

County May Yet Get \$200,000 Offset Grant

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The USDA Rural Development (RD) may be revisiting the \$200,000 grant that Jefferson County was seeking last year to offset the costs of the building it is constructing for American Hunter Inc. at the industrial park.

Economic Development Director Julie Conley recently told the Economic Development Council (EDC) that she had received an email from Mary Gavin of the RD informing her that the county should update and resubmit the application for the \$200,000 grant it had been seeking earlier.

Conley said the email stated that the county would know within two or three months after submittal of the application if the grant would be awarded.

"So there's still a possibility that we can get \$200,000 to offset the construction cost," Conley said, adding that she planned to discuss the proposal with county officials and the project's engineer before deciding whether to pursue the funding.

Conley subsequently pointed out that award of the federal funding and the attached rules and requirements could complicate and delay the construction project, which is already several years behind schedule.

County officials were hoping to get the \$200,000 grant to offset some of the \$800,000 that it is spending to construct a warehouse/office building for American Hunter Inc., a Tallahassee-based company that wants to relocate here.

Last month, the commission approved \$19,000 for the engineering firm of Preble-Rish Inc. to handle the bidding and construction phase of the project.

Preble-Rish engineer Alan Wise told commissioners at the time that he expected to put the project out for bids soon. Should the county decide to pursue the RD funding, however, it would likely have to postpone the bidding process, and also the federal requirements would add to the overall cost, Conley said.

The plan for the project calls for a 30,000 sq. foot warehouse/office building that American Hunter would lease purchase over time.

Sarah and Tom Cooksey own and operate American Hunter Inc. — a retail/distribution company that sells sporting goods over the Internet.

Teachers Still To Get Their Bonuses, Per District Staff

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If teachers have not yet gotten the incentive bonuses that the Governor approved last April, they have no one to blame but the union, according to officials with the Jefferson County School District.

Human Resource Specialist Sherman Stroman and Chief Financial Officer Robert Lloyd told the *News* on Thursday, Jan. 23, that teachers should be receiving the bonus on their next paychecks, at the end of this month.

The reason the bonuses weren't released earlier owed to the union dragging its feet and not signing the agreement until four days after the School Board approved it, Lloyd and Stroman said.

Consequently, by the time the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) received the

documentation and released the funding, the holidays were upon the district, the two said. Compounding the situation, the FDOE hadn't notified the district of the release of the funding, the two said.

But the bottom line was that the teachers would be receiving their bonuses in the next paychecks and they knew about it, Lloyd and Stroman said. They characterized those who were going around maligning the district for the delayed release of the money as a few who had an agenda to promote.

The Jefferson County School District and the Jefferson County Teachers Union reached an agreement on the bonuses and other issues in late November, after months of negotiations.

The School Board then approved the agreement on Dec. 9. **Please See TEACHERS Page 3**

City's Funding Prospects Look Promising In 2014

(City Looks At Creating Special District)

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Monticello officials learned about the city's chances of getting a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the next funding cycle and about the basics of creating a Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) at a workshop on Tuesday evening, Jan. 14.

Doing the respective presentations on the CDBG funding and the CRA program were Dennis Dingman and Greg Lang, of Summit Professional Services, Inc.

Dingman told the council that in the pres-

ent economic climate, outright grants were becoming scarce, if not a thing of the past.

"Grant funding is drying up," Dingman said several times, emphasizing the point.



"Funding agencies more and more are looking for long-term planning and they want skin in the game from the receiving communities," he continued.

"With the economy as it

is, you have to have leverage in the game as well as a well-defined plan, and the plan has to be engineered."

Typically, it was the larger communities that were getting

funded, as they had more resources and could bring greater leverage to bear, Dingman said.

That, however, didn't mean that small communities couldn't

be funded anymore, he quickly added. But it meant that small communities had to put more thought and effort into the process and develop new strategies going forward, he said.

Creating a CRA was one such a strategy — one that required a long-term approach but that could then be used in conjunction with a CDBG or other grant as a form of leverage, Dingman said.

"It's a way of focusing attention in a target area and putting aside money from tax increases in that area to put back into the area," he said of CRAs, adding that Lang would **Please See FUNDING Page 3**

Willie James Morris Honored as Employee of the Year



The Jefferson County School District honored Willie James Morris as Employee of the Year with a brief ceremony at the administration office on Thursday morning, Jan. 23. Morris, a custodian at the district office, received two plaques and a balloon-decorated fruit basket. School Superintendent Al Cooksey and Human Resources Specialist Sherman Stroman presented the awards. Pictured from left to right are Stroman, Morris and Cooksey.

Draft of Vision Transportation Plan Beginning To Go Around

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City, county and school district officials, as well as department heads and others are being asked to review and comment on a draft of the comprehensive transportation master plan that the Capital Regional Transportation Planning Agency (CRTPA) is formulating for Leon, Gadsden, Wakulla and Jefferson counties.

Local governments and other organizations are being asked to review that portion of the multi-county plan pertaining to Jefferson County and add, delete or otherwise amend projects as appropriate.

The plan takes a comprehensive look at the county in terms of its transportation needs 10, 20 and 50 years out.

"This is the first sampling of the transportation plan," County Coordinator Parrish Barwick told the Jefferson County Commission on Tuesday evening, Jan. 21. "We'll be asking the city, school district, Sheriff, Fire Rescue and others to get involved and offer their input. But you will be the main drivers of this plan."

Commission Chairwoman Betsy Barfield, Jefferson County's representative on the CRTPA Board, added, "This is the transportation vision that we will build on in the future."

She added that the various named entities **Please See TRANSPORTATION Page 3**

Elections Changes Bring Little Change

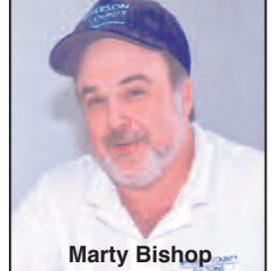
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This year's elections will be the first affected by House Bill 7013, known as the Election Reform Bill.

This legislation will bring big changes to large counties, regulating early voting, absentee voting, and more. However, according to Jefferson County Supervisor of Elections Marty Bishop, Jefferson County already met or exceeded most of these expectations.

"It requires that we have the same amount of early voting sites as last year, for example — we only had one, so that's not hard."

Bishop went on to describe a couple other changes: "It changes the primary election from 12 weeks before the general election to 10 weeks be-



fore. It makes it a first-degree misdemeanor to distribute absentee ballots for personal gain. These are all common sense, or making things easier."

The last major change is that constitutional amendments are now limited to 75 words. "Last election, we had pages of amendments," Bishop said. "Of course that was inconvenient and just a little much, so they decided to fix that."

For a full list of changes, contact the Supervisor of Elections' office at soejeffersonco@aol.com.

Viewpoints

'Brew' Ha Ha: Conversations for Coffee

Amber Houston
Staff Writer



Public Up In Flames Over Marijuana Legalization

Recently, the Florida Supreme Court has passed the language of a voter-initiated ballot item to legalize the use of medical marijuana in Florida. The item will be put to a vote during the November midterm election.

I'm not going to lie: I couldn't care less about marijuana being legalized. Medical? Recreational? Legalize it, don't—it doesn't matter to me.

Some may argue that people will use it as an excuse to do stupid things, like drive under the influence or commit crimes and that it shouldn't be made acceptable because of that.

Others may argue that it sends a message

to children that drug use is acceptable.

I argue that both of these considerations devalue the personal responsibility that we have as human beings.

If someone smokes pot, gets in a vehicle, drives, and causes an accident because their mental faculties are impaired, whose fault is that? The marijuana's? Or should we blame the moron who decided to light up a joint and go driving?

It's the same with alcohol. If a man becomes helplessly violent when he drinks and beats his wife and children, do we blame the alcohol or the man?

We live in a culture where we blame our influences for our faults and praise ourselves for

our virtues. That can't work. If we are willing to take personal responsibility for our virtues and accept the praises that go with it, we must be willing to take personal responsibility for our failures and accept (and ideally learn from) the criticism that includes.

It isn't the government's job or the school's job to raise children. It isn't the law that teaches a child what is right. It's the child's parents. Legalization of marijuana should not determine what a single child thinks about drug use. It can provide a catalyst for discussion, an opportunity to talk to children about drug use. But what the government does has no bearing on how parents teach morality to their children.

Marijuana is not the problem. Our culture is the problem.

Chelsey McCoy can be contacted at 850-342-0170 for more information.

The Early Learning Center has moved in to the Jefferson County Health Department, located at 1255 West Washington Street in Monticello. For more information about this recent move call 850-274-1335 or go to www.elcbigbend.org.

Do you, or someone you know, need help paying your utility bills? If so, Capital Area Community Action Agency just might be able to help. There is still funding available through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program. Jefferson 850-997-8231, Calhoun 850-674-5067, Franklin 850-653-8057 or 850-653-8057, Gadsden 850-875-4250, Gulf 850-229-1717, Leon 850-222-2043, Liberty 850-674-5067, and Wakulla 850-926-3122 county residents are eligible and are encouraged to apply NOW. The program helps individuals pay their utility bills through energy assistance and crisis grants. Priority is given to households with elderly (60 years or older), disabled (with documented proof), and children (five years or younger). Go to <http://cacaainc.org/ImportantDocs.aspx> to learn more about eligibility and which documents you must have to apply. To schedule an appointment for assistance, call the appropriate office where you live, between 8 to 10 a.m., Monday through Friday. Contact CCAA Outreach Coordinator Ann V. Howard at 850-222-2043x122 or 850-212-5009 for more details.

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ductions in London and New York, as well as a 1972 film by the same name. For more information and reservations call the Opera House at 850-997-4242 or go to www.monticellooperhouse.org. Carrie Ann & Co will cater dinner before the show.

Mike Holm announces the opening of 'Adult Flag Football' at the Jefferson County Recreation Park, for ages 16 years and up. Teams will consist of seven players. The game is open to men and women. The fun and games will begin on Friday, February 7 at the Rec Park Ball Field. For registration and more information about game schedule of times and dates, contact Parks and Recreation Manager Holm at 850-519-6640. The park is located at 1380 Mamie Scott Road in Monticello, 850-342-0240.

Walking-For-Your-Health, a Bike Trail event sponsored by the Florida Department of Health, will meet again on Thursday, February 13 from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. at the Clifford Brown Park. Find your 'Sole Mate' or bring your 'Soul Mate' as your walking partner. There will be individuals available to walk with you, and if you're interested, they will be your personal walking partners for a few nights a week. Senior Health Edu-



Something To Think About

By Harvey Greene

Wounded Warrior Program

Last week I talked about the Shriners Hospitals. There is something else that is near and dear to my heart – The Wounded Warrior Program.

Not to fear, longtime readers, I'm sure my cynical self shall return in the near future to amuse you with tales of how things are completely just ate up. But for now I'm feeling a bit altruistic, and would like to share another phenomenal group of people with you.

The Wounded Warrior Program is an organization dedicated to helping wounded members of our armed forces. They deal in direct rehabilitation, counseling, and equipment needed by these Wounded Warriors.

You may have seen something about them with some of the spots by Trace Adkins or Toby Keith. Maybe it touched you. I hope it did. I'm sure many readers know I am a Vet; perhaps that is why I hold this group

so near and dear to me. I have seen some of these wounded warriors. I have had a hand in directly helping some of these men and women.

There are people on this Earth that stepped in front of you and shielded you from danger. These are the people that took the wounds that were meant for you. When danger happens, most people head the other way. Some people head towards it. This type of person comes in various colors – firemen, police, paramedics, forestry, even tornado chasers. The majority of people go through their lives without watching someone standing beside them die, or knowing what a "near miss" feels like, or having to experience any of the other dozens of horrors that these people face in their job. The reason we do not experience these things is because of the people who stand up in front of us. These people head directly into danger in

order to protect life. Our military personnel packed up that life, left their family behind, and went somewhere else to defend you from that danger. The wounded warriors are the one that took the hit for us; they are the ones that did not make it back "in one piece" as the saying goes. But they did make it back. And now they need our help.

Our US military personnel have stepped up and said, "Sleep easy. I have the watch. No one will harm you tonight."

These are the people I honor.

The Wounded Warrior Project helps those who helped you. Giving to the WWP is my way of repaying the debt. You can reach them at: www.HelpWWP.org, 1-877-981-2233, www.ShrinersHospitalsForChildren.org 1-800-241-4438 or contact any of your local Shriners.

And as always...
Think about it.

The stage play 'Cabaret', presented by the Monticello Acting and Dance Company, and directed and choreographed by Melanie Mays, continues to run at the Monticello Opera House, through Saturday, February 1. The play is a musical based on a book written by Christopher Isherwood, music by John Kander, and lyrics by Fred Ebb. The 1966 Broadway production became a hit, inspiring and spawned numerous subsequent pro-

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Isaiah 53:5-6
But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. (6) All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

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

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 -

Dear editor: I read Rev. Gene Hall's recent "Letter to the Editor", *Jefferson County Journal*, 1/24/14, with a mixture of satisfaction and disappointment, satisfaction that someone from the "African-American" community has openly admitted that a serious race problem exists in Jefferson County and disappointment in some of his White "samples" included in the letter.

While there is no question that Thomas Edison and Leonardo da Vinci, among numerous other "Whites" over the centuries, made incalculable contributions to the betterment of human living conditions, I question his choice of several others. For instance, Hillary Clinton, Peyton

Manning, and Beau Turner, all of whom were born to wealthy families and, other than Manning, probably "struggled" very little. Manning had a great role model and teacher in his father, a former NFL quarterback, but still had to produce on the field.

Hillary attended expensive private schools, acquiring a law degree from Princeton. She was subsequently fired from a job with the House Judiciary Committee during the Nixon "Watergate" investigations for dishonesty and lying. Hardly a suitable "sample" for anyone to follow.

Other than having access to very deep pockets and engaging in environmental issues, I don't know what outstanding things Mr. Turner has accomplished or overcome.

Presenting these people as "samples" to be admired/followed is illogical since the child born into poor/moderate circumstances has no way to acquire in-

stant wealth at birth. I suggest Mr. Hall look closer to home for "samples" to admire and, perhaps, emulate, such as people who invest their capital in attempting to operate a local business and hiring local people. One such person is Ms. Emerald Greene, publisher of this paper. She invested in this newspaper at a time when the newspaper industry was in dire straits all over the country and has managed to keep printing and employing people for the good of the community.

Other examples include the people who operate dining establishments, flower shops, plant nurseries, etc., without whom Monticello will become merely a "wide spot" in the road as has happened to hundreds of communities all over the U.S.

Touting celebrities as "role models" is probably not a good idea!

Jack Shelley

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But apparently, ill feelings linger from the protracted negotiations.

Per the terms of the agreement, according to Stroman, each teacher will receive a \$1,600 bonus as part of the \$155,000 that the

state allocated for the one-time incentive bonus, in recognition of teachers' important contribution to the education of youths.

The way the district arrived at the \$1,6000 was straightforward, Stroman said.

The district, he said, had simply taken the \$155,000 and divided it by the number of eligible teachers, after subtracting the appropriate amounts for taxes, FICA and other mandatory contributions.

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would be asked not only to comment on the projects but also to rank them in order of priority.

"This plan is the springboard and roadmap of where we want to go 20 to 50 years from now," Barfield said.

She said the aim of the effort was to identify every conceivable project from A to Z that the community might want to see realized in future and put it into the local plan so that it could be incorporated into the greater CRTPA master plan. That way, if and when the funding became available, the project would already be that much farther along in the process, she said.

"Afterwards, a consultant will come into the county and help us identify funding sources," Barfield said. "But it's important now that we put everything and anything that we can think of and prioritize it so it gets into the CRTPA plan."

Jefferson County recently reaffirmed its commitment to the CRTPA by re-signing the interlocal agreement that makes Jefferson County a voting member of the organization.

Members of the CRTPA are Jefferson, Leon, Gadsden and

Wakulla counties, as well as the cities of Chattahoochee, Gretna, Midway, Quincy, Tallahassee, the towns of Havana and Greensboro and the Leon County School Board.

The CRTPA serves as the capital region's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), which are assigned the responsibility of carrying out the mid and long-range transportation planning for urbanized areas with populations of 50,000 or more. The federal government requires the establishment of MPOs and development of long-term transportation plan as a condition of eligibility for federal funding for transportation projects.

The federal government also requires that each state's transportation agency (The Florida Department of Transportation and CRTPA in this case) enter agreements that identify the responsibilities of each, in terms of carrying out the short and long-term transportation planning for their respective regions.

The CRTPA was established in 2004 and initially confined to Leon County and parts of Gadsden and Wakulla.

With the region's increasing growth, how-

ever, came the realization that transportation had to be addressed on a regional basis. Consequently, the group expanded its boundaries, first to encompass the whole of Gadsden and Wakulla counties and then Jefferson County.

The CRTPA's stated mission is to develop a long-range transportation plan that creates "an integrated regional multimodal transportation network that supports development patterns and promote economic growth" in the capital region.

As for the group's vision, it is to "create an integrated regional multimodal transportation network that provides the most options for moving people and goods economically, effectively and safely in the region, while protecting the environment, promoting economic development and maintaining a high quality of life with sustainable development patterns.

The organization's long-range transportation plan looks out 50 years and aims at improvements projects for all modes of transportation, including bicycle, pedestrian and public transit. It is projected that by 2060 much of the growth in the capital region will occur on the east and west of Leon County, with significant impact to Jefferson County.

Equally important to local officials, all state and federal monies for transportation improvements in the future will come through MPOs, which makes Jefferson County's membership in the CRTPA critical, if the county is to have a voice in the planning process and its transportation needs recognized and addressed going forward.

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explain the idea in greater detail.

But relative to CDBG funding, which was the focus of his presentation, Dingman said that 2014 promised to be a better year for Monticello than past years, in terms of it qualifying for the funding.

He noted that award of CDBG funding was based on a scoring system that itself was tied to Census statistics, and hence subject to change every 10 years. The problem the last 10 years, he said, was that according to the 2000 Census, Monticello was prospering — a situation that lowered the city's score and reduced its overall chances of getting funded.

"It put the city at a disadvantage," Dingman said of the 2000 Census.

But there were changes in the air that augured well for the city, in term of its overall score and its chances of getting funded, he said.

He said one change was the 2010 Census, which showed the city in a more economically distressed state than in 2000. That perceived distress would translate into a higher score overall, he said.

The city, moreover, would get 100 extra points simply because it had been five years since it had last received CDBG funding, he said. Another important consideration was a contemplated change in an administrative rule relating to how the low-and-moderate-income popula-

tion was counted, he said. The proposed rule change, he said, would be beneficial to small communities.

Bottom line, Dingman said, the climate was propitious for the city to apply for a CDBG grant in the latter part of 2014.

Speaking next on the CRA program, Lang kept his presentation brief and to the point, focusing on the value of CRAs as they related to funding. He described CRAs as mechanisms or tools for channeling money into specific areas with specific needs.

CRAs were difficult to set up legally and came with many strings attached, Lang said. But their benefits were significant and they were worthwhile pursuing, he said.

The way the process worked was that the city would select a specific geographic area with identifiable problems for CRA designation and complete the necessary legal paperwork to set up the designation, Lang said. The increased portion of the property taxes that resulted from the increased valuation within the CRA could then be reinvested in the CRA to achieve identifiable goals, he said.

Ideally, the reinvestments would add additional value to the CRA, which would consequently produce higher taxes, which would in turn generate higher revenues and greater reinvestment capital, Lang said.

He told city officials that the present

was a good time to create CRAs, given that the economy was coming out of the doldrums of the Great Recession.

"The good news is that your taxes are stabilizing, and so it's a good time because if you have added-on value, the CRA will benefit," Lang said. "CRAs grow slowly but you can start using the money right away."

He said CRA money could be used for such things as infrastructure improvement, housing, commercial buildings, streetscapes, sidewalks and tree plantings, among other things. Or the money could just as easily be used as leverage to get other funding for other projects within the CRA, he said.

"Communities that are successful have tools in their toolbox like CRAs," Lang said. "The broader the CRA, the better. CRAs are long and slow processes, but they can build up over time."

He said that models of CRA master plans for communities of similar size to Monticello were readily available, and he encouraged city officials to get such a model. He further encouraged them to get with a representative of the Florida Redevelopment Association (FRA) for a longer and more detailed discussion of CRAs.

The FRA's primary goal is to promote the improvement of downtowns and other urban areas through redevelopment and development activities.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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January 31
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.

February 1
Yard Sale fundraiser for the Monticello Woman's Club from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday at the clubhouse on East Pearl Street. Donation of items may be dropped off on Friday before from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

February 2
VFW Post 251 will meet 5 p.m. on the first Sunday at the Learning Center on Marvin Street for a meeting. Contact Ned Hill at 850-339-5524 for more information.

February 3
VFW Post 251 Auxiliary will meet at 6:30 p.m. on the first Monday at Memorial Missionary Baptist Church. Contact President Mary Madison at 850-210-7090 for more information.

February 3
MainStreet of Monticello Florida meetings are held at 5 p.m. on the first Monday at the Cherry Street Commons on South Cherry Street. For more information contact Project Manager Anne Holt at 850-997-5110 or aholt@aholt.com.

February 3
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.

February 3
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.

February 3, 4, 5, 6
Adult Dance Fitness at MADCo Studio at 7:30

a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays; 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, and 7 p.m. on Thursdays. These 45-minute classes utilize stretch and toning exercising. Contact Melanie Mays at 850-321-0036 for information.

February 4
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.

February 4
Flab-To-Fab weight loss group meets on Tuesdays at the Monticello Health & Fitness Center. Weigh-in begins at 4:30 p.m. with speakers and discussion following. This new, exciting, support group is free of charge to anyone; donations are accepted. Share recipes, stories, and ideas. For more information contact the facility at 850-997-4400.

February 4
Monticello Woman's Club meets at noon on the first Tuesday at the clubhouse on East Pearl Street for a program, lunch, and a meeting. Contact Club President Ethel Strickland at 850-997-3382 for more information.

February 4
Sons of the American Legion (SAL) meetings are held at 5:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday at the Otto Walker Post 49 on South Water Street in Monticello. For more information, contact Commander Leighton Langford at 850-997-0897 or Past District III Commander Buddy Westbrook at 850-997-2973.

February 4
Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce meets at 12 p.m. on the first Tuesday at 420 West Washington Street for lunch and a program. Speaker will be Lester Hamrick with North Florida Financial Services. Tickets for the upcoming Chili Challenge will be available for sale. For more information contact Chamber Director Melanie Mays at 850-997-5552 or info@monticellojeffersonfl.com. The next Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 14.

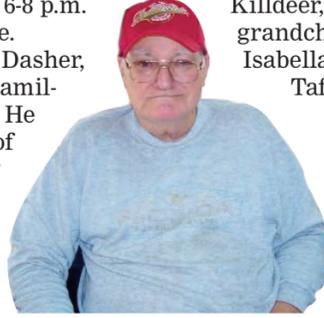
Obituaries

ROBERT EUGENE "BOBBY" BEMBRY

Robert Eugene "Bobby" Bembry, age 78, died peacefully in his sleep Thursday, January 23, 2014 at his home in Lee.

His memorial service was held at 2 p.m. Monday, January 27, 2014 at Beggs Funeral Home, Madison Chapel. Visitation was Sunday, January 26, 2014 from 6-8 p.m. at Beggs Funeral Home.

He was born in Dasher, Ga., and grew up in Hamilton County and in Lee. He was a farmer most of his life and really loved to grow things and share them with others. He was always willing to help those in need and he loved telling others the Good News of Jesus Christ's saving grace.



He liked to read and fish and loved watching college football, especially the Florida State Seminoles and the Georgia Bulldogs. He served in both the United States Air Force and the United States Army. He was a faithful member of Midway Church of God, only missing services if he or a family member were in the hospital. He is survived by two sons, Jacob

Eugene Bembry and Daniel Franklin Bembry, both of Lee; two daughters, Debra Ann Leutner of Sopchoppy and Abbie Gail Bembry of Lee; two sisters, Sarah Bembry of Tallassee, AL., and Nina Dodd (Mike) of Lee; three grandchildren, Morgan Leutner of Crawfordville and Ryan and Shannan Leutner, both of Killdeer, N.D.; and three great-grandchildren, Braxton Taff, Isabella Taff and Kathryn Taff of Crawfordville.

In lieu of flowers, you may make donations to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 8382 Baymeadows Road, Jacksonville, FL 32259 or to Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32308.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Louella Sealey Bembry; one son, Robert William Bembry; two daughters, Vallrie Susan Bembry and Sally Marie Bembry; and six brothers.

Beggs Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

You may send your condolences to the family by visiting their website at www.beggsfuneral.com

WILLIAM LUTHER CLARK

William Luther Clark, 85, passed away Monday, January 27, 2014 in Bristol, FL.

Funeral services will be held 10:00 a.m., Friday, January 31, 2014 at Beggs Funeral Homes, 485 E. Dogwood St., Monticello, FL, with burial at Broom-sage Cemetery.

The family received friends on Thursday, January 30, at the Funeral Home.

A native of Blountstown, William was a lifelong resident of Jefferson Co. He was a retired truck driver and a Veteran of the U.S. Army.

He is survived by sons, Raymond Clark Sr. (Mary), and Jerry

Clark both of Monticello; daughter, Darlene Clark (John) of Cross City, FL; brother, Robert Ervin Clark of Blountstown; nine grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. He is preceded in death by his wife, Mary I. Clark, and brother, Franklin Clark.

DENNIS ALAN WOLFE JR.

Dennis Alan Wolfe Jr. 39 passed away in Thomasville, Georgia on January 25, 2014. He was born in Niskayuna, New York on November 28, 1974. He spent most of his life in Kissimmee, FL and graduated from St. Cloud High School. Dennis moved to the North Florida / South Georgia area in 2005. He was of United Methodist faith.

Dennis was an auto enthusiast, and could name any car that passed by; he loved

working on cars. He worked at his family's auto shop "Wolfman's Rod Shop" until 2005 when he moved here to continue his career in the auto industry.

Dennis is survived by his loving wife and family, Tina Wolfe, one son Zackary Alan Wolfe of Thomasville, Ga.; his parents Dennis Alan Wolfe Sr. and Linda Wolfe of Monticello, FL., one sister Sara Jo Wolfe Thomas (Chris) St. Cloud, FL; his grandmother Mary VanOstrand and many aunts, uncles and

cousins living in Virginia and New York.

A visitation for Dennis was set for Wednesday, January 29, 2014 from 6-8:00 P.M. at Beggs Funeral Home Monticello Chapel. Funeral service was held Thursday, January 30 2014 at 2:00 P.M. at First United Methodist Church in Monticello FL. In Lieu of flowers, the family wishes donations be made to a special Wolfe family account at the Farmers Merchants Bank (FMB) in Monticello.

LANORRIS BERNARD JONES

On January 23, 2014, Lanorris Bernard Jones was called Home to his eternal rest. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother: Johnny C. Jones, Bertha Green Jones and Johnny Jones Jr.

Lanorris was a native of Monticello, FL and was educated in the Jefferson County Public Schools. After graduating, he attended Lively Technical School Mechanical Program. He worked for many years as a mechanic until his health declined.

He leaves to cherish his love and memories, four loving children: Roshaudrick Jones, Ieashia Jones, Lanorris Jones Jr. all of Monticello, FL and Jordan Jones



of Tallahassee, FL; one brother: Michael Jones of St. Louis; four sisters: Lawanda Jones (David) of Monticello, FL; Tiffany Seabrooks (Kendrick) of Jacksonville, FL; Darlene and Blanche of Miami, FL; four uncles: David (Evelyn) Green Jr., of East Lansing, MI, Andrew (Lilly) Green St. and Ernest Green Sr., of Miami, FL; five aunts: Daisy (Larry) Johnson of Clermont, FL; Mary Green of

Monticello, FL; Carrie (Allen) Franklin of Thomasville, GA; Doretha (Stanley) Frances of Tampa, FL; K.C. Green of Tallahassee, FL; one sister in law: Benita Visage of Atlanta, GA; eleven nieces, eight nephews, five great nieces, nine great nephews and a host of other sorrowing relatives and friends.

Hagan & Bradwell Funeral Service is in charge of the services. Funeral services will be Saturday, February 01, 2014 1 p.m. at Mt. Pleasant A.M.E. Church, Rev. Mary Etta Croumatie, Pastor and Rev. Willie E. Hagan, Eulogist. Viewing will be held Friday, January 31, 2014 1-8 p.m. at Hagan & Bradwell Funeral Service, 175 N. Railroad St. Monticello, FL.



ROSE KLEIN
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Lottery Winner Flushes Money Down Toilet
 In Essen, Germany, Angela Maier, the lottery winner of more than \$500,000, claims she flushed it all down the toilet to avoid paying nursing home bills for her late husband. Maier said she received a steep bill from the facility that cared for her husband prior to his death and just shortly after she received her lottery winnings. Maier said her decision to tear up \$547,120 and flush it away was after consuming five bottles of champagne. In court, it was determined that destroying the money was not illegal and only an expert could determine if Maier was telling the truth about flushing the money. In the end, the court decided to forgo the expense of an expert and Maier agreed to pay the nursing home their bill of \$5,471.

Priest Ran Burglars Away With Boring Sermon
 In Dublin, Ireland, two would-be robbers broke into the home of Father Arthur O'Neill in St. Brigid's Parish. Father O'Neill said they had broken in with hopes of finding money but "I was stubborn and told them they were barking up the wrong tree. They soon realized they were getting nothing." O'Neill said he managed to get rid of the men by, "boring them with a sermon I had prepared for later that day." The two men left with Father O'Neill's cellphone, but it was later found under a tile in his front garden. "I knew they were going to leave the phone," O'Neill said. "There's good in everyone."

Denver County Fair To Host Cannabis Themed Competitions
 In Denver, Colo., With the legalization of recreational marijuana, the 2014 Denver County fair will have contests such as a joint-rolling challenge and a pot brownie baking competition. The contests and other entertainment, such as a laser show, Grateful Dead karaoke and a Doritos-eating contest, will be at a 21-plus "Pot Pavilion," that will be held offsite from the rest of the fair. The fair's marketing and creative director, Tracy Weil said, "We thought it was time for us to take that leap and represent one of the things Denver has going on." The Pot Pavilion will join competitions already featured such as a drag queen pageant and tattoo contests. "Our motto has always been, 'We're mixing up a big side of tradition with a side of now,'" said fair co-founder Dana Cain. "We had to do it. Pot is legal here...it's yet another urban agricultural crop."



APPLY FOR AGRICULTURAL CLASSIFICATION BEFORE MARCH 1, 2014

A reminder from Angela Gray, Property Appraiser

Agricultural Classification must be applied for the first year after property is sold or transferred from one owner to another. If there are any changes in the use of the property it is important to notify our office.

Pursuant to Florida Statutes 193.461(3)(a), "... Only lands which are used primarily for bona fide agricultural purposes shall be classified as agricultural. 'Bona fide agricultural purposes' means good faith commercial agricultural use of land."

Apply by visiting the Property Appraiser's Office at 480 W. Walnut St. between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Mon. - Fri. For further information or appointments call 997-3356 or visit jeffersonpa.net.

JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIME BEAT

All information is printed as taken from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office. All Suspects Should Be Considered Innocent Until Proven Guilty In A Court Of Law

FRAN HUNT
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Tasha Lavette Johnson, 35, of Monticello, was arrested January 24 and charged with public assistance fraud. Bond was set at \$500 and she bonded out of jail the same day.

Malcolm Savage Read, 64, of Jefferson County, was arrested January 24 and charged with driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$500 and he bonded out of jail the following day.

Mark Foster Ford, 51, of Tallahassee, was sentenced in court January 24 to serve 180 days in the Jefferson County Jail on the charge of solicitation. He remained at the County Jail January 30.

Rickelle Williams, 23, of Valdosta, GA, was arrested January 25 and charged with bringing forged bank bills into the state, and counterfeiting a payment instrument. A total bond of \$10,000 was set and she remained at the County Jail January 30.

David Amerson, 23, of Jefferson County, was arrested January 25 and charged with writ of attachment for failure to appear on the charge of disorderly intoxication, and resisting without violence. A total bond of \$610 was set and he remained at the County Jail January 30.

Kennedy Fitzgerald Jones, 27, of Monticello, was arrested January 26 and charged with violation of pro-

bation on the charge of two counts of possession of a controlled substance. Bond was set at \$500 and he bonded out of jail the same day.

Sally Mae Shelley, 33, of Jefferson County, was arrested January 26 and charged with violation of probation on the charge of driving under the influence, on an outstanding Sarasota County warrant for her arrest. She was turned over to Sarasota County authorities the next day to face charges there.

Derrick Lashawn Johnson, 38, of Monticello, was arrested January 27 and charged with possession of cannabis with intent to sell, and possession of paraphernalia. A total bond of \$2,500 was set and he bonded out of jail the same day.

Tenisha Nichole McCloud, 29, of Monticello, was arrested January 27 and charged with simple battery. Bond was set at \$500 and she bonded out of jail the same day.

Nyren S. Jones, 26, of Monticello, was sentenced in court January 27 to serve 60 days in the County Jail on the charge of trespass. He remained at the County Jail January 30.

Nelson Davila, 29, of Tallahassee, was arrested January 27 on an outstanding Leon County warrant for his arrest, charging him with impersonating an officer. Bond was set at \$2,500 and he was turned over to Leon County authorities the same day to face charges there.

Jefferson County Living

Jefferson County In State Spotlight With First Virtual Event

Jefferson County was in the spotlight this week with a statewide audience attending the County's first-ever Web-based event. The event was the kickoff session for a Webinar series hosted by the County and the Jefferson County Economic Development Council.

The January 28 program was entitled "Economic & Business Development: Creating Vibrant Rural Communities for Florida's Future". The live event featured key officials and experts. Foremost among them was Gray Swoope, Secretary of the Florida Department of Commerce and President of Enterprise Florida.

Prominent national consultant and economic development

leader, Del Boyette, was unable to connect due to Winter Storm Leon. He authored the 2012 Florida Rural Economic Development Study. Sharon Spratt of Enterprise Florida showed his slides and shared some of the remarks he had planned. Secretary Swoope also stayed to field questions on Boyette's topics.

Last but not least was Alex McCoy, Chair of the North Florida Economic Development Partnership (of which Jefferson is a part) and Vice President for Economic Development, Putnam County Chamber of Commerce.

Jefferson County Commission Chair Betsy Barfield provided opening remarks for the County. She noted,

"The subject of economic development and the local economies of rural communities is one of great importance..."

Jefferson County Economic Development Council Executive Director Julie Conley also welcomed the statewide audience and noted the importance of the subject matter and the series. County Consultant Marcia Elder (CPI Consulting) is organizer for the series and served as Moderator for the Webinar. County Commissioner John Nelson also attended the event.

Next up in the series is a session on "Economic Diversification: Models & Strategies for Florida's Rural Communities" featuring experts on economic development, tourism and agricul-

ture. It will take place on February 13, 2014, 2:00 - 3:45 PM.

The Webinars are part of the Vision ACTION Plan initiative being sponsored by the County and JCEDC with funding from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. Information gleaned from a range of experts in the series will be drawn upon as the Jefferson Plan is further developed.

The live Web events are free of charge and no special equipment is needed to attend, just a computer or mobile device.

Video recordings of the events, along with slides from the presenters, are being made available through the project Website: www.OurActionPlan.org.

CHURCH NEWS NOTES

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January 31
Nazarene Church Family Skate Night is held from 6 to 8 p.m. on the last Friday evening of every month. Light snacks and soft drinks are available. For more information contact Pastor Clay Stephens at 850-528-5451.

February 1
Capital Heights Baptist Church will host Squire Parsons in concert on Saturday, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The evening of music and song requires no tickets. A love offering will be received. Hear the songs: 'Sweet Beulah Land', 'Master of The Sea', 'I Sing Because', 'Hello Mama', 'I Go To The Rock', and so many others. For more information, contact Pastor Derrick Burrus 850-345-0425.

February 1
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.

February 1
Lamont Baptist Church will host a Ladies Chocolate Fest on Saturday, at 2 p.m. All ladies are welcome to attend, and bring something chocolate to share.

February 1
St. Margaret Catholic Church will host Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, a nine-week life-changing program that empowers and teaches how to make the right money decisions to achieve financial goals and experience a total money makeover. Classes begin at 10:30 a.m. every Saturday. For more information and to register call Class Con-

tact Brian Metty at 850-545-6385, or brian.metty@yahoo.com or register online at <http://www.daveramsey.com/com/fpu/locations/org/48474/class/246588>. Childcare will be provided upon request.

February 2
Greater Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate its annual 'Family & Friends Day' on Sunday at 11 a.m. Speaker will be Rev. Rudolph Nealy. The community is invited to fellowship together. Rev. Dr. Melvin Roberts, pastor.

February 2
Union Branch Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate its annual 'Black History' program at 11 a.m. on Sunday with speaker Min. Ronnie Johnson and the Memorial Missionary Baptist Church Male

Chorus. All are invited to dress for this special occasion is casual. Come fellowship and expect a mighty move from God during this service. For more information contact Mother Beatrice Lynn at 850-878-9585. Rev. Terry L. Presley Sr., pastor.

February 5
First Presbyterian Church will host EaglesWings, an outreach ministry serving the community; on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Volunteers are always needed to distribute food items and to donate non-perishable food items. Call and leave a message for JoAnne Arnold at 850-997-2252, or 850-997-1084, or go to eaglewingsmonticello@yahoo.com or www.firstpresbyterian-monticello.org.

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Thank You



The family of the late Mother Dennie Anderson would like to express our sincere thanks for your acts of kindness shown during the illness and passing of our beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother, and etc. Our deepest gratitude is extended for your countless gestures (i.e. calls, visits, flowers, food, prayers, etc.)

We would like to extend special thanks to Mr. Al Hall and the Tillman Funeral Home staff, Hickory Hill Missionary Baptist Church, St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church family, House-to-House Prayer Band Inc, Cross Landings H&R Center staff, Jefferson Senior Citizens Center, and to Big Bend Hospice.

God's Blessings,

- Lefornia Francis
- Willie J. Anderson
- Josephine James
- Evangelist Miner A. Brookins

Fire Departments Attend Fruitful Training

AMBER HOUSTON
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Staff Writer

On Saturday, January 18, the Jefferson County fire departments got together for their monthly training.

This training session was a morning-long exercise in the proper and safe operation of extrication tools. It also provided an opportunity to use the three sets of extrication tools generously donated by Santa Rosa County Emergency Management in a non-emergency situation. Wacissa Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) Chief Houston Brock donated two vehicles to test the tools and firefighters' skills on.

WVFD, Jefferson County Fire Rescue (JCFR), Monticello Volunteer Fire Department (MVFD), Lloyd Volunteer Fire Department (LVFD), and Asheville Volunteer Fire Department (AVFD) were all represented in the multi-department training day.



Wacissa Chief Houston Brock poses for a picture in his new "convertible." Also pictured are James Hightower of Wacissa (left) and Dre Seabrooks (right).

hazards, and use of extrication equipment. The men and women present turned a 4-door sedan into a no-door "convertible."

The departments gather together once a month for combined training. The departments also hold their own regular training sessions apart from each other. Being a volunteer firefighter is not just something that is done when there is a call—training, facilities and equipment maintenance, and recertification are all part of the job.



Wacissa VFD Assistant Chief, Richard Peters attempts to make an access point with a Halligan tool so that he and the crew can utilize the extrication equipment.

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MONTICELLO NEWS

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The French Pony Prances Into Monticello

AMBER HOUSTON
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Helping to make Monticello a cosmopolitan haven for the shabby chic fashion, The French Pony has pranced into town with a sense of elegance mixed delightfully with down-home style.

The modest brick storefront opens into a warm and appealing foyer, packed with accessories, furniture, and décor. Behind the counter, owner Linda Ryshouwer adds her smile and friendly nature to the warmth of the store.

She travels often across the nation, especially to Atlanta, to pick up new items. Her visits to Atlanta allow her to see her sister, who encouraged her into opening the store. After deciding to break away from "Ain't To Shabby" and retire from the world of entrepreneurship, it was



Linda Ryshouwer, owner of The French Pony

Ryshouwer's sister who encouraged her to continue pursuing her passion.

Said Ryshouwer, "She reminded me what a good eye and passion I have for redoing furniture and acquiring items for the shop. So with that, I decided to open the French Pony."

The new storefront is small and tidy, with different rooms, plenty of deals, and a special man cave section. The variety is outstanding, the atmosphere is

charming, and the prices are very affordable. Ryshouwer is more than happy to take requests and can help make remodeling dreams a reality—come in with an idea for a single piece of furniture, a whole room, or a whole house.

Store hours are from: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays to Saturdays. They are closed Sundays and Mondays. Stop on by and let The French Pony trot into your heart and home.

Thank You

The family of the late Bunny Murphy Ritchie would like to acknowledge with sincere appreciation the prayers, telephone calls, food, visits, monetary contributions, cards, and all other acts of kindness and sympathy shown to us during our time of bereavement.

May God bless each of you and hold you in His care.

Thank You, The Family

Sports

JV Tigers Lose To Hamilton

FRAN HUNT
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The Jefferson County junior varsity Tigers hit the hardwood against Hamilton County on December 10, and the JV Tigers lost, 46-34, to now stand 1-2 on the season.

Jefferson squeaked the first quarter, 11-10, but Hamilton came back to outscore the JV Tigers 7-4 in the second quarter, 14-9 in the third quarter, and 15-10 in the fourth quarter.

As a team, the JV Tigers netted two of 13 attempts from the three-point zone, six of 23 attempts from the free-throw line, and 11 of 32 attempts from the field for 34 points. They had 12 offensive and 21 defensive rebounds for a total of 33 rebounds, with nine assists, 23 steals, seven blocked shots, 20 turnovers, and 16 personal fouls.

Individually, Jayshawn Francis netted one of three attempts from the three-point zone for three points. He had three assists, two steals, four turnovers, and one personal foul.

Tyrone Ivey bucketed one of two attempts from the three-point zone, hit two of 11 attempts from the free-throw line, and sunk four of eight at-



tempts from the field for 13 points, to lead the JV Tigers scoreboard.

Reginald Herring missed five attempts from the field. He had one offensive and one defensive rebound for a total of two rebounds, with one turnover, and one personal foul.

Azende Thompson missed two attempts from the three-point zone, hit two of four attempts from the free-throw line, and one of five attempts from the field for four points. He had two offensive and two defensive rebounds for a total of four rebounds, with two steals, two blocked shorts, three turnover, and three personal fouls.

Terrance White missed three attempts from the three-point zone, netted two of three attempts from the fewer-throw line, and two of five attempts from the field for six points. He had two offensive and four defensive rebounds for a total of six rebounds, with three steals, one blocked shot, five

turnovers, and two personal fouls.

Ben Denson missed three attempts from the free-throw line, and netted one of three attempts from the field for two points. He had two steals, two turnovers, and two personal fouls.

Treon Patrick hit two of four attempts from the field for four points. He had three offensive and six defensive rebounds for a total of nine rebounds, with two steals, two blocked shots, one turnover, and two personal fouls.

Keondrae Allen missed two attempts from the free-throw line. He had one offensive and one defensive rebound for a total of two rebounds, with one assist, two steals, and one personal foul.

Ricky Murray missed one attempt from the three-point zone, and hit one of three attempts from the field for two points. He had two defensive rebounds, one assist, three steals, one turnover, and one personal foul.

Lady Warriors Stand 6-12



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The Aucilla Christian Academy varsity Lady Warriors won one of three recent games to now stand 6-12 on the season.

The Lady Warriors hit the hardwood against Lafayette on December 20 and Aucilla was bounced for a 41-24 loss.

Kelly Horne had three points, and two steals.

Marisa Duber scored four points, with seven rebounds, and one blocked shot.

Kinzi Mattingly netted for four points, with five rebounds.

Lauren Demott bucketed for three points, with three assists, and two steals.

Kayla Knecht targeted for seven points, with four rebounds, three steals, and one blocked shot.

Whitney Stevens had three points, and one blocked shot.

Ramsey Sullivan snagged eight rebounds.

The Lady Warriors hit the hardwood against Highland Christian on January 7 and the Lady Warriors scalped their opponent for a 33-9 victory.

Duber scored two points, grabbed eight rebounds, and three steals.

Morgan Cline had one point,

and four rebounds.

Sullivan scored four points, with four rebounds.

Ashley Hebert scored two points.

Demott had two points, and three rebounds.

Stevens netted for four points, with four rebounds.

Maddie Everett bucketed for eight points, with three rebounds, and three steals.

Knecht targeted for 11 points, and had five rebounds, one assist, and snagged seven steals.

Horne had four steals.

Aucilla faced off against Brookwood on January 9 and the Lady Warriors were squeaked for a 33-32 loss.

Horne had one point.

Duber scored two points, with four rebounds, and two blocked shots.

Sullivan bucketed for seven points, with two rebounds, and one assist.

Mattingly netted for four points, snagged seven rebounds, and had two steals.

Demott had two points, and one blocked shot.

Stevens had three points.

Everett scored two points, with five rebounds.

Knecht targeted for 11 points, with four rebounds, and four steals. Cline had five rebounds.

Warriors Take Brookwood

FRAN HUNT
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The Aucilla Christian Academy varsity Warriors hit the hardwood against Brookwood on January 9, and the Warriors topped their opponent for a 47-44 victory, to now stand 6-7 on the season.

As a team, the Warriors netted nine of 27 attempts from the field, hit six of 11 attempts from the three-point zone, and bucketed 11 of 22 attempts from the free-throw line for 47 points. They collected 10 assists, eight offensive and 13 defensive rebounds for a total of 23 rebounds, with nine fouls, five steals, and 17 turnovers.

Individually, Braden Mattingly bucketed two of five attempts from the field, two of three attempts from the three-point zone, and missed four attempts from the free-throw line for 10 points. He had one assist, three offensive

and four defensive rebounds for a total of seven rebounds, with four fouls, and one steal.

Brandon Holm had one assist, one offensive and three defensive rebounds for a total of four rebounds, with three fouls, and one turnover.

Zack Arceneaux had one turnover.

Ricky Finlayson netted one of six attempts from the field, bucketed two of four attempts from the three-point zone, and targeted seven of eight attempts from the free-throw line for 15 points to lead the Warrior scoreboard. He had three assists, one offensive rebound, and seven turnovers.

Timmy Burrus netted two of three attempts from the field, missed one attempt from the three-point zone, and missed one attempt from the free-throw line for four points. He had one assist, and one steal.

Casey Demott missed two attempts

from the field, missed one attempt from the three-point zone, and targeted two of two attempts from the free-throw line for two points.

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

Steven Trest bucketed two of five attempts from the field, and missed two attempts from the free-throw line for four points. He had two assists, two offensive and four defensive rebounds for a total of six rebounds, with one turnover.

Carson Nennstiel netted two of two attempts from the field for four points. He had one assist, two fouls, two steals, and one turnover.

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The Aucilla Christian Academy varsity Lady warriors lost three games recently, to now stand 6-15 on the season.

Aucilla squared off against John Paul II on January 10 and the Lady Warriors were downed for a 36-27 loss.

Taylor Copeland had two points, and three rebounds.

Morgan Cline scored one point.

Ramsey Sullivan bucketed for six points, with four rebounds.

Kinzi Mattingly targeted for nine points, with six rebounds, and one blocked shot.

Whitney Stevens had one point.

Kayla Knecht bucketed for eight points, with three rebounds, one assist, and two steals.

Marissa Duber had four rebounds, and one blocked shot.

Lauren Demott had five rebounds and five steals.

The Lady Warriors faced off against Georgia Christian on Janu-

Lady Warriors Stand 6-15



ary 13 and the Lady Warriors were thrashed for a 42-28 loss.

Copeland netted for two points, with three rebounds, and one assist.

Cline had two points.

Sullivan scored six points, with five rebounds.

Cali Burkett had one point, and one assist.

Ashley Hebert scored two points.

Kelly Horne netted for five points.

Mattingly scored three points, with five rebounds, and three steals.

Lauren Demott had one point, and two steals.

Maddie Everett netted for two points, with five rebounds, and two steals.

Knecht had four

points, and two steals.

Whitney Stevens had two steals.

Duber had two blocked shots.

Aucilla hit the hardwood against Brookwood on January 16 and the Lady Warriors were dropped for a 39-29 loss.

Duber netted for two points, with four rebounds, two steals, two assists, and two blocked shots.

Sullivan scored five points.

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

Stevens targeted for eight points, with four rebounds, and three steals.

Knecht netted for six points, with four steals, and four assists.

Mattingly had six rebounds.

Cline had five re-

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.

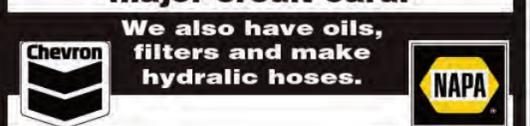
The Week of January 31, 2013 through February 7, 2013
Major Feed Times are marked by an asterisk (*)

Friday, January 31 7:00AM *11:49PM 6:42PM *12:18PM	Saturday, February 1 7:44AM *12:46AM 7:49PM *1:13PM	Sunday, February 2 8:25AM *1:40AM 8:54PM *2:07PM	Monday, February 3 9:05AM *2:32AM 9:56PM *2:58PM
Tuesday, February 4 9:45AM *3:23AM 10:56PM *3:48PM	Wednesday, February 5 10:25AM *4:13AM 4:37PM	Thursday, February 6 11:54PM *5:02AM 11:06AM *5:26PM	Friday, February 7 12:50AM *5:51AM 11:49AM *6:15PM

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School

La'Tasha Jones On Presidents List... Again!

La'Tasha Jones was recently placed on the President List for the second time at Southwest Georgia College in Thomasville, for receiving straight A's for the semester. She currently has a 3.80 GPA and is majoring in Early Childhood Education.

La'Tasha is the daughter of Ollie Gallon Jones and the late Randy Jones, and the younger sister of Kenrick Jones, of Monticello. She is an active youth member at New Bethel AME Church, where Rev. Jimmie F. Dickey is pastor.

La'Tasha says, "Although it gets rough and I sometimes feel de-



feated, my pastor is always there to encourage and motivate me. She tells me that my 'boat' is going to rock and sway but as long as

God is on that 'boat' with me, then it will not tip over or crash. I thank her for those words." *Proverbs 22:6*

Students Cheer Up Brynwood Residents

DEBBIE SNAPP
ECB Publishing Staff Writer

Union Hill AME Church tutorial students and teacher Annette Wilson gathered together on Christmas Eve for a trip to Brynwood Center H&R to visit with residents there and to hand out Christmas cards and smiles.

The students thought it would be a joy to see smiles on the residents faces as they handed them cards and wished them each a "Merry Christmas."

After-school classmates attending in-



Students in the after-school tutoring program at Union Hill AME Church travel to Brynwood Center H&R on December 24, 2013. Pictured from left to right are: Jenise Harris, Jacquez Frazier, Alexia Miller, and Kera Hall.

cluded Amilya Reddick, Victor Miller, Jenise Harris, Jacquez Frazier, Alexia Miller, Nigeria Reddick, and Kera Hall.

Highschool Group Discussion



ECB Publishing Photo By Debbie Snapp, December 2013.

JCMHS students just hanging out in the front hall discussing matters that be. Pictured from left to right are: Brianna Larry, Jose Rosas-Calderon, Danella Potter, Brandon Bradley, Marcos Morales, Jarkeri Keeley, and Javonte Godfrey.

Menus for February 2014

Jefferson School District

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	Fruit		Hot Roll	Milk
			Milk	

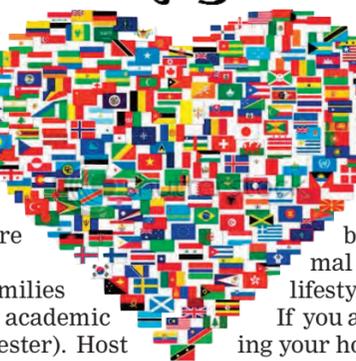
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EXCHANGE STUDENT



Congratulations!



Alexis Leonard



Chasity Leonard

Sisters Alexis Leonard and Chasity Leonard successfully made the Jefferson Elementary School Honor Roll.

Alexis earned awards for A's and B's from classroom teachers Mrs. Myers and Mrs. Bishop.

Chasity earned all A's and

awards for good citizenship from classroom teacher Mrs. McEachin.

Alexis and Chasity are the daughters of proud parents Freida Scott and Alex Leonard, Jr. They are the granddaughters of Paula Reddick, Rebecca Ulee Leonard, and Alex Leonard, Sr. All are from Wacissa, Florida.

CONGRATULATIONS!

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NOTICE
The Wilderness Coast Public Libraries' (WILD) Governing Board will meet on Monday, February 10, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. at the Wakulla County Public Library at 4330 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL. The meeting is open to the public.
For more information, please call (850) 997-7400. 1-31-14

RESOLUTION 2013-22 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CITY OF MONTICELLO NUISANCE ABATEMENT

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED TO SHOW CAUSE:
A condition exists on certain property as set forth below, which is in violation of Chapter 38, Monticello City Code and constitutes a threat to the public health, safety, and general welfare.

Address: Corner of Wirick and Madison Streets, Monticello, Florida 32344
Legal Description: PT LOT 4 BLK 11 WIRICKS ADD PROBATE NO DB PP P 295 Parcel I.D. #: 00-00-00-0470-0011-0040

Pursuant to a search of the Jefferson County property appraiser's records the property appears to be owned by:
Sallie Parrish HRS Sallie Parrish, HRS c/o Roosevelt Harley P O Box 226 321 Catspaw Court Monticello, FL 32345-0226 Antioch, TN 37013-4889

The conditions at issue violate Monticello City Code Section(s) 38-35(1), 38-35(2), 38-35(3), 38-35(4), 38-35(6), 38-35(13) and 38-35(14) and are more fully described as debris, trash, weeds and underbrush, all of which are a hazard for children and the community.
A hearing is set for the 4th day of February, 2014, at 7:00 P.M. in the Chambers of the Monticello City Council, located at City Hall, 245 South Mulberry Street, Monticello, Florida, 32344. A failure to respond or appear at the hearing shall be deemed an admission of the existence of a public nuisance and may result in the abatement of the nuisance by the City. Further information concerning the hearing may be obtained by calling the City Manager of the City of Monticello at 850-342-0293.
At said hearing, the property owner and mortgagee, if any, may present all evidence and argument to show cause why the structures and conditions on the property should not be declared a public nuisance and why the removal or abatement of the public nuisance should not be required. If good and sufficient cause cannot be shown, the City Council may declare the conditions on the property to be a public nuisance and shall require the removal or abatement of the public nuisance by the property owner within a time certain. If the property owner fails to abate the nuisance, the City may do so with City forces or by independent contractor and levy the cost of the abatement against the property as a special assessment. Such special assessment lien shall be coequal with the liens of all state, county, district, and municipal taxes and superior in dignity to mortgages and all other liens regardless of the date of recording. A failure to pay said lien may result in a loss of title to your property. 1/10, 17, 24, 31/2014

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that D.C. MERRITT 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:	307	Year of Issuance:	2007
Description of Property:	36-15-3E-0000-0252-0000 In NE ¼ of SE ¼ ORB 505, PG 473 & ORB 670, PG 218 Site Address: 133 Dumplings Lane -Monticello	L.50 ACRES	
Name in which assessed:	JOHN D. BRUMBLEY, JR.		

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 20TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.

Dated this 27th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2013

Kirk Reams
Kirk B. Reams
Clerk of the Court
Jefferson County, Florida 1/10, 17, 24, 31/2014

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A condition exists on certain property as set forth below, which is in violation of Chapter 38, Monticello City Code and constitutes a threat to the public health, safety, and general welfare.
Address: 490 MLK Boulevard, Monticello, Florida 32344
Legal Description: PT LOT 10 DILWORTHS ADD ORB 463 P 538 Parcel I.D. #: 00-00-00-0250-0000-0101

Pursuant to a search of the Jefferson County property appraiser's records the property appears to be owned by:
Sonja De La Cruz, P O Box 6444, Tallahassee, FL 32314-6444
The conditions at issue violate Monticello City Code Section(s) 38-35(1), 38-35(3), 38-35(4), 38-35(6), and are more fully described as debris, trash, weeds and underbrush, all of which are a hazard for children and the community.
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LEGAL NOTICE

The Jefferson County Planning Commission will hold its regular monthly meeting on February 13, 2014 at 7:00 pm. The meeting will consist of general business and a workshop on the Land Development Code.

The meetings will be held in the Courthouse Annex located at 435 West Walnut Street in Monticello, FL. The meeting may be continued as necessary.

Information concerning the meeting is available at the Jefferson County Planning Department, 445 W. Palmer Mill Road, Monticello, FL. 32344, Telephone 850-342-0223. From the Florida "Government in the Sunshine Manual", page 36, paragraph c: Each board, commission, or agency of this state or of any political subdivision thereof shall include in the notice of any meeting or hearing, if notice of meeting or hearing is required, of such board, commission, or agency, conspicuously on such notice, the advice that, if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings, is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. 1-31-2014

ACCORDING TO FLORIDA SELF STORAGE FACILITY ACT STATUTES (SECTION 83.801-83.809)

Allstar Storage hereby Notifies the Following Tenants that they are in default of a signed contract. If they do not pay their rent in full on or before January 31, 2014 all of the items in their storage unit will be disposed of at public auction on February 1, 2014:

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Lakisha Rooks	Unit 5
Kenneth Maxwell	Unit 11
John Staffieri	Unit 33
Nisha Jackson	Unit 34
Tammy Jackson	Unit 49
Wilma Dawson	Unit 70

1/17,31/2014

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that JOHN E. HAWKINS 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: 821 Year of Issuance: 2008

Description of Property: 18-1S-6E-0000-0090-0000 20 ACRES
N 1/2 OF SW 1/4 OF NW 1/4
DB SS, PG 253
Site Address: Big Woods

Name in which assessed: MADISON WILLIAMS HRS
MEL VINNE WILLIAMS HRS

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 6TH DAY OF MARCH, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.

Dated this 23RD DAY OF JANUARY, 2014

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

1/31, 2/7,14,21/2014

Howard Academy High School Monticello, Florida January Death Anniversaries of Teachers & Associates

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- Died: Jan. 20, 2008 (Age 59)

*8th Anniversary: Doris Groover Herring

- Speciality: Science
- Died: Jan. 18, 2006 (Age 87)

*12th Anniversary: Silas C. Jordan, Sr.

- Bus Driver- Wacissa Route
- Jefferson County School Board
- Died: Jan. 15, 2002 (Age 77)

Historian: Rosa Bassa, Class of 1968
• Former Student of Herring

Lloyd Silver Saints Meet



DEBBIE SNAPP
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

The 2013-year ended for the Lloyd Silver Saints with a great Christmas gathering at the First Baptist Church of Lloyd. The group was blessed in December with the sounds of the 'SonShine Strings.' This Monticello group provided some great southern gospel songs and music. The entertainment was followed by the annual 'Christmas Gift Exchange', which was as always lots of fun and the food was delicious and shared by all.

Ephesians 5:20 "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ"

The Silver Saints of Lloyd kicked-off it's 2014-year on January 8 with music and songs from another group from Monticello, 'The Gospel Aires.' Singer/Songwriter Bill Powell, on steel guitar,

and Jose` Sanchez, on bass, were joined by First Baptist Church of Lloyd pastor Rev George Smith on the dulcimer.

Member Kaye Carpenter provided the Spiritual Emphasis and all continued their time together in great fellowship as always.

The Silver Saints of Lloyd meet at 11 a.m. every Thursday in the fellowship hall at the First Baptist Church of Lloyd for spiritual enrichment, a program, ministry meeting, birthday celebration, and a shared lunch prepared and brought in by each member. One of the many ministries they serve in the Wounded Warrior Project.

All seniors should plan to attend these exciting Thursday morning gatherings. The New Year offers new opportunities for everyone. When you miss a meeting... you miss a blessing. Contact the church at 850-997-5309 for more information.

JROTC Chief Watson Updates Rotary On Excellent Progress



Pictured from right to left are Chief Kent Watson and Rotary President Angela Gray.

110 student cadets are enrolled in the JROTC program at Jefferson Middle/High School learning discipline and organization. Under the leadership of Chief Kent T. Watson, cadets seek to promote academic excellence and community involvement. JROTC accomplishments include participation in numerous parades and a top 10 percent finish at the state competition (600 schools participating). 69 cadets are also members of the Honor Society and two cadets were selected as international student ambassadors. JROTC participated in the All American Academic Bowl. It is clear that JROTC is making a significant difference in the lives of students in our community. Rotary made a \$200.00 donation to JROTC in support of their excellent progress.

If you are interested in learning more about Rotary, contact President Angela Gray at angelagray@yahoo.com.

Kiwanis And New Beginning



Two Sisters...New Beginnings boutique owners were guests to the January 15 meeting of the Monticello Kiwanis. Pictured from left to right are: Sandra Hood, Kiwanis President Lee Condon, and Pat Marchman.

DEBBIE SNAPP
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

Sandra Hood and Pat Marchman spoke to the Kiwanis membership on January 15 about their new Monticello establishment: 'Two Sisters... New Beginnings' boutique.

Their venture began after a sharing of life and health stories about surviving cancer. They became rather close... close enough to set-up shop and work side-by-side on a more daily basis. They are now friends to the end in life and in business at 205 West Washington Street.

Find Your "Sole Mate" Before Valentine's Day

AMBER HOUSTON
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

On February 13, the City of Monticello, Chamber of Commerce, and Health Department will be joining together to help you find your "Sole Mate."

They invite the public to Clifford Brown Memorial Park from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for an evening walking trails. Volunteer "Sole

Mates" will be available to walk and talk with participants along the beautiful two-mile trail.

For every quarter mile participants walk, they will receive a rose. The Health Department will have personnel on hand to provide blood pressure readings and Body Mass Index readings.

This is an encouraging and educational event for anyone trying to improve or maintain their health.

Jefferson Seniors Need Help

DEBBIE SNAPP
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

The Jefferson Senior Citizen's Center (JSCC) provides many services for elderly county citizens. Because the need is great and the funds are limited, the center is asking for help from the community for the seniors.

With the cold weather upon us, there is a great need for blankets and space heaters, warm coats, and socks.

JSCC also has programs in place for county seniors that require co-pay. Sometimes this co-pay is just too much for the senior client because they are already having difficulty paying for other more important bills and such. As the cost of living con-

tinues to rise, the less important 'fun and enjoyable' things are put on the back burner 'for maybe another time'.

For this reason, the JSCC is asking the community to consider 'adopting-a-senior' for just \$20 a year, to help them through these difficult times.

The JSCC offers recreational programs daily at the facility that includes BINGO, puzzles, word games, caregiver support groups, nutritional education, and hot meals.

For more information about the services listed in this article, contact OAA Pam Brock at 850-342-0242x235 or come by the facility during operation hours at 1155 North Jefferson Street.



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