

## U.S. 90 Crepe Myrtles Maybe To Get Spruced (Trees Part of Community's Heritage)



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After years of benign neglect, the crepe myrtles alongside U.S. 90 between Monticello and Tallahassee may get a little trimming and sprucing, if officials in Jefferson and Leon counties have a say in the matter.

At the urging of Commissioner Betsy Barfield, the Jefferson County Commission on Thursday morning, Feb. 7, agreed to send a letter to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) requesting that the agency begin actively maintaining the trees.

Barfield shared that she had been in touch with FDOT District 3 Secretary Tommy Barfield in Chipley

and that the latter had indicated a willingness to have his agency undertake the task of caring for the trees, provided the local community requested it.

The FDOT apparently wants political cover, should the trimmings ignite a firestorm of protest from residents upset over what some may perceive as a butchering of the trees.

Barfield said that she had also contacted Leon County commissioners and the latter had expressed a willingness to write their own letter of support to the FDOT.

"This is part of our sense of place," Barfield said,

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## Commissioners Decide On Topping For 4 Dirt Roads



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Here's the deal on four road-improvement projects that the Jefferson County Commission approved on Thursday morning, Feb. 7: Indian Hills Road is to be paved; Robin Road is either to be paved or chip-sealed; and Casa Bianca and Tyson roads are to be chip-sealed.

In each case, the board deferred to the recommendation of the commissioner in whose district the particular road was located.

District 4 Commissioner Betsy Barfield said she definitely wanted Indian Hills Road paved with asphalt. She left it up to County Coordinator Parrish Barwick to return with a recommendation on whether Robin Road in the Lloyd Acres subdivision should be topped with asphalt or chip-sealed.

District 3 Commissioner Hines Boyd indicated he wanted Casa Bianca and Tyson roads chip-sealed, even as he conceded that a number of residents on both roads preferred to have their respective roads paved.

The board also concurred with Boyd's request that Casa Bianca Road at least be kept to a width of 18 feet, as Boyd said narrower roads tended to reduce speed.

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## Police Helpless When It Comes To Noisy Vehicles

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City Attorney Bruce Leinback hopes in the coming weeks to be able to craft a new city ordinance in such a fashion that it addresses a local problem without violating state law.

The problem is noise, or more specifically, loud noise coming from vehicles. According to a Florida Supreme Court ruling in late December, law enforcement officers can't tell drivers who are blasting their car radios to lower the volume, as it constitutes an unreasonable restriction of the latter's free speech rights.

The other side of the coin is represented by Charlie Hughes, a city resident who complained to the Monticello City Council on Tuesday evening, Feb. 5, that he and his neighbors are unable to sleep some nights because of the booming music from both passing and parked vehicles on his street. What about his right to enjoy the peace and quiet of his house? Hughes wanted to know.

"Something needs to be done about this," he said more than once. "This is terrible, terrible." Imagine his befuddlement to learn, when he called the Monticello Police Department, that law enforcement officers could do nothing about the problem.

"The chief says nothing can be done about the loud music," Hughes told the council, as if pleading to be told different.

Unfortunately, it was exactly as the chief said, Leinback told Hughes, adding that the Florida Supreme Court's decision effectively tied the chief's hands.

The good news, Lein-



back said, was that there might be a way around the Supreme Court ruling. He said he was preparing a new ordinance that hopefully would pass muster with the court.

"We're looking at it from different angle," Leinback said.

Hughes also wondered if something couldn't be done about the all-night partying that sometimes went on his side of town. He noted that when festivities were held in the central part of town, reasonable hours were observed for such events and activities. In his neighborhood, however, the partying and loud noises went on indefinitely, often into the wee hours of the morning.

He didn't mind people celebrating and enjoying themselves, Hughes said. But he asked that they abide by some kind of time limit, such as 10 or 11 p.m., he said.

Police Chief Fred Mosley assured Hughes that his department would address the problem. Mosley promised to have his officers monitor such situations in the future.

As for the tweaking of the noise ordinance,

Leinback gave indications that he would have the document ready for the council's review by its March 5 meeting.

The Florida Supreme Court ruling stemmed from two Pinellas County cases. The high court basically upheld a Second District Court of Appeal's opinion nullifying the 2005 state law that allowed officers to pull over motorists if their sound systems were "plainly audible" from a distance of 25 feet.

The court saw the state law as an unreasonable restriction on the freedom of expression and further found it essentially "overbroad, but not unconstitutionally vague."

One of the law's noted deficiencies was that it didn't apply "equally to music, political speech and advertising." In other words, business and political sound systems were exempted from the law.

Leinback urged residents who had a problem with nullification of the state law to contact their legislators and make their views known. The legislators alone could readdress the state law and bring into compliance with the court's objections, he said.

## School District Recognizes Employee of Year Nominees



Photo courtesy of Debbie Lingle, Feb. 11, 2013

The Jefferson County School District recognized its nominees for Employee of the Year and the winner at the School Board meeting on Monday evening, Feb. 11, 2013. Pictured from left to right are Al Cooksey, Phil Barker, Jennifer Hill, Hattie Ruth Jordan, Franklin Scott, Dessie Jones and Jerry Boatwright.

**LAZARO ALEMAN**  
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The Jefferson County School District recognized its nominees for Employee of the Year designation at the School Board meeting on Monday evening, Feb. 11.

School Superintendent Al Cooksey did the honors, presenting each of the nominees with a plaque denoting the particular honor.

The nominees were Jennifer A. Hill, representing Jefferson Elementary School; Hattie Ruth Jordan, represent-

ing Jefferson County Middle High School; Franklin Scott, representing the school district's Transportation Department; and Dessie Jones, representing the school district's central office.

Jones ultimately was the recipient of the Employee of the Year Award, which qualifies her to compete at the state level next.

Presenting checks to the nominees on behalf of two organizations were School Board Member Phil Barker, representing the Jefferson County Teachers Credit Union; and Jerry Boatwright, representing Farmers and Merchants Bank.

## County Buys Into A New Case Management System

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Without much ado, the Jefferson County Commission recently approved an interlocal agreement that commits the county to paying a portion of the cost of a new case management system that is being purchased for the Second Judicial Circuit.

The board approved the agreement as part of its consent agenda on Thursday morning, Feb. 7.

Grant Slayden, trial court administrator for the Second Judicial Circuit, informed the Jefferson County Commis-



sion of the need for the new system at the board's Jan. 17 meeting. Slayden asked the commissioners to read over the proposed agreement and approve it at the board's next meeting. Which is just what the Jefferson County Commission did.

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# 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 -

### I Am A Conservative But....

I am a very conservative person but I have had enough of this Republican Legislature and their attitude toward State employees, teachers, and the folks that cannot help themselves. They cannot seem to get enough of kicking State employees and school teachers. And, they have no sympathy whatsoever for those who are less fortunate. The attitude is to gut the State retirement system, cut the pay of State employees along with their benefits, and cut the needy programs. It is the "we are the aristocrats" attitude and we want to pay little or no taxes and the heck with the less fortunate among us.

The public education system has been the backbone of this country. It has assured people of all walks of life have a chance at an education. It has strengthened our country. The Republicans are on an all-out campaign to destroy it. They want to replace it with Charter schools and/or home schooling. The Charter schools are going belly-up all around the state and people that graduated from them sometimes cannot prove that they graduated from high school because there are no records. It is time we got behind our public schools and made them competent to educate our children. Charter schools sometimes work and sometimes they do not. Home schooling seldom works unless there is competent professional in the home.

The all-out assault on State workers by the Republican Legislature is unforgivable and just plain stupid. The only thing the

State workers had going for them were the benefits. Now the Legislature has just about destroyed the State's benefit system. Florida State workers are last in the nation in per capita income but at one time they did have good benefits. That is slowly but surely ceasing to be the case. The defined benefit plan, the system that guarantees a worker that he or she will have a livable income when he or she retires, is being replaced by a defined contribution plan which guarantees nothing. In other words if the stock market is down, as it currently is, when you get ready to retire you are out of luck. But if you have a defined benefit plan, you have a guaranteed income when you retire. It may be relatively small but it is guaranteed. And as our Mothers told us, a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush. Now the Legislature, in their great wisdom, is going after the insurance benefits. Pretty soon there will be no reason to go to work for the State. Maybe that is what the Republicans are trying to accomplish, who knows. The logic escapes me.

There is no free lunch. As they say about the oil filter you can pay me now or pay me later. We are going to have to take care of people. If you keep cutting State workers and abusing teachers you are not going to have very many State workers or teachers. They will all have to go on welfare to survive. And remember, Republican Legislature, you put them there!

Amber McClellan

## Pesticide Applicator Classes Offered This Month

**JED DILLARD**  
Livestock and Natural Resources Agent, Jefferson County Extension Service

Certified pesticide applicators have two upcoming opportunities to earn continuing education credits for renewal of their certifications. The Jefferson County Extension Service will host a day-long pesticide applicator training program on Wednesday, February 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. An applicator will be able to earn up to five FDACS approved CEUs in various categories for recertification. The event will be conducted via Polycom video conference, but includes no credits for core standards.

Registration cost for this event is \$10 per participant and includes hot lunch and all materials. For details and registration, contact the Extension Office at 850-342-0187.

Certified applicators who need core standards credits can attend a training session held at Suwan-



Pesticide applicator trainings coming up this month. This picture is from Jefferson County in the 1940's. Photo credit to the State Archives of Florida, Florida Memory.

nee Valley Agricultural Extension Office in Live Oak on Friday, February 15. This program offers three core credits in the morning and four private applicator credits in the afternoon. The core examinations and the private applicator examinations will be administered for those who want to become certified applicators. Cost for those seeking certifica-

tion is \$50, including materials. For those seeking only CEU's, the cost is \$10. Credits have been approved for Ag Row Crop, Private Applicator, Natural Areas and Right-of-way pest control categories.

For information on this training, contact Dan Fenneman, Madison County Extension Agent at 850-973-4138.

## Socialism Is Still Alive In Jefferson County

In reading one of the recent *Letters to the Editor* of this paper, I see that left wing socialism is still very much alive in Jefferson County. When Rep. Steve Southerland spoke out against President Obama's attack of the 2nd amendment of the Constitution and did so by using some Biblical references, some think this is a form of hostility. There is a very thin line between freedom and tyranny and I am glad that we have a Congressman like Rep. Southerland in Washington, who will stand up for freedom and our Constitutional rights.

Now, with this so called "fiscal cliff", which will be due again in another month, if we don't stop President Obama's wasteful spending and start cutting his Socialist programs, we are going to bankrupt this country, or leave our children and grand-children so far in debt, that they will never pay it of in their life-times.

When it comes to gun laws, no one has stricter gun laws than Chicago, IL. and

no one has a bigger murder rate by guns than Chicago, IL. I thank God that I live in a state that allows me to own and carry a firearm, where I can protect myself and my family. No law would have protected the children in New Town, CT. Criminals and those who want to kill will find weapons to do their dirty work, only law abiding citizens will obey the laws. More murders are committed with clubs and hammers than guns and we can't outlaw them.

Obama-care, a Socialist health plan formed in the dead of night, behind closed doors. A plan that has already increased the cost of health-care, taken billions of dollars from medicare, causing Doctors to leave their practices, and employers to contemplate dropping their employees health insurance. I still believe that there will be government boards who will decide whether you are worthy of getting certain health care. The expansion of Medicaid in Florida would only save money the

first year or so, but then the burden of the high cost would fall on the tax payers of Florida and believe me, it won't be inexpensive.

OK, why was Steve Southerland voted to be our Representative in Congress? He was voted in not once, but twice by people of this District who are basically conservative to stop the the over-spending, the over taxing to pay for it. To try to rein in a President who believes he can do what he wishes without the consent of Congress or uphold his oath to defend the Constitution. Only yesterday, he ordered that Americans can be killed without charges being made or being judged by a court of their peers. We are supposed to have a President, not a King or Dictator. This is America and I believe we need Representatives like Steve Southerland to help us, our Republic and Constitutional form of government.

May God Bless us all,  
Sincerely,  
B. Franklin Kelly

## Hiram Lodge No. 5 Celebrate Americanism



Hiram Masonic Lodge No. 5 celebrated 'Americanism' with a program and speakers on Monday, February 11, 2013. Pictured from left to right are: Chaplin Buddy Westbrook, Sr. Deacon Will Hartsfield, Jr. Deacon Allen Pentz, Secretary Roy Faglie, Marshal Art Ward, Treasurer Jim Billberry, Master Travis Richards, Sr. Warden Bill Hatcher, and Jr. Warden Paul Klug.

**DEBBIE SNAPP**  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

Hiram Masonic Lodge No. 5 celebrated 'Americanism' with a program and speakers on Monday, February 11. Area friends and guests joined lodge members in celebrating the rights and privileges we have and enjoy still today.

Masonic lodges across the United States celebrate 'Americanism Night' with a program honoring this country and its accomplishments. Freeman with free will, along with their God given unalienable Rights, are a requirement for the variety of freedoms we all enjoy. Free masons were a positive influence during this nation's formative years and their sacrifices, sound judgment and reason are cause for celebration.

## Pigfest Saturday

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Capital Area Commu-

nity Action Agency will host its 4<sup>th</sup> annual Southeast Regional Pigfest on Saturday, February 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the North Florida Fairgrounds.

Pigfest offers a family-friendly event featuring a nationally qualifying barbecue cookoff competition featuring \$6,000 in prize money, an all-day music festival on two stages, a custom car/bike show, Kids Zone, marketplace, and so much more. The \$25 Black Crown

VIP ticket offers free refreshments, Black Crown, BBQ samples, and more. General admission tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3 for children ages 5-12 years.

CACAA has an office in Monticello and offers Head Start pre-school services to children from low-income families.

For more information about this event contact Tim Center, Esq., executive director for CACAA at 850-222-2043X102, or 850-212-2684, or tim.center@CACAAInc.org.



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## U.S. 90

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referring to the thousands of crepe myrtles that line both sides of U.S. 90 — or Mahan Drive, as the road is also named — and that make for a spectacular visual feast during spring and summer, when the trees are decked in their full and brilliant floral arrays.

Most longtime county residents likely are familiar with the story of the crepe myrtles; but newcomers may find it interesting to learn that many of the trees date from 1930s and owe their existence to the late Monticello businessman and horticulturist Fred Mahan. Hence, state officials' decision to name the road in Mahan's honor in 1953.

In fact, a monument on the easternmost edge of the Sgt. Ernest "Boots" Thomas Jr. Memorial Park just off West Washington Street in Monticello (across the street from the Farm Credit Service) marks the official start of the 26-mile-long Mahan Drive, which for many years enjoyed a reputation as one of Florida's most beautiful stretches of scenic highway.

The monument also, some may find interesting to learn, sits on land that was once part of Mahan's Monticello Nursery Company, ranked in the late 1920s as the second largest pecan and ornamental shrubbery nursery in the Southeast. Mahan is also

credited with developing the Mahan Pecan, described as a long, paper-shell nut that is extremely flavorful and supposedly had its origins in East Texas.

Generally known for his generosity, Mahan is reputed to have regularly donated trees, plants and shrubbery to unemployment relief efforts and other worthy causes during his lifetime, all in the interest of beautifying public and private places.

It is recorded that in 1935, when the state awarded the Coastal Roads Company of Miami a \$20,175.82 contract to improve and beautify the 26-mile stretch of U.S. 90 between Monticello and Tallahassee, Mahan donated between 35,000 and 40,000 plants for the project. The donated plants included pyracantha, arbor vitae, liqustrum, palms, and crepe myrtles, of course.

It is further recorded that the U.S. 90 improvement and beautification project took eight years to complete and "employed 45 common laborers at 39 cents per hour for an average of \$39 per month."

An article by Bill Weeks in a 1952 issue of Coronet Magazine described Mahan as a "nurseryman-philanthropist (whose) unique hobby has transformed many a drab, unlovely spot into breathtaking beauty."

Wrote Weeks, "A strange philanthropist who bestows beauty instead of dollars, Mahan has devoted nearly a third of his 65 years to spreading scenic bounty across the state he loves."

At that time, it was estimated that Mahan had donated nearly 400,000 trees and shrubs to schools, churches, cemeteries, hospitals, parks, squares and public thoroughfares, including the U.S. 90 project.

A Kansas native, Mahan moved to Monticello with his young bride in 1910 at age 24 and worked briefly for a local nurseryman before launching his own nursery.

"Within 20 years the little nursery that he had launched on faith — and credit — had grown into one of the biggest in the state," Weeks wrote.

In his day, Mahan was familiar with many of the political bigwigs in Tallahassee, including then Senator LeRoy Collins (later Governor), Senate President S.D. Clarke and House Speaker Thomas D. Beasley, among many others. And Mahan's annual parties for legislators at his nursery here were supposedly must-attend affairs of legendary proportions and a veritable Who's Who roster of important personages of the period, according to those in the know.

Mahan died in 1960 and is buried on what was once part of his nursery property.

In the 1990s, the FDOT proposed taking down the crepe myrtles for alleged safety and liability reasons. The department backed off its proposal, however, in light of the public outcry that the proposal produced. Subsequently, because of budgetary constraints and other reasons, the department more or less adopted a policy of benign neglect relative to the crepe myrtles.

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The six counties in the Second Judicial Circuit are Franklin, Liberty, Gadsden, Wakulla, Leon and Jefferson.

As Slayden explained it to the commission on Jan. 17, the agreement represented a Memorandum of Understanding (MU) with the five other counties. The MU, Slayden said, was for purchase of an electronic system to help the six counties manage their court cases.

Slayden explained that the Legislature had mandated that effective April 1 for the circuit courts, and effective Oct. 1 for the county courts, all pleadings must be filed via electronic means.

He said that absent the purchase and installation of an appropriate system, the six counties would be unable to see or retrieve court files after the effective dates.

Slayden said dedicated monies from court fees and assessments would be used to pay for the system, meaning that Jefferson County wouldn't have to pay anything per se.

He said the cost of the system was prorated for each of the counties, with Jefferson County's share amounting to \$9,347 for the first year and \$1,241.21 every year thereafter.

At that point, Franklin and Gadsden counties had already approved the MU.

## Roads

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The board further instructed Barwick to return with recommendations for either asphalt paving or chip sealing six other roads, including New Monticello Road, Blue Lake Road and Fanlew/Natural Bridges Road.

The decisions on the various roads followed the board awarding annual contracts to Peavy & Sons Construction Company for all asphalt paving projects and Littlefield Construction Company for all alternative road surfaces, such as chip seal.

Barwick pressed the commissioners to make a decision on the type of topping that they wanted on the 10 roads that the Road Department has been preparing for a final surfacing, and particularly on

the four roads that the department had already completed.

His concern, Barwick said, was that if final surfaces weren't put on these four roads as soon as possible, they would soon begin deteriorating and the department's work would have been for nothing.

Boyd again argued for development of a plan prior to spending any of the \$4.5 million bond money to ensure that the maximum number of residents benefited from the road improvement projects. He said he remained convinced that if the county employed a combination of different types of toppings and used in-house crews, it could do tenfold the roads that the more costly asphalt paving alone

would accomplish.

"I wish we would back up and look at the chip sealed roads in Georgia before we make a decision," Boyd said, proceeding to show a quick PowerPoint presentation on several of the Peach State's chip-sealed roads, some of which he said had lasted nearly 20 years.

The other commissioners, however, determined that the board needed to move forward without any further delay on either the paving or chip sealing of the roads that the Road Department had already prepared for final surfacing. It was then the board took four separate votes on the paving or chip sealing of Casa Bianca, Indian Hills, Robin and Tyson roads.

## AAVFD Hosting Fundraising Lunch

FRAN HUNT  
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The Ashville Area Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting a fundraising lunch on February 2, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. The fundraiser will be held in the old Downtown Food Store parking lot, across from Stewart's BP.

The meal consists of either a chicken or pulled pork lunch, complete with potato salad, green beans and dinner roll for \$10. Plates can also be preordered.

Assistant Fire Chief Butch Staffierie explained that the meals are not going to be small portion meals. "The chicken will not be one or two pieces, it will be half a chicken," he said.

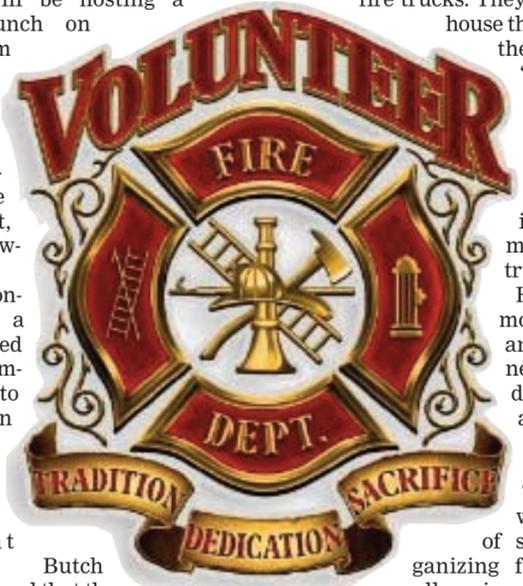
All proceeds will go toward safety trainings, updated equipment and other

department needs, such as expanding the current firehouse.

Staffierie explained that the department wanted to be able to house all the fire trucks. They currently can house three trucks, but they have four.

"We'd also like to be able to have meetings and training sessions inside the building without moving the trucks outside. He added that more volunteers are always needed. "You don't have to be a firefighter," said Staffierie. "Some one with any kind of skills from organizing fundraisers to small engine repair, anyone with any kind of special skills, would be more than welcome."

To make donations or preorder a plate contact Brooke Cashwell at (850) 464-2576, or by email at BrookeCashwell1@gmail.com.



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

## Ducks Unlimited To Host Fundraiser Banquet February 22

FRAN HUNT  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

The Aucilla River Chapter of Ducks Unlimited will be hosting its annual fundraising banquet on Friday, February 22 at Willow Pond.

Doors open at 6 p.m. and a steak dinner with all of the trimmings, including dessert, will be served at 7 p.m.

The evening will include live auctions, silent auction and a plethora of raffles. One of the items to be auctioned off this year is an AKC registered Yellow Labrador Retriever.

Tickets are \$55 per person or \$80 per couple. Coordinators say it is a real fun night with a lot of activity all night long.

For further information or tickets, contact Ted Nixon at 997-3773 or Rene McCord at 258-1081.



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## Wedding Announcement

The late John H. Seabrooks and Mrs. Jacquelyn Seabrooks announce the engagement and forthcoming wedding of their daughter Stephanie Seabrooks of Tallahassee, Florida to Mr. Tyrone Billington, son of the late Katie and Charles Billington of Jasper, Florida.

Ms. Seabrooks is a graduate of Jefferson County High School in Monticello, Florida and is employed by Capital Health Plan in Tallahassee.

Mr. Billington is a graduate of Florida State University, with a Bachelor of Science degree. He is employed by the Department of Retirement in Tallahassee.

An April 13<sup>th</sup> wedding is planned.



## Chamber After 5 Always A Big Hit

**DEBBIE SNAPP**  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

Mark your calendars for the next Chamber Business After 5, hosted on Tuesday, February 19 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the newly located Wag The Dog thrift store, on North Jefferson.

Come on out, tour the facility, and network with fellow Chamber members. Shop and buy and learn more about the Jefferson County Humane Society, and how you can help by getting involved.

The Chamber Business After 5 events are held quarterly on the third Tuesday. The October 16 event was hosted by the Jefferson Country Club, on the Boston Highway. Chamber members, their guests, and area residents came out to tour the greens, the facility, and to network.

The facility offers my favorite... lighted golf balls on full moon evenings! Basic monthly membership fees are \$60, or \$695 yearly. Which includes use of the swimming pool and tennis courts; pay only a cart fee when playing golf.

There are Junior golf and tennis camps for children; three big tournaments a year; Happy Hours; a monthly newsletter; and golf lessons are available. Come enjoy watching sporting events on the big, flat screen television or watch television in a laid back atmosphere of the 19<sup>th</sup> hole... with a great Bloody Mary in hand!

For questions about Jefferson Country Club, contact Manager and Golf Pro David Jackson at 850-997-5484 or 850-528-0025.



ECB Publishing Photos By Debbie Snapp, October 16, 2012. Chamber Business After 5 at Jefferson Country Club. Pictured from left to right are: Ralph Burquist, Dick Bailar, and Manager and Golf Pro David Jackson.



ECB Publishing Photos By Debbie Snapp, October 16, 2012. Chamber Business After 5 at Jefferson Country Club. Pictured from left to right are: Friedel Bailar and Marty Burquist.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY Ms. ANNIE BELL HUGGINS February 10, 2013

To The Greatest Mom In The World,

Mom, your life has been like a puff in the wind, and so has another year. We are here to celebrate the special date that God brought you to this earth. We want you to know how much you mean to us as a family. You raised nine boys and four girls all by yourself. You taught us how to respect and love our elders. You took on the task of Mother and Father, and with the gift of love and God's blessings you took care of it one day at a time.

Mom, God has blessed you with a humble, loving, tender heart. You always sacrificed and always provided during the hard times. In the Bible God tells us not to be conformed to this world. We can proudly say that you are an angel of God sent to this world. You gave what you had in order to feed the hungry and you always tried to be there for those who needed you, including the hungry animals.

You are a Mother first and a friend always. You always believed with faith. You always had hope, and the greatest was your love. You gave us your all, and we cannot thank you enough. We hope and pray that God will continue to bless you with peace and happiness and with the gift of health.

At 92 years of age, we thank God for the years He has given you here on this earth. You have passed on your unfailing love from generation to generation, and we want you to know that as a family, we will always be there for you.

From the bottom of our hearts, we love you always. God Bless You!

It is not about ice-cream, cake, candles, or presents... today is about you!

This day is to celebrate your life as a mother. You are a gift to my life.

Your love has passed from heart to heart across the generations.

I thank God for the years He has given you on this earth. I cannot imagine my world without you.

I thank you for your unfailing love.

You are the salt of the earth. Salt is the love and energy of life. If salt loses its taste there is no flavor. You live your life with flavor each and every day.

Your love shines, day in and day out. You are the reason I wake up every morning. Mom, you are the flavor of my life.

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ECB Publishing Photos By Debbie Snapp, October 16, 2012. Chamber Business After 5 at Jefferson Country Club lounge area.

## JCMHS Guidance Department Holds Competition

The JCMHS Guidance Department will close the month of February with a fashion show and potluck event by sponsoring an African/70's Attire Potluck Competition on Thursday, February, 28 at the school location, 50 David Road, in the Media Center, Building D. Your dish and your attire could win you MONEY!

Participants are asked to sign-up at the JMHS Guidance Department. Participants are welcome to compete under 'African' or a '70s' attire. All participants must bring a dish to the event in order to be entered into the completion. During each

teacher's planning, all participants will eat, model, and vote for their favorite dish.

Three seniors (top ranking class) will judge the attire. Best Dish will receive \$50; Best African Attire and Best 70's Attire will receive \$100. Winners will be announced at 3:40 p.m., SHARP!

Everyone in the learning community is welcome to participate; however, you must sign-up for this competition along with your dish selection. Point of contact for this event will be Dr. Donna E. Williams, at 850-997-3555X213 or donna.williams@jefferson-schooldistrict.org.



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# Jefferson County Living

## Joint Yard Sale Saturday

**DEBBIE SNAPP**  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

Hiram Masonic Lodge #5 and Altrusa Monticello will hold a 'Joint Yard Sale' fundraiser from 7:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, February 16, at the Hiram Lodge, 235 North Olive Street.

Hiram Lodge #5 F&AM Worshipful Master Travis Richards encourages the community to come browse and shop till all is gone, in an effort to help these two service oriented groups.

Funds raised by Masonic and Altrusa members are used for the betterment of the Jefferson County community. Recently, the Masons held a very successful fish fry and Altrusa members held an auction and fun night of entertainment to raise money for their education programs.

For more information about these groups and to make donations, contact Roy Faglie at 850-997-3947 or Dianne Westbrook at 850-997-2973.



## Outreach Caring Project Well Received



The Union Hill AME Church Outreach Caring Project for the West Tennessee Street Homeless Shelter in Tallahassee was very well received. The group took some much-needed items and supplies during the 2012 Christmas holiday. Rev. Joseph O. Love, pastor. One of the shelter volunteers helped with the delivery.

## Obituary

**ERROL LEE SNAPP**



Errol Lee Snapp of Longview, TX, died in his sleep on Thursday morning, January 31, 2013. He was the oldest son of Debbie and Clyde Snapp of Monticello, FL.

Errol was born on January 1, 1958 in Wilmington, OH, to Clyde and Carol Snapp. His family received friends and coworkers on Monday evening, February 4, 2013 at the Welch Funeral Home in Longview. A graveside service was held on Tuesday afternoon, February 5, 2013 at the Fisher Cemetery, his wife's family cemetery, on Silver Falls Road in Longview.

He was a fabrication shop welder by trade, employed by H.L. Hailey Enterprises. He enjoyed music, playing guitar, singing, motorcycles, golfing, fishing, and working crossword puzzles with his father. He visited with his father daily by phone.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Jeane Snapp; son Nicholas Lee Snapp (Rhonda Crist,) of Longview; daughter Carmen Carol DeBerg (Ben,) of St. Petersburg, FL; father and stepmother, Clyde and Debbie Snapp; mother and stepfather Carol and the late Arnold Stone; brother Benjamin Shaine Snapp; sisters Kelli Sue Snapp, Letitia Renee Ackles, and Amberly Loren Snapp; grandchildren Olivia, Thomas, and Alan DeBerg; local grandmother Jane Hand; and many other relatives and friends... all who will mourn his passing and cherish his memory.

The family would like to thank everyone for the outpouring of love and continued prayer. A memorial guestbook may be signed at [www.welchfuneral.com](http://www.welchfuneral.com).

## 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

**FRAN HUNT**  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

Cara Bevis, 45, of Jefferson County, was arrested February 8 and charged with two counts of possession of marijuana with intent to sell, and two counts of sale of marijuana. She was released on her own recognition the same day.

Kenneth Joseph Metts, 27, of Greenville, FL, was arrested February 8 and charged with possession of marijuana less than 20 grams. Bond was set at \$500 and he bonded out of jail the same day.

Antione Johnson, 36, of Thomasville, was arrested February 8 and charged with violation of probation. Bond was withheld and he remained at the County Jail February 14.

Mandy Marie Miller, 25, of Mendenhall, MS, was arrested February 8 and charged with scheming to defraud, and petit theft. A total bond of \$5,100 was set and she remained at the County Jail February 14.

Jamar Markeith Walker, 19, of Tallahassee, was arrested February 9 and charged with trespass after warning. Bond was set at \$500 and he bonded out of jail the following day.

Robert Ray Gwinn, 47, of Monticello, was arrested February 9 and charged with driving under the influence, and driving while license suspended. A total bond of \$1,000 was set and he bonded out of jail the following day.

Darryl Hayes, 31, of Jefferson County, was sentenced in court February 11 to serve 32 months in the Florida Department of Corrections, (DOC) on the charges of possession of a controlled substance, and possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell. He remained at the County Jail February 14 awaiting transport to the DOC Reception Center.

Bert Trabling, 24, of Savannah, GA, was sentenced in court February 12 to serve four days in the County Jail on the charge of driving while license suspended. He remained at the County Jail February 14.

Christina Louise Motes, 32, of Jefferson County, was arrested February 12 and charged with simple battery. Bond was set at \$500 and she bonded out of jail the same day.

Paul Almer Branch, 40, of Jefferson County, was arrested February 12 and charged with simple battery. Bond was set at \$500 and he bonded out of jail the same day.

Marquis Pollocks, 25, of Tallahassee, was arrested February 12 and charged with writ of attachment for nonpayment of child support. Bond was set at \$600 and he bonded out of jail the following day.

Randall Lee Hale, 55, of Jefferson County, was arrested February 12 and charged with failure to appear on the charge of battery. Bond was set at \$2,500 and he bonded out of jail the same day.

Willie Scott, 62, of Lamont, was arrested February 12 and charged with battery. Bond was withheld and he remained at the County Jail February 14.

## ORKC To Host 22nd Dog Show

**MARY ELLEN ZYDELL**  
Ochlocknee River Kennel Club

On Thursday, February 21 to Sunday, February 24 hundreds of show dogs will come to the Big Bend Area to compete for American Kennel Club (AKC) championships and hundreds more will show their skills in agility competitions, which test their ability to run obstacle courses and follow commands.

In its 22nd year, the Ochlocknee River Kennel Club (ORKC) will host the events at the North Florida Fairgrounds. Show times are 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. each day. Admission is \$6 and children under 12 will be admitted free.

Over 1,000 dogs representing 158 different AKC breeds will be represented. As typical each year, there

will be champion dogs that have recently competed in the prestigious Westminster Kennel Club dog show, held in the New York City Madison Square Garden, competing in the Tallahassee shows. Rare breeds such a Pharaoh Hounds, Polish Lowland Sheepdogs, Cavalier King Charles Spaniels, and Tibetan Terriers, as well as loveable Golden and Labrador Retrievers will all be at the fairgrounds for the public to see in action.

The show is also an opportunity for people interested in knowing more about a particular breed to talk to the exhibitors. Would a Portuguese Water Dog be right for my family or would a Lhasa Apso be a good match for a retiree living in an apartment? See what breeds of dogs would be the right match for you. See the giants of the dog world: the Irish Wolfhound (averages three feet at the shoulder) and the Mastiff (average weight of 200 pounds.) And, see the smallest AKC breed, the Chihuahua, at six inches tall and weighing two to six pounds.

Check with the ORKC website ([www.orkc.com](http://www.orkc.com)) for the time when your favorite breed will be competing each morning. The final judging of all groups begins about 1:30 p.m. each day.

Additionally, there will be several groups showcasing the talents of their dogs on Saturday and Sunday. These include, First Re-



Painted by local artist and ORKC member Sheila Slik.

sponse Search Team, showing how dogs can help in the search for missing people. The German Shorthair Pointer club will show their breed's talent for locating and pointing birds. Canine freestyle is an event that shows how even an ordinary house pet can burn up the dance floor with their owner! Check the website for details.

Vendors will offer dog supplies, food, and rare items found only at dog shows. Several rescue organizations will also be on hand to showcase their dogs looking for forever homes.

If you have considered therapy work with your dog, the show is offering Canine Good Citizen and Therapy Dog International Testing on Saturday by appointment.

For more information go to [www.orkc.com](http://www.orkc.com) or call 850-222-2218. It's a great weekend to 'go to the dogs' when the top dogs come to town.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

[debbiesnapp@embarqmail.com](mailto:debbiesnapp@embarqmail.com) or 850-997-3568

**February 15**  
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 Neill Wade at 850-545-4940.

**February 15**  
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 nonprofit charitable organization. For questions or concerns, contact Curtis Morgan at 850-933-8136 or Bobby Connell at 850-445-0049.

**February 16**  
A Sweetheart Ball hosted by the MLK Community Center will be held on Saturday, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the MLK Center. Ticket cost is \$12 per person, or \$20 per couple. Cover charges include food and drink. Tickets are available at Sistaz Beauty Boutique, 1246 North Jefferson Street, in the Dunn building, or call 850-997-3760. All proceeds benefit the success of the MLK Center.

**February 16**  
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.

**February 16**  
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.

**February 16**  
Hiram Masonic Lodge #5 and Altrusa Monticello will hold a Joint Yard Sale fundraiser from 7:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday at the Hiram Lodge, 235 North Olive Street. For more information about these groups and to make donations, contact Roy Faglie at 850-997-3947 or Dianne Westbrook at 850-997-2973.

**February 18**  
AA meetings are held every Monday at 8 p.m. at the Anglican Church, 124 Jefferson Avenue in Thomasville. For more information go to [www.alanon.alateen.org](http://www.alanon.alateen.org).

**February 18**  
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.

**February 19**  
AA classes are held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. for those seeking help. The classes are held at the Harvest Chris-

tian Center, 1599 Springhollow Road. Contact Marvin Graham, pastor, at 850-212-7669 for more information.

**February 19**  
Chamber Business After 5 from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday at Wag the Dog.

**February 19**  
Parent Involvement Committee meets at 6:30 p.m. every third Tuesday at the District Office on Water Street. Contact Vicki Boland [vicki.boland@jeffersonschooldistrict.org](mailto:vicki.boland@jeffersonschooldistrict.org).

**February 19**  
Jefferson County Lions Club meets at 1 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of every month at the Brick House Eatery, in the community room. For more information about this organization and its fundraising efforts, contact Lion Debbie at 850-997-0901.

**February 19-28**  
Free computer classes at the Jefferson County RJ Bailar 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.

**February 20**  
Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting and Ceremony at the newly located Eye-Savers at the Gerry Specialty Clinic at North Jefferson at 12 p.m.

**February 20**  
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 [www.elcbbend.org](http://www.elcbbend.org) for additional information.

**February 20**  
Monticello Kiwanis meet every Wednesday at 12 p.m. at the Jefferson Country Club on the Boston Highway for lunch, a program and a meeting. For more information, contact President Rocky Gavins at 850-997-2646.

**February 21**  
AA meetings are held weekly at 8 p.m. on Thursdays at the Christ Episcopal Church annex, 425 North Cherry Street. For more information call 850-997-2129 or 850-997-1955.

# School

## Draw Your Favorite Dog Art Contest Winners

**DEBBIE SNAPP**  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

Ochlocknee River Kennel Club (ORKC) held its annual 'Draw Your Favorite Dog' Art Contest recently, with a phenomenal 150+ students from the Jefferson County school area participating. Winning artists from each age category received a one-day family pass to the annual Dog Show at the Tallahassee Fairgrounds in February from the 21-24 and recognition in the local news.

"One student entered a lovely picture of a horse, which we enjoyed but couldn't award, as this is a 'Dog Art Contest'." noted Committee Chairperson Sheila Slik.

After much judging, the win-

ners were chosen...

High School level students are: Sarah Tharp, 9<sup>th</sup> grade, Aucilla Christian Academy; Robert Walker, 7<sup>th</sup> grade Jefferson County Middle High School; Ontasia Wilkins, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, JCMHS; Elicia Brewster, 9<sup>th</sup> grade, JCMHS; Brenda Guerrero, 12<sup>th</sup> grade, JCMHS; Savannah Akers, 10<sup>th</sup> grade, JCMHS; Aggie Martinez, 10<sup>th</sup> grade, JCMHS.

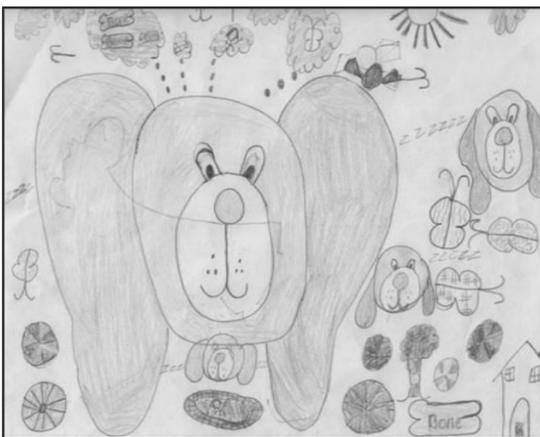
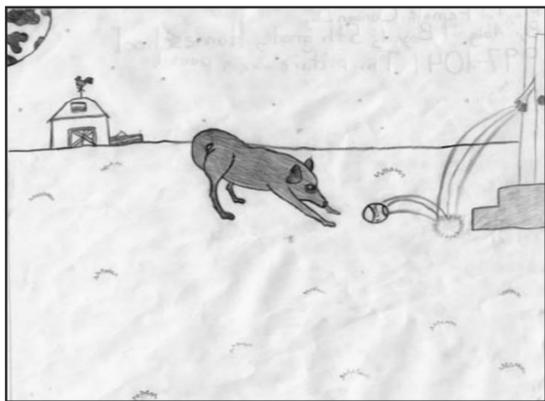
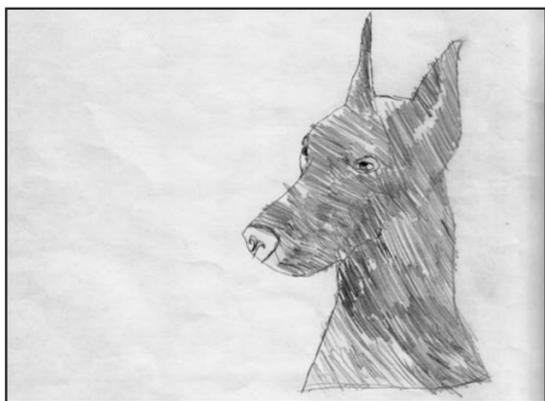
Middle School level students are: MicKayla Courson, 6<sup>th</sup> grade, JCMHS; Woods Collins, 6<sup>th</sup> grade, ACA; Emily Forehand, 6<sup>th</sup> grade, ACA; Kaitlin Goddard, 6<sup>th</sup> grade, ACA; Kar Dale, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, ACA; Al-bree Shiver, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, ACA; Abigail Boyd, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Home School; Liroy Travis, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Jefferson Elemen-

tary School; Grace Beshears, 6<sup>th</sup> grade, ACA.

Elementary School level students are: Turner Beshears, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, ACA and Sandra Jimenez, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, JES.

"The winning pictures will be displayed at the dog show," adds Slik, "and some will be used in advertising for next year's dog show. We are very proud of the talent displayed in these pictures. They were all wonderful."

Several Jefferson County residents have connections to the Ochlocknee River Kennel Club. For more information, contact Committee Chairperson Sheila Slik at 850-997-8103.



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# School

## Nicole Roddenberry Named District Teacher Of The Year

**FRAN HUNT**  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

It was a typical Monday morning in the classrooms of Jefferson Elementary School, but at the School Board Office, people were beginning to gather for the big announcement.

Superintendent Al "Pee-Wee" Cooksey, School Board personnel, and friends, gathered together at the School Board offices and then drove out to the elementary school.

Upon arrival, a beautiful bouquet of red roses adorned with baby's breath, ting-ting, red and white balloons, a metallic congratulations balloon, and red and white ribbons in a beautiful glass vase, was handed to JES Principal Gwen Coverson to present to Nicole Roddenberry.

As Roddenberry was teaching her class, the group entered her room and yelled "Congratula-



Superintendent of Schools Al "Pee-Wee" Cooksey presented the plaque to first grade teacher Nicole Roddenberry for being named the Macy's 2014 District Teacher Of The Year.

tions!" She sprang up, smiled and her eyes began to tear. The children began clapping their hands.

Dr. Coverson pre-

sented her with the flowers and Superintendent Cooksey presented her with the plaque. "Ms. Roddenberry has been a teacher at Jefferson Ele-



First Grade Teacher Nicole Roddenberry, who was named Macy's 2014 District Teacher Of The Year, poses with her class.

mentary for 10 years," he said. "Though she doesn't look over 19."

"He then invited Roddenberry to say a few words.

"When Dr. Coverson came and told me that I was the Jefferson Elemen-

tary Teacher of the Year, some of the children started to cry because they thought I was leaving. I had to explain to them what was going on."

"Ms. Roddenberry is the Jefferson Elementary Teacher of the Year, and

now she is also the District Teacher of the Year," said Assistant Principal Nancy Witty.

The children began to cheer and applaud, after which, they all came forward to give her congratulatory hugs.

## Family Fun Night

The Jefferson County Title I Parent Involvement Committee Is Working To Build Stronger Partnerships In Education

In an effort to increase parental and community involvement in our schools, a Title I family night of having fun while learning took place on January 29, 2013 at Greater Fellowship M.B. Church of Monticello.

What a great success and start it was for the beginning of the New Year! Superintendent Al Cooksey along with one of our school volunteers and employees, Ms. Lutricia Hamm, welcomed everyone.

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Kelvin Norton, Director of Personnel Dr. Melvin Roberts, Federal Programs Specialist Tammy McGriff and principals gave remarks on the progress of our schools.

After the learning sessions, came the Fun Time. We broke the families and guests into groups of two. Group A did Arts & Crafts and made beautiful Valentines Cards together. Each family got to take home a complete Valentines Kit including a book for parents and children to read together at home.

Group B played Bingo. Parents and children joined together in playing many games of



Superintendent Al Cooksey speaks to those attending the family fun night held at Greater Fellowship M.B. Church of Monticello.

Bingo.

Oh, what a night it was! Prizes were awarded to the winners and we had to play extra games so that our school board member, Ms. Sandra Saunders could finally win. She would not leave without a prize, which she did finally win and donated to one of the children in attendance.

All participants including School Board Members along with City and County Officials expressed appreciation, as well a desire to become more involved and to support our schools by encouraging other parents and community leaders to help us build stronger partnerships in educa-



Dr. Kelvin Norton, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, gave remarks on the progress of our schools.

tion. To become a volunteer or partner with us, please contact Ms. Edna Henry or Ms. Vicki Boland at 850-342-0100.



Students and parents that attended had fun playing Bingo (above) and other games. They also worked on Arts & Crafts (below) making Valentine cards.



Menus for February 2013  
Jefferson County Schools

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

蛇 YEAR OF THE SNAKE

2013

The Chinese New Year begins with the new moon on February 10. 2013 is the year of the Snake.

Mon., Feb. 18	Tues., Feb. 19	Wed., Feb. 20	Thurs., Feb. 21	Fri., Feb. 22
<b>Presidents' Day</b>	Chicken Vegetable Soup	Grilled Chick Burger	Ham Carbonaro	Hot Dog
	Ham Sandwich	Sweet Potato Tots	Greens	Baked Beans
No School Today	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Cole Slaw
	Cookie	Milk	Cornbread	Fruit
	Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk

**ADJUSTMENTS.** Healthy eating is all about making adjustments. And our new menu guidelines are no exception. We now have the flexibility to offer a little more grains and proteins, while staying within the same caloric maximums. And don't worry, the new higher amounts of fruits and veggies are still in place, too.

## Jefferson Elementary

is so proud and excited to announce that...

# Nicole Roddenberry

will represent Jefferson County in Orlando as District Teacher of the Year!!!

Your JES staff, students, and parents love you and are honored to have you represent our great county in this prestigious event!

Teachers make a Difference

# Sports

## Lady Tigers Skim Perry

FRAN HUNT  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

The Jefferson County varsity Lady Tigers kicked off their season against Perry on February 5, and the Lady Tigers skinned their opponent for a 5-4 win.

Head Coach Frank Brown said that this was the first time in about 10 years that Jefferson had beaten Perry. "It was the first game for both teams, and the teams were very evenly matched," said Brown. "Usually Perry overpowers us, but we raised our field of play. I think they are still in shellshock. The pitching was pretty evenly matched. We got ahead of them 1-0 early on. We had

them 5-1 until the bottom of the seventh, when they rallied. The game could have gone either way." He added that the team's "Queen of Defense" during the game was Mikayla Norton. "She had two double-plays in a row."

Taylor Clemens had four at-bats, two putouts and two fly outs.

Carlie Barber had four at-bats, one run, one walk, one strikeout, two putouts, and one stolen base.

Alyssa Lewis had four at-bats, two runs, one single, one RBI, one walk, one fly out, one reach on error and one stolen base.

Mikayla Norton had three at-bats, one run, one single, one hit-by-pitch, one putout, and two stolen

bases.

Jana Barber had four at-bats, one single, one RBI, two strikeouts, and one putout.

Brianna Nolan had three at-bats, one run, two walks, one strikeout, and one stolen base.

Ladayshia "Skittles" Williams had three at-bats, one double, one strikeout and one putout.

Shay Dunlap had three at-bats, one walk, one strikeout, one putout, and one stolen base.

Kelvisha Norton had one at-bat and one walk.

Allaura Pierce had two at-bats, one walk, and one putout

On the mound, Clemens pitched the entire game. She gave up two singles, one homerun, six walks, and six strikeouts.

Perry gave up three singles, one double, five walks, one hit-by-pitch, and struck out eight batters.

## JV Lady Tigers Softball Roster And Schedule Released

FRAN HUNT  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

Jefferson County Head Softball Coach Frank Brown, gave an update on the program, and provided the varsity roster and schedule.

Practices officially began on January 7. He said that two or three dropped out since then, but that was the norm every year. "There were a couple with no experience whatsoever, so I suggested that they take a year of rec ball to develop some skills first, and they agreed," he added.

The girls have been working on basic out fielding techniques, such as the difference between catching fly balls and ground balls. They have also been rotating on the in field positions, and their batting skills. The tryout period also served as a training period for the team. Brown has been observing where which girl is best so he could form the team.

"This year, we have a batting cage, so we will be able to work on batting and fielding at the same time," he added. "That makes the practices much more effective rather than having some players standing around doing nothing. We also

painted the dugout in the school colors, and there is fencing in front of the dugout. The fencing around the field is also being repaired. I guess you could say we are on a renovation campaign," he concluded.

Playing for the JV Lady Tigers are Amalee Addison, center field; Arianna Pierce, left field; Ashanti Brannan, third base; Hanna Black, catcher; Dalayna Nolan, second base; Kayla Burns, first base; Lea Vargas, right field; Luna Ball, left field; Marta Vargas, pitcher; and Summer Eades, shortstop.

Serving as the assistant coach this year is Earlene Knight.

Action begins on the diamond against Potter's Christian, 4 p.m., February 7, home; Rickards, 5 p.m., February 15, home; Maclay, 5:30 p.m., February 25, away; Lafayette (Mayo), 5 p.m., February 25, away; and Potter's Christian, 4 p.m., February 28, home.

Action continues against Branford, 4 p.m., March 5, home; Hamilton County, 5 p.m., March 7, away; Maclay, 5:30 p.m., March 11, home; Lafayette (Mayo), 6 p.m., March 18, home; Hamilton County, 6 p.m., March 22, home; and wrapping up the season, Branford, 5 p.m., April 2, away.

## JV Lady Tigers Down Potter's Christian

FRAN HUNT  
ECB Publishing  
Staff Writer

In their season opener, the junior varsity Lady Tigers faced off against Potter's Christian, and the Lady Tigers came out on top of a 12-10 scoreboard.

Coach Frank Brown said it was one of those strange days, the game had been canceled and rescheduled twice. "It was drizzling pretty good all morning, then it began

raining harder, so I called their coach and cancelled and rescheduled the game for April. Then it looked like it was going to clear up, so I called him back and the game was on again. Then it began to rain really hard, so I called and canceled and rescheduled again. Finally, the sun broke out and it looked like it was going to break up, so I called the coach again and he said they wanted to come."

He added that Potter's is a first year team, though they are a varsity team. "The coach asked me on a scale of one to 10, how was I rate my team, I told him about seven or eight. Then I asked him how he would rank his team and he said a three. So I suggested that they play our JV team, and he said okay," said Brown. He said that due to the JV team having some players out due to injury, he brought down his two youngest varsity players

to play in the game.

"Potter's had no fast pitchers. It was a slow pitch game, with a very high arch in the ball, which makes it extremely difficult for fast pitch batters. They had a pretty good team, if they would have had fast pitching.

Carlie Barber had four at-bats, one run, three walks, and one strikeout.

Summer Eades had four at-bats, two runs, two singles, one walk, one putout, and one stolen base.

Ashanti "Minnie-Me" Brannan had four at-bats, two runs, one double, two walks, and one strikeout. Brown added that out in left field Brannan made a phenomenal catch. "The ball went way up over her head and behind her, she could get under it. She reached over her head and behind her, and it went right into her glove," he said.

Brianna Nolan had four at-bats, one run, three walks, and one strikeout.

Marta Vargas had four at-bats, one run, two singles, one double, and two stolen bases.

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

Ladayshia "Skittles" Williams had three at-bats, one run, one single, two walks, and one stolen base.

Kelvisha Norton had two at-bats and two strikeouts.

Amalee Addison had one at-bat and one walk.

Hanna Black had three at-bats, one run, two singles, and one putout.

On the mound, were Marta Vargas and Brianna Nolan, who pitched most of the game.

Between them, they gave up one single, two doubles, nine walks, two hit-by-pitch, and five strikeouts.

Compared to Potter's pitchers, who gave up 11 singles, three doubles, 11 walks, and struck out five.

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## ACA Varsity Softball Roster And Schedule

FRAN HUNT  
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The roster and schedule has been released for the Aucilla Christian Academy varsity softball team.

Playing for the Lady Warriors this year are Ashley Schofill, pitcher, third base; Brooke Joiner, catcher, right field; Brooke Kinsley, first base; Carly Joiner, pitcher, left field; Courtney Watts, centerfield; Hadley Revell, right field; Kelly Horne, catcher, shortstop; Lauren Demott, right field; Marissa Duber, first base, second base; Michaela Metcalfe, catcher; Pamela Watt, second base; Taylor Copeland, centerfield;

Whitney McKnight, first base; and Whitney Stevens, pitcher, centerfield.

Coaching the Lady Warriors this year is Becky Lauth.

Action began in the Pres-Season Classic exhibition games at Florida High. The statistics from those two games will be forthcoming.

The regular season began against Florida High on February 7, Rickards, February 8, and Maclay, February 12. Those game statistics will also be forthcoming.

Lake City, February 14 at 7 p.m., there; FAMU, February 15 at 4 p.m., there; Melody Christian, February 19 at 4 p.m.,

here; North Florida Christian, February 21 at 4 p.m., here; and John Paul II, February 22 at 4 p.m., there.

March action sees the Lady Warriors going in against Melody Christian, March 4 at 4 p.m., there; Florida High, March 5 at 4 p.m., there; FAMU, March 7 at 4 p.m., here; Munroe, March 8 at 6 p.m., there; Hamilton County, March 11 at 7 p.m., there; North Florida Christian, March 12 at 4 p.m., there; and John Paul II, March 15 at 4 p.m., here.

Maclay, April 2 at 3:30 p.m., there; Rickards, April 4 at 6 p.m., there; Munroe, April 5 at 4 p.m., here; and wrapping up the regular season, Hamilton County, April 9 at 4 p.m., here.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION  
IN RE: ESTATE OF JOHN EDWARD LOWE, Deceased.  
File Number: 12-82-CP

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
The administration of the estate of JOHN EDWARD LOWE, deceased, whose date of death was 30th day of October, 2012, is pending in the Circuit Court for Jefferson County, Florida, Probate Division under probate file # 12-82-CP, the address of which is 1 Courthouse Circle, Monticello, Florida 32344. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be filed their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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# Sports

## ACA Honors Middle School Basketball Players



Aucilla Christian Academy recently recognized the middle school boys' basketball team. The boys' team finished with a record of 9-2, for the season. Pictured left to right: Timothy Finlayson (Rookie of the Year), Daulton Browning (Most Improved), Coach Drew Sherrod, and Gatlin Nennstiel (MVP).



Aucilla Christian Academy recently recognized the middle school girls' basketball team. They finished with a record of 12-1, for the season. Pictured left to right: Coach James Burkett, Dena Bishop (Most Valuable Defensive), Cali Burkett (MVP), and Ramsey Sullivan (Most Valuable Offensive).

## ACA Warriors' Middle School Girls Kick Off Season Against Madison Academy Panthers

KRISTIN FINNEY  
ECB Publishing, Inc.

The Aucilla Christian Academy Warriors middle school softball team kicked off their season against the Madison Academy Panthers on February 5, at 4 p.m. The game was held at the Madison County Recreation Park. This year's team consists of 14 girls. The Warriors had nine hits on 29 at bats, including one in-the-park home run by Carly Joiner. Joiner also pitched 11 strikeouts.



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The Aucilla Christian Academy Middle School Warriors gather together for a picture before their first game. Front row from left to right: Kaitlyn Goddard, Rea Wheeler, Alexis Alexandrou, Megan Schofill, Ashlyn Rogers, Hanna Searcy, Skylar Dickey and Grace Beshears. Back row from left to right: Heather James, Carly Joiner, Daisy Dee, Hanna Lewis, Summer Dee and Camryn Grant.

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The Week of February 15, 2013 through February 22, 2013  
Major Feed Times are marked by an asterisk (\*)

<b>Friday, February 15</b> *3:20 AM 9:30 AM *3:40 PM 10:00 PM	<b>Saturday, February 16</b> *4:20 AM 10:20 AM *4:30 PM 10:45 PM	<b>Sunday, February 17</b> *5:00 AM 11:10 AM *5:20 PM 11.35 PM	<b>Monday, February 18</b> *5:40 AM 11:50 AM 6:10 PM
<b>Tuesday, February 19</b> 12:20 AM *6:30 AM 12:40 PM *6:50 PM	<b>Wednesday, February 20</b> 1:10 AM *7:10 AM 1:20 PM *7:30 PM	<b>Thursday, February 21</b> 1:50 AM *7:55 PM 2:10 PM *8:20 PM	<b>Friday, February 22</b> 2:20 AM *8:40 AM 2:50 PM *9:10 PM

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