She said the impact of the rain was to reduce participation noticeably.

"Most car enthusiasts are a bit fickle when it comes to their cars and car collections," Wheeler said. "If the weather looks bad, 'baby' doesn't leave the garage. That was part of the problem with the car show on Saturday. A 60 to 70 percent chance of rain kept a lot of folks home. Also, competing with an established festival 30 miles away that is in its 31st year and having two new festivals pop up this year as well was really tough. But we did well and the contestants had a great chance of winning a trophy."

Wheeler gave the list of winners in the different vehicle classes as follows: class 1 or antiques/original, won by Norm Madsen of Tallahassee, with a 1954 Packard Cavalier; class 2 or classic, won by Will Kendricks of Thomasville, GA, with a 1966 Continental Convertible; class 3 or street rod, won by Liane Austin, with a 1974 VW Beetle with a 1940 Ford kit conversion; class 4 or street machine, won by Sam Collins of Cairo, GA, with a 1968 Chevy Camero SS; and class 5

or pickup, won by Vernie Key of Monticello, with a 1985 Chevy pickup.

The trophy for Best In Show went to Kendricks with his 1966 Continental Convertible.

Local parts suppliers, as well as other generous folks, provided the door prizes, Wheeler said. The list of donors included Advanced Auto Parts, Cart Quests, NAPA, O'Rielly's, Creative Stitches, and Signs & More.

"I personally would like to thank Dave Preseil for all the help and support he gave to us folks working the car show, as well as to the rest of the festival," Wheeler said.

The 'Cracker' stage, meanwhile, offered a mix of cowboy music, humor, poetry and storytelling, provided by storytellers Doyle Conner Jr. and Stephen Monroe and friends.

Conner is a self-described sixth generation cracker, cowman and former curator of the Florida Agricultural Museum who collects and restores saddles, bridles, boots and other of the trappings of the cowboy lifestyle and whose work has been exhibited nationally and abroad.

Monroe, meanwhile, is a native son who looks the cowboy, with his handlebar mustache, western-cut suits and riding boots. His brand of wry, humorous cowboy poetry and stories has entertained audi-

ences both locally and around the state.

The Children's Stage was sponsored by the Tobacco Free Jefferson Partnership (TFJP) and served a serious purpose. Which was to educate the community about the predatory marketing practices of the tobacco industry.

The TFJP points to a recent poll by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), which found that one in five youths between the ages of 12 and 17 has been exposed to flavored tobacco products or ads, compared with only one in 10 adults.

"Although the FDA was recently given the authority to regulate tobacco products, flavored tobacco still comes in a variety of products such as cigars, cigarillos and smokeless products with flavors ranging from cool mint to vanilla to chocolate chip cookie dough," TFJP liaison Marianne Arbulu said. "To further target youth, flavored tobacco products tend to resemble candy packaging, with bright colors and bold graphics. These products have an alluring appeal and are often referred to as a gateway for children and young adults to become regular tobacco users. The primary goal of the partnership is to prevent tobacco initiation among youth and young adults and we welcome all community members to join us in this endeavor."

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the person who hires and fires," Boyd said. "So you need to decide where you want the ultimate loyalty to be."

Schleicher agreed that the policy as written didn't reflect the consensus that the board had reached on the topic over a series of workshops to update the personnel policy. The consensus, he agreed, had been for department heads to have the final authority in the hiring and firing of their employees, subject to review by the coordinator and the human resources officer to ensure for the integrity of the process.

As for the hiring and firing of department heads, Schleicher acknowledged that the board consensus had been that the coordinator would recommend such actions and the board would make the final determination.

That, however, is not the way the policy ended up being written in the personnel manual. Under section 4 of the manual, the pertinent pages of which Schleicher distributed to the commissioners, it states:

"The county coordinator has the authority of appointments and removal of personnel. Such authority may be delegated to a department head or other designated employee of the county, but only in writing and if approved by the county coordinator."

In another area of section 4 relating to job applicants, the policy states, "The department head concerned will make his or her recommendation to the county coordinator as to which

candidate should be selected. The county coordinator has the authority for making the decision as to which applicant should be hired after considering all job-related factors in the hiring process and the recommendation of the department head. The person to be hired by the county coordinator shall be the individual who, given the needs and resources of the county at the time, is best suited for the position."

Elsewhere in section 4, various of the provisions that Schleicher highlighted attested to the authority of coordinator to directly terminate employees during the probationary period; make the final decision as to whether employees below the level of coordinator should be terminated; make the final decision regarding suspensions; and make the final decision as to whether demotions and pay decreases are warranted.

Everyone, including Schleicher, agreed that the policy, as written in the manual, did not reflect the board's intent, raising the question of why the expert hadn't gotten it right and why the discrepancy hadn't been detected earlier.

The county, it must be noted, paid an expert labor attorney handsomely to update the document.

At Schleicher's suggestion, the board agreed to have him return to the attorney and have the language corrected to reflect the commissioners' original intention.

Engineer

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posed to review the development plain on behalf of the city as part of its contractual responsibility, the firm begged out of the arrangement because it had taken on the conflicting job of being the developer's engineer for the project.

This forced the city to have to hire landscape

architect Winston Lee on a temporary basis to review the project on its behalf, a move that didn't sit well with all the council members.

Adding to the discomfort, Winston took issue with several of the engineering designs for the project, putting him at odds with George and Associates and placing

the council in the awkward position of having to mediate between the two.

In the aftermath of the Dollar General controversy, the relationship between the engineering firm and some on the council was perceptively changed, not necessarily for the better.

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CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

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Kate Dilworth Scott Chapter #2496 Daughters of the Confederacy hosted a Confederate Memorial Day Celebration, with the Major Perkins Bird Camp 1327 Sons of Confederate Veterans presenting a program, on Sunday afternoon, April 22. The event was held at the Old Monticello "1827 City" Cemetery. The two groups, along with friends, family and other interested residents gathered to honor those who fought for what



Suzanne Beshears lays flowers on the grave of an unknown soldier of the Confederate War in the Old Monticello "1827 City" Cemetery.



Grace Beshears quietly lays flowers and flags on the graves of soldiers of the Confederate War in the Old Monticello "1827 City" Cemetery.

they believed in... whether they be Confederate or Union soldiers.

The brief ceremony began with Post Commander Roger Champion welcoming those in attendance and speaking a few words. He then introduced the Presentation of Colors by the Camp Honor Guard and a word of prayer and invocation was offered by SCV Dr. Jim Sledge.

David Ward was program speaker on this special day. He spoke about the reasons for the war and mentioned a few local soldiers who made a name for themselves and their families during wartime. Most fought for their love of country and man. He also gave the purpose of the Confederate Memorial Day, mentioning this day is set aside to honor and preserve the history, legacy and honor of the Confederate Soldier and the Southern Cause and Patriotism.

Before ending his thoughts, he recited the 'Prayer For Confederate Remembrance,' concluding with, "These soldiers define who we are today."

This is the 151st Anniversary of the Civil War. The SCV was founded in 1896 to honor and preserve the history and heritage of Confederate soldiers, sailors and marines and is the direct heir of the United Confederate Veterans, and the oldest hereditary organization for male descendants of Confederate soldiers.

Take a moment and remember those in gray and butternut who believed in state rights enough to fight and die for those rights and understood duty as "the most sublime word in the English language."

Commander Champion ended the ceremony by reciting a Confederate Memorial Day poem. He then invited the children

to place flags and flowers on the soldier's graves while the adult attendees visited and enjoyed light refreshments.



David Ward was program speaker for the Confederate Memorial Day Celebration, held at the Old Monticello "1827 City" Cemetery.



ECB Publishing Photos By Debbie Snapp, April 22, 2012.
Kate Dilworth Scott Chapter #2496 Daughters of the Confederacy hosted the Confederate Memorial Day Celebration. From left to right standing are: Jewel Hagan, Sadie Pafford, Mary Anne Clarke, Betty Rose Fountain, Diddy Brown and Mary Frances Gramling. Seated are: Joan Linn and MaryAnn Van Kleunen.



ECB Publishing Photos By Debbie Snapp, April 22, 2012.
The Presentation of Colors by the Major Perkins Bird Camp 1327 Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp Honor Guard on Confederate Memorial Day included Turner Beshears, Chris Wilson, Justin Halpin, Mike Willis and Fred Beshears (in no particular order.)



ECB Publishing Photos By Debbie Snapp, April 22, 2012.
Above and below, several area residents were in attendance to the Confederate Memorial Day Celebration on Sunday afternoon at the Old Monticello "1827 City" Cemetery.



Major Perkins Bird Camp 1327 Sons of Confederate Veterans Post Commander Roger Champion begins the Confederate Memorial Day Celebration at the Old Monticello "1827 City" Cemetery.



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Gangster Benefit May 12

MainStreet of Monticello Florida is hosting a benefit on Saturday, May 12 from 6:30 to 11:00 p.m. on the grounds of the Old County Jail, on West Dogwood Street. The theme and dress attire is 1920's, 1930's era. Wanted! Gangsters and Molls Speakeasy!

The benefit will include entertainment by the seven-piece Swing Band 'Swing Shift', with accompaniment by the lovely and sultry singer Betsy Gray.

MainStreet has put a lot of money and effort into this event, which is all about the Old County Jail. Between the hours of 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., Jail tours (quite spooky) will be given to enable the community to see the progression that Main-

Street has made inside the Old Jail Museum. Also between the hours of 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Photographer Suzanne Murphy will be available for photos for those who would like a 'Kodak' memory of their night.

To top off all of this excitement, guests will enjoy drink from flowing Champagne fountains, Decadent Chocolate from Tupelo's Bakery & Café, Light Bites and who knows what else! There will be lots of fantastic music, food, drink and decorations. 200-investigations have already been sent out, but there is always room for more.

Contact MainStreet of Monticello President Margie Stern at 850-210-4097 or mstern3409@aol.com if you would like to support this community event and have a very fun filled night with many of your neighbors.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

APRIL 28
Healthy Horses Conference offers an affordable way to get the latest information on significant equine health issues. Presented by UF College of Veterinary Medicine, the conference is taught by faculty experts but designed for laypeople. It happens on Saturday, April 28 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the UF vet school, 2015 S.W. 16th Avenue in Gainesville. Registration fee is \$39 for adults, \$15 for students, graduate students and those under 12 years old. Registration may be available at the door, but early registration is recommended, as space is limited. For more information, contact Tom Nordlie at tnordlie@ufl.edu or call 352-273-3567.

APRIL 28
Appreciation Ceremony for area veterans will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, at the National Guard Armory, 1225 Easterwood Drive in Tallahassee. Community support is needed. Contact Founder/CEO Jacqueline Carpenter or Administrator Richard Dixon at call 904-318-3873, or [HYPERLINK "mailto:operationpatriotism@gmail.com"](mailto:operationpatriotism@gmail.com) operationpatriotism@gmail.com or www.operationpatriotism.com or PO Box 234, Monticello, FL 32345, or leave a message at 850-727-

2532. There will be a special drawing for veterans in attendance.

APRIL 29
A Writing Adventure with Instructor Katya Taylor will be held at One Heart Earth Center from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Enjoy the wisdom and playfulness of the pen as participants explore in prose and poetry the creativity waiting for expression within. Beginners and accomplished wordsmiths are welcome. Space is limited to 10 participants, so reserve your place early. Taylor, M.Ed., has offered Lifestories and Haiku classes in the Big Bend Area since 1990. She is the author of 'My Haiku Life' and 'Journal Adventure Guidebook'. To contact her go to creativeartsandhealing.com To make your reservations call 850-997-7373 or go to oneheartearthcenter@embarqmail.com OHEC is located at 450 West Madison Street and is a 501 c 3 non-profit and tax-deductible.

APRIL 30
Martin Luther King Community Center meets 6 p.m. on the last Monday of each month at the MLK Center. Contact Charles Parrish at 850-997-3760 for more information.

APRIL 30
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.alanon.alateen.org

APRIL 30
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.

MAY 1
Jefferson County Lions Club meets at 1 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of every month at the Brick House Eatery, in the community room. For more information about this organization and its fundraising efforts, contact Lion Debbie at 850-997-0901; leave a message.

MAY 1
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.

MAY 1
Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting is held at noon on the first Tuesday of each month. The meeting includes lunch and a program. For more information visit the Chamber Website at monticellojeffersonfl.com or call 850-997-

5552.
MAY 1
Monticello Woman's Club meets on the first Tuesday of every month at noon at the clubhouse on East Pearl Street for lunch and a meeting. Contact Club President Ethel Strickland at 850-997-3382 for more information.

MAY 2
Jefferson Arts Gallery business meeting is held on the first Wednesday of the month from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., in the gallery at 575 West Washington Street in downtown Monticello. (No meeting in August) Become a member! Get involved! Be there!

MAY 2
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.

MAY 3
You may qualify for assistance through the Capital Area Community Action Agency Weatherization Assistance Program. The program reduces heating and cooling costs by improving the energy efficiency of the home. Contact Annette Wilson at 850-997-4104 for an appointment from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the first Thursday at Union Hill AME Church. Homes in Jefferson County are needed for weatherization. Or, contact Pat Hall or Melissa Watson at 850-997-8231 for addi-

tional information, and other services currently being offered. This is free to the client.

MAY 3
Lloyd Volunteer Fire Rescue meets monthly at 7 p.m. on Thursday at the firestation.

MAY 3
Business Community Prayer Breakfast is held at 7 a.m. on Thursday. Come and bring a friend. Bring a non-perishable food item for the community food pantry. Serving begins at 6:45 a.m. The program will conclude at 8 a.m. If you have names for the prayer list, email them to Coordinator L. Gary Wright at lgwright39@embarqmail.com or call 850-997-5705 or 850-933-5567 for more information. This fellowship and promotion of Christian values continues because of your participation.

MAY 3
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.

MAY 4
Monticello Jamboree Band will perform music for dancing at 7 p.m. every Friday evening at 625 South Water Street, in the old JCHS gym. There are doorprizes, cold soft drinks and snacks. Everyone is welcome to come dance, listen to some of the finest music and just enjoy the fun and camaraderie with neighbors and

friends. Band members/musicians include Bobby Connell, Don Corbitt, John Howell, Ashley Morgan, Sue and Wanzie Tucker, Arlene and Leon Roberts and Wendell Quick. This is a nonprofit charitable organization. For questions or concerns contact Curtis Morgan at 850-933-8136 or Bobby Connell at 850-445-0049.



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

Crazy Quilters Donate Quilt To 4H



ECB Publishing Photo By Debbie Snapp, April 4, 2012.

The Crazy Quilters donated their most recent 'Crazy Quilt' to the Jefferson County 4H to use for its fundraising efforts. Pictured from left to right standing are: 4H Director John Lilly, Georgie Joseph, Lori Cartwright and Chantel Romaine. Seated are: Isabelle de Sercey and Jane Davis.

The Crazy Quilters recently donated a queen sized, handmade and colorful quilt to the Jefferson County 4H, to be used as a fundraiser.

The quilt is made from leftover materials from the members. It is a modern version of the old fashioned 'Crazy Quilt.' The quilt borders are made with fabric donated to the group. Both borders are hand quilted and the center is machine quilted. Quilter Chantel Romaine embroidered the quilt label on the back. Other quilters who worked on this quilt are: Isabelle de Sercey, Jane Davis, Lori Cartwright, Barbara Sheats and Georgie Joseph.

The Crazy Quilters hope that raffle ticket sales are strong because they strongly support 4H participation in the community.

4H Director John Lilly says that \$1 tickets have been made up for a chance to win the quilt; the tickets have been very easy to sell. Monies from the sale of the tickets will be used for 4H Summer Camp for area students.



Camps will run from June 4 to July 27. To register for any of these camps, or to purchase chance tickets, come by the Extension Office at 275 North Mulberry Street or call 850-342-0187.

The Jefferson County Lions Club has offered to help sell chance tickets, as a way to give back to the students and the community.

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Southern Music Rising



The Booger Holler String Band stirred the crowd with its lively playing on the Dogwood Street Stage.



The Cobb Brothers, onstage at the Opera House Theatre, were the featured act on Friday night. An after-concert party in the downstairs of the Opera House followed the group's performance.



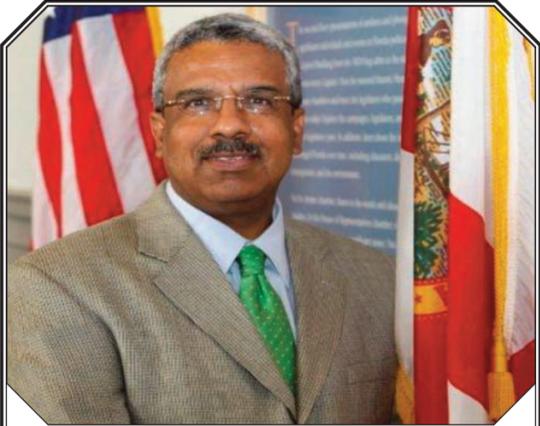
The Calvary Bluegrass Band, with singer Franklin Hightower in the foreground, performed outside the Farmers & Merchants Bank annex at the courthouse circle on Saturday morning.



The Jefferson Community Marching Band provided lively drum music in the parking lot of ECB Publishing building on Saturday morning.



Max Bilinski was once again the Wizard of Wacissa at the after-concert party at the Opera House on Friday night.



Congratulations to the Southern Music Rising Planning Committee on another successful event!

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The Bruised Grass Band plays under the tent at the Opera House Garden Stage on Saturday morning, one of 12 groups scheduled to perform there.



Cowboy music, poetry and storytelling were all part of the mix at the Cow Hunter Stage at the Palmer House off Mulberry Street.

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King Possum Fred Beshears and his reluctant-to-be queen, Sally Beshears, reigned over the after-concert party on Friday night. Beshears avows he is more than willing to relinquish the King Possum crown.



The music and puppetry of Sallie and Sam Worley, here performing on the ECB Publishing stage, were part of Saturday's entertainment.



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Sally Litton Is A Cancer Survivor



DEBBIE SNAPP
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

Sally Linton has been a survivor of cancer since 1998. In May of 1997, she and her husband were concerned about a particular lump on her breast and consulted her doctor, who didn't seem as concerned because Sally has a history of cysts, and she had just had a mammogram. A biopsy was taken and cancer was found, to the amazement of her doctor.

After two Lumpectomy surgeries, followed by six-rounds of chemotherapy and five-weeks of radiation, 1997 turned into 1998 and Sally was well on her way to recovery. A Lumpectomy is surgery in which only the tumor and some surrounding tissue is removed.

Chemotherapy, also known as chemo, works by killing fast-growing cancer cells. Unfortunately, chemotherapy drugs can't always tell the difference between cancer cells and fast-growing healthy cells, including red and white blood cells. As a result, one of the potential side effects of many types of chemotherapy drugs can be a low white blood cell count. Chemo that causes this side effect is described as myelosuppressive, because it suppresses your production of white blood cells. A low number of a specific type of white blood cells called neutrophils, also known as neutropenia, can put some patients at risk for infections and may interrupt chemo treatment. In fact, complications associated with a low white blood cell count are the most common causes of dose reductions or delays in chemotherapy. A sufficient white blood cell count may enable your doctors to administer chemotherapy according to their treatment schedule.

Radiation therapy uses targeted energy to kill cancer cells, shrink tumors and provide relief of certain cancer-related symptoms. The radiation is focused directly on the tumor; these therapies minimize the risk of common side effects associated with radiation treatment.

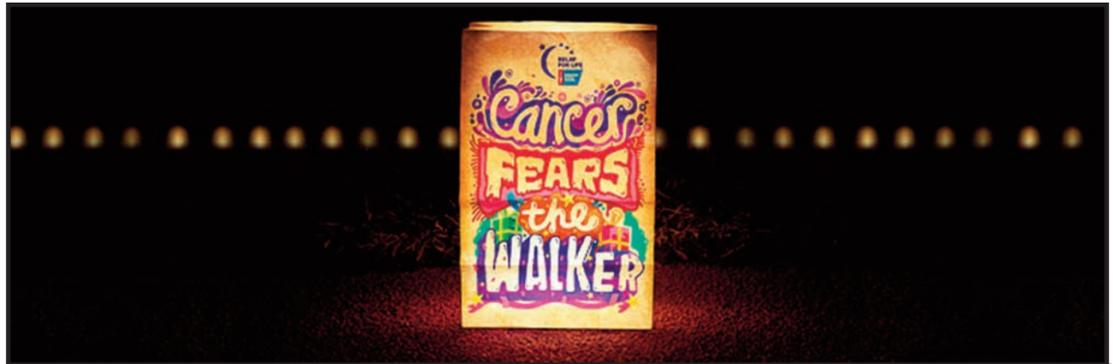
Sally has a family history of cancer. She continues to visit her doctor regularly and has a mammogram every year. Her most recent mammogram detected an unfamiliar mass, so a biopsy was taken and tested and came back 'all clear.' So, to date all is well with her.

She is a strong, busy person and loves life with her kitty 'Buddy.' She recently lost her husband to heart disease. She and her husband were fulltime RVers; their life was good. She still enjoys the RV life at the KOA Campground.

"It's so very, very important to get those mammograms," says Sally.

We Need Your Pictures! The Video At The Luminaria Ceremony Is Being Completely Redone.

Photos need to be dropped off to one of the committee members or at the Monticello News office in an envelope. If the Monticello News is not open, there is a mail slot they can be placed in. On the envelope they will need to write Relay for Life, the person's name, whether they are deceased or a survivor, and a name and contact info for the person submitting the photo. There will be a limit of one photo per person in the video. If there is more than one, it will share a frame with any other photos of that person. So the more photos, the tinier they will be. Photos can be picked up at the Luminaria table at Relay. Photos can also be emailed to aucilla5106@aol.com.



RFL DINNER FOR CANCER SURVIVORS MAY 1

Relay For Life is rapidly approaching, and one of the most cherished parts of the event has been the 'Survivor's Dinner'. Lucretia Brown and Mary Crim are serving as Survivor Co-Chairs this year, and this year's dinner will be a real treat.

The dinner, hosted

by Relay for Life, will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1 at the Monticello Opera House. This event is free for all registered survivors and their guests. If you are not a registered survivor, there will be registration forms provided at the door.

Chicken Delite will

provide the meat for this Survivors Dinner, and the Monticello Woman's Club will graciously provide the side dishes.

"There will be a speaker, entertainment and door prizes," says an excited Crim. "It's an honor to serve on the committee this year," adds Brown, a

survivor herself. "We hope all of our community survivors will come out for this special event, because we will be overjoyed to celebrate them."

All the 2012 Relay For Life Survivor events are sponsored by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office.



RELAY FOR LIFE FUNDRAISING EVENTS HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Relay For Life hold fundraising teams will continue to events right up to and

during the Friday and Saturday, May 4th and 5th Weekend event at the old JCHS, on the track.

On Friday, April 27, the Capital City Bank Team will hold a 'Barbecue Lunch' fundraiser beginning at 11 a.m., until the food is gone. Lunch will consist of a sandwich, baked beans, chips, a cold drink and a homemade dessert, all for just \$7 per plate.

On Saturday, April 28, the Daughter's of Deborah #60 Team will hold a 'Fish Fry' at 10 a.m. at the Stop 'n' Go store on corner of East Washington at Martin Luther King Jr Avenue. Dinners will include mullet, baked beans, cole slaw and a drink for \$7.

On April 28 the First United Methodist Church 'Cinco de Mayo Warriors' RFL team will host a Dessert/Coffee from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, with live entertainment and a fun time for the entire community.

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FUNDRAISING PROGRESS

School & Education

NfCC Welcomes 42 Students As New Members Of PTK Honor Society



New members of North Florida Community College's Phi Theta Kappa Mu Xi Chapter from Jefferson County are (left to right) Cody Bell, William Cameron Merritt, Shikari Hamm, Clark Christy and Samuel Hanks. Not pictured are Sara MacDonald and John Stephens.

North Florida Community College's Phi Theta Kappa Mu Xi Chapter held an induction ceremony April 5 welcoming 42 new members into PTK, the international honor society for two-year colleges. Friends and family turned out to support the new inductees as they recited the PTK Oath of Membership and walked across the stage of the NFCC Fine Arts Auditorium to accept a white rose and membership in the prestigious organization that was established in 1918. Inductees must have a minimum GPA of 3.25 to join and must maintain a 3.0 GPA to remain a member of PTK.

NFCC students leading the induction ceremony were PTK President Jodi Breer of Taylor



NFCC student Shikari Hamm of Jefferson County accepts her membership into NFCC's Phi Theta Kappa Mu Xi Chapter on April 5 at NFCC.

County, PTK Vice President Dana Wainwright of Suwannee County, PTK Secretary Jennifer Bureson of Suwannee County and PTK Public Relations Officer Lloyd Richardson of Madison County. Wainwright welcomed the new members - "This ceremony is to honor you for your outstanding academic achievement." She then introduced guest speaker Dr. Greg Molnar, NFCC PTK advisor and science instructor.

Molnar encouraged the new PTK members to work hard, to have passion for what they do, to stay focused on their goals and what they want to accom-

plish, to be innovative and to be persistent - "it's okay to fail, but be persistent and get up and try again." He also highlighted the benefits of PTK membership: opportunities to be engaged as leaders, community service projects, social networking with fellow students and scholarship. Molnar ended by thanking the parents and families for "supporting these students and providing an enriching environment for them" and congratulating the new members on their induction into PTK.

Phi Theta Kappa is the largest honor society in American higher education with more than 2 million members and 1,200 chapters in the U.S., Canada and Germany. The organization is recognized as the official honor society for two-year colleges.

A reception was held in the NFCC Student Center immediately following the induction of new members.

New members of North Florida Community College's Phi Theta Kappa Mu Xi Chapter are: Jefferson County: Cody Bell, Clark Christy, Shikari Hamm, Samuel Hanks, Sara MacDonald, William Merritt and John Stephens



SHAUMESE MASSEY TO GRADUATE FAMU

FRAN HUNT
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

Shaumese L. Massey, a 2007 graduate of Jefferson County Middle High School and class Validictorian, will be graduating from FAMU, Saturday, April 28 at 9 a.m. at the Lawson Center, located at 1800 Wahnish Way in Tallahassee.

She will graduate with her Bachelor of Arts and Sciences in English with a Journalism minor.

Shaumese plans to take a little time off from school and then return to earn her Masters Degree in Creative Writing.

Shaumese is the daughter of William and Leona Massey of Monticello.

Ben Ransom, Jr. Recognized By School

The Jefferson County School Board recognizes Ben Ransom, Jr. as its "Volunteer of the Month."

Ransom received his B.S. and M.S. at Florida A&M University. He is a member of the Jefferson Retired Educators, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign War (VFW), Teen Council, a local minister, retired Abuse Investigator, Masonic Society, President of Jefferson County Union and Sunday School Convention. Ransom works with the third grade classes in the computer lab at Jefferson Elementary School.

Ransom shares that if a student is to be successful, the parents must plan an active part in their education. The community must take an active part in supporting the local schools.

His hard work and dedication as a volunteer for the public schools has most certainly made an impact on the students and the staff. "We are proud to have Mr. Ben Ransom, Jr. as a volunteer and it is an honor for us to recognize him as the Volunteer of the Month."



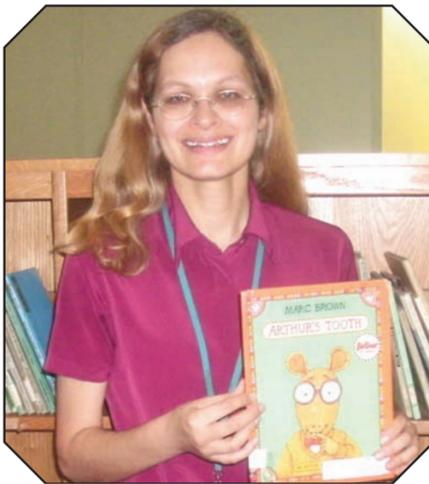
JES RECOGNIZES AMY KELL

The Jefferson County Utility Coordinating Committee will meet at 9:00 a.m. May 9, 2012, at the Jefferson County Road Dept, 1484 South Jefferson Street

The Jefferson County School Board and the Jefferson Elementary School, recognizes Media Specialist/School Librarian Amy Kell. Kell has been Media Specialist/School Librarian for Jefferson Elementary School for four years. She is a graduate of Florida State University.

Kell shares that it's important that children read and that they enjoy reading. I strive to put the perfect book in the student's hands, Kell says. Doing this could spark their interests and make them a reader for life. "Hope to see you in the library!"

We are proud to have Amy Kell as a part of our team in Jefferson County.



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Twenty-one students from the Jefferson County area were in attendance to the 4H District III Blitz, held at the North Florida Research Center in Quincy, FL.

The 4H Blitz is a special day to explore what 4H has to offer youth. Youth from around the district make new friends, discover their potential, gain leadership skills, attend interesting

workshops and have fun.

The students had an opportunity to participate in the following hands-on activities: Fun with Science, Sun Safety and Sun Bracelets, Fitness Challenge, Parliamentary Procedures, Rocketry, Duck Tape Crafts and Fun With Facebook.

The following youth attending from Jefferson County were: Allison Cone, De-

mecia Gillyard, Miahna Harden, Mianje Hawkins, Alexis Hawkins, Liyerra Henry, Kerrick, Jr, Tra'von McCray, Kentyra McIntosh, Allison Parker, Deundra Parker, Ta'Neshai Scott, Tearra Scott, Otis Scott, Carl Shular, Carlissa Shuler and Isaiah Scott.

Special thanks to the following teens who taught the 'Fitness Challenge' work-

shop: Tearra Scott, Ta'Neshai Scott and Allison Cone. Also, a special thanks to Ruth Ann Scurry, Lena Odom and Eliza Anderson who served as adult chaperones.

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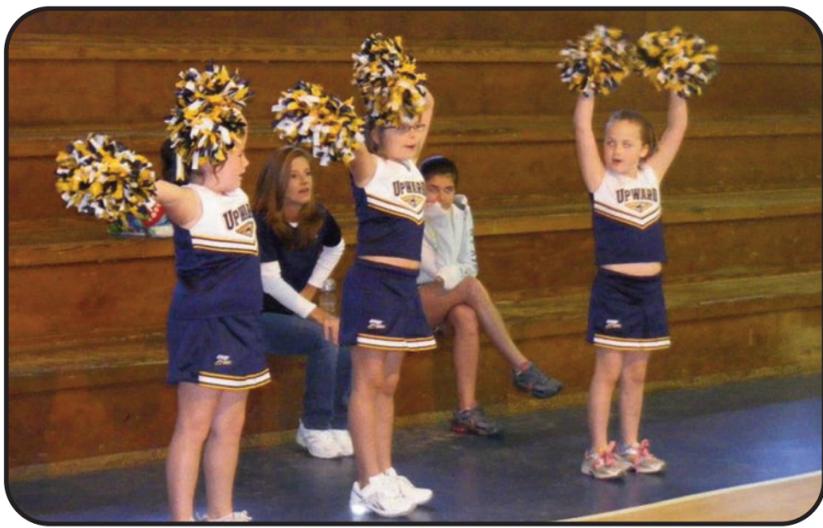
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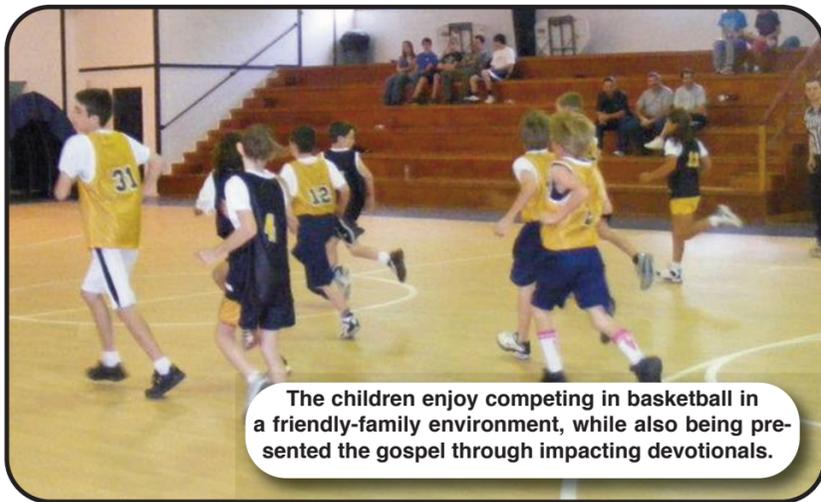
Upward Sports Reaches Midpoint In Season



BRYANT THIGPEN
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

The first season of Upward Sports has been a smashing success among the Jefferson County community. On April 21, the league reached the midway point of the season with tremendous attendance and participation.

"This season is going great," stated event coordinator Don Self. The league is divided into three age divisions: kindergarten through second grade, third through fourth grade, and fifth through sixth grade. There are two teams in each division. Coaching the K-5 through second grade division is Toney Hill and Tiffany Funderburke. Mark Holley and Ray Hill are coaches for the third and fourth grade teams, and Amanda Sapp and Mark Demont serves as coaches for fifth through sixth grade teams. Along with the players, there are also cheerleaders for each division of teams. The cheerleading team leaders are Tonya Roberts, Julie Alexan-



The children enjoy competing in basketball in a friendly-family environment, while also being presented the gospel through impacting devotionals.

drou and Roslyn Bass. Not only are the children being taught about Jesus, they're having fun competing.

"We have had games come down to the wire," Self laughed. "In one day, the third and fourth grade division game was decided by two points. Then in the very next game (fifth-sixth grade division), one team was down by two points. That team made a three-point conversion in the last second to win the game by one point. Them kids were having fun."

Self continued, "The

teams are very evenly matched, so they're playing very competitively." While the children are excited about their sports, the coaches are given the opportunity to present the gospel at each practice session and during halftime at every game. While the children are with their coaches at halftime, the gospel is being presented to the audience filled with proud parents and supporters of the little ones.

The games are currently being held in the gym at Aucilla Christian Academy every Saturday



Coaches Toney Hill and Tiffany Funderburke prepare their team for the tip off of week two.

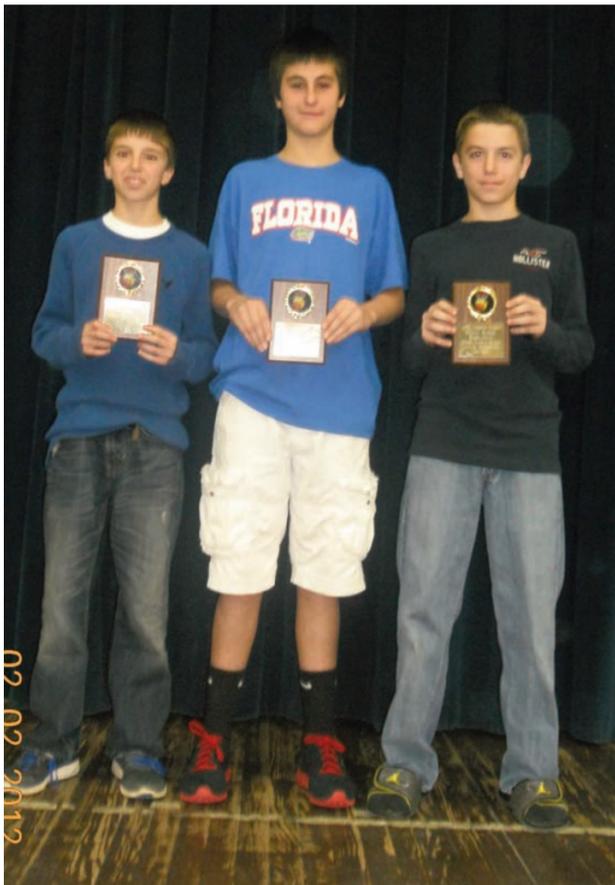


beginning at 9 a.m. The kindergarten through second grade teams play at 9 a.m., followed by the third and fourth grade teams at 10 a.m. At 11 a.m., the fifth through sixth grade teams take the court.

"Upward Sports is an exciting atmosphere where kids can come and

have fun in a family-friendly environment," said Self. While this season has been great, the staff has no plans on limiting the program to just basketball. "We're hoping in the future to be able to bring a flag football and soccer league to the region."

The basketball season will end on Saturday, May 19, with an end of the season celebration tentatively set for the following Monday, May 21. "We just want to honor the kids for their participation and set aside a special night just for them." While the basketball season is nearing completion, the children have made memories that will last a lifetime and some have made a decision that has an eternal difference.



ACA Middle School Basketball Awards



Aucilla Christian Academy recently presented awards to the boys middle school basketball team. Receiving awards were (pictured left to right) Donnie Kinsey, best offensive player; DJ Wilkinson, most valuable player; and Gatlin Nennstiel, best defensive player.

Jefferson A's Take Second Win Of Season

FRAN HUNT
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

The Jefferson A's baseball team won their second game of the season, defeating the Ichauway Redsox 13-11 on April 22.

Coach Jim Norton reported that at one point in the game, the A's were down 7-0 and without a single hit until the fourth inning, when they erupted to score six runs.

The big hit in that inning was recorded by Kendrick Durant with a

base-clearing double.

Scoring for the A's in that inning, were Lamar Hughes, Joe Jones, Ron Graham, Durant, Dionte Hightower and Stephon Parker.

Other players scoring for the A's during the game were, Michael Johnson and Darrel Evans with two runs each and Shane Broxie, Don Graham and Durant with one run each.

Pitching for the A's were Jeremy Kelly with two and 1/3 innings pitched, he gave up two hits, seven runs

runs, seven walks and two strikeouts.

Richard Stephens, Jr. pitched two and 2/3 innings giving up one hit, no runs, one walk and striking out five.

Broxie pitched two innings, giving up one hit, three runs, four walks and two strikeouts.

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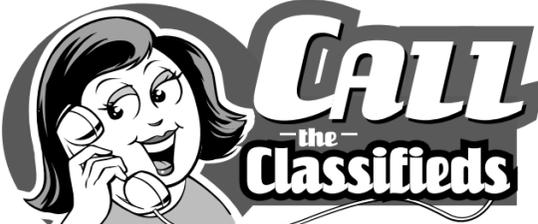
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA

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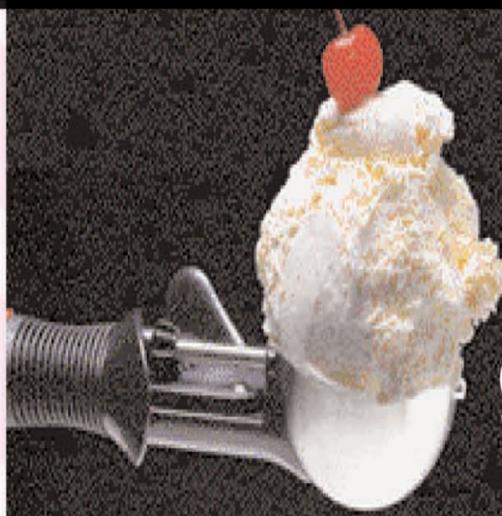
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Friday, April 27 *5:50 AM 12:00 PM *6:20 PM	Saturday, April 28 12:30 AM *6:40 AM 12:50 PM *7:10 PM	Sunday, April 29 1:20 AM *7:30 AM 1:45 PM *8:10 PM	Monday, April 30 2:20 AM *8:20 AM 2:30 PM *8:40 PM
Tuesday, May 1 2:55 AM *9:00 AM 3:10 PM *9:30 PM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

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WWOOF PROGRAM BENEFITS LOCAL RESIDENTS

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"It's a win-win situation for everybody," Patrick Shuler stated referring to the World-Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms (WWOOF) program that is now available in Jefferson County. One may be wondering what is the WWOOF program? The program enjoins volunteers with organic

farms, and help share sustainable ways of living. In return for their help, the host offers food, accommodation and opportunities to gain skills on organic farms. Simply put, for a place to stay and food to eat, these volunteers will offer a helping hand on the farm at no cost to the one whose services are rendered.

To Shuler, the WWOOF team has been a lifesaver. "I have a large organic farm, and it's more work than I can handle," he said. "These men and women have made a big impact in a great way around the farm. I'm very grateful for them."

When the team is welcomed onto a farm to work, it's a win-win situation for both the giver and the receiver. The farmer who is receiving the work



doesn't pay anything financially. The only thing he does is arrange for the team a place to stay or camp, and provide meals or a small portion of the crop, commonly known as

share cropping.

"Because the farmer is able to do more and doesn't have to pay the help, he is able to produce more at a lower cost because he doesn't have to pay for labor." The volunteers are not seeking financial gain, strictly experience.

Most of the volunteers are students in college who are looking for hands on application to what they've learned in school. Some are "city" people who want to experience the country life. Others are young adults who want to take a break from the norms of life and experience different civilizations.

When one joins the WWOOF program, they participate in a farm



tour in which they explore a broad spectrum of farms across the country. Then, after the tour is complete, they are free to choose which location they would like to return to and get to work. Many from the tour chose to come back to Monticello.

"They are a ready source of labor for the people in Jefferson County," Shuler stated. "Many of them bring their past skills to the table, and they're not limited to just farm work. They can do anything from fencing to building decks, just whatever is needed to be done around the farm."

"I think seeing the cooperation between the farms is inspiring," stated David Gordon, a volunteer in the WWOOF program. "They all help each other.

It's a more neighborly type thing."

What's more important than the experience is for many of the volunteers, it provides a family atmosphere for the young members of the team who never experienced that life growing up. "Beyond giving them real life experiences, having them around creates a family atmosphere," said Shuler. "Most of them are not coming from a stable family, and so this provides that atmosphere for them, and gives them something they never had."

Shuler encourages anyone who is interested to stop by the farm and watch the team work and check out the operation. If anyone would like more information about the WWOOF program, feel free to call (850) 459-6161.

Annual Wacissa Trail Ride

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The annual trail ride to benefit the Wacissa Volunteer Fire Rescue, Inc. will be held April 28.

The donation is \$15 per person or \$25 for a family of four.

"Round-um-up" will be from 9 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. at the corner of Pinhook and US-59. "Head-um-out" will be at 10 a.m.

A chuck wagon lunch of barbecue chicken, beans, potato salad, dessert and drink will be served from noon until 12:30 p.m. on the beautiful Wacissa River at the property of Richard Williams and his family.

Attendees will also be able to enjoy swimming, playing horse-shoes, volleyball and other fun activities.

"Head-um-back" to the barn will be around 4 p.m.

For those who do not have a horse and wish to go on the trail a hayride will be provided.

For further information contact Joey Bryan at 997-1384 or Lou Giles at 997-0631.



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ANNIE'S PROJECT SET FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY

The 2012 launching of Annie's Project in Florida, a national program developed to empower women in agriculture to be better business owners and partners, is scheduled for Jefferson County in the near future.

The purpose of the program is to help agricultural women gain entrepreneurial skills to operate

their farm operation. In addition, Annie's Project will help women find new ways to balance demands of family, community and professionalism within the agricultural community. Sessions will combine lecture, discussion, individual and small group activities and software training.

Topics include but are

not limited to: Social Style (interpersonal skills,) Farm and Family Finances, Farm & Ranch Financial Analysis, Computer Programs designed for Farm Business Management, Crop & Livestock Marketing and Farm Business Planning.

The program will run

for six-consecutive weeks, with one-class per week. The class will begin at 5:30 p.m. and end at 9:00 p.m. The more people that show interest, the sooner the class can begin. Registration will be limited to 25-participants, so people are encouraged to register early. Registration will in-

clude books, meals and materials.

For more details and information, contact Covey Washington at the Jefferson County Extension Office at covey.washington@ufl.edu or JoAnn Demott at jdemott@ufl.edu or call direct to 850-342-0187.

Mayhaw Berry Festival At Golden Acres Ranch

The Mayhaw Berry Harvest Festival will be held on Saturday, May 5 and Sunday, May 6 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days at the Golden Acres Ranch, 704 Barnes Road in Monticello.

"The trees are green and we did have a nice rain a few weeks ago, but I'll tell you it has been really dry since then," said Bobbie Golden. "David Ward, our local Mayhaw expert and I went out to check the crop earlier this week. Fred went out just a day or two ago. We are all concerned that the berries will not be as plentiful as in the past. We need rain badly but it is too late for the berry crop this year. Our big tree is producing and a few others show signs. We did gather two gallons yesterday. This is pretty early for them to be ripe. I think the unusually warm winter and then one late cold spell affected the setting of blossoms."

"A recent article in our local paper stated, '61 percent of lower 48 is abnormally dry,' she continues. "It has cost Texas millions of dollars and our experience here in Jefferson County is that we often follow that weather pattern. However, the humidity factor here in the southeast may save us from the worst of it. I'm watching the morning weather as I type this and see predictions of smatterings of rain later in the week. We're expecting a large group of folks here this weekend for the sheep producer's conference and I can assure you they will welcome any rain.

You know it is bad when even the weeds are stressed."

The Mayhaw Berry Harvest Festival will happen. There is still jelly, just not many fresh berries. Seedlings will be for sale this year and there are vendors with local crops and crafts. The hayrides and all the other fun things will happen too. So far, the chickens are producing lots of eggs and folks are always looking for them. There will be food and drinks for picnicking, or bring your own if you want.

There might possibly be a big dog washing demonstration, with help of course. Ben and Woody, the ranch dogs will surely need it. They are really dusty. So, plan to wear your grubby clothes and sturdy shoes. Remember, this is a ranch with free-range chickens, guineas, dogs and cats and there is always lots of stuff to step in.

"I get a kick out of the folks that come in flip-flops and sandals," adds Bobbie. "Our chickens think painted toenails are strawberries and good to eat. Our new pullets (baby hens) should be here. They arrive by mail and are scheduled for delivery the Monday before the festival. And don't forget the petting place. Stevie, our little blind goat, is looking forward to lots of loving and attention."

For more information, contact Bobbie or Fred Golden at 850-997-6599.

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