

Local Lobbying Group Gears Up For Legislative Session

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It's that time of year again — that time, that is — when the Jefferson County Legislative Committee passes out the annual booklet containing the community's wish list of projects that it would like to see lawmakers fund in the coming year's legislative session.

And so it was that Property Appraiser Angela Gray and Dick Bailar, two of the committee's intrepid members, found themselves distributing copies of the booklet to commissioners and other elected and community leaders at the Jefferson County Commission meeting on Thursday evening, Dec. 20.

This distribution, as Bailar indicated, was but a prelude to the 125 or so copies of the booklets that the committee would be distributing to legislators, their staffs and other key members of state government in the coming weeks as part of an annual lobbying effort.

Right on page 1, following the title page, the booklet identifies the legislative priorities for the city, county and school district in the coming year. To name a few: ensure continued funding of the fiscally



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Jefferson Legislative Committee members present the 2013 Jefferson County Yearbook to members of the commission and other elected officials. Pictured from left to right in the foreground are Property Appraiser Angela Gray, Commission Chairman John Nelson and retired minister Dick Bailar.

constrained monies; seek restoration of full funding of the Small County Solid Waste grant; seek renewed funding for the SHIP affordable housing program; secure funding to replace the city sewage treatment plant; secure funding for completion of the new ecological park on Water Street; identify and dedicate state a recurring source of revenues for PreK-12; and implement the means to collect the sales tax due on taxable Internet purchases.

The booklet further provides all kinds of information about this community's history, demographics and cul-

tural and natural resources, as well as identifying its key players and institutions. And interspersed throughout are photographs that give a sense and flavor of the community and its people.

The booklet's aim is twofold. On one level, it's simply a tool to educate the Governor, Cabinet and lawmakers about the existence of the local community and put a face, or faces, to it.

On a second and truer level, its purpose is to bring to the attention of state officials the legislative priorities of the community, in terms of the projects and programs

that its three governing entities would most like to see funded in the coming legislative session.

Members of the legislative committee include Commission Chairman John Nelson, Monticello City Manager Steve Wingate, Economic Development Director Julie Conley, Florida Department of Health Chief of Staff Kim Barnhill, Jefferson Extension Services Director John Lilly, Chamber of Commerce Director Melanie Mays, County Coordinator Parrish Barwick, Attorney Paula Sparkman, Ron Smith, and of course, Gray and Bailar.

Man Racks Up Felony Charges

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A local man was charged with several felony charges last week after assaulting his girlfriend.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office (JCSO) reported that on December 18, at about 3:01 p.m., Investigator Logan Wilcox met with the complainant in the lobby of JCSO. She was very upset and crying. She wanted to file charges against her boyfriend, Kevin Harry Pray, 51, of Jefferson County, that she had been living with at a Lonnie Road residence, since May.

She stated that on Sunday, December 16, she told Pray that she wanted to go back to Orlando. She said that Pray acted okay with her leaving, but then suddenly got out of the recliner and began punching her with both, left and right closed fists. She tried to block his punches with her arms, and at one point, kicked him in the side.

Pray reportedly grabbed her by the throat and stated, "Do you know how easily I could kill you?" She tried to get up but Pray pushed her back down on the couch and told her to sit there and not move. She said that she informed him that she had to go to the bathroom. He followed her into the bathroom, and stood over her while she used the bathroom. She stated that she wanted to call for help, but Pray had taken her phone and would not allow her to have it. She said that she asked him several times why he would not allow her to leave.

According to the complainant, Pray stated, "You're not going anywhere and leaving me here with no transportation." She stated that she fell asleep on the couch and he was in the recliner watching over her with a loaded crossbow.

She said that Pray had locked all of the doors, blocked them with chairs, and the front gate was shut and wrapped with a chain. She stated that she felt that she could not escape and if she tried, Pray would hurt her.

On Monday, December 17, she woke up with Pray yelling and cussing at her, saying that he was going to kill



Kevin Harry Pray

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Longstanding Dragline Saga Maybe Set For A Resolution

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Mine consultant Randy Hatch thinks that he has found the perfect dragline for Jefferson County's rock mining needs, provided Jefferson County wants to remain in the rock mining business.

The latter question, of course, is one that the commission has yet to answer: Namely, does it want to keep the rock quarry and have it operate in the most efficient manner; or sell the operation and buy whatever road building materials are needed on the open market?

The board, as anyone who has followed the issue for any length of time knows, has been divided on the issue going on a year. Recent developments, however, indicate that a resolution may be on the wings, especially as a decision on the dragline would certainly go a long way to answering the original question.

One new factor arguing for a resolution is the election of two new commissioners, whose yet unknown positions on the issue are potentially sure to influence the debate and break the longstanding stalemate.

The other is the expressed resolve of Commission Chairman John Nelson in recent weeks to bring the issue to a conclusion once and for all at a workshop that he has scheduled specifically for the purpose on Jan. 8.

Which brings us back to Hatch's presentation to the board on Thursday evening, Dec. 20. Or better yet, it brings us back to Hatch's intended presentation of his findings on the condition of a used dragline that he traveled to South Florida to inspect, per the commission's instructions, with the idea that the county might buy the machine.

Hatch never got to give his presentation in full, as Nelson more or less curtailed it. Basically, Nelson informed Hatch that the proper time and place to make the presentation was at the Jan. 8 workshop, where other options would be presented and explored.

In fact, he himself planned to make a presentation at the Jan. 8 workshop, and others of the commissioners were welcomed to make their own presentations, Nelson said. Once that was done, a decision would be made and the issue put to bed once and for all, he said.

Which still didn't explain why Hatch's presentation was listed as an item of discussion on the Dec. 20 agenda in the first place; but that's another issue.

The point is that notwithstanding Nelson's restriction, Hatch pretty much got to make his power point presentation, or at least enough of it to get across his



major points.

Hatch started by reminding the commissioners that he had traveled to Belle Glade, FL, to inspect the dragline in accordance with their instructions, adding that County Coordinator Parrish Barwick had accompanied him on the trip.

He had also, Hatch said, relied on the expertise of a team of internationally recognized experts to help him assess the condition of the machine, which he described as a 1978 model Bucyrus 88-B dragline with a newly rebuilt Cummins diesel engine.

"This machine has not done much work," Hatch said, going on to describe in detail various parts of the machine that he said typically were most vulnerable to wear and tear, especially in 30-plus-year-old machine. Yet, these areas appeared relatively unused in this particular machine, he said. Which indicated to him that the machine had been extremely well maintained, he said.

"It was a long trip to get there but it was worth it," Hatch said, adding that the machine, owned by the Cemex Corporation, was currently parked alongside a canal in a sugarcane field.

He said the cables would have to be replaced and the gauge/instrumentation display panel possibly upgraded. But otherwise, the engine carried a one-year warranty; the turntable, tracks, bucket and such components were in exceptional condition; and the overall machine was in good shape.

The total cost of the machine — including disassembly, transportation, re-assembly and restoration — was \$350,850, Hatch said.

"In my opinion, this is your machine," he said in conclusion.

Commissioner Hines Boyd, a proponent of the county keeping the mine and purchasing the dragline, pushed immediately for a decision.

"It was over a year ago that we blasted at the mine and learned that we had the best materials possible," Boyd said. "We then asked Randy Hatch to find a dragline and we lost out on one already

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Amendments 1 And 4 Keep Paying Dividends

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Property Appraiser Angela Gray is calling the resulting tax savings from the property tax reform and conservation lands amendments adopted in 2008 a continuing win-win situation for the county and its taxpayers.

Gray shared this week that her office had just received the final distribution figures from the Florida Department of Revenues (FDOR) for the state's fiscally constrained counties, saying that the figures indicated that Jefferson County and its residents would again benefit handsomely in terms of the tax savings and reimbursements stemming from Amendments 1 and 4.

"The good news is that Jefferson County taxpayers saved \$530,192 as a result of Amendment 1 and \$64,329 as a result of Amendment 4 (conservation lands)," Gray said. "The even better news is that Jefferson

County will be reimbursed the full 95 percent tax loss (based on FDOR selected millage of 8.3111) and is slated to receive a check from the Florida Department of Revenue for approximately \$564,774."

A comparison of final distributions for some of the other fiscally constrained counties in the area shows that Franklin is slated to receive \$200,432; Gadsden, \$1,247,354; Madison, \$433,443; Suwannee, \$1,053,826; Taylor, \$508,377; and Wakulla, \$1,050,324.

Last year, Jefferson County taxpayers saved \$537,568 as a result of Amendment 1 and \$56,458 as a result of Amendment 4, and the county was reimbursed the full 95 percent tax loss, which then amounted to \$564,325.

Amendment 1 allows homeowners to claim a second homestead exemption and a \$25,000 tangible personal property exemption, among other reductions.

Amendment 4, commonly called the Please See AMENDMENTS Page 3

County Loses Authority Over Section 8 Program

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It was a no-go for Jefferson County, in terms of its efforts to assume control of the local housing choice voucher program commonly known as Section 8.

County Coordinator Parrish Barwick reported to the Jefferson County Commission on Thursday evening, Dec. 20, that after checking again with the Jacksonville Housing Authority and inquiring of it if the county's choice, Guardian, couldn't operate the local Section 8 program, the response was essentially a rebuff.

Barwick said the Jacksonville Housing Authority, the regional arm of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), determined that Guardian, which currently administers the Jefferson County CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) program, didn't have the necessary experience to run the Section 8 program.

What's more, if the county agreed to the HUD recommended contractor, the Northwest Florida Regional Housing Authority, the latter would assume all responsibility for the program, Barwick said.

In conclusion, Barwick said, it was his recommendation that the board approve the Northwest Florida Regional Housing Authority as the Section 8 contractor, which recommendation the commission followed.

"This will take Jefferson County out of the housing industry in total," Barwick said, adding that it had been his intention upon first coming here to have the county itself take over the Section 8 program.

That was, he said, until HUD had informed him in no uncertain terms that Jefferson County was prevented from running the program because of what one official termed "the sins of the past".

"The Jacksonville Housing Authority let us know we can't oversee our own housing program because four or five years ago we had some issues and deficiencies having to do with favoritism and things not done appropriately," Barwick said.

"Bottom line, we can't run our own program because of past practices," he concluded.

Barwick reiterated that the reason the county was in the current situation was because Meridian Community Services, the contractor that until recently had administered the program, had determined that it no longer wanted to administer the program, given the pittance it paid in administrative fees.

He explained that Meridian had previously justified administration of the Section 8 program because of the significant fees that it received from administering the CDBG and others of the county's housing program.

But once the county had awarded the CDBG contract to Guardian, Meridian had determined that the Section 8 program by itself was not worth the effort. The Section 8 program assists low-income families with their monthly rental payments.

The federal government funds Jefferson County's Section 8 program \$750,000 annually, which money was most recently serving 89 clients.

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Jefferson County Living

Letters To The Editor

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For Those In Need, Help Is Just A Phone Call Away

Not a day goes by where we witness first hand nameless neighbors in our community who are clearly struggling. The panhandler standing at the corner on the side of the road. The gift requests from children on Christmas trees in area stores. Those milling around the homeless shelters during the day. Clearly many of us lack the resources necessary to enjoy a better quality of life.

The number of people in our community living at or under the poverty level - about \$19,000 for a family of three - is rising. While 15% of Americans live below the poverty line, the Florida percentage is 16%. It is shocking that

22% of Leon County residents live at or below the poverty line. Nearly one out of every four residents in our community is struggling to barely make it.

A recent Time magazine cover story posed the following question: Can you still move up in America? The compelling articles explored what is needed to revive the American Dream. There was no simple answer. Just ask the 21,000 this Agency served last year.

Since 1965, the Capital Area Community Action Agency has served as the boots on the ground as part of the federal safety net to help relieve conditions of poverty in our region. For some who need help making ends meet, the Agency can help pay an electric bill. The Agency offers Head Start to prepare children from low-income families for kindergarten. This also provides a chance for those parents to find employment or go to school. The Agency will add insulation and caulk windows to help reduce home energy bills. For others, counseling, education and job training can help a family move from crisis to thriving in our Project Independence initiative.

The Agency's mission is to reduce the detrimental effects of poverty, empower low-income citizens with skills and motivation to become self-sufficient, and improve the overall quality of their lives, and our community. No one agency can

do this alone. Capital Area works with other civic, non-profit, government agencies and individuals to provide assistance to those who need it.

This year, the Capital Area Community Action Agency will spend \$362,000 in Jefferson County to aid the poor. This is a reduction over the last year due to funding cuts.

And it will be tougher going forward. Whether the national budget goes off the 'fiscal cliff' or is saved by a series of budget cuts and revenue enhancements, funding for the safety net is in jeopardy.

Because Capital Area is expected to raise matching funds, all non-federal funding raised by this Agency is matched 4-to-1 ratio by our federal funders. You cannot find a better return on your investment to assist others while helping to improve the condition of your community.

If you or someone you know needs assistance, let us know how we can help. And, we invite you to join us in our effort to address poverty issues. Please call our office to find out how you can help. And, please keep those without resources in mind this holiday season.

Tim Center, Executive Director, and Gene Hall, Board of Directors Secretary, lead the Capital Area Community Action Agency, a non-profit that serves the poor in eight counties. Learn more at www.CAAinc.org or on facebook.

Loss of Innocence

The recent tragedy in CT. has become occurring over and over again. CNN stated the other day, by year 2014 there will be more guns than people in this country. During my 20 years in the military, we learned to use many weapons. Automatic weapons were a tool we knew would be used to kill people. These weapons are not used for hunting. We should let our elected officials know it's time to seriously discuss banning such weapons, ammo and magazines.

Until I retired, I served our country, protecting our right to bear arms, and be a free people. We are a great nation, world leader in many areas. Let's show the world we are leaders when it comes to protecting our kids. Let's tighten up our gun laws (background checks and longer waiting periods).

My eight year old son was confused; he wanted to know why someone would do this. I explained to him there is evil in this world. I told him his school has an emergency plan. Also I explained to him why I've been teaching him self-defense all his life. I told him to follow the leadership of his teachers and don't try to be a hero. During this holiday season I pray for peace on earth and good will to all.

Gerrold Austin Sr.

Taking A Bite Out Of Hunger



KRISTIN JACKSON

The Jefferson County community came together with the County Extension Office agents and staff to reduce food insecurity in children. Thanks to all for standing together in the 'SNAP Gap' this holiday season, by participating in the 'Take A Bite Out Of Hunger' Peanut Butter Challenge.

It is estimated that there are over 560 food insecure children in Jefferson County. Food insecurity is referred to by the United States Department of Agriculture as a measure of lack of access or uncertain availability to enough food for a healthy life or of food that provides enough nutrition. 92-percent of the children considered food insecure are part of families eligible for SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program;) however, the average benefit provided by SNAP is only \$1.50 per child per meal, according to the US Department of Agriculture, Food, and Nutrition

Service. The average cost per meal in Jefferson County is \$2.67, thus creating a gap of \$1.17 per child per meal. There are another 45 children whose families still live below the poverty level, but have incomes above the SNAP eligibility guidelines making them unable to receive any food assistance.

The Florida Peanut Producers Association graciously agreed to match the amount of peanut butter donated in the county between October 9 and November 16. Upon becoming aware of the opportunity to help, the Jefferson County Extension Office decided to join the challenge. And, thanks to the help of many caring individuals in Jefferson County 130 jars, or 246 pounds, of peanut butter was collected.

Jed Dillard, Jefferson County Extension Agent noted, "We had the largest per capita, based on the number of people in our county, donation rate. We beat our closest

competitor by over 20 percent, and more than doubling the rate of the best of the rest."

County Extension received the match from the Florida Peanut Producers Association and was able to provide peanut butter to families in need on Saturday morning, December 15. All the jars of peanut butter collected in Jefferson County, and the match, were given to residents of Jefferson County through a partnership with the Restored Glory Christian Center, located at 1287 South Jefferson Street.

Thank you Jefferson County for stepping up to the challenge to 'Take A Bite Out of Hunger' this holiday season.

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Socks For Seniors

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To say that this Socks For Seniors holiday season has been a busy one would be an understatement! The Monticello News crew collected a box full of socks for area seniors for Christmas; and the collection will continue all year-round, as it was so successful.

As is usually the case, the week before Christmas had been filled with distributing socks. Members of the Magnolia Garden Circle picked up the sock collection at the News office, wrapped and delivered them.

If your business or organization is interested in this worthwhile giving, go to www.socks-forseniors.com. Again, THANK YOU!



Special Celebrations For The Fountain's



Texas invaded Monticello, Florida on Thursday, December 27, 2012 with the arrival of five-month old Charlotte Reece Craig, first great-grandchild of Jeanette and Bobby Fountain, 586 Old Lloyd Road.

The entire family clan got together for a "peek" and also to celebrate the 35th wedding anniversary of Jeanette and Bobby.

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her and her brother. She said she asked him if she could leave, and Pray pulled out his pocket knife, put it to her throat, and told her that the only way she was leaving was in a body bag.

She stated that while talking to her, he poked her and punched her in the right temple. The complainant stated that Pray kept passing around her and would turn the radio volume up and down. She said that he did that several times.

She said he walked over to her, grabbed her by the hair, placed his other hand on her chin, and twisted her head as far as it would go. While doing this, Pray stated, "Do you know how easily I could kill you?" She said that he released her head, went and picked up his loaded crossbow, put the arrow with the razor blade point on her nose, and threatened to kill her. As he pulled the crossbow away, he made a quick and slight jab, scraping the tip of the arrow across her glasses lens.

She stated that Pray would punch with his left and right closed fists, in her body (breast and abdomen areas). He told her that he hit her there so that the marks could not easily be seen. She said that he sent her outside to get the dogs, and while she got the dogs, she noticed that Pray kept his loaded crossbow pointed at her. She felt that he kept the crossbow pointed at her in case she tried to run away.

On Tuesday, December 18, she woke up, got up, and Pray punched her in the left shoulder, causing her to fall and hit the right side of her head. After she fell, he reportedly grabbed her and told her to get up. He told her to quit playing games, or he would kill her, and also informing her that today might be the day that she died.

She got up and he pushed her into the reclining chair. She asked if she could go to the bathroom. He followed her to the bathroom and watched over her as she used it. When she was done, Pray told her to turn around and look at him. She stated that she turned around, and Pray "Karate chopped" her in the throat, causing her to fall to the floor. She said that she laid on the floor crying. Pray pulled out his pocketknife, put it to her throat and told her, "If you don't get up, I'll kill you where you lay."

She said he grabbed her by the hair, shoved her down, and made her pick up dog

poop.

Pray later let the dogs out and when he called them to come back inside, they wouldn't come. He sent her outside to get the dogs. While she was outside she saw a man that she knew that lived several house down the street. She got the man's attention and he walked over to the fence. She said she informed him that Pray had been beating her for two days and asked him to call 911.

She stated that she went back inside with the dogs and Pray questioned her about what she had said to the man. She told Pray that she didn't say anything and Pray hit her in the lower stomach area, telling her she was a liar.

She said that she felt that Pray was afraid that the man may call law enforcement, and he told her to get her stuff and get out. She said she had four boxes of things by the door and Pray kicked them down the stairs and told her to pick them up. She picked up her things, got into her vehicle and went toward the front gate.

The complainant said she heard Pray yelling that he would see her in Orlando in six to eight months and take care of her once and for all. He also yelled that if she got law enforcement involved, he would kill her or have one of his buddies that "owes him one", to kill her.

Photographs were taken of her injuries, and EMS personnel checked her injuries.

Investigator Jerry Blackmon, Sgt. Ray Lacy and Deputy Jerrod Rigdon went to the Lonnie Road residence to arrest Pray. Investigator informed Pray that he was under arrest and Pray attempted to pull his hands away from Investigator Blackmon. Sgt. Lacy and Deputy Rigdon had to assist Investigator Blackmon place Pray in handcuffs.

Deputy Rigdon transported Pray to the County Jail. Investigator Blackmon and Sgt. Lacy collected the crossbow, arrows, and pocketknife used to threaten the victim.

Pray was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon; false imprisonment; felony battery; domestic battery by strangulation; tampering with or harassing a witness or victim with information; and resisting arrest without violence. Bond was withheld pending a psychiatric evaluation and he remained at the County Jail December 25.

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because we didn't act. And now he has found another and we need to make a decision. We have deferred on this decision to the point that we have now purchased about \$75,000 or \$80,000 worth of rocks because we didn't pursue the plan we set out on. We've already spent in the last two or three months enough to make two annual payments on this machine. I think the idea of continuing to defer this is a bad business decision."

Nelson, however, remained adamant on following the set schedule.

"At the last meeting, I asked all commissioners to bring forth any report that they wanted to make on the dragline and said that we would then make a decision," he said. "I want to

give every commissioner a chance to put their report on the table and then we'll make a decision based on all the options."

Commissioner Betsy Barfield, more a proponent of the county getting rid of the mine, added that important questions yet remained to be answered regarding the purchase of a dragline.

She asked that Hatch provide answers at the workshop relative to such questions as what it would entail for the county to get a qualified employee to operate the dragline, how much maintenance the machine would require and at what cost, what might the liability of operating such equipment be, and what it would cost to hire a qualified mechanic to maintain

the machine?

Hatch expressed understanding and appreciation of the commission's careful and prudent approach to making a decision, underscoring his point by mention of a somewhat inscrutable Chinese proverb.

"The ox is slow but the earth is patience," Hatch said.

All the same, he urged the board to make a decision on the dragline as early as possible. Whatever the decision, whether it was to buy the machine or not, didn't really matter to him, Hatch said. But he owed it to the owners of the Belle Glade dragline to give them a timely yea or nay answer on the machine, so they could otherwise dispose of it some other way, he said.

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conservation amendment, exempts from property taxes lands that are put into permanent conservation easements.

Amendment 4 also allows lands that aren't in permanent conservation easements, but that are being used for conservation purposes, to be taxed according to their conservation uses.

Gray noted that the 2012 Legislature appropriated \$25.8 million for distribution to fiscally constrained counties to offset the reductions in their property tax revenues that resulted from the Amendments 1 revisions to the Florida Con-

stitution.

"These provisions include the \$25,000 additional homestead exemption, the \$25,000 tangible personal property exemption, homestead portability, and the 10 percent assessment increase limitation on non-homestead property," Gray explained.

"Additionally, \$537,000 was appropriated for the impact of conservation lands," she said.

Gray again credited both lawmakers on Capitol Hill and the lobbying efforts of the Jefferson Legislative Committee for the returned monies, pointing out that the

county received \$181,807 in 2008-09, \$472,489 in 2009-10, and \$542,999 in 2010.

"The Property Appraiser's office has the responsibility of collecting and reporting the data on value loss to the FDOR every year," Gray said. "Once millage rates are set, I work closely with Clerk of Court Kirk Reams to complete the application form for submittal every year in the month of November."

She added that the applications typically are due to the FDOR by Nov. 15 of each year, and the monies distributed by late December or early January.

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CHURCH NEWS NOTES

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December 28

Nazarene Church Skate Night for children and adults is held from 6 to 8 p.m. on the last Friday evening of every month. Light snacks and soft drinks available.

December 28

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.

December 29

StoryTime Ministry is held from 1 to 2 p.m. every other Saturday at the Jefferson County Bailer Public Library. For more information contact First United Methodist Church Ministry Chairman Barbara Hobbs at 850-523-1813.

December 30

Greater Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church will hold its 5th Sunday night gospel sing at 6:30 p.m. All choirs, groups, soloists, and dance ministries are invited to participate. Rev. Terry Presley will be speaker for this 'year-end' fellowship service and the Union Branch Missionary Baptist Church will be in charge of the choir and

congregation. Come in casual dress. Sunday School will begin at 9:30 a.m. followed by Morning Worship at 11:15 a.m. Lunch will be served. Evang. Georgiana Barker, chairman. Rev. JB Duval, moderator. Rev. Dr. Melvin Roberts, pastor.

December 31

Springfield AME Church invites the public to attend its annual Watch Night Service on Monday at 10 p.m. Speaker for this occasion will be Rev. Cornelia Francis of the St. Thomas AME Church in Madison and the Gospel Wonders of Monticello will sing songs of praises. Come praise the Lord with others as we embark on 2013. "Praise ye the Lord for all he has done." For more information contact the church at 850-997-5400. Rev. Stefon McBride, pastor.

December 31

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church will hold a Watch Night Service beginning at 10 p.m. on Monday evening. Rev. Cassandra Brockman will be speaker for this 'Getting Real With God' themed event. This is an open invitation for all to attend. For more information, contact Church Pastor Brockman at 850-997-8010.

December 31

Welaunee Missionary Baptist Church will hold its Watch Night Service on Monday evening, beginning at 10 p.m.

January 2

First United Methodist Church will host a Pancake Supper at 6 p.m. on Wednesday in the Family Ministry Center. Donations will be accepted for this fundraising effort for the Madison Youth Ranch. Checks should be made out to FUMC.

January 2, 16

First Presbyterian Church will host Ea-

glesWings, 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-monticello.org.

January 5

Nazarene Church Clothing Giveaway from 9 to 11 a.m. on the first Saturday of every month.

January 8

Sons of Allen of the Union Bethel Circuit meets monthly on the second Tuesday at 7 p.m., rotating between the Elizabeth and Union Bethel AME churches; encouraging young men and older males to come be part of the meetings. If you have any questions, contact President Leman Ulee at 850-274-6268.

January 25, 26

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 9 to 10 a.m. usually on the fourth Saturday at the New Bethel AME Church located at 6496 Ashville Highway. Volunteers are also welcome to come on Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. to help bag the food packages. Contact Nellie Randell at 850-997-5605 or 850-997-6929 to volunteer or for more information about this program.

Flowers For Brynwood Residents



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The Magnolia Garden Circle of the Monticello Garden Club, visited with Brynwood Center H&R residents before the Thanksgiving holiday, delivering vases filled with red roses, baby breath, greenery and greeting cards.

Rebecca Ashburn, with Monticello Florist, donated the flowers and greenery. 85 floral arrangements were prepared by the Circle members on Tuesday, November 13 in a work area set up at the Center. The vases were arranged by the members in an assembly line fashion with flowers and ribbons then placed on a cart for delivery to each resident.

A luncheon and floral décor tea was hosted at Brynwood by Circle members Chantel Romaine and Dianne Braren. Members in attendance included Debbie Bailey, Ann Horton, Cindy Chancy and Ann Coxetter.

Brynwood Activities Director Christina Newell lead the group on a tour of the facility after lunch, giving Circle members time to visit with residents who were available.

Magnolia Garden Circle members usually meet on the third Tuesday of each month, but with the Christmas holiday in December, the members met on the 18th. They wrapped socks for seniors and addressed greeting cards for delivery before the holiday to Cross Landings H&RC residents.



Business Community Prayer Breakfast

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Memorial Missionary Baptist Church, located at 780 Second Street, will host the next Business Community Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, January 10. The Memorial MBC family continues this tradition each January. These monthly breakfast meetings begin at 7 a.m., usually on the first Thursday of each month, for a program and a meal. Serving begins at 6:45 a.m. at Memorial Missionary Baptist Church.

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 is a non-denominational group, and it continues because of your participation.

Come and bring a friend. Also, bring a non-perishable food item to be delivered to the community food pantry.



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Romans 3:21-23

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School

School-Related Employee Of The Year Nominee Franklin D. Scott

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It's that time of year again for the announcements for the School-Related Employee of The Year nominees. The nominees, which includes one from Jefferson Elementary, one from the School Board, one from Jefferson County Middle High School, and one from the Transportation Department, are chosen by their peers. The nominees' information is then judged by three out-of-town judges, and the announcement made of who the winner is. The winner will be announced January 8, 2013.

One of those nominees is Bus Driver Franklin D. Scott. He has five years experience, all of which are with the Jefferson County School Transportation/Maintenance Department. His job responsibilities include driving a bus, keeping reports and records of students on the bus, and assisting the secretary with clerical duties wherever needed.

Of Scott, the nominating committee stated, "Mr. Frank Scott has always taken a professional approach to his employment at Jefferson County School Transportation. He has a very serious approach to the driving of his bus and the well being of his students. "At the beginning of the school year the Transportation Department was short of drivers. Mr. Scott was asked would he be able to sub on his off days, since he has driver certification. Caring about the students and the community, Mr. Scott devised a plan that he would get up very early and to come in and drive the morning run and still be at his other job by 8 a.m. Mr. Scott works through his lunch hour so he can return to do the evening



run. You can rest assured that this kind of dedication is rare. School starts with the school bus and Mr. Scott.

"Mr. Scott starts school professionally on daily basis. Though these contributions may not effect students' education as a direct hands on teacher, these contributions of getting students to school safely on all buses, is a major contribution to the school system, and very cost effective to the county budget.

"Mr. Scott prides himself in creating a rapport with the students and parents on his route. He also takes great pride in knowing all the students and parents on other buses. When elementary students are placed on other buses he is generally the first one to respond to which bus the student should be on. It is this kind of commitment to student wellbeing and safety that makes him an outstanding employee."

Transportation and Maintenance Supervisor Alfreddie Hightower added, "I have known Frank Scott since the days of his high school tenure. For the past three years I have been Frank's supervisor. I have found him to be very pleasant, with a professional work attitude. He continually excels in other areas outside of the challenging task of driving a school bus. Frank is one

of our most dedicated employees.

"Frank is an independent, self-directed person who is able to communicate effectively and meet even the most demanding challenges. During the past three years that I have worked with Frank, he has done an impressive job of defusing situations with students, as well as parents. Frank has shown remarkable leadership. He is one that prefers to look for solutions rather than complain about the problem at hand. Frank has done an outstanding job of getting to know his entire transported student population by name, and all of the parents of his students, and most of their living situations, which creates a much better community-to-schools connection.

"While his on the job performance has been nothing less than stellar as a bus driver, Frank possesses many other valuable skills. Frank is always willing to go the extra mile. During the summer, our secretary had an extended medical leave. Frank stepped in and did a remarkable clerical job without pay, though I eventually secured funds for him. He worked diligently, even when there was no pay. During the Florida Classic when several people abandon their jobs to go out of town, Frank decided to stay until he completed his afternoon run, even though he had made reservations. This exemplifies Frank's dedication as an employee.

"Frank is a close friend to many of us. We pride ourselves on our work place values and close knit community, and in this area he truly shines. Frank knows the community and keeps us informed of changes and student movement, making our jobs less stressful.

"We are all deeply appreciative to have Frank, as a member of our team. I am very pleased that he was selected as the employee of the year for the department of transportation and maintenance," concluded Hightower.

Deputy Clerk with the Division of Drivers License Wendy Hughes added, "I have known Frank for the past 15 years. Frank is an excellent worker and works well with others. He is dependable and eager to learn new tasks."

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One of those nominees is Jefferson County Middle High School (JCMHS) Para-Professional Hattie Ruth Jordan. She has 32 years experience, eight of which are at her present location.

Her job responsibilities include taking attendance, signing parents in and out, greeting visitors and handing out visitor's passes, and taking telephone messages from parents for students.

Of Jordan, the nominating committee said, "Ms. Jordan is in her 32nd year of employment with the Jefferson County School District. During the course of her employment Ms. Jordan has worked in all three schools (Jefferson Elementary, Howard Middle, and Jefferson County Middle/High), serving as a School Food Service worker, and Instructional Assistant.

"In her current position at Jefferson County Middle/High School, she serves as attendance clerk, signs students in and out of school, greets visitors and gives out visitors passes, writes bus passes and takes messages from parents for students. She has also served as Assistant Coach for cheerleading, girls' basketball and softball. She also serves as an after-school tutor for 21st Century. Ms. Jordan has been an exemplary employee for the Jefferson County School District and is highly regarded among her peers.

"Ms. Jordan is a goal-oriented, self-motivated individual who is very conscientious about performing her duties to the best of her abilities. She is a team player that works well with others when completing tasks and meeting deadlines.

"In her personal life outside of work, Ms. Jordan is very active and visible in her community. She is the Co-Chairperson of the Youth Department in her church and also participates in the Senior Choir. She also works on the Hospitality Committee and Kitchen Committee. She enjoys sharing her many gifts



and talents with others around her.

"Ms. Jordan has established a rapport with students and their parents that extend far beyond the school house walls. Hattie Ruth's character and work ethics are above reproach and should be viewed with a critical and discerning eye in your evaluation process for the 2013 Florida School-Related Employee of the Year."

JCMHS Principal Loretta Holmes added, "Ms. Jordan has been a dedicated full-time employee at Jefferson County Middle/High School for many years and is known for her high standard of performance. She cares for the parents, students and faculty of JCMHS and treats everyone with respect and dignity. She is a tremendous asset to JCMHS, as well as the school district and community at-large.

"Ms. Jordan has a passion for our school. She volunteers for the additional duties and tasks in an effort to make sure that everything at JCMHS runs smoothly. She can often be seen at sporting events manning the concession stand or collecting tickets with a smile.

"Ms. Jordan is well known throughout the school and community for her compassion and energy. She is always courteous and helpful to others. She is highly respected by her peers and appreciated because of the way she treats others. She is seen as a very positive person of the team and exhibits a 'can-do' philosophy.

"Ms. Jordan is efficient and thorough in her work and finishes the job in a timely manner. The combination of her high ethical standards and vast experience enable her to be an excellent mentor to other employees. She represents JCMHS well and strives for

excellence

"The energy and enthusiasm with which she goes about her day is remarkable. Ms. Jordan emulates warmth, humility and compassion as she serves others, and always expresses appreciation to others for their efforts," she concluded.

Reverend Joseph Love of Union Hill AME Church said, "I have served as Pastor to Ms. Jordan for nearly two decades, and have found her to be a plausible sincere individual. She's a God-fearing, cheerful individual with outstanding people skills, and her eagerness to assist and help is truly commendable.

"Because of her dedication, she's repeatedly elected Church School Recording Secretary, an office she serves with diligence and pride. Her love for our youth training and education is shown in her tireless efforts, and energy she provides for our Young People's Department. This is truly an area she assails and has proven to be an asset to our church ministries. Ms. Jordan also serves as our church school substitute primary teacher, and those who are familiar with her wit and innovated presentations know there's never a boring moment in that class.

"She has served as president of our adult and mass choirs, and she continually provides her strong, yet soothing sensitive voice, in leading hymns within our music ministries.

"Ms. Jordan gives up her time and talent freely as she works with our tutorial ministries; she is rewarded with the success of our children. Being aware of the shortcoming of some of our schools in Jefferson County, she went on a personal crusade to correct that which was undesirable. Her love for her place of employment and the employees is often displayed as she ardently defends each and every seemingly negative rumor or statement presented, and points with pride of the positives and strives made.

"Ms. Jordan has accepted in mind and life style the teaching and practices of a much higher calling. Her love for her family, church, and school must be commended," he concluded.

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-- Dr. Felice Leonardo Buscaglia

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Died: Jan. 27, 2001, Age 50
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Died: Mar. 22, 2006, Age 55
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Ten-year old Willieshia Walker and the Smith family would like to thank the community for coming together with food and toys for them during the Christmas holiday. The gifts were greatly needed and appreciated. Her uncle Benny Smith is still in need of a job and transportation; an automobile or bicycle would be a great help.

To continue to help this family call 850-702-8300; this family of eight lives on Laverns Road, at the end of Tecumseh Road, in Monticello.

Sports

TIGER BASKETBALL

East Gadsden Skins Tigers

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The Jefferson County Tigers hit the hardwood against East Gadsden on December 20, and the Tigers were skinned for a 65-34 loss, to now stand 3-4 on the season.

As a team, the Tigers netted nine of 31 attempts from the field, hit one of five attempts from the three-point zone, and dropped in 13 of 22 attempts from the free-throw line for 34 points. They had three assists, five blocked shots, 13 offensive and 14 defensive rebounds for a total of 27 rebounds, with 13 steals, 26 turnovers, and 13 personal fouls.

Individually, Lenorris Footman bucketed three of eight attempts from the field, missed one attempt from the three-point zone, and bucketed four of nine attempts from the free-throw line for 10 points. He had two assists, five blocked shots, five offensive and four defensive rebounds for a total of nine rebounds, with two steals, five turnovers, and two personal fouls.

Gene Noel netted one of eight attempts from the field, and bucketed six of

six attempts from the free-throw line for eight points. He had two offensive and three defensive rebounds for a total of five rebounds, with four steals, five turnovers, and two personal fouls.

Ramez Nealy targeted three of eight attempts from the field, hit one of two attempts from the three-point zone, and sunk two of five attempts from the free-throw line for 11 points. He had two offensive and two defensive rebounds for a total of four rebounds, with one turnover.

Shawn Blue missed two attempts from the field and bucketed one of two attempts from the free-throw line for one point. He had one offensive rebound, one steal, three turnovers, and one personal foul.

Tre'Veyon Edwards netted two of four attempts from the field for four points. He had two offensive and two defensive rebounds for a total of four rebounds, with four steals, nine turnovers, and five personal fouls.

Keondrea Parker missed one attempt from the field and two attempts from the three-point zone. He had one assist, two defensive rebounds, one steal, two turnovers and three personal fouls.



Tigers' Stats To Date

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With six games already under their belts, the Jefferson County varsity Tigers are racking up some pretty impressive statistics, to now stand 3-3-0 on the season, and 2-2-0 in league play.

As a team, the Tigers have racked up a total of 313 points, averaging 52.2 points per game. They have an average of 7.5 assists per game, 1.3 blocked shots per game, 23.3 rebounds per game, and 14.3 steals per game.

They netted 96 of 199 attempts from the field, bucketed 23 of 58 attempts from the three-point zone, and targeted 52 of 102 attempts from the free-throw line for 313 points. They collected 45 assists, eight blocked shots, 75 offensive and 125 defensive rebounds for a total of 200 rebounds, with 86 steals, 91 turnovers, and 93 personal fouls.

Individually, Lenorris Footman played in six games. He bucketed 24 of 43 attempts from the field, netted five of seven attempts from the three-point zone, and sunk 24 of 44 attempts from the field for 87 points, an average of 14.5 per game. Footman had 10 assists, an average of 1.7 per game, four blocked shots, an average of .7 per game, 25 offensive and 39 defensive rebounds for a total of 64 rebounds, an average of 10.7 per game, with 23 steals, an average of 3.8 per game, 11 turnovers, and 17 personal fouls.

Gene Noel played in five games. He netted 12 of 24 attempts from the field, dropped in one of two attempts from the three-point zone, and sunk two of six attempts from the free-throw line for 29 points, an average of 5.8 per game. He had five assists, an average of one per game, one blocked shot, an average of .2 per game, 16 offensive and 13 defensive rebounds for a total of 29 rebounds, an average of 5.8 per game, with eight steals, an average of 1.6 per game, 13 turnovers and 15 personal fouls.

Ramez Nealy played in six games. He bucketed 29 of 54 attempts from the field, netted three of five attempts from the three-point zone, and bucketed 12 of 22 attempts from the free-throw line for 79 points, an average of 13.2 per game. He had eight assists, an average of 1.3 per game, 11 offensive and 24 defensive rebounds for a total of 35 rebounds, an average of 5.8 per game, with seven steals, an average of 1.2 per game, eight turnovers, and 15 personal fouls.

Shawn Blue played in six games. He netted one of four attempts from the field, one of six attempts from the three-point zone, and missed one attempt from the free-throw line for five

points, an average of .8 per game, he had nine assists, an average of 1.5 per game, one offensive and four defensive rebounds for a total of five rebounds, an average of one per game, with four steals, an average of .7 per game, nine turnovers, and seven personal fouls.

Tre'Veyon Edwards played in six games. He bucketed 12 of 30 attempts from the field, netted four of nine attempts from the three-point zone, and sunk one of seven attempts from the free-throw line for 37 points, an average of 6.2 per game. He had six assists, an average of one per game, five offensive and 13 defensive rebounds for a total of 18 rebounds, an average of three per game, with 28 steals, an average of 4.7 per game, 28 turnovers, and 11 personal fouls.

Chaz Hansberry played in six games. He netted two of six attempts from the field, for four points, an average of .7 per game. He had one blocked shot, an average of .2 per game, six offensive and 17 defensive rebounds for a total of 23 rebounds, an average of 3.8 per game, with three steals, an average of .5 per game, five turnovers and 16 personal fouls.

Robert Williams played in six games. He targeted four of five attempts from the field, missed two attempts from the three-point zone, and netted two of four attempts from the free-throw line for 10 points, an average of 1.7 per game. He had two assists, an average of .3 per game, two offensive and three defensive rebounds for a total of five rebounds, an average of .8 per game, with six steals, an average of one per game, with two turnovers and two personal fouls.

Keondrea Parker played in five games. He netted seven of 15 attempts from the field, one of two attempts from the three-point zone, and targeted four of five attempts from the free-throw line for 21 points, an average of 4.2 per game. He had eight offensive and six defensive rebounds for a total of 14 rebounds, an average of 2.8 per game, with three turnovers, and three personal fouls.

Robert Nealy played in six games. He netted five of 18 attempts from the field, bucketed eight of 25 attempts from the three-point zone, and targeted seven of 13 attempts from the free-throw line for 41 points, an average of 6.8 per game. He had five assists, an average of .8 per game, two blocked shots, an average of .3 per game, one offensive and six defensive rebounds for a total of seven rebounds, an average of 1.2 per game, with seven steals, an average of 1.2 per game, 12 turnovers, and seven personal fouls.

East Gadsden Drops JV Tigers

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The Jefferson County junior varsity Tigers faced off against East Gadsden on December 20, and Jefferson was dropped for a 52-24 loss, to now stand 2-4 on the season.

As a team, the Tigers netted nine of 20 attempts from the field, hit one of three attempts from the three-point zone, and bucketed one of two attempts from the free-throw line for 24 points. They had two assists, three blocked shots, 17 offensive and 28 defensive rebounds for a total of 45 rebounds, with 12 steals, 25 turnovers, and 14 personal fouls.

Individually, Jayshawn Francis netted one of two attempts from the free-throw line for one

point, and he had three turnovers.

Gregory Meeks netted one attempt from the field, and one of two attempts from the three-point zone for five points. He had one blocked shot, four offensive and nine defensive rebounds for a total of 13 rebounds, with one steal, one turnover, and two personal fouls.

Azenda Thompson bucketed two of four attempts from the field and netted one attempt from the free-throw line for five points. He had three offensive and five defensive rebounds for a total of eight rebounds, with two steals, one turnover, four turnovers, and three personal fouls.

Thaddeus Francis bucketed two of six attempts from the field, and missed two attempts from the free-throw line for four

points. He had two blocked shots, three offensive and seven defensive rebounds for a total of 10 rebounds, with two turnovers, and two personal fouls.

Terrance White sunk one of two attempts from the field, and missed one attempt from the three-point zone for two points. He had one offensive and one defensive rebound for a total of two rebounds, with two steals, three turnovers, and one personal foul.

Maurice Williams targeted three of seven attempts from the field, and netted one of four attempts from the free-throw line for seven points. He had four offensive and five defensive rebounds for a total of nine rebounds, with four steals, two turnovers and three personal fouls.



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Sports

ACA Basketball

Brookwood Beats Warriors

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The Aucilla Christian Academy varsity Warriors faced off against Brookwood on December 3 and the Warriors were beat for a 42-37 loss to now stand 3-2 on the season.

As a team the Warriors netted five of 18 attempts from the field, bucketed five of 30 attempts from the three-point zone and sank 12 of 17 attempts from the free-throw line for 37 points. They had eight assists, six offensive and six defensive rebounds for a total of 12 rebounds, with 16 block/steals and 16 turnovers.

Braden Mattingly targeted three of three attempts from the field, missed five attempts from the three-point zone and bucketed two of three attempts from the free-throw line for eight points. He had two assists, two offensive and one defensive rebound for a total of three rebounds, with five

block/steals and four turnovers.

Jared Jackson missed one attempt from the field and sank one of two attempts from the free-throw line for one point. He had one assist, one offensive and three defensive rebounds for a total of four rebounds, with two block/steals and one turnover.

Brandon Holm missed one attempt from the field, netted one of four attempts from the three-point zone and sank two of two attempts from the free-throw line for five points. He had three block/steals and three turnovers.

Ricky Finlayson missed two attempts from the field, netted two of seven attempts from the three-point zone and sank two of two attempts from the free-throw line for eight points. He had one assist, one block/steal and one turnover.

Hans Sorensen missed four attempts from the field, sank one of seven attempts from

the three-point zone and hit one of two attempts from the free-throw line for four points. He had three assists, one offensive rebound, three block/steals and four turnovers.

Jay Finlayson netted two of six attempts from the field, bucketed one of seven attempts from the three-point zone and sank three of four attempts from the free-throw line for 10 points. He had one assist, one offensive rebound, two block/steals and two turnovers.

Casey Demott missed one attempt from the field, and hit one of two attempts from the free-throw line for one point. He had one offensive and two defensive rebounds for a total of three rebounds.

The Warriors have since played John Paul II, December 4, Highland Christian December 6, Maclay, December 10, FAMU, December 11, and Munroe, December 14. Those game results will be forthcoming.

FAMU Takes Out Warriors

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The Aucilla Christian Academy varsity Warriors hit the hardwood against FAMU, on December 11, and the Warriors were taken out for a 64-46 loss to now stand 5-4 on the season.

As a team, the Warriors netted 12 of 30 attempts from the field, hit four of 22 attempts from the three-point zone, and hit eight of 16 attempts from the free-throw line for 46 points.

They had seven assists, 12 offensive and 19 defensive rebounds, for a total of 31 rebounds, with 11 block/steals and 23 turnovers.

Braden Mattingly netted one of four attempts from the three-point zone and bucketed two of two attempts from the free-throw line for five points. He had three assists, three defensive rebounds, two block/steals and two turnovers.

Jared Jackson bucketed two of six attempts from the field and one of three attempts from the free-throw line for five points. He had four offensive and seven defensive rebounds for a total of 11 rebounds, with two block/steals and one turnover.

Brandon Holm targeted two of two attempts from the field, netted one of two attempts from the three-point zone, and hit one of one attempts from the free-throw line for eight points. He had two offensive and four defensive rebounds for a total of six rebounds, with five turnovers.

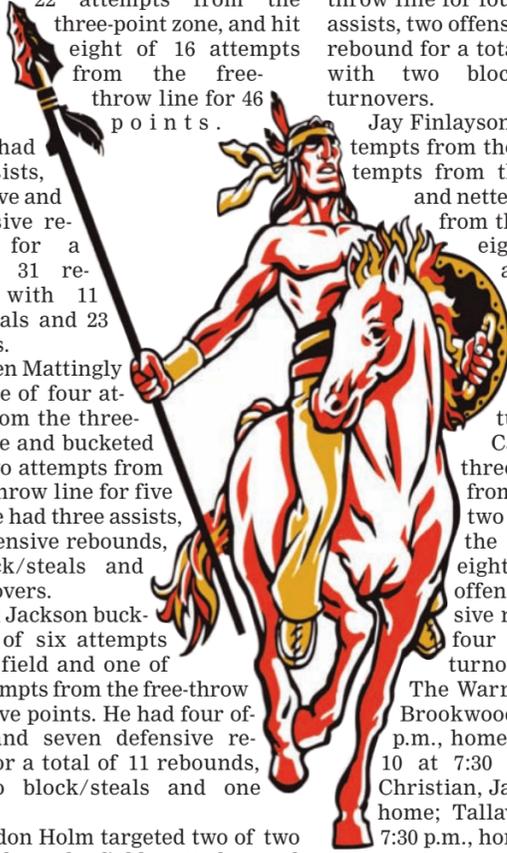
Ricky Finlayson missed two attempts from the field, and netted two of eight attempts from the three-point zone for six points. He had one defensive rebound, two block/steals and two turnovers.

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

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

Casey Demott targeted three of four attempts from the field, and netted two of six attempts from the free-throw line for eight points. He had three offensive and one defensive rebound for a total of four rebounds, and two turnovers.

The Warriors face off against Brookwood, January 8 at 7:30 p.m., home; Tallavana, January 10 at 7:30 p.m., away; Melody Christian, January 11 at 7:30 p.m., home; Tallavana, January 14 at 7:30 p.m., home; John Paul II, January 17 at 7:30 p.m., home; Munroe, January 18 at 7:30 p.m., away; Franklin County, January 22 at 7:30 p.m., home; Altha, January 24 at 6 p.m., away; Mayo, January 29 at 6:30 p.m., away; and Liberty County, January 31 at 6:30 p.m., away.



Warriors Down Escambia Charter

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The Aucilla Christian Academy varsity Warriors hit the hardwood against Escambia Charter on November 30 and ACA came out on top of a 64-52 scoreboard, to now stand 3-1 on the season.

As a team, the Warriors netted 16 of 35 attempts from the field, sunk five of 19 attempts from the three-point zone, and sunk 17 of 25 attempts from the free-throw line for 64 points. They collected 12 assists, 12 offensive and 27 defensive rebounds for a total of 39 rebounds, with 10 block/steals and 19 turnovers.

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

Jared Jackson sank five of 11 attempts from the field, and four of eight attempts from the free-throw line for 14 points. He had three offensive and 10 defensive rebounds for a total of 13 rebounds and a double-double, and one turnover.

Brandon Holm netted one of one attempt from the field, missed one from the three-point zone and sank

two of four attempts from the free-throw line for four points. He had one assist and three turnovers.

Ricky Finlayson missed two attempts from the field and netted one of three attempts from the three-point zone for three points, and he had one turnover.

Hans Sorensen bucketed three of seven attempts from the field, and missed one attempt from the three-point zone for six points. He had three assists, one offensive and five defensive rebounds for a total of six rebounds, with one block/steal and four turnovers.

Jay Finlayson targeted four of five attempts from the field, netted four of 10 attempts from three-point zone, and bucketed six of seven attempts from the free-throw line for 26 points. He had four assists, five defensive rebounds, five block/steals and five turnovers.

Casey Demott hit one of four attempts from the field and missed two attempts from the three-point zone for two points. He had one assist, three offensive and three defensive rebounds for a total of six rebounds, with one block/steal and one turnover.

The Warriors have since played Brookwood, December 3, John Paul II, December 4, Highland Christian Academy, December 6, Maclay, December 10, and FAMU, December 11. The results of the games will be forthcoming.



ACA MSG Take Four

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The Aucilla Christian Academy middle school boys' basketball team took victories in the past four games to now stand 5-1 on the season.

The young Warriors hit the hardwood against Munroe, on December 10, and Aucilla came out on top of a 26-24 scoreboard.

Timothy Finlayson targeted for 17 points. Daulton Browning netted for six points.

John Walker had one point. CC Collins scored two points.

Aucilla faced off against Highland Christian Academy, on December 6, and the young Warriors scalped their opponent for a 44-24 victory.

Finlayson bucketed for 12 points. Browning targeted for 17 points.

Gatlin Nennstiel netted for 13 points. Stewart Dalzell scored two points.

The young Warriors went in against Munroe, on December 7, and Aucilla walloped their opponent for a 39-9 win.

Finlayson targeted for 11 points. Browning had four points.

Joe Walton scored three points. Walker netted six points.

Collins had two points. Jake Pridgeon scored two points.

Traynor Barker netted for three points. Nennstiel bucketed for eight points.

Aucilla hit the hardwood against Maclay, on December 10, and the young Warriors came out with a 34-31 win.

Finlayson scored five points. Browning netted for eight points.

Walton bucketed for five points. Walker had two points.

Dalzell scored two points. Nennstiel targeted for 14 points.

Action continues against North Florida Christian, January 8 at 3:30 p.m., home; Tallavana,

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| Tuesday, January 1 *2:10 AM 8:15 AM *2:25 PM 8:40 PM | Wednesday, January 2 *2:50 AM 9:00 AM *3:20 PM 9:30 PM | Thursday, January 3 *3:40 AM 9:50 PM *4:10 PM 10:20 PM | Friday, January 4 *4:30 AM 10:45 AM *4:55 PM 11:10 PM |

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA. CASE NO. 33-2012-CA-000128

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WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT on this 12th day of December 2012. As Clerk of said Court Sherry Sears As Deputy Clerk

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

VANDEBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC., Plaintiff, vs. BARBARA L. BRUNSON; et al., Defendants.

CLERK'S NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Plaintiff's Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on May 8, 2012 in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on Thursday, 12/28/2012 at 11:00 A.M. (EST), at the Jefferson County Courthouse, located at One Courthouse Circle, in Monticello, Florida, the following described property:

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Dated: December 12, 2012 KIRK REAMS, CLERK JEFFERSON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT Sherry Sears Deputy Clerk

Exhibit A (Legal Description)

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NOTICE The Jefferson County Tourist Development Council will not meet in January. The next meeting will be Monday, February 4, 2013 at 9:00 am in the Courthouse Annex.

NOTICE OF MONTICELLO JANUARY CITY COUNCIL MEETING The Monticello City Council will conduct its next monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will take place at City Hall, 245 S. Mulberry Street, Monticello. Persons with disabilities who need an accommodation to participate in the meeting should contact City Clerk Emily Anderson at 342-0292 or at eanderson@mymonticello.net.

LEGAL NOTICE The Jefferson County Planning Commission will hold its regular monthly meeting on January 10, 2013 at 7:00 pm. The meeting will consist of general business and a workshop on the Land Development Code, Chapter 9. The meetings will be held in the Courthouse Annex located at 435 West Walnut Street in Monticello, FL. The meeting may be continued as necessary. Information concerning the meeting is available at the Jefferson County Planning Department, 445 W. Palmer Mill Road, Monticello, FL. 32344, Telephone 850-342-0223. From the Florida "Government in the Sunshine Manual", page 36, paragraph c: Each board, commission, or agency of this state or of any political subdivision thereof shall include in the notice of any meeting or hearing, if notice of meeting or hearing is required, of such board, commission, or agency, conspicuously on such notice, the advice that, if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings, is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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