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Ricky Murray Jr. has been playing football since the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, and while signing his Letter of Intent for Florida A&M, Murray was surrounded by his coaches through his high school years. In the back, the Coaches pictured from left to right, are: Jason Clark, Leroy Smith, Dean Rodell Thomas, Marshaun Harris, James Kelly, Buford Manion, Ronald Graham and Lucious Wade. In the front, pictured from left to right, are: Ricky Murray, Sr., Ricky Murray, Jr., Kimberly Robinson-Murray, and Rico Murray.

## Murray signs with FAMU

Ashley Hunter,  
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On Thursday, April 19, Jefferson Somerset saw its third student signing since the charter had taken over the education of Jefferson County's publicly enrolled students.

Ricky Warren Murray, Jr., a running back for the Jefferson Tigers, signed his Letter of Intent in the Somerset gym while

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Ricky Murray Jr. signed with Florida A&M to play collegiate football for the Rattlers as a preferred walk-on. Pictured are Ricky Murray Sr., father; Ricky Murray Jr., signing athlete; Kimberly Robinson-Murray, mother; and Rico Murray, brother.

### CRIME

## Man arrested

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A 34-year-old Oklahoma man traveling recently through Jefferson County on I-10 ended up in jail when he attracted the attention of law-enforcement officers



Eric Scott Mathews

specifically assigned to patrol roadways and interdict narcotics and other criminal activity on Florida highways.

Eric Scott Mathews first attracted the attention of two Florida Highway Patrol troopers who were monitoring the traffic flow on I-10 when he quickly switched from the inner to the outer lane and got behind two tractor trailers upon spotting the two troopers' stationary vehicles.

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### CITY

## Contractor hired for city hall restoration

Lazaro Aleman, ECB Publishing Inc.

With barely three months left until the grant runs out, the Monticello City Council recently approved the hiring of a contractor to do the city hall window preservation project, along with giving the notice to proceed.

The contractor, Riley Palmer Construction Company (RPCC), was the low bidder. RPCC's bid of \$78,817.44, however, was still more than the grant amount.

"So obviously, we're going to have to pare down the work," City Clerk Emily Anderson, who has been shepherding the project, told the Monticello City Council on Tuesday evening, April 3.

She said that architect J.J. Scott would work with RPCC to cut back the scope of the project and bring it into line with the available money. The reduction, she said, would likely mean that only the bottom floor windows would be restored, not the upstairs ones.

"And it's likely that the city will be contributing some funds to the project, depending on the final task specifics," Anderson said, adding that the budget included \$9,000 for City Hall repairs that could be used for any average of the downscaled work.

Anderson told the council that \$48,420 remained of the \$50,000 grant that the city received from the Florida Department of State. She said the city would have to contribute about \$4,000 to complete the project, qualifying that these numbers were yet "loosey-goosey."

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### LOCAL

## JCSO presents \$15,000 check to senior center

Ashley Hunter  
ECB Publishing, Inc.

It has taken an act of great community awareness and participation that has led

### Senior Center in second step of stabilization

to this moment.

On Thursday, April 19, the Jefferson Senior Citizens Center held

their monthly board meeting, where Jefferson County Sheriff's Office (JCSO)'s

Cricket Edwards and Sheriff Mac McNeill, as well as Evil Twin Farms' Sherri Dean, joined the board of directors.

In the beginning of

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On Thursday, April 19, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office reached a conclusion of its Boots and Barrels and Sheriff David Hobbs Memorial Barrel Race by presenting the complete sum of raised monies to the Jefferson Senior Citizens Center Board of Directors. Pictured, from left to right, are: Nan Baughman, Ed Vollertsen, Kent Watson, Bobbie Krebs, Sheriff Mac McNeill, Minor Brookins, Sherri Dean, Cricket Edwards, Diane Fincham, and Len Dodson. Not pictured is the Board of Directors Treasurer Paul Michael.



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# Employment Matters

## Interview Dynamics



Johnny Pompey

Joe and Josephine, last week I served up the topic of “Interview Prep” like appetizers before a seven-course meal. Well, put on your stretchy pants, boys and girls, and get ready to consume a lot. The interview advice portions are gonna be hefty and coming one after the other for the next few weeks. So I hope you’re hungry.

**Interview Dynamics:** If at all possible determine what the interview process consists of early on in the pursuit of the job. Here’s why, if you know that there are three interviews before a hiring decision is made, you may be able to tailor a strategy to get through one round at a time. Conversely, if you know that there’s only one in-person interview after some preliminary skill testing, then you know you have to be impressive in that singular setting.

**Phone/Video Screenings:** I mentioned this in a previous article, that more and more companies are utilizing web-based video tools to prescreen applicants. So if you are asked to prescreen via video, make sure your portion of the technology works and you’re on time and well groomed. Speak clearly at all times; ensure that you are in a noise/traffic free environment with no distractions within eyesight of the camera.

By distractions, I mean questionable posters hanging on the wall, a messy apartment projecting onto the interviewer’s screen or your favorite music streaming loudly in the background—not allowing you to hear questions being asked and/or drowning out your responses. The same advice for the phone screening, just without the visual cues of course.

**Behavioral, Personality and Hard-Skill Set Assessments:** Please know that most company’s interview procedures, including staffing agencies, incorporate some type of pre-interview or pre-hire assessment. The reason why companies use these assessments is to more accurately qualify potential applicants for vacant positions, and yes, to thin the herd.

Behavioral/Personality based assessments are typically given to

determine if an applicant is a cultural fit for the organization, a division, a department, etc. Most often they are situational-questioned based and are timed as a measure of control to aid in the validity of the results. Several such assessments can allow for and encourage managers to set certain parameters of the assessment based on what is deemed necessary for an employee to be successful in a position, their department, regional division etc.

Armed with a job description, accompanied by the aid of assessment questionnaires and training materials, a hiring manager can sculpt an assessment to determine if you are a good applicant to be interviewed. The science involved in developing these hiring tools is extensive and well-tested. Therefore, I would advise you not to waste your time trying to ‘out-smart’ these assessments, because they are designed by psychologists and psychiatrists who have built in mechanisms that can be tripped by non-genuine responses.

Non-genuine responses tend to raise more red flags than their counterparts in the eyes of hiring managers. Red flags are not good for any applicant, college grad or not. Also, cerebral-based assessments are often administered no matter if other hard-skill-based tests are necessary.

Hard-skill tests are subjective; they are designed to determine the level of an applicant’s functional capabilities as they relate to a particular position.

So for example, if the company’s job description requires that you have an advanced knowledge of Excel; or the ability to back a 53 foot tractor trailer into a bay door within the tight confines of a small shipyard; to draw blood; or to break down, repair and reassemble a circuit board at a desired level and/or in a certain amount of time, the assumption that you will be required to demonstrate your skill isn’t unreasonable. Sad but true, Joe and Josephine, you might be out of school but, trust me, testing still exists.



# Cory Booker’s Badgering of Mike Pompeo

During his confirmation hearing for Secretary of State, Mike Pompeo was closely questioned by Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ) if homosexuality was a perversion. Pompeo dodged the question and did not answer Booker directly.

**Gary B. King**  
Guest Columnist

Booker’s demanding an answer from Pompeo on the matter has caused some evangelicals to cry foul.

Mike Pompeo has a reputation for being a conservative Christian and Booker was trying to get him to admit that he believes homosexuality is a perversion. Several evangelicals took exception because they believe Booker was badgering Pompeo on his religious views when the Constitution forbids any religious test for public office.

This very public exchange highlights the issue of what the Scriptures say about the practice of homosexuality and whether or not it is a perversion of the sex act. I hope to shed some biblical light on what is an already very heated subject.

We need to define what is meant by perversion.

I think it is important to define what is meant by the term perversion. Perversion is defined as “the alteration of something from its original course, meaning, or state to a distortion or corruption of what was first intended.”

When the Pharisees questioned Jesus on the matter of divorce, He pointed out to them what the intended purpose of marriage was from the beginning. “Have you not read that He who created them from the beginning ‘made them male and female,’ and said, ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to

his wife, and the two shall become one flesh,” Matthew 19:4-5 (cf. Genesis 1:27; 2:24).

An expanded explanation of this passage cannot be accommodated here, but at a bare minimum these verses show God intended for marriage to be between one man and one woman committed to one another in marriage. Marriage is a covenant of heterosexual companionship, biblically speaking.

From a solely scriptural perspective marriage was intended by God to be the place where physical and emotional intimacy was to be fostered and any sex act apart from what God intended it to be is a perversion.

So yes, homosexuality is a perversion of the sex act, but what many seem to so readily dismiss is that adultery, fornication, and any other sex act that departs from God’s intended purpose for sex is equally a perversion.

Our culture’s laxity regarding sexual practices has lead us to believe any and all sexual practices are okay.

The sexual revolution has seared our culture’s conscience into thinking that extramarital sex in its many forms is permissible as long as it is “normal” sex. But what many believe is normal sex is abnormal when defined by God’s intended purpose for sex in Genesis.

As is the case with all sins, sexual sins, whatever form they take, can be forgiven when one recognizes their sin, and repents, and turns in faith to Jesus Christ for forgiveness. But unbridled sexual passions and practices undermine the stability of the home, the foundational unit of any society, and thereby threaten the very existence of our culture.

Sexual immorality is a greater threat to our national security within, than a nuclear war from without.



# Man likely injured back hanging TV bought with stolen credit card, Delray police say

Delray Beach police, a report says, found Steven Shapiro in a Fort Lauderdale rehab center. He said he was recovering from back surgery. When detectives played surveillance-camera video showing the Illinois native walking through area stores clad in a Chicago Cubs T-shirt, he admitted he’d bought \$1,823 worth of items using credit cards he’d stolen from his landlord.



Steven Shapiro

home near Lake Ida Road. She said she’d also arranged for him to watch her home while she went out of town for two weeks around Thanksgiving.

She later said she left some of her credit cards in a drawer in her kitchen.

On Nov. 18, the woman told detectives, the fraud department at Best Buy called

about “suspicious purchases” on her store credit card. She said when she returned to Delray Beach, she found several pieces of jewelry missing from her home. She also found several power tools that were determined to have been bought at Home Depot with her store credit card.

Police later found that on Nov. 15, Shapiro pawned for \$100 a 14-karat ring that the woman identified as a family heirloom.

Detectives visited Shapiro on Dec. 13 and he admitted to the crimes, including buying and mounting the TV that he said he believed led to his back problems. Detectives later recovered the TV, speakers and a folding table from his home.

One item was a television he later mounted on his bedroom wall.

“That’s probably how I blew out my disks,” he told detectives.

Shapiro, 56, was booked Monday into the Palm Beach County Jail. He was charged with fraud, dealing in stolen property, grand theft and illegal use of credit cards. He remained in jail Thursday in lieu of \$21,000 bond. His next court hearing is set for May 3, according to court dockets.

According to a Delray Beach police report, a 60-year-old woman told detectives that, starting Nov. 11, she’d rented Shapiro a bedroom inside her

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**Looking north along Highway 19 towards the Jefferson County Courthouse in Monticello. 1963**

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Affidavits.**MURRAY**

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surrounded by teammates, classmates,  
coaches, teachers, friends and his family.Murray will attend Florida A&M, and  
will be swapping his Tiger colors for those of  
a Rattler.According to Athletic Director Sgt. Terry  
Walker, Murray will be a preferred walk-on  
for the Rattlers.A preferred walk-on player is one who  
has been offered a spot on the roster, but has  
not yet been granted a full athletic scholarship.This may always change, as it did for  
former Jefferson County athlete, Zoron Wade,  
who also signed on with Florida A&M during  
March 2017 as a preferred walk-on, and is  
now a full scholarship line backer with the  
Rattlers.Preferred walk-ons are usually already  
eyed and recruited by the coaches, rather than  
a regular walk-on athlete who has joined the  
team without the invite or recruitment of the**JCSO**

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April, Dean alongside Edwards, Sheriff  
McNeill and the body of the JCSO put on the  
Boots and Badges Sponsor Party and the  
Sheriff David Hobbs Memorial Barrel Race  
fundraisers for the senior center.Finally, on April 19, all the deposits had  
been made, all the checks cleared and the  
JCSO were able to present the whole portion of  
those fundraised monies to the senior center."It is an honor to be here," said Sheriff  
Mac McNeill, who stood to provide a few  
words before presenting the check to the board.  
When McNeill was first appointed Sheriff of  
Jefferson County by Gov. Rick Scott following  
the death of Jefferson's beloved Sheriff David  
Hobbs, the newly appointed Sheriff McNeill  
had to be familiarized with the charity fund ran  
by Sheriff Hobbs and see where the former  
Sheriff's heart had been. "It had come to my  
attention that Sheriff Hobbs' heart was really in  
this establishment here and he really wanted  
the things he did, charity-wise, to come here,"  
said Sheriff McNeill. "We decided that  
anything we did from that day forward would  
go to the senior citizens center."Sheriff McNeill also acknowledged  
Cricket Edwards for her crucial role in making  
everything run smoothly, Sherri Dean for  
providing the barrel race fundraiser concept  
and all the work she had poured into those  
events, and Jerry Byrd who had visited  
Jefferson County and dedicated so much of his  
time to a county and a people that needed him.Finally, Sheriff McNeill wanted to express  
his gratitude towards his predecessor, Sheriff  
Hobbs."His memory is what really put the money  
into this check that I am about to present to  
y'all. Sheriff Hobbs' name and the person that  
he was is what really brought the money," said  
Sheriff McNeill.Without further ado, the complete check  
was presented.From the two events, a grand total of  
\$15,000 was compiled into one check, which  
was formally presented to the awed and moved  
Jefferson Senior Citizens Center Board of  
Directors.Gratitude spilled over from the board  
members as they expressed their thanks for  
what the JCSO and Evil Twin Farms had  
accomplished."We really want to thank the Sheriff, the  
department and everyone there," said Board**MATHEWS**

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Trooper R.W. Ivey wrote in his  
report that when Mathew's vehicle  
passed their location, the two officers  
observed that the vehicle was following  
less than two car lengths behind the rear  
of the tractor trailer and that the vehicle's  
side windows were tinted to a degree that  
the driver could not be observed. Both  
observations, the trooper determined,  
were causes for a traffic stops.When the officer asked for  
Mathews vehicle registration, he  
observed that Mathews opened his  
glove box barely enough to get his hand  
in and grab the registration and quickly  
closed it.After measuring the window tint  
and while the other officer was writing a  
warning ticket, Ivey had Mathews step  
out of the vehicle and asked if there was  
anything illegal in the car. To which  
question, Mathews hesitated, according  
to the report."I asked him again if there was  
anything and he stated that he did have a  
little marijuana in the car," Ivey writes in  
the report.After the officer had the two  
children in the vehicle also exit and stand  
beside their father, Mathews volunteered

coach.

While a career in collegiate football is  
ahead of Murray, the student athlete has had  
an extensive experience in high school athletic  
programs, as he also played as a Tiger on the  
basketball court, and track and field team."When you say student athlete, he is a  
prime example of what a student athlete  
should look like," said Athletic Director Sgt.  
Terry Walker, praising Murray's behavior,  
academic skills, and his interpersonal skills.  
"He is a well loved young man.""I didn't have to worry about Ricky  
academically, he did all the hard stuff by  
himself. That's the accomplishment of his  
family," added Head Football Coach Leroy  
Smith. "All you've got to do is [take care] of  
your grades and listen to your coaches and  
your teachers and the people that love you,  
especially your parents, and God will take  
care of the rest."It was to God that Murray's parents gave  
the praise to, as well as to the coaches that had  
surrounded and built up their son.Member Minor Brookins. "We want to thank  
you all very much."With the \$15,000 from the sponsor party  
and barrel race fundraisers as well as the little  
over \$7,000 brought into the center by the  
weekly fish fries that local churches and civic  
groups had worked together in hosting, the  
senior center now moves into a new step in the  
pursuit of financial stabilization."This check puts us over just a bit, but we  
still have a portion of it that is underwritten.  
Which, any excess money that comes in will  
not be spent for day to day operations," said  
Len Dodson, who the board of directors had  
brought in to help solve their debt and financial  
problems with his expertise. The underwritten  
monies have been promised to the board via  
the pledges of people within the community,  
and Dodson could not stress the importance of  
receiving those monies enough. If the pledges  
fall through, the center will continue to face  
their indebtedness and it will take the center  
longer to begin the second stage of Dodson's  
plan: sustainability."Those who have given to the senior  
center have asked a legitimate question of  
'what do you have in mind so this does not  
happen again next year?'" said Dodson, who  
has been the voice of the senior center's  
struggles these last few months. "If we do not  
come up with a steady stream of income, we  
will be in the same shape."This problem is magnified by the fact that  
the center currently has a deficit of \$3,000 in  
their monthly operating fees. If the center does  
not find a way to fill up that deficit, the  
fundraising and backing of the community will  
have been for nought.During the April 19 board meeting, Dodson  
produced a plan he had procured through  
meditation and prayer.In short, in this new stage of the center's  
stabilization, the board through Dodson's plan  
will acquire sponsorships from the community."The community, for the first time, has  
stepped forward to take ownership of the senior  
center. That has never happened before," said  
Dodson. "We lived on government milk and  
dependency. That has been cut off and  
basically, we are on our own."In Dodson's sponsorship plan, there would  
be four levels: Gold Sponsorships, where  
donors will pledge \$100 a month for a year;  
Silver Sponsorships, where donors will pledge  
\$75 a month for a year; Brass Sponsorships,  
where donors will pledge \$50 a month of athat there was a handgun in the trunk and  
asked if that would be an issue."I asked him if he was a convicted  
felon and he stated that he had a charge  
but that it was deferred," Ivey writes in  
his report. "I asked him if there was any  
convictions and he stated no."According to the report, a probable  
cause search of the vehicle produced a  
large glass pipe in the glove box, rolling  
papers, marijuana, a rubber container  
containing hash oil and a 9mm firearm  
and ammunition. A criminal check of the  
driver through FHP dispatch revealed  
that Mathews was a convicted felon,  
according to the report.Mathews was charged with  
possession of marijuana over 20 grams  
(hash oil), possession of marijuana under  
20 grams, four counts of possession of  
paraphernalia and possession of a  
firearm by a convicted felon.He was also issued a warning for  
following too closely and a faulty  
equipment notice for the side window  
tint being too dark.Mathews was transported to the jail  
and the Florida Department of Children  
and Families was notified to look after  
the children until Mathews' friend from  
Orlando could drive up and pick them  
up."[Ricky Murray] has shown himself to be  
a great young man," said Ricky Murray, Sr. "I  
thank God for allowing him to be here today."Murray himself spoke briefly and humbly,  
his speech being full of thanksgiving and  
praise to his parents for their constant belief in  
him, to his coaches for building him up to be a  
leader, to his friends, classmates and  
teammates for the fond memories and  
guidance, and to the community for it's belief  
and support.At Florida A&M, Murray will be  
majoring in engineering alongside his play on  
the Florida A&M Rattlers."I'm going to be an engineer and play  
football at the same time," said Murray. "Just  
to show other people that it's possible to do  
it."Murray is the son of Kimberly Robinson-  
Murray and Ricky Murray, Sr. He is the  
grandson of Rosa Bassa. During the signing  
ceremony for his Letter of Intent, Murray was  
accompanied by his family, including his  
younger brother, Rico Murray.year; and Copper Sponsorships, where donors  
will pledge \$25 a year. Whatever comes in as a  
one-time smaller monetary gift to the center  
will likely fall into the Copper level.At the end of the year, the sponsors would  
be recognized through a heavy hors d'oeuvres  
banquet and award ceremony."These are not large numbers and I think  
we will do far better than that," said Dodson.  
"I've seen what happens when this community  
gets behind something, they make it happen."The board of directors were favorable to  
the plan Dodson had placed before them, and  
acknowledged the work they will have to put  
in to make it succeed."We've proven we can do this, since we  
have had people already step up," said Board  
Member Nan Baughman. "It's just a matter of  
getting out there again and pounding the  
pavement, and that is what this board is for.""You never really know how something is  
going to work, but I think this will be a  
positive," said Board Member Bobbie Krebs.The board also produced ideas of their  
own, such as holding events and annual  
functions as an extra way to boost income.  
Other concepts that Dodson had spoke about  
previously were the possibilities of renting the  
center facilities out for events and the  
meetings of local civic groups.For the center's survival, thinking outside  
of the box, sticking to the plans Dodson has  
laid out and putting in a lot of hard work  
within the community will be required of the  
Board of Directors at the Jefferson Senior  
Citizen's Center."We hope the Senior Center will become a  
meeting place for not only the seniors, but the  
community as a whole," said Dodson in a  
meeting with ECB Publishing, Inc. a few week  
prior to the board meeting.In order to survive, the senior center will  
need to update their standing within the  
community; they will need to stay within the  
sight and vision of the community by  
providing new services and strengthening old  
ones; and the center will need the backing and  
support of the Jefferson County community as  
they have never had before.With their new plans for sustainability and  
the fact that the community does care what  
happens to the senior citizen's center made  
undeniable by the monetary proof that has  
been shown, hopefully the Jefferson Senior  
Citizens Center plans to be around for a long  
time to come.**CONTRACTOR**

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Anderson said the work to be accomplished was very  
detailed, involved treatment of the wood, three coats of  
paint, and all of it had to be done manually. At that, she  
said, the state had to approve the work before it could  
proceed.Regrettably, Anderson said, the funding wouldn't  
allow for the repairs of the two upstairs window, which  
were in the worst condition. These would have to be done  
later, she said. But the work on the others would have to  
proceed expeditiously, as the grant deadline was June 30.The city received the grant last summer, then learned  
after the fact that the rules required that it hire an architect,  
which it did last October, awarding the contract to  
MLD Architects of  
Tallahassee.The improvements  
primarily involve the  
restoration or replacement  
of the building's windows  
and soffits, as well as  
allowing for some minor  
painting and woodwork  
replacement.The two-story wood  
framed City Hall building  
dates from 1909 and was  
modified in 1922. It has  
served as the Monticello  
City Hall since 1983.

# Kids Incorporated hosted Chamber After 5

Debbie Snapp  
ECB Publishing, Inc.

Kids Incorporated of the Big Bend hosted the most recent Monticello Jefferson County Chamber After 5 networking event last Thursday evening, April 19. Employees walked their guests around the facility, located at 395 East

Washington Street.

Kids Incorporated is a community-based organization providing quality, comprehensive services to families with children ages 0-3 years and pregnant women in Jefferson, Madison and Leon counties. These services include: quality early education and

care, health-disability-nutrition, family and community partnerships, and services to pregnant women.

A minimum of 10 percent of the children served have special needs; the instructors strive to help children reach their developmental milestones and provide parents with the tools to be

the best parents they can be.

Kids Inc. has an active volunteer program and accepts financial and other donations. They host several children's events and festivals through the year including Kidsfest, held on the first Saturday each May at the North Florida Fairgrounds; A Night of Champions, in

November; and Havana Nights, in January.

Kids Inc. is a not-for-profit organization and a United Way certified agency.

Contact Chamber Executive Director Katrina Richardson at (850) 997-5252 for more information about its events, services and membership.



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LaFonda Wilson, family community engagement director for Kids Incorporated of the Big Bend, draws the winning tickets for the Monticello Jefferson County Chamber After 5 networking event fundraiser.



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Robin Forbes, head teacher for the Monticello Kids Incorporated of the Big Bend, took guests on a tour of the facility during the recent Monticello Jefferson County Chamber After 5 networking event. Pictured from left to right in the activity room are: Forbes, Nan Baughman and Geri Ann Driggers.



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Melissa Morgan, site director for Kids Incorporated of the Big Bend, showed guests to the recent Monticello Jefferson County Chamber After 5 networking event the infants room at the Monticello facility.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

debbiesnapp@embarqmail.com OR (850) 997-3568

### April 25

Jefferson Arts Gallery members meet at 11 a.m. on the fourth Wednesday. For more information contact Judy Miller at [membership@jeffersonartsgallery.com](mailto:membership@jeffersonartsgallery.com).

### April 25

Kiwanis Club meets at 12 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Jefferson Country Club for a program and lunch. For more information contact President Fred Beshears at (850) 997-2516.

### April 25, 27, 30

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 26

Altrusa International of Monticello provides community service, develops leaders, fosters community partnerships, and encourages fellowship through its dedicated member activities and programs. Altrusa meets at 12 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of September through May at First United Methodist Church Youth Center. For more information contact Linda Benedict at (850) 766-4997.

### April 27

Monticello Jamboree Band performs at 7 p.m. on Fridays at 625 South Water Street. Join for dance music, door prizes, cold and hot soft drinks and snacks. This is a nonprofit charitable event; donations are accepted. For more information contact Darlene Aldrich at (850) 556-5218.

### April 27

Rotary meets at 12 p.m. on Fridays at the First Presbyterian Church fellowship hall for a meeting, program, and lunch. For more information contact President Mark Kessler at (850) 294-1323.

### April 28

HUGHES Community Center meets at the Teen Center, on Tiger Lane, at 4 p.m. every Saturday. All youth and parents are encouraged to attend. For more information contact Coordinator Lamar Hughes at (850) 300-9828 or (850) 300-8587 or go to [hughescc.org](http://hughescc.org) or [hughes01lamar@gmail.com](mailto:hughes01lamar@gmail.com).

### April 28

Shaumese Latahra Book Signing from 12 to 2 p.m. at the Public Library on Saturday and will include poetry reading, food and a book giveaway. The cost of her first self-published book is \$10 and can be found on [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) in print and as an eBook for \$2.99. She may be contacted at (850) 629-8577.

### April 30

Martin Luther King Community Center Committee at 6 p.m. on last Monday at 1420 First Street. Contact Charles Parrish at (850) 997-3760 for information.

### April 30

EOC Amateur Radio Operators net call at 8 p.m. on Mondays on repeater WX4JEF (145.430, minus offset, pl tone 94.8) All are invited to tune in and licensed operators are urged to check in. For text alerts of Club news and events to your smart phone text JEFFARES to 84483. For information contact Andy Rudd at (850) 694-6006 or [arudd@att.net](mailto:arudd@att.net).

### April 30

Jefferson County Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. on Monday at the county health department annex. For more information about this service organization and its fundraising efforts, contact Lion Debbie at (850) 997-0901.

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# Beauty and the Beast enchants the library

Ashley Hunter, *ECB Publishing, Inc.*

The tale of Beauty and the Beast is truly a 'tale as old as time' and one of the most well-known and most beloved fairy tales of all time. From Disney's version with dancing furniture, to more serious and less-known adaptations, there are multiple retellings in cinema and in literature for the classical tale of love and acceptance.

On Saturday, April 14, the Jefferson County R.J. Bailar Library was the stage for a small performance of the beloved fairy tale.

Actors Julia Cicchino and Steve Torres from the Hampstead Stage Company (HSC) set up their stage props in the community room of the library, prepared their costumes and put on a show to delight and entertain their audience during the hour-long theatrical performance.

Cicchino played the titular Beauty to Torres' Beast, as well as Beauty's sister, Gretchen. Meanwhile, Torres played as the third sister, Beverly; the girls' father and, of course, the Beast.

There was no singing furniture or plotting Gaston in this version of Beauty and the Beast; the HSC used a version closer to the tales of Beauty and the Beast that were written by Gabrielle-Suzanne Barbot de Villeuve (in 1740) and Madam Jeanne-Marie LePrince de Beaumont (in 1756) as their inspiration for their theatrical performance, rather than the more well-known and frequently referenced edition by Andrew Lang (in 1889).

After the performance, Torres and Cicchino opened up a period of question and answers, where they answered questions about the fairy tale as well as about the Hampstead Stage Company.

Based out of New Hampshire, the HSC is dedicated to educating audiences through classic literature and bringing it to life for audiences around the country. The company believes that high-quality theater should be accessible to everyone and they perform over 2,000 shows annually.

As a nonprofit educational touring theater, Hampstead takes the classical plays and tales and transforms them into an educated take on literary performances for the modern 21<sup>st</sup> century audience.

To learn more about the Hampstead Stage Company, visit [www.hampsteadstage.org](http://www.hampsteadstage.org).



ECB Publishing, Inc. Photo By Ashley Hunter, April 14, 2018  
On Saturday, April 14, two actors from the Hampstead Stage Company presented a tale as old as time, *Beauty and the Beast*, at the Jefferson County Library. Julia Cicchino (front) played as Beauty and her sister, Gretchen, while Steve Torres (back) played as Beauty's father; Beauty's sister, Beverly; and the Beast.

ECB Publishing, Inc. Photo By Ashley Hunter, April 14, 2018  
The Hampstead Stage Company, which is based out of New Hampshire, is a nonprofit national education touring theater. Julia Cicchino (left) and Steve Torres (right) are two of the actors from Hampstead's traveling troupe cast. Cicchino and Torres performed *Beauty and the Beast* for Jefferson County at the library, where the two actors split five characters between themselves.



ECB Publishing, Inc. Photo By Ashley Hunter, April 14, 2018  
Beauty (played by Julia Cicchino) and The Beast (played by Steve Torres) enchanted their audience during the April 14 play put on by the Hampstead Stage Company within the community room at the Jefferson County Library.



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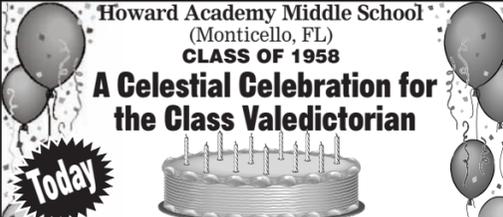


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- \*Profession: Retired Accountant
- \*Member: New Way Fellowship Baptist Church (Miami Gardens, Florida)
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- \*Children: Giovanna & Anthony

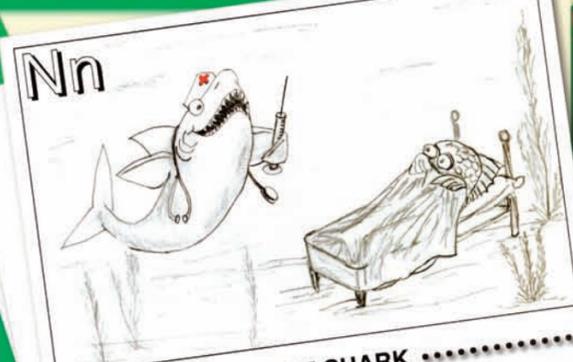
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## DOUBLE TAKE

by Tommy Greene



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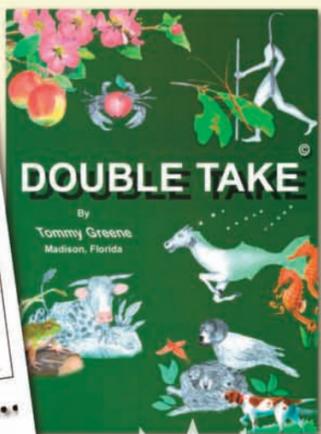
Nurse sharks are sluggish, slow-moving sharks that spend their time resting on the ocean bottom. Instead of swimming, these sharks sometimes use their large front fins to walk their bodies along the ocean floor. Nurse sharks are found in the shallow waters of the western Atlantic and eastern Pacific Oceans. They can grow to be about 14' long.

Although nurse sharks move very slowly, they eat with amazing speed, slurping their food up off the bottom. They live on a diet of shellfish, coral, sea urchins, squid and bottom-dwelling fish. Nurse sharks hunt at night; during the day they gather together in schools and rest.

There is some confusion as to the origin of the name "nurse" shark. One thought is that the name "nurse" comes from the Old English word "nurse," meaning sea-floor shark. And, there are some who think that the sharks make a sucking sound like a nursing baby.

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Debbie Snapp

## Pray for America in Unity on May 3

Debbie Snapp, *ECB Publishing Inc.*

Unity across the nation and among churches spanning all denominations, generations, races and cultures is the overarching plea of the 2018 National Day of Prayer, scheduled for Thursday, May 3.

In staying local, the Jefferson County Ministerial Association is sponsoring an organized 'Day of Prayer Rally' at 12 p.m. on Thursday, May 3 in the Monticello News parking lot, across from the County Courthouse. Plan to

join with others from the community in praying together for our city, our county and our nation.

Ephesians 4:3 says, "Making every effort to keep the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace." Go to [nationaldayofprayer.org](http://nationaldayofprayer.org) for more information.

Also, at 7 a.m. on the same morning, all are invited to the Community Prayer Breakfast to be held at the First Presbyterian Church Parrish Hall.

#PRAY4UNITY



## Farm Bureau holding a Spring fundraiser

Debbie Snapp, *ECB Publishing, Inc.*

The Jefferson County Farm Bureau is holding a great southern fundraiser to support agricultural education. The group is offering a selection of meats from Johnston's Meat Market in Monticello, including Boston Butts, Hams, Sausage, Ribs and Bacon. The cost of each selection is \$25.

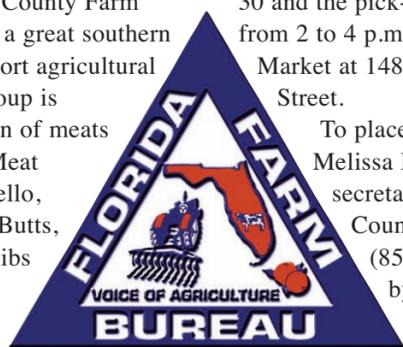
The average weight of the Boston Butts and Hams are 5-6 lbs., the sausage is 5 lbs., the ribs are one slab which equals 3.5 lbs., and

the bacon (uncooked) is 5 lbs.

Deadline for ordering is April 30 and the pick-up date is May 4 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Johnston's Meat Market at 1480 West Washington Street.

To place an order call Melissa Bass, county secretary for the Jefferson County Farm Bureau, at (850) 997-2213 or stop by the office at 105 West Anderson Street, Monticello.

Spread the word to your friends, family, neighbors and co-workers. This is an awesome fundraiser for a great cause.



## Free 'Outdoor Experience' at Beau Turner Youth Conservation Center



Story Submitted

Enjoy fun outdoor activities Saturday, April 28 at the 2018 Outdoor Experience, a free family event hosted at the Beau Turner Youth Conservation Center. The Outdoor Experience provides a safe environment, expert instruction, and equipment so attendees of all ages can try activities such as archery, fishing and more. The event, hosted by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), takes place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Outdoor Experience also features hay rides, bounce houses and guest performances by nationally known target shooters. World champion Randy Oitker will demonstrate his archery skills at 11 a.m. and a trick shooting exhibition by renowned shotgunner Steve Gould will be featured at 1 p.m. In addition, the FWC and its partners will host hands-on activities and educational programs about fish and wildlife conservation.

The Beau Turner Youth Conservation Center is located in Monticello on U.S. 19 just north of HWY 27 (9194 S. Jefferson Highway).

Johnston's Meat Market will be selling food and beverages during the event. However, attendees also can bring their own snacks and drinks.

Advance event registration is not required. For more information about the Outdoor Experience, please contact Kelly at [Kelly.Langston@MyFWC.com](mailto:Kelly.Langston@MyFWC.com).

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## Senior volunteers sought for FSU longevity research project

Lazaro Aleman, *ECB Publishing, Inc.*

If you're a Jefferson County senior citizen and a registered voter, expect an invitation to come in the mail from Florida State University in the next day or so inviting you to participate in a university research project on successful longevity.

This is no scam. The FSU's Institute for Successful Longevity is sending the postcards to encourage seniors to contact the institute and become a research volunteer.

"Volunteers can choose the research projects that interest them," says Professor Neil Charness, Ph.D., director of the institute. "Volunteers may be paid as well for helping our researchers."

The volunteers, he says, will help FSU with its research on healthy physical and cognitive aging.

"Our institute works to discover the causes of age-related functional and cognitive decline—that is, diminished perception, memory or judgment—and to translate those discoveries into practices and interventions," says Charness, who is also the William G. Chase professor of psychology at FSU.

Continues Charness: "We take an interdisciplinary approach to our the study of research on longevity, so our research is across many fields and brings in experts from many fields—from psychology and medicine to the fine arts, law, communications and technology and other areas."

Volunteers, Charness says, can choose which, if any, research projects they would like to take part in. And with some projects, volunteers will be paid for helping with the research.

Examples of the programs that volunteers can choose range from spending time in the institute's driving simulator to help researchers develop road signs that better accommodate the needs of older drivers to joining a study into whether seniors can use computer tablets to fight the isolation that often troubles older individuals in rural settings. Volunteers accepted to the study receive a tablet, which they can keep as their own when the research is complete.

The postcards went in the mail this week, addressed to all registered voters age 60 and over in Jefferson County.

If you are not a registered voter, or don't receive a card, you can still volunteer. Just visit [isl.fsu.edu/volunteer](http://isl.fsu.edu/volunteer), call the institute at (850) 644-8571 or send an email message to [isl@fsu.edu](mailto:isl@fsu.edu).



# CRIME BEAT



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Jeffrey Thomas Morgan, 28, of Monticello, FL; arrested Friday, April 13; charged with DUI-alcohol or drugs; DUI-refusal. Bond set at \$500. Released same day.

Nathaniel Clark, 22, of Tallahassee, FL; arrested Friday, April 13; charged with violation of probation (VOP)/robbery with deadly weapons (eight counts). No bond or released date information provided.

Jacob Dehner Diehl, 30, of Monticello, FL; arrested Friday, April 13; charged with failure to appear (FTA)/violation of injunction. Bond set at \$10,000. No released date provided.

Adrian Antonio Powell, 36, of Monticello, FL; arrested Thursday, April 12; charged with VOP/sale, manufacture, delivery of cocaine, two counts; and VOP/delivery, manufacture of bath salts, two counts. No bond or released date information provided.

Kacy Charmine Bryant, 33, of Monticello, FL; arrested Thursday, April 12; charged with aggravated battery—great bodily harm. No bond or released date information provided.

Keshawn Arkeem Francis, 24, of Monticello, FL; arrested Wednesday, April 11; charged with a writ of attachment (child support). Bond set at \$850. No released date information provided.

Eric Scott Mathews, 34, of Noble, OK; arrested Wednesday, April 11; charged with possession of marijuana 20 grams (hash oil); possession of marijuana not more than 20 grams; possession of drug equipment (four counts); and possession of a weapon by convicted felon. Bond set at \$2,500. No released date provided.

Nicole Starr Joyner, 36, of Monticello, FL; arrested Tuesday, April 10; charged with VOP-DUI alcohol or drugs. No bond or released date provided.

Christopher Williams, 32, of Monticello, FL; arrested Tuesday, April 10; charged with VOP-felony battery. No bond amount provided. Released same day.

Christopher M. Sanders, 45, of Tallahassee, FL; arrested Tuesday, April 10; charged with VOP-assault. No bond or released date information provided.

Michael Chase Will, 31, of Monticello, FL; arrested Sunday, April 8; charged with marijuana possessionless than 20 grams, drug equipment possession, and DUI. Bond set at \$500. Released same day.

Zebulin Rashad Richardson, 31, of Cleveland, TN; arrested Saturday, April 7; charged with VOP-out of county, larceny. No bond or released date information

provided.

Shraze Jerome Hills, 33, of Monticello, FL; arrested on Friday, April 6; charged with domestic battery. No bond or released date information provided.

Kelvin Gregory Pettis, 47, of Tallahassee, FL; arrested Thursday, April 5; charged with FTA—possession of controlled substance; and FTA—possession of drug paraphernalia. No bond or released date information provided.

Willie James Boyd, 56, of Monticello, FL; arrested Wednesday, April 4; charged with VOP- aggravated battery with deadly weapon. Bond set at \$200. Released same day.

Tanya Jessica Reid, 41, of Lamont, FL; arrested Wednesday, April 4; charged with VOP/sale of controlled substance (adderall) and VOP/sale of controlled substance (clonazepam). Bond set at \$50. Released same day.

Danielle Sharice Kinsey, 40, of Monticello, FL; arrested Wednesday, April 4; charged with simple battery. Bond set at \$2,500. Released same day.

Richard Harrison Foster, 43, of Monticello, FL; arrested Tuesday, April 3; charged with grand theft of more than \$300, less than \$5,000, and domestic battery. Bond set at \$2,500. No released date provided.

John Malcom Bramlett, 34, of Monticello, FL; arrested Tuesday, April 3; charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon (domestic). Bond set at \$2,500. No released date provided.

Keshoundra Latresa Merritt, 36, of Monticello, FL; arrested Tuesday, April 3; charged with cruelty to animals. Bond set at \$500. Released same day.

Wendy Dawn Stewart, 42, of Monticello, FL; arrested Tuesday, April 3; charged with VOP/sale of with intent to sell, methamphetamine; VOP/sale of controlled substance, methamphetamine. Bond set at \$100. Released same day.

Gary Andrew Reeves, 44, of Monticello, FL; arrested Tuesday, April 3; charged with VOP/sale of controlled substance with intent, sale of methamphetamine; VOP/sale of controlled substance, methamphetamine; and VOP/sale controlled substance, methadone. Bond set at \$25. Released same day.

Lonnie Jerome Jones, 48, of Monticello, FL; arrested Monday, April 2; charged with VOP/contraband, county detention facility; VOP/possession of controlled substance; VOP/DUI. No bond or released date information provided.

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## Composite decking pros and cons

*Metro Editorial*

Decks add character and functionality to a home, increasing outdoor entertaining space and oftentimes improving the resale value of a home. Homeowners have various options when choosing decking materials, but one such option, composite decking, is growing in popularity.

Decks used to primarily be made from pressure-treated lumber. While lumber remains a popular material, more and more homeowners are opting for composite decking products. Composite decking and its close cousin, plastic lumber, are some of the fastest-growing decking materials on the market. Many products are made from polyethylene or polyvinyl chloride. Some composites will be comprised of recycled plastic and wood fibers to create a weather- and stain-resistant material that doesn't warp, rot or splinter.

As anyone who has pressure-washed, stained and sealed wood decks can attest, such spaces require lots of upkeep to look new year after year. Composite decks require much less maintenance, making them highly attractive to homeowners who would rather spend time using their decks instead

of maintaining them. Composite decks do not need to be sanded, stained or refinished. However, algae, mold and mildew can still grow on the surface in shady, damp areas, so homeowners must realize that these products are not completely maintenance-free.

Any type of decking material that is formulated from different recycled materials is considered composite. The majority of these materials include hard plastic and wood shavings of pulp. Unlike wood, which can fade, crack and rot, composite decking, which has been available for roughly a decade, does not degrade as quickly.

Available in a variety of wood colors to match outdoor decor, composite decks also can feature artificial wood grains to make them look similar to wood planks. Although composite decks are not completely impervious to the elements, with some occasional washing to impede mold growth and new technology that has improved stain-resistance, many of the pitfalls of other materials can be avoided with composite decks.

Composite decking fits in with eco-friendly lifestyles. The planks are made from recycled materials that would normally end up in landfills.

Products from Trex, a popular composite decking manufacturer, are made from 1.5 million shopping bags and wood mill waste. As composite decks do not rot away and are long-lasting, they will not need to be replaced frequently, which is another eco-friendly benefit.

When comparing composite decking brands, look mainly at the colors, materials used in the composition and the fastening systems. Many are

fastened with regular deck screws. The newer systems have channels for hidden fastening, and the composite deck tiles snap into place.

Composite decks do have a few drawbacks. They can be expensive—nearly double the initial cost of wood decks. And although they don't rot, composite planks can be scratched. Overly damaged boards will eventually need to be replaced. Harsh chemicals may fade color and damage the composite materials, so caution is required when choosing cleaning supplies.

Composite decking remains an in-demand choice for outdoor spaces. Low-maintenance and long-lasting, these decks have quickly become favorites among homeowners.

## QuickTIPS

Maybe composite isn't for you! You can enjoy the great outdoors designed wood deck or do something totally different and creative. Various decking materials can meet the look, price point and maintenance level homeowners desire.

### Wood

Domestic softwoods can be very cost-effective decking options, and they hold significant re-sell value. In terms of maintenance, choosing a rot-resistant wood can result in less maintenance needs. Durable woods include cedar and redwood, as both species contain tannins and oils that make them naturally resistant to decay, rot and voracious insects. Periodic cleaning and inspection/repairs will be needed, but wood can be much more durable than people may think.

### Aluminum

Although aluminum decks are not seen that often, there are reasons why this decking material is becoming more popular. Power-coated aluminum does not need to be replaced due to rotting, cracking or warped boards. Most planks have interlocking edges that create gap-free, watertight decks. Aluminum also has the advantage of being a very strong but lightweight material. The material actually stays cooler in the sun than other kinds of metal because of its heat-dissipation properties. For those who have green goals in mind, aluminum is totally recyclable.

### Stone

Maybe a deck just doesn't fit what you want. Maybe you don't want to have to get a permit to enjoy your outdoor space, or you require easier handicap access. Stone or concrete patios are still a viable option and offer considerable privacy. Stone is beautiful and natural-looking while requiring very little maintenance. Patios can take longer to build, but their superior durability is impressive.



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# FSA Testing Underway at Jefferson Somerset

Story Submitted

Testing season is in full swing in schools throughout the state of Florida, and Jefferson Somerset is no exception.

Students are busy putting into action all the skills and tools teachers have been equipping them with all year long. Early in the semester, Jefferson Somerset Principal Cory Oliver sent a letter home with every student who would be testing. The note gave parents and guardians the exact dates of each test and which test each student and grade level would be taking. Not only did the letter include pertinent dates and applicable test schedules, but the letter provided many resources for test taking success and offered expectations for test takers. Tests running from various dates in March through to the end of the school year in May include End of Course exams (EOC), English Language Arts (ELA), Florida State Assessment (FSA), and Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT).

Students taking a computer-based test are given the opportunity to complete a practice test to get used to the platform. Students could review the computer-based practice test at home. The practice tests and answer keys were available via [www.fsassessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/](http://www.fsassessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/). More information regarding test session lengths for all Spring 2018 FSA assessments could be found at [www.FSAssessments.org](http://www.FSAssessments.org), click on the Students and Families icon, select the Frequently Asked Questions card, then select the question: "How long are the tests?"

Parents and students were given a list of policies to go over before testing began. Jefferson Somerset test takers are not permitted to have any electronic devices including, but not limited to, cell phones, smartphones and smartwatches at any time during testing or during breaks (e.g., restroom). This applies even if the devices are turned off or students do not use them. If a student is found with an electronic device, his or her test is then invalidated. Approved calculators are allowed for specific sessions and grade levels. If students are found with handheld calculators during unauthorized sessions, their tests would be invalidated.

All FSA tests include a Testing Rules Acknowledgment that reads: "I understand the testing rules that were



Photo Submitted

**Student Malik Thompson (pictured) is one of the many Jefferson Somerset students who are currently in the midst of taking their FSA testing for the end of the school year. For many students, the testing procedure can be difficult and frustrating. If you know a student who is currently testing, be sure to provide encouragement and support them throughout the testing procedure.**

just read to me. If I do not follow these rules, my test score may be invalidated." Prior to testing, test administrators read the rules to students, and students are to acknowledge that they understand the testing rules by signing below the statement on their planning sheets, worksheets or work folders. The last portion of the testing rules read to students before they sign below the Testing Rules Acknowledgment states: "Because the content in all statewide assessments is secure, you may not discuss or reveal details about the test items or passages after the test. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, or posting online, for example, on Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, or Instagram." It was further explained to students for even more clarification that "discussing" test content includes any kind of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing or posting to blogs or social media websites, etc. While students are not supposed to share information about secure test content after testing, this policy is not intended to prevent students from discussing their testing experiences with their parents and families.

Students are responsible for doing their own work during the test and for protecting their answers from being seen by others. If students are caught cheating during testing, their tests will be invalidated. In addition, the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) employs Caveon Test Security to analyze student test

results to detect unusually similar answer patterns. Student tests within a school that are found to have extremely similar answer patterns will be invalidated.

If a student leaves campus before completing a test session (for lunch, an appointment or illness, etc.), he or she will not be allowed to return to that test session. If a student is ill on the day of testing, it may be best for him to wait and be tested on a makeup day. Parents were encouraged to remember not to schedule appointments on testing days. Testing accommodations were made for students who have an Individual Education Plan (IEP), a Section 504 plan or students who are an English Language Learner (ELL). Parents were also encouraged to call the school to discuss their child's needs and specific accommodations.

While year-end assessments and test taking can be stressful, Jefferson Somerset teachers work very hard to prepare their students not only with

the knowledge and skills they need but also with necessary encouragement and support. Not everyone handles the stress of test taking the same way, but faculty and staff work to ensure students feel prepared, feel secure and have the confidence and coping skills needed to achieve their best results.

Parents can help as well by seeing that their students get good rest the night before, have a good breakfast at home or arrive in time to eat a school breakfast. Parents can work with their children at home to review and make sure their students are taking time to study and prepare. Parents and teachers alike need to let students know they are loved regardless of the outcome of any individual test or set of outcomes. If you know a Jefferson Somerset student currently in the middle of testing season be sure to encourage them yourself with some kind words or a thoughtful care package such as extra pencils, healthy brain food snacks and a kind note. Testing can be stressful, but with the community behind them Jefferson Somerset students are ready to achieve new heights.

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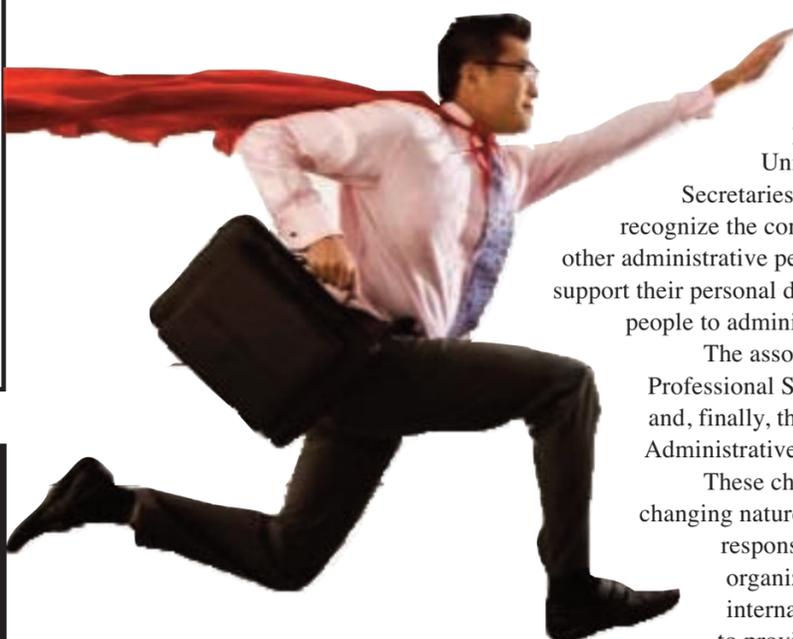


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During World War II, there was an increased need for skilled administrative personnel, particularly in the United States. The National Secretaries Association was formed to recognize the contributions of secretaries and other administrative personnel to the economy, to support their personal development and to help attract people to administrative careers in the field.

The association's name was changed to Professional Secretaries International in 1981 and, finally, the International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP) in 1998.

These changes in name reflected the changing nature of the tasks, qualifications and responsibilities of the members of the organization. IAAP now has an international orientation and continues to provide education and training and set standards of excellence recognized by the

business community on a global perspective. The organization's vision is "to inspire and equip all administrative professionals to attain excellence".

The first National Secretaries Week was organized in 1952 in conjunction with the United States Department of Commerce and various office supply and equipment manufacturers. The Wednesday of that week became known as National Secretaries Day. As the organization gained international recognition, the events became known as Professional Secretaries Week and Professional Secretaries Day. In 2000, IAAP announced that names of the week and the day were changed to Administrative Professionals Week and Administrative Professionals Day to keep pace with changing job titles and expanding responsibilities of the modern administrative workforce. Many work environments across the world observe this event.

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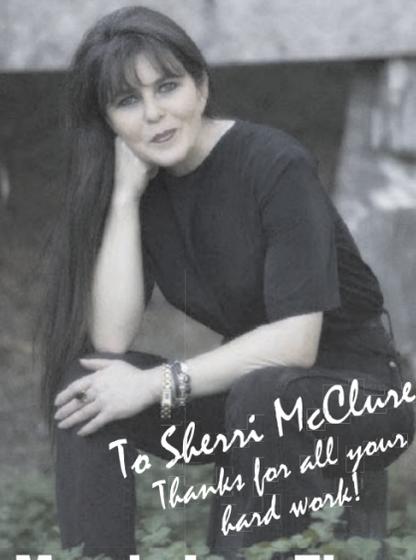
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# Workplace trends affecting administrative professionals



**The roles of administrative professionals continue to evolve.**

*Metro Editorial*

Executives who occupy corner offices tend to get much of the glory for a company's success. But many professionals know the progress and sustainability of a business tends to lie within the daily services offered by its front line of employees. A number of these seasoned and dedicated workers fall within the category of administrative professionals.

Administrative professionals have seen their roles evolve in the changing face of office employment. While some of the more conventional duties that have long been a part of admins' jobs remain, many now find their roles expanding. Admins who want to stay a step ahead and improve their career opportunities can hone their skills and keep abreast of the changing trends.

A survey sponsored by OfficeTeam and the International Association of Administrative Professionals zeroed in on what hiring managers said they consider are key motivators for hiring admins. The survey found that organizational skills, initiative and attention to detail are some of the most important qualities for support professionals to possess. They also need to have advanced technical skills, as proficiency in Microsoft Office is just the tip of the iceberg. Some employers now

require office professionals be skilled at cloud-based apps, social media, database management, and even website maintenance. Long gone are the days when filing papers and keeping up on company correspondence filled the bulk of an admin's day.

The following are some skills administrative professionals may need to advance their careers:

- Excellent written and verbal communication: Being bilingual is an added feather in one's cap.
- Industry experience: Knowledge regarding how a specific industry and/or business works can help admin professionals.
- Customer service skills: A friendly but effective demeanor can benefit admins.
- Filing/billing: An ability to file and/or create financial reports coupled with knowledge regarding how to process invoices can help admins.
- Flexibility: Admins who can wear many hats are especially attractive candidates to many businesses, as admins may have to fill in for the duties of an office manger or bookkeeper.
- Thirst for knowledge: A desire to continue one's education, including involving oneself in various seminars or training sessions particular to the industry, can help admins. Credentials are sought-after and include certification in certain industry standard courses.

BYOD trends also are rising among administrative professionals. This means workers are able to bring their own computers or other digital devices to work. Admins may be tasked with establishing protocol for security and maintenance of such devices.

Thanks to evolving roles for administrative professionals, outdated job titles are changing and salaries are increasing. According to Salary Guide, the average starting salary across the administrative field increased by 3.4 percent in 2015 and continues to grow. Current administrative professionals can continue to grow their skill sets and keep current on the training or technologies that can help them advance their careers.

## Happy Administrative Professionals Day!



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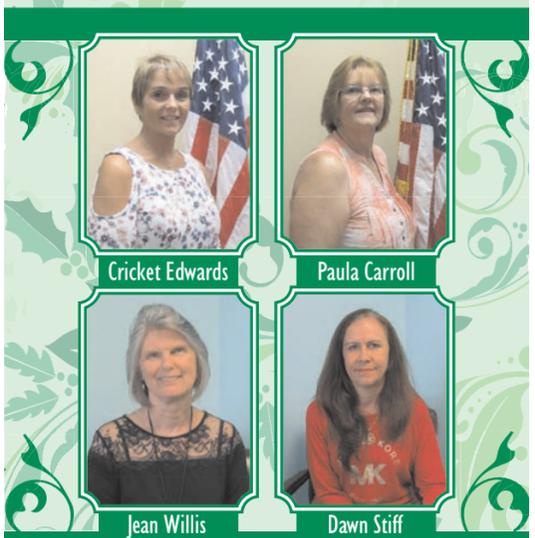
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**From the Pulpit...**

**The Lord is My Shepherd**

A famous actor was the guest of honor at a social gathering. As people gathered around, they asked the actor to recite excerpts from various literary works. He obliged and did so brilliantly. Finally, an elderly pastor asked the author to recite the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm.



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The actor hesitated at first and then agreed on one condition. The pastor would return the favor. The actor's recitation was brilliant and eloquent. People responded to the actor with lengthy applause.

The pastor's rendition was feeble and frail. But when the pastor finished, it was quiet, and there were tears running down a number of cheeks. The actor broke the silence with these words: "I know the psalm. The pastor knows the Shepherd."

Do you know the Shepherd? Have you discovered that with Him you shall not want?

When Isaiah spoke of the coming of the Messiah he worded it by saying: "He will feed his flock like a shepherd! He will gather His lambs into His arms."

This picture comes more clearly into focus in the New Testament. Jesus told a story about a shepherd who had 100 sheep, but one of them went astray. In our way of thinking a 99 percent return on our investment would be most desirable, but not this shepherd. He left the 99 to go in search of that one lost sheep. Later, when Jesus was speaking to a great throng of people, Matthew tells us that he had

compassion upon them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." (Matthew 9:36, ESV)

Do you know why a flock of sheep with no shepherd is so sad? Because sheep have no sense of direction. And without leadership they will just wander aimlessly. They'll stray away from the flock, they'll lose their way, they'll walk right over a cliff following one another without a second thought.

Do you know the difference between a cowboy and a shepherd? A cowboy drives cattle but a shepherd leads sheep.

There was a group of tourists in the Holy Land and they passed by a flock of sheep being driven into town. They were taking pictures and one of the tourists asked the guide this question, "I thought the shepherd led the sheep from the front, why is he in the back?" The guide replied, "That's not the shepherd, that's the butcher."

That's the position Satan and sin always takes in our life. Driving us, shoving us from the rear with reminders of our past, giving us guilt, anxiety about the future, filling us with fear, uncertainties in the present, filling us with worry, driving us to destruction.

Jesus stated, "the thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy." (John 10:10, ESV) Satan is the master thief. If you allow him, he'll steal your joy, kill your love, and destroy your relationships. But Jesus will make you lie down in green pastures. He'll lead you beside still waters. He will restore your soul.

**A prayer for unity in the church**

Father, when people look at Your church, what do they see? Love and selfless sacrifice? Or competition and selfishness?

I think I know.

Forgive us, Lord. Forgive us for our self-righteousness, our pride, our know-it-all attitudes. Forgive us for caring more for our own needs than the needs of others. Forgive us for focusing on growing our own churches, rather than joining with others to meet the needs of our communities.



**Sheryl H. Boldt**

Convict us. Convict us until we truly understand how our behavior grieves You. Convict us until our behavior grieves us.

Remind us again how much You love us, despite our rebelliousness and unloveliness. Let that remembrance cause us to fall to our knees in serious repentance. Renew in us a desire to draw so close to You, to love You so completely, and to experience Your love for us so absolutely, that we are compelled to love one another. May we never want to return to our old ways.

And when we see our brothers and sisters struggling, rather than judge them, help us compassionately lift them up and pray for them to be restored. Let our love for each other become a testimony of the way You love us.

Father, show us how to recognize the enemy and his tactics so that we no longer fall for his lies. Help us remember that our enemy is not each other, but the devil. He would gladly use us to crush one another. Equip us to effectively resist his plan.

I pray that we make every effort to continually stretch, reaching to a new, deeper and more mature way of loving one another, so that . . .

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This is my prayer for church unity. What is yours?

(Every year, on the first Thursday in May, we celebrate the National Day of Prayer. This year's theme is unity, based on Ephesians 4:3 (NIV): "Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.")

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**Area ministers meet to discuss church related issues**

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The April meeting of Jefferson County Ministers was very well-attended on Tuesday morning. The group discussed events and issues past and planned for a few upcoming events including: a debriefing and report of the past Easter Holy Week Services, the National Day of Prayer event and prayer for area churches and ministers.

This group of local ministers and dedicated individuals gather on the second Tuesday morning of each month at the Brick House Eatery for breakfast and a meeting. If you would be interested in joining with the Jefferson County Ministerial Association next month, contact Pastor Sean Vickers at [pastor@fbcmonticello.org](mailto:pastor@fbcmonticello.org).

**Foster Care mom shares her story**

Debbie Snapp, *ECB Publishing, Inc.*

Heather Hughes Boyd shared an inspiring story about her work as a foster care mother to those attending the March Community Prayer Breakfast at Aucilla Christian Academy.

School volunteers prepared and served a tasty breakfast with all the trimmings to the 63 guests who took time out of their busy Thursday morning to pray and fellowship together.

Next month Community Prayer Breakfast will be hosted by the Monticello Rotary Club on May 3, the National Day of Prayer. Colonel Mike Smith, USAF, Ret. will be the program speaker.

This time of Christian fellowship is held on the first Thursday of each month at 7 a.m. from September to May, at a different location, with a different host. It's a time for locals to come together for a nourishing southern cooked meal and a heartfelt and inspiring 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.

# Park Jam is just five months away

**Jellystone Park Jam to showcase more than 20 Christian music groups during five-day event**

*Story Submitted*

Jellystone Park Jam, one of North Florida's largest multi-day gospel music events, is just five months away and over twenty of Christian music's finest bands are scheduled to appear throughout the weekend. The event will take place at Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park in Madison, Florida, from Wednesday-Sunday, Sept. 12-16, 2018. The best part is, admission is free to all Jam events!

Jellystone Park Jam will kick off on Wednesday evening, Sept. 12, at 7 p.m., with a Sing-Out featuring local church choirs and talent.

On Thursday evening at 6 p.m., Sunday Drive, The Segos, Stephen Jones Band, Jessica Ratliff, LifeSong, and Ricky Atkinson will perform.

On Friday evening at 6 p.m., LifeSong, the Ferguson Family, the Groves Family, Kevin Lane, the Harper Brothers, and Amber Abbott will take the stage.

On Saturday afternoon on the

outdoor stage, the Bunkleys, New Floridians, and Psalm 101 will perform at 2 p.m.

Saturday evening's concert at 6 p.m. will feature the Gibbs Family, Logan Smith, the McMillans, LifeSong, the Reflectsons, Southern Joy, Hunter May, and New Tradition.

Chapel services will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Robbie Harrington will be the guest speaker on Friday and Saturday. David & Rusty, a gospel/comedy ventriloquist team, will be the special guests for the Sunday service.

All evening concerts are held indoors in a temperature-controlled building and seating is provided. Lawn chairs are welcomed for the outdoor matinee concert on Saturday afternoon.

All Jam events are free! A love offering will be received nightly. For more information, please call (850) 464-0114 or visit [www.jellystoneparkjam.com](http://www.jellystoneparkjam.com).

# CHURCH NEWS NOTES

*debbiesnapp@embarqmail.com OR (850) 997-3568*

**April 25-27**

Saint Phillip AME Church is hosting a Spring Revival 'Praising God Intentionally' Wednesday through Friday at 7 p.m. nightly with guest Evangelist Bishop Chancey D. King, Sr., pastor of the Greater Works Tabernacle Church in Conley Georgia. Rev. J.W. Tisdale is church pastor.

**April 26**

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 27**

Christ Episcopal Church Food Share distribution from 9 to 11 a.m. on the last Friday at 425 North Cherry Street. Father Jim May, church pastor.

**April 27, 28**

USDA Commodities Food Program and Second Harvest Food Bank together with the churches of New Bethel AME, Elizabeth MB, Hickory Hill MB, Mt. Pleasant AME, and Philadelphia MB will provide food to those needing assistance monthly at 8 a.m. on the fourth Saturday with distribution at the New Bethel AME Church, 6496 Ashville Highway. Volunteers are also needed on the Friday evening before at 6 p.m. to help bag the food packages. Contact Nellie Randell at (850) 997-5605, or Jackie Harvey at (850) 997-8410 to volunteer or for more information about this program. Rev. Jimmie F. Dickey, NBAMEC pastor.

**April 30**

AA meeting at 8 p.m. on Mondays at Christ Episcopal Church annex, 425 North Cherry Street. For information call (850) 251-0278. Father Jim May, church pastor.

**May 2, 16**

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 go to [eagleswingsmonticello@yahoo.com](mailto:eagleswingsmonticello@yahoo.com). Rev. R.C. Griffin III, church pastor.

**May 3**

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. For more information contact Coordinator Gary Wright at (850) 997-5705 or (850) 933-5567.

**May 3**

67<sup>th</sup> annual National Day Of Prayer will be held at noon on Thursday near the Jefferson County Courthouse. Rev. Jered Day, pastor of First Baptist Church of Lloyd, will lead the prayer event. This annual event is designed to mobilize prayer in America and to encourage personal repentance and righteousness in the culture.

**May 8**

Jefferson County Ministerial Association will meet on the second Tuesday at the Brick House Eatery at 8 a.m. to discuss upcoming community events. Churches and community are stronger when they cooperate and meet together. Rev. Sean Vickers, FBC pastor.

**May 17**

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](mailto:candace@bigbendhospice.org) or (850) 878-5310.

**May 28**

Alzheimer/Dementia Support Group meets from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the fourth Monday at the First United Methodist Church Family Ministry Center. Alzheimer's Project, Inc. is a non-profit organization extending a warm supportive welcome to caregivers. Questions and comments may be relayed to Rural Outreach Manager Stephanie Pollack at (850) 386-2778 or visit [www.alzheimersproject.org](http://www.alzheimersproject.org) or call the church at (850) 997-5545 for directions. A light lunch is provided. This is a free program offering a time of sharing and learning with each other. Bring another caregiver with you. Rev. John Hicks, church pastor.

**May**

LLL Club meets at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday in the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Join for a time of food and fellowship. For more information contact Maggie Shofner at (850) 997-2442. Rev. Sean Vickers, church pastor.

**June 10-14**

Elizabeth Baptist Church will hold Vacation Bible School Sunday through Thursday at 6 p.m. nightly. To volunteer contact Lee Walker. Rev. Robert Dennison, pastor. (850) 997- 8444, [robert@ebcmonticello.com](mailto:robert@ebcmonticello.com),

**June 11-15**

First United Methodist Church will hold Vacation Bible School Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. To volunteer contact Kathy Hicks. Rev. John Hicks, pastor. (850) 997-5545, [jandkhicks@aol.com](mailto:jandkhicks@aol.com).

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**Dr. Melvin Roberts, Pastor**

Sunday Church School.....10:00 A.M.  
Sunday Praise & Worship.....11:15 A.M.  
2nd Sunday Youth Praise & Worship  
4th Sunday Individual Outreach Ministry & Fellowship  
3rd Sunday Holy Communion  
Wednesday Evenings  
Prayer Meeting.....6:30 P.M.  
Bible Study.....7:00 P.M.

**RESTORED GLORY CHRISTIAN CENTER**

1287 South Jefferson Street • 997-RGCC (7422)  
[www.restoredglory.org](http://www.restoredglory.org)

**Pastor Eddie and Elder Veronica Yon**

Get Moving Womens Fitness & Fellowship, Monday.....6:00 PM  
Sunday Church Service.....10:00 AM  
Tuesday Night Taebo.....6:00 PM  
Thursday Church Service.....7:00 PM  
Pastor's Office by Appointment

**SARDIS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

4543 Waukeena Hwy • 264-0802  
[www.sardismumc.org](http://www.sardismumc.org)

**Pastor Steve Lenzo**

**pastor@sardismumc.org**

Worship Service .....9:30 AM  
Sunday School To Follow  
Tuesday Bible Study.....6:30 PM

**ST. RILLA MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

13 Barrington Road • Monticello • (850) 997-8747  
**Rev. James Mack, Pastor**

Sunday School.....(Every Sunday).....9:45 AM  
Morning Worship.....(1st & 3rd Sundays) 11:00 AM  
Bible Study/Prayer Meeting  
(Thursday before 1st & 3rd Sunday)..... 7:30 PM

**ST. PHILLIP AME CHURCH**

Hwy. 27 South • (1 mile south of Hwy 59)  
Monticello • 997-4226  
**Rev. J. W. Tisdale**

Sunday Morning.....9:30 AM  
Sunday Worship.....11:00 AM  
Tuesday nights basic English classes  
w/Gloria Norton at 7:00  
Wednesday  
Prayer & Bible Study.....7:00 PM

**WACISSA**

**WACISSA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

14492 Waukeena Hwy/ P.O. Box 411  
Wacissa • 997-2179 • [www.wacissaumc.org](http://www.wacissaumc.org)

**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

**TALLAHASSEE**

**CAPITAL HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH**

7150 Apalachee Pkwy • Tallahassee  
[www.chbaptistchurch.org](http://www.chbaptistchurch.org)

**Pastor Derrick Burrus**

*(850) 345-0425*

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  
Prayer Meeting and Bible Study  
Classes for Students

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5593 Veterans Memorial Drive (Hwy 59)  
Tallahassee • (850) 893-5296  
[www.indianspringsbaptistchurch.com](http://www.indianspringsbaptistchurch.com)

email: [indspgs@gmail.com](mailto: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**

**WAUKEENAH UNITED METHODIST**

81 Methodist Church Rd • Waukeena • 997-2171  
[www.waukeena-umc.org](http://www.waukeena-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

Thrift Store open every Saturday,  
9:00 AM-1:00 PM  
[www.waukeena-cemetery.com](http://www.waukeena-cemetery.com)

**LLOYD**

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH of LLOYD**

124 St. Louis Street • Lloyd • 997-5309  
Pastor Jered Day  
[www.fbclloyd.net](http://www.fbclloyd.net) • [fbclloyd1@embarqmail.com](mailto: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  
6:00 pm Praise & Worship

**Wednesday**  
5:30 pm Family Supper  
6:30 pm Youth Potter's Wheel (Grades 6-12)  
Music Missions and More (Children)  
6:45 pm Worship on Wednesday  
**2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Monday** 6:00 pm Ladies Bible Study  
**Thursdays** 9:30 am Crafty Ladies  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday** 11:00am Lloyd Silver Saints  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday** 5:30pm W W Diners  
(Widows/Widowers)  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Friday** 6:00pm Brotherhood

**TRANSFORMING LIFE CHURCH ASSEMBLY OF GOD**

1206 Springfield Road • Lloyd • 997-TLC7 (8527)  
**Pastors Tim and Beverly Buchholtz**  
[www.TransformingLifeChurch.com](http://www.TransformingLifeChurch.com)

Sunday..... 10:30 AM  
Sunday Morning Celebration  
Children's Church  
Wednesday.....7:00 PM

Adult Bible Study  
TLC Kid's Club  
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\* Connect Groups - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Evenings of the month

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## Financial Focus...

### Take Steps to Control Your Investment Taxes

Tax Season is finally over. Of course, how much you pay in taxes depends on a variety of factors, many of which you can't control. But you might give some thought to how you can manage your investment-related taxes. Here are some suggestions to consider:

**Contribute to your employer's retirement plan.** If your employer offers a 401(k) or similar plan, such as a 403(b) or 457(b), contribute as much as you can afford. The more pre-tax dollars you put in to your retirement plan, the lower your taxable income. Your employer also may offer a Roth 401(k) option, under which you invest after-tax dollars, so your annual income won't be lowered and your withdrawals will be tax-free.

**Contribute to an IRA.** Even if you have a 401(k) or similar plan, you may still be eligible to contribute to an IRA. With a traditional IRA, your contributions may be fully or partially deductible, depending on your income level; with a Roth IRA, contributions are not deductible, but your earnings can grow tax-free, provided you've had your account at least five years and you don't start taking withdrawals until you're 59½.

**Follow a "buy-and-hold" strategy.** You can't control the price movements of your investments, but if you do achieve gains, you can decide when to take them – and this timing can make a substantial difference in your tax situation. If you sell investments that you've owned for one year or less and their value has increased, you may need to pay capital gains taxes at your personal income tax rate, which, in 2018, could be as high as 37 percent. But if you hold investments for more than one year before selling them, you'd be assessed the long-term capital gains rate, which is 0, 15 or 20 percent, or a combination of those rates.

**Consider municipal bonds.** If you're in one of the higher tax brackets, you may benefit from investing in municipal bonds. The interest on these bonds is typically free of federal taxes, and possibly even state and local taxes. Interest from some types of municipal bonds may be subject to the alternative minimum tax (AMT). However, because of the new tax laws, the AMT exemption amounts were increased significantly.

You might be wondering what these new laws mean to investors. In terms of your regular investment activities, the effect might not be that significant. The tax brackets for qualified dividends and capital gains – such as those realized when you sell stocks – will remain about the same. This means that most investors will continue to pay 15% to 20% on long-term capital gains and dividends. Consequently, the new tax laws shouldn't really affect you much in terms of your decisions on buying and selling stocks or investing in companies that may pay dividends. Of course, it's still a good idea to consult with your tax advisor on how the totality of the new laws will affect you.

Ultimately, your investment decisions shouldn't be driven only by tax implications – nonetheless, it doesn't hurt to take steps to become a tax-smart investor.

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The Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners is seeking qualified applicants for a full-time Land Use Planner. The successful candidate will have earned a Bachelor's degree in Urban and Regional Planning or a related field and a minimum of three years professional planning experience, supervisory experience desired; or, A minimum of ten years professional planning experience to include supervisory experience in public planning or in a planning related field such as experience in a surveying, engineering, and/or architectural firm specializing in land development, including rezoning, planned developments, etc. Appointments to or participation as a member of one or more local government committees, boards, or other organizations or groups associated with land development and/or the regulation of one or more aspects of land development could be indicative of proficiency. While not a requirement, American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) certification is preferred.

The employee will be responsible for planning, directing and coordinating comprehensive master planning, zoning code administration, and land use regulations as well as administrative functions. Responsibilities include providing technical and administrative support to the Jefferson County Coordinator's Office, Planning Commission, County Commissioners and other public address concerns. The position requires and exercises extensive planning, development and regulatory activities; supervision of administrative staff; and the preparation and management of the annual departmental budget. General direction is received from the Board of County Commissioners.

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### NOTICE OF CITY PARK COMMITTEE MEETING

The City Park Committee will meet on Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. The meeting will take place at Monticello City Hall, 245 S. Mulberry Street. 4/25

### LEGAL NOTICE

Michael J. Carney, DDS announces his retirement and transfer of his Dental practice to Dr. Warren Thiry as of 4/09/18. You may continue care or obtain records at the same location of 1535 West Washington Street, Monticello, Florida 32344. The phone number remains the same: (850) 997-2485. 4/11, 18, 25, 5/2

### NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REGISTER FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

In accordance with Section 865.09, Florida Statutes NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of:  
"Victoria Antiques"  
mailing address of 235 N. Jefferson St. Monticello, FL 32344 located in Jefferson County, Florida  
Owner intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.  
Owner: Jeffrey L. Lightfoot  
Dated this 25th day of April, 2018 4/25

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **DC and LL Merritt**, the holder of the following Tax Sale Certificate has filed said Tax Certificate for the Tax Deed to be issued thereon. The Certificate Number and year of issuance, the Description of the property, and the Name in which it is assessed as follows:

File Number: 18-000006-TD

Certificate Number: 183 Year of Issuance: 2015

Description of Property: 04-1N-3E-0000-0060-0000  
In S ½ of NE ¼ of SE ¼ ORB 560 PG 292 and ORB 660 PG 679  
And 1 Acre in ORB 114 PG 598 and ORB 419 PG 499

Site Address: Gamble Rd

Name in which assessed: Carlester Fryson

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Jefferson County Courthouse, North Steps on **May 31, 2018 at 11:00 A.M.**

Tim Sanders  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Jefferson County, FL

BY: Sherry Sears, Deputy Clerk 4/25,5/2,9,16

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **G M Mitchell**, the holder of the following Tax Sale Certificate has filed said Tax Certificate for the Tax Deed to be issued thereon. The Certificate Number and year of issuance, the Description of the property, and the Name in which it is assessed as follows:

File Number: 18-000007-TD

Certificate Number: 139 Year of Issuance: 2015

Description of Property: 00-00-00-0450-0012-0171  
W ½ of Lots 17 and 18, Blk 12 Simons Add  
ORB 10, PG 607 AND ORB 30 PG 455

Site Address: 905 Third Street

Name in which assessed: Alma Lilly

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Jefferson County Courthouse, North Steps on **May 31, 2018 at 11:00 A.M.**

Tim Sanders  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Jefferson County, FL

BY: Sherry Sears, Deputy Clerk 4/25,5/2,9,16

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