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Man Arrested After Body Found Under House

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A Monticello man has been arrested and charged on numerous charges, stemming from a recent investigation where a decomposing human body had been found under his house. David Patronis, 42, of 685 South Waukeenah Street, in Monticello, was arrested after what is presumed to be his mother's body, was found in a crawl space in his house, last week.

The Monticello Police Department (MPD) reported that on Thursday, May 30, the nephew of Marion Patronis, approximately 87, who resided at 685 South Waukeenah Street with her son, David Michael Patronis, called local law enforcement and reported that he was concerned for her.

He went on to explain that he had attempted to make contact with the two of them, at an earlier date, to let them know that Marion's sister had passed away. However, he had not received any response from them.

Several local officers went to the Waukeenah Street residence to conduct a welfare check on Marion Patronis.

MPD Chief Fred Mosley was able to get David Patronis to answer the door. Patronis stayed behind the door and opened the door only enough to speak to Chief Mosley.

Chief Mosley explained that he was there to conduct a welfare check on Marion, and Patronis said that his mother passed away in September of last year, and closed the door.

The nephew, who had accompanied Chief Mosley to the residence, told Chief Mosley that David's brother would have let the family know if Marion had passed away.

Chief Mosley then knocked on the door again, and Patronis answered in the same manner as he had previously.

Chief Mosley inquired about the details of Marion's death. Patronis said his mother passed away of natural causes in a hospital in Tallahassee. When pressed about the funeral details Patronis said that

his brother William, who resides in Hawaii, had taken care of all the funeral arrangements, and that Marion was buried next to their father in a cemetery in Tallahassee. Patronis then named the location. He said he did not have a death certificate, nor did he have any contact information for his brother William in Hawaii.

On Saturday, June 1, the nephew contacted Chief Mosley and told him that he had gone to his uncle's (Marion's deceased husband) grave, and there was no sign of Marion being buried at that location.

Officer Jackson checked the online roster of names for persons buried in that cemetery, and it did not list Marion Patronis, however, it did list her husband.

Chief Mosley checked the state records, and the state did not have any record of a death certificate for Marion Patronis. He also checked with Jefferson County Fire Rescue to determine if they had responded to any medical calls to the Patronis residence. The records check



David Michael Patronis

indicated that they had not responded to that address anywhere around the time that Patronis claimed that his mother had passed away, or since that time.

Police Officer Jennifer Jackson checked with the Social Security Administration and discovered that Social Security benefits were still being paid to Marion Patronis, via direct deposit into a financial account held by her.

Social Security did have record of a change of deposit being made to her account, not long ago. Social Security had been issuing her a check for \$1,500 per month. The total

amount since October 2012, came to \$13,500.

Officer Jackson also checked with Tallahassee Memorial Hospital and Capital Regional Medical Center, and neither had a record of Marion Patronis being admitted into, or deceased, at their hospitals during that time frame.

Officer Jackson also located the brother, William, in Hawaii, who told her that he had not handled any of his mother's funeral arrangements, and had only been notified of her death by his brother, David, who sent him notification by email.

William Patronis forwarded the email to Officer Jackson, that he said David had emailed him. In the email, David told William that their mother passed away at David's residence on September 29, 2012, between 9 p.m. and 11 p.m.

On the afternoon of June 5, 2013, MPD officers served a search warrant issued earlier the same day.

Once the residence was secured, a human recovery team with dogs trained and certified to locate humans, including human remains,

were deployed.

The cadaver dog went immediately to a crawl space vent, located on the northeast corner of the residence, and alerted. The recovery team informed officers.

The crawl space had two pieces of plastic shelving leaned up against the space opening. Officers also noticed what appeared to be a white powdery substance spread around the opening. Officers noted that the crawl space was approximately two feet by three feet in diameter.

Captain Roger Murphy, through his experience, believed the powder to be lime powder, and indicated that the powder was often used to mask the odor of decomposing flesh.

Officer Ryan Jacobsen looked into the crawl space, and just inside, Jacobsen noticed a rolled plastic material that appeared to be wrapped with blue tape. The officer also noticed a knee joint and foot exposed. The skin appeared leathery, as if partially decomposed. Officer Jacobsen also noted. **Please See PATRONIS Page 3**

Little Free Libraries Come To Monticello

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Noticed those little houses on stands around town?

They are miniature libraries, or better said, Little Free Libraries — compliments of Main Street Monticello and individual sponsors, as well as the Jefferson County Bialar Public Library, which will help keep them stocked.

The brainchild of Main Street Monticello President Margie Stern — at least at the local level — the town now has four of these small book-filled containers: one near the Avera-Clarke House on West Washington Street; another near the Dr. Reginald David Jordan Memorial Park on Pearl Street; and two near Jefferson Elementary School.

And the plan is to locate another two in the southeast part of town.

The idea is to promote reading and literacy, as well as make it convenient for visitors staying overnight at one of the local hospitality facilities in town to have access to reading material if they desire it.

Also called community book exchanges, book trading posts, pop-up li-



ECB Publishing Photos by Laz Aleman, June 4, 2013.

Placed at strategic locations around town, these dollhouse-like structures are actually mini-libraries, loaded with all kinds of books that are free to the public.

braries and neighborhood book exchanges, among other names, little free libraries are part a national and international community movement that started in Wisconsin.

Wisconsin is where Hudson resident Todd Bol initially mounted a small wooden schoolhouse-like container on a post in his lawn as a tribute to his mother — a book lover and schoolteacher.

Bol's partner, Rick Brooks, supposedly next devised creative and efficient ways to spread the

word, and the idea spread rapidly.

According to the Little Free Library (LFL) homepage, library owners can create their own library boxes, which are usually about the size of a dollhouse, or they can purchase the boxes from the LFL via its website. The libraries may also be registered with the LFL for a fee and they will be assigned a number on the organization's website. Owners then are provided with a sign that reads "Little Free Library", accompanied by the phrase, "Take a Book. Leave a Book."

As of February 2013, according to the LFL, all 50 states plus 40 foreign countries were participating in the program, with 5,000 registered little libraries worldwide and an estimated 1,000 unregistered.

In some instances, the LFL has donated little libraries to rural areas without libraries of their own or to communities that have been ravaged by disasters. Typically, however, the libraries tend to be unique to their communities, incorporating local construction materials.

The organization's stated goal to build 2,510 libraries — "as many as Andrew Carnegie — and keep going!"

Governor Vetoes Funding For City's Water Extension Project

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The government giveth, and the government taketh away, or so Monticello city officials learned last week, if they didn't already know it.

On Tuesday evening, June 4, City Manager Steve Wingate informed the Monticello City Council that he had some bad news to share.

That bad news, Wingate said, was that the Governor had vetoed the \$500,000 that the Legislature had allocated for extension of the city's water distribution system on U.S. 19 north to the dog track and possibly beyond.

Wingate said the funding had gone the way of the other expenditures that the Governor had vetoed in the budget.

He vowed, however, to continue pursuing the project. Wingate said he would next seek funding for the project from the Restore Act monies arising out of the federal government's settlement with the BP Company

over the 2010 Gulf oil spill, or from the Suwannee River Water Management District.

Extension of the city's water distribution system northward to the kennel club and beyond is one that Monticello officials have been pursuing at least 10 years.

The latest attempt to extend the system began in early 2011, when then engineer Robert George, of George and Associates Consultant Engineers, broached the subject anew to the council.

George basically reminded the council that some eight or nine years had elapsed since his company had conducted a preliminary study to determine the feasibility of extending water service north to the JCKC area.

For whatever reason, George said, the project had failed to come to fruition, despite several businesses along the proposed route expressing a desire to connect to the system. But now again, he said, renewed interest was being expressed

in the project by some of the original and other businesses.

"If the interest is there, I think we need to reconsider the project," George said.

But this time around, unlike the earlier effort, the process would be reversed, he said. Meaning that instead of conducting a study upfront and then contacting the business owners to see if they were interested in connecting, the business owners would be contacted first, George said. Then, if the interest existed, the city could decide if it wanted to pursue the money for the project, he said.

The interest, apparently, was there, and the city initiated steps to secure the funding through the Legislature. Meanwhile, Alan Wise, of Preble-Rish Inc., replaced George as the city's consultant engineer. But the fund seeking continued.

This time the city got as far as having the money allocated, only to have it vanish at the last minute under the Governor's veto pen.

Hearing Office Recommends Trooper Reinstatement

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A state hearing office recommended on Monday, June 10, that the Florida Highway Patrol reinstate Trooper Charles Swindle, who was terminated after issuing a citation for not having an insurance card to State Rep. Charles McBurney, of Jacksonville.

McBurney filed a complaint with Swindle's superiors, which led to Swindle being removed from the force.

Hearing officer Gregg Morton acknowledged in the ruling (which was 22 pages long) that FHP has an unwritten rule, which tells



Trooper Charles Swindle

state troopers to give lawmakers breaks.

Camera footage of the traffic stop taken from Swindle's vehicle shows the trooper telling the legislator that he is writing him a \$10 citation for not having an insurance card instead of a

\$251 ticket for excessive speed.

Morton's order reads "The professional courtesy for legislators is discussed at the training academy for new troopers, is reinforced by supervisors, and is informally discussed among other employees."

Morton did say that the ticket being written to McBurney was against FHP policy but that Swindle did not deserve to be terminated for writing it.

Morton recommended that Swindle receive back pay for time lost and that he be reinstated after a three-week suspension without pay.

Motorcycle Hits Buick

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The rider of a motorcycle was charged Saturday morning, after hitting a Buick.

The Florida Highway Patrol reported that at 11:30 a.m., June 8, Matthew Hale Smith, 22, of Monticello, was riding a 2005 Honda motorcycle on US-90 traveling eastbound, at approximately 45 miles per hour.

Megan Eure, 18, of Monticello, was driving a 1994 Buick Century traveling eastbound on US-90 at approximately one to two miles per hour, in an attempt to make a left hand turn onto St. Margaret's Church Road. In the vehicle, as a passenger, was Mitchell Eure, 21, also of Monticello.

Smith attempted to pass around Eure

in a no passing zone, causing the right side of the motorcycle to strike the left side front of Eure's vehicle.

Smith sustained minor injuries but did not require transport to the hospital for treatment. He was wearing a helmet.

Megan and Mitchell Eure were uninjured. They were wearing their seatbelts.

Smith was charged with improper passing in a no passing zone.

Smith's motorcycle sustained \$500 damage.

Eure's vehicle sustained \$1,000 damage.

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

FHP Trooper William Harrell was assisted on the scene by the Monticello Police Department, and Jefferson County Fire Rescue.



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Local Weather

Wed 6/12

95/75



Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the mid 70s.

Thu 6/13

93/75



Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm.

Fri 6/14

91/72



A few thunderstorms possible. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.

STINGERS

Looks like they need to train the workers that pick up trash beside the roads in the county, saw them picking up yesterday, and one of them was walking right by and not picking up half of what was there. Are they not allowed to pick up beer cans and bottles?

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Flag Retirement Ceremony Saturday

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American Legion Otto Walker Post 49 will hold a Flag Retirement Ceremony at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 15, in conjunction with the Jefferson County Watermelon Festival activities.

The event is held in recognition of Flag Day, which is on June 14 this year, and will demonstrate the proper way to retire tattered, torn, or otherwise unserviceable flags. The



ceremony will indicate dignity and respect to this hallowed symbol of our nation.

So please, don't just wad up your elderly flag and dump it in the trash; bring it to the ceremony, or contact a member of the Post 49 Legion or Auxiliary to pick it up for you, or take your flag to the Post home located on South Water Street in Monticello, and drop it off anytime.

For more information about this event or about the American Legion contact Commander Travis Hussey at 850-997-5106, or Adjutant Ron Slik at 850-997-8103.

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June 13, 14

Red Hat Scarlet O'Hatters will meet at 12 p.m. on Thursday for lunch and a Watermelon Festival program at the Monticello Opera House and again on Friday at 2 p.m. at the home of Edna Eleazer, on 1520 Beech Road; to decorate a float for the Watermelon Festival 'Hot! Hot! Hot! Parade. For more information about the Red Hat Society, contact Queen Mum Pat Muchowski at 850-997-0688.

June 13

AA meeting at 8 p.m. on Thursday at the Christ Episcopal Church annex, 425 North Cherry Street. For more information call 850-997-2129 or 850-997-1955.

June 13, 17

Fun Fitness Classes for all levels! Mondays and Thursdays: Golden Girls Revival 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. and Girls Revival with Core 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. For more information contact Doris Bishop at 850-591-0085 or go to www.GirlsRevivalFitness.com.

June 14

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

June 15

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

June 15-26

Jefferson Arts will host a 'Members Exhibit' in the Gallery every Wednesday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., or by appointment. The gallery is located at 575 West Washington Street. For more information and directions, call 850-997-3311 or info@jeffersonartsgallery.com. Ask about FREE art classes.

June 17

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.alanon.alateen.org.

June 17

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.

June 18

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.

June 18

Chamber After 5 will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday at Gelling's Floral Design on the corner of Dogwood and Cherry streets.

June 18

Jefferson County Lions Club will meet at 1 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday at the Brick House Eatery, in the community room for a program and business meeting. For more information about this organization and its fundraising efforts, contact Lion Debbie at 850-997-0901.

June 19

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

June 19

Early Learning Coalition of the Big Bend Region will see customers at its 1145 East 2nd Street location on Wednesday from 1 to 6 p.m. Contact www.elcbigbend.org for additional information.

June 21

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

June 24

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

Sandy & Solomon Seafood Market Holds Grand Opening



ECB Publishing Photo By Debbie Snapp, June 6, 2013.

Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce members and Director Melanie Mays joined with new business owners Sandy Patterson and Solomon Geathers for a Ribbon Cutting for the Grand Opening of Sandy & Solomon Seafood Market on North Jefferson. Several community friends and family were in attendance.

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The Monticello/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce held a Ribbon Cutting for the Grand Opening for one of its newest members, Sandy & Solomon Seafood Market, located at 1015 North Jefferson.

Thursday afternoon was a wet day but it could not dampen the spirits of the Open House! S & S Seafood featured a showcase full of seafood to pur-

chase, doorprizes, and food samplings of seafood gumbo, shrimp and crab low country boil, and crawfish. 100+ area residents, friends, and fellow Chamber members enjoyed the feast, fun, and networking. Free literature filled with seafood recipes for adults and children was made available.

Mary Ann Frisby and Betsy Barfield each won \$15 worth of seafood of their choice at the drawings.

Sandy Patterson, owner, depends on the support of Solomon Geathers and David Patterson, to run

the major part of the everyday operation. With their positive attitudes and their vast knowledge of seafood, this is a winning team.

Sandy & Solomon Seafood Market is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday with a fresh variety of seafood daily in their iced showcase. No order is too small or too big for this establishment... just call 850-997-7300 and tell them what you want! A little bird told me to keep my eyes peeled and watch for the Market to start cooking soon! Yum Yum!

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Sandy & Solomon Seafood Market owners Solomon Geathers and Sandy Patterson officially opened their new business at 1015 North Jefferson, in downtown Monticello on Thursday afternoon.

Patronis

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iced that the powdered substance appeared to have thrown into the crawl space. The substance appeared to be caked and corrosive, causing a burning sensation to the officer's skin. Officer Jacobsen was also familiar with lime and believed that was what the substance was.

To ensure that the remains were human, Officer Jacobsen partially opened a small portion of the wrapping and discovered what was clearly a human head.

At that point, officers maintained security of the residence and contacted the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's (FDLE) forensic team to process the crime scene, and the medical examiner was notified.

The body was recovered and an autopsy was

conducted, in which the medical examiner determined the person had been deceased at least six months. However, no positive identification had been made.

Captain Murphy said MPD was almost certain that the remains were that of Marion Patronis, however it would be another three to four weeks before they were 100 percent certain of the identification, or what the cause of death was.

Arrest warrants were obtained for David Patronis for failure to report a death, among additional charges.

On June 6, FDLE Agent Gaynor received a phone call from Patronis, who told the agent that he was in Orange, TX. Agent Gaynor informed Patronis that he

needed to return to Jefferson County to be interviewed. Patronis agreed to do so.

On June 7, Patronis was interviewed at the Jefferson County Jail by Agent Gaynor and Captain Murphy.

Post Miranda, Patronis confirmed that the body recovered was that of his mother, Marion Patronis. He said that his elderly mother's health had deteriorated to the point that she became bedridden, and she eventually passed away.

Patronis said that before his mother became bedridden, the two of them discussed how he would survive after her death. Patronis said his mother said to bury her under a tree and not tell anyone, so that he could continue to receive her Social Security and retirement checks.

Patronis said that he had previously applied for Social Security for himself, but had been denied. He said after his mother passed away, he was not physically able to bury her as she had wished.

He said that he had been surviving on his mother's Social Security checks since her death.

Patronis was arrested June 7 and charged with storing a human body in an unlicensed facility; failure

to refrigerate or embalm a body; failure to report a death; altering a body; making a false report to law enforcement officers; and grand theft over \$300. A total bond of \$27,500 was set and he remained at the County Jail June 11.



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WILL YOU BE ABLE TO RETIRE WHEN YOU WANT?

Provided by Robert J. Davison

Despite the soaring stock market of the past few years, some Americans are nervous about their ability to retire comfortably — or even retire at all.

Consider these somewhat sobering statistics:

Almost half of American workers report being “not too confident” or “not at all confident” about being able to afford a comfortable retirement, according to the Employee Benefit Research Institute's 2013 Retirement Confidence Survey. The 28 percent who say they are “not at all” confident is the highest level recorded in the 23 years of this survey.

Between 2010 and 2012, the percentage of people 45 to 60 who planned to delay retirement rose to 62 percent from 42 percent, according to the Conference Board, a non-profit business membership and research organization.

If you're in either of these groups — that is, if you're concerned about having enough resources to enjoy your retirement years or you're afraid that you'll have to work longer than you anticipated — what can you do to possibly alleviate your worries? Your first step is to get specific about your retirement goals. Have you set a target date for your retirement yet? If so, how many years until you reach this date?

Once you know when you want to retire, you'll need to come up with some sort of “price tag” for your retirement years. By taking into account your hoped-for lifestyle and your projected longevity, you should be able to develop a reasonably good estimate of how much money you'll need as a retiree. You may find it helpful to work with a financial professional — someone with the tools and experience to plug in all the variables needed to calculate your retirement expenses.

Next, review your retirement savings vehicles, such as your 401(k) and IRA. Are you contributing as much as you can afford to these accounts? Are you increasing your contributions when your salary rises? Within these vehicles, are you choosing an investment mix that can offer the growth you'll need to accumulate a sufficient level of retirement savings?

Even after you've “maxed out” on your IRA and 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, you can find other tax-advantaged vehicles in which to invest for retirement. Again, your financial advisor can help you evaluate the ones that may be suitable for your needs.

Still, even after maximizing your investments, you may come up short of what you'll need, given your desired retirement date. Consequently, you may need to consider working a couple of extra years. If you like your career, you may find that moving out your retirement date isn't so bad — you'll bring in more earned income and you may be able to delay taking Social Security, which would eventually result in bigger monthly checks. Plus, you could postpone your withdrawals from your 401(k) and IRA, giving these accounts more time in which to potentially grow. (Keep in mind, though, that once you turn 70-1/2, you'll have to start taking money from your 401(k) and your traditional IRA.)

In any case, do what you can to retire when you want — but be flexible enough in your thinking so that you won't be shocked or dismayed if you need to slightly extend your working years. By “covering your bases” in this way, you can be ready for whatever comes your way.

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Bible Study.....7:00 P.M.



"Keeping the Faith"

Ronnie McBrayer

Thanks Dad For Wising Up

When I was a kid I really thought my father was a king. I looked up to him as if he were a superhero who could leap tall buildings with a single bound, bend steel bars with his bare hands, catch bullets in his teeth, and defeat all of his arch enemies. And smart? Lord, yes, he was smart. He seemed to understand or know everything!

But as I got older, as a teenager, I discovered my father was growing remarkably stupid. In just a few short years, somehow, he became a backward, bumbling simpleton with not a clue to how the world really worked.

He offered inane advice on everything from money and education to automobiles and the opposite sex. He set ridiculous boundaries in regard to my time, work, school, and friends. A few times he even dared to critique or forbid my well-made decisions. What an idiot.

Then, in my twenties, my father must have returned to school or started taking smart pills. His counsel improved dramatically - almost overnight. His words were far sounder than I could ever remember. It was obvious an old dog could

learn new tricks. I was so proud of him.

And now, with growing children of my own, my father practically has a PhD. No, he's not as big and strong as he once was, but he is absolutely brilliant, even smarter than before. His intellectual turnaround has been miraculous.

But what bothers me is the fact that I am my father's son. See, I get more like him every day: The cadence of my voice, my mannerisms, the gray in my beard, my dietary habits, my elevated cholesterol. So I fear I too will have a mid-life plunge into idiocy.

Today my children look upon me with something akin to worship, as I looked upon my father: Tomorrow they will despise my advice, my words, and the limitations I place upon them because my IQ will have shrunk down to nothing as their own rises to near Einstein levels.

I know it is coming. I can feel it. Sometimes, just by the way my children look at me, or how they question my judgment, or when they angrily resist me, I can tell I'm getting dumber. I "just don't understand." I don't "get it." I'm standing in the way of their good time. It is all sure to get worse before it gets better.

But hopefully, after a decade or so on the dark side, my mental capacities will improve as my own father's did. Maybe then I won't be such a bonehead, and my children will find me worth listening to again.

Ronnie McBrayer is a syndicated columnist, speaker, and author of multiple books. You can read more and receive regular e-columns in your inbox at www.ronniemcbrayer.me.

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Morning Worship Service.....11:00 AM
Choir Practice.....5:00 PM
Evening Worship Service.....6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study/Prayer Meeting.....6:00 PM
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CHURCH NEWS NOTES

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June 9-14
Greater Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church (Rev. Melvin Roberts, pastor) will hold a joint revival with Memorial Missionary Baptist Church (Rev. JB Duval, pastor) beginning on Sunday with Speaker Rev. Eddie Johnson; and continuing through Friday with Evangelist Rev. Rudolph Nealy; at 7 p.m. nightly. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information call 850-322-7818 or 850-997-

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June 10-14
First Baptist Church Lloyd Vacation Bible School for children ages PreK-3 through 6th grade. All knights and fair maidens, princes and princesses, are invited to unite and Stand Strong in the Lord. Participants will explore Learn-a-Lot Chambers, Craft Courtyard, Cook's Kitchen, Sir Gavin's Games, and the Great Hall through hands-on learning, special craft

creations, tantalizing eats, Old World games, and a daily drama presentation. So prepare to step back in time, embark on a journey, and partake of one royally fun time! All troupes gather nightly at 6:00 p.m. and parents and/or guardians are invited to return at 8:00 p.m. for Closing Assembly; children will be dismissed at 8:30 p.m. Costumes are encouraged, though no weapons of any kind are allowed on campus. Register now by calling the church office at 850-997-5309, and join at 124 St. Louis Street in Lloyd.

June 15, 29
StoryTime Ministry is held from 1 to 2 p.m. every other Saturday at the Jefferson County Bailar Public Library. For more information contact First United Methodist Church Ministry Chairman Barbara Hobbs at 850-523-1813.

June 17
First United Methodist Church offers an Alzheimer's Project Support Group 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the fourth Monday in the Family Ministry Center. Alzheimer's Project, Inc., a non-profit organization that extends a warm supportive welcome to caregivers. Any questions or comments may be relayed to Rural Outreach Coordinator Recie Culpepper at Alzheimer's Project, Inc., 850-386-2778 and visit <http://www.alzheimersproject.org>. Rev. Wayne Cook, pastor.

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Bob Lankford: Breaking the Language Barrier



Photos submitted by Katrina FitzSimmons. Children pose for a picture with staff members and Vacation Bible School crafts of Noah's Ark. Bob Lankford assists in missions like these and in "planting" churches—teaching people about Christ, building a church and equipping its leadership.



Lankford translates for an elderly Brazilian man. Lankford is the translator for the local mission, A Doctor's Heart.



Brazilian children can often be seen in ragged, hand-me-down clothes and shoeless. Missionaries like Lankford meet needs both spiritual and physical.

AMBER HOUSTON
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Staff Writer

Bob Lankford, an active 70-year-old missionary, will join Dr. Wes Scoles' mission trip to the Amazon in June as a translator.

Lankford is one of many that will be a part of the mission team, a group of twelve doctors, nurses, wives, church leaders, and volunteers. The team will be giving medical attention, Vacation Bible School-style lessons, and advice in hygiene.

Lankford and his wife, Damaris, have been doing missions much longer than their involvement in this particular mission. "My wife and I met a number of missionaries in the early 1970's," Lankford explains, "So we got interested. We had two kids—toddlers at the time—and were living in North Carolina. Three years later, we had four kids and were headed to Brazil!

We received a permanent residency status and have lived there ever since. We learned Portuguese, sent our children to Brazilian schools, and do mission work: we plant churches."

Another thing they do is help missions like Scoles' "A Doctor's Heart." Lankford explains the process, "We meet people at different villages along the river. They know we are coming beforehand, so it's more than just the people of that village. If anyone needs medical attention at nearby vil-

lages, they come. We rotate through different stations. One is medical, one is VBS, and one is sanitation where we teach them proper hand washing."

But villagers did not always flock to the missionaries. "When we first started making trips in the 1970's," Lankford said, "they were scared of us. Now, they accept us, respect us and welcome us. They have a genuine interest in other people. They're really not too unlike Americans. One thing about them is that they are very educated and up on current events."

"They're rural—they fish and plant and what little they can't provide for themselves, they barter—yet they all have televisions. You can go to the Amazon villages and see a thatched roof house with an antenna for their television. It was part of a project called 'Lights for Everyone' that the government did to get everyone on the power grid."

Lankford truly has a love for Brazil and its people. He plants churches, translates for missions, and enjoys his latter years in activity and service.

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Sunday School.....9:30 AM
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WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

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Praise & Worship.....6:00 PM
Choir.....7:00 PM

Wednesday

Church Family Supper 5:45 PM
Children's Choir (3K-5th Grade) 6:00 PM
The Potter's Wheel (6th-12th Grades).....6:30 PM
Worship on Wednesday.....7:00 PM

Mondays

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1st Wednesday

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2nd Thursday

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Wednesday
Prayer Meeting.....6:30 PM
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Welcome To The 63rd Annual Jefferson County Watermelon Festival

The Watermelon Festival: Agriculture, History, Fun

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To truly understand the Watermelon Festival, you'll have to go farther back than the 1950's, when the first festival was held. As a matter of fact, you'd have to go back over 150 years to the 1850's, when the railroad was the major form of trade transportation in the South, especially in Jefferson County.

Residents that had poured their efforts into trying to make the Wacissa and Aucilla rivers more navigable turned their energies to the railroad, hoping that the boost in commerce would allow the railroad to eventually pay for itself. However, the War Between the States hit the South full-force not a decade later, and did not allow for enough time for the county to make money off of the railroads. In the aftermath of the war, called the Reconstruction, Jefferson County fell back to its agricultural roots to bring the economy back into line.

Cotton was the star of the show, but prices fluctuated vastly and the farmers were at the mercy of northern textile mills and European trade. Sharecropping, a system that left tenants indebted perpetually to their landlords was common.

Finally, a break came when William Girardeau, a Jefferson County farmer, developed a machine to separate watermelon seeds from the watermelon. This took the tedious handwork out of watermelons as Eli Whitney's cotton gin had done for cotton half a century before. It also made watermelons profitable, as the seeds can be stored over a period of time and weigh very little compared to other crops when shipping. Jefferson County shortly became the Watermelon Seed capital of the world.

So it was the lowly watermelon that pulled Jef-



Mary Frances Gramling sports her Styrofoam crown as the 1957 Watermelon Queen.

erson County out of the Reconstruction era depression, and many farmers out of sharecropping. The success of watermelons and the innovation of Girardeau gave poor farmers wealth, and tenants land of their own. Watermelons increased trade and commerce in Jefferson County into the mid-1900s. "It provided jobs for many Jefferson County families, and was good summer work for teenagers," said Mary Frances Gramling, who was Watermelon Queen in 1957. At that time, a man could still raise a family and send his children off to college as a watermelon farmer.

In the early summer when watermelons were ready to harvest, farmers would have so many watermelons that they would drive to town with the fruits loaded in the backs of pickup trucks and give them away around the courthouse during the festival. The Watermelon festival was a one-day event, consisting only of the pageant and parade—and plenty of watermelons. According to Gramling, "It was a wonderful day for everyone to gather."

Since the earliest years, the pageant has improved: "Back when I was queen, we had a chair with a sheet draped over it, as a throne, and a Styrofoam



The 1957 Watermelon Queen Mary Frances Gramling and her court.

crown!" Gramling laughed. "People put pennies in a jar to vote for their favorite." The addition of other activities took the one-day festival to a three-weekend event celebrating watermelon farmers and fruit.

A committee of volunteer citizens put the festival on in its earlier years. When no volunteers were to be found and the festival was in peril of no longer being held, the Monticello Chamber of Commerce took over the planning of the event and it has become a Chamber fundraiser.

Unfortunately, "farming kind of went sour when South Florida farmers started growing watermelons. Theirs were ready sooner and by the time ours could be harvested, the market was already flooded," said Gramling.

While watermelons are not as profitable today, they are no less celebrated. The Watermelon Festival grows in activities and participants every year. This year's ceremony will include a beauty pageant, parade, vendors, a 5K race, and more. A variety of social groups and charity organizations intend to participate and the fun is spread over three weekends: June 1, June 7, and June 13-15.

Vendors will be selling arts and crafts and

food. Nighttime ghost tours will be available. A watermelon carving contest and a seed-spitting

contest will be held, as well as a bed race and a car show. For a full schedule of events, see Melanie

Mays, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce at the Chamber of Commerce building.

The 63rd Annual Watermelon Festival... It's A Slice Of The Good Life!

The Monticello Woman's Club is holding its time-honored luncheon at the Monticello Opera House on Thursday, June 13 at noon. Tickets are \$12 and they will be serving their world-famous chicken salad! There is a drawing for gift baskets and live entertainment. You'll even get to see a sneak preview from the Children's Theatre production, High Tide, A Musical Pirate Tale, (ARGGH!) featuring local children who perform with The Monticello Acting & Dance Co. This year's show is written by two young ladies who have grown up in the MadCo family, Rachael Britton and Alex Brookins. The music is composed and arranged by Rachael's father, George Britton. The show is directed, musical directed and choreographed by Melanie Mays. Don't miss the three public performances of High Tide, June 14 at 7 pm; June 15 at 11:30 am; and June 22 at 11:30 am. (There are an additional 5 performances, but these are pre-sold to summer camps out of Tallahassee.)

Thank you to Farmers & Merchants Bank for your support and sponsorship of the Monticello Woman's Annual Watermelon Festival Luncheon. And thank you to Capital City Bank for the lovely grant to the Monticello Opera House. This grant pays for attendance to High Tide and for lunch on June 20 for children from Boys Town and for

local Jefferson Elementary school children. The grant also helped to sponsor the expenses for the production of High Tide. The Monticello Acting & Dance Co. is very grateful for your support.

New this year! We have an official Watermelon Festival Song! Craig Reeder from the Hot Tamales wrote a song for us. It will be featured in this year's TV Commercial, so watch WCTV to

hear it. You can also hear it on Cumulus Radio in the Tallahassee and North Florida region and on WTUF, a Georgia country music radio station in June. We'll post it on Facebook on Discover, Monticello FL and on the Chamber of Commerce website. And, you'll get to hear it during the Watermelon Festival Parade and when the Hot Tamales play at the festival on June 15!

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SCHOOL

JES Fourth Graders Rewarded For FCAT Scores

FRAN HUNT
ECB Publishing
Staff Writer

Jefferson Elementary School (JES) fourth graders were rewarded last Friday, May 31, for a job well done on the writing portion of the FCAT.

Assistant Principal Nancy Whitty reported that JES jumped for joy when they received the news that they were among the top five schools in the state of Florida, for most improved on FCAT scores.

"When the news was announced on WJES (the

school news show), you could hear screams of students raise the roof, because many of them knew that their reward would follow," said Whitty. "The incentive put in place for fourth grade students, was to score a 3.5 or higher on the writing test, and those who did so, would be chauffeured in a limousine to Tallahassee for lunch."

Friday morning, shortly after 10 a.m., three limousines provided by Tillman's Funeral Home, pulled in



ECB Publishing photos by Fran Hunt, May 31, 2013

Fourth grade students scoring 3.5 and higher on the writing portion of the FCAT, pose for photos before boarding the limousines that would chauffeur them to the Golden Coral in Tallahassee for lunch.

front of JES to chauffeur the students to the Golden Coral for lunch.

As the students filed down through the exit hall, school administrators and staff clapped and cheered them on, as they walked outside toward their reward.

Waiting outside were three long black limousines, and chauffeurs, Sandra Saunders, Steve T. Hall, and Terry Walton, who opened the doors, one at a time and filled that portion of the limousine, before moving to the second and third doors to fill those seats.

The excitement of the children could clearly be seen in their faces and their eager movements.

As the limousine convoy departed the school, Monticello Police Department Chief Fred Mosley

led the way as far as the city limits on South US-19, with one of his officers following in the rear.

After enjoying their lunch and upon returning to Monticello, they were met at the city limits by Chief Mosley and his officer, and escorted to the School Board office, where Superintendent Al Cooksey and school administrators could come out and see them.

They were then escorted back to JES, just in time to wrap up their school day.

Students receiving the reward included Rhaquan Smith (5.5), Mackenzie Boatwright (4.5), Calvin Alexander (4.0), Jaquez Frazier (4.0), Jaquan Coasey (4.0), Dylan Crawford (4.0), Matthew Steen (4.0), Jasianna Tice (4.0), Ja-

maryia Young (4.0), Jayden Burns (4.0), Trinity Ryan (4.0), Erica Adams (4.0), Elijah Bellamy (4.0), Cornelius Campbell (3.5), Megan Wainright (3.5), Brian Crumity (3.5), Jaylan Robinson (3.5), Quanesha Beverly (3.5), Kennedy McCoy (3.5), and Jarynn Woodson (3.5).

Teachers escorting the students included Debra Bishop, Thaddius Green, Twynetta Howard, and Sharico Parrish.

"We are so proud of our fourth grade students and our writing teachers for a job well done," said Whitty. "JES would like to thank Tillman's Funeral Home for providing the limousines free of charge, and to Sandra Saunders for donating her time to help chauffeur our students safely to Tallahassee," she concluded.



Limo driver Sandra Saunders opens the door for the first fourth grade students to file into the limousine that would chauffeur them to lunch at the Golden Coral in Tallahassee.

NFCC To Offer CPR And Basic First Aid Classes

The North Florida Community College Com-

munity Education Department is offering the following CPR and Basic First Aid courses in June:

Saturday, June 22, 2013:

- HS CPR (basic American Heart Association Heart Saver CPR course, non-medical) Class Begins: 8:00 a.m., Fee: \$40
- Basic First Aid, Class Begins: 11:00 a.m., Fee: \$40
- HCP CPR (American Heart Association Health Care Provider CPR course, medical field), Class Begins: 3:00 p.m., Fee: \$45

Those wishing to par-

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THE JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL HOLD A WORKSHOP ADDRESSING THE FIRE ASSESSMENT STUDY ON TUESDAY, JUNE 18TH AT 3 PM AT THE COURTHOUSE ANNEX. 6/12/13

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING:
The District Board of Trustees of North Florida Community College will hold a Budget Workshop on Tuesday, June 18 at 4:30 p.m. and then the regular monthly Board meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the NFCC Board Room, NFCC, 325 NW Turner Davis Dr., Madison, FL. A copy of the agenda may be obtained by writing: NFCC, Office of the President, 325 NW Turner Davis Dr., Madison, FL 32340. For disability-related accommodations, contact the NFCC Office of College Advancement, 850-973-1653. NFCC is an equal access/equal opportunity employer. 6/12/13

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Interested firms may obtain a copy of the RFP by contacting:

Val Hinson
Workforce Connection
3003 SW College Rd, Suite 205
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FAX: 352-873-7956
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Closing on this RFP is July 8, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that D.C. and L.L. Merritt the holders of the following certificate have 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: 395 Year of Issuance: 2008
Description of Property: 03-1N-4E-0000-001E-0000 15 ACRES
In E 1/2 of NW 1/4 Less Land Sold
ORB 284 PG 86
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Name in which assessed: WESLEY & BRENDA HOLLIS, SR.
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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 18TH DAY OF JULY, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.
Dated this 24TH DAY OF MAY, 2013.
Kirk B. Reams
Clerk of the Court
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Description of Property: 00-00-00-0350-0000-0013
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ORB 414 PG 345 & ORB 645 PG 343
Site Address: 820 N. Cherry Street - Monticello, Florida
Name in which assessed: GEORGE CARSWELL
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Lot 27 Blk B Aucilla Forest & Meadows Subdivision
ORB 230 PG 245 & ORB 406 PG 143
Site Address: 282 N. Forest Court - Monticello
Name in which assessed: JIMMY KINSEY
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.
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Hurricane Threat Prompts Disaster Safety Prep Checklist For Seniors

As Hurricane season approaches, older adults may be among the most vulnerable victims when severe weather strikes. That's why Home Instead Senior Care has issued a disaster safety preparation checklist to help

prepare seniors for the possibility of natural disasters. A disaster can be deadly for some seniors because of physical and other limitations. It's important for families to talk with their senior loved ones and

begin preparing in advance for any kind of emergency that could threaten their health or safety.

- Tune in. Contact the local emergency management office to learn about the most likely natural dis-

asters to strike your area. Stay abreast of what's going on through your local radio or television.

- Take stock. Decide what your senior can or can't do in the event of a natural disaster. Make a list of what would be needed if a disaster occurred. For example, if your loved one is wheelchair-bound, determine an evacuation strategy ahead of time.

- To go or to stay? When deciding to evacuate, older adults should go sooner rather than later. By waiting too long, they may be unable to leave if they require assistance.

- Make a plan. Schedule a family meeting to develop a plan of action. Include in your plan key people – such as neighbors, friends, relatives and professional caregivers – who could help.

- More than one way

out. Seniors should develop at least two escape routes: one to evacuate their home and one to evacuate their community. The local emergency management office can tell you escape routes out of the community.

- Meet up. Designate a place to meet relatives or key support network people outside the house, as well as a second location outside the neighborhood, such as a school or church.

- Get up and 'Go Kit.' Have an easy-to-carry backpack including three days non-perishable food and water with an additional four days of food and water readily accessible at home. Have at least one gallon of bottled water per person per day. And don't forget the blanket and paper products such as toilet paper.

- Pack extras and copies. Have at least a one-

month supply of medication on hand at all times. Make ready other important documents in a waterproof protector including copies of prescriptions, car title registration and driver's license, insurance documents and bank account numbers, and spare checkbook. Also take extra eyeglasses and hearing-aid batteries.

- Your contact list. Compile a list of important contacts, including the senior's support network, doctors and other important health-care professionals. The information can be recorded and kept in a free Home Instead Senior Emergency kit, available at www.senioremergencykit.com

- If you can't be there. If you're not living close by to help your loved one, enlist the help of family or friends, or contact a professional caregiving company.

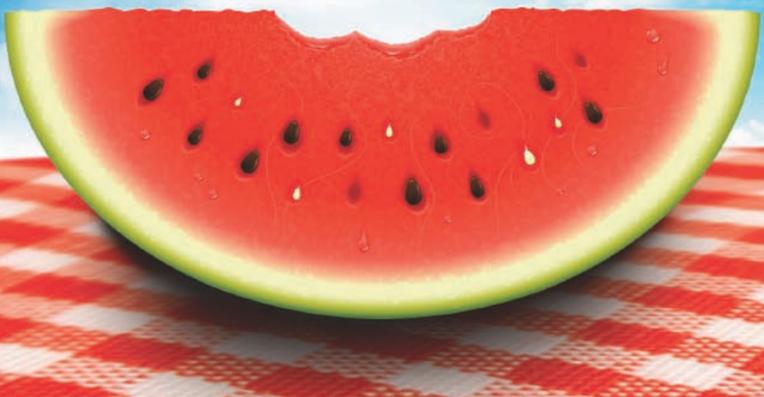


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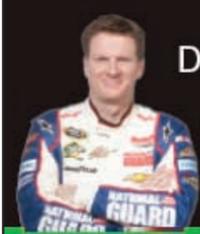


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