



Fulford Killer's Execution Set For Tuesday

Howell Seeks Stay Of Execution

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Attorneys for Paul Augustus Howell, who was found guilty of the Feb. 1, 1992, slaying of Florida Highway Patrol Trooper Jimmy Fulford, are seeking a stay of execution. Howell's execution is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 26, at 6 p.m.



Paul Augustus Howell



Trooper Jimmy Fulford

Howell was convicted of first degree murder on Jan. 10, 1995 and given the death penalty. Eighteen years later, the execution is scheduled to take place but Howell's attorneys, Sonya Rudenstine of Gainesville and Michael Ufferman of Tallahassee, are trying to stop the execution.

Howell has asked that his court-appointed attorneys Clyde M. Taylor, of Tallahassee, and Baya Harrison, of Monticello, be removed from the case.

In Jan. 1992, Howell had constructed a pipe bomb. He had intended to murder a Marianna woman named Tammie Bailey with it. Bailey was part of a drug ring with Paul Howell and his brother, Patrick. Bailey could link the Howell brothers to a previous murder, so they intended on eliminating her as a witness for the prosecution.

It was cold that Feb. 1 when Fulford arrived at work at 3 p.m. at the Madison FHP station. He went on a call to a rest area on Interstate 10 where he helped a woman who had locked the keys in her car. He then spotted a car headed west at 85 miles per hour and stopped the Mitsubishi Gallant in Jefferson County.

Fulford discovered that Lester Watson, the man driving the car, did not have a driver's license. Fulford arrested Watson on charges of driving without a license and Watson was booked into the Jefferson

County Jail. Watson's passenger, Leroy Williams, asked if he could accompany Watson to the jail.

Fulford discovered that the car had been rented to Paul Howell, of Miami. He had the dispatcher call Howell, who said that he had given Watson permission to drive the car but had not told him to head north with it. During the phone call, he never told them that the package contained a bomb that he had intended to send to Marianna to silence her.
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County To Explore Possible Projects With BP Spill Monies



LAZARO ALEMAN
ECB Publishing Senior Staff Writer

Jefferson County officials are looking for professional assistance to help guide them through the process and ensure that the county gets its share of settlement monies coming out of the 2010 BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

Commissioner Betsy Barfield represents Jefferson County on the Restore Act Gulf Consortium, an entity composed of representatives of the 23 Florida counties whose coastlines front the Gulf and whose expressed purpose is to develop a plan for the use of the BP monies that will result from fines levied against the oil company under the federal RESTORE Act.

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Save Our Homes Properties Likely To See Tax Increase

LAZARO ALEMAN
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Property Appraiser Angela Gray has mixed news for the 3,500+ property owners in Jefferson County who have the Save Our Homes exemption.

The mixed news is that property owners with the Save Our Homes exemption don't face a three-percent increase in their assessed value as they did last year. They do, however, potentially face a 1.7 percent increase in their assessed value this year.

The potential increase, as Gray explains it, is because voters in November didn't approve a constitutional amendment that would have prevented such increases on properties that have experienced a decrease in their just values.

The information about the potential increase to property owners is found in the 2013 Property Tax Valuation and Income Limitation Rates, a memo that the Florida Department of Internal Revenue (FDOR) recently released to all the state's property appraisers.

As Gray further explains it, the 1992 adopted Save Our Homes Constitutional Amendment is a measure that protects homestead homeowners by capping the assessed values of their properties at the Consumer Price Index (CPI) or at three percent, depending on whichever

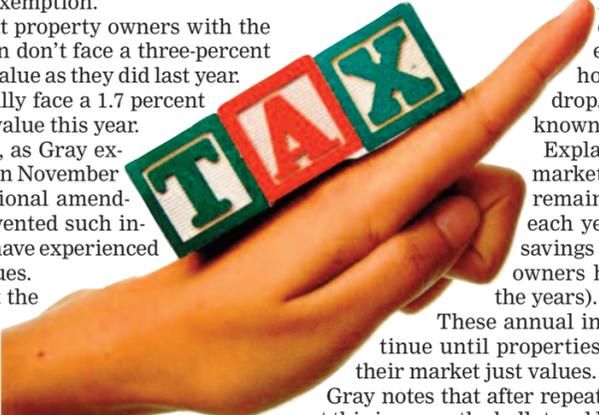
is lower. For years, the amendment worked to homeowners' benefit and resulted in huge tax savings, particularly during the boom years when the market values of houses went steadily up. Unfortunately, the converse holds true for such property owners during hard economic times when houses' market values drop. That's when the little known recapture rule kicks in.

Explains Gray, "When the market shows decline, the cap remains in effect, increasing each year and recapturing the savings benefits that homestead owners have accumulated (over the years)."

These annual increases, moreover, continue until properties' assessed values reach their market just values.

Gray notes that after repeated attempts by many to get this issue on the ballot and legislation adopted to redress the situation, the Florida Senate in the 2011 session finally passed a joint resolution that sought to amend the Florida Constitution "to prohibit increases in the assessed value of a homestead property if the fair market value of the property decreased."

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ECB Publishing and Interpress Studios Are Looking For Tomorrow's Leaders Today

ECB Publishing, Inc. (*Monticello News and Jefferson County Journal*) and Interpress are looking for Tomorrow's Leaders.

Interpress Studios will be in Monticello from 2:30-7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 7, to Studios take photos of those leaders. All parents who want their children to be featured in this annual event should call Emerald Greene at (850) 997-3568 or (850) 464-0865 to set up appointments to have the photos taken.

The photos will be taken at the Woman's Club on Pearl Street. Each child who has his or her photo taken (free of charge) will be featured in the newspaper spread, for free, at a later date. Each parent will also have a chance to purchase photo packets, but there is no obligation to purchase a package.

Commissioners Contemplate Granting 'Granny' Exemption

(Benefits Property Owners With Elderly Parents)

LAZARO ALEMAN
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County officials are contemplating implementation of a measure that would grant tax relief to property owners who make additions or upgrades to their homes to accommodate elderly parents or grandparents.

According to Property Appraiser Angela Gray, the Granny Fiat Exemption -- as the measure is commonly called -- would entitle taxpayers who expand or renovate their homes to provide living quarters for an elderly parent or grandparent to a special exemption. The special exemption, per Gray, would be equal to the amount of the new construction, up to 20 percent of the homestead value.

Bill Brumfield initiated the conversation at the Thursday morning, Feb. 7, meeting of the Jefferson County Commission, when he asked the board to consider approving the exemption. Brumfield related that he and his wife were making \$70,000 worth of additions to their home to accommodate his elderly in-laws.

While he welcomed his in-laws' presence, the expenditure was putting a financial burden on him and his wife, he said. He asked that the commission consider granting the exemption not only for himself, but also for others who found themselves in similar circumstances and didn't want to put their elderly relatives in nursing facilities. He left it to Gray to explain the details of the exemption.

Gray explained that to be eligible for the exemption, a property owner had to have a homestead exemption on the property where the parent or grandparent's quarters were being constructed. And it also required that all applicable and appropriate building permits and other requirements be met.

Furthermore, she said, the construction or renovation had to be substantially completed before Jan. 1 of the year in which the exemption was being sought; and the application for the exemption had to be filed with her office on or before March 1 of every year.

Finally, she said, the occupants of the quarters must be parents or grandparents; be at least 62 years of age by January of the year in which the reduction was being sought; and be permanent residents of the particular property on or before Jan. 1 of the year in which the application was made.

"The exemption stays in place as long as the parent or grandparent survives," Gray said. "Once they die, the exemption goes away."

Gray offered that 40 percent of Florida's 67 counties currently provided the exemption. She noted that of the 10 counties with total assessed values of less than \$1 billion in 2012, only Calhoun and Madison counties offered the exemption. She calculated the two counties' assessed value reductions to be \$22,600 and \$132,400 respectively, based on each having a single qualified exemption.

"I made an assumption that if we had 10 people who qualified, the assessed value reduction (for Jefferson County) would be \$1,800 at the low end and \$11,000 at the high end," Gray said, adding that if the commission approved the reduction, it would apply to all taxing jurisdictions.

Meaning that the exemption would apply to the city, the school district and the two water management districts.

"If you pass this ordinance, the dollars would go off their taxes too," Gray said.

The commissioners appeared amenable to the idea.

"People shouldn't be taxed for taking care of their parents," Commissioner Stephen Walker said.

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Man Charged In Crash

FRAN HUNT
ECB Publishing Staff Writer

A local man was charged last weekend following a single-vehicle crash. Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) reported that at 4:20 p.m. on February 16, Justin S. Mabry, 26, of Monticello, was driving a 2003 Jeep Grand Cherokee, traveling north on Old Lloyd Road, half a mile south of US-90.



The vehicle's right two tires ran off the roadway to the right. Mabry then over-corrected to the left, and the vehicle skidded northwest across both travel lanes, and off the west side of the road.

The front bumper of the vehicle collided with a mailbox, and proceeded northwest.

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Man Critically Injured In Crash

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A city man was critically injured in a single vehicle crash Wednesday night.

Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) reported that on February 20 at 6:10 p.m., David Neely, 51, of Monticello, was driving a 2001 Mitsubishi Galant traveling eastbound on US-90, approaching Old Tung Grove Road. In the vehicle, as a passenger, was a three-year old minor.

The vehicle traveled out of the eastbound lane, onto the south grassy shoulder of Old Tung Grove Road. The vehicle continued traveling east on the grassy shoulder.

The vehicle began to rotate counterclockwise, causing the right side of the undercarriage to collide with a concrete culvert.

The vehicle continued traveling east across Old Tung Grove Road and onto the south grassy shoulder. The vehicle began to overturn, and came to a rest

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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February 21-24
Ochlocknee River Kennel Club will host the 22nd annual dog show, with events at the North Florida Fairgrounds through Sunday. Show times are 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. each day. Admission is \$6 and children under 12 will be admitted free. 158 different AKC breeds will be represented. 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 or call 850-222-2218.

February 22
Chicken or pulled pork dinner fundraiser hosted by the Ashville Area Volunteer Fire Department 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday at the Courthouse Circle. Meals will include potato salad, green beans, and a dinner roll. All proceeds will be obtained for safety training, updated equipment, and other department needs. For more information and preorders

contact Brooke Cashwell at 850-464-2576 or brookecashwell1@gmail.com

February 22
Chamber Chili Challenge at the Monticello Opera House Friday evening. Sign up at the Chamber of Commerce to enter the contest. Great cash prizes! You never know how much you'll win if your chili wins the People's Choice Award! It's a lot of fun and easy to enter. And, even more fun to eat some of the most spectacular chili in North Florida! Call 997-5552 to register as a cooker, make a chili challenge to another group, or email your registration today!

February 23
Silver Dome Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, at the Hilton Garden Inn located at 1330 Blair Stone Road in Tallahassee. To reserve seating for this Founder's Day program/meeting, contact Hospitality Chair/Fundraising Committeewoman Ann Walker at 850-556-4729. This annual breakfast meeting will take the place of the fourth Tuesday monthly business meeting. For more information about ABWA contact Von Holmes at 850-

212-7373. The membership will be happy to have you join for a wonderful time of fun, information and fellowship.

February 26
Jefferson County Shared Services meets quarterly at 9:30 a.m. on the last Tuesday of the month at the Jefferson County Bailer Public Library. Contact Cindy Hutto, business manager of the Healthy Start Coalition of JM&T Counties, at 850-948-2741 or cjhutto@healthystartjmt.org for questions and concerns. Community residents and agencies are invited to attend these informational meetings about the goings-on in the area. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this very informative community meeting. This is an opportunity for agencies to share services. Agenda items will include Guest Speaker Nicolette Castagna/JCHD, agency sharing and a Whole Child Technical Forum. For more information about these meetings, or to be a speaker at any of these meetings, contact Cindy Hutto, business manager, at cjhutto@healthystartjmt.org or 850-948-2741. Community Agencies Working For Jefferson County.

Church News Notes

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February 22
Nazarene Church Family Skate Night is held from 6 to 8 p.m. on the last Friday evening of every month. Light snacks and soft drinks available.

February 22
Tent of the Holy Guests of faders 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.

February 22, 23
Second Harvest Food Program, together with the churches of New Bethel AME, Elizabeth MB, Hickory Hill MB, Mt. Pleasant AME and Philadelphia MB, will provide food to anyone needing assistance, including the needy, infants, and the elderly. This is done monthly with distribution from 9 to 10 a.m., usually on the fourth Saturday at the New Bethel AME Church, located at 6496 Ashville Highway. Volunteers are also needed to come on Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. to help bag the food packages. Contact Nellie Randell at 850-997-5605, or 850-997-6929 to volunteer, or for more information about this program.

February 23
StoryTime Ministry is held from 1 to 2 p.m. every other

Saturday at the Jefferson County Bailer Public Library. For more information contact First United Methodist Church Ministry Chairman Barbara Hobbs at 850-523-1813.

February 23, 24
Memorial Missionary Baptist Church Male Chorus will celebrate its 8th Anniversary with a musical program at 6 p.m. on Saturday, along with many other choirs and groups from Florida and Georgia. This anniversary celebration will continue at 3 p.m. on Sunday, with guest speaker Rev. Denver Mullings. The Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church Choir will sing. For more information about this program, contact Bro. Major Bellamy, president, at 850-528-0065, or Bro. Greg Malone, vice president, at 850-264-2673. Rev. Dr. JB Duval, pastor.

February 24
St. Phillip AME Church will host its annual Pre-Dual Day Service at 11 a.m. on Sunday. This program is the combined efforts of the St. Phillip AME Church Men and Women, to bring forth an evening of spiritual enrichment. Guest preacher for this occasion will be Rev. Herbert "Traveling Shoes" Thomas, Sr. and the We-

launee MB Church family. Sis. Gloria Norton, chairperson. Rev. JW Tisdale, pastor.

February 24
Shiloh AME Church, Aucilla, will hold its annual Black History Program at 3 p.m. on Sunday. Guest minister will be Rev. Norman Clary, and the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church Choir of Boston, GA. will provide the music. Rev. Gilbert Connelly, pastor.

February 24
Springfield AME Church will host its annual Black History Program on Sunday at 3:30 p.m. Rev. Henry R. Griffin of Tallahassee will be the speaker of the hour, and the Mt. Olive PB Church Choir of Madison, will render songs for this glorious occasion. This program is dedicated to the late Katherine Nealy, one of the early church pioneers. The public is invited to come worship on this occasion. During this program, local African American community leaders, business owners, and elected officials, will be recognized for their service. If you have any questions or concerns, contact the church at 850-997-5400, or 850-545-6437. Bro. Barry G. Graham, chairperson. Rev. Stefon M'Bride, pastor.

FMB HONORS Jennifer J. Reese

WITH THE F. WILSON CARRAWAY SR. AWARD



Jennifer J. Reese

The 2012 F. Wilson Carraway, Sr. Award for Excellence & Community Service was recently awarded to Jennifer J. Reese, Branch Manager/Loan Officer at Farmers & Merchants Bank. The Carraway Award recipient is chosen for their dedication to Farmers & Merchants Bank's goals, commitment to the community, religious and value-building activities and continuing education.

A resident of Monticello, Florida, Ms. Reese joined the Farmers & Merchants Bank family in 1996.

Ms. Reese received her degree in social science from FSU. She participates each year in the March of Dimes, Relay for Life, fundraising activities for the Florida State University School, and is an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Monticello, Florida.

Congratulations Jennifer on receiving the 2012 F. Wilson Carraway, Sr. Award!



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Nicole Granger

FMB Recognizes Joseph Anderson

Farmers & Merchants Bank recognizes Joseph G. Anderson, III, as the recipient of the 2012 Eagle Award. This award recognizes the employee who soars to new heights for FMB.

Anderson joined the FMB team in 1994 and is an FMB Loan Compliance Officer/Security Officer.

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FMB Honors Jennifer Reese

Farmers & Merchants Bank announces the F. Wilson Carraway, Sr. Award for Excellence & Community Service was recently awarded to Jennifer J. Reese, Branch Manager/Loan Officer at the Apalachee Parkway office.

Reese began her banking career at FMB as a loan clerk in 1996, and has served in several positions over the past 17 years.

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Jennifer J. Reese

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Fulford

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ence a witness who could tie him to a murder.

Fulford and Jefferson County deputies Wallace Blount and Robert Harrell searched the car.

Fulford looked through the trunk and saw an empty baby's bottle and a gift-wrapped package. While waiting for the wrecker to come pick up the car, he searched the Mitsubishi

again. He opened the package with his penknife and the bomb exploded, killing Jimmy Fulford.

Fulford's lieutenant, B.J. Tinney noted that when officers were moving the car away from the blaze so that it would not catch fire, that Fulford's radio was set to WAFT, a Christian music station in Valdosta, GA. Officers also noted that Fulford's watch had stopped at 4:34 p.m.

At Fulford's funeral, a tape was played of him singing gospel music at

the First Baptist Church in Monticello, where he served as deacon.

Lester Watson was convicted of second-degree murder and sentenced to 40 years in prison. Patrick Howell was sentenced to 40 years in prison without possibility of parole for 25 years. Other members of the Jamaican drug posse involved in the murder cover-up were sentenced to extensive prison terms. Paul Howell was sentenced to die for Fulford's death.



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A reminder from Angela Gray, Property Appraiser

APPLY FOR \$25,000 TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY EXEMPTIONS BY APRIL 1, 2013

Businesses need to file for the \$25,000 exemption on tangible personal property.

Filing a tangible personal property tax return (DR405) is considered the application for the \$25,000 exemption. A return filed after the April 1st deadline may not qualify.

If you received a blue exemption renewal post card, and have NOT made any additional equipment purchases, you DO NOT need to file a return.

File by visiting the Property Appraiser's Office at 480 W. Walnut St. between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

For further information or appointments call **997-3356** or visit **jeffersonpa.net**.

Tax Increase

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Voters, however, defeated the measure in the 2012 general election, leaving the recapture rule in effect.

It's the argument of proponents of the recapture rule that the measure is doing precisely what it was designed to do, which is to recapture the savings that homestead homeowners accumulated during the booming years. It's only fair that local governments should so benefit, they say.

On a related topic, Gray reports that the adjusted income limitation for the Low Income exemption is now \$27,590, per the FDOR memo.

"This means that senior citizens over the age of 65 as of Jan. 1 may qualify if their adjusted income for 2012 does not exceed (\$27,590)," Gray says.

Known as the Low Income Senior Exemption, the measure translates

into additional tax relief for property owners beyond the typical exemptions for homestead, blindness and widowhood. Or as Gray puts it, the senior exemption applies to whatever assessed value remains after all other applicable exemptions have been subtracted.

The city and the county each offer a \$15,000 exemption at present.

"Homesteaders who apply by March 1st have until June 1st to file their tax returns or gather their 1099s and provide copies to the Property Appraiser's office for approval," Gray says. "We are looking at almost 100 owners who qualify this year."

Gray encourages anyone who has further questions about either issue or who simply wants more information to contact her office at 997-3356 or visit www.jeffersonpa.net.

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I think it's an excellent idea," Commissioner Benny Bishop said.

Commissioner Betsy Barfield wanted to know if the system would be monitored to ensure that exemptions were taken off the book once the parents or grandparents died.

Gray said it would be up to office to monitor the situation, which it would do by review of a list that the Health Department regularly provided to her

department.

Would the exemption be backdated? Barfield asked.

"It would become effective when the ordinance becomes effective," Gray said

She added that the next three steps, should the commission decide to proceed with implementation of the exemption, was to notify the other taxing authorities of the intent to adopt the meas-

ure and the potential tax impact on each; determine the date that the construction or renovation must have been substantially completed in order to qualify for a particular year's exemption; and draft and adopt either an ordinance or a resolution by Dec. 1 of the current year to put the exemption into effect.

The commission indicated it was interested in pursuing the matter.

BP Oil Spill

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In late 2012, for example, BP agreed to the largest criminal penalty in U.S. history for the drilling disaster, which killed 11 workers and did untold damage to the environments and economies of five Gulf states, including Florida's Panhandle counties, with yet more damages to be assessed.

Barfield told the commission on Thursday morning, Feb. 7, that the Restore Act process was continuing to move along, adding that a new pot of money had now been identified for restoration projects.

"I hope Jefferson County can apply for some of this pot of money," Barfield said, adding that this latest possibility was separate from the other Restore Act monies that the county would receive "straight up".

She suggested that the commission begin considering how the different monies would be expended and what projects should be pursued in the areas of economic development, ecotourism promotion, natural resources restoration and damages mitigation.

Barfield offered as one idea that the commissioners appoint four committees, each charged with coming up with project proposals for one of the four areas, with the board to have the final say in each case.

Another idea, she said, was to hire consultants to help the county put together the projects to be accomplished with the funding.

"I'm trying to get us to consider how we spend the money when we get it," Barfield said.

She noted that in addition to the \$2 to \$10 million that the county was supposed to receive straight up, three other potential pots of money pots had now been identified. But it would require planning and preparation for the county to get any of the monies from these additional pots, she said.

At Barfield's urging, the board instructed staff to put out requests for information from professional consultants relative to the various funding scenarios, at the same time that it scheduled a workshop to further explore the issue at 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 5, in the courthouse annex.

Jefferson County joined the Gulf Consortium in October 2012. Among the consortium's duties are to assist in the development of the plan for the expenditure of the oil spill restoration impact allocations; to prepare and process the application or proposals for funding under the competitive program to be processed and administered by the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council; and to act as an advocate and representative of the member counties in the development of federal rules relating to the implementation of the Restore Act.

The BP oil spill spanned more than four months in early 2010, releasing upwards of 200 million gallons of petroleum into the Gulf of Mexico. The spill wrecked havoc on estuaries, harmed commercial fishing, marred beaches and adversely impacted the region's general economic viability and its tourism. The spill's aftereffects are still having consequences.

Crash

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The left side of the vehicle scrapped two trees and the front bumper of the vehicle immediately collided with a tree.

The vehicle rotated counterclockwise one-quarter turn and came to a rest, facing in a westerly direction.

FHP did not deem the crash to be alcohol-related. Mabry was wearing a seatbelt and was uninjured.

The vehicle sustained \$3,000 damage. Mabry was charged with careless driving.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and Jefferson County Fire Rescue assisted FHP Trooper H. Rothell on the scene.

Injured

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facing west on the south grassy shoulder, east of Old Tung Grove Road.

Neely was transported to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital (TMH) for treatment of critical injuries. The minor was transported to TMH for treatment of minor injuries. Both were wearing seatbelts.

Whether the crash was alcohol-related or not, is still pending. Charges are also pending further investigation.

The vehicle sustained \$4,000 damage.

FHP Trooper Daniel Wagner was assisted on the scene by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, Jefferson County Fire Rescue/EMS, Lloyd Volunteer Fire Department, Leon County Fire Rescue, and Leon County EMS.

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JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIME BEAT

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Ronald JaMon Rivers, 33, of Tallahassee, was arrested February 13 and charged with five felony counts of abuse of a disabled adult; and two felony counts of neglect of a disabled adult. A total bond of \$35,000 was set and he bonded out of

jail February 15. Terrance Lamont Boatman, 38, of Jacksonville, FL, was arrested February 14 and charged with driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$500 and he bonded out of jail the same day.

Hollie Mary Herndon, 48, of Jefferson County, was arrested February 14 and charged with

violation of probation on the charge of possession of a controlled substance. Bond was withheld and she remained at the County Jail February 21.

Dana Williams Greene, 40, of Jefferson County, was arrested February 14 and charged with battery. Bond was set at \$500 and she bonded out of jail the following day.

Connie Vanessa Brown, 50, of Perry, FL, was arrested February 15 and charged with grand theft on an outstanding Taylor County warrant. Bond was set at \$5,000 and she bonded out of jail the same day.

Antoinette Dorothy Wakefield, 21, of Tallahassee, was arrested February 15 and charged with resisting without violence, and possession of marijuana less than 20 grams. A total bond of \$1,000 was set and she bonded out of jail the same day.

Quanteria La'Porsha McCaskill, 21, of Palatka, FL, was arrested February 15 and charged with possession of marijuana with intent to sell. Bond was set at \$5,000 and she bonded out of jail the following day.

Joseph Eugene Jackson, 24, of Palatka, FL, was arrested February 15 and charged with possession of marijuana with

intent to sell. Bond was set at \$5,000 and he bonded out of jail the following day.

Darrell Maxwell, 23, of Palatka, FA, was arrested February 15 and charged with possession of marijuana with intent to sell. Bond was set at \$5,000 and he bonded out of jail the following day.

Jimmie Siplin, 54, of Tallahassee, was sentenced in court February 15 to serve six months in the county jail on the charges of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, and possession of marijuana with intent to sell. He is currently serving his sentence on weekends.

Fredrick Leon Dawson, 33, of Tallahassee, was arrested February 16 and charged with driving under the influence, and driving under the influence with an unlawful blood alcohol level of .15 or higher. A total bond of \$1,000 was set and he bonded out of jail the following day.

Willie Morris Jr., 27, of Jefferson County, was arrested February 17 and charged with driving under the influence, and driving while license suspended or revoked. A total bond of \$1,000 was set and he bonded out of jail the same day.

Linda Annette Footman, 49, of Jefferson County, was arrested February 18 and charged with grand theft, and uttering. A total bond of \$639.07 was set and she bonded out of jail the following day.

Local Innkeeper Wins Convention Registration In Vegas



1872 John Denham House Bed and Breakfast

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Pat Inmon, owner and innkeeper of the 1872 John Denham House Bed and Breakfast in downtown Monticello, recently attended the annual conference of the 'Professional Association of Innkeepers International,' which was held this year in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The four-day 'Conference and Trade Show' started on Tuesday, January 29, and included sessions on 'Working with an International Market,' 'GEO-Tourism,' and 'The Power of Social Media Campaigns.' She also gained more insight on the newest and best technology to benefit her and her business.

The conference was located at the newly renovated Tropicana Hotel and Casino, with over 500 national and international innkeepers in attendance; most in attendance were from California and the West Coast.



Pat Inmon

Inmon is a member of Florida Bed and Breakfast Inns (FBI). She won a free registration from FBI for the conference at a drawing held in West Palm Beach. The trip allowed for her to visit with family in the area.

The 1872 John Denham House Bed and Breakfast is located at 555 West Palmer Mill Road. For more information, contact Inmon at www.johndenhamhouse.com or 850-997-4568, or P_inmon@yahoo.com.

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Obituary

MICHAEL CUSTARD

Michael Leslie Custard, age 65, passed away on Thursday, February 14, 2013 in Tallahassee, FL. He was a native of New York City, NY, and lived in Tampa, Trenton, and Palm Beach, FL, before moving to Jefferson County in 1989.

Custard was a self-employed contractor. He enjoyed attending Native American Pow-Wows, but most of all he loved spending quality time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife Kay Custard of Aucilla; his three sons Jeffrey David Swan of Live Oak, FL., Steven Michael Swan of Newberry, FL., and Michael Leslie Custard, Jr. of Atmore, AL.; one daughter Tiffany Sucarichi; two brothers-in-law Michael Weimer of Palm Beach County, FL. and John Weimer of Blakely, GA.; six grandchildren Hunter Daykin, Calista Custard, Madison Boost, Kiona Custard, Landon Boost, and Steven Swan, Jr.

No service is planned at this time. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Big Bend Hospice, 1723-1 Mahan Center Boulevard, Tallahassee, FL. 32308-5428, or the Jefferson County Humane Society, P.O. Box 954, Monticello, FL. 32345.

Beggs Funeral Home Monticello Chapel is handling arrangements for the family; 485 East Dogwood Street, 850-997-5612, beggsmonticello@embarqmail.com.

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Monticello Rotary Celebrates 30 Years

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On Friday, February 1, the Monticello Rotary celebrated its 30th birthday with original charter members and past presidents in attendance, as well as members since its inception. Guest speaker for this afternoon celebration was Past Rotary International President Ray Klinginsmith, 2010-2011.

Klinginsmith has been a proud Rotarian for 40+ years, and is currently a member of the Kirksville Rotary Club in Missouri. He studied at the University of Cape Town as a Rotary Foundation ambassadorial scholar in 1961. He served as a Trustee of the Rotary Foundation from 2002-2006. He joined the Rotary because he wanted to give. He mentioned to the group that he wears his Rotary pin all the time; it's a great way to talk to prospective new members. He spoke about the Rotary Foundation and noted just a few of the benefits in becoming a Rotarian. He offered lots of fundraising ideas and he answered lots of questions.

Klinginsmith is an attorney in Kirksville, who now works primarily in the areas of commercial and corporate law, real estate and estate planning. He is a graduate

of the business school and the law school of the University of Missouri of Columbia.

The Monticello Rotary was originally established in February 1983 by 20-charter members. They are Rick Baker, the late Jack Brinson, Chip Caldwell, Wilson Carroway, the late Harold Carswell, George Carswell, Ron Cichon, Bill Douglas, the late Ben Ervin, Baya Harrison, Jeff Hayes, Bill Jones, Ed Lewis, Tim Peary, Richard Quackenbush, Mike Sims, Phil Smith, JN Tuten, Steve Walker, and Wilson Warner.

Currently, there are three active charter members in the club. They are Ron Cichon, Bill Douglas, and Mike Sims. The club is currently some 30-members strong and has lived its motto, 'Service Above Self,' to the fullest.

The Monticello Rotary began holding its annual golf tournament in the early 1990's. This event was to fund its annual scholarship program, offered to an area high school senior. As the tournament grew, the club expanded its scholarship to more than one senior and this year hopes to increase the amount awarded.

The Monticello Rotary also began a tradition of hosting the Watermelon Festival Barbecue, held the Friday night of the Festival weekend, every third weekend in June. This event has grown to be a spectacular annual event, with hundreds of plates of barbecue pork, fresh corn-on-the-cob, baked beans, and slaw hand-prepared and served by Rotary members. It's always a great day of fellowship and service, while also raising funds for service projects and the Rotary Youth Camp for Children with Disabilities.

Throughout the years the club has also participated in... the building of handicap ramps; sponsoring local youth to attend 4H camp; building a bridge for the Jefferson



Monticello Rotary Charter membership

Elementary School nature trail; treating teachers to lunch during Teacher Appreciation Week; adopting a road for quarterly clean-up; sponsoring football, baseball and soccer teams; and a variety of support for other local benefits and projects.

Monticello Rotary is one of more than 34,000 clubs worldwide. Its members can always be found volunteering in communities at home and abroad to support education and job training, provide clean water, combat hunger, improve health and sanitation, and eradicate polio.

The heart of Rotary is support for the Rotary Foundation. After 25-years of hard work, Rotary and its partners are on the brink of eradicating polio. The current status report as of January 2013, is that the world is 99 percent polio-free. The club currently has over a dozen members recognized as Paul Harris Fellows.

There's something that all Rotary members have in common... They take action! As community volunteers, they reach out to neighbors in need. They build, support, and organize. They save lives. They work locally and globally.



Rotary Offers A Variety Of Meetings And Speakers



Chuck Sarkisian

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Monticello Rotarian Chuck Sarkisian was recognized and awarded the Paul Harris Plus One on Friday afternoon, January 11, for his excellence in service to the Rotary. He delivered a program to the membership on the 'Value of Salesman.' He spoke about building a relationship with the client, value the business and identify the features, advantages and benefits, and follow-up with the customer. "Smile and the world smiles with you," he quoted. "Communication is key to success in relationships," he concluded. He is a Commercial Fleet Manager for Team Automotive Greater Atlanta and Auto Nation Company.

Retired United States Navy Chaplain Len Dodson presented a most en-



Len Dodson

tertaining program for the January 18 meeting of the Monticello Rotary. He reminisced about the ceremony practiced aboard naval ships as they crossed the equator. Needless to say, once you have successfully moved from a Polywag to a Shellback... you keep your documentation with you to verify your status, if near the equator or another ship. He is an active Rotarian at the young age of 90, a Paul Harris Fellow, and serves as Club Chaplain. He, in his daily life, exemplifies the Rotary Motto of 'Service Above Self.'

Monticello Rotary members learned a bit more about Monticello Health & Fitness Center on Friday afternoon, February 8. Deborah D'Attila, president of Monticello Health & Fitness Center, announced to them that her estab-



Deborah D'Attila

lishment would celebrate its fifth year of business in Monticello this May. She also shared with the membership the many programs and services offered at the center from 5:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., six days a week; including sauna, cardio, boxing, karate, dance massage, tanning, circuit, free weights as well as locker room, refreshment bar and aerobic rooms. Many health conscious residents in the community are participating in the 'Biggest Loser Contest,' that began on February 15. "Remember health is our most valuable resource," she said to the group.

Jefferson County School Superintendent Al Cooksey was guest speaker to the February 15 meeting of the Monticello Rotary. He reported that Academic Coaches Tanishia Barnhart and

Jill Wallace have accomplished significant academic improvement based on mid-year data at the Jefferson Elementary School. Barnhart is the mathematics coach and Wallace coordinates reading and writing. "These hard working coaches focus on enrichment with small groups of students," he said. "Results show the performance gap is closing." Rotary salutes a great job by Jefferson Elementary students and these dedicated academic coaches.

Monticello Rotary members are dedicated to 'Service Above Self.' And, they support the efforts of the Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce. Together they will participate in the Chamber Chili Cook-off on Friday evening, February 22, at the Monticello Opera House. Rotary National Day of Service is held this year on Saturday, February 23 and Rotary members will construct an accessible ramp for a local family. Anyone interested in learning more about Rotary, contact President Neill Wade at 850-545-4940.



Tanishia Barnhart, Jill Wallace, Rotary President Neill Wade, and Al Cooksey.

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Girl Scout Troop 49 will be selling cookies at the Winn Dixie on Friday, February 22 and Saturday, February 23 from 12 to 3 p.m. Troop Leader Heather McClelland offers a 'thank you' in advance for the community's support.

Leslie Ladendorf says to turn your time circuits on and travel 'Back

to the Future' at the Florida Museum of Natural History 'Passport Gala' on February 22. Proceeds will help construct a permanent Discovery Room at the museum. Admission is \$100 for the event, part of a three-year campaign to raise \$1 million to create a 2,000-square-foot innovative, permanent Discovery

Room where families can engage in hands-on science activities. The gala features music by Gosia and Ali and food by Stewart's Catering. Guests are encouraged to dress in their favorite outfit from the 1950s through the 1980s and go 'Back to the Future.' For more information visit www.flmnh.ufl.edu/passport or to purchase tickets, contact Brittany Snipes, bsnipes@flmnh.ufl.edu, 352-273-2086.

The Florida Museum of Natural History and UF Office of Sustainability will present a free screening of the award-winning documentary 'The Clean Bin Project' at 7 p.m. on February 27 at the museum. Filmmakers Grant Baldwin Jen Rustemeyer will answer questions after the film, which chronicles their yearlong competition to buy no material goods and produce as little waste as possible while examining the larger issue of garbage in North America. For more information visit www.flmnh.ufl.edu or call 352-846-2000.

The Purvis brothers and Charlie McCoy will be performing at the Sopchoppy Opry in March. For dates, times, and more information go to <http://sopchoppyopry.com>.

Menus for February 2013
Jefferson County Schools

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

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 calorie maximums. And don't worry, the new higher amounts of fruits and veggies are still in place, too.

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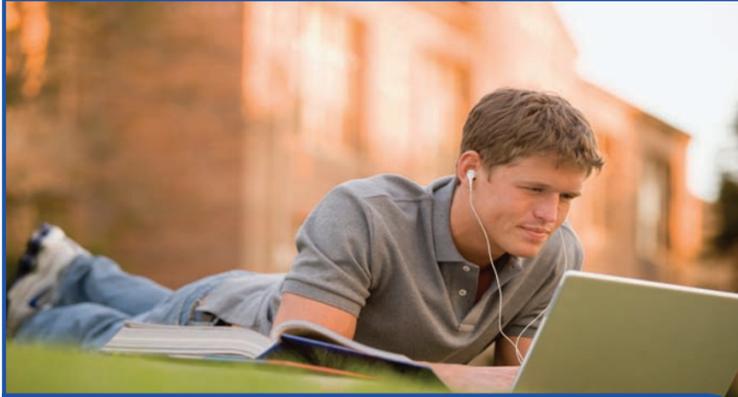
The Public Safety Academy at North Florida Community College is now accepting students for its Law Enforcement Recruit and Correctional Basic Recruit programs. A new Correctional Officer Basic Recruit class is set to begin March 18, 2013. Those interested in enrolling in this class or upcoming Law Enforcement classes are encouraged to contact the Public Safety Academy now to begin the application and enrollment process. Classes are held Monday through Thursday from 6-11 p.m. at the NFCC Public Safety Academy complex on the NFCC campus in Madison, Fla.

The NFCC Public Safety Academy is one of 40 criminal justice training centers approved by the Florida Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission (CJSTC) to train basic recruits in law enforcement, corrections, recertification programs, and continuing workforce education. NFCC's Correctional and Law Enforcement Basic Recruit programs prepare students for the certification exams required for all Florida officers and require rigorous physical demands upon the recruit in defensive tactics,

firearms, vehicle operations and physical fitness training. Acceptance in these programs are limited to meeting requirements established by the Florida Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission, North Florida Community College, The Public Safety Academy, and our Criminal Justice Advisory Board.

Students can complete training in one year or less. Those interested in training at NFCC are encouraged to begin the enrollment process now. You must be at least 18-years-old to enter NFCC's Law Enforcement and Correctional Basic Recruit programs and must pass the Florida Criminal Justice Basic Abilities Test (CJBAT) before submitting an application for admission. The CJBAT can be taken on the NFCC campus. Official high school/GED diploma and transcripts and passing background checks are also required for admission. Financial assistance may be available for qualified students.

For more information, contact Gail Hackle, at (850) 973-1617 or hackleg@nfcc.edu. Information is also available at www.nfcc.edu/public-safety.



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JV Warriors Baseball Roster And Schedule

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The roster and schedule for the Aucilla Christian Academy junior varsity Warriors baseball team has been released.

Playing for the JV Warriors this year are Daulton Browning, Jacob Edwards, Timothy Finlayson, Chris Fitch, Joe Hannon, Austin Harrell, Timothy Kercher, Hunter Key, Taylor Nugent, Jake Pridgeon, John Walker, Joe Walton, and DJ Wilkinson.

Coaching the JV Warriors this year is Richard Finlayson.

Action began on February 14 against Holy Comforter. Those statistics will be

forthcoming.

Action continued against Maclay, February 16 at noon, away; Trinity Catholic, February 21 at 4 p.m., home; Maclay, February 22 at 4 p.m., home; North Florida Christian, March 1 at 4 p.m., away; Munroe, March 7 at 3:30 p.m., away; North Florida Christian, March 8 at 4 p.m., home; Brookwood, March 11 at 6:30 p.m., away; and Florida High, March 14 at 6 p.m., away.

April sees the JV Warriors squaring off against Florida High, April 2 at 4:30 p.m., home; Munroe, April 4 at 4:30 p.m., home; Maclay, April 6 at 11 a.m., away; and wrapping up the season, Maclay, April 9 at 4:30 p.m., home.

Varsity Warriors Baseball Roster And Schedule

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The roster and schedule has been released for the Aucilla Christian Academy varsity Warriors baseball team.

Playing for the Warriors this year are Austin Bishop, Ty Chancy, Tres Copeland, Casey Demott, Russell Fraleigh, Hunter Handley, Walter Hodges, Bradley Holm, Brandon Holm, Hunter Horne, Jared Jackson, Zach Lunn, Ryan Rivera, Nick Roberts, Gus Smyrnios, Hans Sorensen, DJ Wilkinson, Josh Wood, and Caleb Wyche.

Coaching the Warriors is Drew Sherrod.

Action started on the diamond in the Florida

High Pre-Season Classic on February 8, and the first official game of the season against Taylor County on February 12. Those game statistics will be forthcoming.

Action continued against FAMU, February 15 at 5 p.m., at Springsax; Maclay, February 16 at 1:30 p.m., away; and Franklin County, February 18 at 4 p.m., away John Paul II, February 22 at 6 p.m., away; and Leon County, February 25 at 4 p.m., away.

March sees the Warriors facing off against Rickards, March 5 at 4 p.m., home; Munroe, March 7 at 6 p.m., away; Brookwood, March 11 at 4:30 p.m., away; Franklin County, March 14 at 4 p.m., home; John Paul II, March

15 at 4 p.m., home; Taylor County, March 18 at 4 p.m., home; Madison County, March 22 at 4 p.m., home; Bartram Trail, March 25 at 1 p.m., at Providence; Bozeman, March 25 at 4 p.m., at Providence; and Christian Academy (TN), March 26 at 10 a.m., at Providence.

April action includes Southwest Georgia Academy, April 1 at 4 p.m., home; Madison County, April 2 at 7 p.m., away; Munroe, April 5 at 4 p.m., home; Rickards, April 9 at 6 p.m., away; Maclay, April 11 at 4 p.m., home; FAMU, April 12 at 4 p.m., home; Brookwood, April 16 at 4 p.m., home; and wrapping up the regular season, Florida High, April 18 at 4 p.m., home.

Middle School Lady Warriors Take Two

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The Aucilla Christian Academy middle school girls' softball team hit the diamond and faced off against Madison Academy on February 5, and Aucilla trotted off with a 5-0 win in the season opener.

The young Lady Warriors had nine hits on 29 at-bats, and two walks.

At the plate, Carly Joiner ripped an in-the-park homerun, and she had a single, and a double.

Catcher Ashlyn Rogers had a single, and a double.

Shortstop Megan Schofill hit two singles.

Hanna Lewis had one hit, and in the field, she had several great defensive plays at first base.

On the mound, Joiner pitched

seven innings, and struck out 11 batters.

On February 12, the young Lady Warriors squared off against Maclay, and Aucilla came out on top of a 10-6 scoreboard, to now stand 2-0 on the season. The game was called after four innings, due to darkness.

At the plate, the young Lady Warriors had 10 runs on 10 at-bats, seven hits, and eight walks.

Ramsey Sullivan had one hit and two walks.

Schofill had one hit, a triple.

Camryn Grant also ripped a triple.

Rogers went tow for two with a triple and a single.

In the field, good defense was displayed by Grace Beshears and Schofill.

On the mound, Sullivan struck out eight batters.



JV Warriors Drop Final Four

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The Aucilla Christian Academy junior varsity Warriors dropped the final four games on the hardwood, to wind up the season on a 7-10 record.

When the JV Warriors faced off against Liberty County on January 25, Aucilla lost, -27.

Wes Smyrnios scored three points.

Eric Hutsell netted for five points.

Gatlin Nennstiel had three points.

Cole Schwab netted two points.

Bryce Sanderson bucketed for three points.

Tyler Zimmerly targeted for eight points.

Aucilla hit the hardwood against Mayo on January 29, and the JV Warriors were tossed for a 46-28 loss.

Nennstiel scored three points.

DJ Wilkinson targeted for 12 points. Schwab netted for four points. Sanderson had two points. Sam Hogg scored one point.

Zimmerly bucketed for two points.

The JV Warriors faced off against Liberty County on January 31, and Aucilla was bounced for a 53-26 loss.

Smyrnios targeted for 11 points.

Nennstiel bucketed for nine points.

Zimmerly scored six points.

In the final game of the season, Aucilla hit the hardwood against Mayo on February 1 and the JV Warriors were downed for a 69-57 loss.

Smyrnios targeted for a whopping 32 points.

Nennstiel netted for three points.

Wilkinson bucketed for six points.

Schwab had two points. Zimmerly bucketed for 14 points.



Lady Warriors Split Four

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The Aucilla Christian Academy varsity Lady Warriors split the first four games of the season to now stand 2-2-0.

The Lady Warriors hit the diamond against Rickards on February 8 in the first official game of the season, and Aucilla was beat for a 6-0 loss.

As a team at the plate, the Lady Warriors had 28 at-bats, no runs, six hits, no RBI's, no walks, and eight strikeouts.

Pamela Watt had three at-bats, and two hits.

Whitney Stevens had three at-bats, one hit, one strikeout, and one reach on error.

Kelly Horne had three at-bats, and two hits.

Whitney McKnight had three at-bats, and one strikeout.

Michaela Metcalfe had three at-bats, and one strikeout.

Taylor Copeland had three at-bats, and two strikeouts.

Hadley Revell had three at-bats, one hit, and two strikeouts.

Courtney Watts had two at-bats, and one strikeout.

On the mound, Stevens pitched all seven innings. She gave up nine hits, six runs, five of which were earned, four walks, and five strikeouts. Stevens faced 26 batters, and 59 total strikes, on 87 pitches.

In the field, Aucilla had 27 total chances, six assists, 20 putouts, and two errors.

Metcalfe had six total chances, and six putouts.

Watt had six total chances, two assists, three putouts, and one error.

Stevens had nine total chances, five assists, and four putouts.

Horne had three total chances, and three assists.

McKnight had seven total chances, one assist, five putouts, and one error.

Copeland had two total chances, and two putouts.

Schofill had one total chance, and one assist.

Aucilla squared off against Maclay February 12, and Aucilla walked out with a 7-3 victory.

As a team, Aucilla had 32 at-bats, seven runs, eight hits, five RBI's, one strikeout, one double, one triple, six reach on errors, two fielder's choice, one hit by pitch, and one stolen base.

Watt had four at-bats, one hit, and one RBI.

Copeland had four at-bats, two runs, one hit, one RBI, one strikeout, one triple, and one reach on error.

Horne had four at-bats, one run, one hit, one RBI, one reach on error, and one stolen base.

Schofill had four at-bats, one run, one hit, one RBI, one double, one reach on error, and one fielder's choice.

McKnight had three at-bats, one hit, one RBI, one reach on error, and one hit by pitch.

Stevens had four at-bats, one run on error, and one fielder's choice.

Metcalfe had three at-bats, one run, and one hit.

Revell had three at-bats, one run, one hit, and one reach on error.

Joiner had three at-bats, one run, and one hit.

In the field, Horne, Brooke Kinsley, and Revell, each had one error.

On the mound, Stevens pitched the entire seven-inning game. She had 21 outs, five hits, three runs, one of which was earned, two walks, nine strikeouts, 34 balls, with 31 batters faced, and 76 total strikes on 110 pitches.

Aucilla hit the diamond against Lake City on February 14, and the Lady Warriors were skunked for a 10-0 loss in a game shortened due to the ten-run rule.

At the plate, the Lady Warriors had three strikeouts, one each by Copeland, Schofill, and Revell. There was only one Aucilla hit and it came off the bat of Stevens. McKnight had a reach on error, and Stevens had one hit by pitch.

On the mound, Stevens pitched 4.2 innings, and had 14 outs, giving up 10 hits, 10 runs, all of which were earned, and one strikeout.

In the field, Aucilla had 19 total chances, six assists, and 13 putouts.

Schofill had four total chances, three assists, and one putout.

Kinsley had five total chances and five putouts.

Metcalfe had four total chances, two assists, and two putouts.

Joiner had one total chance and one putout.

Horne had one total chance and one putout.

Stevens had one total chance and one assist.

Revell had one total chance and one putout.

On February 15, Aucilla squared off against FAMU, and the Lady Warriors pounded FAMU for a 13-0 victory in the game called, due to the ten-run rule.

At the plate, Aucilla had 23 at-bats, 13 runs on eight hits, with 11 RBI's, 12 walks, and one strikeout.

Watt had one at-bat, two runs, one hit, one RBI, and two walks.

Watts had three at-bats, two runs, one hit, one walk, one fielder's choice and one stolen base.

Horne had three runs, one RBI, three walks, one hit by pitch, and one stolen base.

Schofill had three at-bats, three runs, two hits, three RBI's, one stolen base, and one walk.

McKnight had four at-bats, two hits, one hit by pitch, and four RBI's.

Kinsley had one at-bat, one run, and three walks.

Duber had four at-bats, one hit, one RBI, one strikeout, and one fielder's choice.

Demott had three at-bats, one run, one hit, and one walk.

Joiner had three at-bats, one RBI, and one walk.

On the mound, Schofill pitched a perfect five-inning no-hitter. He tossed 15 outs, one walk, and 12 strikeouts. She also had 48 strikes on 66 pitches.

On the field, the Lady Warriors had 15 total chances and 15 putouts.

Horne had 13 total chances and 13 putouts.

McKnight had one total chance and one putout.

Duber had one total chance, and one putout.

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Lady Warriors Split Final Four

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The Aucilla Christian Academy varsity Lady Warriors split their final four games, to wrap up the season on a 19-8 record.

"We had a really good season this year," said Coach Daryl Adams.

Aucilla faced off against Liberty County in the final game of the regular season, on January 25, and the Lady Warriors belted their opponent for a 55-30 win.

Ashli Cline bucketed for 10 points, and had eight rebounds, two assists, and three steals.

Pamela Watt netted for nine points, and had seven rebounds, nine assists, and six steals.

Michaela Metcalfe had five points, and two steals.

Ashley Schofill scored four points, and had six rebounds, and two steals.

Brooke Kinsley led the Lady Warriors' scoreboard, targeting for a whopping 20 points, and she had two steals.

Lauren Demott had two points.

Marissa Duber had two points, and three re-

bounds.

Aucilla went into the District Semi-Finals on January 29, to face off against John Paul II, and the Lady Warriors walked their opponent for a 44-16 victory.

Cline netted for nine points, snagged 15 rebounds, four assists, and two steals.

Watt scored two points, with three rebounds, 10 assists, and five steals.

Metcalfe bucketed for six points, and had four rebounds, two assists, and three steals.

Schofill targeted for 16 points, with five rebounds, and two steals.

Kinsley bucketed for nine points, with two rebounds, and six steals.

Duber had two points.

Aucilla went into the District Finals on February 1, to hit the hardwood against FAMU, and the Lady Warriors were trashed for a 76-11 loss. Aucilla finished second in District.

"FAMU is a great team," said Adams. "They'll probably go on to take State again this year."

Watt scored five points, and had one steal.

Schofill had three points, two rebounds, and one assist.

Whitney Stevens had three points, and two rebounds.

Cline had four rebounds.

Kinsley had one assist.

JV player Kayla Knecht had one assist, and one steal.

Metcalfe had one steal.

On February 2, Aucilla went into the Regional Quarterfinal against Seacoast Christian, and the Lady Warriors were inched for a 36-33 loss, to bring the season to a close.

Cline bucketed for six points, snagged seven rebounds, with two assists, four steals, and one blocked shot.

Watt netted for four points, with three rebounds, six assists, and a whopping 11 steals.

Metcalfe had two points, three rebounds, two assists, and four steals.

Kinsley bucketed for seven points, had five rebounds, and four steals.

Schofill targeted for 14 points, had five rebounds, and three steals.

Lady Warriors Drop First Pre-Season Exhibition Game

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The Aucilla Christian Academy varsity Lady Warriors dropped the first game during the Florida High Pre-Season Classic exhibition games on February 2.

In the first game, Aucilla hit the diamond against Florida High, and the Lady Warriors were squeaked for a 7-6 loss.

As a team, the Lady Warriors had 46 plate appearances, 40 at-bats, 11 hits, 11 singles, four RBI's six runs, one hit-by-pitch, two reach on errors, five walks, 10 strikeouts, a batting average of .275, an on-base percentage of .370, and a slugging average of .275.

At the plate, Taylor Copeland had

five plate appearances, four at-bats, one run, one walk, and three strikeouts, with an on-base percentage of .200.

Lauren Demott had two plate appearances, two at-bats, one hit, one RBI, one strikeout, a batting average, on-base percentage and slugging average of .500.

Marissa Duber had two plate appearances, one at-bat, one run, one walk, and an on-base percentage of .500.

Kelly Horne had five plate appearances, four at-bats, two hits, two singles, one run, one walk, a batting average of .500, an on-base percentage of .600, and a slugging average of .500.

Carly Joiner had three plate appearances, three at-bats, one run, one reach on error, and one strikeout.

Brooke Kinsley had one plate appearance, one at-bat, one hit, one single, one RBI, and a batting average, slugging average and an on base percentage of 1.000.

Whitney McKnight had four plate appearances, four at-bats, one hit, one single, two strikeouts, and a batting average, an on base percentage and a slugging average of .250.

Michaela Metcalfe had three plate appearances, three at-bats, one hit, one single, one run, and a batting average, on base percentage, and slugging average of .333.

Hadley Revell had three plate appearances, three at-bats, one hit, one single, one run, one reach on error, one strikeout, and a batting average, on base percentage and slugging average of .333.

Ashley Schofill had five plate appearances, three at-bats, two hits, two singles, one RBI, two walks, a batting average of .667, an on base percentage of .800, and a slugging average of .667.

Whitney Stevens had five plate appearances, four at-bats, one hit, one single, one RBI, one hit-by-pitch, two strikeouts, a batting average of .250, an on base percentage of .400, and a slugging average of .250.

Pamela Watt had six plate appearances, six at-bats, one hit, one single, and a batting average, on base percentage and a slugging average of .167.

On the field, the Lady Warriors had 39 total chances, nine assists, 25 putouts, five errors, and a fielding percentage of .872.

Copeland had six total chances, one assist, four putouts, one error, and a fielding percentage of .833.

Duber had one total chance, one assist, and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

Horne had four total chances, one assist, three putouts, and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

Kinsley had four total chances, four putouts, and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

McKnight had four total chances, three putouts, one error, and a fielding percentage of .750.

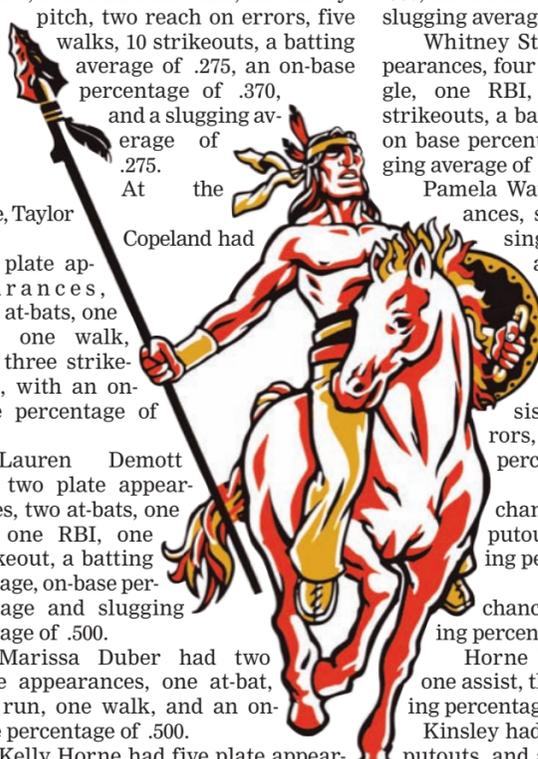
Metcalfe had four total chances, four putouts, and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

Revell had one total chance, and one error.

Schofill had eight total chances, four assists, three putouts, one error, and a fielding percentage of .875.

Stevens had one total chance, one putout, and a fielding percentage of 1.000.

Watt had six total chances, two assists, three putouts, one error, and a fielding percentage of .833.



Warriors Fall To Liberty County

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The Aucilla Christian Academy varsity Warriors squared off against Liberty County on January 31, and the Warriors fell to a 56-45 defeat, to now stand 11-11 on the season.

As a team, the Warriors netted eight of 30 attempts from the field, four of 21 attempts from the three-point zone, and 17 of 23 attempts from the free-throw line for 45 points. They had eight assists, 17 offensive and 21 defensive rebounds for a total of 38 rebounds, with 10 block/steals, and 24 turnovers.

Individually, Braden Mattingly missed three attempts from the field, one attempt from the three-point zone, and hit one of two attempts from the free-

throw line for one point. He had two offensive and three defensive rebounds for a total of five rebounds, with one block/steal, and three turnovers.

Jared Jackson netted one of six attempts from the field, and nine of 12 attempts from the free-throw line for 11 points. He had two assists, eight offensive and eight defensive rebounds for a total of 16 rebounds and a double-double, with two block/steals, and three turnovers.

Ryan Rivera missed one attempt from the field, and had one defensive rebound.

Ricky Finlayson bucketed two of five attempts from the field, two of eight attempts from the three-point zone, and two of three attempts from the free-throw line for 12 points. He

had one offensive and one defensive rebound for a total of two rebounds, with one block/steal, and one turnover.

Hans Sorensen netted one of four attempts from the field, missed four attempts from the three-point zone, and hit three of four attempts from the free-throw line for five points. He had two assists, two defensive rebounds, two block/steals, and four turnovers.

Jay Finlayson netted two of eight attempts from the field, and one of six attempts from the three-point zone for seven points. He had three assists, one offensive and two defensive rebounds for a total of three rebounds, with one block/steal, and 10 turnovers.

Casey Demott targeted two of three attempts from the field, one of two attempts from the three-point zone, and two of two attempts from the free-throw line for nine points. He had one assist, three offensive and three defensive rebounds for a total of six rebounds, with one turnover.

Carson Nennstiel had one offensive and two defensive rebounds for a total of three rebounds, with three block/steals, and two turnovers.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
IN RE: ESTATE OF
File No:13-08-CP
KATHRYN ALICE DAVIS,
Deceased.
Division:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Kathryn Alice Davis, deceased, whose date of death was November 18, 2012; File Number 13-08-CP, is pending in the Circuit Court for Jefferson County, Florida, Probate Division, 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.
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The date of first publication of this notice is 2-22-13

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
IN RE: ESTATE OF
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File Number: 13-11-CP

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of JANE MARIE HARP, deceased, whose date of death was May 27, 2012, is pending in the Circuit Court for Jefferson County, Florida, Probate Division under probate file # 13-11-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.

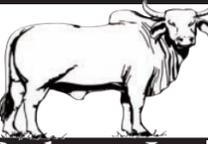
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Outdoors

Warm Winter Brings Red Drum Action

The calendar says it's February, but you sure can't tell it by the fishing action. February is generally considered to be one of the slowest months of the year, but my Super Bowl weekend half-day fishing trips out of Carrabelle proved otherwise.

With water temperatures in the mid-60s, which is probably 8 to 10 degrees above normal for February, out-of-season and out-of-place gag grouper were hungry on the limestone "grouper" ledges in 28 to 44 feet of water. This time of year, gag grouper are usually in deeper and warmer water, and many popular pelagic species such as king mackerel, cobia and Spanish mackerel have moved to sunny south Florida. Gag grouper is closed to harvest right now to give the overfished species time to rebuild, but can still be caught and released.

As our captain, "Big Jimmie" Higgins, said, "Boy-howdie, those buggers are fun to catch in shallow water." Higgins, who has been fishing these waters since the 1950s, said this is the best shallow-water gag fishing that he's ever seen at this time of year, and trust me, he's seen more than his fair share.

"It's clear that the lengthy seasonal closure is increasing the average size of the fish in this area," Higgins said. The 2013 season for gag grouper in most state waters will be open from July 1 through Dec 3. State waters off Franklin, Wakulla, Jefferson and Taylor counties will be open to gag grouper harvest April 1 through June 30. State waters off this four-county region will not be open during the July 1-through-Dec. 3 season. Monroe County state waters are also excluded from this opening because they are managed the same as Atlantic state waters. While not everyone will agree with the seasons, it is becoming very clear that the



limited recreational harvest season is making a huge difference, and the fishing will only get better.

After catching and releasing a couple dozen gags in the 7- to 12-pound range, along with a handful of huge red drum, aka redbfish, we were back at the dock with photos of the ones we released and a five-gallon bucket full of black sea bass and white grunts that were destined to become fish tacos as part of the half-time feast.

The plan for Sunday was to head out early, do it all over again, and be back in time for the four-hour pre-game show. But Mother Nature had another idea, and by 7:30 a.m., the wind was beginning to make the rods and antennas howl and it was clear we were in for a rough and wet ride to the offshore ledges. About three miles out, as we were about to lose the protection provided by the shoreline, I could see Capt. Jimmie searching his mental database for a "Plan B."

Luckily, we observed a very large flock of pelicans and seagulls diving on bait along the Gulf side of a nearby barrier island. While it's common to see Spanish mackerel, bluefish or ladyfish pushing bait up to feed the birds in the spring and summer months, I have never seen such a sight in this area during February. Being curious, and less than excited about the prospects of pounding offshore, we decided to go see what all the commotion was about. As we got close you could see that whatever was crashing the bait from the bottom was very large and very hungry. I quickly grabbed the first rod I saw and flipped out a semi-frozen menhaden, which was immediately

inhaled, and it was "fish on."

If you're guessing big "bull" reds, you are correct, and there had to be thousands and thousands of them along about a half-mile stretch of beach. This was yet another strange occurrence likely brought to us by the warm weather.

Our first mate, "Little Jim," immediately grabbed a light grouper rod and hooked one up from the front of the boat. Five minutes later, Jim's fish was photographed and free, and my fish didn't even know it was hooked yet. By now the massive school of reds was moving down the beach to the east, and I could tell by the boatful of dirty looks that I was in big trouble. You see, in my haste to get bait in the water, I inadvertently grabbed a very light spinning rod with 8-pound test, and that is not the tackle of choice when you're in hurry and trying to keep up with a school of fish.

Forty minutes later, I had my fish unhooked and back in the water. The fish was a beauty: 25 pounds or better. I really wanted to get a picture, but my popularity at that moment was so low that I was not about to ask for any assistance. Lucky for me, the school of hungry reds stayed up just long enough for us to hurry over and hook up two more.

The smallest fish of the day weighed 18 pounds, and while those are way over the slot limit and cannot be harvested, we were all very happy that those fish showed up and saved our day from ruin by the weather.

When you're looking at thousands and thousands of beautiful, mature fish that cannot ever be harvested for the remainder of their lives,

it makes people ask the obvious question: why? Well, here's the deal. The 18- to 27-inch slot limit is a management strategy that is designed to protect juvenile fish, which predominantly inhabit freshwater or brackish creeks, rivers and bays. It also helps red drum populations by ensuring plenty of fish survive through the slot and become part of the protected older brood stock. This conservative management strategy provides assurance that future generations will enjoy an abundant supply of red drum and get to experience fishing days like the one we just had.

Even though we caught and released nine redbfish with a more than 20-pound average (which is plenty by the way), the others on board couldn't help but remind me how many we would have caught if everyone had used the right sized tackle! As they took their jabs and had their fun at my expense, all I could think about was "If this is February, I can't wait to see what the fishing is like in April and May."

Don't forget to record all of your catches on the iAngler phone app or at snook-foundation.org.

Share your photos, video and fishing tales with us as well by emailing them to Alan.Peirce@MyFWC.com.

Gone Coastal is one of many ways that the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) Division of Marine Fisheries Management is helping recreational anglers understand complex saltwater regulations and learn more about saltwater fishing opportunities and issues in Florida. We are also available to answer questions by phone or email anytime, and we would love the opportunity to share information through in-person presentations with recreational or commercial fishing organizations. To contact the FWC's Regulatory Outreach subsection call 850-487-0554 or email Alan.Peirce@MyFWC.com.

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How to use: the major and minor feeding times for each day are listed below. The major feeding times are the best for the sportsman and last about 2 hours, the minor feeding times can also have good success, but last only about 1 hour.

The Week of February 22, 2013 through March 1, 2013
 Major Feed Times are marked by an asterisk (*)

Friday, February 22 2:20 AM *8:40 AM 2:50 PM *9:10 PM	Saturday, February 23 3:10 AM *9:30 AM 3:30 PM *9:45 PM	Sunday, February 24 4:00 AM *10:10 AM 4:20 PM *10:30 PM	Monday, February 25 4:45 AM *10:45 AM 5:10 PM *11:15 PM
Tuesday, February 26 5:30 AM *11:40 AM 5:50 PM	Wednesday, February 27 *12:10 AM 6:30 AM *12:35 PM 6:50 PM	Thursday, February 28 *1:10 AM 7:20 PM *1:30 PM 7:45 PM	Friday, March 1 *1:55 AM 8:10 AM *2:20 PM 8:35 PM

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Play It Safe When It Comes To Electricity

When it comes to electrical system safety, circuit breakers are key.

If you check out the electrical panel in your home, chances are you'll find you have circuit breakers. These are automatic devices that control the amount of electricity passing through specific parts of your house. If too much electricity flows into a circuit, the breaker automatically shuts down to prevent damage to the system.

Over fusing is a dangerous situation. This occurs when one of the circuit breakers is connected to a wire that is rated for less amperage than the breaker. Over fusing can cause wires to overheat, insulation can melt and that can result in an electrical fire.

If breakers feel hot or frequently trip, cutting electricity to appliances, that's a sign of problems. Call an electrician if you suspect a problem with your circuit breakers.

Once a year turn all circuit breakers off, then on, to clear the contacts of any corrosion. It's important that breakers are able to move easily, or they won't be

doing their jobs.

If you suspect a major problem, never attempt to correct it yourself. The health and welfare of your circuit breakers is best left to a professional. Electrical hazards can cause burns, shocks and electrocution (death).

Electricity Checklist

- Assume that all overhead wires are energized at lethal voltages. Never assume that a wire is safe to touch even if it is down or appears to be insulated.

- Never touch a fallen overhead power line. Call the electric utility company to report fallen electrical lines.

- Stay at least 10 feet (3 meters) away from overhead wires during cleanup and other activities. If working at heights or handling long objects, survey the area before starting work for the presence of overhead wires.

- If an overhead wire falls across your vehicle while you are driving, stay inside the vehicle and continue to drive away from the line. If the engine stalls, do not leave your vehicle. Warn people not to

touch the vehicle or the wire. Call or ask someone to call the local electric utility company and emergency services.

- Never operate electrical equipment while you are standing in water.

- Never repair electrical cords or equipment unless qualified and authorized.

- Have a qualified electrician inspect electrical equipment that has gotten wet before energizing it.

- If working in damp locations, inspect electric cords and equipment to ensure that they are in good condition and free of defects, and use a ground-fault circuit interrupter (GFCI).

- Always use caution when working near electricity.

the location of their facilities. Remember that the locating of underground utility lines is not an exact science and location marks have varying bands of required accuracy, depending on a particular state's requirements. These can range from 18 to 24 inches from the actual facility.

- One-Call System – In addition to the national One-Call number 811, all states provide a One-Call communication system that provides one telephone number for excavation contractors and the general public to call for notification of their intent to use equipment for excavating, blasting, tunneling, or other similar work.

Ladders and Power Lines Don't Mix

Ladders are great tools for cleaning gutters, painting, roof repairs, putting up antennas and hanging holiday decorations. But sometimes work areas are near electric lines -- the overhead lines between poles in the utility right of way or the overhead lines that supply electricity to your home. And these lines don't mix with ladders.

- Before you use a ladder, check the area carefully for power lines or other electrical equipment. Visibly locate all power lines, especially those near tree branches that may obstruct your view. Pick a safe route to carry the ladder to the work area, then carry it horizontally—never upright.

- Keep all ladders and other tools in the SAFE ZONE, at least 10 feet from any power lines. Put it up only where you have to work. Always make sure that, if the ladder fell, it would not contact any power lines or other electrical equipment.

- Remember that tree branches near high-voltage power lines can conduct electricity. Never lean your ladder against a tree or tree branch that is contacting or near a power line.

- Don't count on a wooden ladder to protect you. Wood will conduct electricity. So will wet, dirty and defective ladders of any kind. Fiberglass ladders are best, but even they are no guarantee of safety.

- When you're on a ladder, your balance and control aren't at their best. Be careful with pipes, conduits, gutters, antennas and other long objects. Never hold them in a position where they could fall onto a power line. Remember that distances are deceiving from the top of a ladder and make sure you don't lift an antenna or other object up into an overhead line.



Call Before You Dig!

Accidentally hitting utility lines is extremely dangerous and may result in serious injury or death. Such accidents also endanger others and can disrupt utility services for customers. Be safe -- protect yourself and those around you by avoiding underground utility lines that can injure or kill.

- Call First – Underground power lines, communication cables, gas lines, water lines or other utilities may lie at various depths below the surface of your property or areas of planned excavation. It is important to be safe before excavating by calling the appropriate state notification center and allowing time for the utility companies in that area to mark the location of their underground facilities. Call 811 Before You Dig

- Respect Marks –It also is important to respect the marks indicating the presence of underground utilities. Excavation should be carefully performed only after confirming that all utilities have marked

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What Home Improvements Really Pay Off?

According to Remodeling Magazine (www.remodelingmagazine.com) you're less likely to recoup your investment in a major kitchen or bathroom remodel than you are to get back what you spend on basic home maintenance such as new siding. Siding replacement recouped 92.8 percent of its cost, according to the study. The only home improvement likely to return more at resale was a minor (roughly \$15,000) kitchen remodel, which returned 92.9 percent. Replacing roofs and windows were also high on the list, returning 80 percent or more at resale.

"Buyers want to take the basic systems for granted," says Sal Alfano, Remodeling's editorial director. "They assume the roof doesn't leak and the air conditioning and plumbing work. Maintenance can chew up a lot of cash quickly, and people are afraid of that."

That's not to say that granite counters and steam showers don't pay off; kitchen and bathroom remodels continue to be two of the best investments you can make in your house. "They're always right up there at the top of the list," says Alfano. "They're the big, sexy rooms that new home builders splurge on, so when buyers are shopping around that's what they want in an existing home, too."

If you're thinking about sinking some money into home improvement projects this year, keep a few things in mind. What you'll get back on your investment depends on the value of your house, the value of houses in your immediate neighborhood, the housing market where you live, how soon you sell after making improvements, and the quality of the project itself. Installing a \$10,000 stove in a \$200,000 house, for example, "just doesn't compute," says Ron Phipps. Nor does it make sense to update your kitchen if your house is the only house in the neighborhood with just one bathroom. Here, the scoop on home improvements that will give you the biggest bang for your buck:

Kitchens and Baths

In the hottest housing markets, springing for a kitchen or bath remodel is a sure-fire investment, often returning more than 100 percent of the cost. In Baltimore, for instance, a \$9,400 bathroom remodel recouped 182 percent of its cost at resale, according to Remodeling's 2004 study. The markets in Washington, D.C., Minneapolis, Chicago, Atlanta, San Francisco and San Diego also offered triple-digit returns on a bathroom remodel. Minor kitchen remodels (average cost: \$15,273) also provided returns of more than 100 percent.

So exactly what should you improve when you redo your kitchen or bathroom?

Think traditional: all-wood cabinets, commercial-look appliances, natural wood or stone floors, and stone countertops. Walk-in showers have replaced whirlpool tubs as the must-have cleaning machine in bathrooms, Straughan says. His clients will "forgo the tub to have a big walk-in shower" if they don't have room for both. "Most people don't have time to take a bath," Straughan points out. "So a lot of time you're giving away all that square footage for a tub that rarely gets used."

Floor-to-ceiling steam showers are also hot (so to speak). Two key points to consider, however: First, don't spend money remodeling the bathroom if it's the only one you've got. Your money is better spent adding a second bath. Many people love "the charm of older homes," says Long Beach, Calif., based realtor Dick Gaylord. "But a number of older homes lack a sufficient number of bathrooms. So if you've got a four-bedroom, one-bath home, it's certainly going to pay to add a second bathroom." A National Association of Realtors study by Florida State University professors G. Stacy Sirmans and David Macpherson found that adding a bathroom increased the sale price of a home by 8.7 percent, more than twice the rate for adding a bedroom.

Second, if you're not planning to move in the near future, spend your money remodeling in a way that you'll most enjoy. Realtor Ron Phipps recently showed a house with a kitchen that had been remodeled just two years ago. "I opened the Viking range and the original packaging was still inside," Phipps says. The homeowners "are not cooks. The kitchen is terrific, it's magnificent, but they don't use it."

In other words, you can't measure the value you get out of your use and enjoyment of the home improvements you make. "Even if you get less than 100 percent of your money back, you're really ahead of the game over time because you get the use of all that space," says Sal Alfano.

Home Maintenance

Still, new kitchens and baths lose some of their glamour if there's water in the basement when a potential buyer comes to look at your house, says Alfano. Every homeowner's first priority should be "keeping the existing structure sound," says Don Sever, a general contractor for 18 years and president of Sever Construction in Oakton, Va. "I've been in a lot of houses where people are spending thirty or forty thousand dollars to remodel the kitchen, but then you walk into the basement and there's a musty smell because water is leaking through the foundation. To me, it's more important to resolve

those items first, and get the luxuries later."

Ron Phipps suggests thinking about it from a buyer's perspective. "I was with someone recently who was going to spend money to remodel their bathroom. But the roof is

two layers and 30 years old." For a buyer, knowing the roof needs to be replaced is a much bigger issue than living with a functional, but dated, bathroom, Phipps points out.



When remodeling your kitchen, stick with traditional materials and appliances, such as all-wood cabinets, commercial-look appliances, natural wood or stone floors and stone countertops.

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Pruning Basics: Keep Your Yard In Tip-Top Shape By Pruning Landscape Plants

Pruning takes many forms. Whether it's cutting old, overgrown shrubs to the ground for rejuvenation or removing faded blooms from roses, regular pruning creates healthy growth and beautiful plants. Armed with a little knowledge and the right tools, you can tackle pruning plants with confidence—and get terrific results.

When To Prune

Knowing the right time to prune is crucial. Pruning at the wrong time typically won't damage plants, but it can sacrifice that year's flowers or fruit. One exception is pruning too late in the growing season. In regions with severe winters, late-summer pruning encourages lush growth that might not harden before winter cold settles in, making new growth more susceptible to death from winter cold.

Use this guide to schedule pruning in your yard:

Late spring/early summer. Prune spring-flowering shrubs and trees, which flower before July, immediately after the flowers fade. Plants in this category in-

clude forsythia (shown here), bridal wreath spiraea, weigela, and mock orange.

Midsummer. Several deciduous trees produce a heavy sap flow in early spring. Pruning branches in this season won't kill the tree, but the sap flow can bleed onto outdoor furnishings, patios, cars, and walking areas. Avoid a sticky situation by pruning these trees in midsummer. Bleeder trees include maple (shown here), dogwood, elm, walnut, and birch.

Fall/early winter. Spring- and summer-blooming hawthorns and viburnums (shown here) are typically grown for their fruits, which attract wildlife. Don't prune these plants after flowering. Instead, allow fruits to mature, and then prune plants after wildlife consumes fruits.

Winter/early spring. Prune summer-blooming trees and shrubs in winter or early spring, before new growth emerges. These plants include abelia, butterfly bush (shown here), peegee hydrangea, sweet bay magnolia, and hybrid tea roses.

Anytime. You can prune some plants both before and after flowering. These plants include 'Anthony Waterer' spiraea, mahonia (shown here), red-osier dog-

wood, cranberry cotoneaster, and snow-berry.

The Tools You Need

Successful pruning requires a few key tools designed for specific uses. Stainless steel blades prove long-lasting, but select lightweight, ergonomic handles for more comfort. Fiskars pruners and loppers with PowerGear design multiply cutting power, allowing you to cut branches with far less effort.



Hand shears: for branches up to 1/4 inch in diameter. Scissor types create tight, close cuts on plants. Choose anvil shears to snip slightly larger branches.



Lopping shears: for branches up to 1 1/2 inches in diameter. Select scissor or anvil types. Look for lightweight handles for easy use. Extendable handles allow you to reach higher branches.



Pruning saws: for branches over 1 inch in diameter. Saws provide coarse teeth that cut on the pull stroke for easier and safer pruning.



Pole pruners: for branches beyond arm's reach. Pole pruners may have a saw or a pruning shear head that operates via rope action. Look for a handle that disassembles for easy storage.



Hedge shears: for snipping new growth on shaped shrubs. Don't use hedge shears to prune large branches.

Good To Know: High-quality pruning tools will last many years with proper maintenance. Keep cutting surfaces clean and sharp. Lubricate metal parts regularly to prevent rust. Use tools only for pruning plants—using them to cut other materials can dull and even damage blades.

The Techniques To Know

No matter what kind of plant you're pruning, you'll use three basic techniques. Pinching is typically done by hand, using thumb and forefinger. It's a good method to increase bushiness and curtail and control plant size.

Thinning involves removing branches back to the trunk, a main branch, or the soil line. With thinning cuts, don't remove the branch collar (the wrinkled area near the trunk or main branch). This area contains the cells needed to heal the cutting wound. Slicing into the branch collar creates an opening for infection and disease to enter healthy wood. Heading back shortens branches to a healthy bud or lateral branch. Place cuts roughly 1/4 inch above the bud or branch.

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Gulf Coast gardeners, be ready for whatever the coming year brings your way. Here are tips on how to garden smarter in 2013.

It's impossible to know what each new year in gardening will bring. With increasingly unpredictable weather and other variables, it's wise to be prepared. Here are five ways to garden smarter in the coming year:

- **Catch Water**

Reclaiming rain is a resourceful and inexpensive means to conserve water. Attach a food-grade barrel or cistern to your downspout to catch runoff from the roof. Connect two or more together for a greater reserve. Use a garden hose, soaker hose or watering can to distribute the saved water to planting beds when needed. Connect rain barrels together for a water reserve.



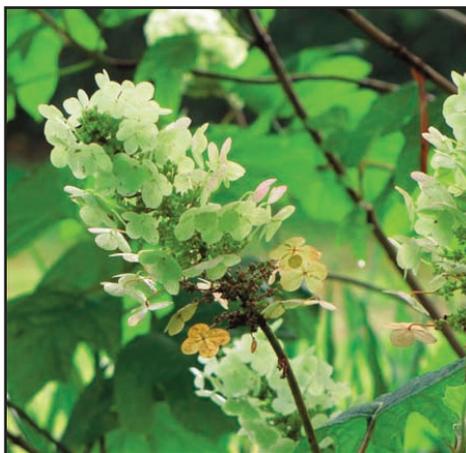
silently do the work in the pile. A combination of water, air and oxygen gives these microbes what they need to turn the heap into nutrient-rich compost. Add the final product to your planting beds for improved moisture retention and soil structure. Heap up yard waste to make nutrient-rich compost.

- **Dig No More**

Instead of digging up the turf when creating new planting beds, lay thick layers of newspaper or cardboard over the lawn. Top off the layers with a combination of compost and soil. The lawn underneath will gradually die. You reduce back labor, and the mixture on top is soon ready for planting a beautiful new creation. Layer newspaper over grass to create new beds.

- **Scatter Seeds**

When annuals fade between seasons, they leave bare spots. At the first signs of weakening, spread seeds among them to replenish seasonal flowers. It's an economical way to prevent gaps. Just about the time one group of annuals is leaving, the next one is sprouting up.



- **Plant Wisely**

Choose native plants for low-maintenance gardening. All too often we sabotage our best intentions by purchasing finicky plants. Make a plan to stick with native plants and regionally suitable choices. To make the wisest selections, consider sun requirements, mature plant size and water demands. For low-maintenance gardening with optimal results, group plants with similar needs.

- **Feed Microbes**

Reduce the amount of solid waste that requires disposal by collecting organic matter from your garden and piling it up. Leaves, twigs, kitchen scraps and grass/plant clippings break down to create compost. Beneficial microorganisms

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10 Home Improvement Projects to Avoid

If you plan on moving in two to three years, don't invest money in home improvement projects that won't increase the resale value of your home.

Some of these low-value home improvement projects include:

1. In-Ground Swimming Pools

In-ground swimming pools cost \$30,000-\$75,000, depending on the type of pool installed. While installing a pool may seem like a good idea, a swimming pool makes your house more difficult to sell. Many people, especially families with small children, do not want to buy a house with a pool. Eliminating families with small children drastically reduces the number of people willing to buy your home. In addition, installing a pool increases your energy costs, and raises your homeowners insurance. A swimming pool also requires a lot of maintenance, and usually costs around \$1,000-\$2,000 or more to operate.

If you live in the South, or Southwest, a swimming pool may positively impact your home's value. You may recoup, at most, 30%-50% of your investment in a pool. If you live anywhere

else, however, installing a pool may decrease the value of your home, due to the significant operating costs.

2. Gourmet Kitchens with High-End Accessories

While you may love your \$10,000 commercial stove, and top-of-the-line Tuscan tiles, these costly additions don't pay off when you list your home for sale. If you plan on moving within the next 3-5 years, and you want to remodel your kitchen, invest in quality, serviceable appliances that appeal to many people. In general, too much customization in a home turns buyers away.

Stay on par with your neighbors; too many high-end additions and you will own the most expensive home on the block. You can recoup a fair amount of money on a kitchen remodel, but expensive, fancy gourmet kitchens don't help you attract that perfect buyer.

3. Whirlpool Baths

It may sound fun and relaxing to take a hot bath after a long workday, but potential buyers will not pay extra for a newly installed whirlpool bath. In addition,

the costs for installing a whirlpool tub can be prohibitive. Many homeowners install luxury bathtubs, only to discover they need to invest in a larger hot water tank for the tub to work properly. Furthermore, installing a tub may result in high energy bills, and additional monthly maintenance costs.

Think twice before installing a whirlpool bath. This project can cost you thousands of dollars, and if you run into problems, the costs climb even higher.



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6. Room Additions

Adding a room to your home can easily cost thousands of dollars. If you build a new master suite, you might see a 66% return on your investment. If add a family room, expect a 62% or less return on your investment. Many budget-minded buyers don't want to heat and cool a huge house.

However, adding another bedroom to your home is the only exception to this rule. An extra bedroom makes your house appealing to a whole new group of buy

7. Home Office Remodeling

Most people don't need luxury home offices. The average home office renovation costs around \$28,000. You will receive about a 46% return on investment for this pricey remodel. Technology quickly becomes outdated, so investing in new wiring, and other home office components, won't generate additional income at the time of the sale.

8. Roof Replacement

Roofs do need replacing eventually, and the consequences of waiting could be very costly, including ruined walls, mold, and mildew stains. Most experts say you only receive 55%-60% of the cost to replace a roof when you sell your home. Conversely, a damaged roof or an old roof may turn prospective buyers away. A new roof can make your home look crisp to prospective buyers, and help you stay competitive in the market.

9. Garage Additions

According to the Cost vs. Value report, homeowners who build a garage see a 62% return on investment. A garage addition can cost tens of thousands of dollars. Knowing that you only recoup a fraction of your investment, don't build a new garage to increase the value of your home.

10. Necessities

According to real estate experts, some necessities, including a new septic system and new plumbing, do not generate more income when you sell your home. Buyers want to know that the sinks and toilets work, but most of them don't concern themselves with the specifics.

4. Sunrooms

Unfortunately, this expensive project adds very little to a home's value. A sunroom only recoups \$486 for every \$1,000 spent on construction, or 49%-59% of the initial investment. In addition, glass doesn't provide insulation, so a sunroom also raises energy costs in the winter and summer.

However, if you live in the South, or on the beach, where many homes have sunrooms, adding one to your home may actually help you stay competitive when and if you decide to sell. Plus, adding a sunroom to your home may make your house more attractive to a specific group of buyers, but you probably won't recoup construction costs.

5. Expensive Landscaping

Instead of investing in expensive landscaping, make changes to your lawn to add curb appeal to your home. "Wow" potential buyers with a well-kept lawn, and some well-laced shrubbery or small trees. The Cost vs. Value report states that projects that boost the "wow" value of the front of the house recoup a decent percentage, depending on the changes made. Go for classy, subtle changes to the landscaping to really

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7 Bathroom Design & Remodeling Ideas on a Budget

So you're ready to redecorate and re-design your bathroom. But dropping \$20,000 on a deluxe spa retreat is light years away from what you can afford to spend. Here's the good news: You don't need mega-bucks to transform your bathroom into a relaxing, cool space. There are plenty of ways to renovate and re-design on a budget.

Determine how much you can afford to spend on your remodel to determine the extent of the changes you can make. If your budget is on the low end (i.e. \$1,000 or less), you'll want to stick to cosmetic changes, such as new fixtures or a new sink, and new paint. If you have more to spend, you can focus on larger changes, such as adding tile, a bigger shower, or a window. Again, it all depends on your budget.

So what can you do to save money on your bathroom redesign or remodel?

1. Limit Your Tile

Tile gets expensive, especially when you hire a contractor to lay it all out for you. To save money, limit the amount of tile and focus on high-impact areas like the floor (instead of the floor and inside the shower stall walls). Alternatively, you could tile one horizontal strip along the wall and paint the rest.

If you've got your heart set on tile that's artistic and expensive, use it as an accent alongside a cheaper tile. Not only will the artistic tiles be more noticeable, but you'll save a ton of money by only using a few here and there.

2. Save on Counter Tops

A popular trend is to splurge on granite countertops. Because the bathroom counter is so small, the investment is often fairly low compared to what you'd spend on kitchen counters, for example.

So how can you save here? First, look at the color. Neutral colors like tan, brown, and light beige are more popular, which means they're more expensive. To save money, consider and price out a wider swath of colors.

Another way to save on granite countertops is to buy a slab containing imperfections. The more visible the imperfection, the cheaper the price will be. Keep in mind that your sink basin will take up a lot of surface area, so if the imperfection is located where the sink or faucets will be then you won't see it anyway!

3. Paint

If you don't have a lot to spend, then repainting will be the cheapest and, perhaps, the most effective way to give your bathroom a new look.

Here's a word of warning, though. It's going to take more time than you think. Why? Your bathroom may be the smallest room in the house, but you're going to have to paint slowly and gently around the window, the tub or shower, the sink, the mirror, the toilet, the switchplates, the wall corners, and the floor. This takes time and patience (and a good supply of painter's tape), so make sure you keep this in mind when planning your renovation.

Another thing to consider is the moisture. Since mold and mildew develop easily in a bathroom, and humidity and temperature change often, it's a good idea to invest in high quality paint with a satin finish. You may also want to go over the ceiling with a special bathroom paint that helps resist the growth of mold.

4. Update Fixtures

Next, look at the little details. You can update light fixtures, sink faucets, towel



racks, and drawer pulls for a relatively small investment. These items may seem insignificant, but updating them can make a big difference in your bathroom's look.

5. Freshen Caulk and Grout

Another often overlooked, yet important detail, is grout and caulk. When this gets grimy, it gets unsightly. By simply cleaning the grout and adding straight,

clean lines of caulk around the tub and sink, you can add sparkle for a mere few dollars. You might be surprised at what a difference this can make! Grout and caulk are both cheap, so this is a very inexpensive way to freshen up your bathroom.

6. Redo, Don't Buy New

Replacing your old tub or shower is going to cost you a pretty penny. Instead, have it professionally relined, which is much cheaper.

However, don't try this with sink and shower fixtures as it costs more to refinish them than to replace them. Refinishing these fixtures is more expensive because very few people decide to do it unless they have old, vintage pieces, and contractors who offer this service often charge a premium price.

7. Buy Used

You can also save money on fixtures, even toilets and showers, if you purchase them used. Scour sites like eBay and Craigslist or head over to the nearest Habitat for Humanity ReStore, which specifically sells home necessities such as doors, mirrors, sinks, toilets, and tubs.

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Sometimes people let family history, childhood memories, and money get in the way of making home improvements to increase the value of their house.

But we have to remember that property is one of our biggest assets and we must take good care of it. Even though it will require some time and money in the short-term, maintaining our houses and making improvements along the way will allow us to avoid those expensive, major home repairs in the long run.

By taking good care of our real estate, should we ever decide to sell, we will have a much more valuable piece of property that isn't wrought with numerous maintenance concerns.

In the spirit of DIY projects, here are 7 areas to focus on that will help you increase and maintain the value of your home:

1. Interior: When something gets dented or scratched such as a tile, wall, or wood floor, fix it within a reasonable amount of time. The longer you wait the more you'll get used to the problem and may even forget about it. These problems can eventually get bigger and bigger and lead to an expensive problem that you'll be forced to repair at some point.

2. Water Leaks: Periodically check for water leaks. A great strategy for doing this is to check the water meter, then cease all water usage for an hour and check the meter again. If it changed, you have a leak, which needs serious attention. Waiting will only increase not only the damage, but also your water bill!

3. Roofing: Check gutters to make sure they carry water away from the roof and aren't getting backed up. The last



thing you want is roof and gutter damage. Also, check the chimney flashing and shingles to make sure they are all secure and don't need repairs. Chimneys can be expensive to fix!

4. Attic: Many of us don't go up to the attic all winter long, but you still should check your attic for any leaks or holes after a big storm. You need to make sure that there is no moisture damaging the internal structure of your home. One sign of water damage from the attic may be peeling paint on ceilings or walls.

5. Masonry: Inspect the foundation, patios, and walkways every few months, especially after weeks of snowdrifts have been packed against the walls of your home. Moisture can easily seep into pores, freeze, and expand, causing major structural damage.

6. Yard: Keep lawns and bushes reasonably trim. Overgrown plant life against the house can be detrimental to paint jobs and shingles, especially if the shingles are wood and not treated or coated.

7. Garage: Garages can become massive storage rooms. Keep them clean and tidy and use them just for the car and maybe yard tools. Clean up oil or exhaust stains before they discolor the floor or garage door. Garages can carry major value for a house!

Remember, you can fix most common repairs around the home on your own without hiring others. And if you're not confident about a specific job, you can always ask for a consultation from a trained professional at your local home improvement store. Your home is your castle; be a good guardian.



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