





## Letters To The Editor

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

# "Have to-do's"

Dear Editor,

As someone who has devoted much of my life to teaching and educational administration, I am confused by the commonly accepted notion that school is something we "have to" do.

We spend our lives having to wake up, having to get dressed, having to go to school or work, and having to do countless other things. What if we didn't "have to" do any of it? What if we changed one word?

Let's change the simple word "have" to "get." Our words aren't just important in how they impact us but also how they shape our children. Our words reinforce a positive or negative perspective. Simple words we don't even realize we're saying can have a major impact in our beliefs and attitudes. If we change our attitudes, we can change our mindset. Beliefs can change our behavior as the mind is a powerful thing. The words you tell yourself can prevent change or allow for new and exciting skills to happen.

Adapting our thinking to a growth mindset versus a fixed mindset can have positive impacts to maximize potential later in life. This fills our lives with positivity and thankfulness. Remember how fortunate you are because you get to do certain things.

The attitude of "have to" obligates and is negative. The "get to" attitude gives a sense of gratitude and appreciation. Remember how privileged your children are to have access to education where they can learn.

I am waiting for people to recognize that one of the most important factors in a child's education is attitude. Will you accept the "get to" challenge and replace the "have to" attitude? It's all about perspective and choice. It may also help your child succeed in school. When students view education as a privilege they may want to attend school and study hard.

So, next time your child doesn't want to go to school, reinforce with your words, that they get to.

Respectfully,  
Connie Swiggard

# Who am I to judge

As a non-religious heterosexual, I am unaccustomed to paying much attention to, let alone commenting upon, the more extreme expostulations of the self-anointed moral swat-team commandos of the evangelical right.

The recent column of Gary B. King inspired me to make an exception.

He wrote that "sexual immorality is a greater threat to our national security within than a nuclear war without." Really, Gary!!! Are you serious?

These views are shared by, among others, ISIS terrorists, orthodox Russian dictators and Third-Reich German Nazis. Strange bedfellows indeed.

I like to remind those who quote scripture to buttress their twisted ideology that, until recently, biblical verses were cited to support African slavery, wife beating and the "honor killings" of adulterous daughters.

I could relate stories of some gay and lesbian folks I have known, their kind and phenomenal lives, but I'll skip that - most of us have similar tales of their own by now.

Awhile ago, a famous man was asked what he thought of homosexuality. He smiled gently and said "Who am I to judge." That man was Pope Francis.

So who the heck are you to judge, Gary B.! You are missing a great opportunity to keep your hateful, extremist thoughts to yourself. Come on, try it. You'll make the world a better place.

Cordially,  
Tom Hess.

## Clumsy Crooks

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# Florida woman blames cocaine in purse on windy day

A Florida woman who was arrested last month on drug possession charges blamed the cocaine found in her purse on the wind.

Kennecia Posey, 26, was one of two passengers in a car that was swerving in the roadway when it was stopped by Fort Pierce police on March 21.

According to the police report, an officer approached the car and smelled an odor of marijuana coming from inside.

During a search of the car, the officer found cocaine and marijuana in separate bags inside a purse that Posey had on her



**"I don't know anything about any cocaine," Kennecia Posey told police, according to the report. "It's a windy day. It must have flown through the window and into my purse."**

lap.

When questioned about the drugs, Posey admitted that the marijuana was hers, police said. The cocaine was a different story.

"I don't know anything about any cocaine," Posey said, according to the report. "It's a windy day. It must have flown through the window and into my purse."

Posey was booked into the county jail on one felony count of cocaine possession and a misdemeanor count of marijuana possession. She was later released on bond.



# The God of the Bible

The late Dr. D. James Kennedy related an account of a woman he was attempting to share the Gospel with. When he said, we need to be saved so as to gain heaven and miss hell, she responded that her god was a god of love and would not send anyone to hell.

Dr. Kennedy repeatedly shared with this lady scriptures that speak of a place of eternal torment and the need to be saved from such a place,

only to have her repeat her initial asseveration. Finally he recognized her refusal to accept what the Bible said, for what it was. He told her she was right, her god would not send anyone to a place called hell, but her god was a god of her imagination and not the God of the Bible.

This anecdote serves to highlight the results of a recent Pew survey titled, "When Americans Say They Believe in God, What Do They Mean?" It is an important question. One statistic that has remained constant over decades of polling religious views is ninety percent of Americans claim to believe in God.

The problem with that statistic is we have witnessed a steady drift away from biblical principles and practice in daily life here in America to the point that any honest and careful observer would be prompted to ask what Jesus did in Luke 6:46, "Why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,'

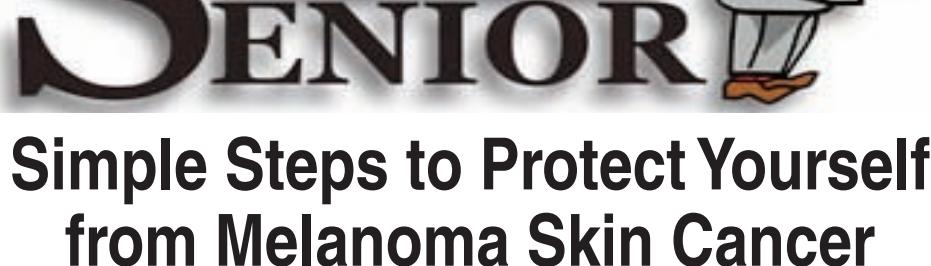
and do not do what I say?"

This is the reason that so many claim to believe in God and even claim to be Christian, and yet speak and act in complete contradiction to what the Scriptures have revealed to us about the nature and will of God the Father and Christ. Their so-called faith is as dusty as their Bibles, and they have allowed their memories, of what they may or may not have read, to be supplanted by their imaginations.

One of the reasons I am continually reading through my Bible is because, like everyone else, I have a great capacity to forget and need to constantly be reminded of what the scriptures teach. My understanding and memory are bolstered by this discipline.

The God Christians worship is revealed to us in the Bible, so we do not worship the Bible, but the God of the Bible. But He is unknown to us except for what is revealed in the Scriptures. Ergo, I agree with what the late Derek Prince said, "You do not serve God more than you serve the Bible, you do not obey God more than you obey the Bible, and you do not love God more than you love the Bible."

Moses told Israel, "Know therefore today, and take it to heart, that the Lord, He is God in heaven above and on the earth below; there is no other," (Deuteronomy 4:39.) In truth, there is no other God than He who is revealed to us in the Bible, all the rest are idols of man's imagination.



## Simple Steps to Protect Yourself from Melanoma Skin Cancer

Dear Savvy Senior,

"Does skin cancer run in families? My 63-year-old brother died of melanoma last year, and I'm wondering about my risks of getting this. What can you tell me?"

—Younger

Dear Sibling,

While long-term sun exposure and sunburns are the biggest risk factors for melanoma - the deadliest form of skin cancer - having a sibling or parent with melanoma does indeed increase your risk of getting it two to three times.

Each year, about 75,000 Americans are diagnosed with melanoma, and around 10,000 people will die from it. While anyone can get it, those most often diagnosed are Caucasians, age 50 and older. And those with the highest risk are people with red or blond hair, blue or green eyes, fair skin, freckles, moles, a family history of skin cancer and those who had blistering sunburns in their youth.

### Skin Exams

The best way you can guard against melanoma and other skin cancers (basal and squamous cell carcinomas) is to protect yourself from the sun, and if you're over age 50, get a full-body skin exam done by a dermatologist every year, especially if you're high risk. Self-examinations done every month or so is also a smart way to detect early problems. Using mirrors, check the front and backside of your entire body, including the tops and undersides of your arms and hands, between your toes and the soles of your feet, your neck, scalp and buttocks. Be on the lookout for new growths, moles that have changed, or sores that don't heal. Follow the ABCDE rule when examining suspicious moles.

- Asymmetry: One half of a mole doesn't match the other.
- Border: The border is blurred or ragged.
- Color: The mole has uneven colors, often shades of brown, tan or black, with patches of pink, red, white

or blue.

• Diameter: The lesion is new or at least a quarter-inch in diameter.

• Evolving: The mole is changing in size, shape or color.

For more self-examination tips and actual pictures of what to look for, see [SkinCancer.org](http://SkinCancer.org) or [Melanoma.org](http://Melanoma.org).

In the spring and summer, there are a variety of places that offer free skin cancer screenings. Check with the American Academy of Dermatology, which offers screenings done by hundreds of volunteer dermatologists across the U.S., and the American Society for Dermatologic Surgery.

### Sun Protection

Even though you can't change your skin or family history, there are some proven strategies that can help you protect yourself.

For starters, avoid tanning beds, and when you go outside, slather on broad-spectrum SPF 30, water-resistant sunscreen on both sunny and cloudy days. If you don't like the rub-on lotions, try the continuous spray-on sunscreens which are easier to apply and re-apply and less messy. Also, seek the shade when rays are most intense - between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

You can also protect your skin by wearing a wide-brimmed hat, and long sleeves and pants when possible. The best clothing options are tightly-woven fabric that help prevent the sun's rays from reaching your skin, or you can wash-in an invisible shield sun protection into your cloths with SunGuard laundry additive. You can even buy a variety of lightweight clothing and hats that offer maximum UV protection in their fabric.

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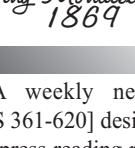
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## FIREWORKS

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program. We all need to pull together and do a little more if we want it to continue. It's either an important program or not."

Faircloth got mild pushback from the city. Mayor John Jones and Councilman Troy Avera both expressed support for the Legion and the event, but they

pointed out the city had a very tight budget. Jones said the city was doing good to give the \$1,000, given its fiscal constraints and some city employees' pay. Avera noted that the city provided a police presence for the event free of charge, which translated into significant overtime pay.

County officials indicated that they

would consider the Legion's request to up the contribution.

Anyone wanting to make a donation to the Legion for the Fourth of July fireworks should address it to the Fireworks Display Fund, American Legion Post 49, P.O. Box 761, Monticello, FL, 32344, or email Faircloth at [ktfaircloth@aol.com](mailto:ktfaircloth@aol.com) for more information.

## MONEY

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She also explained that the reason a consultant was needed was that Jefferson County officials and staff needed help to navigate the extremely difficult and unwieldy process for claiming the BP money. She said that absent the hiring of a consultant, this county would be hard pressed to claim the BP money.

"We're out of our depth here," Barfield said. "It's an incredibly difficult process to navigate, believe me."

Besides being a member of the selection committee, Barfield is Jefferson County's appointee on the Gulf Consortium, the 23-county entity that was created in the aftermath of the oil spill to oversee the dispersal of any forthcoming compensatory funds.

She said that Langston Consulting, among other things, will help the county sift through the many rules and requirements affecting the funding and advise the board and staff how best to proceed to get the county's share, as well as completing the grant applications, managing the grant and doing other necessary paperwork.

Barfield reiterated that the county will be receiving \$14 million of the BP money via what is commonly called pot 3 or the state pot (The county has already received \$4 million from pot 1, or the county pot, which Langston Consulting will also man-

age). Pot 3 will be distributed over a 15-year period, unlike pot 1, which was distributed as a lump sum. Each project to be accomplished with the pot 3 funding must also be approved by a host of state and federal agencies as part of a state expenditure plan, before any of the money can be spent.

Barfield said the first of the pot 3 funding will be released by the end of this July, contingent on approval of the state's expenditure plan, which contains the 23 counties' proposed projects.

Meanwhile, she said, the commission would have to respond to the comments that various state agencies had made relative to the projects that this county plans to accomplish with the \$14 million. The way the process works, each county must submit a list of its intended projects for review and vetting by multiple state and federal entities before the money is released.

The commission on Thursday evening also ranked four of its projects on the state expenditure plan that had drawn comments and concerns from some of the reviewing agencies.

The good news, Barfield said, was that none of the county's proposed projects on the plan had been outright rejected and in fact had all been pushed up to the next level of review in the process. All the same, she said, several of the state agencies had raised questions and concerns about aspects of four of the projects, which issue the commission

would have to address.

The four projects that were found lacking, she said, were the Wacissa River Dam, Pinhook River, the county's rock mine, and Goose Pasture. For example, she said, some agencies expressed concern that Jefferson County couldn't truly monitor and maintain Goose Pasture, which the plan calls for the county to acquire from the Suwannee River Water Management District and upgrade as a park. Too, there were concerns that some of the projects appeared to focus more on infrastructure improvements than on water quality, a a requirement of the Restore Act Grants.

"We're going to have to deal with these comments," Barfield said.

"There are issues," she added. "They are doable, but there are hoops we're going to have to go through."

In order of priority, the commission ranked the four projects as follow: Goose Pasture, Pinhook River, Wacissa River dam and the county's mine.

Others of the proposed projects in the county's state plan include continuation of the enhancements at the Wacissa River headwaters; acquisition of land for construction of a boat ramp at Malloy's Landing; eradication of the exotic vegetation in the Wacissa River; and extension of sanitary sewer line from the Lloyd to Monticello to reduce septic effluents impacting the Aucilla basin.

protecting the earth environment and the effluent in the water that goes into the Wacissa and eventually into the Gulf. That's where the environment part comes in."

However, she said, Beger was welcomed to apply for some of the BP money to help the senior center and she for one would assist him with the preparation of the application if that was what he wanted to do.

"You can submit an application to be part of the multiyear implementation plan and you can run it up the ladder to the Governor's Council, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the other agencies," Barfield said. "They're the ones that ultimately will decide how we can spend the money. We don't decide. They tell us how we can spend the money. But if that's why you're here, because you want some of the BP money for the senior center, I can certainly help you fill the application."

Fulford agreed.

"We're all keenly aware of the financial difficulties facing the senior center and we want to do what we can help it survive," Fulford said. "I also appreciate that you're passionate about the senior center. It needs people who are passionate for its survival."

Beger thanked the commission for listening to his request. It now remains to be seen if he will get with Barfield to prepare and submit an application for BP money on behalf of the senior center.

## News of the Past...

Yes, Germany Still Has Quite an Army



With as much of an army as was permitted by the peace treaty, Germany keeps well up to date in military matters. Above are seen members of a gun crew, equipped with gas mask, firing their gun during a recent maneuver near Dobertiz.

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## Congratulations to our newest WILD ADVENTURES Ticket Winners



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**Robbie Slack (pictured)**  
picked up the four tickets his  
wife, Rebekah Slack, had won  
from ECB Publishing's Face-  
book giveaway of four free  
tickets to the Wild Adventures  
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**Natasha Rogers was one**  
of the Facebook giveaway  
winners for four free tickets  
to the Valdosta Wild Adventures  
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D'Andrea Williams won tickets to Wild Adventures Theme Park in Valdosta Georgia, by visiting [www.ecbpublishing.com](http://www.ecbpublishing.com). Pictured picking up her tickets from left to right, in back, are: Ariel Williams, Aliria Williams, D'Andrea Williams and Landrea Nealy. In front are: Tiana McIntosh and Thomas Williams.

## Clay and Kari Fulford go to Washington, D.C.

Story submitted

Two young Jefferson County farmers are among scores of Farm Bureau representatives from across the state who are in Washington, D.C., this week to show their support for agriculture during the annual Field to the Hill fly-in event.

The Florida Farm Bureau and Florida Farm Bureau Federation announced last week that Clay and Kari Fulford are among 80 county Farm Bureau representatives who traveled to the nation's capital to meet with their elected representatives and talk about the Farm Bill, North American Free Trade Agreement renegotiations and agricultural labor reform.

The annual event, which is taking place May 8-10 this year, is an opportunity for farmers, ranchers and small business owners from across the state to meet with the

Florida Congressional delegation and inform the latter of the issues of importance to agriculture.

"I appreciate the dedication and willingness of our farm families who take time away from their farms and ranches to join us in Washington," said Florida Farm Bureau President John Hoblick. "Face-to-face meetings with lawmakers give our members an opportunity to share how national policy issues impact agriculture at the local level."

Along with Capitol Hill meetings, Florida members will attend a Congressional training session at the American Farm Bureau Federation and a Taste of Florida Agriculture legislative reception with UF/IFAS at the National Press Club.

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## New officers elected in Woman's Club



ECB Publishing, Inc. Photo By Ashley Hunter, May 1, 2018

The Tuesday, May 1 meeting of the Monticello Woman's Club saw six members elected into new and returning titles. In the front is First Assistant Vice President Jan Wadsworth. In the back, pictured from left to right, are: Vice President Jennifer King, President Dianne Braren, Treasurer Deborah D'Atile, Second Vice President Sherrie Burnard, and Corresponding Secretary Anne Horton. Not pictured is Second Assistant Vice President Toni Lane.

## \$200 to Wolf Creek Center from Woman's Club



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Jefferson County's Wolf Creek Pet Adoption Center Director Connie Heath (left) was the guest speaker for the Tuesday, May 1 Monticello Woman's Club meeting. Heath gave a presentation about the center, as well as informed the club about the current over-capacity status of the center due to an influx of strays, puppies and kittens. Heath spoke on the center's Trap-Neuter-Release program, which prevents feral cat populations from increasing. Dogs only go into heat a few times a year, but cats are able to get pregnant as soon as their last litter is weaned. This causes an abundance of unwanted and often discarded kittens. To help out with the functions of the center, the Woman's Club provided a \$100 check to Wolf Creek, with a member anonymously donating an extra \$100 bill. Pictured with Heath is Woman's Club President Dianne Braren.

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## Murd-ARRR: *Pirates of the Salty Dog* starts this weekend

Debbie Snapp,  
ECB Publishing Inc.

It's time to make your plans to see *Pirates of the Salty Dog*, a murder mystery dinner theater show, presented by the Opera House Stage Company, at the Monticello Opera House; on Fridays and Saturdays through the month of May.

The issues are: \*Can a crew of pirates give up pillaging to make an honest living running a tavern? \*Will the theft of a treasure from a French privateer scuttle their plans? \*One of the crew meets an untimely demise... who did it?

Prizes will be awarded to whoever solves the crime and to audience members who have the best pirate costumes, totally optional.

Scenes of the play will alternate with courses of dinner in the Salty Dog Tavern, aka the Opera House Dining Room. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; dinner and the show start at 7 p.m. Performances again are Friday and Saturday evenings the four weekends of May.

Dinner is catered by Carrie Ann & Co. Reservations are required and must be made 48 hours in advance.

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## Adoptables: Betsy and Gatsby

*The Wolf Creek Pet Adoption Center is a no-kill humane society that gives a place for the animals of Jefferson County to live until they find their forever homes. The center is located at 2123 E. Washington St., in Monticello, and can be reached at (850) 342-0244. The adoption center is open from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Monday through Wednesday and is closed on Tuesday. Visit the Jefferson County Humane Society, Inc. on Facebook. Call or visit them today for information about adoptions, volunteering opportunities, or current donation needs!*



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**Betsy** is a roughly three-year-old mix at the Wolf Creek Pet Adoption Shelter. Betsy has been spayed, fully vaccinated and microchipped. Quite the social butterfly, Betsy loves people, and does well with puppies and small, nonaggressive dogs, but other big dogs aren't her preferred crowd. Betsy loves water, and would fit right in with an active family with no small children. Betsy knows basic commands, and does well on a leash. Betsy has been looking for her "forever" home since she joined the crew at Wolf Creek in December of 2016, and would love to have a place of her own.



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**Gatsby** is a true gentleman! Friendly and very loving, he is a five-year-old gent looking to settle down with a forever family. Gatsby has been neutered and is fully vaccinated. He does very well with other cats, and could get used to a non-cat aggressive dog. Gatsby isn't much of an outdoorsman, and must be an indoor-only feline. Gatsby has been at the Wolf Creek Pet Adoption Shelter for about a year now, and he is ready to move on out and settle down with his own family.

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# STARS OF TODAY:



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**Post Commander John Nelson (left) from Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) presented Cadet Mark Vinson (right) with a token of honor due to Vinson's leadership skills within the Jefferson Somerset JROTC.**

Ashley Hunter  
*ECB Publishing, Inc.*

Six graduating students at Jefferson Somerset were honored and acknowledged on Friday, May 4 at a signing ceremony.

The six students, Quashawn Hernandez, Mark Vinson, Elliot Robinson, Jadica Arnold, Christian Steen and Kaniya Alexander, signed their agreement with the respective branches of military that each student would be entering following their graduation later this month.

Quashawn Hernandez, son of Quanna Kenner, will be entering the United States Army following his graduation. Throughout his high school years, Hernandez was involved in the DJ Club and currently holds the title as the club's president. "I wanted to have something for after I graduate," said Hernandez as his reasoning behind joining the men and women who stand at arms to protect our nation.

Mark Vinson was accompanied by his sister, Katherine Vinson, during his signing with the United States Army. Vinson decided to join the army as he felt it was the best way to further himself and expand beyond his small-town roots. Upon graduating, Vinson also leaves behind his supportive JROTC squad and his fellow athletes on the Somerset track and football teams.



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Elliot Robinson, son of Greg Robinson and stepson of Gerenda Robinson, was supported by his father and stepmother during the ceremony as Robinson signed with the United States Army. The decision to join the military was one Robinson chose after speaking with recruiters and receiving counsel from his father, who is a army veteran himself. Robinson played on the football, basketball and track teams and was also a cadet of the JROTC and a member of the Jefferson Somerset SGA.

Jadica Arnold, daughter of Rebecca and Willie Arnold, signed on with the United States Army, a decision she made in order to better her own self and her life. "I wanted to be able to experience more of life," said Arnold, who will be a graduating member of the Jefferson Somerset JROTC drill team.

Christian Steen, son of Sharrley Trumpet, will be joining the United States Marines. "I want to make a difference," Steen said of his decision to enlist. Steen was commended by 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant Terry Walker during the signing ceremony as Sgt. Walker acknowledged Steen's crucial role within the JROTC, of which Steen had been a cadet. "He demanded the respect of his peers," said Walker, who commended the leadership and responsibility Steen had shown during his time as a JROTC Cadet.

Kaniya Alexander, daughter of Carnisha Redding, Kendrick Alexander and stepdaughter of Tangela Alexander, will be joining the United States Air Force following her graduation. Alexander, who

is also an athlete on the first ever school-affiliated Flag Football team in Jefferson County, said that her decision to enlist was made in the hopes of bettering her future. "I want to move into a better lifestyle," said Alexander.

"I am very proud of each and every one of you," said Sgt. Walker to the enlisting students. "There is no greater love than laying down your life for your friends," added Walker, quoting the biblical John 15:13.

"The choice you are making is a selfless one," added Jefferson Somerset Principal Cory Oliver. "You will find out what true courage is."

Principal Oliver also spoke on the overwhelming feeling of seeing the young men and women within his school stand up and enlist for something so momentous and selfless as the United States Military.

Parents of the students stood and spoke words of pride and encouragement to their enlisting sons and daughters during the ceremony.

Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and Purple Heart were present to pass wisdom onto the young men and women who were enlisting, as well as decorate those who had gone above and beyond during their time in the JROTC.

According to the Sgt. Walker, this signing was the largest mass enlistment of any Jefferson County students into the military in the nine years he had served as the JROTC commander for the county's school.

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The leadership and guidance that 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Terry Walker provided for the young men and women in the Jefferson Somerset JROTC club was recognized by United States Army recruiters during the May 4 signing.

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Surrounded by their supportive family members, veterans who have paved the road before the enlisting Jefferson Somerset students, and the school faculty who expressed their pride in the decisions the graduating seniors had made, the six enlisting students of Jefferson Somerset signed their agreements with their respective military branches on Friday, May 4.



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Ned Hill (left) with the Military Order of the Purple Heart honored Elliot Robinson during the Enlistment signing ceremony on Friday, May 4 for Robinson's actions and responsibility within the JROTC at Jefferson Somerset.



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The JROTC provided a Drill Demonstration in honor of their squad members who were signing on with their respective military branches on Friday, May 4.

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## How to make spring projects more eco-friendly

### Metro Editorial

The arrival of warmer weather means different things to different people. Some anticipate opportunities for outdoor fun, while others may be considering redecorating or remodeling their homes. For the latter group, home improvement season provides a great opportunity to make homes more eco-friendly.

When planning home improvement projects, it's best to first choose a project and then look for ways to make the project more environmentally friendly. Such an approach may not only benefit the environment, but it also may benefit homeowners' bottom lines.

### Interior decorating

Longer days and warmer temperatures often translate into wanting to freshen up the interior of a home. Heavy draperies and comforters are put away, and lighter fabrics are taken out of storage. Whenever possible, reuse or repurpose items you already have rather than purchasing new items. Longer drapes can be cut and hemmed to be used as window treatments in other rooms. Making a patchwork blanket out of old T-shirts is a crafty project that makes use of items that would otherwise be destined for landfills.

When laundering linens, skip the energy-using dryer and let items line dry in the sun and fresh air.

If you decide to purchase some new items, look for products made from sustainable or organic fabrics. Hemp and bamboo textiles have grown in popularity. Hemp and bamboo plants grow quickly, and their durability makes these materials smart choices.

### Flowers and plants

Spring and summer call to mind beautiful blooming plants. Relying on native, sustainable plants is practical, environmentally friendly and cost-effective.



According to the National Wildlife Federation, sustainable plants are native plants. Native plants sustain local wildlife more effectively than non-native alternatives, so include native plants in your sustainable garden. Native plants also are less reliant on pesticides and herbicides to keep them healthy and viable.

Don't forget to bring plants indoors as well. Even though you may be opening the windows more, indoor plants can filter and purify indoor air. The NASA Clean Air Study, led in association with the Associated Landscape Contractors of America, found that certain common indoor plants naturally remove toxic agents such as benzene, formaldehyde and trichloroethylene from the air. Efficient air cleaning is accomplished with at least one plant per 100 square feet of home or office space.

### Proper disposal

Spring cleaning is another tradition for many families come the end of winter and dawn of spring. Many people use spring as a time to go through closets and garages to remove items they no longer use or need. In an effort to clean up fast, some people may dispose of chemical products, paints, treated lumber, and many other items in ways that can be damaging to the environment. Always learn local municipal guidelines for proper disposal of potentially harmful products. Area recycling centers may have drop-off areas for stains and paints, used motor oil and other potentially harmful products.

Before discarding something, see if it can be donated or sold. This will result in fewer items ending up in landfills.

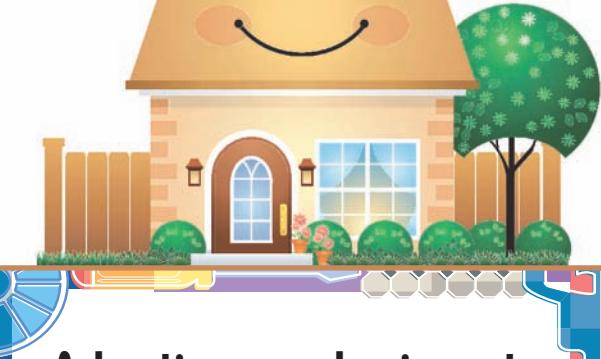
Exercise caution outdoors as well. Runoff from cleaning products used on home siding or driveways can leach into the surrounding soil or find its way into sewage drains that ultimately direct fluids to public waterways. Choose environmentally responsible products whenever possible.

Springtime renovation and cleaning projects provide the perfect opportunity to adopt eco-friendly practices that pay dividends for years to come.

## Fun FACTS

Spring cleaning is a ritual that many people participate in as the last vestiges of winter disappear. Spring cleaning is a time to open windows, deep clean rooms and closets and take down and launder window treatments and linens. Others use spring cleaning as a time to sort and donate or discard clutter that might have accumulated over the winter. Even though spring cleaning seems like a modern invention, the act of spring cleaning is believed to have originated centuries ago.

Some say that the ancient Chinese cleaned in preparation for their New Year as they hoped to wipe away any bad luck and misfortune from the previous year. Similarly, the ancient Hebrew practice of thoroughly cleansing a home before the springtime feast of Passover may have evolved into the spring cleaning we know today. Another possible connection is the tradition of "shaking the house clean" in Iran. Iranians celebrate Now Rouz (Persian New Year) with many different rituals, one of which involves buying new clothes and cleaning every corner of the family home to signify renewal.



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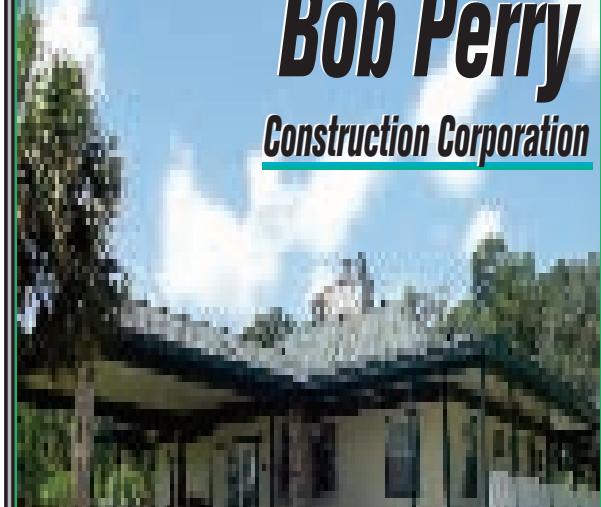
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Taking note of the years of service that many Correctional Officers put into their positions is important. At the Jefferson Correctional Institute, 40 men and women are reaching milestone years in their career with the Florida Department of Corrections.

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# Acknowledging our Correctional Officers

Ashley Hunter  
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The Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) is one of the largest state-run agencies within the State of Florida.

As of a census held in late 2017, the FDC had 96,639 inmates housed within the 148 facilities across the state.

One of those facilities is the local Jefferson Correctional Institute (JCI), which currently has a capacity of 1,044 inmates, with 242 Correctional Officers on staff.

According to the Bureau of Labor Services: "Correctional Officers have one of the highest rates of injuries and illnesses, often resulting from confrontations with inmates."

Working in a correctional institution can be dangerous and stressful, and the job demands constant vigilance to being alert and ready to react at a moment's notice throughout the entirety of their shift. Since correctional facilities are staffed every day out of the year, for 24 hours a day, serving in corrections could cause officers to miss out on weekends and holidays

with their families or other special moments throughout the year.

The Bureau of Labor Services reports, as of May 2017, that the median pay for correctional officers and jailers is about \$43,540 a year.

Bailiffs earn slightly less a year, at \$42,960. As this is the median pay, many correctional officers, especially in smaller or more rural facilities, may very well earn far less a year.

Working in corrections is a high-risk, little-thanked job. Correctional Officers are required to enforce rules and keep order within jails or prisons, they escort and transport inmates, supervise activities and sometimes have to stand between dangerous criminals and the communities surrounding the correctional facility.

According to a FDA report from late 2017, 55.6 percent of inmates were jailed for a violent crime as their primary offense. 14.3 percent were incarcerated for drug charges, 20.9 percent for property charges, and 9.2 percent for other charges.

The Jefferson Correctional Institute is more than just a holding place for criminals.

Thanks to a variety of academic

opportunities, such as adult basic education and General Educational Development (GED) programs, or re-entry programs for parenting, anger management, employability, credit/debt management, amongst others, help prepare the inmates within the facility to return, and prosper at life.

JCI also has various substance abuse programs, chaplaincy services and betterment programs, like Alcoholics Anonymous, Fresh Start Smoking Cessation, and a law library to help provide their inmates with the opportunity to grow and better themselves.

It is the jobs of Correctional Officers to supervise these programs and ensure the safety of the volunteers and professionals who come into their facility to provide these services to inmates.

While Correctional Officers may not always be seen by the public while on-the-job, like deputies, state troopers or police officers, the tasks and responsibilities of a Correctional Officer are no less important in providing a safe community and a safe environment for those within our justice system. Thank you, officers, for all you do!

In 2016, Correctional Officers and jailers held about 450,000 jobs within the United States.

State government correctional facilities employed 54% of these officers.

Local government correctional facilities employed 37% of these officers.

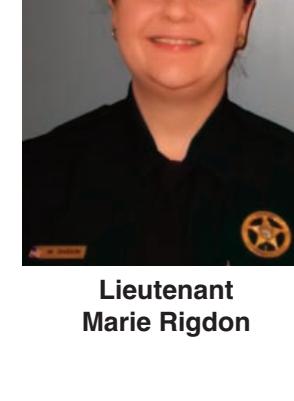
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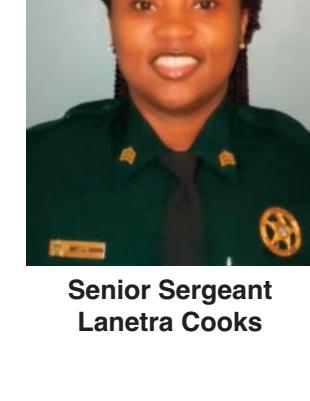
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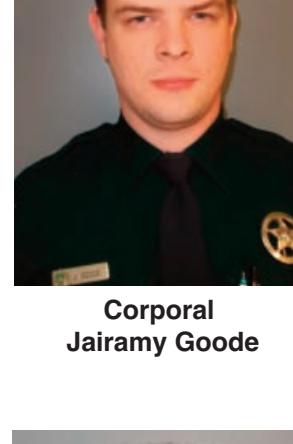
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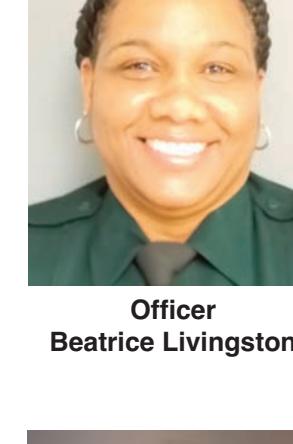
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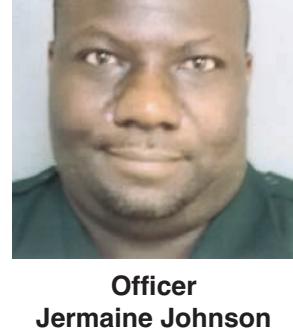
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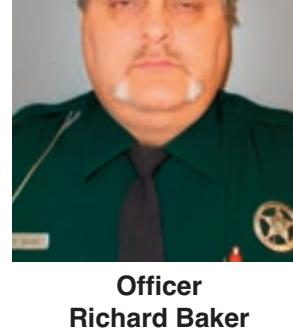
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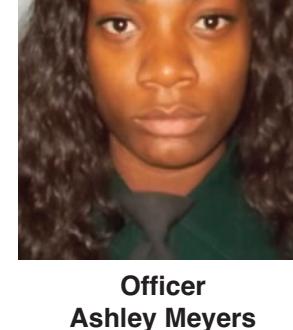
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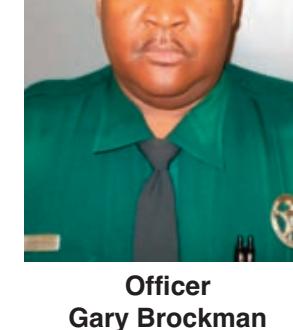
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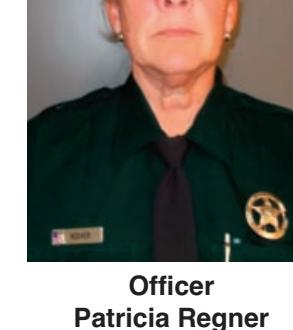
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## Robert Osborne: going the extra mile for students and families

Debbie Snapp  
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Teachers are appreciated at Franklin Academy, each and every one of them, especially Robert Osborne, a teacher and counselor suggested to this reporter by Franklin Academy Director, Margaret Franklin.

He is a special education therapist with Franklin Academy, having studied Social Work and receiving his MSW in Clinical Social Work at Florida State University from August 2007 to August 2010. He received his BA in Education from Michigan State University College of Education from August 1978 to June 1981. His on-going list of education credits is long and impressive.

Osborne's Graduate Internships have been at the Devereux Group Home, Inpatient Psychiatric Unit in Tallahassee and the Sickle Cell Foundation Outreach Center in Tallahassee, as a licensed Clinical Social Worker with the State of Florida.

He has professional memberships with the National Association of Social Workers and the Big Bend Unit of the NASW, and professional experience as Social Worker and Therapist with the Play Big Therapy & Learning Center in Tallahassee where he treated children with disorders, assisted patient, family, caregivers in planning for present and future psycho social needs related to the patient's current status. He also developed bio-psychosocial evaluations and treatment plans for clients and evaluated the effectiveness of counseling and clients' progress in resolving identified problems and moving towards defined goals and objectives. He acted as a client advocate to coordinate services and to resolve emergency problem or crisis and created in-home and community counseling for his clients and families.



Osborne was a worker and therapist with Generations Behavioral Healthcare in Tallahassee where he assisted patient, family and caregivers in planning for present and future psycho social needs related to the patient's current status.

He was a Human Service Program Specialist with Florida Department of Health in Tallahassee, where he provided family resources to those who aren't able to participate in traditional therapies due to barriers such as transportation, single parent status, other and unique circumstances in which a mentor, advocate, or resource is needed. Also providing anticipatory guidance to families and communicate with values of positive parenting strategies/organizational needs/advocacy skills and to coordinate and collaborate family needs and concerns with Behavioral Health Unit including RN's, LCSWs, and Physicians.

He was also an Intervention Specialist/Case Manager with Community Intervention and Research Center in Tallahassee where he provided intensive in-home case management.

Teacher Robert Osborne is the school counselor, working with the students where they need help. He's married with five children of his own, and is a Tallahassee resident. He may be contacted at (850) 251-8500 or [robertosborne.lcsw@gmail.com](mailto:robertosborne.lcsw@gmail.com).

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## Nicole Roddenberry: paving the way for her students' success

Ashley Hunter  
ECB Publishing, Inc.

As the daughter of two, now retired, educators, Nicole Roddenberry grew up in a household where getting an education was the 'key to success', a success she now imparts to her students at Somerset Jefferson K-12 Charter School.

A Madison County native who moved to Jefferson County in 1988, Roddenberry originally was employed with Tri-County Electric for about 12 years before she chose to return to school in 2002 and pursue a future as a teacher.

"One of my fondest memories as a child was playing school with my friends, and of course I always played the role of teacher," said Roddenberry. "I guess you could say I was destined to play the role of teacher in real life and instill the importance of education in my students, helping them become more of what they were meant to be."

After graduating from Florida A&M University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education, Roddenberry began teaching at Jefferson Elementary School in 2004, where she taught a first grade class for 11 years, second grade for two years and third grade for one year.

When the Somerset Charter took over the Jefferson County schools, Roddenberry stayed and is currently in her second year of third grade teaching.

According to Roddenberry, her mother was her most influential role model. Like Roddenberry herself, her mother returned to school to finish an education degree after having children.

"She instilled in me the importance of getting an education and setting the positive example of making a better life for myself and my family."

Now, Roddenberry inspires the futures of her own students in her Jefferson Somerset classroom.

Equipped with her motto, "If a child can't learn the way we teach, maybe we should teach the way they learn," Roddenberry stays in tune with her young students' learning styles to better supply them with what they need to learn and grow. "All students are capable of learning and achieving success," said Roddenberry. "I always tell my students, 'if you believe, you will achieve!'"

It is when she sees her students achieving that makes the daily struggles of teaching worthwhile. Teaching can be stressful, with a report from a 2017 survey by the American Federation of Teachers citing that 23 percent of teachers report that they are always experiencing stress, 38 percent often experience work-related stress, 30 percent sometimes experience stress, seven percent hardly ever and one percent never.

But for Roddenberry, seeing her students grow and expand into the people they were always meant to be is the reward of her job.

"Moments that make teaching worthwhile are the times when you have a breakthrough with a struggling student; or when you witness acts of incredible kindness from your class," said Roddenberry, before adding: "The most rewarding of all, you get to watch your students, current and previous, grow and be proud that you were a part of the process that got them to where they are today."

Nicole Roddenberry is a 1986 graduate of Madison County High School, as well as a 1990 alumna of North Florida Community College.

Bill Brumfield  
School Board District 4

# Dawes inducted into Thomas University SALUTE chapter

*Story Submitted*

Nicholas Dawes, of Monticello, was one of 10 students inducted into the Thomas University Chapter of SALUTE National Veterans Honor Society, during a ceremony held Thursday, May 3, in the Flowers Foods Executive Classroom inside Smith-Bonvillian Hall.

SALUTE members are veterans or current military service members and Thomas University students who have completed 12 semester hours with a minimum GPA of 3.0 for undergraduates and a minimum GPA of 3.5 for graduate students.

Dawes is a Social Work major who served in the U.S. Army.



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## UNIVERSITY of FLORIDA

### RANKED AMONG TOP TEN UNIVERSITIES

John Willoughby, ECB Publishing, Inc.

At the beginning of March, US News and World Report Network released their top ten public universities in the United States list for 2018. Included is the University of Florida (UF), in Gainesville. UF is tied with two University of California schools in San Diego, CA, and Davis, CA. The report measured seven areas within the school's system such as undergraduate academic reputation, graduation and retention rates, and tuition costs.

For the 2017-2018 year at UF, students who are in-state pay \$6,381. Students who are from out-of-state pay \$28,658. Total room and board cost for the whole university accumulated to \$9,910. As of recently, the total enrollment at UF is 52,367 students.

According to the report, UF has well-regarded graduate programs through the Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering, Hough Graduate School of Business, Levin College of Law and the College of Medicine. UF is also in works with Oak Hammock, a local retirement community, where students can work, complete internships and find mentors.

Founded in 1853, UF is also tied for the 42 spot in national university ranking, ranked 93 for best value schools and tied for the 63 spot in high school counselor rankings.

The top ten colleges ranked by the US News and World Report Network are as followed: Tied for first, University of California (Berkley and Los Angeles); third, University of Virginia; fourth, University of Michigan (Ann Arbor); fifth, University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill); sixth, College of William and Mary; seventh, Georgia Institute of Technology; eighth, University of California (Santa Barbara); and rounding out the top ten with three schools tied for ninth are: University of Florida and the University of California (Davis and San Diego).

If you would like to know more about the University of Florida, log onto [uf.edu](http://uf.edu).

## Ways to give back to local schools

Schools frequently serve as a home away from home for millions of students. Although children regularly spend six or more hours per day inside the classroom and schools are instrumental in shaping the lives of students, many schools are making due with very few resources.

The Center of Budget and Policy Priorities says that, in the United States, education budgets are providing less per-pupil funding for kindergarten through grade 12 than they did just a few years ago. What's more, local school districts typically have little recourse to replace lost state aid on their own.

Schools have various needs that

must be addressed. The following is a look at how people can support neighborhood schools and ensure they deliver the best education for local students.

• **Shop smartly.** A simple way to give back to school is to buy supplies from brands that give a portion of their profits to schools or those that match purchases with donated items. Some of these brands and retailers include Office Max, Target and Levi Strauss. When shopping, purchase extra materials for schools, which are often short on supplies. Many teachers regularly tap into their own money to buy supplies or to help students who are in need.

• **Give when you can.** Financial

donations can help schools offset budget cuts. Donations can be made via one-time contributions or by participating in school-organized fundraisers.

• **Volunteer.** Offer to help in classrooms, lead a committee, chaperone field trips or work in the school library. Funding may be cut for specialized programs, so investigate any opportunities to organize activities during school or after school when many kids have nothing to do.

• **Make other donations.** Check your home for old musical instruments, books, sports equipment, and other items that schools can put to good use. With some ingenuity, people can give back to schools throughout the year.

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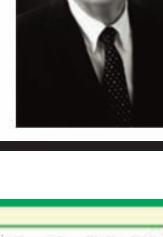
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## DOUBLE TAKE

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MONARCH BUTTERFLY

The Monarch butterfly could be the best known of North American butterflies. It is thought to have been named by early settlers from Europe who, impressed with the butterfly's appearance, named it in honor of King William III of England.

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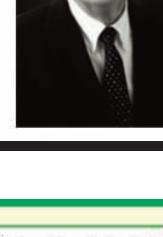
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## BETHPAGE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

379 Bethpage Road Monticello, FL  
(850) 997-0967**Moderator Rev. Dr. Issac Manning Jr., Pastor**  
"Greater Is Coming"Sunday School @ 10:00 a.m. (2nd, 3rd and 4th) Sundays  
1st Sunday @ 9:30 a.m. - Early Morning Worship Service  
Morning Worship Service @ 11:00 a.m.  
(2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays)  
Wednesdays @ 6:00 p.m. B.U.G.S. Program  
"Building Upon Gospel Standards"

## CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

285 Magnolia St • Monticello • 997-2165  
[www.cbcflorida.org](http://www.cbcflorida.org)**Dr. David E. Walker, Pastor**Sunday School.....9:45 AM  
Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 AM  
Sunday Evening.....6:00 PM  
Wednesday Evening.....7:00 PM

## CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH

625 Tindell Road • Aucilla • 997-2081  
P.O. Box 163 • Monticello  
**Pastor Daryl Adams**  
(850) 251-0129Sunday School.....9:45 AM  
Sunday Worship Service.....11:00 AM  
Worship Service.....6:00 PM  
Wednesday  
Choir Practice.....6:00 PM  
Fellowship Meal.....6:45 PM  
Prayer Meeting/Bible Study.....7:10 PM

## CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

US 19 South at Cooper's Pond Road  
(850) 997-1166**Minister Steve Cordle**Sunday Bible School.....10:00 AM  
Worship Hour.....11:00 AM  
Wednesday  
Bible Study .....7:00 PM

## CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

425 North Cherry Street • Monticello • 997-4116  
[www.ChristChurchMonticello.com](http://www.ChristChurchMonticello.com)Email: [christchurch425@yahoo.com](mailto:christchurch425@yahoo.com)**Rev. James Bowen May, Priest**Communicating the Good News of Jesus Christ since 1840  
Sunday 9:00 AM.....Adult and Children Sunday School  
10:00 AM .....Holy Eucharist  
Nursery provided for children under 5

## CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

US 19 N 1590 N. Jefferson Street (US 19)  
(850) 997-3906[monticellonaz@gmail.com](mailto:monticellonaz@gmail.com)**Shawn and Bethany Grosvenor, Pastors**Sunday School.....9:45 AM  
Morning Worship.....10:45 AM  
Student Life Group.....4:30 PM**Tuesday Evening**

Mens &amp; Ladies Bible Study 6:00 PM

**Saturday**

Spanish Church Services.....7:30 PM

## ELIZABETH BAPTIST CHURCH

4124 Bassett Dairy Rd • Monticello • 997-8444  
Email: [secretary@ebcmonticello.com](mailto:secretary@ebcmonticello.com)  
website: [www.ebcmonticello.com](http://www.ebcmonticello.com)**Pastor, Robert Dennison**Sunday Bible Study.....9:45 AM  
Morning Worship Service.....11:00 AM  
Choir Practice.....5:00 PM  
Evening Worship Service.....6:00 PM**WEDNESDAY**Bible Study/Prayer Meeting.....6:00 PM  
RA's/GA's/Mission Friends/Youth

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

325 West Washington Street  
Monticello (850) 997-2349  
[www.fbcmonticello.org](http://www.fbcmonticello.org)**Pastor Sean Vickers**Sunday School.....9:45 AM  
Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 AM  
Children's Church - Ages 4-6 & 7-12.....11:30 AM  
Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 PM  
Wednesday Youth Group/Service.....6:15 to 7:15 PM  
Wednesday Bible Study.....6:30 PM  
-Nursery for all services-Adult Choir Practice Wednesdays .....7:00 PM  
Church/Family Supper (Sept-May) Wednesdays 5:00 PM  
Women's Prayer Group, third Monday.....6:30 PM  
Community LLL Meeting, fourth Tuesday.....10:00 AM  
Outreach/Visitation, Thursdays.....10:00 AM

## FIRST CORINTHIAN CHURCH

955 Lemon St. / P.O. Box 1112, Monticello,  
(850) 545-2039[sonnyjohnjr@aol.com](mailto:sonnyjohnjr@aol.com)**Pastor John Jones**Sabbath Morning Worship.....11:00 AM  
Wednesday/Friday Bible Study.....6:30 PM

## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

325 W. Walnut Street • Monticello  
**Pastor John Hicks 997-5545**[www.monticelloFUMC.org](http://www.monticelloFUMC.org)[jandkhicks@aol.com](mailto:jandkhicks@aol.com)Praise & Worship.....8:30 AM  
Sunday School.....9:30 AM  
Traditional Worship.....11:00 AM**WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES**

Bible Study.....4:15

Prayer Group.....5:15

Fellowship Meal.....6:00

Chancel Choir Practice.....6:30

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

290 East Dogwood Street • Monticello • (850) 997-2252

**R.C. Griffin, III, Pastor**

Sunday School.....9:45 AM

Sunday Worship.....11:00 AM

Adult Bible Study-Wednesday.....6:30-7:30 PM

Men's Breakfast.....2nd Saturday 8:00 AM

## From the Pulpit...

## A Tribute to Moms

A teacher gave her class of second graders a lesson on the magnet and what it does. The next day in a written test, she included this question: "My full name has six letters. The first one is M. I pick up things. What am I?"

**Pastor John Hicks**

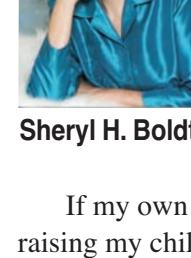
First United Methodist Church

Many of us have had good mothers or mothering types who influenced us in a positive way. Some have not. But even those whose mothers weren't that great can still celebrate a great achievement of their mother—their birth!

We all can learn from women, mothers, sisters, daughters, and wives; even more so when these women are Christians. Spanish proverb: An ounce of mother is worth a ton of priest. A godly mother is priceless.

In honor of mothers everywhere: of future mothers and mothers past; of mothers with us now and of those special mothers that have no children of their own but are mothers to children anyway, I share, tongue in cheek, these important things that mothers teach us:

Mom, I won't pretend you were a perfect mother, but I know that you loved me as perfectly as you could.

**Sheryl H. Boldt**

We both wish you had taught me how to cook, keep house and mix and match my clothes, but chronic depression stole those chapters of our lives. As a teenager, I didn't understand why you slept all day. I resented you for not getting up and acting like other moms.

If my own depression hadn't robbed me of raising my children, I might have never understood what you went through. Now, I regret my resentment toward you. Will you forgive me?

From experience, I understand that you felt overwhelmed every morning when the sun came up, afraid you wouldn't perform any better than you had the day before. Sadly, every evening confirmed your fears, which caused you to hate yourself a little more after each failed day.

Many years later, when I was going through a difficult time with my own depression, you made plans to come see me. When you phoned to say you couldn't come because you were experiencing a lot of physical pain, you also expressed how sorry you were for not being a better mother. I thank God I had the opportunity to tell you, "I love you. I forgive you." Especially because neither of us knew you were dying from cancer and would be gone in a few short months.

Mom, you were not a failure. We—the culture of that day—failed you.

## MEMORIAL M.B. CHURCH

780 Second Street • Monticello • 997-4947

**Moderator J.B. Duval, Pastor**

## Sundays

Sunday Church School (Every Sunday).....9:30 AM

Sunday Worship (2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays).....11:00 AM

Youth Worship (2nd Sunday).....11:00 AM

## Wednesdays

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

## NEW HOPE CHURCH OF GOD

415 East Palmer Mill Rd • Monticello • 997-1119

[www.newhopecog.net](http://www.newhopecog.net)**Pastor Dr. E. Bob Kuschel****"The Sunday Place To Be"**

Sunday School.....10:00 AM

Worship Service.....11:00 AM

Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 PM

## OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

7369 Boston Hwy. Monticello

(850) 997-1596

**Pastor David During**

Sunday Bible Study.....10:00 AM

Sunday Worship.....11:00 AM

Sunday Evening.....6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible &amp; Prayer Meeting.....7:00 PM

TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE.

"If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."

RELIGION: "You better pray that will come out of the carpet."

LOGIC. "If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."

FORESIGHT. "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."

STAMINA. "You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."

CONTORTIONISM. "Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck?"

HUMOR. "When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."

ANTICIPATION. "Just wait until your father gets home."

JUSTICE. "One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you!"

In all honesty, Mothers, we thank God for you! For all of the sacrifices you make, for all that you do, for the kindness you show, for the love you give, and for the example you are. We love you with all our hearts!

May God bless you on your special day coming up, and "may you be richly rewarded by the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge." (Ruth 2:12 NIV)

## To my mother, who struggled with depression

I wish you could see how well I'm doing now. In today's society, people are more likely to talk about depression, and more people are getting help.

I'm blessed to have had people in my life who recognized the signs of my depression, prayed for me and got me the help I needed. Most important, I'm learning how much God loves me; therefore, I'm getting better at casting all my anxieties and concerns on Him (1 Peter 5:7).

And I want you to know, Mom, that on Mother's Day and during Mental Health Awareness Month, I think of you often – warmly and very proudly.

Sheryl H. Boldt is the author of the blog, [www.TodayCanBeDifferent.net](http://www.TodayCanBeDifferent.net). You can reach her at [sherylhboldt@gmail.com](mailto:sherylhboldt@gmail.com).

I am your mother

You are my child.

I am your quiet place.

You are my wild.

I am your calm face.

You are my giggle.

I am your wait.

You are my wiggle.

I am your dinner.

You are my chocolate cake.

I am your bedtime.

You are my wide awake.

I am your lullaby.

You are my peek-a-boo.

I am your goodnight kiss.

You are my I love you.



# CHURCH NEWS NOTES

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## May 9

Elizabeth Baptist Church, 4124 Bassett Dairy Road, will hold a 'Water Day' event for all children ages 1st grade to 6th grade from 3 to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday. This free event will include hamburgers, soft drinks, carnival-style games, prizes, a dunking booth, slip-n-slide, water fights, relay races, a water slide and more. Contact [brian@ecbmonticello.com](mailto:brian@ecbmonticello.com) or call (850) 997-8444 if you plan to attend. Rev. Robert Dennison, pastor.

## May 10

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

## May 12

Saint Phillip AME Church will hold a Health Fair on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. with information on health, eating, exercise, blood pressure, breast cancer, heart problems, cholesterol and more. Rev. J.W. Tisdale, pastor. (850) 997-4226

## May 13

Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church, Dills Community, will celebrate its Mother's Day Program at 11 a.m. on Sunday with Minister Eric Evans, Minister Barry Graham and Minister O.J. Sloan. The theme will be "Mothers, it's time to wake up Jesus!" This program is sponsored by the Men's Department. Pastor Willie D. Webster, Deacon George King.

## May 14

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 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 [eagleswingsmonticello@yahoo.com](mailto:eagleswingsmonticello@yahoo.com). Rev. R.C. Griffin III, church 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 25

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.

## May 25, 26

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.

## 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 [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.

## 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@ecbmonticello.com](mailto:robert@ecbmonticello.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).

## June 12

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.

## September

Community Prayer Breakfast is held from 7 to 8

## MONTICELLO

### GREATER FELLOWSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

690 Cypress Street Monticello (850) 997-4375  
"Standing Firm On The Word Of God"  
**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 Waukeenah Hwy• 264-0802

[www.sardismumc.org](http://www.sardismumc.org)

**Pastor Steve Lenzo**

[pastor@sardismumc.org](mailto: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 Waukeenah Hwy/ P.O. Box 411

Wacissa • 997-2179 • [www.wacissaumc.org](http://www.wacissaumc.org)

**Pastor Steve Lenzo**

[pastor@wacissaumc.org](mailto: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

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.

## September 12-16

Jellystone Park Jam, one of North Florida's largest multi-day gospel music events, will feature over 20 Christian music bands throughout the five-day weekend. The event will take place at Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park in Madison, from Wednesday through Sunday. Admission is free to all Jam events! The Jam kicks off on Wednesday at 7 p.m., with a Sing-Out featuring local church choirs and talent. A love offering will be received nightly. For more information call (850) 464-0114 or [www.jellystoneparkjam.com](http://www.jellystoneparkjam.com).

## 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

### INDIAN SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

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 • Waukeenah • 997-2171  
[www.waukeenah-umc.org](http://www.waukeenah-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.waukeenahcemetery.com](http://www.waukeenahcemetery.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

**3<sup>rd</sup> Friday** 6:00pm (Widows/Widowers) Brotherhood

### TRANSFORMING LIFE CHURCH ASSEMBLY OF GOD

1206 Springfield Road • Lloyd • 997-TLC7 (8527)

**Pastors Tim and Beverly Buchholz**

[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

Ascend Youth Group

\* Connect Groups - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Evenings of the month



## How to be Saved

First you must understand that you are a sinner in need of salvation. **"All have sinned"** (Romans 3:23) and **"the wicked shall be turned into hell"** (Psalm 9:17). Next you must believe that Jesus died in your place on the cross and rose from dead. He **"bare our sins in his own body"** (1 Peter 2:24). He will save you if you will receive Jesus Christ by faith. Baptism can't save you. Church membership can't save you. Living a good life can't save you. Repent and receive Christ: **"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."** (Romans 10:13)</

# Classifieds

Deadline for  
Wednesday's Paper  
3 p.m. on Mon.

Deadline for  
Friday's Paper  
3 p.m. on Wed.

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

**North Florida Community College**, Madison FL: Nurse Faculty; PT Staff Assistant (Fitness Center); PT Truck Driving Instructor; Adjunct Chemistry Instructor; Staff Assistant. See www.nfcc.edu for details.

5/9-25

### MONTICELLO NEWS

Advertising Sales Representative (salesperson) needed. Our newspaper office is seeking an outstanding individual to join our sales team. Do you possess a sunny, friendly attitude? Can you talk with customers easily and help them feel at home? Do you have a good personality and LOVE to talk on the telephone? If you are a team player, able to handle multiple tasks, have a friendly can-do-attitude, a great work ethic, are organized, and self-motivated, then this job might be just for you. Must have valid driver's license. Apply in person at the Monticello News newspaper office, located at 180 West Washington St., in Monticello or call (850) 997-3568 to set up an interview appointment.

3/28,rtn

## SERVICES

### TREE SERVICE STUMP GRINDING

MR. STUMP 850-509-8530

Quick Responses. 2/24, rtn

### FOR SALE

**2002 Pontiac Bonneville** needs engine work or new engine. \$800 OBO. Call 850-242-3547 or 850-997-3568 & ask for Carl.

4/20,rtn

**Lawn & Leaf Sweeper-** DR Premier Model Wgt.315, 9.0 Premier Gas Motor. Box 90" L x 48" W x 55" H. Ready To Use. Must Be Seen. Asking \$1,000. Call Debbie at (850) 997-0901.

4/25,rtn

**Lawn Sweeper - LVS 3CF** Poly-Vac System Tow Behind w/Spring Assisted Dump for Unloading. Includes Mounted-On 10P Poly-Cart. Gas Engine. Ready To Use. Asking \$300. Call Debbie at (850) 997-0901.

4/25,rtn

**Beautiful dining room table** with six chairs and two leafs. \$100. 850-661-3499 5/9,pd

### 2 BR- 1Bath single-wide

Trailer for sale \$500.00. Must be moved!!! Call 850-661-3499

5/9,pd

Run your own classifieds  
\$15 for one week or 20 words

## WANTED

**Wood Cabinet incubator** wanted. Call David 850-841-0459

4/27-5/9,c

## Want to buy Pigeons

Homers or Tumblers call 850-997-1582 leave message

5/4

## YARD SALES

### Yard Sale

Sat. May 12 at 715 Tau Trail off Hickory St. 7am-12pm Furniture, clothes, shoes, dishes, pictures, vanity set, DVD's, and lots of other misc. items.

5/9,11,pd

### LIONS CLUB YARD SALE

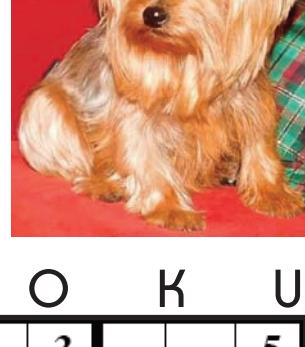
FUNDRAISER Sat. May 19 at Monticello News parking lot. 8am-2pm To make donations call 850-997-0901

5/9-18

## LOST DOG

**YORKIE**, female, gold & silver 6lbs. lost on Lake Road near Oetinger Rd. north of Monticello. Very scared. Call 850-544-4224.

5/9,11



## ADVERTISING NETWORK OF FLORIDA

May 7 - May 13

### Florida - Statewide

#### Auctions

#### Live & Online Bankruptcy Auction

Tuesday, May 15th at 11:00 AM  
Control Communications, Inc.

3921 SW 47 Ave, Ste. 1012, Davie, FL 33314

Sale will consist of: Electrical supplies, parts/components and accessories for portable/mobile two-way radios, repeaters, telecommunications service testing equipment, service/repair shop tools and equipment, power tools, warehouse equipment, vehicles, forklifts, computers, office equipment, office furniture, server equipment and much more! Catalog and photos available at [www.moeckerauctions.com](http://www.moeckerauctions.com)

Bankruptcy Case #18-12247-BKC-RBR

Preview: Day of sale 9 AM to 11 AM | 10%-13% BP | \$100 refundable cash deposit to register. (800) 840-4211

BIDS | [info@moeckerauctions.com](mailto:info@moeckerauctions.com)  
AB-1098 AU-3219, Eric Rubin

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## Snack on something surprising

Healthy snacks are a great way to quell hunger pangs without feeling guilty. The following recipe for "Cauliflower Popcorn" from Bob Blumer's *Surreal Gourmet Bites* (*Chronicle Books*) is a sweet-tasting alternative to unhealthy snacks.

### Cauliflower Popcorn

- 1 head cauliflower
- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon salt or other seasonings

## DID YOU KNOW?

Teachers provide many things to their students. In addition to an education, support and guidance, many teachers also feel compelled to enhance their classrooms with supplies they've purchased out-of-pocket. According to a poll of 1,500 teachers conducted by the educational resource Edutopia, 93 percent of teachers feel obligated or somewhat obligated to buy school supplies for their classrooms with their own money. The Education Market Association says that virtually all teachers wind up paying out of pocket for supplies. The amounts spent annually can be upwards of \$1,000 per teacher. In addition, not all of the teachers funding supplies work in low-income districts. A report published in early 2016 by the Center for Budget and Policy Priorities found that many states now provide less financial support per student than they did before the recession took hold roughly nine years ago. Districts forced to work under tight budgets are increasingly outsourcing the costs of supplies to parents. When parents fail to provide supplies, teachers are bearing the brunt of the costs to avoid seeing their students go without necessary resources.

## Legal Notices

#### 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 1/2 of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 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

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#### 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 1/2 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.

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Hint: Each of the nine blocks has to contain all the numbers 1-9, and each number can only appear once in a row, column or box.

## DONATIONS



### SNAPPY HAPPY FERAL CAT SANCTUARY DONATIONS NEEDED

Drop-off box, especially for kitten food, litter, etc. at Monticello News, 180 W. Washington St. Call Debbie at 850-997-0901 for more information.

850-342-0244

Jefferson County Humane Society

## Tips for recovering a lost dog

Losing track of a beloved animal can be scary for a pet owner. If you are lucky, you have already microchipped and put tags on your dog, and your dog is friendly and will go up to a nice neighbor who can call you. However, not every dog is that willing to approach a stranger, and if your dog is not wearing their collar when they get out, then what?

1. Create an attractive safe space for them to return to. This means a crate or dog house they are familiar with, clothes or their favorite blanket that smells like home or their owner, food and water, all set out near the place they went missing or close to home.
2. Get the word out. Facebook, craigslist, and the local paper, but also signs in the area the dog went missing so that if someone does find your dog, they might recognize it and call you. Alert the local shelter and vets so that your dog can be identified if it is brought in.
3. If you spot your dog (or a dog you suspect might be lost), do not chase them! This can spook them and cause them to vanish. If the dog does not immediately recognize you or run up to you, either slowly pursue them to try to get them in a corner or make yourself non-threatening by laying or kneeling on the ground. In either case, avoid eye contact and direct staring, and it helps to offer food or water.