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SHERIFF DAVID HOBBS' MEMORIAL BARREL RACE

Fundraiser kickoff begins

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It's a full weekend of fundraisers ahead!

In honor of Sheriff David Hobbs, who was a stout supporter of the Jefferson Senior Citizens Center, three days of fundraising events have

been arranged. The funds from all three events will go towards helping the senior center free itself from the \$30,000 debt that the center recently made public.

Starting on Wednesday, April 4, a Karaoke Night will be held at The Mays House from 6 to 8 p.m. There

will be a \$12 cover charge for entrance and hor d'oerves.

Karaoke master and special guest Jerry Byrd will be overseeing the event.

On Friday, April 6, the Boots and Badges sponsor party will take place
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Man seriously injured

Lazaro Aleman, *ECB Publishing, Inc.*

A Leon County man was seriously injured last week when his vehicle collided with the rear of a stopped truck on SR-59 in Jefferson County.

The Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) reports that 64-year-old John Stroup, of Tallahassee, was traveling south on Gamble Road (SR-59) when he rammed the rear of an International truck that was stopped at A-Frame Lane and Gamble Road.

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CITY OF MONTICELLO

Future of abandoned houses



ECB Publishing, Inc. photo by Lazaro Aleman, March 28, 2018

City tackles demolition by neglect

Lazaro Aleman, *ECB Publishing, Inc.*

The Monticello City Council on Tuesday evening, April 3, was scheduled to take up draft language that aims to encourage owners of historic properties not to let their structures deteriorate through

negligence.

The document, recommended by the Historic Design Review Board (HDRB), addresses demolition by neglect, defined as "the deterioration of a historic property or contributing structure in a designated historic district by virtue of the withholding of

ordinary maintenance and repairs, to the extent that the property or structure could be reasonably expected to become 'potentially' unsafe."

The addition of the word 'potentially' was one of the few revisions that the HDRB made to the
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Jobless rate remains at 3.9%

Lazaro Aleman, *ECB Publishing, Inc.*

Florida's unemployment rate for January was released just last week, due to an annual process known as benchmarking, a standard component of the estimation process that takes place every March across the country.

The released figures show that the state's seasonally-adjusted jobless rate was 3.9 percent in January, unchanged from the revised December rate.

In Jefferson County, the January jobless rate was 4.2 percent, up from 3.7 percent in December. In Madison County, it was 4.4 percent, up from 3.8 percent in the previous month.

Statewide, 397,000 Floridians were unemployed in January out of a labor force of 10,152,000, not counting
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PUBLIC SAFETY

Pedestrian deaths increase alarmingly

Lazaro Aleman
ECB Publishing, Inc.

A just-released study by the Governor Highway Safety Association (GHSA) shows not only an alarming increase in the number of pedestrian deaths nationally in recent years, but that Florida is in the top five states for the highest number of such deaths.

The GHSA study, titled "Pedestrian Traffic Fatalities by State", found that the number of pedestrian fatalities in the United States has grown "substantially faster" than all other traffic deaths in the last 10 years. Indeed, the figures show that pedestrian fatalities increased by 27 percent from 2007 to 2016, at a time when all other traffic deaths decreased by 14 percent.

States the 39-page report, "Pedestrian deaths as a

proportion of total motor vehicle crash deaths increased steadily, from 11 percent in 2007 to 16 percent in 2016. Pedestrians now account for a larger proportion of traffic fatalities than they have in the past 33 years."

It's The Law
"The driver of a vehicle at any cross-walk where signage so indicates shall stop and remain stopped to allow a pedestrian to cross a road-way."

The study found an "alarming rise" in pedestrian deaths nationwide in 2015 and 2016 - 5,376 and 5,987 deaths, respectively. And although the preliminary figures for the first six months of 2017 show a four-percent decrease, the GHSA estimates that the final tally will be 5,984 deaths, "a decrease of one half of one percent, essentially unchanged from 2016."

"This means that nearly 6,000 pedestrians died in motor vehicle crashes (each year) in 2016 and 2017," states the GHSA report. "It has been more than 25 years since the U.S. experienced this level of
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Did you know?
In Quitman, Ga, it's illegal to change the clothes on a storefront mannequin unless the shades are down.

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Emerald's Gem Box... The Pledge of Allegiance

One Nation Under God

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

The Pledge of Allegiance was formally adopted by Congress (as our Pledge) in 1942. The official name of The Pledge of Allegiance was adopted in 1945. Then, on Flag Day in 1954, the words "under God" were added; thus, making that statement "one Nation under God."



Emerald Greene Parsons
Columnist

We all know the Pledge of Allegiance; we were all taught it at a very young age. Yet, many of us still say it differently than others.

It's all in the pause; and where we should pause and where we should not pause?

My father always taught me to not pause between the words "one Nation under God," for that is one thought process and should be one statement; for we truly are "one Nation under God."

Some people explain it by saying, "We should only pause where there is a comma." There is no comma after Nation, thus there should be no pause. At any given function, when reciting the Pledge; the majority of the crowd will pause after Nation, while a few people can be heard continuing with the words "under God." So, for all my fellow Americans that are in this minority group with me, remember ... just because the majority does it, doesn't make it right.

The Meaning of the Words

The following is a song/rendition written by Charlie Daniels. It puts a totally different twist on The Pledge of Allegiance and how/what we should think while reciting it.

The following words were spoken by the late Red Skelton on his television program, as he related the story of his teacher, Mr. Lazwell, who felt his students had come to think of the Pledge of Allegiance as merely something to recite in class each day.

Now more than ever listen to the meaning of these words.

I've been listening to you boys and girls recite the Pledge of Allegiance all semester, and it seems as though it is becoming monotonous to ya. May I recite it, and try to explain to ya the meaning of each word?

I - Me, an individual, a committee of one.

Pledge - dedicate all my worldly goods to give without self pity.

Allegiance - my love, and my devotion.

To The Flag - our standard, Ole Glory, a symbol of freedom. Wherever she waves there is respect, because your loyalty has given her a dignity that shouts, "Freedom is everybody's job."

United - that means that we have all come together.

States - individual communities that have united into 48 great states. 48 individual communities with pride, dignity and purpose, all divided with imaginary boundaries, yet united to a common purpose, and that's love for country.

And To The Republic - a state in which govern powers invested in representatives chosen by the people to govern, and government is the people, and it's from the people to the leaders, and not from the leaders to the people.

For Which It Stands One Nation - One nation meaning so blessed by God.

Indivisible - incapable of being divided.

With Liberty - which is freedom, the right of power to live one's own life without threats, fear, or some sort of retaliation.

And Justice - the principal or quality of dealing fairly with others.

For All - which means boys and girls that it's as much your country as it is mine.

Since I was a small boy two states have been added to our country, and two words have been added to the Pledge Of Allegiance - "Under God." Now wouldn't it be a pity if someone said that's a prayer and that it would be eliminated from schools too.

God Bless America!



Letters To The Editor

Letters to the Editor are typed word for word, comma for comma, as sent to this newspaper.

Be informed about your school system

Dear Community,

NEWSFLASH!! The Jefferson/Somerset Academy has a School Advisory Committee that is made up of 50% employees and 50% people from the community. It's a secret that hasn't been over-shared. I've been attending monthly meetings since November, and I can tell you - that's where you'll find out what's going on. Have you had conversations with friends that start with, "Say, how's the school doing these days?" Why not have an **INFORMED** conversation? This is the meeting to attend. This year so much is going on and I've felt better knowing what's what. There is a meeting this coming **THURSDAY, APRIL 12, AT 5:30 IN THE**

CAFETERIA. Right after that there is also a meeting strictly about the FSA testing with Mr. Gainey. We got a preview of it at our last meeting. It was fascinating to see how Jefferson/Somerset looks at the testing numbers to record and predict progress.

I have learned quite a lot from the members of this committee. These are people sincerely working through the issues that confront our children day-to-day. You have a stake in the future of our kids, even if you don't have a student attending the school. I'll look forward to meeting you there.

Sincerely,
Oona Fessenden

Living by the Bible?

I just had to comment on the latest debacle by the Jefferson County School Board. To actually quote about the bible, Ms. Washington and yet not adhere to its teachings! For shame. When an apology is offered it teaches us to forgive. For this laughable school board to publicly admit that an unopened apology is sitting on a desk, until read aloud to them is beyond ridiculous. I have not seen an apology either in letter or read aloud to the citizens of Jefferson County for ruining a school system totally whereas hundreds of students did not receive a viable education in this county. Why people hid their opinions and kept voting for the same board members boggles the mind. However, now a **FANTASTIC SET OF PEOPLE** are educating students here, finally under the leadership of **SOMERSET** and all of its wonderful and fully capable employees. To even whine about an invitation, to which most of you probably would not have attended anyway, begs the

question, "why do we still have an ill functioning school board harassing the very people educating the students." The only answer could be that **YOU HAVE NOTHING BETTER TO DO**, the old saying "idle hands create mischief" certainly applies here. Why don't you as a board find more important things to attempt to accomplish instead of causing chaos at laughable board meetings. They are so laughable that I lost interest in listening to the constant bickering that children exhibit. Do your jobs, such as they are, and stop holding the bible up as an example unless you intend to live by its teachings. Thank you, Mr. Oliver, for attempting to do the impossible, addressing this board and actually achieving a solution. Thank you, Somerset, for accomplishing the feats you have! This county owes a debt of gratitude, this board definitely does not speak for everyone.

Becky Bryson

Employment Matters



Johnny Pompey

Trends & Economics

Since early February I've been offering job seeking advice to the local Joes and Josephines slated to graduate from college no matter if they attended a tech/trade school or a four year university. Topics have ranged from the current job market to online personas.

Now that spring break has come and gone we're entering the homestretch to graduation so we gotta buckle down and finish the rest of the lessons before you all walk across the stage.

Trends: I kind of alluded to this in an earlier article but you need to know the ebb and flow of your industry of interest and its hiring practices. No crystal ball needed here; if you know when or how often hiring practices spike for a particular industry or market then it should be obvious when to apply and when the bulk of the interviews will be conducted.

You have to be tactical in your pursuit of the interview. Not all industries' hiring trends are calendar based so honestly this tactic could prove to be challenging. Besides just checking the company's website periodically, if you can ascertain when a company's fiscal year begins, then deducing when interviews are likely to be scheduled in bulk for open positions should be a bit easier. Hiring budgets always tend to be more robust at the beginning of the company's first quarter (Q1).

Interview Economics: Certain well-paying jobs are not plentiful so you have to do some homework to know who is hiring, where the company is hiring and if it's viable that you could be someone a company is willing dedicate resources to for an interview.

In some cases, it's all about money and it could be on your dime if an onsite interview is granted. A phone screening, no problem, all companies conducts those because the expenditure is minimal. Flying several candidates into one location, accruing lodging and meal cost aren't a thing of the past but

companies are highly scrutinizing how their talent acquisition budgets are being spent.

Sometimes teams of managers are dispensed from corporate on a recruiting tour of collegiate career fairs to locate recent grads. Some more cutting edge companies who want to reduce recruiting expenditures have incorporated utilizing online video tools such as Skype and ooVoo or online video services from SparkHire, WePow, Easyhire, LaunchPad Recruits, VidCruiter and Breezy HR to get through the first and second rounds of interviews.

In short regionalizing your career search could, and let me emphasize could, make you more likely to secure an interview if you have the right credentials and are near a company's desired location.

It may seem a bit farfetched but I and several of my colleagues have conducted searches for recent college grads and location of the talent pool was a factor. The thought process is, "if I can find the grads needed to fill my open positions close to the location of need, why venture any further than I have to."

This practice doesn't always yield the desired results for the recruiter. However, I believe that if companies are conducting recruiting practices and regionalizing candidates is one of the components of those practices, then you the applicant should be aware of it.

In fact, I believe that the goal of a recruiter or talent acquisition manager is "to find the most qualified and/or experienced applicant(s); in the least amount of time and expenditure; in order to select and hire the best candidates; who will provide maximum performance for their company as employees."

Just a nugget of information for you to ponder. However, by all means apply for the positions that you want no matter where they are.

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on Willow Pond Road, in Monticello. The event starts at 7 p.m., and lasts until 11 p.m. Making the night special, there will be live entertainment, a cash bar, live auction and hors d'oeuvres. A minimum donation of \$100 will be required to enter.

Then, on Saturday, April 7, the main event comes to Jefferson County. The first Sheriff

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document at its quarterly meeting on Monday evening, March 26.

It is essentially the aim of the proposed provision to prevent the deterioration of the exterior features of historic structures from deliberate or inadvertent neglect, including interior deterioration if it impacts on the exterior.

“All such buildings shall be preserved against such decay and deterioration, and shall be free from structural damage through prompt correction of any of the following defects,” states the proposed language, proceeding to list the defects.

These include facades that may fall and cause injury to a person, deteriorated or inadequate foundations, and deteriorated or ineffective waterproofing of the exterior walls, roofs or floors.

The provision states that in the event that a historic property or contributing structure in a designated historic district is deemed to be in a process of demolition by neglect, the HDRB will contact the owner or tenant and give notification of the deficiencies that need correcting and request a meeting.

“At such meeting,” states the draft language, “the board shall present ways to improve the condition of the property. If the owner and/or tenant does not meet with the board, or otherwise fails to take action to improve the condition of the property, the board shall notify the code enforcement officer and request that he or she conduct an investigation.”

David Hobbs’ Memorial Barrel Race will come barreling into town. Taking place at Evil Twins Farm, located at 8535 South Jefferson Road (Hwy 19 South), Lamont FL. Exhibitions will start at 10 a.m. (\$3 per rider fee) and the race will commence at 1 p.m. Grounds fee will be \$5 per rider and the entry fees for racing will be \$35 for the Open 4D Race (\$5,000 added) and \$25 for Youth 4D Race (\$500 added). Payments can be made via cash or check. There will be no fee for those who want to just

come and watch the racing.

Announcing the race will be four time National Barrel Horse Association World Championship announcer, Jerry Byrd. With more than 30 years of experience in the entertainment industry, 17 of those years being a rodeo announcer, Byrd will be an outstanding addition to this event.

Be sure to mark your calendar and prepare for a weekend of fun and fundraising in support of the Jefferson Senior Citizens Center!

The draft document does not identify specific structures. The HDRB discussion, however, quickly focused on three potential prime targets, two of which are the long-abandoned two-story columned house on East Washington Street and a cabin-like abandoned structure at Waukeenah and Palmer Mill roads.

The HDRB discussion, in fact, largely focused on the three structures and what the city might be able to do to get the owners of these and like neglected historic properties to restore and preserve them.

Members of the Jefferson County Historic Association, who were present at the meeting, noted that their organization planned to write the Monticello City Council a letter to bring attention to two of the buildings in the hope that something could be done to remedy the situation.

Some on the HDRB proposed that the draft provision be made stronger in terms of enforcement.

“I thought we were going to put teeth into the ordinance instead of just referring it to the code enforcement officer,” said one board member. “I don't see anything in this to that effect.”

The suggestion was also made of the possibility of taking some kind of criminal action against individuals who didn't properly maintain their historic properties.

City Attorney Bruce Leinback, however, advised against such notions.

“My concern,” Leinback said, “is that this right is an advisory board, and because it's an advisory board, I'm not sure that the City Council would give an advisory board the

authority to take action by itself.”

Moreover, he said, local government was limited in what it could do legally to force property owners to improve their properties.

“You're going to have a very difficult time with any kind of criminal action,” Leinback said. “You could go after them with a nuisance violation under Florida law, which can be punished with fines and up to 60 days in jail. But you're not going to have anyone jailed for neglecting their home.”

“We're not talking about a house built in the 60s,” said a board member. “We're talking of houses with significant historic values.”

“It doesn't matter,” Lienback said. “All you can proceed with is a criminal nuisance action.”

The house on 665 East Washington serves as a prime example of local government's limitations. The house has long been abandoned and is visibly deteriorating, constituting an eyesore. The city has cleaned up the property at least twice and has placed a lien on the property for the cost of the cleanups and in the hope of compelling the owners to maintain the property or sell it. It can't, however, compel the owners to do either.

Nor can it recoup its cleanup costs via the lien until the owners sell the house, which they don't appear willing to do, or it's sold through a foreclosure. And even then, the mortgage holder and other entities will get first shot at whatever money the sale generated.

“If we had a code enforcement board, there is a statutory process that would impose a series of fines and penalties that would cascade, but the lien holder would still get the first shot,” Leinback said.

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pedestrian fatalities.”

Florida, moreover, ranks second among the five states reporting the highest numbers of pedestrian deaths in the first six months of 2017, compared with the same period in 2016. And two of Florida's 67 counties -- Miami Dade and Broward-- are among the top 10 for pedestrian fatalities in the country. The five states combined (the other four are California, Texas, New York and Arizona) accounted for 43 percent all pedestrian deaths in the country in the first six months of 2017.

The GHSA study shows that Florida had 303 pedestrian deaths in the first six months of 2017, compared with 299 during the same period in 2016, putting it just behind California, which ranked at number one with 352 pedestrian deaths during the first half of 2017. Hawaii and Wyoming, with one death each, had the lowest number of pedestrian deaths during the same period.

According to the Florida Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FHSMV), this state had 9,102 reported pedestrian crashes in 2016, of which 667 proved fatal and 7,796 resulted in injuries. Florida's average for the three-year period between 2014 and 2016 was 9,008 pedestrian crashes, of which 635 resulted in fatalities and 7,801 in injuries. The FHSMV has yet to post the stats for 2017.

Jefferson County, by comparison, had three pedestrian crashes in 2016, two of them resulting in pedestrian fatalities and one in injury. The three-year average for Jefferson for the years 2014-2016 was three pedestrian crashes, one of them resulting in a fatality and one in an injury.

Among the many factors contributing to the increased pedestrian deaths, the GHSA cites the greater speeds of modern vehicles, distracted drivers, alcohol use and more people walking. Add also the decriminalization of recreational marijuana use in some states, and the overall increased use of smartphones nationwide.

The statistics show that the seven states (plus the DC) that legalized recreational marijuana have experienced a 16.4 percent increase in pedestrian fatalities collectively. The figures also show that the number of smartphones in active use in the U.S. increased by 236 percent from 2010 to 2016, “and the annual number of multimedia messages over the period more than tripled.”

Other highlights from the national statistics for 2016:

* The greatest number of pedestrian fatalities occurred on local municipal streets, followed by state highways, U.S. highways, interstates and county roads.

* Darkness heightens the risks, with 75 percent of pedestrian fatalities occurring after dark and 22 percent during daylight hours, with three percent occurring at dawn or dusk.

* Fewer than 20 percent of pedestrian deaths occurred at intersections. The majority occurred either in travel lanes away from intersections (72 percent), or in locations outside of travel lanes, such as shoulders and driveways (10 percent).

* Children and older adults are especially vulnerable to pedestrian fatalities. Among the reasons are lack of perceptual judgement, inadequate risk perception, limited mobility and reduced vision.

* Alcohol use involving drivers or pedestrians was reported in 46 percent of the cases, or nearly half the pedestrian fatalities.

* More pedestrian deaths occurred in urban areas than rural areas, given the greater numbers of people and vehicles in the former.

The GHSA recommends a three-prong approach to pedestrian safety. The three involve targeted police enforcement; engineering improvements, such as refuge islands, high-visibility crosswalks, rapid-flashing beacons and traffic-calming devices; and public-education, both for pedestrians and motorists.

Florida law is clear on the traffic rules governing pedestrian/motorist interactions.

Generally speaking, motorists have a heightened duty to avoid hitting pedestrians. Pedestrians, however, are also subject to the rules and must always be mindful that one can be “dead right” when dealing with vehicles.

Florida Statutes 316.130 address the regulations governing pedestrian/motorist interactions. Pertinent to Monticello, where no traffic lights or traffic control signals exist, is subsection (7)(b).

Subsection (7)(b) states: “The driver of a vehicle at any crosswalk where signage so indicates shall stop and remain stopped to allow a pedestrian to cross a roadway when the pedestrian is in the crosswalk or steps into the crosswalk and is upon the half of the roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling, or when the pedestrian is approaching so closely from the opposite half of the roadway as to be in danger.”

Likewise Subsection (7)(c), which addresses situations when no traffic control signals are in place or in operation and there is no signage indicating otherwise. Under such circumstances, “the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way, slowing down or stopping if need be to so yield, to a pedestrian crossing the roadway

within a crosswalk when the pedestrian is upon the half of the roadway which the vehicle is traveling or when the pedestrian is approaching so closely from the opposite half of the roadway as to be in danger.”

Always, visually-impaired pedestrians who are guided by a canine or carrying a white cane in an extended or upraised position have the right of way, as do individuals in wheelchairs.

Restrictions, however, also apply to pedestrians. The latter, for example, must yield the right-of-way to vehicles if crossing a roadway at other than within marked crosswalks or unmarked crosswalks at intersections. Nor should pedestrians jump in front of traffic or cross a roadway by any route other than the shortest to the opposite curb.

People, however, don't always follow the rules, be they drivers or pedestrians. They may be ill, distressed, distracted, plain clueless or downright ornery and contrary.

That's why it's advisable that pedestrians exercise vigilance and caution at all times, even if they legally have the right-of-way. Common sense should always prevail. Pedestrians should make eye contact with drivers to ensure they've been seen before venturing out in front of a vehicle. It also does no harm for pedestrians to acknowledge drivers with a nod or thank you, especially if the motorist has stopped at other than a designated crosswalk. It's all ultimately about communications and courtesy, which can go long ways toward establishing good will and the desired behavior.

The GHSA makes the final point that everyone is a pedestrian at some time, and conversely, most pedestrians are also drivers

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According to the FHP, Stroup's 2004 Toyota Sienna failed to stop or slow down to prevent a collision, striking the rear of the truck head on and full speed.

Stroup was transported to Tallahassee Memorial

Hospital with serious injuries. The driver of the truck, 56-year-old Stacey McKenzie, of Ty Ty, GA, was unhurt.

The accident occurred at 6:40 a.m. Thursday, March 29. Charges were pending, as the FHP was conducting an investigation to determine if Stroup had been under the influence of alcohol when the accident occurred.

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persons who had given up the jobsearch, were underemployed, or employed part time.

Florida's seasonally-adjusted total nonagricultural employment was 8,670,500 in January, an increase of 10,500 jobs over the month, according to the FDEO.

Seasonally adjusted means the numbers have been purged of seasonal and other factors that could skew the results. The numbers for the individual counties, however, are not seasonally adjusted.

For Jefferson County, the 4.2 percent rate translates into 231 jobless persons out of a labor force of 5,473 in January, compared with 201 jobless persons out of a labor force of 5,365 in December, when the rate was 3.7 percent. All told, 5,242 people were employed in Jefferson County in January, compared with 5,164 in December.

In January 2017, the comparable figures were 289 jobless persons out of a workforce of 5,342 and 5,053 employed when the unemployment rate was 5.4 percent.

For Madison County, the 4.4 percent rate translates into 320 jobless persons out of a labor force of 7,281 in January, compared with 280 jobless persons out of a labor force of 7,299 in December, when the rate was 3.8

percent. All told, 6,961 people were employed in Madison County in January, compared with 7,019 in December.

In January 2017, the comparable figures were 382 jobless persons out of a labor force of 7,357 and 6,975 employed when the unemployment rate was 5.2 percent.

Statewide, the industry gaining the most jobs was professional and business services, up 36,000 jobs; followed by leisure and hospitality, up 32,400 jobs; construction, up 28,600 jobs; education and health services, up 17,100 jobs; financial activities, up 15,000 jobs; trade, transportation, and utilities, up 11,700 jobs; government, up 6,500 jobs; and manufacturing, up 5,400 jobs.

The two industries losing jobs in January were services, down 1,000 jobs, and information, down 700 jobs.

St. Johns County had the state's lowest unemployment rate in January at 3.3 percent, followed by Okaloosa County at 3.5 percent and Orange, Seminole and Wakulla counties at 5.6 percent.

Citrus County had the state's highest unemployment rate in January at 6.0 percent, followed by Sumter County at 5.9 percent and Hendry and Highlands counties at 5.6 percent.

Red Hatters to meet on April 14

Ashley Hunter
ECB Publishing, Inc.

The Rock Bottom Seafood and Grill (in Thomasville, GA.) will be the April meeting place of the Scarlett O'Hatters, the Red Hat group of Monticello.

On Saturday, April 14, the Scarlett O'Hatters will meet in the Rock Bottom Seafood and Grill, located at 2115 Smith Ave., in Thomasville, at 11:30 a.m. for a delightful lunch and meeting.

For inquiries, contact Sherry Burnard at (850) 242-2305.

Library to host Sexual Abuse Awareness event

Debbie Snapp
ECB Publishing Inc.

Refuge House is sponsoring its annual Sexual Abuse Awareness, "Stop the Violence" event on April 19 at the Jefferson County RJ Bailar Public Library.



Refuge House
Stop the Violence!

serving Jefferson and Madison counties, will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the community room. All are invited to participate in this educational gathering.

For more information contact Barbara Thomas-Reddick at (850) 363-0706 or (850) 342-3503.

The Thursday morning event,

Bring your family to enjoy a Community Field Day



Debbie Snapp, ECB Publishing Inc.

Get your calendars out now to be sure you include the third annual Community Field Day on Saturday, May 5, sponsored by the Howard Academy Educational & Recreational Council (HAERC).

The Saturday of old fashioned fun and games will also be filled with live entertainment and food for the community. The day will offer health screenings, giveaways, hopscotch, marbles, tug of war games, competitions and so much more. And, there is no charge to attend but there will be a small charge for the food vendors including ribs, chicken, fish, homemade corn dogs and desserts.

The event will be held at the old Howard Academy, in the schoolyard, located at Mamie Scott Drive and Chestnut Street from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

This community event is a fundraising effort for HAERC and is especially geared for the entire family. Emancipation Essay Contest winners will be announced during this time.

The HAERC mission is to restore the old building and preserve the legacy of the Howard Academy. For more information go to www.howardacademycouncil.org.

A leader remembered... Sheriff David Hobbs memory honored by commissioners



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The late Sheriff David Hobbs was remembered with honor and respect at the Board of County Commissioners meeting on Thursday, March 15. A plaque, signed by the commissioners, honoring Sheriff Hobbs was hung over the Sheriff's Chair in the board room, and two identical plaques were given to the family of Sheriff Hobbs. Pictured, from left to right, are: Commissioner Betsy Barfield, Commissioner Stephen Walker, Commissioner Gene Hall, Commissioner Stephen Fulford, Mrs. Betty Hobbs, David Hobbs' mother; Brenda Hobbs (holding grandson Benjamin David Bishop), Hobbs' wife; Brittany Hobbs Bishop (holding Hobbs' grandson, Wesley Hobbs Bishop), Hobbs' daughter; Glen Bishop, son-in-law; and Commissioner JT Surles.

Ashley Hunter, ECB Publishing, Inc.

It was a tearful moment, on Thursday, March 15 as the Board of County Commissioners remembered Sheriff David Hobbs and presented Hobbs' family with a gift of commemoration by the County Commissioners and County Coordinator Parrish Barwick.

Barwick obtained permission by the County Commissioners to prepare a framed proclamation that would be placed in a visible, public area and would remember the late Sheriff with the deserving honor and respect that he inspired amongst the people of Jefferson County in both life and death.

"I've worked with three sheriffs in three separate counties, and he ranks right up there with the best there was," said Barwick. "I've worked with great individuals, and he was one of those as well."

Rather than complete one plaque, however, Barwick felt the need to present one to Sheriff Hobbs' widow, Brenda Hobbs, and instead of stopping there, he decided to have another prepared for the family of Hobbs' daughter, Brittany Hobbs Bishop, as well.

"It was the least we could do to provide something in memory," said Barwick.

Surrounding the proclamation, which had been signed by the County Commissioners, photographs of Hobbs as a dutiful Sheriff and community leader were framed around it, as well as pictures showing Sheriff Hobbs as a loving husband and father.

"He just beamed with love and glory. I wanted that to be a part of who he is. Because to me, that's who Sheriff David Hobbs was," said Barwick, summing up that Sheriff Hobbs was far more than just the long-standing and beloved Sheriff of Jefferson County.

As the County Coordinator and the Sheriff, Barwick said that he and Hobbs worked together, but outside of the workplace, Barwick truly considered David Hobbs to be a friend.

Barwick also praised the late Sheriff's frugal management skills in the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office.

Barwick's hope for the plaque was for that it to remain hung above the Sheriff's Chair in the County Commissioners meeting room in perpetuity, with no plans to ever remove it from the wall where it now hangs.

"This is done with love, concern, compassion and just a great memory," said Barwick. "Not a lot of time in the public do we get to remember our great leaders. But this is a chance for us to."



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Benjamin David Bishop (left) and Wesley Hobbs Bishop (right), the twin grandsons of Sheriff David Hobbs, are pictured sitting in the Sheriff's Chair where their grandfather sat during the County Commission meetings.

OBITUARIES

TERESA GRACE BISHOP

Teresa Grace (White) Bishop, age 57, of Monticello, FL passed away Friday March 30, 2018 unexpectedly. She was the daughter of Bob and Ardis White (deceased) of Monticello and the wife of Michael Bishop of Monticello.

Born on August 29, 1960 in Key West, FL, Teresa developed her love for the beach, while growing up there. Her desire to help people, led to her career choice in nursing, which she was extremely passionate about. She was employed by Cross Landings Health & Rehabilitation Center in Monticello.

Teresa has 4 sons, 2 step sons and a host of grandchildren that she loved dearly. Timothy Boyer (Katie) of Port Charlotte, FL; Steven Boyer (Michelle) of Yulee, FL; Corey Bishop (Molly) of Monticello, FL; Logan Boyer of Monticello, FL; Erik Christensen (Erin) of Altoona, IA and Michael E. Bishop (Kelsey) of Philadelphia, PA. She was predeceased by her parents, Bob and Ardis White of Monticello, FL.

Service arrangements will be made at a later date and handled by Beggs Funeral Home, Monticello Chapel (850) 997-5612.

JAMES "CLYDE" GRIFFIN, SR.

James Clyde Griffin, Sr., born January 18, 1934 in Jefferson County Florida, passed away March 31, 2018 in Monticello. He graduated high school from Jefferson County High in 1953. He then joined the US Army and served four years. Part of his service time was spent overseas in Italy post World II as a Military Policeman. After discharge from the Army he met and married Bunnie Richter Griffin who preceded him in death. Clyde and Bunnie were married for 56 years. They lived in Monticello most of their married life moving around the state of Florida for his job with Florida Power Corporation where he worked for 33 years. He was a member and a deacon of First Baptist Church in Monticello from 1958 until his death. He and his wife were involved in teaching Sunday School, Training Union, chaperoning the youth group and active in other ministries throughout his 60 years of church membership.

A native Floridian, Clyde gave back to his community in numerous ways throughout the years. He was a servant in church and community. He is survived by his children, Lisa Griffin of Monticello, Marcia Griffin Hale and son-in-law Dr. Ray Hale of Juneau, Alaska and James Clyde Griffin Junior of Monticello. His youngest sister Martha Ritter and brother-in-law Jim Ritter, grandsons Cameron Hale of Las Vegas, Nevada and Army E4 Specialist David Hale of Nashville, Tennessee and a host of nieces and nephews great nieces and nephews and great-great nieces and nephews also survive him.

There will be a visitation at Beggs Funeral Home in Monticello, Florida on Wednesday April 4, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Funeral Services will be held on Thursday April 5, 2018 at the First Baptist Church of Monticello, Florida at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Elizabeth Cemetery. Pallbearers are Blair Armstrong, Clay Armstrong, Cordy Armstrong, Jeff Mims, Danny Murphy, and Mike McClellan. Honorary pallbearers are Jo Morris, Sandy Swords, Kathleen Armstrong Moore, Mike Sims, Jerry Boatright, Scott Baker, Gary Wright, Bill Naylor, Bill Carraway, Wilson Carraway, and Edward Carraway.

The family would like to thank Kendra Andrews and Andrea Vickers for their comforting care during his illness.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to The American Legion Post 49, in memory of Clyde Griffin, PO Box 761. Monticello, FL 32345 or The Wounded Warrior Project, or an organization of choice.

JANICE ELAINE ANGLIN

Janice Elaine Anglin (Humphrey) passed peacefully surrounded by her family at Shand's Hospital in Gainesville, Florida, on Wednesday, March 28, 2018, at the age of 66. She died unexpectedly from complications of a liver transplant.

Janice is survived by her husband, Dwight Anglin; brothers Mike (Lorraine) Humphrey and Bill (Dot) Humphrey; children Amy (Chuck) Johnson, Jennifer Bickelman, Wendy (Gary) Silvernell, Becky Anglin, and Casey Anglin; grandchildren Anderlyn (Travis) Johnson, Chani Cuppett, Alana (Matthew) Burton, Jessica Mullinax, Cole Bickelman, Ariel Bickelman, Trey Silvernell, and Andrew Jay; and great-grandchildren Sadie, Ava Claire, Channing, and Xavier.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Melvin and Evelyn Humphrey, and sister Docia Rose Humphrey.

Janice was born on July 30, 1951, in Madison, Florida, to Melvin and Evelyn Humphrey. She married her husband, Dwight, in 1991 in Panama City, Florida. Over a period of 22 years, she raised 5 children and set about teaching them compassion, practicality, and how to enjoy a good cup of coffee.

Janice loved nothing more than to brag about her children. She was the family seamstress, best cook ever, and the "glue" that held everyone together. Her quick wit, incredible work ethic and perpetual optimism made her a joy to be around during the good and hard times. Her favorite advice was to tell us to "Take a nap and get some rest." Janice enjoyed spending time with her family, a good game of scrabble, cooking and more recently, exercise and fitness. Her children proudly remember her as loving and selfless, with a great sense of humor and a steadfast shoulder to lean on.

Her grandchildren remember her as a wonderful "Mimi" who was always ready to give advice, listen to stories, or hunt Easter eggs with.

She worked for the Florida Department of Agriculture for over 30 years as a Food Safety Inspector.

The family received friends at Burns Funeral Home of Madison earlier this week. A graveside service was held on Tuesday, April 3, at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Madison, officiated by Pastor Jackie Watts. Immediately following the graveside services, a reception was held at the home of Wendy and Gary Silvernell, those who knew and loved her were invited to attend and celebrate her life and the love she had for her friends and family.

Friends may sign the online guest book at joepburnsfuneralhomes.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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April 4

Jefferson County Legislative Committee at 9 a.m. at the Monticello Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce on the first Wednesday. The public is invited to attend.

April 4

Kiwanis Club meets at 12 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Jefferson Country Club for a program and lunch. For more information contact President Rob Beshears at (850) 843-1945.

April 4

Karaoke Night at The Mays House on Wednesday, from 6 to 8 p.m. There is a \$12 cover charge for entrance and heavy hors d'oeuvres. Donations will be taken to benefit the Jefferson Senior Citizens Center by Karaoke Master and Special Guest Jerry Byrd. Come join the fun and sing, sing, sing along with everybody else.

April 4, 6, 9

AA meets at 7:30 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at the Lloyd Woman's Club, Old Lloyd Road. For information call (850) 251-0278.

April 5

Community Prayer Breakfast is held from 7 to 8 a.m. on the first Thursday of the month at a different location

with a guest speaker and a program. All are welcome to come and bring a guest. For more information contact Coordinator Gary Wright at (850) 997-5705 or (850) 933-5567.

April 5

Quit Smoking classes from 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday at the Jefferson County Department of Health, 1255 West Washington Street. To register call (850) 224-9340.

April 5

School Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting for Jefferson Somerset at 6 p.m. on first Thursday in the cafeteria. Parents, students, community members, and interested citizens invited to help school continue its path to greatness. Meetings offer opportunity to actively participate in the growth of Jefferson/Somerset.

April 6

The Boots and Badges Sponsor Party will be held from 7 p.m. until 11 p.m. There will be live entertainment, a live auction, a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres. A \$100 donation will be required to enter the event. The sponsor party will take place at Willow Pond Rd., in Monticello.



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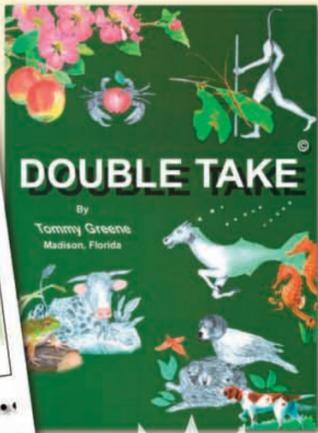
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Waukeelah United Methodist holds last fish fry at Senior Center

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Waukeelah United Methodist is a bit known for their fish frying.

On Friday, March 23, the church came to the Jefferson Senior Center to put their fish-frying skill and their recognition to good use as they cooked up fried mullet and hush puppies for a fundraiser lunch.

Alongside a multitude of Waukeelah chefs outdoors, inside the center's kitchen, the Senior Center's staff and volunteers helped dish up plates, fill drinks, greet guests, take meal tickets and made sure everyone got a piece of cake, or a cookie with their meal.

The March 23 Fish Fry marked the last fish fry fundraiser for the Jefferson Senior Center.

Those interested in supporting the Senior Center further can do so by having a night out at The Mays House Karaoke Night (\$12 entry charge) on April 4, by attending the Boots and Badges banquet on April 6 (\$100 donation required) or entering to race in the David Hobbs Barrel Race on April 7.



Mary Cooksey (left) and Debbie Waters (right) cook up golden hush puppies during the Waukeelah United Methodist's "Waukeelah-Style" Fish Fry.

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There was plenty of frying happening on the Friday, March 23 Fish Fry! Pictured, from left to right, are: Stephen Monroe, Danny Monroe and Stan Monroe.



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Paul Zajcek hand batters enough mullet to keep even the hungriest crowd satisfied. The fish fry fundraiser, hosted by Waukeelah United Methodist, pulled in quite the crowd with their renowned "Waukeelah-Style" fish.



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95-year-old Shirley Widd kept a close eye on the dessert table, which was loaded with an assortment of cakes, cookies and other yummy treats at the Waukeelah United Methodist's March 23 fish fry fundraiser.



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Steve Lenzo (left) and Jim Gamble (right) cook up a delicious batch of "Waukeelah-style" fried mullet at the Friday, March 23 Fish Fry fundraiser for the Jefferson Senior Center.

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Student Art show to open at Jefferson Arts

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Jefferson Arts will host the opening of its annual "Student Art Show" from 2 to 4 p.m. on April 7 in the gallery.

The Saturday afternoon premier will offer light refreshments and the opportunity to visit with the local artists and their work. The exhibit will continue through April 28.

Regular gallery hours are on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 575 West Washington Street. For more



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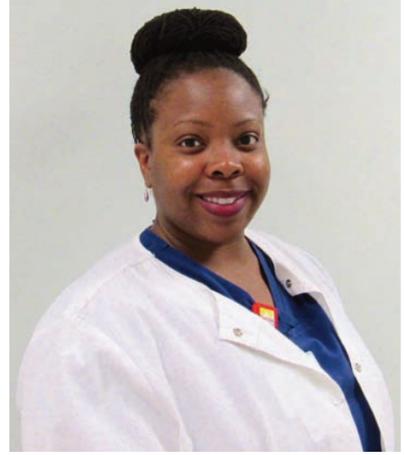
Dental services at Jefferson County Health Department

John Willoughby, *ECB Publishing, Inc.*

Since June of 2017, Dr. Rachel Wells has been providing care at the Jefferson County Health Department, a part of the Florida Department of Health. From Maryland, Wells graduated in 2007, from Temple University's School of Dentistry, in Philadelphia, PA. Wells then joined the United States Navy and became a Lieutenant, providing dental services from 2007 to 2011.

With the Health Department, Wells provides treatment for persons ages 3-20 who receive Medicaid. Any person over the age of 20 who receives Medicaid can be treated for emergency care only. Otherwise, a primary dental provider is required for routine care. Among the services provided, Wells provides fillings, cleanings, fluoride treatments, stainless steel crowns and pulpotomies. For in-county residents who are uninsured, the Florida Department of Health provides small grants which the Jefferson County Health Department uses to provide proper treatment.

Wells stated that there is a difference between public practices and private practices. Working with the Florida Department of Health, Wells stated that



Dr. Rachel Wells

she can focus on prevention and education. "[Private practices], are focused more towards cosmetics. Here, we're trying to [focus on] the healthy smile," said Wells. "It's nice to have a white smile, but it's better to have a healthy smile."

Keeping up with her work, Wells states that she takes continuing education courses, which is a part of the licensing process. "I do that every year," said Wells. "That's from the learning standpoint and staying up on whatever is going on in dentistry."

Health Department offers monthly Cessation classes

Debbie Snapp
ECB Publishing Inc.

Cessation classes will be held at the Jefferson County Health Department, in the annex, on Thursday, April 5 from 1 to 3 p.m. and on Tuesday, April 17 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the RJ Bailar Public Library, in the community room.

These informative opportunities are held on a monthly basis and are free to the public.

Next month the classes will be held on Thursday, May 3 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Jefferson County Health Department, in the annex and on Tuesday, May 15 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the RJ Bailar Public Library, in the community room.

The Quitline covers patients/clients ages 11 and up.



Interested participants who are not already patients will need a referral and should contact Tobacco Prevention Specialist Chastity McCarthy at the Florida Department of Health in Jefferson County by calling (850) 342-0170 x2101 for more information.

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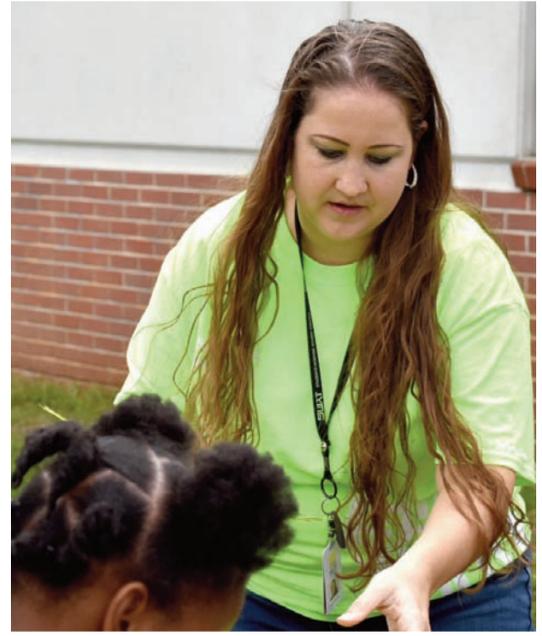
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Kicking Butts at Jefferson Somerset



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The event may have been centered around getting kids active, but plenty of adults got involved in the activities as well! The Tug-Of-War competition was stiff as teachers, school staff and volunteers got involved and pulled alongside of the students in seeing which side could win.



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Chastity McCarthy, the Tobacco Prevention Specialist at the Jefferson County Florida Department of Health was one of the propelling forces behind the Jefferson Somerset's Kick Butts Day. McCarthy provided information about the dangers of tobacco to the students.



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The rainbow parachute was a massive success! Smiles and laughter abounded as students, teachers and volunteers worked together and tried to keep a small ball from bouncing off the edges of the quilt. Kick Butts Day doubles as a tobacco awareness event, as well as an opportunity for students to get out of the classroom and have fun while being active.



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Potato Sack Racing proved more difficult than the students at the Jefferson Somerset Kick Butts Day thought, which ensued in plenty of laughter and cheering on as students worked together as a team to succeed.



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Hula Hooping is all about personal flair! The Hula Hooping zone gave students the opportunity to show off their skills and show each other new tricks while it succeeded in keeping them active and moving while being a fun and engaging way to stay in shape.



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"I am not a replacement" the paper read. From there, Jefferson Somerset students were invited to fill in the blanks and identify themselves as more than just a replaceable customer to Big Tobacco.

Ashley Hunter
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Kick Butts Day is a national day of activism, sponsored by the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids. The day encourages youth to reject the tobacco industry's deceptive marketing and live tobacco free lifestyles.

On Friday, March 23, Jefferson Somerset's Students Working Against Tobacco (S.W.A.T.)



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Kristal Nogal was one of the many helpful school volunteers who put their time into making sure Kick Butts Day went off without a hitch. Pictured, Nogal manages the snack and refreshment table, where students could buy treats or drinks for only a dollar during the event.

and the Jefferson County Health Department brought Kick Butts Day to the K-12 school.

With a bounce house, hula hoops, relay races, a rainbow parachute game, Tug-Of-War and other games designed to energize the students with heart-pumping excitement, the event doubled as a way to get students out of the classroom and into a mindset of healthy play. While the event was a lot of fun and games, there was also learning to be had during the event.

Chastity McCarthy, the Tobacco Prevention Specialist at the Jefferson County Health Department provided instruction and facts about the dangers of tobacco, as well as the trickery and deception of tobacco advertisements.

Students were able to fill out "I am not a Replacement" forms, which they identified themselves as more than just replaceable client for the tobacco industry.

Another tobacco-free event will come to Jefferson Somerset in the way of a S.W.A.T. Carnival, with the date and time to still be announced.

Howard Academy High School
Monticello, Florida
Surviving Principal: **George W. Pittman, Sr.**
(Age 91 - Monticello, Florida)

2018 Student Death Registry

Date	Age	Graduate/Non-Graduate
Jan. 9	73	Leon Hightower (Tallahassee, FL)
Jan. 10	79	Leroy Glenn, Jr. (Virginia Beach, VA)
Jan. 11	69	Lue Jean Beverly Johnson (Monticello, FL)
Jan. 13	88	Doris Richardson Tillman (Monticello, FL)
Jan. 27	66	Shirley Keaton Reddick (Lloyd, FL)
Feb. 1	95	Theresa Miller Bassa (Phoenix, AZ)
Feb. 24	70	Alberta Leonard Barnhart (Bolen Community)
Feb. 26	75	Hubert Clinton (Tampa, FL)
Mar. 8	87	Violet Keaton Presley Sailor (Monticello, FL)

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Sports Spotlight

Detrevian Nealy



Detrevian Nealy
Ashley Hunter, *ECB Publishing, Inc.*

Detrevian Nealy, 17 and in 10th grade, is one of the young men on the Jefferson Somerset Tigers' Track and Field team.

This is Nealy's second year in track, but he's no newcomer to sports and being a team player, as he has played football for seven years, and basketball for three years.

According to Nealy, he got involved in track after the team's Coach Harry Jacobs saw him playing basketball, and invited Nealy to try out for track as well.

Nealy quickly found that he loved the sport, which requires the strength and skills for running, jumping and throwing.

"I love competing," said Nealy,

who hopes to attend a college through a sports scholarship; though he's a little undecided on the details, he has his goal set on becoming a Fitness Trainer in his future.

It can be easy for school athletes to let their academic focus wane, but Nealy works hard to not fall into the same reputation. In the meanwhile, Nealy hopes to be an inspiration to those around him through his hard work and dedication to his team as well as to his education.

Detrevian Nealy is the son of Yolanda Nealy, and the grandson of Lois Hunter.



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Detrevian Nealy, a Jefferson Somerset Tiger, puts his all into his studies and his play on the track or court.

Jefferson Somerset receives new band instruments



Photo Submitted

Jefferson Somerset received \$80,000 worth of new instruments, including flutes, trombones, alto saxophones, tenor saxophones, trumpets, baritone tubas, sousaphones and marching drums. The band will perform using these new instruments during the upcoming Spring Concert in May.

Story submitted

"Music education opens doors that help children pass from school into the world around them – a world of work, culture, intellectual activity, and human involvement. The future of our nation depends on providing our children with a complete education that includes music." Such is the words of former president Gerald Ford.

Jefferson Somerset experienced something akin to Christmas morning when \$80,000 worth of new band instruments arrived on campus and filled the band hall. Band Director Lonnie Hill said he is "elated to have enough instruments to teach our middle and high school students effectively."

The excitement and pride among the school's pupils who participate in the band program was evident.

Jefferson Somerset's new instruments included flutes, trombones, alto saxophones, tenor saxophones, trumpets, baritone tubas, sousaphones and a set of marching drums. Jefferson Somerset students will reap the rewards of these new instruments beyond just the aspect of learning music. And the reward will be felt beyond the band hall as the music is shared with the community through these new instruments and upcoming performances. In fact, Jefferson Somerset's staff, students and

parents are already looking forward to seeing and hearing the band use these new instruments during the upcoming Spring Concert to be held in May.

These band instruments and the music programs will have an impact far greater and reach much further than the sound of the notes they produce. Music education in schools is not just an extracurricular activity. The overall educational value of music and band programs should not be ignored. Studies and statistics bear the proof of President Ford's belief in the importance of music education. The Journal for Research in Music Education states that students in top-quality instrumental programs scored 17 percent higher in mathematics than children in schools without a music program and 33 percent higher in mathematics than students in a deficient program. A study by the Arete Music Academy titled Statistical benefits of music education says, "Children who study music tend to have larger vocabularies and more advanced reading skills than their peers who do not participate in music lessons." Music makes the grade, an article from The National Association of Music Education, makes the case that "Schools that have music programs have an attendance rate of 93.3 percent compared to 84.9 percent in schools without music programs."

Howard Academy Educational Recreational Council to hold Essay Contest

Debbie Snapp
ECB Publishing Inc.

The Howard Academy Educational Recreational Council (HAERC) is sponsoring two essay contests: *Essay Contest Grades 1-6 and *Essay Contest Grades 7-12 are to be written about this designated topic: 'May 20 is Emancipation Day in Florida Why do we celebrate it and why is it important to me?'

This Essay Contest is a part of the HAERC Field Day activities, an old-fashioned family day of fun, games and education; being held on Saturday, May 5. Winners will be announced, and prizes will be awarded at the event.

The essay should be a minimum of 100 words (grades 1-6) 250 words

(grades 7-12) and typed on one page. All submissions will be judged on organization, support of ideas, spelling, punctuation and age appropriate grammar.

Prizes will be awarded for First Place, \$50 cash (1-6) \$75 cash (7-12); Second Place, \$25 cash (1-6) \$50 cash (7-12); Third Place, \$15 cash (1-6) \$25 cash (grades 7-12). Also, the winning essays and the writer's picture will be published in the local newspaper.

All entries must be postmarked by April 15 and should be mailed to: HAERC Essay Contest, P.O.Box 561, Monticello, FL. 32345-0561

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Sunday Evening.....6:00 PM
Wednesday Evening.....7:00 PM

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Pastor Daryl Adams
(850) 251-0129

Sunday School.....9:45 AM
Sunday Worship Service.....11:00 AM
Worship Service.....6:00 PM
Wednesday
Choir Practice.....6:00 PM
Fellowship Meal.....6:45 PM
Prayer Meeting/Bible Study.....7:10 PM

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Sunday Bible School.....10:00 AM
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Bible Study7:00 PM

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Sunday School.....9:45 AM
Morning Worship.....10:45 AM
Student Life Group.....4:30 PM
Tuesday Evening
Mens & Ladies Bible Study 6:00 PM
Saturday
Spanish Church Services.....7:30 PM

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4124 Bassett Dairy Rd • Monticello • 997-8444
Email: secretary@ebcmonticello.com
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Pastor, Robert Dennison

Sunday Bible Study.....9:45 AM
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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325 West Washington Street
Monticello (850) 997-2349
www.fbcmonticello.org
Pastor Sean Vickers

Sunday School.....9:45 AM
Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 AM
Children's Church - Ages 4-6 & 7-12.....11:30 AM
Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 PM
Wednesday Youth Group/Service.....6:15 to 7:15 PM
Wednesday Bible Study.....6:30 PM
-Nursery for all services-
Adult Choir Practice Wednesdays7:00 PM
Church/Family Supper (Sept-May) Wednesdays 5:00 PM
Women's Prayer Group, third Monday.....6:30 PM
Community LLL Meeting, fourth Tuesday.....10:00 AM
Outreach/Visitation, Thursdays.....10:00 AM

FIRST CORINTHIAN CHURCH

955 Lemon St./ P.O. Box 1112, Monticello,
(850) 545-2039
sonnyjohnjr@aol.com
Pastor John Jones

Sabbath Morning Worship.....11:00 AM
Wednesday/Friday Bible Study.....6:30 PM

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

325 W. Walnut Street • Monticello
Pastor John Hicks 997-5545
www.monticelloFUMC.org
jandkhicks@aol.com

Praise & Worship.....8:30 AM
Sunday School.....9:30 AM
Traditional Worship.....11:00 AM

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES
Bible Study.....4:15
Prayer Group.....5:15
Fellowship Meal.....6:00
Chancel Choir Practice.....6:30

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

290 East Dogwood Street • Monticello • (850) 997-2252
R.C. Griffin, III, Pastor

Sunday School.....9:45 AM
Sunday Worship.....11:00 AM
Adult Bible Study-Wednesday.....6:30-7:30 PM
Men's Breakfast.....2nd Saturday 8:00 AM

From the Pulpit...

Thoughts from an empty tomb

Easter day is over, but Easter life continues; as should Easter memories.

It's been over 33 years, but I still remember experiencing Jerusalem for the first time and traveling



Pastor John Hicks
First United Methodist Church

along the Via Dolorosa, the "Path of Sorrow". The road to Calvary was not what I'd envisioned. It wasn't what I thought it would be. I had imagined a spiritual walk along the path that Jesus went. Instead I found myself in an

upstream struggle against a multitude of shoppers, street vendors, soldiers and tourists. Every few steps, some vendor or shopkeeper would step in front of one of our group and dangle camels, scarves and various souvenirs. Not only was there no time for reflection, we had to struggle to stay together. Finally we turned the corner and headed for the church of the Holy Sepulcher. I thought it would be better. I was wrong.

I expected something simple. I found something ornate. At the time of Jesus, this was a cemetery. Now it's a cathedral covered with marble and gold and intricate paintings. 43 lamps hang above the traditional spot of Jesus' tomb. I tried to picture it as it originally was, but couldn't. People were lined up to go in. Lots of people. I hate waiting in line, so you could probably guess my mindset. Blocking the way in was a black-robed, black bearded, black hatted priest who kept on saying, "Twenty minutes, twenty minutes." Those might have been the only words of English he spoke, because the guys in front kept responding, "But that's what you told us 15 minutes ago". The crowd mumbled. I mumbled. Someone muttered about the temple

needing another cleansing.

Then came the words, "Come this way." It was James Flemming, our guide. Jim took us behind the crowd and into the back area of the church to a place that didn't look like it was used too often. It was dark. It was musty. It was cold. As my eyes adjusted, I saw a small opening. It was a rock-hewn tomb. I walked over to the opening, and just like the apostle John, I looked in. I was amazed. It was not a large room like I'd imagined, but a small room barely lit with a small oil lamp.

"Go on in," Jim said. I didn't have to be told twice. Another guy about my size and I squeezed in and sat on the cold floor. Suddenly, the lights went out and a door outside slammed shut. I felt myself in a dark, tight, claustrophobic room that seemed to be sealed shut and closing in on me. Sharing the experience, my friend whispered, "God put himself in a place like this." After a few long minutes in the dark tomb, a light came on. With the light came realization.

The Easter story is not just a Sunday School story. The life of Jesus was not just a romantic fable. The Christian experience is not just a hoped for fantasy. It's real, and what was true then is true now. I was in a cold tomb, but besides my friend and myself, it was empty. It had been empty for over 2,000 years. It is still empty.

The God who rolled the stone away then still moves stones for us today. The message of the empty tomb declares that no power on earth could keep Christ down then, and that no power on earth can keep us down now when we are in Christ Jesus.

Christ is risen. Our response, not just on Easter Sunday, but every day is, "HE IS RISEN INDEED!"

CHURCH NEWS NOTES

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April 4

First Presbyterian Church hosts EaglesWings, an outreach ministry serving the community, on the first and third Wednesday from 9 to 11 a.m. Volunteers are always needed to distribute food items and to donate non-perishable food items. Contact Coordinator JoAnne Arnold at (850) 997-2252 or eagleswingmonticello@yahoo.com
Rev. R.C. Griffin III, church pastor.

April 5

Community Prayer Breakfast is held from 7 to 8 a.m. on the first Thursday of each month at a different location with a guest speaker and a program. All are welcome to come and bring a guest. This month at ACA with speaker Heather Boyd. For more information contact Coordinator Gary Wright at (850) 997-5705 or (850) 933-5567.

April 5

AA meeting at 8 p.m. on Thursdays at Christ Episcopal Church annex. For information call (850) 251-0278. Father Jim May, church pastor.

April 6

Memorial Missionary Baptist Church Senior Choir will celebrate its annual Music Extravaganza at 7 p.m. on Saturday. All are invited to come enjoy an evening of music, praise and worship. Choirs, youth groups and soloists are welcome to participate in the event. Rev. J.B. Duval, pastor, (850) 997-4947.

MEMORIAL M.B. CHURCH

780 Second Street • Monticello • 997-4947
Moderator J.B. Duval, Pastor

Sundays

Sunday Church School (Every Sunday).....9:30 AM
Sunday Worship (2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays)..11:00 AM
Youth Worship (2nd Sunday).....11:00 AM

Wednesdays

Prayer Meeting/Bible Study.....7:00 PM

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Sunday School.....10:00 AM
Worship Service.....11:00 AM
Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 PM

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7369 Boston Hwy. Monticello
(850) 997-1596

Pastor David During

Sunday Bible Study.....10:00 AM
Sunday Worship.....11:00 AM
Sunday Evening.....6:00 PM
Wednesday
Bible & Prayer Meeting.....7:00 PM

Sunday Morning Eucharist at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary, with guest Father Laughton Thomas. Eucharist is a prayer or "Great Thanksgiving." Father Jim May, church pastor.

April 18

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Rev. R.C. Griffin III, church pastor.

April 19

Big Bend Hospice Breaking Bread Clergy will gather from 12 to 1 p.m. on the third Thursday at the BBH Tallahassee Office, 1723 Mahan Center Boulevard, for a complimentary lunch, program, and speaker presentation. The public is invited. One-CEU will be provided. Reserve seating now by contacting Candace McKibben at candace@bigbendhospice.org or (850) 878-5310.

April 23

Alzheimer/Dementia Support Group meets from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the fourth Monday at the First United Methodist Church Family Ministry Center. Questions and comments may be relayed to Rural Outreach Manager Stephanie Pollack at (850) 386-2778. Rev. John Hicks, church pastor.



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Hiram Lodge and Elizabeth Baptist Church hold fish fry for Jefferson Senior Citizens Center



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On Friday, March 9, Hiram Lodge No.5 and Elizabeth Baptist Church joined together to hold a fish fry fundraiser for the Jefferson Senior Citizens Center. Frying up hand breaded, golden fish and crispy, delicious hush puppies, the men were kept busy as the orders kept rolling in for more and more food.



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In the kitchen, Joy Jacobs (left), Betty Connor (middle) and Christie Bradey (right) served up delicious helpings of fish, beans and hush puppies during the Hiram Lodge No.5 and Elizabeth Baptist Church fish fry.



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Above: Meryl Love (left) and George W. Pittman, Sr. (right) are "just two old friends" enjoying lunch together, said Love.

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At right: Annette Deason sat by the door and handled meal tickets during the Friday, March 9 fish fry at the senior citizens center. Greeting those who arrived, Deason was a friendly face that helped bring about a cheerful mood to the lunch cook out.



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Sunday School.....10:00 AM
Sunday Worship.....11:00 AM
Children's Chapel.....11:00 AM
Sunday Evening.....6:00 PM
Wednesday Evening.....7:00 PM
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5593 Veterans Memorial Drive (Hwy 59)
Tallahassee • (850) 893-5296
www.indianspringsbaptistchurch.com
email: indspgs@gmail.com
Rev. Greg Roberts

Sunday School.....9:45 AM
Sunday Worship.....11:00 AM
Wednesday
Fellowship Meal.....6:15 PM
Prayer Meeting.....7:00 PM
Children/Youth Programs.....7:00 PM

WAUKEENAH

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81 Methodist Church Rd • Waukeelah • 997-2171
www.waukeelah-umc.org

Pastor Mary Ann Piccioni
Sunday School.....9:45 AM
Sunday Worship.....11:00 AM
Youth Group.....7:00 PM
Wednesday
Choir Practice.....7:00 PM
Youth Group.....7:00 PM

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Pastor Steve Lenzo
pastor@wacissaumc.org

Sunday School.....9:45 AM
Sunday Morning.....10:55 AM
Wednesday
Dinner & Prayer Meeting.....5:45 PM
Youth Group.....6:15 PM
Choir Practice.....7:00 PM

Barbecue Dinner fundraiser at Aucilla Central Baptist Church

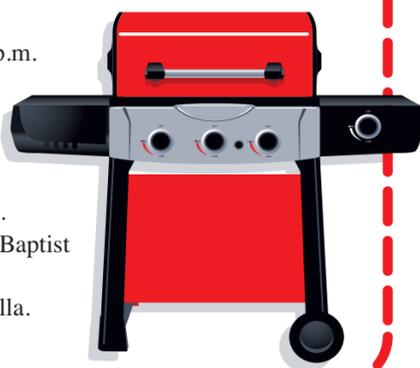
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The Central Baptist Church Brotherhood Ministry will hold a Barbecue Dinner fundraiser on Friday, April 6, from 2:30 to 7:30 p.m. Dinner will include a barbecue meat entree along with two sides, dessert and a soft drink.

The requested donation for this dining experience is just \$8 per meal or two meals for \$15.

This is a community service project for local residents in need. Should you need more details, or directions to the Aucilla Central Baptist Church, call (850) 210-3057 or (850) 251-4740.

Central Baptist Church is located at 625 Tindell Road in Aucilla. Rev. Daryl Adams is pastor, (850) 251-0129.



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Sunday Praise & Worship.....11:15 A.M.
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Wednesday Evenings
Prayer Meeting.....6:30 P.M.
Bible Study.....7:00 P.M.

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4543 Waukeelah Hwy • 264-0802
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pastor@sardismumc.org
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Bible Study/Prayer Meeting
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Wednesday
Prayer & Bible Study.....7:00 PM

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Pastor Jered Day
www.fbclloyd.net • fbclloyd1@embarqmail.com

Sunday	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Praise & Worship
	4:59 pm	Choir
	5:00 pm	TeamKID
	6:00 pm	Youth
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Praise & Worship
	5:30 pm	Family Supper
2nd & 4th Monday Thursday 2nd Thursday 3rd Thursday 3rd Friday	6:30 pm	Youth Potter's Wheel (Grades 6-12) Music Missions and More (Children)
	6:45 pm	Worship on Wednesday
	6:00 pm	Ladies Bible Study
	9:30 a.m.	Crafty Ladies Ministry
	11:00am	Lloyd Silver Saints
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	6:00pm	Brotherhood

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275 N. Mulberry St., Monticello, FL 32344

The Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners is now accepting sealed bids to surplus sale the Extension Office Building. (Formally the Jefferson County Health Department), located behind the Monticello Post Office.

Specifications:

- Parcel# 00-00-00-0360-0000-0671
- Land Area: 0.327 Acre
- Built in 1968
- Heated Square Footage 5,236 / Total Square Footage Under Roof 6,105

***The building will be sold AS IS. Power is on and water is available for inspection purposes. To inspect the inner building please contact the Jefferson County Road Department, Diana Bullock, Christina Lashley or Parrish Barwick at 850/997-2036 or 850/342-0287.

Sealed Bids will be accepted until 5:00 PM Friday, April 13 2018; at 1484 S. Jefferson St., Monticello, FL 32344. Attention Parrish Barwick, Jefferson County Coordinator.

The Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any and all sealed bids. Individuals submitting bids shall bear the entire cost of preparation and presentation of bids responsive hereto and the County shall not be liable for any costs incurred in preparing any bid. 2/23,28, 3/7,14,21,28, 4/4,11

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS AND PROPOSAL

RFQ #2018030118-01

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER
1484 S. Jefferson St., Monticello, FL 32344

Jefferson County will select a Restore Act Grant Consultant to provide consultant services associated with grant writing, administration, technical support, application, monitoring and post-grant requirements of the Restore Act to Jefferson County staff and all Treasury guidelines and federal grant regulations and those additional grant consulting services required of the professional with the Restore Act as required by Jefferson County and the U.S. Treasury.

Proposals from the qualified parties will show the selected consultants ability to provide general guidance and support to Jefferson County staff and advise the commission and staff regarding the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast (RESTORE) Act of 2012.

Tasks and expectations of grant consultant services are defined within the complete Request for Proposals (RFQ) available from the County Coordinator, Parrish Barwick at 1484 S. Jefferson Street, Monticello, Florida 32344; or from the Jefferson County Web Site www.jeffersoncountyfl.gov.

The County, at its sole discretion, intends to award a contract to the party deemed to offer the best qualifications, value and probability of success in administration, consulting and facilitating Jefferson County's grant writing program, monitoring and implementation of the various components of each grant sought and secured through the RESTORE Act.

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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

I, Ken Detzner, Secretary of State of the State of Florida, do hereby give notice that a GENERAL ELECTION will be held in JEFFERSON County, State of Florida, on the SIXTH Day of NOVEMBER, 2018, A.D., to fill or retain the following offices: United States Senator Representative in Congress: Districts 2 and 5 Florida Cabinet - Governor Florida Cabinet - Lieutenant General Florida Cabinet - Attorney General Florida Cabinet - Chief Financial Officer Florida Cabinet - Commissioner of Agriculture State Representative: District 7 Circuit Judge, Second Judicial Circuit: Groups 1, 2, 3, 5, 7 and 12 Sheriff County Judge: Group 1 School Board: Districts 2, 3 and 5 County Commissioner: Districts 2 and 4 Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District: Groups 1, 2, 4 and 5 4/4,11

AVISO DE ELECCIONES GENERALES

Yo, Ken Detzner, Secretario de Estado del Estado de la Florida, por el presente notifico que se llevarán a cabo ELECCIONES GENERALES en el Condado de JEFFERSON, Estado de la Florida, el día SEIS de NOVIEMBRE de 2018 d. C., para determinar la ocupación o la retención de los siguientes cargos: Senador de los Estados Unidos Representante ante el Congreso: distrito 2 y 5 Gabinete de la Florida - Gobernador Gabinete de la Florida - Vicegobernador Gabinete de la Florida - Procurador General Gabinete de la Florida - Funcionario Principal de Finanzas Gabinete de la Florida - Comisionado de Agricultura Representante Estatal: distrito 7 Juez del Circuito, 2.º Circuito Judicial: grupos 1, 2, 3, 5, 7 y 12 Alguacil Juez del Condado: grupo 1 Junta Escolar: distritos 2, 3 y 5 Comisionado del Condado: distritos 2 y 4 Distrito de Conservación de Tierra y Agua de Jefferson: grupos 1, 2, 4 y 5 4/4,11

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR
JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File Number: 18-37-CP

IN RE:
GUIHER GENE GREENWOOD,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of GUIHER GENE GREENWOOD, deceased, whose date of death was December 7, 2017 is pending in the Circuit Court for Jefferson County, Florida Probate Division under probate file # 18-37-CP, the address of which is 1 Courthouse Circle, Monticello, Florida 32344. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this notice is April 4, 2018.

WILLIAM HOWARD GREENWOOD
306 E. Huntingdon St., Apt. 3
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April Fools' Day has a lengthy history

What do you get when you have a select group of people who didn't get the memo that the calendar had been modified and the start of the New Year was now pushed back by three months? April Fools' Day, that's what. Although the tomfoolery that occurs each April 1 may not feel very old, April Fools' Day traces its origins back several centuries.

One legend states that April Fools' Day originated in the 1500s and has remained a day for hijinks ever since. Prior to the 1500s, the western world relied on the Julian calendar to keep track of time. According to the Julian calendar, years began on March 25. However, since March 25 fell during Holy Week, the new year festivities were pushed back to the first day of April. In 1582, Pope Gregory XIII decreed the adoption of the "Gregorian calendar," which switched New Year's Day from the end of March to January 1.

Many people were informed of this change, yet those who lived in rural areas or had not heard about the calendar change continued to celebrate the arrival of the new year on April 1. These people were mocked, and some people in the know would try to confuse people into thinking that April 1 was still New Year's Day and they were receiving a New Year's visit. From this tradition grew the one that is observed today, with people trying to fool unsuspecting individuals with all methods of pranks and trickery.

In France, jokes may have involved placing paper fish on the backs of the gullible. These "poisson d'avril (April fish)" symbolized a young, easily caught fish, or someone who was easily pranked.

Others suggest April Fools' Day is connected to pagan festivals celebrated during the change of seasons. On Hilaria, Romans would dress up in disguises. Some historians speculate that April Fools' Day is connected to the vernal equinox, when people were fooled with unpredictable weather.

April Fools' antics eventually spread outside of France to Britain, and then around the world. While pranks were once simplistic in nature, many are now more intricate. According to Snopes, a popular April Fools' hoax dates back to 1957 when the BBC convinced its audience that spring would arrive early, and with it, an early spaghetti harvest in Switzerland. Video showed peasant women harvesting spaghetti from trees, now that the ravenous spaghetti weevil, which had caused havoc to past harvests, was finally defeated. The station received scores of calls asking to view the harvest or inquiring how they could get a spaghetti plant.

In 1996 in the United States, the popular fast food chain Taco Bell convinced the public that it had agreed to purchase Philadelphia's Liberty Bell and wanted to rename it the "Taco Liberty Bell."

In 2016, the Texas state comptroller's office announced that "redback" paper money would be reissued in the state for the first time since 1840—and it would feature Willie Nelson's face on the \$10 bill.

April Fools' jokes have evolved throughout the centuries. Although the exact origins cannot be accurately pinpointed, the fun ensues nevertheless.

