

Commissioners Approve Tax Abatement Measure (Intent Is To Create Jobs)

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Jefferson County officials this week approved a measure that aims to promote economic development by encouraging companies to create jobs here.

The incentive that county officials plan to offer to encourage job creation is an exemption from property taxes, provided that the eligible companies meet certain conditions.

Commissioners have yet to establish the criteria under which the tax exemption will be granted. But on Tuesday evening, May 21, they set down the basic framework for how the process will work.

Commissioners did it by approving an ordinance that empowers them to give tax relief to new and existing businesses that create a minimum of 10 jobs, among other require-



Under the newly adopted ordinance, companies such as the Harrell Nut Company – now nearing completion at the county's industrial park off US 19 South – would be eligible for the tax incentive, the aim of which is create jobs and promote economic development.

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ments, as defined in state law. The commission's action followed County Attorney Buck Bird's presentation of a revised ordinance that clarified a previous ambiguity in the language and addressed other minor concerns voiced by commissioners at an earlier review of the ordinance.

Bird clarified in the latest version that a company had to create a minimum of 10 jobs to be eligible for the incentive, and that it had to keep the 10 jobs intact for every year that it renewed the exemption, up to 10 years maximum.

Bird explained that the ordinance didn't ask a company to create 10 additional jobs for each of the 10 years, as the original draft appeared to imply. It meant a minimum 10 jobs total, he said.

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Proposed Ordinance Takes Aim At Commercial Firing Ranges

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After months of touching on the subject at meetings of the Planning and County commissions and making corresponding revisions to the document, Planning Attorney Scott Shirley believes he now has a draft ordinance to regulate outdoors commercial firing ranges without running afoul of state law.

The latest version of the ordinance, a copy of which Shirley distributed to county commissioners at their meeting on Tuesday morning, May 7, takes a different approach from the earlier versions, which merely sought to exempt commercial firing ranges from having to obtain a special exception designation.

"This ordinance changes the applicable procedures, but it doesn't exempt them," Shirley said, adding that the latest clarifications resulted from more in-depth research into the issue.

The ordinance, as Shirley originally explained it, was in effect recognition of language adopted by the Florida Legislature in 2011 strengthening and broadening the state's regulatory powers relative to the use of firearms, and thereby preempting lower jurisdiction's authority in this area.

Basically, in the earlier versions of the proposed ordinance, the county entirely removed itself from the process. However, questions



from commissioners, particularly Commissioner Stephen Walker, prompted Shirley to go back to the drawing board.

Walker asked if zoning, setback and minimum property size requirements couldn't be established for such enterprises, prompted by his concern of the potential adverse effects of such facilities on neighboring property owners.

Troy Avera, a citizen and firearms enthusiast, also expressed concerns about the lack of requirements in the original draft, given the potential of bullets to travel long distances and the fact that noise from firing ranges could be quite disturbing to nearby neighbors.

Which concerns Shirley attempted to address in the latest version of the ordinance.

"I did additional research and the Legislature doesn't really clarify what are zoning regulations," Shirley said. "Zoning can constitute

a lot of things."

In terms of zoning then, Shirley said, the county had authority to determine where such facilities were allowable uses and what criteria they must meet to be permitted in particular zoning districts.

"This is the approach that other local governments are taking," Shirley said.

The one caveat he added was that if the county requirements were to outlaw firing ranges from everywhere, "it (ordinance) will run against state statute."

The new draft ordinance bumps the required property size for commercial firing ranges to 40 acres; Shirley had originally proposed 20 acres.

The proposal also limits such facilities to agricultural zoning districts, specifically those districts identified as Ag-3, Ag-5 and Ag-20. It also sets a minimum setback of 300 feet from the facility's boundary line and a minimum distance of 1,250 feet from the nearest resident. It furthermore requires that the property be fenced and that appropriate signage be posted.

"We also recommend that the range design follow the professional guidelines set by the National Rifle Association or Department of Energy," Shirley said.

The ordinance is expected to come back before the commission for a first hearing at the morning meeting on Tuesday, June 4.

New Bill Extends Early Voting



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In the aftermath of the 2012 presidential election, when Florida faced national scrutiny for delayed counts and horribly long lines statewide, Governor Rick Scott has signed a new bill that should remedy these issues. On Tuesday, May 21, Governor Scott signed a bill that will allow election supervisors to hold up to 14 early voting days, with a required minimum of eight early voting days.

This also includes the option to hold early voting the Sunday before Election Day, an option that was previously prohibited after a 2011 bill that Scott signed. The 2011 bill not only prohibited Sunday voting, but also cut back early voting from 14 to eight days. The new law will go into effect on January 1, 2014.

Marty Bishop, Jefferson County Supervisor of Elections stated, "We will probably extend them (early voting days) for a few days. We didn't have much of a problem with the way it was before though. Most of the changes are for the benefit of the larger counties."

City Officials Still Up In Air Over Sunday Alcohol Sales



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It's difficult to say what exactly the Monticello City Council will do relative to the ban on the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sunday.

Following the council's May 7 discussion of the issue, it was the general understanding that the matter would be dropped. That's because the proceeding focused on possible options that the council could take,

which options ranged from doing nothing to lifting the ban.

In the end, the council never gave City Attorney Bruce Leinback

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Officials Decide Chipping Trees Cheaper Way To Go



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Jefferson County may be getting into the wood-chipping business by way of its Solid Waste Department.

Or so it was suggested on Tuesday morning, May 7, when the Jefferson County Commission granted the department's

request to purchase a demo wood chipper for roughly \$39,000.

County Coordinator Parrish Barwick made the arguments for the purchase of the equipment.

Barwick pointed out that presently, wood debris must be hauled to the closed landfill off Tyson Road. And periodically, the county brings in a private

company to chip the wood.

But now, Barwick said, the private company wanted to charge the county for the service. He credited Solid Waste Department Director Beth Letchworth with coming up with the idea.

A wood chipper, Barwick said, would be a cost-effective way to chip wood. Please See
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Jefferson County Living

Letters To The Editor

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Postal Service Food Drive

Dear Jefferson County Friends,

Let me express sincere thanks for your wonderful generosity. Many, many people donated food. Many letter carriers picked it up and delivered it to the downtown post office. The Post Master coordinated the efforts. Local churches that maintain food banks sent volunteers to load the food into trucks. The Jefferson County Sheriff's Department sent assistance

as well. Local volunteers of all ages helped shelve the food. On behalf of all of our needy neighbors, we thank you. This food will go a long way in helping the elderly make it to the end of the month, the young family to have an adequate meal and for all to know that in Jefferson County, we care about each other.

Blessings,
Merry Ann Frisby,
Christ Episcopal Church

Do We Need the IRS?

If you are a Republican or you voted Republican, do you feel comfortable right now about filing your taxes? Does the idea that because of your political beliefs you may be selected for audit regardless of whether there are any questionable items on your tax return haunt you? If it does not I think it should. We can no longer feel confident that the IRS will treat each of us fairly and objectively. Maybe we never could, but never have we had more reason to question the fairness of IRS than now. If we are conservative and we make our views known we apparently have a target on our backs.

We need to consider a complete reformation of our tax system. We need to wipe out the tax code along with the IRS. We need a simple sales tax to fund the government. We may need auditors but not near as many as the complexity of the tax system will be considerably simplified. The new audit system should include due process and no tax audit system should

Volunteers Sought For Cemetery Cleanup

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Cemeteries are supposed to be a place of peace, rest, and beauty, but on some occasions, over time, they can become overgrown, such as in the case with the Springfield Cemetery in Lloyd.

Volunteers are being sought to come together on Saturday, May 25 at 10 a.m. and join in the cemetery cleanup project.

Volunteers are asked to bring rakes, hoes, clippers, any kind of yard work-related tools and equipment with them.

The community needs your help to get the cemetery cleaned up and once again a respectable and beautiful place for the dearly departed to rest.

For further information contact Debra Henry at 997-2389.

You Can Too!

KRISTIN JACKSON

County Extension Agent

It's that time of year again! It's time to think about preserving all of the delicious fruits and vegetables you are growing in your home garden.

Jefferson County Extension Office is now offering food preservation parties. These are NOT your typical classes. It's an experience where we learn by doing! It does not matter if it is your first time or your 50th time; this class has something for everyone. We will preserve at least one item during the class; sample previously preserved items; discuss how processing effects quality; and we will discuss the latest food preservation safety tips.

We also encourage participants to bring their

canners from home, and have them inspected to help ensure they are ready to go for the upcoming canning season.

The cost is \$10 per class to cover materials, or all four classes for \$35. Family and sliding scale rates are available.

There are currently four classes open for enrollment:

Jams and Preserves, Wednesday - May 29 and Tuesday, July 2.

What Can You Do With A Tomato - Tuesday, July 16.

No Pressure We're Just Pressure Canning - Tuesday, July 30.

For more information, to register, or for private preservation parties, call the Jefferson County Extension Office at 850-342-0187 and ask to speak to Kristin Jackson.

Drop A Note To
Debbiesnapp@embarqmail.com

Bus transportation for students attending the TCC 21st CCLC Extended Day Program will end on Friday, May 24. You may still send your child to the program but you will be responsible for picking them up at JES and at JCMHS. Contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.

Sandra Saunders reports that the TCC 21st CCLC Extended Day Program will end on Thursday, May 30 for summer break and will reopen on Monday, June 17 at JES and JCMHS. Applications will be sent home with your child to attend summer session. Again, contact the school if you have questions or concerns.

Sallie Worley announces to the community that there will be a Creative Arts Sampler from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 1, with Katya Taylor at Sallie India's Sanctuary and Garden at Aunt Honey's House (next door to the One Heart Earth Center.) Come experience creative movement, healing touch, Haiku poetry, and the sweet energy of Katya, the porches, gardens and Labyrinth. There's still space for four more participants. Sign up at now at sallieworley@embarqmail.com or call 850-997-5353.

The Arnetter Hill Women Missionary Society will hold its annual Evening in White Worship Service at 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 26 at the New Bethel AME Church on the Ashville Highway. Speaker will be Rev. Martha J. Wilson of Tallahassee, but affiliated with Philadelphia Missionary Baptist Church in Monticello. Guest choir will be from Union Branch Missionary Baptist Church in Tallahassee; Rev. Terry Presley is the pastor. The public is invited. Rev. Jimmie F. Dickey is the Pastor at New Bethel. Contact Nellie K. Akins at 850-443-6768 for questions.

VFW Post 251 will observe its annual Memorial Service at the New Bethel AME Church graveyard on Sunday, May 26 at 1:30 p.m. During the service, flags will be placed on the graves of deceased veterans by the church youths and members of New Bethel. The public is invited. Ned Hill, Jr. is the Commander of VFW Post 251. Contact Patricia H. Gallon at 850-443-6768 for more information.

American Legion Post 49 will host a Memorial Day Program on Monday 27, beginning at 8 a.m. with a buffet-style breakfast at the Otto Walker Post on South Water Street. Veterans or guests who wish to say a few words, or add additional tributes to our fallen loved ones are most welcome to share. Following the ceremony, Legion members and all those interested will be placing miniature American flags on all veteran's gravesites at the local, public cemeteries. Feel comfortable in honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country and for our freedoms. And remember, the American flag should be flown at half-mast until noon, and then hoisted to the top for the remainder of the day.

Here's a little something from Billy G. Windham, it's called

"E-QUAL-I-TY" and it goes like this... So, I never met a man that I thought I was better than (he) ~ Yet, I never met a man that I thought he was better than (me) ~ "God will be the Referee."

Carolyn Kelly is family/community partnership manager for Capital Area Community Action Agency. She tells me that applications are being accepted for Fall enrollment in the Head Start Program. There is no cost for participation in the program, which serves three year old children who turn three by September 1, and four year old children who will not be five by September 1. This also includes children with disabilities. Participants must be Jefferson Leon, or Franklin County residents and must meet Federal Income Guidelines. For more information, contact her at 850-201-2050.

†† Obituary †† HENRY LEE LOGGINS

Henry Lee Loggins was born, January 24, 1944 in Jefferson County, FL to the late Dan Loggins and Josephine Burton Loggins, and he attended the Jefferson County Public School System. Henry Lee confessed Christ in 1969 and joined Salem AME Church, later affiliated with Shiloh AME Church, in Aucilla, FL. He married Lovenia Ford, who preceded him in death. At an early age, Henry learned the values and virtues of hard work and became a gifted logger and later became a Farm Worker.

Hagan & Bradwell Funeral Services, 175 North Railroad Street, Monticello, (850-997-1300) is in charge of arrangements. Funeral services will be held at noon on Saturday, May 25, 2013 at Shiloh AME Church in Aucilla. Rev. Willie E. Hagan will officiate. Visitation will be held from 1 to 7 p.m. on Friday, May 24, 2013 at Hagan & Bradwell Funeral Services. Burial will be at Turkey Scratch Cemetery in Lamont.

Mourning his passing, yet treasuring his love and legacy is his stepmother Ola Mae Loggins; his stepdaughters Kayslar Parrish, of Leesburg, LaSonja (Codville) Webster of Monticello; and his stepson Lewis Anderson of Aucilla. He also leaves behind four brothers Dan Loggins Jr. of Tampa, Horace Loggins of Connell, WA, Matthew Loggins, of Seaside, CA, and Jerry (Eva) Loggins of Monticello; four sisters Pearl Mae Loggins of Aucilla, Bobbie Jean Green of Crawfordville, Betty (David) Simmons of Lawton, OK, Carolyn (James) Wade of Monticello, and Idella Scott of Monticello; one aunt Edna Mae Ford of Kissimmee; and one uncle Archie Loggins of Greenville; two sisters-in-law Doris Ford of Monticello and Annie Loggins of Jacksonville; and a host of sorrowing nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

He was preceded in death by Lovenia Ford, Dan Loggins, Josephine Burton Loggins, five brothers: Daniel, Wilson, Franklin, Phillip Loggins, and James Raleigh; and sisters: Beulah, Lovenia, and Mary Loggins.

Bowling, History, Dogs, Oh My!

ABIGAIL BOYD

4H EXPLORERS CLUB REPORTER



7:30 a.m. on a freezing, dark morning. After registration, we walked across the street to the old Union Bank and saw many artifacts from the Civil War. Then, back outside the capitol, we learned about the history of farming in Florida and received prizes for answering questions in a written quiz. I chose a water bottle but most of the kids chose a card game as their prize. After that, we headed over to the Florida Museum of Natural History. We did a scavenger hunt with the artifacts.

After lunch, we went upstairs in the capitol building and met with our local representative, Halsey Beshears. He told us what it was like to be a State Representative and explained to us how laws were made. We also spent some time on the top floor of the capitol building. We

viewed many other historical monuments around the State Capitol. It was a long day and we were all tired by the time we got home.

For our final meeting in March, we were back in Monticello. Miss Jeri Kimbrel brought her dog, Dayton, and taught us how service animals are trained in the "Paws with a Cause" program. She told us about how people with special needs can apply for a service dog. It was really cool how Dayton could open the refrigerator, a door, and even call 911 if needed. Miss Kimbrel also invited her friend, Joan Bruault, who brought her cat, Louie. Louie performed tricks for us like ringing a bell and shaking our hands. It was fun to have animals in the program.

Who knows what else the 4H Explorers Club will do next!



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Another point clarified was that the minimum number of jobs that a company had to create to qualify for the tax relief was 10.

Commissioner Betsy Barfield had earlier suggested that the requirement might be lowered to five jobs, as 10 might be too stringent a requirement.

"Some people feel that 10 new jobs would be difficult to do for small companies," Barfield said.

Commissioner Benny Bishop saw it differently, however. To his thinking, the purpose of the measure was to benefit the county, not necessarily the companies.

"If you lower the number from 10 to five, the county will lose the advantage," Bishop said. "The reason we're giving the incentive is to create the jobs."

The question of the five versus 10 was a moot one anyway, Economic Development Director Julie Conley pointed out, and Bird subsequently affirmed. That's because the state statute dictates that to qualify for the exemption, a company must create a minimum of 10 jobs.

A citizen, Paul Henry, requested that when the commission developed the criteria for the exemption,

it include a prohibition on "double-dipping". Meaning that if a company received land from the county as an incentive to locate here, it should not then be eligible for the special tax relief.

Bird said the next step in the process was for the commission to develop the qualifying criteria for the exemption. He said commissioners had much latitude in the establishment of these criteria.

He urged the board to make use of the ordinance once the criteria were established.

"The commission did this 25 years ago and never used it," Bird said of the ordinance. "This could be a great tool if it's used properly."

County voters authorized the commission to grant ad-valorem tax exemptions to businesses via a referendum approved in the last election by a margin of 703 votes.

Among the stated long-term goals of the Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemption Ordinance, as the measure is formally identified, are to raise the county's per-capita income, increase the percentage of manufacturing employment, raise the educational level

of the 25 and older population to the state level, and encourage diversification of agriculture, with an emphasis on increasing agricultural employment.

The tax abatement would apply to businesses in only the unincorporated parts of the county and only for those property taxes levied by the Jefferson County Commission. The exemption would not apply to land on which a new business or an expanding business is located; property that is acquired to replace an existing property; taxes that are levied to pay for bond issues or other special taxes; or taxes levied by the school or water management districts.

The exemption would be renewable annually for a period of up to 10 years, provided that the business makes application by March 1 of each year and maintains at least 10 new jobs, as "substantiated by the appropriate payroll documentation."

The exemption expires after 10 years, or at any time that a business fails to apply for a renewal by the March 1 deadline. The exemption, however, may be extended for another 10 years under specified conditions.

Chipper

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ick said, would eliminate the need for the long hauls that the department now had to make to transport the wood debris and tree limbs to the landfill. Instead, the department could haul the chipper to the site of the fallen tree, chip it and disperse of the byproduct by the roadside, he said.

Or the woodchip could be stockpiled on the grounds of the extension office or elsewhere and made available for free to the public for landscaping and gardening purposes, Barwick suggested.

He posited that over

time the county could recoup much of the cost of the chipper in saved gasoline and reduced tipping fees at the regional landfill.

"We'll save half of that over the year," Barwick said of the equipment's cost. "We'll save in manpower having to haul the debris to the landfill and in not having to pay the company to chip it. And we'll save by keeping a thousand pounds of debris from the landfill."

The chipper, he said, would process trees with diameters of up to 20 inches.

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

Sunday Sales

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instructions on what to do next. Which by default essentially killed the issue and left the existing ordinance to govern.

As it was, only two council members commented on the matter at the time. Of the two, one expressed outright opposition and the second recused himself because of a perceived conflict of interest.

However, at a City Council budget workshop on Thursday evening, May 16, Councilman John Jones reportedly expressed a desire to see the item be put back on the agenda for the June 4

meeting. Jones was not in attendance at the May 7 meeting.

Based on Jones' request, it appears that the council will take up the issue again.

At the May 7 meeting, Leinback outlined six options that were available to the council. The six ranged from leaving the existing ordinance as is, to limiting the Sunday sale of alcoholic beverages to certain hours or establishments, to following the county's lead and lifting the ban in its entirety.

All told, seven citizens spoke on the issue at

the May 7 meeting, four in favor of lifting the ban and two -- possibly three -- in opposition.

Proponents of the ban's lifting argued that it would be good for their businesses and for the general economy. Opponents cited religious, social and moral grounds for their stand against the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sundays, saying it would be bad for the churches and for the community.

Likely, the two sides will argue the same points on June 4.

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ECB Publishing Photos By Debbie Snapp, April 25, 2013. Monticello Woman's Club members prepared a Secretary's Luncheon meal on Thursday afternoon to personnel of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and School Board.

DEBBIE SNAPP
 ECB Publishing Staff Writer

Monticello Woman's Club members continue to cook and prepare meals for the community as the Watermelon Festival nears. On Thursday afternoon, June 13 the ladies will be at it once again. They will host their annual Chicken Salad luncheon at noon at the Opera House; and it's sure to be 'Hot! Hot! Hot! In keeping with this year's festival theme.

This event is a fundraiser for the MWC and for the Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce's annual Watermelon Festival. This year's noon luncheon event will feature live entertainment. Tickets may be purchased now at the Chamber, or by contacting MWC President Ethel Strickland at 850-997-3382 or 850-509-9445.

Other recent dining experiences at the MWC clubhouse included a Secretary's Luncheon on April 25, a Spaghetti Dinner on April 11, and more recently a dinner on April 30 for cancer survivors and caregivers, at the Opera House.

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AROUND JEFFERSON COUNTY

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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May 24
Rotary will meet at 12 p.m. on Friday at the First Presbyterian Church, in the fellowship hall, for lunch, a meeting, program, and speaker. For questions or comments, contact President Neill Wade at 850-545-4940.

May 24
Monticello Jamboree Band will perform music for dancing at 7 p.m. on Friday at 625 South Water Street. There will be door-prizes, cold soft drinks, and snacks. Everyone is welcome to come dance, listen to some of the finest music, and just enjoy some fun and camaraderie with neighbors and friends. This is a nonprofit charitable event. For questions or concerns, contact Curtis Morgan at 850-933-8136 or Bobby Connell at 850-445-0049.

May 24, 25
'Murder Rides Again,' murder mystery dinner theater, will be performed by the Opera House Stage Company at the Monticello Opera House on Friday and Saturday. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., with dinner and the show starting at 7:00 p.m. Tickets, including dinner, are \$30 for Opera House members and \$35 for nonmembers. Reservations are needed 48 hours in advance. Call 850-997-4242 or go to www.monticellooperahouse.org. Carrie Ann & Co. will cater dinner. The Opera House Stage Company presents its 13th annual production murder

mystery dinner theater 'Murder Rides Again' on Friday and Saturday evenings.

May 25
Martial Arts classes are held from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday in the Memorial Missionary Baptist Church fellowship hall. Contact Diane Hall at 850-264-1195 for more information.

May 25
Half-N-Half Four Band at the Dixie Community Center at 7 p.m. on Saturday for music and dance. Refreshments and good fellowship are available during intermission. For more information contact Kenneth Price at 1-229-263-7231. DCC is a nonprofit organization.

May 25
Jefferson County Branch of the NAACP will meet at noon on the last Saturday at the MLK Center. Contact Charles Parrish at 850-997-3760 for more information.

May 27
Martin Luther King Community Center will meet 6 p.m. on the last Monday at the MLK Center. Contact Charles Parrish at 850-997-3760 for more information.

May 27
Alzheimer's and Dementia Support is held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the fourth Monday at First United Methodist Church in the Family Ministry Center on West Walnut Street in Monticello. A light lunch will be served. This is a free monthly program. Call the Alzheimer's Proj-

ect at 850-386-2778 for more information or 850-997-5545 for directions.

May 27
Al-Anon meetings are held at 8 p.m. on Mondays at the Anglican Church, 124 Jefferson Avenue in Thomasville. For more information go to www.al-anon.alateen.org.

May 27
AA will meet at 8 p.m. on Monday at the Christ Episcopal Church Annex, 425 North Cherry Street. For more information, call 850-997-2129 or 850-997-1955.

May 28
AA classes are held on Tuesdays at 8 p.m. for those seeking help. The classes are held at the Harvest Christian Center, 1599 Springhollow Road. Contact Marvin Graham, pastor, at 850-212-7669 for more information.

May 28
Jefferson County Republican Party and its Executive Committee will meet on Tuesday at Willow Pond Plantation. Dinner will be at 6 p.m. The formal meeting will begin at 7 p.m. Contact Chairman Clyde Simpson at 850-228-4400 or chairman@jeffersonsongop.com and let him know if you are on the REC and if you will NOT be able to attend. Plan to attend this meeting and bring a friend. Cost of the dinner is \$10 per person with the net proceeds going to the local Party. Discussion about a meeting date change will be on the agenda.

Remembering 'The Good Ol' Days'

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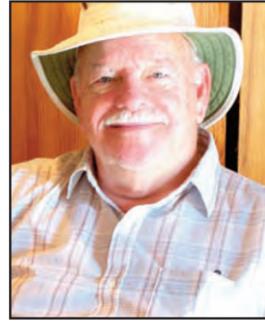
While Roy Mediate and his wife, Yvonne, are current residents of Thomasville, Roy has always considered Monticello to be his home.

"We moved here in 1977," Mediate explains. "We were originally from Newport, and I worked for Florida Power Company. I came up here on a temporary position—one of the guys up here was really sick—and I fell in love with the place.

"The area is a lot like south Alabama where my grandma lived when I was growing up. It's all pecan groves and rolling hills," said Mediate. But the land was not the only thing he fell in love with: "The people are nicer in a place like this. Once you drive a road two or three times, people start waving at you as you pass.

"After the temporary position was over and I had gone back to Newport, a permanent position opened. A lot of the guys in St. Petersburg and other cities didn't want a job up here. This was viewed as redneck country. They'd ask, 'well, how far is the closest mall?' and I'd tell them it was about 20 miles away, and they'd scoff and say how they didn't know why anybody would want to live in a place like that. Me? I was already in love."

"When we first moved, we lived in a travel trailer,



Roy Mediate

all four of us. It was me, my wife, and our two boys: Dave and Dale. We began construction on the barn, and built-in a little apartment upstairs. It wasn't until the boys were teenagers that we built our house off of Boston Hwy. They worked like men on that house! We were up until eleven o'clock at night for a year to build it. We moved in on Mother's Day in 1980—that was a Mother's Day we've never forgotten.

"Downtown Monticello was a little busier back then. Where the State Farm building is now, there used to be a little hardware store—old-fashioned, with the wood floors. In every store downtown, people would greet you by name. That particular hardware store helped a lot with that house. I could go in with two different pieces of something and say, 'I need to connect this to this,' and they would walk with you to the back of the store and help you figure it out."

After the boys graduated high school, Yvonne's business was at its peak. She owned Royal Mini Storage, Royal Realty, and managed over 60 rental properties. Somehow, she still managed to provide excellent mothering to her then-grown boys. Said Roy, "She is unique in that she is a good money manager, always on the ball, and a great mother. The boys, and even our grandkids always come to her—even now—for advice and encouragement."

Over the years, Roy and Yvonne planted a garden and harvested pecans from the grove that was on the land they had bought. They raised two sons and nurtured countless grandchildren. Recently, they moved to Thomasville, due to Yvonne's health. "She has deteriorating corneas, and had to stop driving last year. She loves the YMCA, and in Thomasville, she can walk down there every morning for water aerobics. She can walk to the store, the library, and the doctor. She can go anywhere she wants independence."

The Mediates still own Royal Mini Storage, and Roy finds himself in Monticello about three days a week. "If anything were to ever happen to Yvonne, I would probably move back here. There's always something for me to do here. Besides, there are good people here and I enjoy living here."

Church News Notes

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May 25, 26
Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church at 4731 North Salt Road, will celebrate its annual two-day musical program at 7 p.m. on Saturday and 11:30 a.m. on Sunday. Guest speaker is Rev. Rashard Gardner of Tallahassee. Contact Linda Kearse at 850-342-3502 for more information.

May 25, 26
New Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church on the Boston/Monticello Highway will host a Spring Community Fellowship Celebration at 6 p.m. on Saturday with a Musical Extravaganza featuring local choirs and groups; and at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday the New Oak Missionary Baptist Church family and pastor will join in the celebration. For more information and directions, contact Sis. Helen Johnson at 1-229-438-9030 or 850-997-4579. Rev. Dr. James Redmon, pastor (850-997-3244.)

May 26

Young Reaper Church family will hold an Installation Ceremony of their pastor, Rev. Earnest F. Rains, Jr. on Sunday at 3 p.m. at the church location 572 NW Reaper Church Road in Greenville. Guest speaker will be Rev. Octavious Tookes of St James Missionary Baptist Church in Madison. For more information and directions call Deacon or Mrs. Johnny Morris at 850-997-0904 or Deacon Cecil Cobb at 850-933-1111. The community is invited to come and fellowship.

May 26
Philadelphia Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate its Family and Friends Day at 11 a.m. on Sunday. Guest speaker will be Rev. Reginald Bennett. The Holy Ghost Revival and its congregation will be in charge of the service. Dinner will be served after the service. All are welcome to attend. For more information and directions, call 850-464-

9901. Rev. Ernest Bruton, pastor.

May 26
Sweetfield Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate its Homecoming with a service on the fourth Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Rev. Dr. James Redmon, pastor of Liberty and New Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Churches, will be guest speaker. All are cordially invited to attend this special occasion. Rev. Ben Ransom, Jr., pastor.

May 26
Springfield AME Church will celebrate its annual Steward and Stewardess Program on Sunday at 4 p.m. Rev. Anton Elwood, along with the New Mt. Zion AME Church family of Tallahassee, will be in charge of the service. All Stewards, Stewardesses, Deacons, and Deaconesses are cordially invited to come help lift up the name of Jesus. Rev. Stefon McBride, pastor. For additional information contact the church at 850-997-5400.

JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIME BEAT

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Brandon Young, 18, of Jefferson County, was arrested May 7 and charged with armed burglary of a conveyance, and grand theft of a firearm. Bond was withheld and he remained at the County Jail May 21.

Michael Dwayne Cooley, 46, of Jefferson County, was arrested May 7 and charged with driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$500 and he bonded out of jail the following day.

Sabrina Lafaye Johnson, 39, of Monticello, was arrested May 8 and charged with grand theft, grand theft from a motor vehicle, and obstruction of justice. A total bond of \$4,500 was set, and she bonded out of jail the same day.

Eric J. Bollivar, 39, of Tallahassee, was arrested May 9 and charged with battery (domestic). Bond was set at \$2,500, and he remained at the County Jail May 21.

Victoria Zamora, 19, of Tallahassee, was arrested May 9 and charged with battery (domestic). Bond was set at \$500, and she remained at the County Jail May 21.

Henry Franklin Samuel, 23, of Jefferson County, was arrested May 10 and charged with possession of marijuana less than 20 grams. A total bond of \$500 was set, and he remained at the County Jail May 21.

Shannon Jason Cables, 41, of Lake Wales, FL, was arrested May 12 and charged with driving under the influence with property damage. Bond was set at \$500 and he bonded out of jail the following day.

Devon Christopher Johnson, 18, of Jefferson County, was arrested May 13 and charged with aggravated fleeing and eluding, and resisting an officer without violence. A total bond of \$15,000 was set, and he bonded out of jail the following day.

Laura Weaver, 23, of Jefferson County, was arrested May 13 and charged with child abuse, and child neglect. A total bond of \$10,000 was set, and she bonded out of jail the same day.

Justin R. Campbell, 23, of Jefferson County, was arrested May 13 and charged with child abuse, and child neglect. A total bond of \$10,000 was set, and he bonded out of jail the same day.

Jack Johnson, 42, of Monticello, was arrested May 13 and charged with failure to register as a sex offender, and perjury. A total bond of \$10,000 was set, and he remained at the County Jail May 21.

Dominic V. Nealy, 32, of Monticello, was ar-

rested May 15, and charged with writ of attachment for nonpayment of child support. Bond was set at \$1,500, and he bonded out of jail the following day.

Althai Streeter, 52, of Tallahassee, was arrested May 17 and charged with violation of probation on the charge of driving under the influence. Bond was withheld and he remained at the County Jail May 21.

Ginny Marie Rogers, 39, of Monticello, was arrested May 17 and charged with burglary, and criminal mischief. Bond was withheld and she remained at the County Jail May 21.

Shatteri Crumity, 24, of Monticello, was arrested May 18, and charged with driving while license suspended or revoked, and failure to appear on the charge of driving while license suspended or revoked. A total bond of \$1,000 was set, and she bonded out of jail the following day.

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INVITATION TO BID

The JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD will receive sealed bids from qualified firms to furnish the goods and/or services identified as "Bread Products" for the 2013/2014 fiscal year. Sealed bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on June 3, 2013. The documents required to bid may be obtained by visiting the district website at www.edline.net/pages/jcsb. Questions may be directed to the District Office at (850)342-0100 or the Food Service Office at (850)342-0145. The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids. 5/24, 29, 31/13 c.

Upcoming AANF Board of Directors Meeting

The Area Agency on Aging for North Florida, Inc. will hold meetings of its Board of Directors and Advisory Council, Thursday May 23, 2013 at 10:30 am ET. Agendas will be available upon request. The meetings will be held at the Area Agency on Aging for North Florida, Inc.: 2414 Mahan Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32308. The meetings are open to the public; if additional information is needed please contact Linda Burns, Office Manager at 850-488-0055. 5/24/13.c

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ACA Academic Awards Program Recognizes Many

FRAN HUNT
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Many students at Aucilla Christian Academy 6-12 graders were recognized and received awards during the annual Academic Awards program, held Friday, May 17.

The program began with ACA Assistant Principal Kevin Harvin welcoming all present, and offering the opening prayer.

Sixth graders receiving awards included Carley Ondash, Highest Grade Point Average (GPA) in Language Arts, Math, Science and World Cultures, The Citizenship Award went to Chloe Reams.

Seventh graders receiving awards included, Timothy Finlayson, Highest GPA in Math; Camryn Grant, Highest GPA in Geography, Language Arts and Science; and the Citizenship Award went to Brandon Slaughter.

Eighth graders receiving awards included, Joshua Greene, Highest GPA in Math; Joe Hannon, Highest GPA in Science; Kate Whiddon, Highest GPA in Algebra I; Traynor Barker, Highest GPA in History and Language Arts; and the Citizenship Award went to Austin Wilford.

Freshmen receiving awards included, Taylor Copeland, Highest GPA in Spanish I; Emma Witmer, Highest GPA in English I; Zackery Peterson, Highest GPA in Geometry and Physical Science; and receiving the Citizenship Award was Corey Brandies.

Sophomores receiving awards included Kinzi Mattingly, Highest GPA in Algebra II; Morgan Cline, Highest GPA in English II, Spanish II, and World History; and receiving the Citizenship Award was Ricky Finlayson.

Juniors receiving

awards included, Whitney Stevens, Highest GPA in Chemistry; Brandon Holm, Highest GPA in American History and English III; Aimee Love, Highest GPA in Advanced Placement (AP) American History, AP English Language, Bible, and Biology; and receiving the Citizenship Award was Sara Peeler.

Seniors receiving awards included, Jay Finlayson, Highest GPA in Physics; Kaley Love, highest GPA in AP English Literature and AP Statistics; Ashley Schofill, Highest GPA in Advanced Topics in Math and English IV; and receiving the Citizenship Award was Jay Finlayson.

Then came time to recognize 8th grade and 12th grade students, who received the Presidential Award for Academic Excellence. To qualify for this award a student must have a GPA of 3.7 or above and must score higher than the

90th percentile in math or reading on the Stanford Achievement Test or higher than the 90th percentile overall on the ACT or the SAT.

Recipients included eighth graders Traynor Barker, Daulton Browning, Sarah Hall, Brittany Hughes, Gatlin Nennstiel, Ramsey Sullivan, and Kate Whiddon.

Seniors receiving the award included Ashli Cline, Jay Finlayson, Kaley Love, and Audrey Waters.

Senior Honor and Beta graduates, who were presented with both the Gold Beta Cord and a White Honors Cord included Alexis Burkett, Salutatorian Ashli Cline, Jay Finlayson, Russell Fraleigh, Jared Jackson, Valedictorian Kaley Love, Whitney McKnight, Hadley Revell, Audrey Waters, Pamela Watt, Joshua Wood, and Ashley Schofill. To receive a Gold Beta

Cord and a White Honors Cord a student must have a 90 average through seven semesters of high school.

Then came the time for the presentation of scholarships.

Shirley Washington presented the \$500 School Board District 3 Academic Scholarship to Kaley Love.

Linda Benedict presented the \$500 Altrusa Scholarship to Whitney McKnight.

Katrina Walton presented the \$500 Kiwanis Scholarships to Kaley Love and Pamela Watt.

Neill Wade presented the \$1,000 Monticello Rotary Club Scholarships to Jared Jackson and Ashli Cline.

Angela Gray presented the \$1,000 Joe Jones Memorial Scholarship to Whitney McKnight.

NFCC Director of Advising Philip Wilkerson presented the North Florida Community College Presidential Scholar-

ships to Kaleb Wyche, \$200; Whitney McKnight, Presidential, \$5,000; and Brooke Kinsley, Presidential \$5,000.

Special \$500 Scholarships were presented to Whitney McKnight, and Hadley Revell.

Assistant Principal Kevin Harvin then announced the recipients of the Florida Bright Future Awards. Seniors receiving the \$7,400 Medallion Scholars Award, included; Sarah Boland, Alexis Burkett, Tres Copeland, Samantha Douglas, Russell Fraleigh, Hannah Haselden, Jared Jackson, Whitney McKnight, Hadley Revell, Ashley Schofill, Pamela Watt, and Josh Wood.

ACA also had four students who qualified to receive the \$12,000 Bright Future Florida Academic Scholars Award they included Ashli Cline, Jay Finlayson, Kaley Love, and Audrey Waters.

ACA Spring Auction Huge Success

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The Aucilla Christian Academy Spring Auction, held April 12 at Honey Lake Plantation, was a huge success.

Spokesperson Katrina Walton said that ACA grossed over \$56,000 at the auction this year. "That's even better than last year," she added. "We're so excited."

172 people enjoyed the meal of chicken, green beans, salad, rolls, iced tea, and brownies for dessert.

The servers for the occasion were the ACA Beta Club and ACA cheerleaders.

As entertainment, the high school drama team, "Living Waters," performed a skit, which Walton reported brought everyone in the audience to tears. "It was about the

life of Jesus," said Walton.

"We had over 100 donors this year, and that's a few more than usual," Walton added. "The auction would not have been a success without our corporate sponsors and our donors. We extend our thanks and our greatest appreciation to them."

Corporate sponsors for the ACA Spring Auction included Stauton & Faglie, PL (Monticello), Katrina's Kitchens (Monticello), Ware Oil & Supply Co, Inc. (Perry), Madison Dental Associates (Madison), Bass Electrical Services (Monticello), and ASF Enterprise, LLC (Monticello).

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JES Volunteers READ UNITED



Jefferson Elementary School READ UNITED volunteers Julie Conley, Nancy Wideman, Betsy Barfield, and Angela Gray, helped to distribute almost 70 books to the first grade students, on Monday, May 6, 2013.

United Way of the Big Bend Days of Doing was created to promote the spirit and value of volunteerism, increase the awareness of local human-service needs, and demonstrate what people working together for the community's good can accomplish. Reading helps children develop vital language skills, open up new worlds, enrich their lives, and enhance social skills. READ UNITED is a great opportunity to make a positive impact in the community.

On Monday, May 6, READ UNITED volunteers in Jefferson County read to first grade students at Jefferson Elementary School. Volunteers Betsy Barfield, Julie Conley, Angela Gray, and Nancy Wideman helped to distribute almost 70 books to the first grade students.

Over 100 community volunteers were recruited in the Big Bend to read to every single first grade, public school classroom in UWBB eight-county region during the week of May 6-10. "The Cat In The Hat," "Curious George," and many other childhood favorites were distributed to 300 public school first grade classrooms in just five days in Jefferson, Madison, Franklin, Gadsden, Leon, Liberty, Taylor, and Wakulla counties, which resulted in countless smiles and widespread inspiration for reading.

Throughout the year, Power of the Purse (POP), the women's leadership ini-

tiative of United Way of the Big Bend has raised money for early literacy efforts, including READ UNITED. POP focuses on early literacy in the community with the vision of getting kids reading on grade level before they reach third grade. POP held a Cupcakes and Beer kickoff event, as well as Purse Parties at The Grey Fox and Cole Couture to raise money for books. In addition to these fundraising efforts, sponsors Scholastic, Books-A-Million, Progress Energy, and individual and group donations have allowed UWBB to continue to provide this great resource to the Big Bend area.

"This is a true testament to the philanthropic nature of our Big Bend community, and we are so grateful for all of the support. The volunteers and donors make our Early Literacy initiative a reality by not only reading to first grade classes but by inspiring kids to read outside of the traditional classroom setting," said Sarah Deeb, UWBB vice-president of resource development. If you are interested in becoming a Power of the Purse member, or for more information on United Way of the Big Bend's early literacy efforts, please contact Courtenay Garcia at courtenay@uwbb.org or 850-488-8325. Or you may visit the United Way of the Big Bend's website at www.uwbb.org or like us on Facebook.



Jefferson Elementary School READ UNITED volunteer Angela Gray reads to first grade students on May 6, 2013.

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Parent Involvement Matters

From the desk of Edna Henry,

District Parent Involvement Coordinator

Parent/Teacher Involvement

Please feel free to contact your child's teacher if you should have any questions or concerns. There are just a few more weeks left in this school's year.

Please continue to encourage your children to work hard, remain respectful to others and enjoy the rest of the school year.

Start planning for some great summer events that will help them with a fresh start for the new school year. Take them to the Public Library as often as you can this summer and be sure to ask the Librarian, Ms. Kitty Brooks about summer activities that are being provided for families.

Parent Quiz

Children who under-

stand the importance of having respect for themselves, others and authority are more likely to be successful in school. Answer the following questions below yes or no to see if you are raising a respectful child.

1. Do you treat your child with respect?
2. Do you teach your child to respect rules by following them yourself?
3. Do you model polite behavior, such as saying please and thank you?
4. Do you explain the reasons behind rules to your child?
5. Do you encourage your child to be honest by admitting your own mistakes?

Your Child's Education Depends on You!

Children benefit greatly when Parents take an active role in their education. They will usually enjoy learning and school life more. Their skills and attitudes seem to improve, allowing them to perform better in school. Parents benefit as well. You will feel good knowing that you are helping your child get a good education.

If you don't have a child in our school system, your partnership such as volunteering, supporting our teachers, students and parents plays a big part of student success. Getting involved means working together to provide the best education possible for our children. Thanks for all you do.

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Jefferson County War Veterans who were willing to give the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy today, in America, are listed here... in love and the most grateful appreciation.

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Take Time To Pray On Memorial Day.

VFW Remembers Fallen Heroes May 26

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During the service the church youths and members of New Bethel AME Church will place flags on the graves of deceased veterans.

Ned Hill, Jr., Commander of VFW Post 251, encourages the public to attend. Contact Patricia H. Gallon at 850-443-6768 for more information and directions.

Memorial Day Ceremony May 27

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Recently, more than ever, the public has been showing their adulation for the military men and women currently serving, and for those who have served. And for good reason... on Monday, May 27, Memorial Day, the American Legion Otto Walker Post 49 and Ladies Auxiliary will host its annual Memorial Day celebration with a buffet breakfast and program... to continue that respect.

The communities, and especially veterans, are invited to the Post 49 on South Water Street, beginning with breakfast at 8 a.m.; followed by any veteran or guest who wishes to speak, or to add additional tributes to our fallen loved ones. Following the ceremony, members of the Otto Walker Post 49 and all those interested will be placing miniature American flags on all veteran's gravesites at the local, public cemeteries.

Join Post 49 Commander Travis Hussey and others in honoring those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country and for the freedom of all American citizens. Remember... the American Flag should be at half-mast until 12 p.m., then hoisted to the top for the remainder of the day.



A Brief History Of Memorial Day

Memorial Day, an American holiday observed on the last Monday of May, honors men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Unofficially, at least, it marks the beginning of summer.

Early Observances of Memorial Day

The Civil War claimed more lives than any conflict in U.S. history, requiring the establishment of the country's first national cemeteries. By the late 1860s Americans in various towns and cities had begun holding springtime tributes to these countless fallen soldiers, decorating their graves with flowers and reciting prayers.

Decoration Day

On May 5, 1862, General John A. Logan, leader of an organization for Northern Civil War veterans, called for a nationwide day of remembrance later that month. "The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strew-

ing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land," he proclaimed. The date of Decoration Day, as he called it, was chosen because it wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle.

Memorial Day, as Decoration Day gradually came to be known, originally honored only those lost while fighting in the Civil War. But during World War I the United States found itself embroiled in another major conflict, and the holiday evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars.

For decades, Memorial Day continued to be observed on May 30, the date Logan had selected for the first Decoration Day. But in 1968 Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day weekend for federal employees; the change went into effect in 1971. The same law also declared Memorial Day a federal holiday.

Jefferson's Confederate Memorial Stands Tall And Proud

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The Jefferson County Confederate Memorial stands tall and proud at the north of the Courthouse in downtown Monticello. If you've never 'really' noticed the structure, check it out sometime; read the words; feel its meaning.



This Confederate Civil War Memorial was erected on January 1, 1899 by the Ladies' Memorial Association of Jefferson County Florida... for **OUR FALLEN HEROES** (as stated on the north side of the monument). It consists of an obelisk with a draped flag, a common type of Civil War memorial motif in the South.

On the west side of the memorial and carved in the stone, are the words: **LET THIS TESTIMONIAL OF WOMAN'S DEATHLESS FIDELITY TO MAN'S IMPERISHABLE VALOR SPEAK TO THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THIS SOUTHLAND FOR ALL TIME TO COME. LET THIS MUTE BUT ELOQUENT MARBLE, TESTIFY TO THE ENDURING HARDNESS OF THAT LIVING HUMAN WALL OF FLORIDA SOLDIERY THAT STOOD DURING FOUR LONG YEARS OF PITILESS WAR - A BARRIER BETWEEN OUR HOMES AND AN INVADING FOE. LET THE YOUNG SOUTHRON, AS HE GAZES UPON THIS SHAFT, REMEMBER HOW GLORIOUSLY FLORIDA'S SONS ILLUSTRATED THEIR SUNNY LAND ON THE RED FIELDS OF CARNAGE, AND HOW WOMAN - FAIR AND FAITHFUL - FRESHENS THE GLORY OF THEIR FAME.**

The east side of the memorial reads: **FAR MORE INDESTRUCTIBLE THAN POLISHED STONE OR TEMPERED BRONZE, IS THE MEMORY OF THOSE WHOSE LIVES WE HERE COMMEMORATE SUBLINE IN LOVE OF STATE, BRILLIANT IS EXECUTION OF HEROIC DUTY, CONSCIOUS OF RIGHTS BEYOND CONTROVERSY, PATIENT UNDER THE RAVAGES OF PESTILENCE, UNSQUARED BY MERCILESS HARDSHIPS IN PRISON, GLORIFYING OUR UNSUCCESSFUL CAUSE BY MATCHLESS DEEDS, AT ARMS, ENRICHING A THOUSAND**

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Seminole Wallop Warriors

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The Aucilla Christian Academy varsity Warriors manned the diamond against the Florida State University Seminoles on April 18, and the Seminoles walloped the Warriors for an ACA 11-3 loss. The Warriors now stand 14-9 on the season.

FSU took an early lead, scoring two runs in the second inning, and adding five more runs in the third inning. The Warriors took the fourth inning, 2-1, but FSU came back to take the fifth inning, 1-0. The Warriors brought in another run in the sixth inning, but FSU brought in an additional two runs in the seventh inning.

As a team, at the plate, the Warriors had a batting average of .290, with 33 plate appearances, 31 at-bats, three runs, nine hits, three RBI's, one double, one walk, seven strikeouts, one hit by pitch, one reach on error, three fielder's choice, an on base percentage of .333, a slugging average of .323, and one stolen base.

Zach Lunn had a batting average of 1.000, with two plate appearances, one at-bat, one hit, one walk, and an on base percentage and a slugging average of 1.000.

Josh Wood had a batting average of .000, with two plate appearances, two

at-bats, one RBI, one fielder's choice, and an on base percentage and a slugging average of .000.

Hans Sorensen had a batting average of .500, with two plate appearances, two at-bats, one hit, and an on base percentage and a slugging average of .500.

Ty Chancy had a batting average of .000, with one plate appearance, one at-bat, and one RBI.

Russell Fraleigh had a batting average of .500, with two plate appearances, two at-bats, one hit, one fielder's choice, and an on base percentage and a slugging average of .500.

Casey Demott had a batting average of .667, with three plate appearances, three at-bats, one run, two hits, one RBI, and an on base percentage and a slugging average of .667.

Kaleb Wyche had a batting average of .000, with two plate appearances, two at-bats, one run, one strikeout, and an on base percentage and a slugging average of .000.

Hunter Horne had a batting average of 1.000, with one plate appearance, one at-bat, one hit, and an on base percentage and a slugging average of 1.000.

Hunter Handley had a batting average of .000, with one plate appearance, one at-bat, one run, one strikeout, and an on base percentage and a slugging average of .000.

Tres Copeland had a

batting average of .500, with two plate appearances, two at-bats, one hit, one double, an on base percentage of .500, and a slugging average of 1.000.

Austin Bishop had a batting average of .500, with four plate appearances, four at-bats, two hits, one fielder's choice, and an on base percentage and a slugging average of .500.

Bradley Holm had a batting average of .000, with one plate appearance, one at-bat, one strikeout, and an on base percentage and a slugging average of .000.

Nick Roberts had a batting average of .000 with two plate appearances, two at-bats, one strikeout, and an on base percentage and a slugging average of .000.

Jared Jackson had a batting average of .000, with two plate appearances, two at-bats, one reach on error, one stolen base, and an on base percentage and a slugging average of .000.

Brandon Holm had a batting average of .000, with two plate appearances, one at-bat, one strikeout, one hit by pitch, an on base percentage of .500, and a slugging average of .000.

Gus Smyrniotis had a batting average of .000, with three plate appearances, three at-bats, two strikeouts, and an on base percentage and a slugging

average of .000.

On the mound, the Warriors had an earned run average of 3.00, with seven innings pitched, 12 hits, 11 runs, three of which were earned, five walks, one strikeout, one homerun, 43 batters faced, 36 at-bats, a batting average of .333, an on base percentage of .442, two hit by pitches, one putout, and four stolen bases, on 122 pitches.

Demott had an earned run average of 2.10, with 3.1 innings pitched, four hits, two runs, one of which was earned, one walk, one strikeout, 17 batters faced, 16 at-bats, a batting average of .250, an on base percentage of .294, and one stolen base, on 49 pitches.

Bishop was credited with the loss. He had an earned run average of 2.62, with 2.2 innings pitched, seven hits, seven runs, one of which was earned, three walks, one homerun, 19 batters faced, 15 at-bats, a batting average of .467, an on base percentage of .579, one hit by pitch, one putout, and three stolen bases, on 52 pitches.

Brandon Holm had a batting average of 7.00, with one hit, two runs, one of which was earned, one walk, seven batters faced, five at-bats, a batting average of .200, an on base percentage of .429, and one hit by pitch, on 21 pitches.

Lady Tigers Lose Three Of Four

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The Jefferson Lady Tigers lost three of their final four games to wind up the season on an 8-9 record, and 8-10 overall.

"We did improve over last year's record," said Head Coach Frank Brown.

On April 5, the Lady Tigers hit the diamond against Melody Christian, and Jefferson was downed for a 14-10 loss.

"We jumped ahead and led the game for three innings, then Melody rallied and came back," said Coach Brown. "Both teams were pretty evenly matched, but once Melody rallied, our defense just couldn't hold them."

Taylor Clemens had five at-bats, three runs, one double, one triple, two walks, and one putout.

Carlie Barber had five at-bats, one run, one single, one walk, two fly outs, and one putout.

Alyssa Lewis had four at-bats, one run, one walk, two fly outs, and one putout.

Jana Barber had four at-bats, two runs, two doubles, one strikeout, and one putout.

Mikayla Norton had four at-bats, two runs, one double, two strikeouts, and one walk.

Brianna Nolan had four at-bats, one single, one hit by pitch, and two putouts.

Allaura Pierce had four at-bats, one double, one fly out, and two putouts.

Ladashia "Skittles" Williams had four at-bats, two walks, one putout, and one strikeout.

Kelvisha Norton had four at-bats, two hits, one run, one putout, and one strikeout.

On the mound, Clemens had one strikeout, three hit by pitches, three walks, and six hits.

Lewis had one hit by pitch, and two walks.

In comparison, the Melody Christian pitcher gave up four singles, five doubles, one triple, 10 hits, eight walks, one hit by pitch, and five strikeouts.

On April 8 the Lady Tigers faced off against Rickards and Jefferson was blanked for a 12-0 loss. The game was called after five innings due to the 10-run "mercy" rule.

"Rickards is a very strong, dominant team," said Coach Brown. "I would say they are just below Mayo at number two."

Clemens had two at-bats, and two strikeouts.

Carlie Barber had two at-bats, and two strikeouts.

Lewis had two at-bats, and two strikeouts.

Jana Barber had two at-bats, and two strikeouts.

Mikayla Norton had two at-bats, one hit, and one walk.

Nolan had one at-bat, and one strikeout.

Marta Vargas was put in to substitute for Nolan, and she had one at-bat, and one fly out.

Pierce had two at-bats, and two strikeouts.

Williams had one at-bat, and one fly out.

Kelvisha Norton had one at-bat, and one strikeout.

On the mound, Lewis gave up nine hits, three walks, and struck out two

batters.

Clemens gave up one hit, two walks, one hit by pitch, and struck out one batter.

Jefferson hit the mound against John Paul on April 12 and the Lady Tigers pulled out with an 8-5 victory.

"Both teams were pretty evenly matched, it was about like playing against a twin," said Coach Brown. "It was really good competition, and good hitting. It was a close game right to the end."

Clemens had four at-bats, one triple, one strikeout, and two fly outs.

Carlie Barber had four at-bats, one run two hits, and two fly outs.

Lewis had four at-bats, two runs, one strikeout, two walks, and one putout.

Jana Barber had four at-bats, two runs, one single, one double, one putout, and one walk.

Mikayla Norton had four at-bats, one single, one triple, one putout, and one fly out.

Pierce had four at-bats, one run, one triple, one putout, and two fly outs.

Williams had four at-bats, one run, one double, one strikeout, and two fly outs.

Kelvisha Norton had three at-bats, one run, two hits, and one putout.

Amalee Addison had one at-bat, and one hit.

Vargas had one at-bat, and one strikeout.

Nolan had two at-bats, one hit, and one putout.

On the mound, Clemens gave up four walks, four hits, one hit by pitch, and struck out four batters.

In comparison, the John Paul pitcher gave up 12 hits, three walks, and struck out four batters.

On April 15, the Lady Tigers went in the first round of District and faced off against Bradford. Despite having beaten Bradford badly, twice during the regular season, the Lady Tigers were trashed for a 14-1 loss.

"I told the girls they'd be out to get us," said Coach Brown. "That was not our best game at all. We did not play to win."

Clemens had three at-bats, two hits, and one fly out.

Carlie Barber had three at-bats, one hit, one strikeout, and one fly out.

Lewis had three at-bats, two strikeouts, and one walk.

Jana Barber had three at-bats, one strikeout, one putout, and one fly out.

Mikayla Norton had three at-bats, one strikeout, and two putouts.

Nolan had three at-bats, one triple, one putout, and one fly out.

Pierce had three at-bats, one hit, one walk, and one putout.

Williams had three at-bats, one run, two hits, and one putout.

Kelvisha Norton had two at-bats, one strikeout, and one putout.

On the mound, Clemens gave up four hits, three walks, and struck out two batters.

Lewis gave up three hits, three walks, and struck out one batter.

Nolan gave up four hits, and three walks.

Warriors Wallop Cedar Creek

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The Aucilla Christian Academy Warriors hit the diamond against Cedar Creek on May 1, and the Warriors walloped their opponent for a 4-1 victory, to now stand 17-9 on the season.

The Warriors drew first blood, bringing three runs across the plate in the second inning, and adding an additional run in the third inning.

Cedar Creek brought in their sole run during the seventh inning.

As a team, at the plate, the Warriors had a batting average of .385, with 27 plate appearances, 26 at-bats, four runs, 10 hits,

three RBI's, one double, one walk, four strikeouts, one reach on error, an on base percentage of .407, and a slugging average of .423.

Individually, Josh Wood had a batting average of .333, with three plate appearances, three at-bats, one hit, one RBI, one strikeout, and an on base percentage and a slugging average of .333.

Hans Sorensen had a batting average of .333, with three plate appearances, three at-bats, one hit, one RBI, two strikeouts, and an on base percentage and a slugging average of .333.

Russell Fraleigh had a batting average of 1.000, with three plate appear-

ances, three at-bats, three hits, one RBI, one reach on error, and an on base percentage and a slugging average of 1.000.

Casey Demott had a batting average of 1.000, with three plate appearances, two at-bats, one run, two hits, one walk, and an on base percentage and a slugging average of 1.000.

Kaleb Wyche had one run.

Hunter Handley scored two runs.

Tres Copeland had a batting average of 1.000, with three plate appearances, three at-bats, three hits, one double, an on base percentage of 1.000, and a slugging average of 1.333.

Gus Smyrniotis had a

batting average of .000, with three plate appearances, three at-bats, one strikeout, and an on base percentage and a slugging average of .000.

On the field, Demott caught one runner attempting to steal base.

Hunter Horne had 10 total chances, seven putouts, one assist, two errors and a fielding percentage of .800.

On the mound, Sorensen had an earned run average of 1.00, with seven innings pitched, four hits, one run, which was earned, nine strikeouts, one homerun, 27 batters faced, 27 at-bats, a batting average of .148, an on base percentage of .148, and one stolen base, on 111 pitches.

ACA Middle School Girls Wrap Up Season 6-2

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The Aucilla Christian Academy middle school Lady Warriors wrapped up the season on a 6-2 record, after pulling victories out of their final two games.

The young Lady Warriors hit the diamond against Maclay on April 2 and Aucilla came out on top of an 8-1 win.

The young Lady Warriors had 16 at-bats, with three hits, and seven walks.

Third baseman Ash-

lyn Rogers went two for three, with a single, and a double.

Shortstop Megan Schoffill went one for three with one single.

On the mound, Elizabeth Hightower faced 15 batters, striking out 11, and giving up one walk.

On April 11, the young Lady Warriors hit the diamond and squared off against Trinity. In the final game of the season, Aucilla knocked their opponent for an 8-2 ACA win.

Aucilla had 21 at-bats, with seven hits, and seven walks.

Center fielder Camryn Grant led the hitting for the young Lady Warriors, going three for four,

with three singles, and scoring three runs, on a total of nine stolen bases or passed balls.

Rogers went one for one with a stand-up triple, and had two walks.

Team catcher Cali Burkett, went one for three.

Left fielder Katie James went one for two.

Pitcher Ramsey Sullivan went one for two at the dish.

On the mound, Sullivan faced 25 batters, striking out 15, and giving up six walks.

"We had a great season and a team full of girls with great attitudes," said Assistant Coach Danny Deason.

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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 May 24, 2013 through May 31, 2013
Major Feed Times are marked by an asterisk (*)

Friday, May 24 6:10 AM *12:20 PM 6:30 PM	Saturday, May 25 *12:50 AM 7:10 AM *1:20 PM 7:30 PM	Sunday, May 26 *1:55 AM 8:10 AM *2:30 PM 8:45 PM	Monday, May 27 *3:10 AM 9:20 AM *3:35 PM 9:50 PM
Tuesday, May 28 *4:10 AM 10:20 PM *4:40 PM 10:55 PM	Wednesday, May 29 *5:15 AM 11:30 AM *5:45 PM	Thursday, May 30 12:10 AM *6:10 PM 12:20 PM *6:30 PM	Friday, May 31 12:50 AM *7:10 PM 1:20 PM *7:30 PM

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