

Commission Adopts New Map After Long & Bruising Process

(Effort Originally Started In 2011)

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Based on the recommendation of counsel and notwithstanding a cogent and well thought-out presentation by a proponent of the School Board generated Map B-4, the Jefferson County Commission voted 3-2 on Tuesday evening, Dec. 3, to adopt Map A, one

of two redistricted maps generated by a commission-hired consultant.

The commission's vote to adopt Map A duplicated the earlier vote to advertise Map A as the board's map of choice, with Commissioners Betsy Barfield, Benny Bishop and Hines Boyd voting for its adoption, and Commissioners John Nelson and Stephen

Walker voting against.

Attorney Christopher Roe, of the Tallahassee-based law firm of Bryant, Miller and Olive, advised the commission to select Map A, as prepared by mapping consultant Kurt Spitzer & Associates.

Roe represented Map A as meeting all the stipulated redistricting requirements in terms of compactness, contiguity, conti-

nuity, keeping districts as close as possible in populations and adhering to the 1965 Voting Rights Act, a landmark federal legislation that prohibits discrimination in voting.

Map A also, Roe said, didn't deviate much from the existing districts map and thus caused the least disruptions, satisfying an expressed condition of the commission.

As Roe expressed it, time was of the essence, as the map had to be adopted by the end of the year to comply with state requirements. Namely, the state requires that redistricting be accomplished in an odd-numbered year following the census.

As Roe explained the process, once the a **Please See MAP Page 3**

Former Mayor Enters A Plea Of Not Guilty



Former Monticello Mayor Idella Scott

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Former Monticello Mayor Idella Scott was arraigned in county court on Monday, Dec. 2, and her case set for a management review by Circuit Court Judge Karen Gievers early next year.

An arraignment entails the formal reading of the criminal charges against a defendant in his or her presence. In response, the accused is expected to enter a plea of guilty or not guilty.

According to a deputy clerk in the Clerk of Court office, Scott entered a plea of not guilty and her case was set for a management review on Monday morning, Jan. 13. The purpose of these reviews is to determine the direction a case is taking, if discovery is underway and if other legal issues need to be addressed.

The deputy clerk said it was too early in the process to know if the case will go to trial or be resolved otherwise.

Scott is charged with forgery, uttering a forged instrument and grand theft.

The charges stem from Scott's former employment as a deputy clerk in the Jefferson Tax Collector's office and the civil rights suit that she filed against her former boss because of her firing. In court testimony during the trial, information surfaced that Scott had allegedly deposited a citizen's check that was intended as a payment for a vehicle registration renewal into her personal account.

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement charged Scott on Nov. 20 and Gov. Rick Scott suspended her from public office on the following day.

The Governor's order prohibits Scott from performing any official act, duty, or function of office or receiving any pay from said office until the suspension is lifted either by executive order or "as otherwise provided by law".

Man Seriously Injured In Crash

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A man was seriously injured last week in a two-vehicle crash, which resulted during very heavy rains.

The Florida Highway Patrol (FHP reported that on Tuesday, November 26 at 9:45 a.m., Valentin Amar, II, 42, of Daytona, FL, was driving a 2006 Toyota Tacoma traveling westbound on I-10 in the inside lane at the 224-mile marker.

Gregory Brian Sage, 26, of Palm Harbor, FL, was driving a 1997 Mercury Mountaineer, traveling westbound on I-10 in the outside lane.

Amar's vehicle hydroplaned and the right front of his vehicle collided with the left rear of Sage's vehicle.

Sage's vehicle rotated counterclockwise out of control, and entered the north shoulder, and collided with a tree. The vehicle then overturned and came to a rest on its left side, facing in a northwest direction.

Amar pulled his vehicle off into the median, facing in a westerly direction.

FHP did not deem the crash to be alcohol-related.

Both drivers were wearing their seatbelts.

Amar was unin-



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FHP Trooper Mike Fillyaw investigates the debris of the two-vehicle crash scene, which resulted in the driver of this 1997 Mercury Mountaineer to be hospitalized for treatment of serious injuries.

Sage was transported to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital for treatment of serious injuries.

Amar was charged with failure to use due care.

Amar's vehicle sustained \$2,500 damage.

Sage's vehicle sustained \$4,500 damage.

Jefferson County Fire Rescue, and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office assisted FHP Trooper Mike Fillyaw on the scene.

Sage's vehicle was towed by Stewart's Towing.



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The driver of this vehicle hydroplaned into a second vehicle, sending the second vehicle out of control.

Acting Extras Needed Sunday At Opera House

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Jvision Pictures will be shooting a musical scene for the independent movie 'My Music' at 3 p.m. on Sunday, December 8 at the Monticello Opera House. Director Kenneth Jones is in need of 'acting extras' from the Monticello area for the filming. Suits and dresses are not required, but evening dress is appropriate for the shoot.

The story is that of a young girl in her mid-teens who is sent to take care of her elderly aunt **Please See EXTRAS Page 3**



Eunice Saunders and Nia Jamison Sissie in the filming of My Music.

Building Activity Falls In November

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A total of 28 building permits were issued in November, representing a drop of 30 from the previous month, with home renovations and repairs continuing to dominate the activities.

The latest report from the Jefferson County/City of Monticello Building Inspection and Contractor Licensing Department shows the city and county issued a combined 28 permits, compared with the 58 permits in October.

The 28 permits generated \$4,300.48 in fees, compared with the \$9,671.46 generated in October. Of the 28 permits, the city issued nine

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Viewpoints

Letters To The Editor

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

Did Obama Lie?

Dear Editor, It's interesting that many Americans are only now, shocked and upset, at the verified lies Obama has committed towards the American people. With his eloquent speeches, he tricked many Americans into a false image of what the Obama Administration was really up to. With all the verified scandals of this administration over the last year coming to light, it seemed that many honest and descent Americans were not noticing what was really happening, because they trusted the President.

In essence, the lies were not manifested, until the scandals began to emerge, people did not start to be aware of the deception. It seems that people really do not notice an event until it disrupts our life, and hits us in the pocket book. Now, I'm not saying this is a bad thing, it's just human nature.

The point is that the Obama Administration has been lying to us since day one. The only reason many did not know, was due to a comatose press that enabled this President to do as he pleased, due to a shared political philosophy with him. With the exception of Fox News, talk radio, and a few

newspapers, the truth was not reported.

In the congressional hearings not one Obama administration official, could either not recall anything or anybody, or was clueless of any activities in the job they were being paid, to accept responsibility for the failures of their department. It's incredibly chilling that these people who are so totally incompetent, are the leaders of our Federal Government. Or are they liars?

To be fair, the President has already fulfilled his main Campaign promise, that he would fundamentally change our country. "Hope and Change" he pronounced on every campaign stop, well unfortunately he forgot to make time for the Hope element of his campaign promise. Now for the change promise, he has been true to his word.

We have established that our Federal Government has consistently lied to us. Yet that was only a prelude to the biggest lie of all 'If you like your doctor and your health care, you can keep it, PERIOD.' There is a pattern to the Federal Government, and the very words of the President, that is the word 'DECEPTION.'

The Obama era has seen an unprecedented

(Power grab), by the Federal Government in our entire history. Other significant changes we have seen, is the spike in class and racial tensions. Hardly a day goes by where someone is called a racist, for disagreeing with the President. Don't you think that this constant barrage of rhetoric has an effect on people?

Well we are now in a situation where the law states we must have the insurance that the Federal Government has chosen for us. What is next? Maybe it will be the kind of car we must use, and it really is not that far-fetched. Maybe after all is said and done, the two Rouge agents in Cincinnati are not giving the orders, maybe the Rouge agents are located in the White House.

I say this not for drama, but rather from sadness, and that is I think our country is at a crossroads right now, on what direction we will go as a nation. Do we go down the road of Big government, or free-enterprise. Ultimately it falls on the shoulders of the American People? We must retain our heritage, or things will (REALLY) change. God help us!

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'Brew' Ha Ha: Conversations for Coffee

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Fire Assessment Does Not Need Reassessing

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It's a Tuesday night, and I'm at the City Council meeting nestled among a bunch of firefighters. Six months ago, I would have never pictured myself here, never pictured myself so annoyed.

Before me, the City Councilmen are trying to set up a workshop for the City Fire Assessment that's on the table. This date won't work because of a dinner, this date because of a Christmas party. Really? I think to myself. *Is this what we're paying you for?*

Mike Long, Assistant Chief of the Monticello Volunteer Fire Department and Firefighter I instructor raises an eyebrow at me. It's not a question—he knows what I'm thinking— it's a warning: *don't*.

The fact of the matter is we shouldn't even be looking at another workshop. We've already had one. A month ago. We have a resolution drafted and it just needs to be passed.

But if it's not an election year, it's coming up on an election year, and none of the politicians seem to have the courage to make a motion to pass it. In the end it is imposing taxes, which is unpopular.

But ultimately, it is also right.

For over two decades the Jefferson County Fire Rescue (JCFR) has been providing fire and emergency services to the City of Monticello as well as citizens and businesses in the unincorporated parts of the county. City residents do not pay a Fire Assessment Fee: county residents do.

According to the principle of tax equity, taxes have to be fair and equitable: one of the guardsticks to measure that theory of benefit—the idea that those who benefit from

the services pay the taxes to fund those services. Jefferson County is currently in violation of that principle.

If a county resident decided that they wanted to sue the county on the basis that they are being taxed unfairly—specifically that they are subsidizing the City's fire protection—they could. The scary part? They'd win. The scarier part? The county would have to refund the fire assessment fees going back to an as-yet undetermined year, but potentially as far back as 1989 when the current fire assessment system was first put into place.

But it gets scarier: the ordinance that put the Fire Assessment fee into place in 1989 would be null and void—we would have no means of funding the Jefferson County Fire Rescue's fire protection services. JCFR also funds the county volunteer departments—Ashville Area, Lloyd, and Wacissa. That means that none of these departments could operate. No money means no gas, no truck maintenance, no salaries, no equipment, and no one showing up at your house to put out a fire.

With its current budget, the JCFR cannot afford to keep providing fire services to people who do not provide it with funding. It's plain and simple. In other counties, where similar situations have arisen, the county finally had to simply not answer calls in the city. Outside of the City's adoption of the fire assessment fee, that's where we are headed.

The risks are clearly large and far-reaching.

Obviously this needs to be fixed as soon as possible. And there is a way to get that done: if after the Dec. 12 workshop, the Board of County Commissioners passes the Fire Assessment, the

City would have to hold a special City Council Meeting and pass it, too.

Councilman Evans made a valid point at Tuesday's meeting. He said he didn't want to be rushed into passing legislation that would impose taxes on his citizens. The wording of the resolution provides for that, though, allowing the City or County to throw out or amend the document until May 1, 2014.

Passing it by the end of this calendar year, though, is paramount. Doing so would allow the resolution to be able to be reconsidered or updated until May 1. Not doing so would mean that this would not be put into effect until September 2015 (if it were to be passed sometime in 2014, which is unlikely as 2014 is an election year): it would mean another year of our county being out of compliance with proper taxation practice and vulnerable—*critically vulnerable*—to the aforementioned lawsuit.

And if no politician would risk unpopularity in a non-election year, how could we trust (s)he'd do the right thing in an election year? If the issue is not passed now, it could be ignored indefinitely, leaving our government vulnerable to a lawsuit.

But what about the cost? A single-family residence would only incur a yearly fee of \$101.16—the same fee as non-incorporated county residents already pay. Budgeted over a year's time, that cost comes to only \$8.43 per month.

Citizens of the City of Monticello, ask yourselves—is it worth \$8.43 a month to know that if your house catches fire, the JCFR will have the resources to help?

Councilmen, Commissioners, ask yourselves—are lives of your citizens worth fleeting unpopularity?

What The Heck Were You Thinking?!

In what could be likened to Carnival Lines' Carnival Breeze accidentally berthing at somebody's yacht club, a highly modified Boeing 747-400 Dreamlifter accidentally landed at Wichita's Jabara Airport, on the city's northeast side, instead of McConnell AFB, some eight miles south.

Who had the yoke and throttles? I want his name.

The Dreamlifter requires a 9,199-foot runway for takeoff. Jabara Airport's – upon which he landed – is 6,601 feet long. Problem.

Jabara doesn't even have a control tower – something you might think this guy would've noticed. As my cousin, a veteran pilot of both fixed- and rotary-wing aircraft, immediately

asked, "Who was he talking to?" My first thought was, didn't the air controllers at McConnell notice their arrival was sinking slowly in the north? And you gotta ask, does a six-thousand-foot commuter airport without a tower really look like a sprawling Air Force base with crossing 12,000-foot runways? Nothing different in the approach lights? The [single] runway lights? No control tower lights? Nothing looked different than it should? And wouldn't McConnell have been visible from the air, just 12 miles south of Jabara? Kansas has the topology of a pool table – you can see for 12 miles by standing on a chair.

All this is mystifying because this guy was entrusted with one of only four of the type

built – this shouldn't have been just another pilot. I would assume the captain to be a veteran of large aircraft operations. And yet he set down his eight-hundred-thousand-pound machine at a community airport by mistake.

A line from Absence of Malice, when Wilfred Brimley asked a bumbling federal attorney, "Have you given any thought to what you would do when your public service is over?" comes to mind. Wonder what this guy is going to be doing next Thursday.

David Copperfield, David Blaine, Criss Angel ... you know how you guys are always telling us how magic is "real?" OK ... move this plane twelve miles south. We'll wait.

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Map

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map was adopted, the certified minutes of the meeting next had to be published in the newspaper and the published notice then sent to the Florida Department of State.

Roe advised the board against adoption of a map other than Map A, as the latter had already been advertised in the paper as the board's map of choice. Should the board adopt a map other than Map A, it would require Kurt Spitzer & Associates reviewing the alternative map and determining if it met the legal sufficiency requirements, he said.

Roe further informed the board that Spitzer would be unavailable to do the analysis for at least the next 10 to 15 days. Meaning that a determination on the alternative map's legal sufficiency wouldn't come until late December at best, he said.

"My advice is that the most prudent action would be to approve Map A and its narrative description," Roe said.

Kate Calvin did the presentation on the alternative Map B-4, complete with graphs, statistical data, relevant legal precedents and a comparative analysis of Maps A and B-4.

Calvin's presentation was thorough, largely visual, packed with numbers and statistics, and impossible to duplicate in its entirety here.

Among the highlights of Calvin's many points, Map B-4 addressed the previously expressed objections of Bishop and Barfield to the original School Board map in it that it kept the small community of Aucilla intact and returned Barfield's appointed planner to her district respectively, Calvin said.

Map B-4 also met all the stated redistricting requirements in terms of compactness, continuity, respect for political subdivisions, respect for communities of interests and such, she said.

She pointed out

that in the 2000 redistricting effort, the Jefferson Arms Apartments had been taken out of District 3 and placed in District 2 for the stated purpose of keeping communities of like interest together.

The Jefferson Arms is a predominantly African-American occupied low-income housing project on the southeast outskirts of the City of Monticello and a central point of contention between officials of Districts 2 and 3, as reflected in the competing Maps A and B-4.

Map-A keeps the Jefferson Arms Apartments in the minority dominated District 2 and Map B-4 puts it in District 3, which is supposed to be 50-50 district as much as possible, in terms of its black/white composition.

"There is more to communities of interest than skin color," Calvin said, adding that often such communities were self-sustained and housing projects in particular exhibited this tendency.

Her point was that putting the Jefferson Arms in District 3 didn't violate the principle of keeping communities of interest together.

Calvin argued that Map B-4 was the best choice because it came closest to maintaining a 50-50 split, as required by the 1985 federal judgment that resulted in the formation of districts here.

Map A, she said, created a District 3 with an 18 percent white voting age advantage. Map B-4, on the other hand, created a District 3 with a four percent white voting age advantage, she said.

Map B-4 also best satisfied the intent of the Voting Rights Act, Calvin said. It also met seven of nine key considerations, whereas Map A met only five of the nine, she said.

Calvin also mentioned that since the redistricting issue had restarted earlier in the year, she had been in contact with Attorney Nancy Abudu, formerly a staff attorney with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit in Atlanta and currently director of legal operations at the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Florida.

Abudu, Calvin said, was aware of Map B-4, favored it, and had asked that it be made

part of the public record of the commission's proceeding. What's more, if the commission wanted to know if Map B-4 met the legal sufficiency requirements, Abudu was well familiar with the map and was furthermore available and able to respond rapidly, she said.

C.P. Miller commended the completeness and thoroughness of Calvin's presentation. He asked that the commissioners do the same for their apparent map of choice, in terms of educating the public as to Map-A's intent. That way, what had happened to his uncle wouldn't happen to the public, he said.

"My uncle bought a pig in a bag and when he got home it was cat," Miller said. "You talk a lot about a map that's not available to the public."

He urged the commission to adopt Map B-4, which he noted had also been prepared by a professional mapper and met all the specified requirements. Map B-4 came closest to assuring a 50-50 district, Miller said. The issue of the Jefferson Arms Apartment impacted four elected officials, three of whom wanted the project in District 3, he said. Yet the commission ignored the three and remained defiant in "compacting people of color in one district," he said.

"There are five districts in this county and four are majority white," Miller said. "That's real. We're looking at it on the board."

The 1985 judgment had called for two minority dominated districts and a 50-50 district, he said. Granted that the county's black population had decreased since because of migration and other factors, but the county could still aim for a 50-50 district, he said.

"Where's the beef?" Miller asked. "Why can't we do this?"

Rev. James Mack asked the commission to do the fair and right thing and adopt Map B-4.

"We're all people of Jesus, no more or less than the other," Mack said. "Look into your hearts and do the right thing. It shouldn't be about color or skin. It should be about the right thing."

School Board Shirley Washington reiterated that Map B-4 addressed the two com-

missioners' only two previously voiced concerns.

"I'm therefore baffled by what's hindering the commission from doing the right thing," Washington said. "Other than for the statement made at the last commission meeting. You know what that statement was, that (Map B-4 would result) in a black being elected. All this comes down to District 3. No one else has a problem. By not voting for Map B-4, you're supporting Commissioner Hines Boyd's reason because it only affects one district."

Paul Henry, on the other hand, saw Map B-4 as an example of gerrymandering. A resident of District 2, he supported Nelson because of the latter's values and policies, not because of his skin color, Henry said.

"A candidate should be judged on his platform, not on the color of his skin," Henry said. "As long as we keep gerrymandering on the basis of race, we're perpetuating this. So I'm not in support of Plan B-4."

Asked for his recommendation, Roe returned to his earlier points. He complimented Calvin on her informative and thoughtful presentation, but said the fact remained that Map A had been advertised as the map of choice and the legal sufficiency of Map B-4 had to yet to be verified.

"My recommendation is to proceed with Map A, which was prepared by a professional consultant," Roe said. "He (consultant) has given assurance that Map A meets the legal sufficiency requirements and time is running out. For the consultant to test Map B-4 will take time and it may not meet the legal sufficiency requirements in the end. The citizens will best be served by moving forward and adopting Map A."

The original redistricting effort started in 2011 and resulted in a lawsuit that the commission and School Board ultimately won but at significant expense to the taxpayers. Redistricting generally occurs every 10 or so years following the census and is meant to ensure that political districts remain relatively equal in terms of populations for political representational purposes.

Extras

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who is suffering from Alzheimer's disease. The film story type is live action drama with music from the 1960's, 70's, 80's, and 90's. The key production crews are graduates and students of Florida State University Film School and Florida A&M University and local professionals.

The main characters are Ruth, the 16-year-old sent to take care of her great aunt; Inez, 75-years-old, retired, and suffering from Alzheimer's; Shirley, the 30ish to 50ish lead singer in a musical group; and Phyliss, the 30ish, deceased mother of Ruth and niece of Aunt Inez.

Alzheimer's is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States. In this feature film production of 'My Music,' the young girl is placed in the difficult and heartbreaking role of being the caregiver for her 80-year-old great aunt who suffers from the disease. Yet, the miracle of music is tragic and transforming for both of their lives.

With over 20 hours of footage already shot, the film production is in its final days of principal photography in Tallahassee. "I want to bring awareness to Alzheimer's disease, dementia, and to those caregivers who sacrifice to take care of their loved one's suffering from the illness," says Jones.

The film is being complemented by a documentary that will focus on the role of care giving and issues related to taking on that role. Jones says, "By being a former caregiver, I understand firsthand the difficulties that can arise in one's family when you are faced with the task of taking care of an ill loved one."

According to statistics by the Alzheimer's Association, over five million Americans are living with Alzheimer's, and as many as 16-million will have the disease in 2050. Nearly one in every three seniors who dies each year has Alzheimer's or another dementia.

Jones is the director/writer of filmography of the Encore and Starz Movie Channel feature 'Love & Fate.' His films have also been distributed on PBS and HBO. He is a graduate of the Florida State University Film School with his MFA degree; and a graduate of Florida A&M University. This is his third feature film. His international and national awards include a CINE Eagle Award. His family comedy 'Psychedelic Shack' is a hilariously, funny movie about a duel between a mortician and a monkey. The Ft. Lauderdale Sun Sentinel called his docudrama 'Rosewood' for PBS "a chilling reenactment".

For more information to 'Act In A Movie' contact Jones at 850-510-6177 or Mymusic@Gmail.com or PBE7@hotmail.com.



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Mother-In-Law's Knitting Saves Man

In Berlin, a German man helped save another man drowning by using a scarf knitted for him by his mother-in-law. Alexander Vogel said he was walking along the Landwehr canal when he heard a cry for "help." After following the noise, Vogel discovered a man struggling in the water. "He was pretty far from the bank and kept sinking under the surface. He managed to get back to the side, but could not get up onto the bank on his own." Two bystanders helped steady Vogel as he threw one end of his scarf to the drowning man. The rescued man, a 22-year-old U.S. citizen, was taken to the hospital and treated for hypothermia.

Man Steals Truck To Escape Zombies

In Apple Valley, Minn., Garrett Howard Hurlbut, 23, was charged with stealing a newspaper delivery truck from a gas station. Hurlbut was found near the truck, several blocks away from the gas station where it was reported stolen. Hurlbut told police that he was "running from zombies." Police said Hurlbut had a blood-alcohol level twice the legal limit for driving and had "bloodshot, watery eyes and a strong odor of alcoholic beverages on his breath."

Coffin Calendar With Nudes Ignites Church

In Warsaw, Poland, a calendar published by a coffin manufacturer, and being sold for charity, has become controversial. Lindner coffins' calendar has pictures of their coffins featured alongside naked women. Owner, Zbigniew Lindner, says people shouldn't be offended by images of nude women and coffins. "So much work goes into our coffins and are only seen for a few moments at the funeral. We wanted to show a coffin shouldn't be a sacred object; it's furniture, the last bed you'll ever sleep in." Not everybody agreed with Lindner's statement. Catholic Church officials called for the calendars to be pulled and the Catholic Church in Poland stated, "Human death should be respected and not mixed with sex."

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and collected \$2,056.89, and the county issued 19 and collected \$2,243.59.

A breakdown of the permits shows 25 were for repairs and additions; one was for a commercial purpose; and two were for a miscellaneous uses, such as a shed, sign, workshop or barn.

In the residential permit category, the valuation was zero, compared with \$752,394 in

October. This valuation was \$377,616 in November 2012.

The valuation for commercial permits was \$46,007, compared with zero in October. It was \$28,500 in November 2012.

And the valuation for other permits (a category that includes additions, re-roofs and non-residential structures) was \$538,713, compared with

\$1,665,623 in October. This valuation was \$550,588 in November 2012.

Meanwhile, the Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Department issued six permits and collected \$1,310 in fees, compared with 10 permits and \$5,470.62 collected in October. In November 2012, the department issued 12 permits and collected \$4,192.12.



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Matthew 2:9-12

After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. (10) When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. (11) And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

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

Jefferson County Living

Obituaries

CLARENCE JOSEPH KNOWD

Clarence Joseph Knowd, 95, died peacefully at his home in Monticello, Friday, November 29, 2013.

Joe was born in Philadelphia, PA. to C.J. Knowd, Sr. and Ida Rose Kelly. He is survived by his loving wife of 49 years, Betty Lou Reeves Knowd, a daughter, Edythe Corley

(Michael), Monticello, sons, Gerry Daniels (Ginny), California, Donald Ulrich (Robin), Palm Beach Gardens, and David Ulrich (Roxann), Ocala, nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

A U.S.M.C. veteran of WWII, he spent his life working Civil Service in California. Joe moved to West Palm

Beach then to Monticello. He loved riding Harleys, 18-wheelers, and RVs.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Mary Roecher, a brother, James Knowd and a grandson, James Young.

There will be no services and a private interment will be held at a later date.

CHRISTMAS ON PEARL STREET TOUR OF HOMES SATURDAY



ECB Publishing Photo By Debbie Snapp, November 22, 2013.

Jose Sanchez and Bill Powell will be just a part of the entertainment scheduled for the Saturday night 'Christmas on Pearl Street Tour of Homes.' They will be in the gazebo at Jordan Park. Powell has been playing guitar and writing songs since he was a young boy growing up in Kentucky. Sanchez joined in his pickin' style about two years ago with bass guitar. If you need them to play for you, just give a call to 513-737-6625.

DEBBIE SNAPP
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Staff Writer

The houses are decorated for the Christmas on Pearl Street Tour of Homes event scheduled for this Saturday, December 7. It takes many volunteers and good neighbors to prepare for an event like this one, and hopefully it will be just the first of many to come.

The planning began early and the sale of tickets followed shortly thereafter. Tickets are still selling at the local businesses of Huckleberry Creations, Monticello News, and the Rosemary Tree Café, so get your ticket for the tour now for just \$15. The weather should be

nice and the vibes are positive.

The tour will begin at the Woman's Clubhouse and the homes on tour will be posted with identifying numbers and will hold decorative wreaths. The Ladies of the Woman's Club will have the place decorated, some will be wearing vintage clothing, and they will be serving free beverages and baked goods, as well as selling their famous Holiday Fruit Cakes.

Carrie Ann & Co will be offering a discount on dinners served from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m. at The Mays House on Saturday evening for ticket holders.

The Gazebo in Jordan Park is looking festive, and will be ready

for performers from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. Entertainment will include the Shiloh AME Youth Choir, followed by a pianist, FSU music students, and wrapping up with some local talent. Jose Sanchez and Bill Powell will strum their guitars and sing Christmas songs; all volunteering to help with the festive atmosphere.

If you, or a neighbor, need help decorating for this event, contact Terri Dunn at 850-997-6552, she will make sure you get help.

City personnel have been supportive and great to work with. So, this event will be maintained and watched over with the pride of Monticello's best.



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DEBBIE SNAPP
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

J.O.Y. (Jefferson Outreach for Youth) toy boxes have been placed at locations around town. If you should see one, drop an unwrapped toy or two in, for the children in Jefferson County.

Volunteers have kicked off this year's annual toy drive for

the Christmas holiday season by placing boxes at: Tallahassee Memorial Family Medicine, 1549 South Jefferson Street; Huckleberry's Creations, 210 West Washington Street; Capital City Bank, South Jefferson Street; Farmers and Merchants Bank, East Washington Street; Tupelo's Bakery & Café, 220 West Washington Street,

and Monticello News, 180 West Washington Street.

The deadline has been extended because so many more children have been added to Santa's List.

Now is the time to share your holiday joy by donating a new toy for an area boy or girl, and help to make this Christmas special for the children in Jefferson County.

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Jefferson County Living

Where Were You On Pearl Harbor Day?

FRAN HUNT
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

December 7, 1941 – The bombing of Pearl Harbor.

The attack on Pearl Harbor was a surprise military strike conducted by the Imperial Japanese Navy against the United States naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on the morning of December 7, 1941 (December 8 in Japan). The attack led to the United States' entry into World War II.

The attack was intended as a preventive action in order to keep the U.S. Pacific Fleet from interfering with military actions the Empire of Japan was planning in Southeast Asia against overseas territories of the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, and the United States. There were simultaneous Japanese attacks on the U.S.-held Philippines and on the British Empire in Malaya, Singapore, and Hong Kong.

From the standpoint of the defenders, the attack commenced at 7:48 a.m. Hawaiian Time. The base was attacked by 353 Japanese fighters, bombers and torpedo planes in two waves, launched from six aircraft carriers. All eight U.S. Navy battleships were damaged, with four being sunk. All but one were later raised, and six of the eight battleships returned to service and fought in the war. The Japanese also sank or damaged three cruisers, three destroyers, an anti-aircraft training ship, and one minelayer. 188 U.S. aircraft were destroyed; 2,402 Americans were



Attacked by Japanese torpedoes, the U.S.S. Arizona lies where it was sunk, and today is a museum in Pearl Harbor Hawaii where visitors can still see oil leaking up into the harbor from the damaged battleship.

killed and 1,282 wounded.

Saturday, December 7, 2013 marks the 72nd anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Where were you on that day is history?

Charlie Reichert, 88, – “I was 16 years old at the time. I was on the way back from Apalachicola to Monticello with about three other members of the high school band, when they announced the bombing of Pearl Harbor on the radio.”

Bill McRae, 75, – “We were coming back from my grandparents house on a Sunday afternoon and the news came over the radio. I was three years old. I don’t remember anything else about that day, just that moment.”

Carl Hanks, 92 - “It was a Sunday and I was in college. We went from the chapel to the dining hall. And it was announced in the dining hall that Pearl Harbor had just been bombed. We all looked around and asked where is Pearl Harbor. We didn’t get geography

back then like they do now. You can bet before the day was over, we all knew where Pearl Harbor was. As a ministry student in college, I was given a military deferment because after college I was going to be a pastor. So, I lived through World War II. After graduating, I went to the enlistment office and told them that I was interested in enlisting as a chaplain. The man told me to never mind, it’ll be all over in a couple of months. He must have had some kind of inside information, because in two months, World War II came to an end. I’m sorry I didn’t serve. I guess that’s why I have such strong Patriotic feelings.”

Flossie Byrd, 86 – “I was 14 years old and lived here. It was a Sunday morning and I was getting ready for Sunday School when it was announced over the radio.”

Curtis Morgan, 81 – “Me and my brother were plowing the field west of Tallahassee, when Daddy came out and told us that they had bombed Pearl Harbor. I had a lot of cousins who were old enough to go to war. There were 24 kids in my daddy’s family. Between my mom and daddy’s families, 11 were killed in World War II. My daddy was too old and had too many dependents to go. Someone has to do it. If we don’t, our country can’t be free.”

Mary Connell, 84 – “My daddy came home and said, ‘Those damn Japs have jumped on us and we are at war!’ The teachers at our school in Waukeenh used to

let us go look out the windows whenever the planes flew over. There were a lot of planes, and we didn’t normally get to see them that often.”

Ken Connell, 85 – “There was not too much communication back then, and no electricity. Charlie Cooksey would listen to the radio and run back and forth telling us what he had heard. Our teachers would also let us look out the windows whenever planes flew over. It was a sad time. In 1998, we took a trip around the world and stopped at Pearl Harbor to see the Arizona.”

Jane Hand, 82 – “I was nine years old and playing hopscotch in the street, when we heard that they dropped bombs on the Navy ships. It wasn’t too long after that that we dropped the atom bomb on Japan.”

Nancy Banks, 75 – “We knew the significance of it. My parents never kept that kind of stuff from us. I had an aunt who was serving in the Army Nurses’ Corps in a MASH unit. That’s why I wanted to be a nurse.”

Bert Banks, 81 – “I was nine years old, and way too busy playing, shooting marbles, shooting tops, whatever. I couldn’t be serious about that at nine years old. I remember I asked my mom where Pearl Harbor was, and she said she didn’t know. When daddy got home from work, I asked him where Pearl Harbor was. I knew there was fighting in Germany, and I thought it was around Germany some-

where. He told me it was in Hawaii. I hadn’t even heard of Hawaii before that. In school we learned about the Japs and the Kamikaze’s. In junior high, we had this one Japanese kid, and we used to give him hell; what do you mean bombing our place?”

Marcie Hamilton, 85 – “Everyone in school was called into the auditorium to listen to the President on the radio. We were basically in shock. We could not believe that we had been attacked.”

Jack Hamilton, 86 – “I was 14 and remember hearing it on the radio. My brother was in the Marine Corps, and had been in China. When he came home he said we were probably going to end up at war with Japan. Two or three days after he got home, Pearl Harbor was bombed, and he went right back in. He stayed in until he retired. He caught it pretty rough. I had six brothers serving during World War II. That’s one of those things that’s good not to remember.”

Dr. John Ward, 92 – “I was in Portsmouth, VA. I had joined the Navy in August and was finishing boot camp. I was asleep when all hell broke loose. They were running around yelling, ‘They bombed Pearl! They bombed Pearl!’ I didn’t know where Pearl was. When I got to Chicago in January, it was 40 degrees below zero. I finished my training and was ready to go to the hospital for more training as a Hos-

pital Apprentice First Class, at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station.”

Jim Sledge, 89 – “I was 16 or 17 at the time. I remember that we just got home from church, and we were concerned. I had an uncle stationed in the Philippines. His birthday was December 7. There was also a local boy, Ensign William Lloyd, stationed over there. He was in the Navy. At the time, we were concerned for their safety. We stayed glued all day and into the night, listening to the radio for any news. We knew that they would be involved. The Philippines were next to Japan. My uncle was taken prisoner. When the war was over, he was liberated, and came home, and lived a long life after that. When the Japanese surrendered in May, Ensign Lloyd told my uncle. ‘I hope we get out of this.’ He was killed that day.”

Josephine Anderson, 91, - I was a freshman in college. I was down at the river for the day and heard about it. The boy I married (Sonny Anderson) said he was going to enlist. I begged him, please don’t. He flew B-24 bombers in the 8th Air Force. He was shot down on his 34th mission. He was the last one who bailed out. He was picked up and sent to a hospital in France. He got out in September 1945. Everyone, though we were at war, and in good spirits. It was a scary time, but interesting.”



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Sports

School



Warriors Dropped By Brookwood

FRAN HUNT
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

The Aucilla Christian Academy varsity Warriors manned the hardwood against Brookwood on December 3, and the Warriors were downed for a 35-26 loss, to now stand 1-5 on the season.

As a team, the Warriors netted 10 of 24 attempts from the field, hit one of 12 attempts from the three-point zone, and dropped in three of nine attempts from the free-throw line for 26 points. They collected six assists, six offensive and 18 defensive rebounds, with a total of 24 rebounds, with 20 fouls, six steals, and 18 turnovers.

Braden Mattingly missed one attempts

from the three-point zone, had one defensive rebound, five fouls, one steal, and two turnovers.

Brandon Holm missed two attempts from the field, had one assist, two fouls, and two turnovers.

Zack Arceneaux missed one attempt from the field, and had one offensive and two defensive rebounds for a total of three rebounds.

Ricky Finlayson targeted three of four attempts from the field, hit one of eight attempts from the three-point zone, and netted two of five attempts from the free-throw line for 11 points to lead the Warriors scoreboard. He had 11 assists for a double-double, with two defensive rebounds,

and two turnovers.

Timmy Burrus had one defensive rebound, three fouls, and one turnover.

Casey Demott bucketed two of three attempts from the field for four points. He had one defensive rebound, five fouls, one steal, and one turnover.

Shawn Blue netted one of six attempts from the field, missed three attempts from the three-point zone, and hit one of four attempts from the free-throw line for three points. He had two assists, one offensive and three defensive rebounds for a total of four rebounds, with two fouls, one steal, and six turnovers.

Steven Trest targeted four of six attempts from the field for eight points. He had

three offensive and four defensive rebounds for a total of seven rebounds, with one four, two steals, and one turnover.

Carson Nennstiel missed two attempts from the field, had three assists, one offensive and four defensive rebounds for a total of five rebounds, with two fouls, one steal, and three turnovers.

The Warriors have since played Robert F. Munroe, December 5. Those statistics will be forthcoming.

Action continues against Lafayette, December 9 at 7:30 p.m., home; FAMU, December 10 at 7:30 p.m., home; Escambia Charter, December 13 at 7:30 p.m., home; and Lafayette, December 16 at 7:30 p.m., away.

JES Second Grade Takes The Cake, The Bread, Pies, Banana Pudding, Casseroles...



BRENDA BROWN

The week before Thanksgiving Holidays second grade students brought in their favorite family recipes.

As a writing activity the students wrote the recipes and illustrated them. Then, the grand finale was for the students to make the dish at home and bring it in to share with their second grade family the Friday before Thanksgiving.

The turnout was breathtaking. There

was more food than could possibly be eaten and to top it all off we had many parents and community volunteers setting up and serving the food.

The second grade teachers thank the students, parents and volunteers for bringing in all the food. A special thank you to the parents and volunteers who jumped right in and made the day a success. Without your help we simply could not have done it. We should truly count our blessings!

JV Lady Warriors Take First Three

FRAN HUNT
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

The Aucilla Christian Academy junior varsity Lady Warriors took victories in their first three games on the hardwood, to now stand 3-0.

On November 11, the JV Lady Warriors faced off against Chiles and came out on

top of a 30-17 scoreboard.

Gaige Winchester had two points, and five rebounds.

Emma Witmer scored one point, with five rebounds.

Ramsey Sullivan targeted for 10 points, and snagged 11 rebounds for a double-double.

Cali Burkett had four points, four re-

bounds, and three steals.

Kelly Horne bucketed for seven points, with four rebounds, and five steals.

Dena Bishop had three points, five rebounds, and four steals.

Brittany Hughes had two points, and four rebounds.

The JV Lady Warriors squared off against Maclay on November 12, and bounced out with a 28-24 win.

Winchester had four points, four rebounds, and three steals.

Witmer had one point, and snagged nine rebounds.

Horne netted for six points, with two rebounds, and two steals.

Bishop targeted for

nine points, with seven rebounds, and seven steals.

Hughes had two points, and three steals.

Kate Whiddon netted for two points, with one rebound.

On November 14, the Lady Warriors hit the hardwood against Lincoln, and Aucilla came out with a 23-20 victory.

Winchester netted for seven points, with six rebounds.

Witmer had two points, and seven rebounds.

Horne targeted for eight points, with five rebounds.

Bishop bucketed for eight points, with five rebounds.

Camryn Grant had five rebounds.

The JV Lady Warriors hit the hardwood against FAMU DRS, November 21 and Lighthouse, November 22. Those statistics will be forthcoming.

Action continues against Lincoln, December 3 at 5:30 p.m., home; and Lafayette, December 9 at 4 p.m., home.



Jefferson Elementary Presents "Yes, Virginia!" Musical



JACQUELYN DUPUIS
JES Music Teacher

Earlier this fall, Macy's Department store selected JES as one of 100 schools across the nation to receive a \$1,000 grant to produce their musical "Yes, Virginia." Students from grades four through six were invited to audition for parts. The cast has been selected, and we will present "Yes, Virginia, the Musical," on Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 5:00 p.m. in the JES media cen-

ter, to be followed by a spaghetti supper.

Macy's has also teamed up with the Make-A-Wish Foundation to collect children's letters (stamped and addressed to Santa at the North Pole) in the Santa Mail letterbox at any Macy's store. Macy's will donate \$1.00 per letter, up to a \$1 million dollars. Make-A-Wish grants wishes to children who have life-threatening medical conditions.

Jefferson Elementary would like to invite the community to join us on Dec. 17 for our musical production and stay for dinner! Let's celebrate the holidays together!

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School

FLSS Scholars Program Update

Stefan Malik Roberts...Sunshine State State Scholar 2013-2014.



Stefan Malik Roberts was named this year's **STEM Sunshine State Scholar.**

Once again, it is time to select our district's top 11th grade student in the area of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) to be honored at the 2014 Sunshine State Scholars Program.

Stefan Malik Roberts was named the district's top 11th grader as this year's Sunshine State Scholar for 2013-2014. He has been a member of the FloridaLearns STEM Scholars Program for three years. Stefan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie and Stephanie Roberts of Monticello, FL. He is an eleventh grader at Jefferson County Middle High School and an honor student. Stefan has been interested in STEM Fields since he was in elementary school. "I'll never forget the feeling of being amazed in primary school on a field trip to the IMAX Theatre and NASA featured missions of space a couple of years ago, he said. "This experience triggered something inside of me. Now, I am a junior in high school and I know for a fact I will choose to major in something that would correlate with



Estela Valdovinos is this years alternate **STEM Sunshine State Scholar.**

technology, he explained. "STEM would be one of the programs I would definitely refer to other students because even though I had prior interest in the STEM program, it refines your outlook on different careers and it helps you build knowledge on all the things you have to accomplish to reach the top, he concluded.

I congratulate Stefan and wish him the best. He is an excellent student and a fine role model," stated Mr. Saffo, STEM Mentor Teacher.

The Sunshine State Scholars program was founded in 1997 by Dr. William Caldwell of the University of North Florida and brought together 12th grade students from throughout the state to compete in the disciplines of STEM. In 2010, the Florida Education Foundation changed the focus of the Sunshine State Scholars program to retain intellectual talent in the Sunshine State. Since this modification to the program, surveys were conducted in summer 2012 and 2013, and approximately 60 percent of our scholars remained in Florida and attended Florida colleges and uni-



Tania Cazares was honorable mention in this years **Sunshine State Scholars Program.**

versities. The foundation would like that number to increase every year.

The foundation asks each of Florida's school districts to identify their top 11th grade student in the areas of STEM. Each of the scholars, along with their parents and a teacher who has served as a significant influence for the scholar, will travel to Orlando on February 13-14, 2014, for an extraordinary two-day program. In addition to bringing together the scholars to be honored, the foundation invites representatives from Florida's colleges and universities to meet with the students. This is an excellent opportunity for these scholars to make plans for their future.

The alternate STEM Sunshine State Scholar is Estela Valdovinos and honorable mention is Tania Cazares. "Congratulations to the both of them. These are both excellent students" stated Mr. Saffo. Mr. W. Saffo is the STEM Mentor and Advisor along with Ms. Algeletha Mitchell who is Co-Advisor for the program. Special thanks to Chief Kent Watson of the JROTC Program who is an adviser and consultant.

NFCC Offers Eco-Friday, Hybrid And Online Scheduling Options For Students

North Florida Community College's Spring Term 2014 schedule allows students to take more classes with fewer trips to campus with its Eco-Friday, Hybrid and Online course options.

Students can choose from Eco-Friday courses that include seven different hybrid courses that combine face-to-face instruction (on Fridays) with online instruction (remainder of coursework).

Spring Term 2014 Eco-Friday classes include:

- Introduction to the Teaching Profession, Friday/Hybrid, 8-9:15 a.m.
- Introductory Statistics, Friday/Hybrid, 9:30-

10:45 a.m.

- Social Problems, Friday/Hybrid, 9:30-10:45 a.m.
- Man and the Environment I, Friday/Hybrid, 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
- Introduction to Photography, Friday/Hybrid, 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
- Computer Assisted Graphic Design, Friday/Hybrid, 12:30-1:45 p.m.
- Liberal Arts Math I, Friday/Hybrid, 12:30-2:30 p.m.

NFCC is offering additional Hybrid classes that mix face-to-face instruction (one day a week or less) with online instruction (remainder of coursework). Hybrid-Tuesday classes include

Computer Apps II, Fundamentals of Web Design, Principles of Biology I with Lab and Physical, Social and Emotional Health for Young Children. Hybrid-Wednesday classes include Personal Health and Introduction to Information Skills. Hybrid-Thursday classes include Publication Design, Microcomputers in Accounting and Introduction to Information Skills.

For information on enrolling in Eco-Friday, Hybrid or Online courses during Spring Term 2014, contact NFCC Enrollment Services at (850) 973-1622 or admissions@nfcc.edu.



Parent Involvement Matters

From the desk of Edna Henry, District Parent Involvement Coordinator

Reading - Important For Success

Reading is very vital to our success in life. No matter what age a child is, parents play an important role as they encourage reading.

My parents were not high school graduates because they did not have the opportunity that we have today, but they learned how to read and taught me the value of being a good reader. I would read every book I could get my hands on because I was just that excited about reading and it enhanced my ability to learn.

I had strong

parental involvement and I will be forever grateful to my parents for their support.

Encourage Reading - Tips for Parents

(1) Make reading a rich and enjoyable experience.

(2) Make reading a daily activity and choose a time that works best for you and your child.

(3) Make reading fun, not a chore. Your child will be more likely to make reading a habit. if he or she enjoys it.

(4) Check out reading programs such as story time for preschool children, reading clubs for older children and

summer reading programs.

(5) Let your child see you reading often. One of the most important things is showing your child that you value and enjoy reading as well.

(6) Make reading a learning experience.

Our children today need more motivation than ever. When they are motivated to read, more learning will take place. Continue to encourage your child to read. If you show your child that reading is wonderful, he or she may look forward to it and will become a great reader and learner.

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December 6
New Bethel AME Church Youth Retreat from 7 to 11 p.m. on Friday. There will be Biblical Study, games, and an open forum on different topics such as bullying and cyber space, just to name a few. All youth are invited to attend. Rev. Jimmie F. Dickey, pastor.

December 6-7
First United Methodist Church will host its annual gift to the community 'Bethlehem in Monticello' from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights. To help contact Billie McClellan at 850-997-4741. Come visit this live Nativity on the grounds; hot cocoa and cookies will be served in the Family Ministry Center!

December 7
Nazarene Church Fam-

ily Clothing Giveaway is held from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the first Saturday of every month. For more information contact Rev. Clay Stephens, at 850-528-5451.

December 8
New Bethel AME Church Sons of Allen/Peck Board (the men) Prayer Breakfast at 8 a.m. on Sunday. There will be several prayers, and the speaker will be Rev. Franklin Pompey of Tallahassee. The public is invited to attend. Rev. Jimmie F. Dickey, pastor.

December 10
Sons of Allen of the Union Bethel Circuit meets monthly on the second Tuesday at 7 p.m., rotating between the Elizabeth and Union Bethel AME churches; encouraging young men

and older males to come be part of the meetings. If you have any questions contact President Leman Ulee at 850-274-6268.

December 13
First Baptist Church Monticello will host its annual Christmas Cantata at 7 p.m. on Friday at the church. Rev. Rick Kelley, pastor.

December 13
Tent of the Holy Guests offers prayer for the sick and a special scripture message every Friday at 7:30 p.m. The Tent is located at 295 West Palmer Mill in Monticello. Call 850-342-3541 for more information.

December 14
New Hope Church of God Seniors in Christ will hold a Catfish Fry from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday in the Monticello News parking lot.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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December 6
Monticello Jamboree Band will perform music for dancing every Friday at 7 p.m. at 625 South Water Street. Everyone is welcome to come dance, listen to some of the finest music, enjoy door-prizes, soft drinks, snacks, and just enjoy some fun and camaraderie with neighbors and friends. This is a nonprofit charitable event; donations are accepted. For questions or concerns, contact Curtis Morgan at 850-933-8136 or Bobby Connell at 850-445-0049.

December 6
Ashville Area Volunteer Fire Department meets at its facility on the first Friday of each month. For more information, contact Assistant Fire Chief Butch Staffieri at 850-210-2816.

December 6
Jefferson Arts presents its December Members Annual Show 'Mixed Bag-A Multi-Media Retrospective,' Beginning with an opening reception on Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. Shop for the holidays. This Christmas Exhibit & Craft Bazaar will be filled with food, festivities, and art offered by the members. Browse for handmade presents. Visit the Arts through the month, in the Gallery, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays for public viewing at 575 West Washington Street in downtown Monticello. For more information about the Arts or about art classes for children and adults, call 850-997-3311 or go to info@jeffersonartsgallery.com or www.jeffersonartsgallery.com

December 6, 7
MainStreet Monticello 'Christmas Around The

Downtown' will be held from 4 to 9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday evenings for your shopping pleasure. Come enjoy a variety of local stores and street vendors, caroling, and Santa Claus.

December 6, 7, 14
Monticello Woman's Club will be selling their fresh baked Holiday Cakes on Friday evening during the MainStreet 'Downtown Christmas'. Look for their booth! They will also be selling them on Saturday evening during the Christmas on Pearl Street Home Tour. Come in from the cold to enjoy hot cider, coffee, cookies, and other sweet treats. The ladies will also hold a 'Yard Sale' fundraiser on Saturday, December 14 at the clubhouse. They will be selling hot dogs and soft drinks. The public is invited to attend all of these events.

December 7
Artisans and Growers Market is an outdoors shopping experience held on the first Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the tented garden area behind the Wirick-Simmons House, at the corner of Cherry and Pearl streets. All products sold to the public are handmade, home-baked, and home-grown. Participants may rent a table or space with all proceeds to benefit the Monticello Old Jail Museum. For more information contact MainStreet Monticello Florida Program Manager Anne H. Holt at 850-576-0721, or aholt@aholt.com or www.mainstreetmonticellofl.org.

December 7
Food distribution at the Jefferson Senior Citizens Center sponsored

by the United Way of the Big Bend and America's Second Harvest, from 9 to 11 a.m., or until the food is gone. Anyone in need of food assistance in Jefferson County can receive food during this 'Days Of Doing ~ Help For Hunger' campaign. Volunteers are needed from 8:15 to 11:15 a.m. Contact Campaign Associate Megan Picht at megan@uwbb.org or 850-488-8342 or 850-694-2760 to sign up.

December 8
Camellia Christmas Brunch, at the Daffodale Estate Bed & Breakfast, on Sunday, at 1 p.m. Camellia lovers are invited to view one of the finest camellia collections in the United States. The address is 620 West Washington Street in downtown Monticello. Come enjoy this very special brunch meal prepared by Scotty and Cathy Ebberbach, owners/operators of the Daffodale Estate. And, get in on the free drawing for a delightful doorprize. Take a leisurely stroll and guided tour through the three-acres of assorted and beautiful camellia blooms and old-growth foliage gardens. Call now to reserve, 850-997-1111 or scott@daffodaleestate.com.

December 8
Camellia Garden Circle of the Monticello Garden Club members will meet at 2 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month. Members bring a treats and beverages to share. For more information about this Circle and its events and programs, contact Chairman Jane Davis at 850-997-4320 or email her at jkdeercrossing@aol.com.

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Woman's Club Holds Christmas Auction



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Monticello Woman's Club held its annual Christmas Auction and luncheon on Tuesday. Auctioneers were Patsy Slizewski, left, and Jaunita Faircloth, center; President Ethel Strickland is to the right.

DEBBIE SNAPP
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

Monticello Woman's Club held its annual Christmas Auction on Tuesday afternoon with a luncheon of homemade dishes prepared and served by each member. A variety of desserts including fudge, pies, and sweet cakes could be sampled after the main meal.

Members also brought to the auction a wide variety of handmade gift items, including several Christmas decorations. Holiday wreaths, Santa Clauses,

crocheted towels, doilies, and blankets could be had for the right price during the bidding.

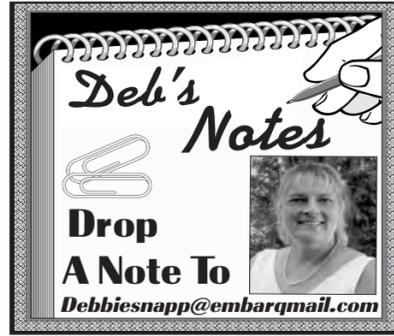
The clubhouse was decorated for the Christmas holiday with colorful wreaths on the walls, a decorated tree, and the tables displayed festive centerpieces.

The public was invited to this event; making for a great opportunity to purchase those hard to get Christmas presents. And, a tidy sum was collected for the club's treasury, especially with the sale of the ladies Holiday Cakes.

Cakes may still be

purchased, until they are all sold. The club members will have tables set up for this annual fundraiser during MainStreet Downtown Christmas event on Friday evening, December 6 and during the Christmas on Pearl Street Tour of Homes on Saturday evening, December 7. There will also be a 'Yard Sale' fundraiser on Saturday, December 14 at the clubhouse.

The next meeting will be held January 7, on the first Tuesday, at 12 p.m. in the clubhouse. For more information contact President Ethel Strickland at 850-997-3382.



This winter break, students can ring in the holiday season with scientific exploration and natural history investigation during Florida Museum of Natural History school holiday camps beginning December 23 through January 17, 2014. The camps for students enrolled in grades K-5 for the 2013-2014 school year provide natural history exploration through museum exhibits and hands-on activities. Camps are offered as full-day or half-day programs. Pre-registration is available on the Florida Museum web <http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu/events/camps/school-holiday/>. For questions or more information call 352-273-2061.

Holiday gifts under \$10 can be purchased at Katrina's Kitchens. These already wrapped 'cake in a mug' gifts are great for teachers, choir director, mailman, newspaper boy, janitor, hairdresser, or just anybody that needs a little thank you. They are very moist and delicious! It's a cake for one that comes in several different flavors. All you do is pour the special mixture in the coffee mug, add two tablespoons of water, stir, and microwave for one minute. That is it! If you'd like, you could add some fruit or cool whip for a more fin-

ished dessert. There's also Russian Tea in a mug. And, gift certificates are always great for those hard to buy for. Order now by calling 850-567-6451 or drop in at 140 West Washington Street, on the Courthouse Circle.

Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park Suwannee Lights Christmas drive-thru extravaganza features more than six-million lights, Santa and his elves, Crafts Village, and so much more, from 6 to 10 p.m. If you're going to be in Live Oak on December 7 for Christmas on the Square, one of the largest Christmas arts and crafts festivals in North Florida that features nighttime lighted Christmas parade, plan to make the SOSMP your home base for the weekend! For information go to riverwriter@windstream.net or call 386-364-8861.

Christmas Wonderland Express from 7 to 10 p.m. on December 14, 20, 21, and 23. For more information and directions, call 850-656-6646 or 850-656-5491 or go to www.veteransmemorial-railroad.org.

DAV Chapter 5 in Tallahassee, with the loyal and continuing sponsorship of the Golden Corral, has concluded its successful fund raising activity on Veteran's Day, November 11. DAV volunteers were on hand to receive donations at the entrance of the Golden Corral for a total of six days. The restaurant, in keeping with its annual commitment, provided veterans with a free Veterans Day evening meal. DAV Chapter 5 Tallahassee Commander Johnnie Jones wishes to express his sincere appreciation to all those who paid tribute to those who served by donating to the DAV during this annual fund raising activity.

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Monticello Woman's Club held its annual Christmas Auction on Tuesday. Jan Wadsworth, left, and Toni Lane, right, made sure the clubhouse was decorated for the festive event.



Early Learning For Early Childhood And Why It's So Important

LAKAYSHIA JACKSON
I am the director of Little Angles In Training LLC, located at 1555 West Washington Street here in Monticello Florida where I reside.

I am reaching out to our parents and future parents to discuss how important early childhood education is for young children starting at the age of one. As we all know, Pre-School is the foundation where children begin and start to develop and learn many skills, skills such as cognitive and manipulative.

There are many other things children should know at certain ages; things such as identifying objects, numbers, alphabets, shapes, and colors. Other things they should know include: how to use pencils, crayons, and scissors. These few things are just a few of many things they should be



Lakayshia Jackson is the director of Little Angles In Training LLC in Monticello.

introduced to. As a parent choosing the right center is very, very important. Here are some things to keep in mind. 1) Choice of setting (organized learning tools - no toys.) If there are toys, let them be learning toys. 2) Center 'clean'. 3) Ask questions about the staff. 4) Know your child's classroom ratio. And lastly, 5) Ask about the curriculum.

Once you have checked on these five things, and have received a good report, you should be ready to

choose your child's facility.

In my closing, I want to express my sincere thank you for allowing me to share some of my expertise with this great community; and remember that our children are our future leaders.

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Bethlehem In Monticello Friday And Saturday



Jeremiah, bottom, and Amazing Grace, aka "Gracie", get into "Bethlehem mode" as they ready for the 14th Annual Bethlehem in Monticello.

FRAN HUNT
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

Preparations are currently underway for the 14th annual Bethlehem in Monticello, slated for Friday and Saturday, December 6 and 7 from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m., in the lot behind the First United Methodist Church on South Water Street.

Everyone's favorite resident camels Jeremiah and Amazing Grace continue getting themselves into the "Bethlehem mode," and volunteers are at work with props, costumes and the like. Volunteers will portray the characters throughout the city of Christ's birth.

For the past years, members from area churches and organizations have been preparing for the event, which draws more than 1,500 spectators and 200 local

(and out-of-town) volunteers, including actors and those behind the scenes.

Attendees will be able to walk through the streets of Bethlehem and experience life during the time of the birth of Jesus and see the angel coming to the shepherds in the field, the three wise men, the women at the well, net menders, the market place, a beggar and tax collector, blacksmiths, the inn and the live nativity.

All actors in the different scenes are spreading the word of the promised Messiah's birth in a stable. There will also be a variety of live animals, including everyone's favorite resident camels Jeremiah, and his friend Amazing Grace, affectionately known as "Gracie."

Jeremiah, an old pro when it comes to Bethlehem in Monticello, will be donning a traditional

costume and his pal, Gracie, will also be on hand in costume. This is Gracie's fifth year at the event, so she is becoming quite the old pro herself. Sheep, goats, donkeys, chickens and white doves in the live nativity will join them.

There have always been positive reactions and comments made during and about the event, and many have been brought to tears.

Afterward, attendees will be able to enjoy refreshments including warm drinks and homemade cookies, along with music and fellowship in the Family Ministry Center.

For further information or to volunteer for Bethlehem in Monticello, contact the Church Office at 997-5545.

The event is free to those attending and is a Christmas gift to the community from the many volunteers.

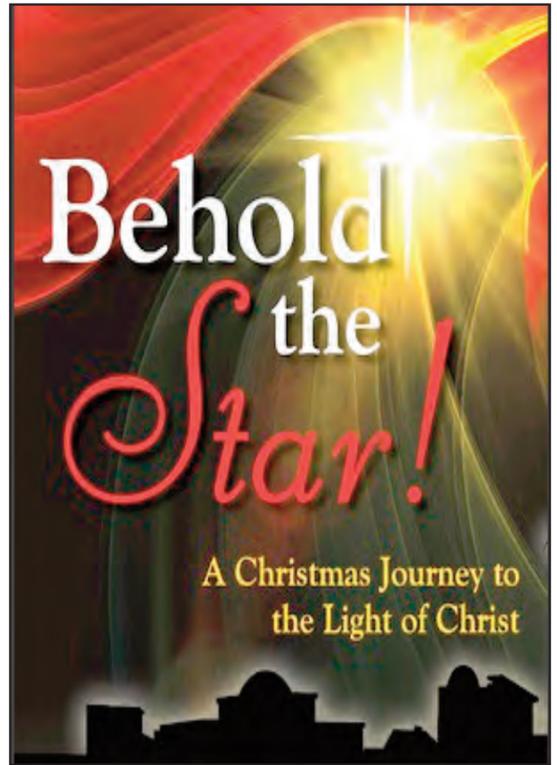
WUMC Welcomes All To "Behold the Star"

AMBER HOUSTON
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

On December 15 at 6 p.m. the Waukeenan United Methodist Church (WUMC) invites the public to attend the second-annual Christmas Cantata and children's play.

The cantata will be "Behold the Star," written by Lloyd Larson, and directed by WUMC Music Director Wesley Roy. WUMC will enjoy the talents of a guest pianist, as well as the children in the church acting out and signing the words of the cantata.

For those who have never attended a cantata, the event is the telling of a story told through song and narration. The story told in Christmas cantatas most often is that of the birth of Jesus—"Behold the Star" is an excellent example as it goes from describing the darkness people lived in, to the events that occurred the night



that Jesus was born. Like all good cantatas, "Behold the Star" offers a range of songs—from the slow, beautiful song "See Amid the Winter's Snow" to a jazzy number titled "Behold the Star" to the triumphant finale, "The Star Still Shines." It also includes a couple Christmas favorites!

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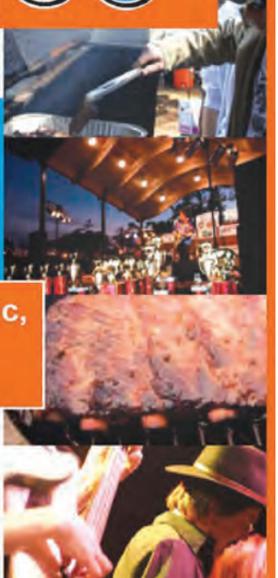
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tion and the John Boy & Billy Grilling Sauce Contest with the chance to win more cash. The winner of the John Boy & Billy Grilling Sauce Contest will win a guitar signed by John Boy & Billy themselves. Winners will all walk away CASH Prizes and bragging rights! There's more...this is a Jack Daniels Qualifier event, so the winner of the Southern Pines OPEN BBQ Competition event qualify to be in the drawing to compete in the Jack Daniels Championship in Lynchburg Tenn.

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Legals

NOTICE OF INTENT TO USE METHOD OF COLLECTING NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS

Jefferson County, Florida (the "County") hereby provides notice, pursuant to section 197.3632(3)(a), Florida Statutes, of its intent to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem special assessments to be levied within the County, for the cost of providing fire and solid waste services commencing for the Fiscal Year beginning on October 1, 2014 and continuing until discontinued by the County. The County will consider the adoption of a resolution electing to use the uniform method of collecting such assessments authorized by section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, at a public hearing to be held at 6:00 p.m. on December 17, 2013 at the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, 435 W. Walnut Street, Monticello, Florida. Such resolution will state the need for the levy and will contain a legal description of the boundaries of the real property subject to the levy. Copies of the proposed form of resolution, which contains the legal description of the real property subject to the levy, are on file at the Clerk's Office, 1 Courthouse Circle, Monticello, Florida. All interested persons are invited to attend.

In the event any person decides to appeal any decision by the County with respect to any matter relating to the consideration of the resolution at the above-referenced public hearing, a record of the proceeding may be needed and in such an event, such person may need to ensure that verbatim record of the public hearing is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence on which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the County Clerk at (850) 342-0218, three (3) days prior to the date of the hearing.

DATED this 22 day of November, 2013 11/22,29,12/6,13

NOTICE OF MEETING

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF JEFFERSON COUNTY will meet in a Workshop Session on Monday, December 9, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. They will then transition into their Regular Monthly Meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. Both meetings will be held in the Board Room located at 1490 W. Washington Street, Monticello, FL. Agendas may be viewed on their website at www.jeffersonschooldistrict.org. Office hours are Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (850) 342-0100. 12/6/13

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF MONTICELLO CITY COUNCIL

The Monticello City Council will meet on Thursday, December 12, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss a proposal for fire rescue service by the County within the corporate limits of the City.

The meeting will be held at City Hall, 245 E. Washington Street, Monticello, Florida. For further information, contact City Clerk Emily Anderson at 342-0292 or at eanderson@mymonticello.net. 12/6,11/13

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that TC TAMPA L, LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed.

The certificate number, year of issuance, description of the property and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate Number: 75 Year of Issuance: 2011

Description of Property: 00-00-00-0330-0000-0460
Lot 46, 66 & 73 New Hope Subdivision
DB KKK, PG 312
Site Address: 1178 East Clark Avenue

Name in which assessed: GENIE GAMBLE HEIRS

All of said property being in the County of Jefferson, State of Florida. This property when sold may be subject to the current year taxes.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Jefferson County Courthouse, north door on the 9TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.

Dated this 8TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2013

Kirk B. Reams

Kirk B. Reams
Clerk of the Court
Jefferson County, Florida

11/15,22,29 12/6/2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY,
AS TRUSTEE FOR SOUNDVIEW HOME LOAN
TRUST 2006-WF2, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES,
SERIES 2006-WF2,

Plaintiff,
vs.
WILLIE JOHNSON, et al,

CASE NO.: 33-2013-CA-000022
DIVISION:

Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

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JOHNSON, DECEASED

Last Known Address: Unknown
Current Address: Unknown

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Last Known Address: Unknown
Current Address: Unknown

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage
on the following property in Jefferson County, Florida:

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND, SITUATE, AND BEING IN
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THAT PORTION OF THE WEST ONE-HALF OF THE SOUTH-
WEST ONE-QUARTER OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH,
RANGE 5 EAST, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS
FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF
THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND WHICH WAS CONVEYED
UNTO HENRY F. CARTER BY T. G. BISHOP AND WIFE BY DEED
DATED THE 20TH DAY OF MARCH A.D. 1956 AND OF RECORD
IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN DEED BOOK "TTT, PAGE
552. SAID POINT BEARING NEAR THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY
OF THE WEST ONE-HALF OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP AND
RANGE AFORESAID, WHERE THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY
LINE OF A COUNTY ROAD INTERSECTS THE WESTERLY
RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY OF U.S. 19 HIGHWAY, AND THENCE
RUN WEST 220 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE, THIS IRON PIPE BEING
THE STARTING POINT FOR THE LAND HEREIN DESCRIBED;
FROM THIS STARTING POINT RUN THENCE NORTH 200 FEET,
TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE RUN WEST 100 FEET TO AN IRON
PIPE; THENCE RUN SOUTH 200 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE SET IN
THE SOUTH BOUNDARY LINE OF THE LANDS OF HENRY F.
CARTER; THENCE RUN EAST ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY
LINE OF HENRY F. CARTER LANDS FOR A DISTANCE OF 100
FEET AND TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE LANDS
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has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your
written defenses within 30 days after the first publication, if any, on Al-
bertelli Law, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 23028,
Tampa, FL 33623, and file the original with this Court either before
service on Plaintiff's attorney, or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a
default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Com-
plaint or petition.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this court on this 7th day of
November, 2013.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Sherry Sears
Deputy Clerk

***See the Americans with Disabilities Act
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a
special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact
Kirk B. Reams no later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding at room
10, Jefferson County Courthouse, Monticello, FL. 32344, at 850-342-0218:
1-800-955-8771 (TDD), or 1-800-955-8770 (voice), via Florida Relay Ser-
vice.* 12/6,13/2013

Kiwanis Spread Christmas JOY



Monticello Kiwanis made a generous donation, in support of its county children, to the Jefferson Outreach for Youth (J.O.Y.) Christmas toy drive during the Wednesday afternoon meeting. Pictured from left to right are: President Don Condon, J.O.Y. representative Merry Ann Frisby and Treasurer Brenda Sorensen.

DEBBIE SNAPP
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

In an effort to improve the lives of children in Jefferson County the Monticello Kiwanis presented a generous donation in the amount of \$1700 to the Jefferson Outreach for Youth (J.O.Y.) Christmas toy drive.

Accepting the check on behalf of J.O.Y. was volunteer Merry Ann Frisby.

The donation was made in honor of fellow Kiwanis member Ferd Naughton, a local businessman who recently passed away.

The initial donation of \$500 by the club was met and surpassed by club members who

personally donated an additional \$1200.

JOY is an ongoing effort right up to Christmas Day as there is such a need for the children in this community. So be generous, spread the JOY of gift-giving by making a donation to any of the collection boxes located at: Tallahassee Memorial Family Medicine, 1549 South Jefferson Street; Huckleberry's Creations, 210 West Washington Street; Capital City Bank, South Jefferson Street; Farmers and Merchants Bank, East Washington Street; Tupelo's Bakery & Café, 220 West Washington Street, and Monticello News, 180 West Washington Street.

Make A Play Date At The Health Department

DEBBIE SNAPP
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The Jefferson County Health Department has released its upcoming schedule for 'Play Date', a program held at the health Department and hosted by Healthy Start.

This Healthy Start program strives to help babies have the healthiest start possible; using the Parent's as Teachers (PAT) curriculum.

Community partners are needed for the success of the program, to attend the monthly PAT group meetings and to share services and information.

To sign up, call the Jefferson County Health Department at 850-342-0170 and ask to speak to someone in the Healthy Start program. Or, contact Jennifer Brown directly at Jennifer.brown3@fl-health.gov.

The group will meet from 10 to 11 a.m. on the Wednesdays of: January 15; February 19; March 19; April 16; May 21; June 18; July 16; August 20; September 17; October 15; November 19; and December 10.

Come alone, bring a friend, or bring your baby for a fun-filled time of playing, conversation, prizes, and more.

Auditions For Dearly Departed

DEBBIE SNAPP
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

The Opera House Stage Company will hold auditions for 'Dearly Departed' on Sunday, January 5 at 3 p.m. and on Monday, January 6 at 7 p.m. at the Monticello Opera House. Tom Falls and Jack Williams will direct the play.

Acting parts needed will be for seven men and six women, of various ages. Show dates are scheduled for March 7, 8, 14, 15, 16, 21, and 22, 2014.

"This is a great comedy that Tom and I have each directed before," says Williams. "It's been produced all over the



English speaking world."

Deep in the Bible Belt, the highly dysfunctional, but always amusing, Turpin family comes together for Daddy Bud's funeral. Some are serious Sunday morning churchgoers, while others prefer a honky-tonk on Saturday night. They're all funny, and they drive each other crazy. Well worth viewing.

For more information and/or questions email to jackbwill@juno.com or call 850-933-9726.

Community Luncheon Enjoyed



ECB Publishing Photo By Debbie Snapp, November 26, 2013.

County Commissioners held a noontime luncheon of ribs and chicken for their constituents on Tuesday at the courthouse annex. Danny Arnold and Ulysses Robertson began grilling ribs and chicken at 8 a.m.



ECB Publishing Photo By Debbie Snapp, November 26, 2013.

County Commissioners held a noon luncheon of ribs, chicken, and sides for their constituents on Tuesday at the courthouse annex. Serving the meal, from left to right are: Bill Ramsey, John Nelson, and Stephen Walker.

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The Jefferson Journal Fish & Game Feeding Chart

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 December 6, 2013 through December 13, 2013
Major Feed Times are marked by an asterisk (*)*

Friday, December 6 *2:10 AM 8:20 AM *2:40 PM 8:55 PM	Saturday, December 7 *3:15 AM 9:25 AM *3:40 PM 9:55 PM	Sunday, December 8 *4:10 AM 10:20 AM *4:30 PM 10:50 PM	Monday, December 9 *5:10 AM 11:20 AM *5:30 PM 11:45 PM
Tuesday, December 10 *5:50 AM 12:00 PM *6:20 PM	Wednesday, December 11 12:30 AM *6:30 AM 12:45 PM *7:00 PM	Thursday, December 12 1:20 AM *7:15 AM 1:30 PM *7:40 PM	Friday, December 13 1:55 AM 8:00 AM 2:10 PM *8:25 PM

There's finally a chill and certain festiveness in the air as most of us try to take time off from work to enjoy spending quality time with family and friends and reflect on the passing year. Children will be out of school on winter break soon, and while the holiday season is upon us, so are several

traditional hunting opportunities.

The second phase of waterfowl and coot season came in statewide Dec. 7 and runs through Jan. 26. In addition to the usual hunting license and permit requirements, duck hunters also must have a Florida waterfowl permit (\$5) and a federal duck stamp (\$15). The daily bag limit



"Outta' the Woods" By Tony Young

December Filled With Holiday Hunting Traditions

on ducks is six, but you need to know your ducks before you pull the trigger, because there are different daily limits for each species. For instance, within the six-bird limit there may be only one black duck, one mottled duck and one fulvous whistling-duck.

Only two of your six-bird limit may be canvasbacks, pintails, redheads or scaup, and three may be wood ducks. And you may have no more than four scoters or four mallards (of which only two may be female) in your bag. All other species of ducks can be taken up to the six-bird limit, except harlequin ducks.

The daily limit on coots is 15, and there's a

five-bird limit on mergansers, only two of which may be hooded.

When hunting waterfowl, hunters may use only nontoxic shotgun shells. Only iron (steel), bismuth-tin and various tungsten-alloys are permissible.

For something different, try woodcock hunting. Woodcock season again runs Dec. 18 – Jan. 31. Woodcocks are excellent game birds because they hold well for pointing bird dogs and provide a challenging shot when flushed. The daily bag limit is three.

The third phase of mourning and white-winged dove season opens Dec. 14 and runs through Jan. 12. The daily bag limit is 15

birds.

From November on, the shooting hours for all migratory birds are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. However, you must get a no-cost migratory bird permit where you purchase your hunting license before you hunt any of these birds.

The only firearm you can use to hunt migratory game birds is a shotgun, no larger than 10-gauge. Shotguns must be plugged to a three-shell capacity (magazine and chamber combined). Bows also are legal.

Retrievers and bird dogs can be useful in hunting migratory game birds. Artificial decoys and manual or mouth-operated bird calls also are legal and essential gear for duck hunters.

You may hunt migratory game birds over an agricultural field if the crop was planted by regular agricultural methods. However, don't even

think about "sweetening" the field by scattering agricultural products over it – or anywhere near it – or you could wind up in serious trouble. It doesn't matter if you aren't the one who scattered the bait. If you knew or should have known that such bait was present, you're accountable under federal law.

Bobcat and otter hunting season always runs Dec. 1 – March 1, and there's no daily bag or season limit on either species.

Like foxes, bobcats may be chased year-round with dogs, but possessing firearms during the closed season, between March 2 and Nov. 30, is prohibited.

Here's wishing you happy holidays and a successful hunting season. As always, have fun, hunt safely and ethically, and we'll see you in the woods!

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