

School District Gets New Finance Officer

(Appointment Doesn't Go Unchallenged)

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After some four months without a chief financial officer, the Jefferson County School District now has a new CFO. He is Robert Lloyd, formerly of the Dougherty County School System (DCSS) in Albany, GA.

The Jefferson County School Board confirmed Lloyd's appointment on Monday evening, July 14. The confirmation wasn't unanimous nor without controversy, however.

Voting against approval of Lloyd's appointment were School Board Members Shirley Washington and Sandra Saunders, who raised questions about Lloyd's credentials and the higher salary he is scheduled to receive.

School Superintendent Al Cooksey introduced Lloyd, describing him as the best of four candidates to apply for the position, as determined by the selection process. Cooksey wasn't above injecting a sense of urgency into the appointment, saying that after four months without a CFO, the school district's reserve had dropped from 14 to six percent.

"We could be trouble," Cooksey said. "We need to move on this tonight."

Washington immediately challenged the proposed salary, citing a School Board policy that she said dictated that no person should be hired above Level 10. Lloyd's proposed salary, she noted, was a Level 12, or \$80,910 annually — \$2,010 more than the former CFO's salary.

"My concern is that we pay attention to policy when it comes to some things and we don't pay attention to policy when it comes to other things," Washington said, voicing a familiar criticism.

What's more, she said, the job advertisement called for a master's degree, which the candidate didn't possess. Instead, Lloyd had



Photo courtesy of Angela Gray, Jan. 14, 2013
School Board Member Sandra Saunders presents Superintendent Al Cooksey with a \$300 check for the school district, compliments of a Tallahassee sorority that annually contributes the money in memory and honor of the late Beverly Sloan, a longtime Jefferson County School Board member.

submitted a Georgia Support Personnel License as an equivalent, she said. How did the district go about determining if this license was indeed an equivalent? Washington asked.

More to the point, she said, was it fair to the other job applicants who had applied and possessed masters?

"If we advertise for one thing and hire for another, we got a problem," Washington said.

She questioned Lloyd's alleged statement that he was taking a \$20,000 cut to come here.

"You've got to face reality," Washington said. "I don't know who would give up \$20,000 to come here."

Lastly, she expressed concern over Lloyd's alleged demotion at his previous job, noting that in May of last year, DCSS Superintendent Joshua Murfree had downgraded Lloyd from Director of Business and Finance to Director of Supply and Services. Lloyd's name, moreover, didn't appear on the DCSS's 2013 organizational chart, she said.

"In 2012, they changed your title," Washington said. "That's a demotion."

Saunders also questioned the proposed salary, especially in light of Cooksey's assertion that the district's reserve had dropped to six percent. She noted that the last the board had heard about the reserve a little more than a month ago, it had been at 14 percent. When and how had it dropped so dramatically? Saunders asked.

"Can anybody tell me?" Saunders said. "If nobody can tell me, that scares me. If we're spending money and we don't even know where we are, that's scary."

She said she also had a concern about the additional \$2,010 being offered the new CFO, especially in light of the opposition the previous month to giving personnel in the finance office more than a \$500 bonus because of budgetary constraints.

Cooksey responded that the policy Washington had quoted applied to teachers, not non-teaching personnel. Lloyd, he said, had 12 years of experience in finances. And bottom line, the district needed his expertise.

"We've got to have him because right now, we don't know where the money is," Cooksey said. "He sees Jefferson County as a challenge, and Jefferson County is a challenge."

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Survey Asks Residents To Identify Road Preferences

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County residents living off dirt roads by now no doubt have received a mailout from a group identifying itself as the Road Survey Task Force and asking the addressees to complete an attached survey on road surface preference.

Troy Avera, designated spokesman for the group, said on Wednesday that roughly 2,000 surveys had been mailed the previous week. He said between 15 and 20 percent had been returned so far, which preliminary findings he would report to the Jefferson County Commission on Thursday evening, Jan. 17.

Avera said the group had no preconceived notions. He said the intent was simply to gather residents' preferences relative to road surfaces. Once the final results were tabulated, the findings would be presented to the commission, he said.

Avera shared a copy of the mailout with the *Jefferson Journal*. One thing is clear: residents who read the four-page printout will get a mini-education on roads, complete with photos, maintenance and upgrade costs, and advantages and disadvantages of the different types of road surfaces, among other information.

The survey specifically focuses on three types of roads: dirt, stabilized all-weather limerock surfaces (SAWLS), and paved.

In its interior, the foldout lists the county's numerous dirt roads, along with the length, number of homesteads, residential density and individual cost of upgrade for each. The list identifies with asterisks the approximately 40 miles of dirt roads that the commission has more or less committed to paving with the \$4.5 million that it recently borrowed for road improvement projects.

States the survey in part: "Most rural transportation planners look first at traffic counts before deciding what roads should be paved. A common 'rule-of-thumb' is that a road should have an average of 400 to 500 vehicle trips per day before it is economically justifiable to pave that road."

"No Jefferson County dirt road approaches those levels of traffic. Recent counts on the roads targeted for improvement show daily traffic counts of 24 to 140 vehicles. So paving is a matter of conveniences, not a matter of necessity (italics in original) though the commission is committed to a paving program."

Anyone familiar with Commissioner Hines Boyd's views and his arguments in favor of road improvement methods other than simply paving will no doubt see his hand in the survey, and Boyd doesn't deny his involvement in the effort. But he and the other committee members say the

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Brooke Kinsey Signs With Wallace State



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Flanked by her parents Melissa and Edwin Kinsey, MCHS senior Brooke Kinsey (center, seated at table) signs the two-year scholarship contract to play softball for Wallace State Community College. Standing behind them is WSCC Head Softball Coach Jayne Clem.

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With a big smile, a few tears, a little humor, and many, many words of thanks for family, friends, teammates, coaches, teachers, and "everyone who made this day possible," 17-year-old Madison County High School senior, and Monticello resident, Brooke Kinsey prepared to sign a two-year scholarship to play softball at Wallace State Community College in

Hanceville, Alabama. Her thanks extended most especially to her "Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, for giving me the ability to play softball."

Her father, Edwin Kinsey, who is also her high school softball coach, her mother, Melissa Kinsey, and Coach Jayne Clem of WSCC, looked on and smiled as Kinsey briefly shared her love of the sport, beginning with her T-ball days at age five or six, and her memories of

being coached all those years by her dad, who would soon be her former coach.

"I know this will be my last year playing for you," she said as she smiled and wiped away tears. "I'll miss you yelling at me at the top of your lungs."

Her father also spoke briefly, describing the recruiting process that had begun about 18 months ago, when he urged his daughter to begin contacting college softball coaches. It had eventually led to driving several hours to Hanceville in northern Alabama to meet with Head Softball Coach Jayne Clem.

"She's been wanting to be a Lion for about a year, or a year-and-a-half now," he said.

Clem also shared a few words, beginning with how her interest was peaked by a Florida girl wanting to come to north Alabama, and how impressed she was by Kinsey's ability when the latter visited the college campus with her parents.

"We've never had a Florida girl before, and now this year, we have five," she said. "Hopefully, that's the start of a new tradition."

Director Says Small Business Program Continues Growing

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Dr. Dallas Garrett, director of the Jefferson County Small Business Development Program, reported to the Monticello City Council last week that since its start some eight months ago, the program continues growing.

"At that time, no one had any idea how many people would step forward for assistance with an existing business or a new business," Dr. Garrett told the council on Tuesday evening, Jan. 8.

He said program presently had 140 clients — doubled the number that his previous program in Virginia had attracted during its first eight months.

Dr. Garrett described the makeup of his clients as 57 existing businesses and 83 individuals with ideas for businesses.

To date, he said, 13 businesses had been funded to the tune of more than \$800,000, and 23 jobs had been created.

He estimated the financial impact of the 23 jobs on the community to be \$2.3 million annually.

Dr. Garrett said 31 business plans had been completed thus far and 15 were out for funding. He said 10 clients were working with him to improve their credit scores so they could become eligible for funding.

"The funding hasn't been easy," Dr. Garrett said. "I've had to rely on private funding."

He said most clients who came to him had a specific business in mind and a potential location selected. He repeated that on average, it took three months to complete a business plan and four to six weeks to secure funding. Only 32 percent of people actually followed through with the process, he said.

Dr. Garrett promised that a dramatic change would be coming to the downtown area in the next six months, but declined to

say what the change might be.

"But it's moving forward," he said.

Among the people whom Dr. Garrett reports having helped with the development of their business plans are Cetta Barnhart, Bessie and Washington Gallon, Matthew Simpson, Bobby Floyd, Charlie and David Ward, and Allen Baasch.

Dr. Garrett, by his own telling, came to Jefferson County to retire, following a long and varied career that included farming; teaching high school drafting, machine shop, welding and electronics; coaching high school basketball and baseball; and teaching computer-aided design and computer numerical control at a community college.

Additionally, he says, the college made him responsible for a business incubator program that took students through the process of prototype development, business plan development and the acquisition of funding for the development of their ideas.

"From these experiences, I was selected as a community college dean in Ohio, Illinois, Florida, North Carolina and then as vice president at another community college in Ohio," Dr. Garrett says.

His programs, it has been reported, have won numerous state and national awards for quality.

"When I arrived at each of these community colleges I found that they were making serious programming errors thinking that their primary job was to develop two-year programs, when in fact 80% to 90% of their students were seeking short-term certificate programs," Dr. Garrett says.

Under his guidance, he says each of the colleges thereafter developed advanced technology centers with business incubators.

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School District To Revise Purchasing Bidding Policy

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The Jefferson County School Board on Monday evening, Jan. 14, approved for advertisement a proposed revision of its purchasing policy, relative to the cap for the mandatory solicitation of quotes and bids.

Transportation and Facilities Supervisor Freddie Hightower requested the change, arguing that it was becoming extremely difficult to obtain supplies and services under the current \$5,000 cap.

"In researching how other districts in the state have constructed their purchasing and bidding policy, the district finds that they are operating with a \$15,000 threshold before obtaining quotes," Hightower wrote in his request to the board.

He asked that the board likewise raise the cap here to \$15,000.

Hightower said it was virtually impossible get anything done nowadays without exceeding the \$5,000 cap, necessitating the board's approval. Which requirement slowed the process, he said. Yet there were situations that, if not exactly of an emergency nature, still required a rapid resolution, he said.

Hightower said the proposed revisions also put more emphasis on the purchase of goods and services locally whenever possible.

The specific language of the revised policy on the latter point states: "The School Board is committed to the active pursuit and solicitation of maximum vendor response and participation, and it will make

every effort to support (the) local economy."

The only other change is a strikeout of the figure \$5,000 and its replacement with the number \$15,000.

Otherwise, the policy remains unchanged. It requires, for example, that quotes be requested and that the School Board approve any purchase that exceeds \$15,000 but that is less than \$25,000.

It also requires that the School Superintendent and staff assure that all purchased materials conform to standards and specification that ensure maximization of their values; and that formal bids be sought for purchases that exceeds \$25,000, unless the item is purchased from a state contract or is otherwise exempted from bidding law for reasons enumerated in the policy.

Jefferson County Living



Letters To The Editor

Letters to the Editor are typed word for word, comma for comma, as sent to this newspaper - All submitted Letters must be 600 words or less -

Support The John Birch Society and the NRA's Efforts

Hooray for the John Birch Society and the National Rifle Association (NRA) for demanding that our school teachers be armed to protect our children by using their U.S. Constitutional gun rights and armed guards. If the teachers had been routinely armed in the past decades, it's obvious that the killings and the

casualties would have been reduced by at least 90%. However, our leaders and the police wouldn't allow our teachers to be armed and by doing so they have directly violated our Constitution that they have sworn to uphold and facilitated the horrible death and destruction. They should be investigated and prosecuted

for such acts against our children. We should support the John Birch Society and the NRA in their efforts to arm our teachers and protect our children, and if the teachers bring their own guns, it will cost nothing.

Sincerely,
Ed Nemecheck

County Health Fair

DEBBIE SNAPP
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Florida State University College of Medicine and the Florida State University College of Nursing will host its annual Jefferson County Health Fair on Saturday, January 19, at Christ Episcopal Church, in the Parrish Hall. The event will begin at 9 a.m. and the fun and games

will continue until 1 p.m. Come enjoy a healthy day of blood pressure readings, blood glucose readings, and learning about exercise and nutrition. Pick up some smoking cessation information. There will be lots of children's activities, raffles, prizes, and giveaways.



The church is located at 425 North Cherry Street in Monticello.

Thank You For Saving My Life!

I want to thank the Angel (she would not give me her name) that saved my life last Friday when I was having an asthma attack. You were so gentle and

kind and took such good care of me. You will always be in my prayers. God Bless you always.

Linda Henry

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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Tiffany Mathis, 26, of Homestead, FL, was arrested January 8 and charged with writ of attachment. Bond was set at \$500 and she remained at the County Jail January 17.

Amanda Terese Bewick, 37, of Jefferson County, was arrested January 11 and charged with grand theft. Bond was set at \$2,500 and she bonded out of jail the same day.

Jarvaris Morris, 21, of Monticello, was arrested January 11 on an outstanding county warrant for his arrest, charging him with burglary of a structure and petit theft. A total bond of \$2,500 was set and he bonded out of jail the following day.

William Eric Binder, driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Bond was set at \$500 and he bonded out of jail the following day.

Shatay Renee Fishburn, 22, of Jefferson County, was arrested January 12 and charged with two counts of violation of probation on the charge of sale/possession of a controlled substance. She was released on her own recognizance the same day.

Antuwan Devon Huggins, 25, of Tampa, FL, was arrested January 14 and charged with violation of probation on the charge of resisting an officer with violence; violation of probation on the charge of burglary of a dwelling; and violation of probation on the charge of grand theft. Bond was withheld and he remained at the County Jail January 17.

Dee Counts Speaks To Kiwanis



Dee Counts was the guest speaker at the January 2, 2013, meeting of the Monticello Kiwanis Club. She shared some remarkable stories from the founding of Jefferson County back in the early 1800s. The Kiwanis Club meets at noon on Wednesdays at the Jefferson Country Club.

Funderburke Earns Marine Title

Marine Corps Pfc. Connor E. Funderburke earned the title of United States Marine after graduating from recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, in Parris Island, SC.

For 13 weeks, Funderburke stayed committed during some of the world's most demanding entry-level military training in order to be transformed from civilian to Marine instilled with pride, discipline and the core values of honor, discipline and the core values of honor, courage and commitment. Training subjects included close-order drill, marksmanship with an M-16A4

rifle, physical fitness, martial arts, swimming, military history, customs, and courtesies.

One week prior to graduation, Funderburke endured The Crucible, a 54-hour final test of recruits' minds and bodies. Upon completion, recruits are presented the Marine Corps emblem and called Marines for the first time.

Funderburke is a 2012 graduate of Lincoln High School of Tallahassee, Florida, and the son of Adrienne Funderburke of Monticello, Florida, and Gerald W. Funderburke, of Tallahassee.

Bueschel Graduates FSU



Marisa Bueschel graduated on the Florida State University Dean's List, December 14, 2012, with a Bachelor of Arts degree, with majors in English Literature, History and an Education minor.

She is the daughter of Kathy Bueschel and Richard Bueschel of Monticello, FL and is the sister of Cory Bueschel, also of Monticello.

33rd Annual MLK Celebration, January 21

The 33rd annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. parade is slated for Monday January 21 at 11 a.m., and the Jefferson County Retired Educators Association (JCREA) has been named as this year's parade grand marshals.

The MLK Jr. parade committee and members are proud and thank all of the participants in the past, as they celebrate this year.

MLK Jr. activities continue to grow and improve in quality and content since its inception from the symbolic march in 1982, when it paraded from the former Jefferson County Day Care Center (Old Howard Academy), to the Jefferson County Recreation Park.

This is the fourth anniversary of events at the MLK Center, following the parade.

Additional parade concerns: Lineup is at 10:30 a.m. Participants are requested to be in your place and ready to move out promptly at 11 a.m. Lineup begins just south of Capital City Bank and ends in from of the Winn Dixie shopping center. The parade route is the same as last year.

In conjunction to celebrating the life and legacy of Dr. King, there will be a memorial service on Sunday, January 20 at the MLK Jr. Center, located at 2014 First Street, east of the former Howard Academy High/Middle School. The service begins at 3 p.m. The speaker of the hour is Reverend Tisdale and his congregation of the St. Phillips AME Church. Presiding the

program will be Gwenith Parrish.

Erma Morris will bring greetings and the occasion. Mary Madison will reflect on the left, legacy, and contributions of Dr. King.

Jefferson County Constitutional Officers; Property Appraiser Angela Gray; Tax Collector Lois Hunter; Judge Robert "Bobby" Plaines; Superintendent of Schools Al "Pee Wee" Cooksey; Sheriff David Hobbs; and Clerk of Court Kirk Reams, will receive love offerings.

The public is invited to attend these activities. Parade entrance is free and vendors' booth fees vary according to size. Call event coordinators or the president at (850) 997-3760, for parade or vendor information, or Mary Madison, event reporter at (850) 210-7090.

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"Where is the challenge?" Washington asked.

"We don't know where the money is, that's the challenge," Cooksey said. "We need a CFO and we need him today."

"Teachers haven't had a raise in five years," Washington countered. "Yet we're starting someone without a master's degree at \$80,910."

"This is where other surrounding counties are in terms of salaries," Cooksey said. "We don't have time to do on-the-job training."

He noted that the district had expended close to \$25,000 during the last two years to have an outside consultant do what he said the previous CFO should have done. That wouldn't happen with a qualified CFO in place, Cooksey said.

What's more, Lloyd had been vetted through the process and his selection was the recommendation of Dr. Melvin Roberts, the human resource officer, Cooksey said. If the board wasn't going to follow the staffs' recommendations, there was no point having these departments, he said.

Dr. Roberts vouched for Lloyd's credentials, saying they were not in question. He said he had checked with five people at the DCSS and all five had vouched for Lloyd's qualifications, including the superintendent.

In fact, Dr. Roberts said, he had specifically asked Murfree why the latter had changed Lloyd's title.

"He said he (Lloyd) was moved to address a trouble area," Dr. Roberts said. "It had nothing to do with his work."

It must be pointed out, however, that all Albany news accounts of the time consistently characterized the change as a demotion and indicated that it came amidst a \$9.6 million budget shortfall and fallout from a state investigation finding that some district teaching staff may have engaged in cheating on Georgia's equivalent of the FCAT, among other turmoil.

Dr. Roberts went on to say that the Florida Department of Education considered the acceptance of equivalent credentials a common and acceptable practice. If the board insisted on specific validation of Lloyd's credentials, however, it could pay a Miami-based company a fee to ascertain the validity of the equivalency, he said.

School Board Chairman Charles Boland cut the discussion short, noting that personnel was the superintendent's prerogative and the board really didn't have authority to question or challenge his recommendation. With that, Boland called for a vote over Washington's objections.

The matter didn't stop there, however; Washington raised the issue of the board's inconsistent application of its policies twice after relative to other issues. And School Board Member Phil Barker returned to the theme of inconsistency at the meeting's conclusion.

Speaking specifically to Washington's charge of policy inconsistency relative to Lloyd's appointment, Barker referred to the policy Washington had cited, titled "Control factors for administrative/management and supervisory personnel salary schedule."

Barker said he would hate for citizens attending the meeting or reading about the matter in the newspaper to get the impression that the School Board applied its policies inconsistently. He argued that the cited policy applied specifically to teachers, not to non-teaching personnel — a point Washington adamantly disputed.

The issue came down to one of interpretation, or in Washington's view, "of comprehension," relative to the meaning of policy language, particularly in reference to the intent of the very last sentence of the first paragraph. It was Barker's interpretation that the sentence applied specifically to teachers, whereas Washington insisted on a broader application.

Here is the paragraph, so readers can decide for themselves.

"Unless otherwise recommended by the Superintendent, all persons being placed on the schedule for the first time will be assigned to Level 1 for the pay grade appropriate to their position. The Superintendent may assign placement above Level 1 subject to School Board approval to (a) ensure that one who is a teacher in the district will not receive a 'pay cut' when compared to their teaching salary projected for 12 months, or (b) provide an added incentive in recruiting and retaining a person with critically needed skills and experiences. Under no circumstances will a person being placed on the schedule for the first time be placed above Level 10."

Survey

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survey is a genuine and objective attempt to gauge residents' preferences — data that can figure into the commission's decision-making when it comes to expenditure of the \$4.5 million bond money.

The Road Survey Task Force urges residents who have received the survey to respond, as only then will their input enter into the road improvement considerations. The issue, in fact, is set for a 4 p.m. workshop on Tuesday, Jan. 22, in the courthouse annex.

"This survey is a chance to make your wishes and opinions known," the survey's introduction states. "Of course, there is far too much work and not nearly enough money to improve everyone's road. So the commission will have to prioritize those needs. This survey information should be very helpful in establishing those priorities."

It further urges residents to register their comments and opinions with their respective elected officials.

Small Business

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Upon his retirement from education, Dr. Garrett reports opening a manufacturing company and almost immediately being offered an opportunity to become the technology transfer center for composites by the U.S. Navy in Columbia, SC.

"Within the manufacturing facility, I opened a business incubator to assist clients with composite product ideas," he says.

And then again, upon his retirement from manufacturing and his move to the mountains of Virginia, Dr. Garrett says he was quickly recruited to help create businesses and jobs opportunities in the re-

gion. "I worked as a consultant for a year and was then hired full-time to be the small business developer at the Crossroads Institute in Galax, VA.," Dr. Garrett says.

Within a six-year period, he says, the center helped secure \$44.9 million for 181 businesses, resulting in the creation of 831 jobs.

Also during the same period, he says, the program grew from a one-man operation to a staff of seven, and he was recognized as the best business developer in a 13 state region and then as the best business developer in Virginia.

Obituaries

REV. DOYLE DAVIS

Rev. Doyle Davis passed away peacefully at Big Bend Hospice on Wednesday, January 16, 2013.

He was born the first son of Ben and Bessie Davis of Medicine Mount, TX where he grew up in the area and attended High Point School in Childress TX. After school he enlisted in the United States Army in 1943. During his service he served in the Normandy Campaign in France, Italy and North Africa. While there he received two Bronze Stars and the Purple Heart.

After recovering from his last injuries from Belgium, he was discharged from the Army, he returned to his home in Texas.

He began seminary at Arlington Baptist Seminary in 1948. He married Joann Dobbs in 1949 while attending the seminary.

In 1953 he moved to Walters, OK and began pastoring at Bible Baptist Church.

After thirteen years of service he was called to be the Pastor at Calvary Baptist Church in Monticello FL in 1968 and remained there until 1978.

He moved with the family to Havana, FL and began serving at Gadsden Christian Academy. While there was called to be the Interim Pastor at White Primitive Baptist Church in Woodville FL where he pastored for fourteen years.

After retiring as a full time minister he and his wife began to serve the Lord as a song leader. The rest of his time was spent visiting friends that were sick and in the hospital.

He survived by two sons, Doyle D. Davis from Amarillo, TX and Kenneth L. Davis from Tallahassee; sisters, Juanita Lumpkin, Bernice Webster, Margaret Moore and Patsy Dean Cribbs; grandchildren, Kathy Barfield, Cynthia Wright, Lindsey Reed and Katlyn and Carly Davis; and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services with Military Honors will be held 2:00 p.m., Sunday, January 20, 2013 at Southwood Baptist Church with burial at New Hope Church Cemetery. Family will receive friends from 4 until 6:00 p.m., Saturday at Beggs Funeral Home, 3322 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, FL.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Lighthouse Children's Home, 7771 Mahan Dr., Tallahassee, FL. 32309.



HENRY LEE "CHICK" HOWELL, SR.

Henry Lee "Chick" Howell, Sr., 82, of Monticello, went to rest in the arms of his Lord and Savior on Saturday, January 12, 2013.

Funeral services are 1 p.m. Saturday at Greater Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church with burial at Byrd Cemetery. Viewing-visitation is 3-7 p.m. Friday at TILLMAN OF MONTICELLO. Prior to retiring, he had been a logger, mechanic and tire technician. A member of Welaunee Missionary Baptist Church, he was also an avid outdoors-man who enjoyed horses, motorcycles, hunting and fast cars. Forever cherishing his love and memory are his former wife, devoted friend and caretaker, Betty Mack-Howell; his four loving children: Henry Lee Howell, Jr., Nathaniel (Sandra) Howell, Lois (Monroe) Howell-Hunter and Barbara (Girona) Howell; 10 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Dave Zeigler and Sylvester (JoAn) Zeigler; four sisters, Sallie Mae Gibson, Celia Mae Townsend, Rosa Scott and Mattie Pearl (John) Jackson; and a host of in-laws, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Chick was preceded in death by his daughter, Kaye Howell-Stephens; brothers, Sam Howell, Frank and Will Zeigler; and a sister, Hester Oliver.

ISIAH SCOTT, JR.

Isiah Scott, Jr., 74, of Monticello, FL departed this earthly life on Friday, January 11, 2013. Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at Union Bethel A.M.E. Church with burial at Bolen Community Cemetery. Viewing-visitation is 3-7 p.m. Friday at TILLMAN OF MONTICELLO. A self-employed handyman, "Jr." was a lifelong Jefferson County resident. Mourning Jr.'s passing are his sisters, Queenie Udell, Geneva Smith, Lois (James) Glenn, Doris (Joseph) Jacobs and Jeroline Saulsberry; brothers, Robert Scott, Willie James (Dorothy) Scott, Benjamin ("BJ" Scott and Ben (Alene) Johnson; along with numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He was predeceased by his parents, Rev. Isiah, Sr. and Mrs. Alneater Hogan Scott; sister, Carrie Thomas and brothers, Sidney, Isaac and David Scott.

VIRGINIA S. SAGAR

Virginia S. Sagar passed away on Friday, December 28, 2012 in Tallahassee, FL. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date at the Rosehill Cemetery in Evanston, IL.

Virginia was a native of Evanston, IL. and was a longtime resident of Tallahassee. She lived at the Cherry Laurel Independent Living Community.

She was a homemaker. She graduated from the University of Texas in 1944. She attended the Lafayette Presbyterian Church and was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

She is survived by her children Susan S. Waters of Monticello, FL and Leslie Sagar of Keller, TX; her granddaughters Leslie S Anderson (Mike.) of Perry, FL., Mary Kate Swann, of Orlando, FL., Jennifer Sagar and Jessica Sagar, of San Diego, CA.; and her daughter-in-law Adele Sagar, of El Paso, TX.

Fairchild Funeral Home is handling the arrangements for the family.



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Special Guest Speaker Bill Glass and Gospel Concert Mark Honey Lake Church's Inaugural Service



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Bob Williamson, owner of Honey Lake Plantation, stands at the front door of the Honey Lake Plantation Church.

LYNETTE NORRIS

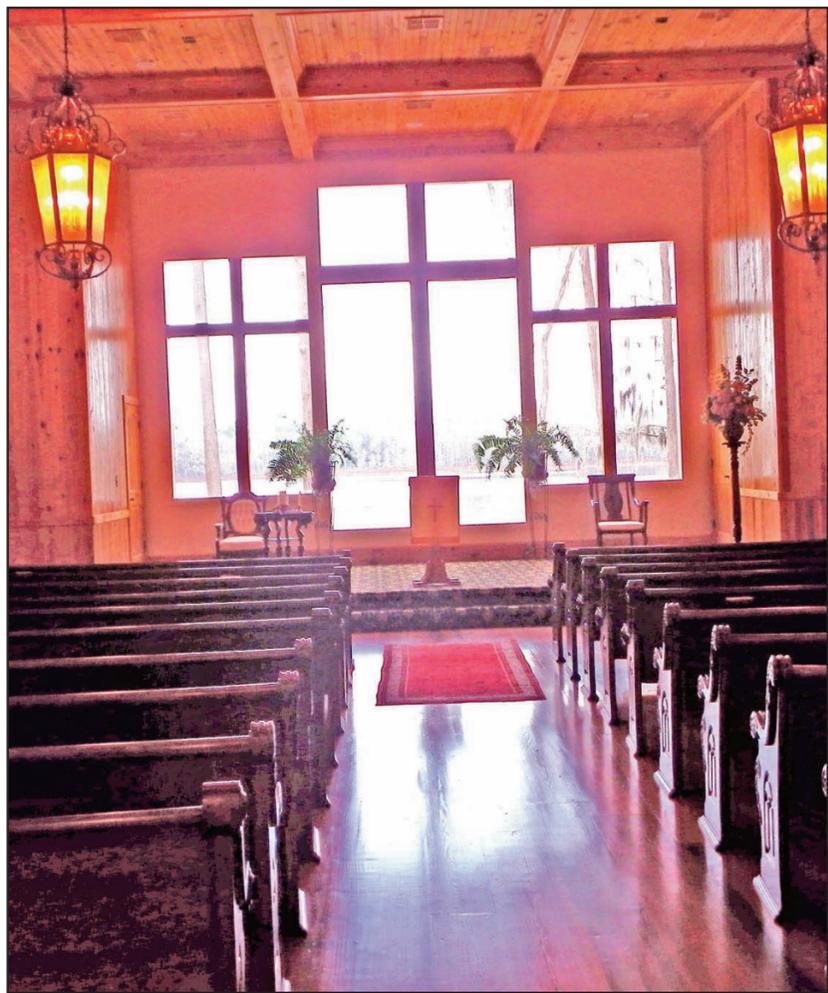
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There's a quiet, almost unearthly beauty to Honey Lake Plantation that a cloudy, overcast day cannot diminish. If anything, the muted grays and browns of a wintry January morning only accentuate the views of

open areas of light brown grass and of the lake through the trees. Some of the trees are bare, some are still holding onto brown or golden-brown leaves, and some are the splendid dark evergreen of pine. Through the dark trunks of trees on the other side of the road

running through the plantation, the lake reflects the overcast sky in a muted silver-gray.

One can only imagine the full splendor of spring and summer in a place like this, but the winter scene casts its own spell. Here, on this calm winter morning, it is a serene



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Inside the church, behind the pulpit, are the three huge windows whose mullions form the three crosses and frame the view of pristine beauty of Honey Lake.

beauty that flows quietly past the conscious mind and stirs something in the id – the soul.

Across the road, beside the silver-gray lake, is the Honey Lake Plantation Church, a white, wooden, picture-postcard building with dark green trim, and tall white steeple with a church bell. The stained glass windows, believed to be the oldest such windows in the state of Florida, once graced the windows of the old Presbyterian Church of Madison.

The little church belongs so perfectly in such a setting, it looks as if it has always been there. In front of the entrance, a life-sized statue of a doe and two fawns welcome all those who come to worship.

On Sunday, Jan. 20, at 10 a.m., Honey Lake Plantation will hold its inaugural service for this little church, said Bob Williamson, owner of Honey Lake Plantation Resort and Spa. Special guests for the occasion include speaker Bill Glass, a former All-American Football Player at Baylor University, where he attended seminary, and former defensive end player for the Detroit Lions, followed by seven great years with the Cleveland Browns. He went on to build the largest prison ministry in the world, and has been a frequent speaker at Billy Graham's services. Bill Glass Ministries is known worldwide, and Bob Williamson is a member of the ministry board. In fact, Bill Glass Ministries will hold a board of directors meeting at Honey Lake on Jan. 19, the day before the special church service where Glass will speak.

The music planned for that Sunday is another special treat, featuring both nationally known musician, songwriter, actor and former All-American football player Terry Warren, as well as a local favorite group, Root 3:16.

Warren, a native of Titusville, was a former NCAA All-American line-backer from Florida State University who had been signed by the Dallas Cowboys. Sidelined by a career-ending injury, he returned to his first love, music, and began establishing himself as a serious artist. His credits

include the theme music from several TV shows, including "Evening Shade," and his acting credits include the role of Jean Valjean in a Broadway production of "Les Misérables." However, his focus is on reaching people for Christ through his music.

Root 3:16, a popular Christian music group hailing from Thomasville, includes Randy Young, Bobby Dollar, Chris Hall, Joel Carter, Jim Spangler and Gene Carlton, known for their blend of favorite Christian classics and contemporary music.

After the church service, guests can buy a tasty meal served up by the talented chefs at the Honey Lake Restaurant and enjoy more great music at the Gospel Brunch, hosted in the newly remodeled Lakeside Pavilion.

"Our church is taking a different approach, trying to reach the unchurched and those turned off by conventional churches," said Williamson. The Honey Lake Plantation Church is non-denominational and there is no dress code. People can dress casually and comfortably.

"I don't have a problem with people coming to church in flip-flops and Bermuda shorts," Williamson added. On the flip side, if people feel like dressing up for a church service, that's fine, too. The church's invitation is for people to be comfortable enough to come just as they are, as Jesus would have them come...God cares about people's hearts, not what they are wearing.

Williamson plans to launch a worldwide ministry from the Honey Lake Church, with services streamed over the worldwide web, again, trying to reach the unchurched, or those who have been turned off or disillusioned by conventional organized religion for whatever reason. After the Jan. 20 service, regularly scheduled services will be held the second Sunday of each month, with additional services for holidays, such as Easter. When these services begin, two services will be held simultaneously; one contemporary, held in the Pavilion, and the other held in the Honey Lake Church that is a little more traditional...but not quite as

traditional as, well, "traditional" churches. It is through this ministry at Honey Lake that Williamson hopes to see the message of Christ delivered in a loving, non-judgmental environment.

"Make no mistake, our belief system is in the Bible," he said. "The word of God is preached."

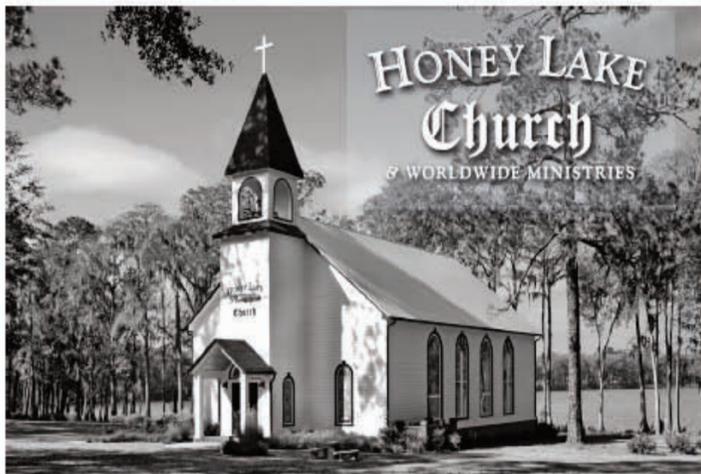
However, there is no reason why the services cannot be interesting, with well-known speakers, good music, good preaching, good food, and a good time had by all. There is no reason why the entire day of Sunday can't be a wonderful, special time for families to spend together, both in church, and afterward in a beautiful setting that would be "like spending a day at the park," with a petting zoo and hayrides for the children, a chance to walk around the plantation and enjoy the natural setting, throw Frisbees, or just relax and take in the view. Since there is no dress code, families don't have to go home and change clothes or bring a second set of clothes with them in order to enjoy the fellowship and beauty of Honey Lake after the church service. That should be the whole point of a special day set aside to celebrate, rejoice and regroup for the week ahead.

"Church should be an important part of their lives," said Williamson, who hopes the regular, family-friendly Sunday services, sometimes featuring powerful testimony from well-known people, whether athletes musicians, or even former criminals whose lives have been turned around by the power of God, Christian music that moves the spirit to rejoice, and special time spent together with family members in the beauty of a national-park-worthy setting will bring home to people the importance of integrating God into their everyday lives.

If they have never been to church, or have been turned off by churches and organized religion in the past, Williamson hopes they will come out to the inaugural service on Jan. 20 and give Honey Lake a try.

"We're hoping we can show them that we're different," he said. "Just like Jesus was."

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Congratulations to Gene Hall for his appointment to the Board of Directors for the Monticello Opera House. He is a member of its Construction and Building Improvement Committee.

As Florida celebrates 500 years in 2013, the world's leading light station and maritime museum, The St. Augustine Lighthouse & Museum is determined to set the record straight. There are many myths concerning Ponce de León's discovery of Florida. While some myths are entertaining and fun, some myths can be very confusing and misleading. And, the Lighthouse's Director of Archaeology, Dr. Sam Turner, wants to debunk a few of them. Dr. Turner is a maritime history expert and is currently working on writing a book about Ponce de León. He will begin a new series on

Ponce De Leon and his La Florida 500th Anniversary Journey beginning Sunday, January 20 on the Lighthouse website www.staugustinelighthouse.org.

When you volunteer in the Jefferson County School System, you join a team that is committed to excellence in public education. Bring your skills, expertise, and dedication to young people in need of your help. And while volunteering is giving back, you may be surprised at just what you gain from volunteering. Become a school volunteer today by contacting District Parent Involvement Coordinator Edna Henry at 850-342-0100.

March 1 is the deadline for area students to nominate their favorite teacher to be the Barnes & Noble Teacher of the Year. This program provides middle and high school students the opportunity to tell their communities

just how much they appreciate their teachers by writing an essay, a poem, or a thank you letter sharing how their teacher has influenced their life. Entries must be 500-words or less, typed on white letter size paper, and submitted with an entry form. Forms and contest rules are available at Barnes & Noble stores, or online at www.bn.com/myfavorite teacher. Entries can be submitted in person, via fax at 850-383-0660, or post-marked by March 1.

Karen Kugell has been telling me about the 148th anniversary reenactment of the Battle of Natural Bridge, Union forces' last unsuccessful attempt to capture Tallahassee. The annual event will be held on Saturday and Sunday, March 2 and 3 on the site of the battle, the Natural Bridge Battlefield Historic State Park, 7502 Natural Bridge Road. Admission is by donation, \$3 adults and \$1 children. The Ladies Soldier's Friend Sewing Society will host civilian events to which the public is invited, including the Children's Tea at 10:30 a.m. and the Ladies' Tea at 1:00 p.m. There will be games and light refreshments for the children and light refreshments at the Ladies Tea, as well as a lecture about 'the under clothing ladies of the era would have worn'. For information on civilian events contact Kugell at 850-562-9985 or 850-922-6007 or kkugell@embarqmail.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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January 18
Rotary meets at 12 p.m. on Fridays at the First Presbyterian Church, in the fellowship hall, for lunch, a meeting, program and speaker. For questions or comments, contact President Neil Wade at 850-545-4940.

January 18
Monticello Jamboree Band will perform music for dancing at 7 p.m. on Friday evenings 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 non-profit charitable organization. For questions or concerns, contact Curtis Morgan at 850-933-8136 or Bobby Connell at 850-445-0049.

January 18
Fish Fry Fundraiser Friday at 5 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge on North Olive Street. Ticket cost is \$7 per meal. Contact John Gebhard at 850-997-2670, or Marty Bishop at 850-997-3348, or Roy Faglie at 850-933-2938. Fried mullet meals will come with the usual trimmings and ice tea; eat in or take out. Funds will be used for local charitable efforts and to cover Hiram Masonic Lodge #5 operating expenses.

January 19
County Health Fair from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday at Christ Episcopal Church, in the Parrish Hall. Learn about blood pressure, blood glucose, exercise, nutrition, and smoking cessation. Enjoy children's activities, raffles, prizes, and giveaways. The church is located at 425 North Cherry Street in Monticello. Sponsored by: Florida State University College of Medicine and the Florida State University College of Nursing.

January 19
Half-N-Half Four Band at the Dixie Community Center at 7 p.m. on Saturday nights for music and dance. 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 19
Martial Arts classes 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 19-30
Intricate Threads exhibit

at Jefferson Arts Gallery. This display of fiber and quilts may be viewed by the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays. 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@jeffersonartsgallery.com or www.jeffersonartsgallery.com.

January 21
Al-Anon meetings are held at 8 p.m. every Monday at the Anglican Church, 124 Jefferson Avenue in Thomasville. For more information go to www.al-anon.alateen.org.

January 21
AA meetings are held every Monday at 8 p.m. at the Christ Episcopal Church Annex, 425 North Cherry Street. For more information, call 850-997-2129 or 850-997-1955.

January 21
MLK Parade is held at 11 a.m. on Monday. Participation is needed for the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade, hosted by the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center and sponsored by the Jefferson County NAACP. Groups, public leaders and officials, churches, schools, and interested residents are encouraged to be a part of this 33rd event.

January 22
Triple L Club (LLL) will meet for a program and luncheon at 10:30 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday at

First Baptist Church Monticello. A program, potluck luncheon and good Christian fellowship will be provided. Contact Ethel Strickland at 850-509-9445 for more information.

January 22
AA classes are held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. for those seeking help. The classes are held at the Harvest Christian Center, 1599 Springhollow Road. Contact Marvin Graham, pastor, at 850-212-7669 for more information.

January 22-31
Free computer classes at the Jefferson County RJ Bailor Public Library with Instructor Deanna Ramsey. Area residents can learn computer basics, digital photography, Excel, genealogy, organizing your computer files, Outlook, PowerPoint, Windows7, Word, and more. 'Computer Basics Simplified' classes are scheduled on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 9 to 11 a.m., in the computer lab. Class is a total of six-sessions at two hours each session. Registration is required, so call now to 850-342-0205.

January 23
Early Learning Coalition of the Big Bend Region will see customers at its 1145 East 2nd Street location every Wednesday from 1 to 6 p.m. Contact Community Partnerships Director Molly Lord at 850-274-1335 or mlord@elcbigbend.org for additional information.

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January 18
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 20
New Bethel AME Church will host its annual Men and Women's Day program at 11 a.m. on Sunday. Join the church family as they honor their senior members, age 70+, in conjunction with the Chi Upsilon Omega Chapter of AKA and VFW Post 251 as they recognize WWII and Korean War veterans in a Celebration of Christian and Military service. Bishop Anthony Webster is guest speaker. For additional information, contact Ned Hill at 850-562-6235. Rev. Jimmie F. Dickey, pastor.

January 20-23
First Baptist Church of Lloyd will host a Bible Conference with Dr. Phil Sawilowsky of The Olive Tree Ministry. He will demonstrate his unique way of Passover Observation during the Sunday School hour at 9:15 a.m.; followed with First Passover during Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.; and The Timing of the Passover will be held during the 6:00 p.m. Sunday Worship Service. He will speak each night Monday through Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. He will also have his studies on DVD and CD to do in depth studies on your own. To learn more about Dr. Phil, visit olivetreeministry.com. If you have any questions about this Bible Conference contact the First Baptist Church of Lloyd at 850-997-5309.

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, Hick-

ory 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 Randedell at 850-997-5605 or 850-997-6929 to volunteer or for more information about this program.

January 26
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 27
Mt. Pleasant Ministries will celebrate its church anniversary during 4th Sunday Service at 11 a.m. Rev. Norman Clary will be speaker and the Mt. Moriah Church family will be in charge of the service. All are invited to attend.

February 2
Nazarene Church Clothing Giveaway from 9 to 11 a.m. on the first Saturday of every month.

February 3
Union Branch Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate its annual Black History Month program at 11 a.m. on Sunday. Speaker will be OJ Sloan and the Memorial Missionary Baptist Church Male Chorus. For more information contact Mother Beatrice Lynn at 850-878-9585. Rev. Terry Presley Sr., pastor.

February 6, 20
First Presbyterian Church will host EagleWings, 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.

February 12
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.

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Sports

TIGER BASKETBALL

Melody Christian Drops Tigers

FRAN HUNT
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Staff Writer

The Jefferson varsity Tigers hit the hardwood against Melody Christian on January 10, and Melody dropped the Tigers for a 66-36 loss. The Tigers now stand 3-6 on the season.

The Tigers were outscored 15-10 in the first quarter, 9-4 in the second quarter, 19-14 in the third quarter, and 23-8 in the fourth quarter.

Lenorris Footman bucketed five of eight attempts from the field, and netted four of six attempts from the free-throw line for 14 points. He had two assists, one blocked shot, three offensive and five defensive rebounds for a total of eight rebounds, with one steal, and five personal fouls.

Gene Noel netted two of seven attempts from the field and four of eight attempts from the free-throw line for eight points. He had two assists, two offensive and four defensive rebounds for a total of

six rebounds, and two steals.

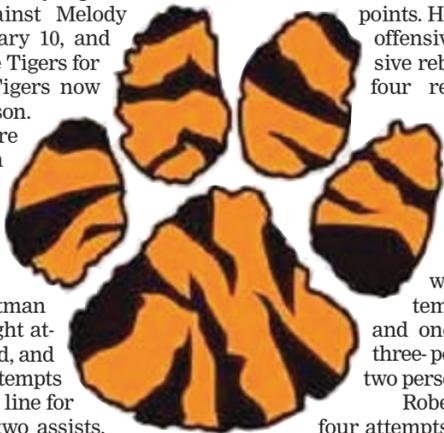
Ramez Nealy hit four of eight attempts from the field, and missed one attempt from the free-throw line for eight points. He had one assist, one offensive and three defensive rebounds for a total of four rebounds, and four steals.

Shawn Blue missed one attempt from the field and one attempt from the three-point zone.

Tre'Veyon Edwards missed two attempts from the field and one attempt from the three-point zone, and he had two personal fouls.

Robert Nealy hit one of four attempts from the field, and missed one attempt from the three-point zone for two points. He had one assist, one defensive rebound, and two personal fouls.

Anthony Footman missed three attempts from the field and two attempts from the free-throw line. He had two blocked shots, two offensive and five defensive rebounds for a total of seven rebounds, and three personal fouls.



Tigers Tilt Buccaneers

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The Jefferson varsity Tigers squared off against the Branford Buccaneers on January 11, and the Tigers tilted the Buccaneers for a 60-25 victory. The Tigers now stand 4-6 on the season.

As a team the Tigers bucketed 23 of 49 attempts from the field, hit five of 15 attempts from the three-point zone, and netted nine of 18 attempts from the free-throw line for 60 points. They collected eight assists, three blocked shots, 16 offensive and 20 defensive rebounds for a total of 36 rebounds, with 15 steals, and 11 personal fouls.

Ramez Nealy targeted six of nine attempts from the field, and four of nine attempts from the free-throw line for 16 points. He had six offensive and four defensive rebounds for a total of 10 rebounds and a double-double, with two steals and three personal fouls.

Shawn Blue hit four of five attempts from the field, and sunk two of three attempts from the three-point zone for 16 points. He had one assist, three offensive and three defensive rebounds for a total of

six rebounds, and three steals.

Keondrea Parker netted two of eight attempts from the field, and one of three attempts from the three-point zone for seven points. He had three assists, one blocked shot, three defensive rebounds, two steals, and four personal fouls.

Robert Nealy netted three of six attempts from the field, one of three attempts from the three-point zone, and missed two attempts from the free-throw line for nine points. He had four assists, two offensive and two defensive rebounds for a total of four rebounds, with three steals, and four personal fouls.

Anthony Footman hit two of six attempts from the field, and sunk one of two attempts from the free-throw line for five points. He had two blocked shots, and two offensive and six defensive rebounds for a total of eight rebounds.

Ladarian Smiley targeted six of 14 attempts from the field, hit one of six attempts from the three-point zone, and netted four of five attempts from the free-throw line for 17 points. He had three offensive and two defensive rebounds for a total of five rebounds, with five steals and two personal fouls.

Tigers Lose To Hamilton

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The Jefferson varsity Tigers manned the hardwood on January 15, and faced off against Hamilton County. The Tigers lost a close 65-58 contest to now stand 4-7 on the season.

The Tigers were outscored 12-10 in the first quarter, and 25-14 in the second quarter. Jefferson came back in the second half to take the third quarter, 15-13, and the fourth quarter, 19-15.

As a team, the Tigers netted 24 of 49 attempts from the field, hit two of nine attempts from the three-point zone, and bucketed eight of 14 attempts from the free-throw line for 58 points. They collected nine assists, three blocked shots, 12 offensive and 11 defensive rebounds for a total of 23 rebounds, with 15 steals, and 17 personal fouls.

Lenorris Footman targeted seven of 11 attempts from the field, missed one attempt from the three-point zone, and bucketed four of seven attempts from the free-throw line for 18 points. He had five assists, one blocked shot, five offensive and five defensive rebounds for a total of 10 rebounds and a double-double, with five steals, and two personal fouls.

Gene Noel netted three of seven attempts from the field, and missed one attempt from the three-point zone for six points. He had one blocked shot, four offensive rebounds, and five personal fouls.

Ramez Nealy targeted

eight of 11 attempts from the field, and three of six attempts from the free-throw line for 19 points. He had one offensive and four defensive rebounds for a total of five rebounds, with two steals, and two personal fouls.

Tre'Veyon Edwards sunk one of four attempts from the field, and one of two attempts from the three-point zone for four points. He had one assist, one steal, and two personal fouls.

Robert Nealy hit one of five attempts from the field, and missed one attempt from the three-point zone

for two points. He had one steal, and two personal fouls.

Anthony Footman netted one of three attempts from the field for two points. He had one blocked shot, two offensive rebounds, two steals, and one personal foul.

Ladarius Smiley bucketed three of eight attempts from the field, hit one of five attempts from the three-point zone, and sank one attempt from the free-throw line for nine points. He had three assists, two defensive rebounds, four steals, and three personal fouls.



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Angela Gray, Property Appraiser

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School

NFCC Community Theatre Presents The Little Mermaid Saturday, January 26 At Van H. Priest Auditorium

North Florida Community College is pleased to present its Community Theatre production of Han Christian Anderson's popular children's story The Little Mermaid on Saturday, Jan. 26 at Van H. Priest Auditorium. The production features local actors, community members, students and children as your favorite "under the sea" characters. Two show times are planned for Jan. 26 - a 2 p.m. matinee and an evening performance beginning at 7 p.m.

Tickets are just \$6 and on sale now in the NFCC College Advancement Office (Bldg. 32, NFCC campus). Tickets will also be available at the door Jan. 26 at Van H. Priest Auditorium an hour in advance of each showing. For more information or to purchase tickets call (850) 973-1653 or email news@nfcc.edu.

About the play: As the play begins, in the magical Kingdom of the Underwater Deep, a beautiful Mermaid Princess longs to become a human being. During a frightful

shipwreck a Prince is tossed by the Mermaid Princess. When she sings him a haunting lullaby he falls in love with the girl with the beautiful, musical voice. The Little Mermaid defies her father the Sea King and makes a pact with Queen Odessa, trading her voice to become human. Her

friends, Aruba and Finny, are at her side through the adventure providing humor and fun to this children's musical play of the beloved Hans Christian Andersen story.

More information about NFCC Community Theatre is available at <http://www.nfcc.edu/community-programs/community-theatre>.

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January 18, 2013, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



Plant a Tree the Right Way This Arbor Day



Florida Arbor Day is here!!! Everyone grab a shovel and get ready to plant a tree. But wait...

Before planting a tree make sure you know how to do it correctly, advises the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA). How a tree is planted, and initially maintained, makes all the difference in the world. Too many people are content to simply plant a tree, but don't ensure that the tree has the chance to go on to live for many years. "Planting a tree is making an investment in the future," says Sharon Lilly, ISA Educational Director. "You must care for and nurture your young tree so that it will pay dividends for years to come."

Tree Planting Tips

There are a few simple tips to remember when planting your tree this spring:

1. Prepare the perfect hole for planting.
 - * Dig the hole two to three times the width of the root ball. Do NOT dig deeper than root ball depth. Make the sides of the hole slant gradually outward.
 - * For bareroot trees, neatly cut away any broken or damaged roots. Soak the roots for a few hours prior to planting to allow them to absorb water.
 - * Container-grown trees should have the plastic or metal containers completely removed. Carefully cut through any circling roots. Remove the top half of pressed peat/paper containers.
 - * Balled and Burlapped ("B&B") trees should have all of the ropes cut. Pull the burlap at least one third of the way down. Slit remaining burlap to encourage root growth. If in a wire basket, cut away the top of the basket.
2. Plant the Tree.
 - Gently place the tree in the hole. Par-

tially backfill with the soil from the hole, water to settle the soil, then finish back-filling the hole. Tamp the soil gently, but do not step on the root ball.

A Few Pointers...

While you may have finished planting, Arbor Day aficionados should remember these final touches:

- * Remove tags and labels.
- * Do not stake unless the tree has a large crown or the planting is situated on a site where wind or people may push the tree over. Stake for a maximum of one year.
- * Prune only the damaged branches.
- * Soak the soil well, making sure no air pockets form between roots. Wait until next year to fertilize.
- * Spread two inches of mulch over the planting area, but do not place it up against the trunk.
- * Be sure the root ball has plenty of water throughout the year.

Anyone with questions regarding choosing the right tree or proper planting and maintenance is advised to contact an ISA Certified Arborist.

For additional information on planting and other tree care topics, or to find a local ISA Certified Arborist, visit www.treesaregood.org.

The International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), headquartered in Champaign, Ill., is a nonprofit organization supporting tree care research and education around the world. As part of ISA's dedication to the care and preservation of shade and ornamental trees, it offers the only internationally-recognized certification program in the industry. For more information, contact a local ISA Certified Arborist or visit www.isa-arbor.com.

Celebrate the New Year in Florida With 5 Free Crapemyrtles from the Arbor Day Foundation

Residents of Florida can ring in the New Year with 5 free crapemyrtle trees by joining the Arbor Day Foundation any time during January 2013.

"These small flowering trees will provide any landscape in Florida with a splash of color for much of the year," said John Rosenow, founder and chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Members will experience pink and red flowers in the spring, green flowers in the summer and a mix of red, orange and yellow during autumn."

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between February 1 and April 30, with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch tall trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members will also receive a subscription to the Foundation's colorful bi-monthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book, which includes information about tree planting and care.

To receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to 5 CRAPEMYRTLES, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by January 31, 2013. Florida residents can also join online at arborday.org/january.

TREE CITY USA

Did you know that our city, Monticello, is one of the 165 Florida cities to be able to be proclaim themselves as a Tree City USA?? It has been in this program for 24 years now! In our state, Orlando has been in the program the longest with 35 years.

The Tree City USA® program, sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters, provides direction, technical assistance, public attention, and national recognition for urban and community forestry programs in thousands of towns and cities that more than 135 million Americans call home.

Without the program, many communities would never develop standards leading to an organized approach to city tree management; they would never have found the professionals needed to educate their city managers about urban tree care; they would have less vision when confronting problems associated with poorly managed and aging trees;

Healthy urban forests reflect a community pride. This goes a long way in promoting a healthy and complete community. Pride and positive publicity from Tree City spin off in all directions. A community's commitment to a Tree City USA program also can lead to future financial assistance for local tree projects from various sources.

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The Week of January 18, 2013 through January 25, 2013
Major Feed Times are marked by an asterisk (*)

Friday, January 18 *4:45 AM 10:55 AM *5:10 PM 11:25 PM	Saturday, January 19 *5:30 AM 11:40 AM *5:50 PM	Sunday, January 20 12:05 AM *6:10 AM 12:20 PM *6:35 PM	Monday, January 21 12:50 AM *6:55 AM 1:10 PM *7:20 PM
Tuesday, January 22 1:30 AM *7:40 AM 1:50 PM *8:10 PM	Wednesday, January 23 2:20 AM *8:25 AM 2:35 PM *8:50 PM	Thursday, January 24 3:10 AM *9:10 PM *9:35 PM	Friday, January 25 3:50 AM *9:55 AM 4:10 PM *10:20 PM

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

The City Council of the City of Monticello proposes to adopt the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-02
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MONTICELLO, FLORIDA BY AMENDING SECTION 54-198. ACCESSORY USES; PROVIDING FOR LEGAL EFFECT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, SCRIVNER'S ERRORS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The entire text of the ordinance may be inspected at City Hall, 245 S. Mulberry Street, Monticello, Florida between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Public hearing on the ordinance will be held on Tuesday, February 5, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at Monticello City Hall. Interested persons may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance. 1/18,25/13

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

The City Council of the City of Monticello proposes to adopt the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-01
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MONTICELLO, FLORIDA BY AMENDING SECTION 54-202. HOME OCCUPATIONS; PROVIDING FOR LEGAL EFFECT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, SCRIVNER'S ERRORS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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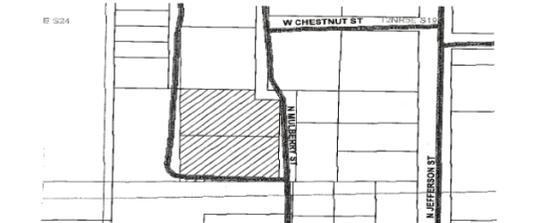
The School Board of Jefferson County recently approved for advertising revisions to School Board Policy 6.101, Purchasing Policies and Bidding. The revisions may be viewed by visiting the district website at www.edline.net/pages/jcsb. A copy of the revision is posted at the district office located at 575 S. Water Street, Monticello, FL. Public concerns or comments may be voiced for the next 30 days by calling the office at 850-342-0100 between the hours of 8am - 5pm Monday thru Friday. 1/18/13

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON APPLICATION FOR RE-ZONING

The City Council of the City of Monticello proposes to adopt the following re-zoning ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-03
AN ORDINANCE REZONING PROPERTY BORDERED BY NORTH MULBERRY STREET ON THE EAST AND BY INDEPENDENT STREET ON THE WEST, CONSISTING OF TWO LOTS COMPRISING .964 ACRES WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF MONTICELLO, FLORIDA FROM R-1, RESIDENTIAL, SINGLE FAMILY, TO R-1A, RESIDENTIAL, SINGLE FAMILY/MOBILE HOMES ALLOWED; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The area shown covered by the proposed ordinance is shown in the map below:



The entire text of the ordinance may be inspected at City Hall, 245 S. Mulberry Street, Monticello, Florida between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Public hearing on the ordinance will be held on Tuesday, February 5, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at Monticello City Hall. Interested persons may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance. 1/18,25/13

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BORDER COLLIE Blk/white with 1 blk. ear. Lost Jan 8, on Pearl St. Call 997-0835 after 8pm. 1/16,18 nc

TRI-COLORED BEAGLE lost on Main Ave. Monticello. Has collar with tags. call 997-1887 or 443-5146 1/18,23

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Found

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BY STEVE MUELLER
Men's Health Consultant

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Florida Men's Medical Clinic custom blends over 180 combinations of medications for each patient. "That's why our success rate is so high," says Dr. Kevin Hornsby, M.D. "We help men as old as ninety-four, with diabetes, prostate surgery and heart conditions. Regardless of their age or medical history our results everyday are amazing."

All medications are FDA approved, and no surgery is involved. "We adjust the prescription for a man's performance to 45-minutes, an hour, 90-minutes or longer," according to Dr. Hornsby, "and patients see results right in our office. After climax the patient stays erect the entire period of time. This allows them to achieve a second climax and adequately satisfy their partner. No other medication can do this. We offer a simple guarantee: If you don't respond to the medication on the first visit the office visit is free." With that guarantee, local patients have nothing to lose.

Openings are filling quickly for the free in-office medication dose, after that the normal fees will be charged. Patients are assured of utmost privacy and professionalism with private waiting rooms and an all-male staff. Further information is available by calling (800) 264-9510.

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