

Fate of Green Industries Property Still In Question



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Some five months after indications that the Jefferson County Extension Services might be getting a new home at the Green Industries Institute site, it remains to be seen if the latter will remain in the county or if the extension services will ever get to move there.

As Commissioner Betsy Barfield reported to the board on Thursday, Dec. 20, the North Florida Community College (NFCC) Board of Directors is scheduled to decide sometime this month if

the college will maintain a presence in Jefferson County.

Or more accurately, Barfield said NFCC President John Grosskopf will ask the NFCC board at its January meeting to pull the plug on the local program. Which would mean moving the Green Industries Institute operation to Madison County and consolidating the agricultural program there, she said.

"It's important that we retain our relationship with NFCC," Barfield said. "John Lilly, Pat Garner and myself have been working to keep the Green Industries here. But the

problem is that the enrollment is not enough to justify it staying here."

Lilly is director of the Extension Services and Garner is director of Green Industries.

Barfield said if the NFCC board approved Grosskopf's request, 90 percent of the office equipment and computers currently in the buildings here would remain at the site, as would the telecommunications equipment for a period of two years. But all the agricultural equipment, including the equipment needed to maintain the grounds, would be transferred to

Madison County, she said.

Barfield asked that the issue of NFCC's potential move from Jefferson County not be confused with a proposed agriculture/small business incubator idea that Commissioner Hines Boyd and Small Business Director Dr. Dallas Garrett had pitched to the NFCC board as a possible solution to keeping the Green Industries here and making the operation sustainable.

"Let's not confuse the two issues," Barfield said.

"The first priority is, Please See GREEN Page 3

Insurance representative John Pat Thomas, right, presents the county with a check for \$18,200 via Clerk of Court Kirk Reams. left. Thomas explained that the check was for profits that the county's insurance carrier, the League of Cities, had realized during the year. He said the League wanted to share its profits with members.

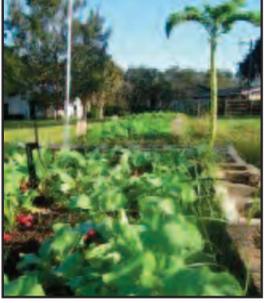
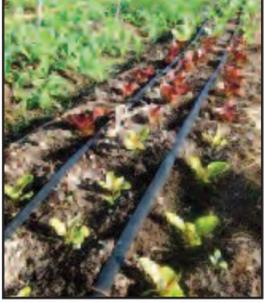
Coming Workshop Promises To Be Lengthy, To Say Least

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Commissioners plan to hold a workshop on Tuesday, Jan. 8, that promises to settle at least one long-standing issue, as well as address two others of a controversial nature. Which is to say that the workshop, scheduled to begin at 3 p.m. in the courthouse annex, could potentially extend well into the evening.

The issue the commission wants to settle is the purchase of a dragline, a costly piece of equipment that is a necessary and critical component to the efficient and productive operation of the county's rock mine. A decision on the dragline will essentially go a long ways toward deciding the greater issue of whether the county wants to remain in the rock mining business.

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Committee Appointments Concern A Commissioner

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The Jefferson County Commission's committee appointments in the past tended to be mostly a routine matter, if not a foregone conclusion in many instances, with appointments largely going without review from year to year and appointees serving extraordinarily long terms.

Not so anymore, however, since the commission began requiring that citizens must apply for the volunteer positions via writing and further making it policy to review all appointments annually.

And now, it appears, the spirit of competitiveness for appointed positions has come to the very committees that commissioners themselves serve on, a reflection of the personal and political dynamics that continue to define the board.

Case in point, the recent mild-to-do between Commissioners Betsy Barfield and Hines Boyd over who would represent the county on the Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency (CRTPA) Board and the Gulf Consortium Board.

Composed of representatives from Leon, Gadsden, Wakulla and Jefferson counties, the CRTPA acts as the principal forum for collective transportation policy discussions that aim to result in development of a long-range transportation plan for the region.

And ultimately, it's the CRTPA's goal to lay the conceptual groundwork for an integrated regional multimodal transportation network that supports sustainable development patterns and promotes economic growth in the region.

The Gulf Consortium, meanwhile, arises out of the 2010 BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico and the oil company's recent settlement with the federal government. It's part of the consortium's mission to recover as much of the settlement money as possible for its member counties in the Panhandle, which include Jefferson County.

Boyd has been this county's representative on the CRTPA for at least two years, and more specifically since the county attain voting rights about a year ago. And Barfield has been Jefferson County's representative on the consortium since its formation about four months ago.

As a result of the latest appointments shuffle during the last two commission meetings in December, however, Barfield now represents the county on

both the CRTPA and the consortium, an arrangement Boyd finds arguably unfair.

Boyd addressed the issue at the Dec. 20 meeting, noting that Barfield's appointment to the CRTPA at the previous meeting had "quite candidly caught me by surprise."

Boyd argued that realistically, there were four substantive committees that commissioners could serve on. He listed the four as the CRTPA, Gulf Consortium, Aucilla Area Solid Waste Landfill and Jefferson Legislative Committee.

As it was, Boyd said, two commissioners, Barfield and Chairman John Nelson, now served on the four committees.

"I think we need to have a discussion on this," Boyd said. "We are about to do something that we haven't done traditionally on this commission."

He noted that he had volunteered to serve on the CRTPA when no other commissioner had shown an interest on serving on the particular board. What's more, he had expressed an interest in continuing to serve on the committee at the last commission meeting, when Nelson had instead appointed Barfield.

Traditionally, it was the practice to allow commissioners who desired to continue serving on a particular committee to do so, Boyd said. Furthermore, he said, it took time to understand all the issues thoroughly and develop relationships with the different players — something he had been doing for the last two years.

Boyd reiterated that he wanted to continue serving on the CRTPA and posed an offer.

"If Betsy really covets the CRTPA position, I'll give it up if she'll give up the consortium position and let me serve on that," Boyd said.

Barfield was not disposed to negotiate, however.

"I want to be on both committees," she said, adding that she believed strongly in the rotation of committee appointments every two years.

Significantly, she said, Boyd had been on the CRTPA two years and she thought it was time for a change. When she completed two years on the consortium committee, she would willingly step down, she said.

She, moreover, had longstanding relationships with many of the other three counties' representatives on the CRTPA board, as well as with these counties' elected officials, she said.

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Contract Renewed For EMS Medical Director



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Dr. Robert F. Spindell will continue to serve as medical director for the Jefferson County Emer-

gency Medical Service (EMS), thanks to an agreement that county officials renewed on Thursday, Dec. 20.

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DEP Reports Florida Meets New Federal Fine Particles Standards

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) is reporting that all areas of the state are in compliance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) recently announced revisions to the national ambient air quality standard for "fine particles" in the air.

The FDEP reported on Friday, Dec. 21, that the EPA had just then announced a change in the annual concentration limit, from 15 micrograms per cubic meter to 12 micrograms per cubic meter. The change, the FDEP said, came as the state's particle levels continued to trend downward.

"Floridians should take comfort knowing that all areas of Florida already comply with this new, more stringent standard for fine particles in the air,"



Brian Accardo, director of the Division of Air Resource Management, was quoted saying. "Through the work of department staff and businesses throughout the state, Florida continues to be a national leader in air quality."

The FDEP explained that the term "fine particles," or "PM2.5," referred to particles less than 2.5 microns in diameter. These particles, Please See DEP Page 3

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Local Weather

Fri 1/4 65/44 Intervals of clouds and sunshine. High around 65F. Winds N at 5 to 10 mph.	Sat 1/5 63/50 Few showers. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 50s.	Sun 1/6 58/43 Showers possible. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the low 40s.	Mon 1/7 64/41 Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the low 40s.	Tue 1/8 70/48 A few clouds. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 40s.
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Jefferson County Living

Lucy Won!



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Lucy, the Irish Wolf Hound, owned by county resident Lisa Hayes, has won the Kuranda Dog Of The Month contest and the Jefferson County Humane Society shelter will be the recipient of five Kuranda beds.

Humane Society Secretary Teresa Kessler was advised that Lucy had won the contest, via email on January 1. Not only did Lucy win but, she was nearly 1,000 votes ahead of the second place winner.

"Lucy had 2,603 votes, leaving the second place contestant behind with 1,667 votes," advised Kessler. "We were up against some much larger shelters in the contest, and we suc-

ceeded."

She added that the beds were being shipped and the Shelter would probably be receiving them in a week or so. How the beds will be distributed will be up to the shelter manager.

"They may replace five of the beds in the kennels, or they'll probably rotate them so all the dogs get turns in them," added Kessler.

"The Jefferson County Humane Society would like to thank Lisa Hayes for submitting a picture of Lucy to be a part of the Kuranda Dog Of The Month contest. Many thanks to Kuranda.com for creating the opportunity to win the beds, and to our supporters for spreading the word and voting every day during the month of December," Kessler concluded.

JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIME BEAT

All information is printed as taken from the Jefferson County Sheriff's office. All Suspects Should Be Considered Innocent Until Proven Guilty In A Court Of Law

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Samuel McPhearson, 38, of Monticello, was arrested December 22 and charged with violation of probation on the charge of fleeing and eluding; violation of probation on the charge of driving while license suspended or revoked; and giving a false statement. Bond was withheld and he remained at the County Jail January 3.

Christopher David Griffin, 29, of Kingsland, GA, was arrested December 21 and charged with refusing to accept or sign a citation and driving under the influence. A total bond of \$1,000 was set and he bonded out of jail the following day.

Jakarlton Lavontaye Bellamy, 22, of Lamont, was arrested December 25 and charged with aggravated battery, domestic. Bond was set at \$2,500 and he bonded out of jail the same day.

Robert Washington, 55, of Tallahassee, was sentenced in court December 28 to serve 60 days in the County Jail on the charges of driving while license suspended and failure to register a motor vehicle. He remained in the County Jail January 3.

Willie Davis, 25, of Jefferson County, was arrested December 29 and charged with carrying a concealed weapon and resisting an officer without violence. A total bond of \$1,500 was set and he

bonded out of jail the same day.

Tommy Selover, 40, of Ocala, FL, was arrested January 1 and charged with driving under the influence; driving while license suspended or revoked; resisting an officer without violence; and retail theft. A total bond of \$3,000 was set and he remained at the County Jail January 3.

Gomez Ivan Mario Canales, 31, hometown unknown, was arrested January 1 and charged with driving under the influence; no valid driver's license; and driving under the influence with damaged property. A total bond of \$1,100 was set and he bonded out of jail the following day.

Upward Sports Basketball And Cheerleading Season Begins!

Upward Sports Program, Saturday, January 5th BASKETBALL CLINIC to be held at Aucilla Christian Academy Gym located at 7803 Aucilla Hwy. Grades K through 3rd basketball clinic held from 9:00am to 10:00am. Grades 4th -8th basketball clinic held from 10:00am to 11:00am. If you have not pre-registered, it's not too late! Call Don Self at 850-933-3311 for more information.

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Founder's Garden Circle Enjoy The Fall Season

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Founders Garden Circle members of the Monticello Garden Club enjoyed their Christmas meeting and program at The Rosemary Tree restaurant in December. They opted to engage in a Christmas ornament exchange that kept them all smiling throughout their time together. The ornaments were handmade, original, and created for fun and laughter. Everyone participated... 14 members were in attendance. They were Beulah Brinson, Claudette McRae, Linda Caminez, Dianna Johnson, Ann Mara, Becky Clayton, Suzanne Waters, Suzanne Peary, Kaye Fearneybough, Nikki Little, Cathy Hewett, Cindy McCloud, Toni Lane, and Gloria Brown.

The Circle members decorated the historical Wirick-Simmons House in November for the Christmas holiday and season festivities. They explored the newly constructed gardens and felt privileged to walk through the inside. Through the tireless efforts of the Jefferson County Historical Association, this old house and its gardens is a beautiful testimony to many years gone by. It's a true treasure. Monticello residents can be proud of this lovely house from their past. The members decorated with handmade wreaths and swags of pinecones and pine branches, magnolia branches, and poinsettias. They also decorated a Christmas tree for the



Founders Garden Circle decorated the historic Wirick-Simmons House during the Christmas holiday.

Monticello Opera House ballroom windows. The Historical Association held weekend tours of this old house during the holiday season; and Founders members volunteered to help with the tours. Members helping with the decorations included Claudette McRae, Becky Clayton, Suzanne Peary, Dianna Johnson, Toni Lane, Suzanne Waters, Ann Mara, and Gloria Brown.

Founders Garden Circle members traveled to the Native Nursery in Tallahassee in October for a lecture on 'Cooking and Growing with Winter Garden Herbs.' They enjoyed the teaching of 15 of the most fragrant and easiest grown herbs in Florida;

learning how easy it could be to go from 'the cook' to 'the chef.' After the demonstration, members and their guest were afforded the opportunity to shop and browse the nursery for new plants, herbs, vegetables, and gifts. Upon their return to Monticello, the group dined at The Rosemary Tree, sharing their newfound knowledge and awesome selections of plants and enthusiasm. Members enjoying for this month's luncheon and program included Suzanne Peary, Claudette McRae, Kaye Fearneybough, Cindy McCloud, and Gloria Brown. Surprised gifts of fresh bay leaves were given to each member in attendance.

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what is NFCC going to do? We need to ask NFCC if it's going to stay here or consolidate in Madison County?"

Not surprisingly, Boyd and Barfield didn't see eye-to-eye on the issue.

"If that's the negotiations that you've come up, you haven't been very successful," Boyd said, adding that the impression he had gotten from his earlier talks with the NFCC board was that it was open to leaving a significant number of the equipment here.

"If there is confusion, it's because two commissioners are negotiating with the same entity and moving in different directions," Boyd said. "I'm at a loss. This is all new to me."

Barfield defended her involvement, saying she had not approached NFCC, but rather Attorney Bruce Leinback, who represents the college, had approached her and expressed the board's confusion over the Boyd/Dr. Garrett proposal. That proposal seemingly involves incorporating Dr. Garrett's small business development program into the Green Industries program and creating a small business incubator at the site.

Boyd's is more than a passing interest in keeping the Green Industries here, or at least of keeping its equipment, given that both Congressman Allen Boyd and State House Rep-

resentative Janegale Boyd, in their official capacities, secured funding for the establishment and sustainability of the program.

The intent of that funding, as Boyd argued, was to implement a successful and viable program here. Admittedly, that funding, which originally was dedicated to the operation, had since been rolled into NFCC's general funding, he conceded.

Even so, Boyd argued, if not a legal obligation, NFCC had a moral obligation to help maintain the facility here. And absent the Green Industries' presence here, or more important, absent its equipment, the county couldn't maintain the 40+ acres of property that needed to be maintained, he said.

"We don't have the staff or the equipment to maintain the property," Boyd said. "That's what we need to be negotiating with NFCC."

County Attorney Buck Bird observed that the county had no legal standing to compel NFCC to do anything.

"NFCC can do what it wants with this funding," Bird said.

Boyd conceded the point, to a degree.

"We don't have a legal standing, but NFCC has a moral obligation to work with Jefferson County and the Extension Services and the Small Business Development program to help Jefferson County,"

Boyd said. "We could create a synergy effect."

"I don't accept the position they gave you," he concluded, addressing himself to Barfield. "I think it's wrong."

The board's consensus was to invite Grosskopf to the commission's next meeting, so that the latter could better explain NFCC's position and the board also could express its concerns and desires.

The Green Industries Institute is located about four miles west of Monticello off U.S. 90.

Negotiations for the Extension Services' move to the site started in mid July, triggered by Lilly's request that his agency be allowed to locate there, given talk of Green Industries pending departure and his organization's dire need for a new facility.

"We have an opportunity to move into newly remodeled buildings," Lilly said, adding that the site afforded numerous advantages, including the ability for his agency to expand its service.

The total property consists of 80 acres, which rightfully belongs to the county, with 60 acres of it leased to NFCC. The site was originally a University of Florida research station. The university, however, transferred the property to the county several years ago, when it consolidated its research centers in Gadsden County.

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By state law, each EMS must have a medical director appointed by the head of the service to review, approve and monitor the activities of each Florida-licensed Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and paramedic.

Per the agreement, which Dr. Spindell first entered into in 2010, he must perform such services as serving as patient advocate in the EMS system; establishing, reviewing and monitoring protocols and criteria for certain emergency procedures; ensuring that the qualifications of EMS personnel are maintained; and developing, implementing and maintaining an effective quality management program, among other responsibilities.

In return, the county agrees to compensate Dr. Spindell \$16,000 annually, with the added stipulation that his compensation will be increased in accordance and in equal measure to any cost-of-living increases that may be given to other county employees.

The county is also responsible for all costs and expenses that may arise from Dr. Spindell's performance of services on behalf of the county, such as photocopying and distributing reports and other written documents, or traveling to out-of-town conferences for presentations.

Fire Rescue Chief Mark Matthews remarked that the contract was a standard agreement that required periodic renewals.

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about 1/13th the diameter of a human hair, are especially important because of potential health effects, as they have the ability to penetrate deeply into the lungs and enter the bloodstream.

Individual fine particles can be seen only with an electron microscope, but high concentrations of PM2.5 in the atmosphere may be visible as smoke or haze. These particles are commonly referred to as soot in the air.

Per the FDEP, fine particles are emitted directly into the air by motor vehicles, forest fires, agricultural burning and industrial combustion processes. In addition, a large portion of PM2.5 is formed by chemical and physical processes in the atmosphere involving emissions of pollutant gases such as sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides.

"Air pollution control programs and

a shift to natural gas power plants have led to lower fine particle levels throughout the state," the FDEP stated. "For example, emissions of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides from Florida's power plants have decreased by nearly 83 percent since 2001, leading to lower PM2.5 concentrations in the air. The department expects this downward trend in both sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides emissions to continue due to the retirement of older power plants and ongoing modernization projects."

In addition, according to the FDEP, PM2.5 emissions from motor vehicles are declining as newer, cleaner cars and trucks replace older, more polluting models on the road. As a result, expectations are that Florida's air quality will remain among the cleanest in the nation for particle pollution, the FDEP stated.

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But with a minimum of at least two presentations scheduled, and judging from the lengthy and often contentious nature of the discussions in the past relative to this issue, this item alone could potentially take up much time.

Then there's a discussion scheduled on the Solid Waste Department, possibly involving a pres-

entation from the department itself relative to the new schedule of fees, as well as the presentation of at least one vendor interested in taking over the solid waste operation and providing door-to-door garbage pickup.

Then there is the issue of the \$4+ million bond that the commission recently approved for the improvement of roads,

with paving the apparent choice of most commissioners. This issue too has proven contentious in the past, and there is no reason it shouldn't continue to prove so in the coming discussion.

Residents who are interested in attending any of these discussions should come prepared for a lengthy stay.

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More tellingly perhaps, Barfield said that Jefferson County needed a representative on the CRTPA board who better represented the commission's point of view.

"We need someone who tracks well with the commission's wishes," Barfield said. "Besides, I think I will do good work on the committee. I truly believe these positions

need to rotate."

Boyd made a last attempt.

"My concern is that one or two commissioners are grabbing all the major posts," he said. "I'm asking you to share these appointments and allow other commissioners a chance."

Boyd's request met with silence.

In other appoint-

ments, Clerk of Court Kirk Reams will continue to represent the county on the North Florida Broadband Authority Board; Commissioner Benny Bishop will be the representative on the North Florida Workforce Development Board; and Commissioner Stephen Walker will be the representative on the State Park and Recreation Board.

CORRECTION:

Santa Visits Eunice Hamilton

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Eunice Hamilton, 101, had a visit at Brynwood Center on December 21, from that jolly old soul himself, Santa Claus, (AKA, Larry Bates).

At 101 years old, she has had 101 visits with Santa.

"I used to go to her house and surprise her," said Bates. She has been at Brynwood for about three years now, and he goes to visit with her every year.

Also at the Center for a visit were Eunice's daughter-in-law Caroline Hamilton, and her granddaughter.

Santa also visited with the other residents at the Center and they enjoyed a Christmas party.



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4-H County Wide Tropicana Public Speaking Winners



4H County Wide Tropicana Public Speaking winner in the 4th and 5th Grade Division, Abby Reams, 1st place for "Feeling the Music".

The 4H Tropicana Public Speaking Contest is designed to give 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students experience in the preparation and delivery of a speech. Typically, there is an Elementary School Competition for 4th and 5th grade students and a Middle School Competition for 6th grade students.

The contest starts at the Classroom Level. 1st through 3rd place winners from each classroom advance to the School Level. 1st through 3rd place winners from each school advance to the County Level, which is coordinated by Jefferson County 4H. Parents, teachers, and friends are encouraged to attend an awards ceremony to support the students.

The 4H County Wide Tropicana Public Speaking program is coordinated and underwritten by Tropicana and administered into the school system by Jefferson County 4H. 4H solicits the direct support and involvement of school administrators and teachers. 4H also works directly with teachers and organizes



4H County Wide Tropicana Public Speaking winner in the 4th and 5th Grade Division, Carl Hall, 3rd place for "My Favorite Actor and His Roles".

the program at the county level. The 4H Tropicana Public Speaking Program meets the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards and Common Core for English Language Arts; Speaking and Listening for grades 4th, 5th, and 6th respectively. This program also assists teachers in helping their students achieve required benchmarks assessed by the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test and Florida Writes.

The following schools participating included Jefferson Elementary School, Aucilla Christian Academy, Jefferson Middle High School and Jefferson Home School Students.

To learn more about 4H County Wide Tropicana Public Speaking program, contact Director John Lilly at 850-342-0187.

4H County Wide Tropicana Public Speaking winners in the 4th and 5th Grade Division were: Abby Reams, 1st place for "Feeling the Music"; Abigail



4H County Wide Tropicana Public Speaking winner in the 4th and 5th Grade Division, Keira Evans, 4th place for "Creep of the Deep".

Boyd, 2nd place for "A Moooving Experience"; Carl Hall, 3rd place for "My Favorite Actor and His Roles"; and Keira Evans, 4th place for "Creep of the Deep".

Participants receiving medallions and certificates were: Courson Brookins for "Baseball"; Aaliyah Martin for "Cabin in the Woods"; Jordan Hildreth for "Therapy Dogs"; Cinnamon Peck for "Respect"; and Zareyah Wiggins for "Me and my Sister Asha".

4H County Wide Tropicana Public Speaking winners in the 6th Grade Division were: Abigail Hildreth, 1st place for "The Biltmore"; Mickayla Courson, 2nd place for "The Color of Friendship"; Olivia Brookins, 3rd place for "Life in our Pecan Grove"; and Tahja Chavis, 4th for "The Secret of Happiness".

Participants receiving medallion and certificates were: Maggie Mall for "Dad and Daddy"; Malcom Larry for "D.C. Comics"; and Carley Ondash for "Fun in the Sun at Mexico Beach".



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Jefferson County Living

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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January 4
Rotary meets at 12 p.m. every Friday at the First Presbyterian Church, in the fellowship hall, for lunch and a meeting with a program and speaker. For questions or comments, contact President Neill Wade at 850-545-4940.

January 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 will be 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. This is a nonprofit charitable organization. For questions or concerns, contact Curtis Morgan at 850-933-8136 or Bobby Connell at 850-445-0049.

January 5
Dixie Community Center is open on Saturday nights for an evening of music and dance with live local band 'Half-N-Half Four' from 7 to 10 p.m. Refreshments and good fellowship are available during intermission. For more information contact Kenneth Price at 1-229-263-7231. DCC is a nonprofit organization.

January 5
Martial Arts classes are held from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturdays in the Memorial Missionary Baptist Church fellowship hall. Contact Diane Hall at 850-264-1195 for more information.

January 5
Upward Sports Basketball and Cheerleading practices will begin the week of January 5, and the first games

will be played on Saturday, January 12. More volunteers are needed to be coaches, referees, and outreach team members. So, encourage involvement from anyone who may be interested. If you would like some brochures to hand out to your friends and acquaintances, or if you have any questions or need more information, contact Coordinator Don Self at 850-342-3225, or 850-933-3311, or ebcym@yahoo.com.

January 6
VFW Post 251 meets 5 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month at the Learning Center on Marvin Street for a meeting. Contact Commander Ned Hill at 850-339-5524 for more information.

January 7
VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post 251 meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month at Memorial MB Church. Contact President Mary Madison at 850-210-7090 for more information.

January 7
Sons Of The American Legion (SAL) meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month in the Otto Walker Post 49 on South Water Street in Monticello. For more information contact District III Commander Buddy Westbrook at 850-997-2973.

January 7
Jefferson County Lions Club Monday Night BINGO at the Capitol City BP Travel Center, in the Big Bend Family Restaurant, 2716 Gamble Road, Lloyd (Interstate 10, Exit 217, Highway 59.) Doors open at 5 p.m., early bird BINGO at 5:30 p.m. and BINGO session at 7:00 p.m. Call 850-997-3538 for directions. JCLC is a non-

profit organization, raising funds for area residents in need. All are welcome to come have fun, play and win! Help the JCLC by contributing to others. One free \$20 Jackpot BINGO card for every eyeglass and nonperishable food item donation! One free \$25 Jackpot BINGO card for every new guest. Contact Lion Jessie at 850-656-8615 for more information.

January 7
Big Bend Hospice Adult Grief Support meets from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month at the BBH Counseling & Resource Center, 1723 Mahan Center Boulevard in Tallahassee. This is a group setting for anyone who has experienced miscarriage, stillbirth or the death of a child two years of age or younger. These sessions are free of charge and provide a safe environment for education, support and compassion. To register, or for more information regarding other services offered by BBH, contact Bereavement Services at 850-878-5310 or 800-772-5862 or www.bigbendhospice.org.

January 7
MainStreet of Monticello, Florida Board Meeting is held at 5 p.m. on the first Monday of every month at the Cherry Street Commons on South Cherry Street. Contact Margie Stern at 850-210-4097 for more information. For more information about the third Monday Main Street Speaker Series contact Anne Holt at 850-997-5110 or ahholt@ahholt.com Come to hear about updates and projects that MainStreet has been working on.

Neill Wade Retires

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After 35 years of service to the state of Florida, Jefferson County Assistant State Attorney Neill Wade, has retired.

He interned with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office in 1973, and was seriously thinking about going into a law enforcement career. "But, my wife at the time did not want to be married to a police officer. So, I had an opportunity to go to law school at Florida State University or the University of Florida. I chose FSU because I was already in Tallahassee. When I graduated, I sent 20 resumes to 20 State Attorney's Offices and was hired.

He started in 1977 with the 20th Circuit in Labelle and then spent a couple of years in Hendry and Glades County. Wade worked in Gadsden County from July 1980-1988. He went to the main office in Tallahassee in 1989 as a felony lawyer and assistant to the special prosecutions attorney.

"I have traveled a lot," said Wade. "From Jacksonville to Pensacola, to Brooksville. I've done a lot of work in Escambia, Okaloosa, and in Santa Rosa from 1989-1999."

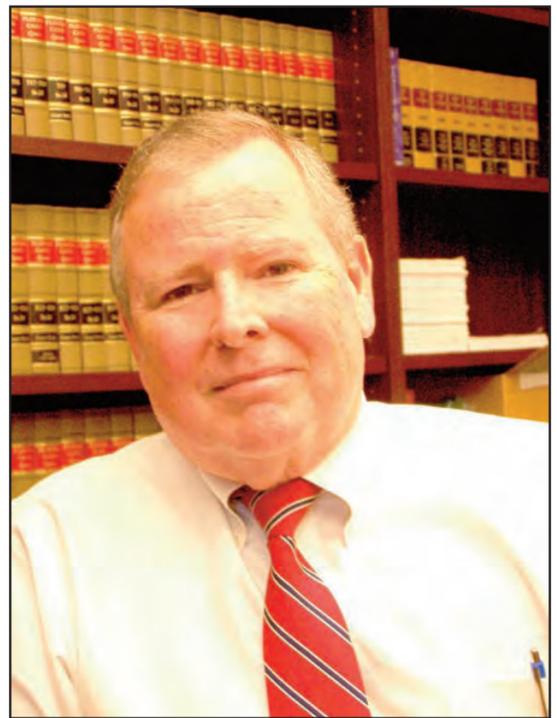
In 1999, he was assigned to the Wakulla office for two years. Then he was assigned back to Tallahassee as the Felony Division Chief, from 2001-2009. On January 1, 2009, he was reassigned to Jefferson County. "That was the best thing that ever happened to me," he said. "I enjoy working in a satellite office. I have spent half of my career running satellite offices." He added that he has always been a prosecuting attorney.

"I enjoy working directly with law enforcement. The job entails teamwork between the attorney and law enforcement. What's really great about Monticello is that two to three times a week I talk to law enforcement. A community has the kind and level of law enforcement that they deserve. Law enforcement reflects the will of that community.

"I have been fortunate here to be able to work with Sheriff (David) Hobbs and Chief (Fred) Mosley. They are very conscientious and committed.

"This is a beautiful community filled with wonderful people," said Wade. "When I was assigned here, it did not take me long to figure out that I've come home. This is a remarkable place to live and work.

"You have to find a job



that you enjoy, and I have. And, I have done something to help protect the community.

"The strangest case I have had, a father a son brought a young man to Florida, and they did so. Then they went back to Iowa. They later came back to retrieve the skull. A man named Skully was having a party at his house, and they were showing off the skull at the party. A man at the party saw the bullet holes in the skull and he snitched. So, they tossed the skull and it went into a ditch. A couple was driving by and thought they may have hit a snake to check to see if the snake was okay, and they found the skull. The son also snitched. He pled and testified at his father's trial. It took six minutes to convict him. Both of them got life."

Over the course of his career, Wade has had 323 felony trials and 49 homicide cases. He handled about seven trials a year. One year while in Wakulla, he handled 24-25 felony trials and one murder trial.

He explained that trials run from one to three days, depending on the severity of the case. Some trials can go for two weeks. But most felony trials take one to two days. "I had one that went for three weeks, but it was a double homicide." He said that the preparation time for each case is at least as much as two to four times as much. In a homicide, the attorney could spend weeks at preparation time. Wade added that over 95 percent of the criminal felony cases are resolved by plea, not by trial. "If you tried them all, it would bankrupt the criminal justice system," he

added.

Wade is very active in civic clubs here. "Rotary has the best sense of commitment of service to the community. In Leon County, I wasn't out of the courthouse long enough to commit to that kind of organization. They service at the local and global level. Rotary actually has a seat at the UN. They have been eradicating polio since 1985, and now, there are only three countries left with cases of polio," said Wade.

"I live in Tallahassee, but I'm going to continue to be involved with Monticello, so I'll be here a good bit. I'm a day citizen of Monticello," he said.

So, what are his plans for retirement? "I'm going to goof off for about six months, travel and play golf, which I'm not good at. I'll be competing in shooting a handgun. I have a lot of first place trophies for that, and some last place trophies. I just got back into pistol competition. I'm going to take a very long, extended vacation, I haven't had one in 35 years," he concluded.

The Jefferson County Utility Coordinating Committee will meet at 9:00 a.m. January 9, 2013, at the Jefferson County Road Dept, 1484 South Jefferson Street

CHURCH NEWS NOTES

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January 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.

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 10
Memorial Missionary Baptist Church will host the Thursday Business Community Prayer Breakfast at 7 a.m., usually held on the first Thursday of each month, for a program and a meal. Serving begins at 6:45 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 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.

January 12
StoryTime Ministry is held from 1 to 2 p.m. every other Saturday at the Jefferson County Bailor Public Library. For more information contact First United Methodist Church Ministry Chairman Barbara Hobbs at 850-523-1813.

January 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 eaglewingsmonticello@yahoo.com or www.firstpresbyterianmonticello.org.

January 25
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.

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.

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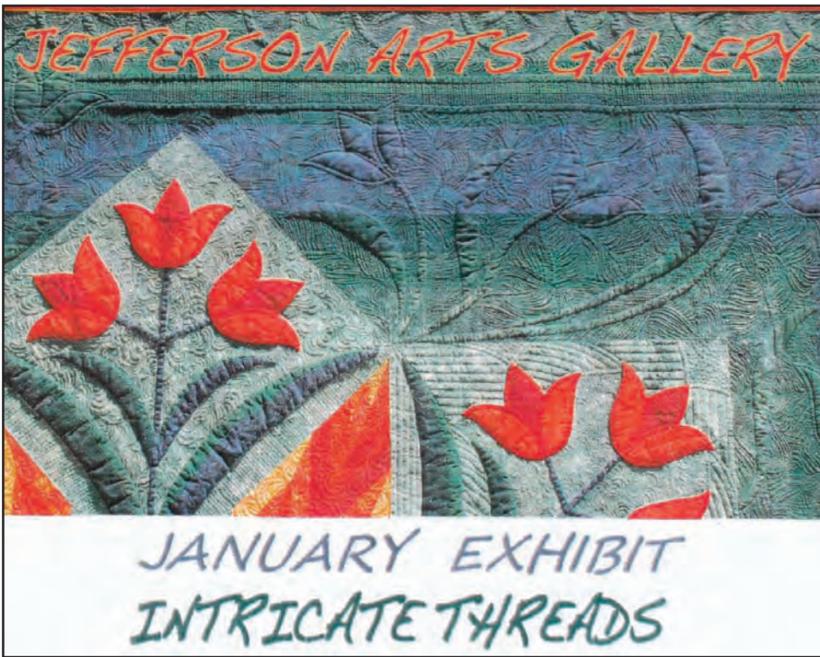
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Intricate Threads At The Arts



The Secret Life Of Dancing Tulips

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The Jefferson Arts will exhibit 'Intricate Threads' in the Gallery, beginning with a reception from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, January 5. The display of fiber and quilts can be viewed by the public through the month of January from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesdays and Satur-

days. Come view 'The Secret Life Of Dancing Tulips,' artwork by local quilter Jeanne Brenner, and others. The Arts is located at 575 West Washington Street in downtown Monticello. For more information about the Arts call 850-997-3311 or go to info@jeffersonarts-gallery.com or www.jeffersonartsgallery.com.

Zumba Fitness Fundraiser January 14



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Altrusa Monticello will host a Zumba Party fundraiser on Monday, January 14 at the American Legion Otto Walker Post 49 on South Water Street in Monticello. The party will begin at 6 p.m.

Ticket cost is just \$10; sold in advance or at the door. This fundraising event is to stock the local food banks with nonperishable food items. Partygoers are encouraged to also bring canned goods to the party. Item suggestions might include canned meats, soups, canned spaghetti, peanut butter, dried beans and rice, dry cereal, and pasta noodles.

For more information about this exciting event contact Andie Jerger at 850-997-1653 or Linda Benedict at 850-997-0137.

American Legion Post 49 Is On A Mission

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American Legion Post 49 is on a mission this holiday season and through the coming year. The Legion and Auxiliary have partnered with anysoldier.com to collect personal and trial size items to send to troops already deployed.

With help from the community, the Legion and Auxiliary can do something good for our United States servicemen and women. Help to collect these following items. You may find that you have a few already:

Travel size shampoo and conditioner, lotions, foot and/or body powder, individually packaged toothbrushes, trial size/small size toothpaste, toilet paper, hand sanitizers, wet wipes, lip balm, sunscreen, individual size snacks, crackers, dried fruit, raisins, nuts, Slim Jims, granola bars, power bars, sunflower seeds, trail mix, gum, hard candies, coffee (ground, vacuum pack or small one pound or smaller cans,) tea bags, canned/easy open tuna, chicken, Vienna sausages, chili, ravioli, spaghetti-O's, soups, stews, ramen noodle soups, and microwavable items.

Puzzle books, card games, handheld games, Nerf footballs, hackey sacks, nail files, pens, pencils, paper, blank cards, and other stationery items, trial and travel size laundry/washing soaps, male and female hygiene products, shaving cream, disposable razors, and band aids are always good items to give.

Now, you may think of more to add to this list



ECB Publishing Photo By Debbie Snapp, December 11, 2012. American Legion Post 49 Ladies Auxiliary members fill care packages for United States soldiers overseas with holiday cards and personal items. Pictured from left to right are: Jane Hand, Debbie Mitchell, Isabelle de Sercey, and Nancy Banks.

and that's okay. Anything will be collected and dispersed. These items can be dropped off at the Wacissa Post Office, in the parking lot, Wednesday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Also, items can be dropped off at the American Legion Hall on Saturdays, after contacting Debbie

Mitchem at 850-997-3860 or 850-997-5456, or blondie32405@aim.com, to make arrangements.

Packages will be posted as they are filled. If you would like to make a monetary donation toward the postage, the cost is about \$14 per box.

Thanking you in advance for your support.

Tiger Reward Store Open



Monique Dawson, case manager for DS Connections, is very much interested in the goals of JCMHS School Counselor Dr. Donna Elizabeth Williams, as her goals involve the students in Jefferson County.

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Jefferson County Middle High School students, staff, and the community welcomed the new Tiger Reward Store during its open house on Thursday, December 20 at the JCMHS. They met with, and were greeted by, JCMHS Counselor Dr. Donna Elizabeth Williams. Williams is responsible for the opening of the store.

The objective of the Jefferson County Middle High School Tiger Reward Store and the TCC 21st Century Parent University are to offer service programs for the learning community. Students, parents, faculty and staff are able to receive appropriate, measurable, and time-limited rewards and support for good deeds and responsible actions.

The store is well-stocked with a bit of everything... from clothing and accessories to candy, and books, jewelry, electronics, CD's, and everything donated by local residents, businesses, teachers, and others concerned about the students and their improvement towards a higher education.

Both the reward store and the parent university support the goals of the 'School Improvement Plan'. The aim is to maximize students' academic proficiency through decreasing time away from the classroom due to behavioral disciplinary actions and strengthen parental involvement. In addition, under the implementation of 'Response to Intervention', the guidance department has targeted specific groups of students in need of positive reinforcement and attention. The implementation for the ventures in the learning community is to reinforce students, parents, and teachers to commit to a standard of excellence.

JCMHS School Counselor Dr. Donna Elizabeth Williams is attempting to offer a wide range of support to all of the stakeholders in the community. She relates that before students can learn effectively, the personal and social challenges that inter-



TCC 21st Century Site Director Shirley Washington, on right, is in partnership with JCMHS School Counselor Dr. Donna Elizabeth Williams especially when it comes to the students in Jefferson County. Volunteer/Donor Jane Hand, on left.

There are many factors that interfere with their learning must be addressed. "It is well documented that serious emotional and behavioral problems have been growing dramatically in schools and throughout the communities, concomitant with the growth of such social problems like violence, gangs, bullying, suicide, child abuse, and substance abuse," she adds. "We can no longer reinforce the academic deficiencies in students without extensive psychological, sociological, and socio-psychological support," she concludes.

To meet the challenges of the Jefferson County learning community, all of the stakeholders need to seek to improve and extend to the children new methods and strategies within the framework of the school improvement plan. As school counselor, Williams is committed to excellence. She needs continued help from the community in order to achieve her goals to her students and to their parents. To make donations to the JCMHS Tiger Reward Store and to commit to her, contact her at the JCMHS at 50 David Road or 850-997-3555x213 or donna.williams@jefferson-schools.org and willdonna@nova.edu.



The JCMHS Tiger Reward Store is open to the discretion of JCMHS School Counselor Dr. Donna Elizabeth Williams, for the students, staff, parents, community volunteers and mentors.

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Menus For January 2013
Jefferson County Schools

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JV Tigers Stand 1-2

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Following the first three games of the season, the Jefferson County junior varsity basketball team now stands 1-2.

November 29, Jefferson hit the hardwood against Godby and the Tigers were skinned for a 49-19 loss.

Godby outscored the JV Tigers in the first quarter, 26-6, and 18-3 in the second quarter. Both teams scored four points in the third quarter, and Jefferson took the fourth quarter, 6-1.

As a team, Jefferson bucketed nine of 18 attempts from the field, missed three attempts from the three-point zone, and netted one of six attempts from the free-throw line for 19 points. They had five assists, eight blocked shots, seven offensive and 30 defensive rebounds for a total of 37 rebounds, with 17 steals, 14 turnovers and 13 personal fouls.

Individually, Travis Addison targeted three of five attempts from the field for six points. He had two blocked shots, three offensive rebounds and five defensive rebounds for a total of eight rebounds, with two steals, and one personal foul.

Gregory Meeks missed one attempt from the field, and had five defensive rebounds.

Maurice Williams netted two of five 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, three defensive rebounds, four steals, three turnovers, and two personal fouls.

Azenda Thompson had five defensive rebounds, three steals, three turnovers, and three personal fouls.



Tarlon Jackson had three assists, four steals, six turnovers, and two personal fouls.

On December 13, the JV Tigers squared off against Lafayette, and Jefferson came out with a 38-33 victory.

Both teams scored eight points in the first quarter, and the Tigers outscored Lafayette, 9-7 in the second quarter. Jefferson skimmed Lafayette, 7-6, in the third quarter, and took the fourth quarter, 14-12.

As a team, the JV Tigers netted 12 of 31 attempts from the field, bucketed three of five attempts from the three-point zone, and sunk five of five attempts from the free-throw line for 38 points. They had two blocked shots, nine offensive and 30 defensive rebounds for a total of 41 rebounds, with 11 steals, 11 turnovers, and eight personal fouls.

Jayshawn Francis netted one of three attempts from the field for two points, and he had two turnovers.

Addison netted two of five attempts from the field, and two of two attempts from the free-throw line for six points. He had two blocked shots, four offensive and six defensive rebounds for a total of 10 rebounds, with two steals,

Leo Russell netted one of four attempts from the field, and missed two attempts from the three-point zone for two points. He had two defensive rebounds, and four turnovers.

Meeks hit one of three attempts from the field, and one attempt from the three-point zone for five points. He had three offensive and nine defensive rebounds for a total of 12 rebounds, with two personal fouls.

Thompson missed three attempts from the field, had five defensive rebounds, two steals, and one personal foul.

Jackson missed three attempts from the field, and netted two of two attempts from the three-point zone for six points. He had two defensive rebounds, three steals, two turnovers, and two personal fouls.

Williams targeted seven of 10 attempts from the field, and three of three attempts from the free-throw line for 17 points. He had two offensive and six defensive rebounds for a total of eight rebounds, with two steals, and one personal foul.

On December 15, the JV Tigers took on Taylor County, and the Tigers

were caged for a 52-27 loss.

Jefferson skimmed Taylor 7-6 in the first quarter, and Taylor took the second quarter, 17-5. Taylor conquered the third quarter, 14-2 and took the fourth quarter, 15-13.

As a team, the JV Tigers netted seven of 22 attempts from the field, two of seven attempts from the three-point zone, and bucketed seven of seven attempts from the free-throw line for 27 points. They had 12 offensive and 24 defensive rebounds for a total of 36 rebounds, with two assists, one blocked shot, 17 steals, 11 turnovers, and 20 personal fouls.

Individually, Thompson netted one of three attempts from the field, and missed one attempt from the three-point zone for two points. He had two offensive and three defensive rebounds for a total of five rebounds, with two steals, two turnovers and five personal fouls.

Jackson bucketed three of five attempts from the field, and one of two attempts from the three-point zone for nine points. He had two defensive rebounds, four steals, two turnovers, and one personal foul.

Williams hit two of six attempts from the field, missed one attempt from the three-point zone, and netted four of five attempts from the free-throw line for eight points. He had five offensive and seven defensive rebounds for a total of 12 rebounds, with two assists, one blocked shot, five steals, two turnovers, and five personal fouls.

Keandre Allen had two defensive rebounds, two steals, and two personal fouls.

Francis hit one of two attempts from the three-point zone for three points. He had two defensive rebounds, one steal, and three turnovers.

Addison bucketed one of three attempts from the field for two points. He had three offensive and four defensive rebounds for a total of seven rebounds, with one steal, and three turnovers.

Russell missed three attempts from the field, had two turnovers, and one personal foul.

Meeks missed two attempts from the field, missed one attempt from the three-point zone, and netted three of three attempts from the free-throw line for three points. He had two offensive and six defensive rebounds for a total of eight rebounds, with two steals and one personal foul.

Whittington Shoots First Deer



Jacob Whittington shot his first deer this passed season, an eight-point buck. He is the 14-year-old son of Elaine and Gregory Whittington, and the grandson of Mildred and Sut Wimberly of Monticello and Betty Wilkinson, also of Monticello.

Follow 'Rule Of Halves' In Managing For Turkeys

TONY YOUNG

Whether you oversee a large tract of land or own a smaller parcel, there are many wildlife management techniques you can use to help attract and keep wild turkeys on your property.

Wild turkeys, like deer, are "edge species," because of their need for more than one type of habitat. Most of the time, with large tracts of land, this isn't a problem because the vast landscape is diverse enough. But in the case of small-acreage, one-habitat properties, it's up to you as the landowner to create varied, preferred habitats if you expect turkeys to use the property.

For optimal turkey habitat, most experts believe a "rule of halves" should be applied to the landscape. What that means is that half of the area (and if you own a small tract, then include surrounding properties) should be in mature forests and the other half in early-succession openings, such as fields or clear-cut and plantation-cut landscapes.

To create even better and more varied habitats for turkeys, you should offer differing age classes of forests and early-succession areas – and make prescribed burning a big part of your management plan. This will enable new growth of succulent, woody ornamentals, native grasses and weedy-type flowers.

Hardwood lowlands provide travel corridors that turkeys and deer use extensively and feel comfortable moving through. Most wild turkeys prefer to roost in trees over or near water, so it's important to leave these areas undisturbed and free from timbering.

Buffer strips of native grasses and woody ornamentals should be left unmowed where clear-cut areas meet pine or hardwood forests. Hens require this thick understory cover for nesting.

In Florida, most hens begin laying their eggs in late March or early April and the eggs take about 25 days to hatch, so take care not to burn or mow through August. After hatching, poults will roost on the ground for the first 14 days, and during this period, approximately 70 percent of these young birds won't survive, primarily because of predation from raccoons, hawks, coyotes, foxes and bobcats.

Attempts to control these predators are usually ineffective and economically unfeasible, so your efforts are better spent creating and maintaining good-quality brood habitat.

Good brood habitat should hold food in the form of seeds, insects and tender, new-growth vegetation for young poults to feed upon throughout the summer. It should consist of 1- to 3-foot-tall grass and weeds open enough to enable the young poults to move about, yet dense enough to provide cover from the above-mentioned predators.

There is great interest nationally in the planting of food plots for wildlife, including for turkeys. Within extensive closed-canopy forested areas, food plots and/or game feeders are essential to keeping turkeys on your property. Where an open forest structure is maintained by adequate timber thinning and the use of fire, such supplemental feeding is not as necessary because there is enough natural browse vegetation on which game can feed.

On very large tracts of land, sufficient supplemental feeding can be quite expensive. In these cases, proper use of burning

and timber-thinning management are more economical ways of providing food for turkeys and other wildlife.

Food plots, though, are a lot more cost-effective at feeding game than using feeders on moderate-sized pieces of property. In cases of smaller tracts, perhaps where food plots can't be utilized because the landscape is all lowland and you have a closed canopy, game feeders filled with corn or soybeans are your only option for attracting turkeys.

When thinking about good food plot sites, avoid excessively wet or dry areas, and don't place them along heavily used roads to minimize disturbance and possible poaching.

Look to create these openings along an edge where upland pines meet a hardwood drain. This way, you'll have an area where three separate habitats converge. Keep in mind that it is recommended that 2 percent to 3 percent of the land should be in these permanent openings.

The best food plots are long and narrow rectangular shapes that follow the contour of the land. When possible, create food plots where the length (longest part) runs east to west. That way, the planted crops will receive the most direct sunlight.

In the fall, cereal grains like wheat, oats and rye can be planted along with Austrian winter peas, clover and brassicas like turnips, rape and kale. Except for clover, these crops grow well in most of Florida.

Clover requires a higher soil pH – between 6.5 and 7 – and it often won't grow in the sandy soils that make up most of our state, unless you apply enough lime to bring the pH level up. In the northern-tiered counties that border Alabama and Georgia, the soil is richer with red clay, and several varieties of clover and other legumes will grow well there.

All of the above-mentioned cool-season forages can be planted by "broadcast" method after Oct. 1. At least twice as much fertilizer should be applied. Slightly cover the seed by pulling a drag over it, and try to put your crop in the ground when the soil is holding some moisture and rain is in the forecast.

In the spring after May 1, you can plow under your "browned-up" fall crop and replace it with any combination of soybeans, cowpeas, browntop millet, sorghum or peanuts. If you can afford it, turkeys are especially fond of chufa. That, along with the other warm-season forages, can be broadcast and planted just like the cool-weather crops.

Hopefully, using some or all of these wildlife-management practices will help bring in turkeys and increase your property's carrying capacity for birds. If you need assistance, contact the FWC's Landowner Assistance Program, the National Wild Turkey Federation, Natural Resources Conservation Service or your county agricultural extension agent. Here's wishing you luck obtaining your management goals and objectives.

Tony Young has many years of experience managing turkeys, deer and timber on private properties in the Panhandle. He's an avid turkey hunter, and before he was the media relations coordinator for the FWC's Division of Hunting and Game Management, he worked seven years for the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

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Tuesday, January 8 1:45 AM *7:55 AM 2:05 PM *8:25 PM	Wednesday, January 9 2:50 AM *8:50 AM 3:10 PM *9:20 PM	Thursday, January 10 3:30 AM *9:50 PM 4:10 PM *10:30 PM	Friday, January 11 4:40 AM *10:40 AM 4:55 PM *11:20 PM

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THE JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL HOLD A WORKSHOP ON JANUARY 8TH AT 3 PM AT THE ANNEX TO DISCUSS THE MINE/DAGLINE AND RELATED ROAD SCENARIOS, AS WELL AS SOLID WASTE SERVICES PROPOSALS. 1/4/13

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