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With only a few days left in the school year, children are starting to get excited for summer! While parents, on the other hand, are trying to figure out what their kids will do for the next two and a half months. There are plenty of activities happening in Jefferson County and surrounding areas over the summer that kids are sure to enjoy. That is why ECB Publishing, Inc. has put together a "Summer Fun" section. *Inside this issue*

## Accused shooter denied bond

Lazaro Aleman, ECB Publishing, Inc.

A local man who has been jailed for nearly two years without bond on a charge of attempted murder failed to get a bond set at a hearing last week before Circuit Court Judge Dawn Caloca-Johnson.

Frederick Bernard Mitchell, 30, of Monticello, came before the judge on Wednesday morning, May 9, on a motion to set bond. He was represented by Attorney Charles Collins. Mitchell has been in jail since his arrest on July 5, 2016,



Frederick Bernard Mitchell

charged with attempted first-degree murder and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

At Wednesday's hearing, Collins tried to establish that the state had failed to meet its burden of proof in the evidence it had presented against Mitchell to justify his long incarceration without bond. Collins questioned the validity, if not permissibility, of some of the state's evidence, such as the DNA found on a cigarette discarded at the site of the

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## Know before you vote: Amendment Two

Rick Patrick, ECB Publishing, Inc.

This is the second of a series of articles that will appear in the *Monticello News*. Each article will examine one of the 13 proposed constitutional amendments that will be appearing on the Florida elections ballot on Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018. This week's article takes a look at Amendment 2.

The second of the amendments voters will see on the November, 2018 ballot is not a new amendment. This same amendment was approved by Florida voters in 2008. That amendment set a cap of 10 percent on non-homestead parcels. Currently that cap is set to expire in January, 2019. Amendment Two, if passed, would make that cap permanent.

This amendment affects non-homestead parcels, such as second homes, rental apartments, commercial non-residential properties and vacant land. Just as Amendment One, Amendment Two does not apply to school district taxes.

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## Building's relocation approved

Lazaro Aleman  
ECB Publishing, Inc.

The Jefferson County Historical Association (JCHA) now has permission to relocate a small building onto the garden adjacent the Wirick-Simmons House, which the organization owns.

The JCHA received permission to relocate the small building, which is currently on the property of the First Methodist Church on Walnut Street, via a certificate of appropriateness, which is required any time that a change is made in the historic district.

The Monticello City Council granted the certificate See RELOCATION page 3A



ECB Publishing, Inc. Photo by Lazaro Aleman, May 14, 2018

This small building, that has long been on the property of the First United Methodist Church on Walnut Street, will soon have a new home adjacent the Wirick-Simmons House. The structure is being moved to make way for a parking lot. Meanwhile, the Jefferson County Historical Association will gain an adjunct building.

## My Brothers' Burden Walk: Marching For the Lives of Firefighters



ECB Publishing, Inc. Photo By Ashley Hunter, May 7, 2018

Approximately 800 patches, and each one representing a brave lost soul of a deceased firefighter; this is the burden that Tom "Bull" Hill has walked with since Key West's Mile Marker 0. Granted, the patch has grown since he started, but the mission remains the same: journey to the state capitol, gather signatures on a petition, and demand state lawmakers do something about the benefits provided to the families of firefighters killed by cancer. On Monday, May 7, Bull walked through Jefferson County, spreading the stories of the patches, gathering support, and getting one step closer to his goal.

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## Playoff dates changed

Rick Patrick, ECB Publishing, Inc.

Due to the inclement weather threatening the State of Florida over the next several days, the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) has postponed this week's scheduled state play-off softball games. Aucilla Christian Academy's Class 2A semi-final game will now take place on Monday, May 21, at 10:35 a.m. The Class 2A championship game is set for Tuesday, May 22, at 11:05 a.m. "We appreciate the understanding and flexibility of our member schools and fans for supporting this change," said FHSAA Executive Director George Tomyn. "Our goal is to give the

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## Will City lose if Amendment One wins?

Lazaro Aleman, ECB Publishing, Inc.

If voters approve Amendment One in November, the City of Monticello stands to lose nearly \$18,000 annually in taxes starting in 2019, this on top of the \$150,000-plus that it is already losing from previous exemptions.

These were figures that Property Appraiser Angela Gray shared with the Monticello City Council on Tuesday evening, March 1, at the request of Councilman Troy Avera.

Amendment One, Gray explained, would allow an additional \$25,000 exemption for properties with assessed values between \$100,001 and \$125,000. The exemption, moreover, would be on top of the

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# Employment Matters



Johnny Pompey

## Interview Consistency Factors

Pending grads of all types; college, trade, tech and yes even high school. Since February I've been sharing information about what to expect and how to prepare for those post-grad job interviews you're about to have. In fact in my last article I told you to get ready to consume a lot because my advice was gonna be served to you like a seven-course meal.

Remember that? Good... Because you're about to get a healthy portion of the meat and potatoes of that very meal. And just like your grandma's pot roast at Sunday supper the In-person Interview is the featured attraction of the getting hired process.

The assumption is that you've applied for the job; you have prescreened for the job via some media; you have completed all the necessary pre-hire assessments and now you have been invited to interview with company rep face-to-face no matter how far or near to your home.

A lot has happened to get you to this point so now what do you do? No matter how many interviews are to be conducted before a final candidate is chosen I firmly believe the most important thing that you must do during this phase is to be consistent.

Being brutally honest, there are a lot of factors that you the applicant/candidate do not control in this setting. You have no control over your interviewer's temperament, his or her cadence, interruptions, that person's schedule, their ability to ask questions effectively or listen intently. And there isn't any doubt that you will have no idea of the types of questions asked. I could go on and on because the factors indeed are limitless.

However if you are consistently prompt, properly-attired, well-prepared, well-mannered, well-spoken, attentive to your surroundings and have a positive demeanor you will be considered as an apt candidate for the position no matter how many actual interviews you have to endure.

Allow me to share with you examples of the Consistency Factors mentioned.

**Promptness:** make sure you have signed in with the receptionist at least 15 minutes before your interview is scheduled to begin.

**Properly-Attired:** Okay this is the one constant that is most difficult to address in this format because it is best demonstrated through a variety of fluid visual aids. That being said let me give you a few solid tips. For the blue collar/trade worker types a pressed shirt and pants combo usually suffices. For those of you who will be working in an office model your attire after a local news anchor because his/her appearance has to appeal to a broader

audience and tends not to be overly trendy. Second, select clothing that will help present you as a serious candidate for the job, not someone who arrived for the interview in a questionable outfit.

**Well-Prepared:** be sure you are well-informed of the position, company/industry and the name of the person(s) interviewing you if possible. Have at least five copies of your resume to share. And have 3-5 questions of your own to ask your host(s) about the job and the company. Remember you're interviewing the company as well for you own comfort and career goals compatibility.

**Well-Mannered:** "TURN OFF ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES!" You will survive a few hours without being connected to the grid. I can't tell how many times someone's phone has announced that it was a part of the interview though it wasn't invited.

Also follow staff instructions at all times; wait for directions on everything from seating to testing protocols because someone is always aware of your presence during this process. It's important that you know that. I would often ask my employment coordinators, the lobby receptionist and department admins how a candidate interacted with them and if they adhered to instructions.

Your ability to effectively communicate verbally is so vitally important so much so that some hiring managers say it's the most important attribute at this stage of the process, hence Well-Spoken. Therefore, it is imperative that you are articulate, but not robotic. Realize that you are in a professional setting and you should speak as such, but do not loose who you are in translation.

Have good eye contact with your interviewer, attentively listen and ensure that you respond to the questioned asked at all times. The better responses are those which the bottom-line answer to the question is given first and supporting information follows. This retort style tends to help the often nervous interviewee stay focused, confident and in tuned with their host needs to ascertain information.

No matter if you're engaged in the first or fourth interview, good posture and a firm handshake are essential as well. Also never refuse water and a restroom break. You might be expected to do a great deal of speaking which lead to you being parched. Dry mouth could lead to an unnecessary verbal and mental lapses or other embarrassing moments during the interview. Restroom breaks allow you gather yourself, if needed, or at the very least refresh yourself so that continuing the process is not an issue.



## Florida Man Says He Punched ATM For Giving Too Much Cash

A Florida man told investigators he punched an automated teller machine because it gave him too much cash.

An arrest report says 23-year-old Michael Joseph Oleksik man caused about \$5,000 in damage to an ATM at a Wells Fargo bank branch in Cocoa on Nov. 29. He was arrested Dec. 22 on a criminal mischief charge after bank officials decided to press



Michael Joseph Oleksik

charges.

Florida Today reports surveillance video captured Oleksik pummeling the touch screen.

An arrest report says that Oleksik told a bank manager he was angry that the machine was giving him too much money and didn't know what to do because he was in a hurry for work. He apologized for causing damage.



## Should we take the Scriptures literally?

I read a few articles recently that essentially attack the credibility of the Bible. It is something believers should expect from a culture that is

increasingly antagonistic against what the Bible teaches and the Christian faith founded upon it.

Critics question its inspiration, historicity, and the accuracy of its

preservation. If they can't dissuade believers with those arguments they will try to convince us we are interpreting it wrong. They will say the Bible is not meant to be taken literally.

So, should we take the Scriptures literally? The answer to that question is both, yes and no. The answer is yes in one sense, and no in another sense. Let me explain.

A little while ago, I was reacquainted with a friend of mine from forty years ago. He was a believer then, but now claimed to be an agnostic. I was somewhat stunned by this revelation because he had been an avid student of the Scriptures and a defender of the faith.

As I spoke with him about this reversal of belief, he told me he no longer believed the Bible to be the Word of God. His explanation was inane. He pointed to Job 16:13, which reads, "His arrows surround me. Without mercy He spits my kidneys open; He pours my gall on the ground."

My friend asked, "Are we to believe God literally split Job's kidneys open?" The obvious answer is no, such a wound would have been fatal and Job

would not have survived to tell about it.

Job had lost his children and wealth catastrophically in one day and was beset with a miserable disease at this time. By saying his kidneys had been "split open," Job was clearly using a metaphor to describe the deeply emotional and internal anguish he was experiencing from the loss of his children that accompanied his physical suffering.

Anyone who has had medical problems with their kidneys know how painful they can be, and Job is simply using a metaphor to explain his emotional and internal pain, and that pain is every bit as real and literal as what he is experiencing physically.

If we believe, and I do, that the Divine Author inspired human authors to pen His words, then it is not irrational to think God condescended to use the literary devices of men, such as metaphors, idioms, foreshadowing, prolepsis, etcetera, to convey His truth through men to men.

The Scriptures are God's revelation of the truth about reality as it actually is always, and in their context should be understood as conveying literal truth whether they are referring to the natural order or the supernatural realm.

There are no truly intellectual arguments against the trustworthiness of the Scriptures, only pitiable laments from those who stubbornly refuse to submit to God and His Word.

Jesus prayed to the Father that believers would be sanctified in the truth and then declared, "Your word is truth;" John 17:17. If Jesus believed God's word is the truth, shouldn't we?



**Dear Savvy Senior,**  
I just turned 65 and would like to find out what types of vaccinations are recommended to Medicare beneficiaries, and how they are covered.

—Health Conscious

Dear Conscious,  
Most people think that vaccinations are just for kids, but adults, especially seniors who tend to have weaker immune systems, need their shots too. Here's a rundown of what vaccines the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend for seniors 65 and older, and how they're covered by Medicare.

**Flu (Influenza):** While you probably already know that flu shots are recommended every fall to all seniors, you may not know that those over 65 also have the option of getting a high-dose flu vaccine instead of a regular flu shot. This vaccine - known as the Fluzone High-Dose - has four times the amount of antigen as a regular flu shot does, which creates a stronger immune response for better protection. All annual flu shots are covered under Medicare Part B.

**Td/Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis):** A one-time dose of the Tdap vaccine, which covers tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (whooping cough) is recommended to all adults. If you've already had a Tdap shot, you should return to getting a tetanus-diphtheria (Td) booster shot every 10 years. All Medicare Part D prescription drug plans cover these vaccinations.

**Pneumococcal:** This vaccine protects against pneumonia, which kills about 50,000 Americans each year. It's now recommended that all seniors, 65 or older, get two separate vaccines - Prevnar 13 and Pneumovax 23 - at different times. Medicare Part B covers both shots if they are taken at least 11 months apart.

**Shingles (zoster):** Caused by the same virus that causes chicken pox, shingles is a painful, blistering skin rash that affects more than 1 million Americans each year. All people over age 60 should get the Zostavax vaccine, even if they've had shingles before. All Medicare Part D prescription drug plans cover this one-time vaccination, but coverage amounts and reimbursement rules vary depending on where the shot is given. Check your plan.

**Hepatitis A:** This is a two-dose series of shots recommended to adults that have chronic liver disease, a clotting-factor disorder, have same-sex male partners, illicit injectable drug use, or who have close contact with a hepatitis A-infected individual or who travel to areas with a high incidence of hepatitis A. These shots are covered by Medicare Part D drug plans.

**Hepatitis B:** This three-dose series is recommended to adults who are on dialysis, have renal disease or liver disease, are sexually active with more than one partner, have a sexually transmitted disease or HIV. These vaccinations are covered under Medicare Part B.

**Meningococcal:** Adults 56 and older, who have had their spleen removed, have certain blood deficiencies or plan to travel to parts of the world where meningitis is common, should receive the meningococcal polysaccharide vaccine. This is covered by Medicare Part D.

To help you get a handle on which vaccines are appropriate for you, talk to your doctor during your next visit about what vaccinations you should get.

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crime scene and GPS tracking on Mitchell's cellphone indicating his whereabouts on the night of the incident. Collins offered that the defense could provide witnesses and testimony putting Mitchell elsewhere at the time of the incident.

According to the affidavits and state evidence that Assistant State Attorney Andrew Deneen presented at the hearing, the incident occurred on June 20, 2016, and was related to drugs. Deneen said that Mitchell confronted the victim over money that the latter owed him. When the victim attempted to flee, Deneen said Mitchell fired six shots at the car, with one of the bullets striking the victim on the arm.

Deneen said investigators found a cigarette with Mitchell's DNA at the crime scene and the GPS record on Mitchell's cellphone put him at two locations on the night of the shooting, one of the locations the crime scene.

Deneen acknowledge that the victim had subsequently changed his testimony but said the victim had done so under threat of harm and had also been supplied with drugs and money by a third party to change his statement. The victim, however, had since agreed to testify to his original statement and to the threat and bribe, which testimony the individual who had made the threat would corroborate, Deneen said.

Collins argued that the evidence was still insufficient.

"What you have before you is the statement of (a witness) who is inconsistent," Collins told the judge. "He (victim) doesn't give a clear, concise statement to law enforcement at first and then gives another statement. We have a victim who gives different accounts of what happened. Based on his recantation

and different statements, it doesn't lead to proof of evidence."

Moreover, Collins said, Mitchell's co-defendant, Kelvin Salters, had been released from jail. So why was Mitchell being held going on two years?

"Based on the evidence, the burden of proof hasn't been met and he's entitled to bond," Collins said, adding that Mitchell wasn't a flight risk because of his close ties to the community. If need be, he said, Mitchell was willing to wear an ankle monitor.

Deneen countered that the evidence corroborated the victim's original statement and his recantation was due to the threat of violence, to which he was willing to testify. As for Salter's release, it was the victim's statement that he had recognized Salter's voice at the scene but had not actually seen Salter's face. Nor did the GPS record or DNA evidence indicate that Salter was at the scene, as it did of Mitchell, Deneen said.

The judge took time to review the affidavits and other evidence submitted and consider the arguments before finding in favor of the prosecution. Judge Caloca-Johnson found that the evidence was sufficient, the presumption of guilt great, and the fact that the crime was punishable by a life sentence significant to warrant not setting bond.

"I decline to set bond," Caloca-Johnson said, noting that in her view Mitchell presented a danger to the community and his alleged tampering with the witness was persuasive.

"I choose not to exercise my discretion to set bond," she said. "Bond is denied."

The narrative report of the Sheriff's Office investigator shows that officers responded to a report of a shooting on June 20, 2016 and encountered the victim in the parking lot of the Dollar Store on South Jefferson Street. According to the report, the victim's car, a silver Lincoln

four-door, appeared to have several bullet holes at the head level of a person sitting. Plus the victim had "an injury of his right elbow consistent with being shot."

The victim, according to the report, identified Mitchell and Salters as the perpetrators of the crime, which he said had occurred at Mamie Scott Drive.

In subsequent testimony, the victim told investigators that he "owed Mitchell about \$100 and Salters about \$50 for drugs that he had previously received from them."

The victim told investigators that he had contacted Salter to pay him back the money and the latter had agreed to meet him at a trailer park across from the Capri on U.S. 19 North, where a party was underway. The victim said Salters subsequently changed the meeting location and told him to meet him instead at Mamie Scott Drive.

The victim told investigators that he had arrived at Mamie Scott Drive and parked on the side of the road and soon a dark colored four-door vehicle had approached from the opposite direction. He said that a man he recognized as Mitchell got out of the passenger side of the car and approached his car and stuck a gun through the driver's window. At which point the victim started to drive off and he heard several shots fired and realized that he had been hit.

The victim also told investigators that he had heard the driver of the car say, "Hey, what's up?" when the other car had first driven up, which voice he recognized as being Salters'.

After investigators interviewed the victim outside the Dollar Store, they went to the site of the shooting and searched the area, where they found several shell casings, divots in the pavement consistent with bullets striking the asphalt, and a cigarette with Mitchell's alleged DNA.

The case is set to go to trial on Aug. 27 through Aug. 29.

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of appropriateness on Tuesday evening, May 1, based on the recommendation of the Monticello Historic Design Review Board, which first reviewed the JCHA's application.

According to JCHA Executive Director Jack Carswell, who briefed the

council on the relocation on March 26, his organization plans to use the 20 by 25 building for small gatherings, community events and fundraising dinners.

"It would expand our ability to use the garden," Carswell told the council, adding that the JCHA might even rent the building to other groups to generate additional income.

"It costs our organization about \$20,000 to operate annually and it's a struggle every year to raise the money," Carswell said.

The small building reportedly dates from about 1910 and comes complete with French doors, a bathroom and a small kitchen. The Methodist Church wants the building removed because it needs the space for a parking lot.

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When the original amendment passed, it had an affect on the funding for the county government of Jefferson County. According to Jefferson County Property Appraiser Angela Gray, in the 2008-09 tax year (the first year in which the cap was in effect) the 10-percent cap resulted in an assessment differential of \$1,761,099, which translated into a \$14,657 tax loss to the county, based on that year's assessment rate of .0083226 mills.

Property values, however, fluctuate over time, as may the assessment rate, so the loss would change from year to year.

For example, in the 2016-17 tax year, the 10-percent cap resulted in an assessment differential of \$6,249,847, and a tax loss of \$49,999, based on that year's assessment rate of .0080000.

Gray, however, adds a caveat, which is that fiscally-constrained counties such as Jefferson County get reimbursed each year up to 95 percent their tax loss by the state. This, at least, has been true since the 2008-09, when the reimbursement was 91 percent of the loss and up to 90 percent since. And the expectation is that the reimbursements will continue, unless the Legislature changes the formula in future.

So that although it is a tax loss for

the county, it does get reimbursed a large portion of the loss. The City of Monticello, however, and other municipalities do not get reimbursed by the state. So cities are the ones that would really suffer under a prolongation of Amendment 2.

Meanwhile, the Florida Association of Realtors has thrown its support in favor of the amendment. As of April 28, the Florida Association of Realtors had contributed \$460,000 in support of Amendment 2.

As with any issue, it would be wise for voters to carefully weigh both sides of this amendment and then make the wisest choice.

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existing \$25,000 exemption on the first \$25,000 of assessed value, plus a second \$25,000 exemption on the assessed value between \$50,001 and \$75,000.

Gray offered the following example. A property with a \$200,000 accessed value, she said, would get a total of \$75,000 in exemptions: \$25,000 on the first \$25,000 of accessed value; another \$25,000 on the accessed value between \$50,001 and \$75,000; and if Amendment 1 passes, a third \$25,000 exemption on the accessed value between \$100,001 and \$125,000.

Per her calculations, Gray said, the city currently loses \$99,145 every year on the homestead or first exemption, which applies to all taxing authorities. The city loses another \$54,163 annually on the second exemption, which excludes School Board taxes. And it would lose an additional \$17,858 annually if Amendment 1 passes and allows for the third exemption, she said.

Gray said the city currently had 1,802 taxable parcels, of which 543, or 30 percent, claimed one or both of the first two exemptions. And of the 543, she said, 139, or eight percent, would be eligible for the Amendment 1 exemption.

"Amendment 1 would provide for a homestead exemption on the portion of home values between \$100,001 and \$125,000, meaning that the \$25,000 between \$100,001 and \$125,000 of a home's value would be exempted from property taxes other than for school district taxes," Gray summarized.

A "yes" vote in November, she said, would support

implementation of the proposed exemption, making certain properties eligible to \$75,000 in total exemptions. A "no" vote, she said, would keep the maximum homestead exemptions to \$50,000.

City officials are concerned that passage of the amendment will deprive the city of much needed revenue and will render an already tight budget even tighter, with the possibility of cutbacks in services not an unthinkable outcome. It's worth noting that unlike the county, which gets reimbursed by the state for its lost tax revenues, the city does not.

Gray advises any property owner who is interested in learning if they will benefit from the passage of Amendment 1 to go to [jeffersonpa.net](http://jeffersonpa.net), scroll down to "News Update", find the item labeled "Proposed 3<sup>rd</sup> Exemption Amendment" and click on the word "estimator." Enter an address in the box and the website will provide the estimated tax benefit for that particular property should Amendment 1 pass.

If an address does not appear in the search, call or email the Property Appraiser's office for an estimate at (850) 997-3356 or [angela.gray@jeffersonpa.net](mailto:angela.gray@jeffersonpa.net), respectively.

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student-athletes a fantastic championship experience they will remember for a lifetime. We are confident that this amended schedule will ensure a positive atmosphere for a great championship event."For more information, please visit [www.fhsaa.org](http://www.fhsaa.org).

# All-Star Parents make All-Star Youth

*let's set a good example for our kids*

Debbie Snapp, *ECB Publishing Inc.*

Join Sheriff Mac McNeill and Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) for a free workshop encouraging parents, teachers, coaches and community members on the best ways to talk with students and athletes about alcohol and how to set the right example as a role model.

The MADD workshop will be held on Monday, June 4 from 6 to 7

p.m. at the Jefferson County R.J. Bailar Public Library, in the community room. The library is located at 375 South Water Street in Monticello.

For more information contact Claudia Machado, program specialist for MADD Florida Northwest Office, at [claudia.machado@madd.org](mailto:claudia.machado@madd.org) or call (850) 681-0061x7247 or 1-855-846-1076.

MADD ~ Power of Parents!

# Watermelon Festival Baby Photo Contest participants wanted



Debbie Snapp, *ECB Publishing, Inc.*

It's that time again for the Watermelon Festival Baby Photo Contest. Join in the fun by participating in this annual event.

Each year this event draws a crowd when photos of these beautiful children are put on display in the windows of Monticello's downtown businesses.

The contest is open to children ages newborn to five years. All

contestants must be Jefferson County residents. Watermelon-themed photos are encouraged. Photos and applications may be dropped off at the Monticello Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce during regular business hours. Questions may be directed to Event Chairperson Cherri Linn.

Applications and more information are available on the Chamber website at [monticellojeffersonfl.com](http://monticellojeffersonfl.com), or call the Chamber at (850) 997-5552.

## NOTICE

**EMILY ANDERSON, CLERK/TREASURER FOR THE CITY OF MONTICELLO, FLORIDA, HEREBY GIVES NOTICE REGARDING THE 2018 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS:**

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June 18, 2018 12:00 Noon through June 22, 2018 12:00 Noon

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General Election November 6, 2018

PERSONS SEEKING TO QUALIFY SHALL DO SO AT THE OFFICE OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS, 380 WEST DOGWOOD STREET, MONTICELLO, FLORIDA

# Thrive Therapeutic Solutions to host Chamber After 5

Debbie Snapp  
*ECB Publishing Inc.*

Thrive Therapeutic Solutions Health and Wellness Therapy at Twelve Oaks Farm will be the Monticello Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce business hosting the May 17 Business After 5 networking event. The event will be held on Thursday at 872 Waukeenah Highway, just south of downtown Monticello. Guests to this monthly event could be the big money winner of the evening fundraiser, but you must be present to win. So, "Be there," invites Chamber Executive Director Katrina Richardson.

This social is meant to bring together members of the business community in a fun-filled atmosphere designed to encourage networking and interaction while enjoying delectable food and drink. Members form comfortable relationships, which strengthens community bonds. People do business with people they know. Promoting Business. Promoting Monticello.

For more information call the Chamber at (850) 997-5552.



# Small Ruminant Series begins May 17

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The Jefferson County Extension Office (JCEO) invites those interested to a Small Ruminant Series of workshops. The workshops will provide an overview of goat and sheep production.

The series will begin on Thursday, May 17 at 5:30 p.m. at Golden Acres Ranch, located at 704 Barnes Road, just north of Monticello.

The Small Ruminant Series will address several key topics such as: General Care and Management on May 17 including Animal Husbandry, Hooves to Teeth; Herd Health on May 31 including Vaccinations, Parasite Control, Antibiotics; Sanitation and Nutrition on June 14 including Nutritional Demands, Supplements, Pasture Management; Reproduction on June 28 including Anatomy, Labor and Delivery, Breeding Management Decisions; Breed Selection and Marketing on July 12 including Product Options, Marketing Your Product.

There will be a \$10 per person registration fee for each session or a discounted price of \$40 for the complete series. Advanced registration is strongly encouraged.

To register and for questions and comments contact Danielle Sprague at the JCEO at (850) 342-0187 or [dsprague@ufl.edu](mailto:dsprague@ufl.edu).



# Emancipation Day Parade planned for May 21

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The annual Emancipation Day Parade will begin at 11 a.m. on the third Monday, May 21, with a program speaker and related festivities to immediately follow at the MLK Community Center.

This event is sponsored by the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center, 1420 1<sup>st</sup> Street, on Monticello's east side.

Emancipation was proclaimed in Tallahassee on May 20, 1865, 11 days after the end of the Civil War and two years after the proclamation was first issued by President Abraham Lincoln.

For this reason, Emancipation Day in Florida is traditionally celebrated on May 20.

The community is invited and encouraged to attend. If you would like to walk in the parade, show-up at 10:30 a.m. at the site of the lineup, south of the Jefferson County Courthouse on South Jefferson Street.

For more information and a parade entry application, contact Coordinator Charles Parrish at (850) 997-3760.

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# OBITUARIES

## Dr. Robert "Bob" Sylvester

Dr. Robert "Bob" Sylvester, age 82, of Monticello, Florida passed away on May 12, 2018. Born in Pascagoula, Mississippi to Ellis P. and Beryl Sylvester, who along with his sister, Joan Ratcliff, preceded him in death. Dr. Sylvester is survived by his wife, of 56 years, Quay Sylvester; his children, Jennifer Sylvester of Tallahassee, FL; Robert Sylvester of Fountain, CO; Chuck Sylvester of Vienna, VA; sister, Susan Ruffin of Jackson, MS; along with his eight grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and many beloved nieces and nephews.

He attended Mississippi State University prior to transferring to Auburn University where he completed his de-

gree in Veterinary Medicine, graduating in 1959. He then served as a Captain in the US Air Force. Upon his discharge, Dr. Sylvester started his veterinary practice in Bastrop, LA specializing in large and small animals, for the next 7 years. In 1969, he relocated his family to Brooksville, FL where he continued in practice for 17 years. After retiring from private practice, and moving to Tallahassee, he began working with the Department of Agriculture for the State of Florida, while continuing to increase his goat farming operation on his farm in Lloyd.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Jefferson County Library.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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### May 16, 18, 21

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.

### May 16

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.

### May 17

Big Bend Hospice Caregivers Luncheon at 12 p.m. on third Thursday at 1669 Mahan Center Boulevard. A short program, during the luncheon, will remind caregivers that they can't care for anyone else unless they first take care of themselves. For more information, directions, and to register, contact Sharon Davidson at (850)-878-5310.

### May 18

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.

### May 18

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.

### May 19

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 or hughes01lamar@gmail.com.

### May 19

The first ever Harry Jacobs Track and Field Community Day will be held at the Harry Jacobs Track and Field behind the old school, on Water St. The event invites the community come out and take part in an event that will be fun for all ages. Want to try out the hurdles? Relay races? Dashes and discus? Come out and show off what you can do! Admission is \$3 for kid athletes, \$5 for adult athletes and \$2 for those who just want to watch. For more information and registration forms, contact Coaches Hudec and Jacobs at Jefferson Somerset. (850) 997-3555.

### May 21

American Legion Post 234 meets at 5 p.m. on third Monday at the Teen Center on Tiger Lane. For more information contact Commander Mack Benjamin at (850) 997-5977.

# Pirates of the Salty Dog playing at the Opera House

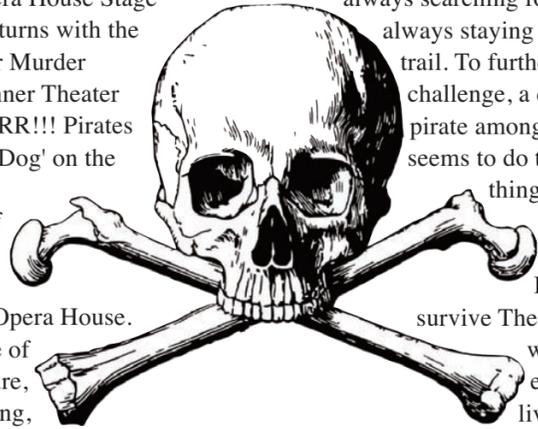
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The Opera House Stage Company returns with the ever-popular Murder Mystery Dinner Theater 'MURD-ARRR!!! Pirates of the Salty Dog' on the Fridays and Saturdays of May 4-26 at the Monticello Opera House. A manic tale of stolen treasure, swashbuckling, mayhem, mischief and murder.

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# Dr. Reddick talks to Chamber

## about the Sheriff Hobbs 'Behind the Badge' Foundation



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 Dr. Barbara Thomas-Reddick, pictured with Irma Morris, spoke to the Monticello Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce membership at their May meeting about The Sheriff Hobbs "Behind the Badge" Foundation, serving



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# Chamber members keeping busy



ECB Publishing Inc Photo By Debbie Snapp, May 1, 2018  
 Chamber Junior Leadership Class of 2018 was introduced to the Chamber membership during the May 1 luncheon meeting. Pictured, from left to right, are: Chamber President Bob Davison; Chamber Executive Director Katrina Richardson; students Evan Courtney, Ryan Jackson, Emily Brock, Ian Hutsell, Emily Mueller, Kentyra McIntosh, Joe Walton and Chamber Past President Julius Hackett.

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Monticello Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce members were involved in a very busy May meeting with lots of events discussed and action taken.

The May meeting kicked off with the introduction of the Junior Leadership students sharing a bit about themselves and how they viewed this year's program. They all spoke highly of the monthly programs, the speakers and the sponsors.

Students participating included: Emily Brock, Evan Courtney, Ian Hutsell, Ryan Jackson, Emily Mueller, Kentyra McIntosh and Joe Walton.

There will be a Purina Cattle Mineral Seminar on Thursday, May 17, at 7 p.m. The workshop will be held at Monticello Milling, 6500 South Jefferson Street. Dan Smith, a 34-year veteran with Purina, will be on hand to answer questions about fly control for your animals. Refreshments will be served. For more information contact the Mill at (850) 997-5521.

Delta Land Surveyors has moved its location to 275 North Mulberry Street, just behind the Monticello Post Office. Call (850) 997-0301 for more information.

The next Chamber After 5 will be held at Thrive Therapeutic Solutions Health and Wellness Therapy at Twelve Oaks Farm, 872 Waukeenah Highway, and hosted by owner Tammy Lester. The evening networking event will be held on Thursday, May 17. Guests must be present to be the big money winner of the evening fundraising effort. This social is held monthly with a different business host. It's meant to bring together members of the business community in a fun-filled atmosphere designed to encourage networking and interaction while enjoying delectable food and drink. Members form comfortable relationships, which strengthens community bonds because people tend to do business with people they know.

The next monthly meeting of the Chamber membership is Tuesday, June 5 at 12 p.m. at the Chamber, 420 West Washington Street in Monticello.



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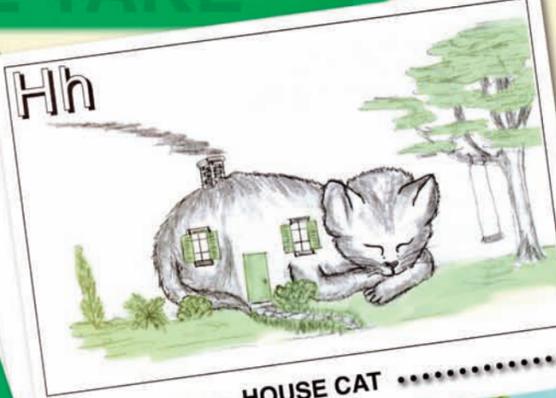
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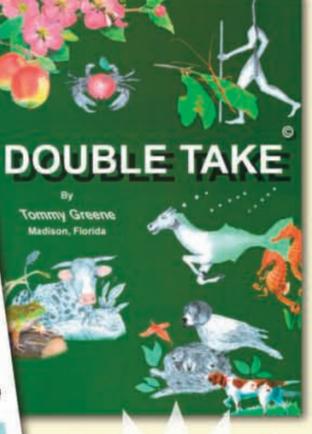


House cats have lived alongside with humans for at least the last 9,500 years, and are currently the World's most popular pet.

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It is now thought that the first house cats were found in the area that is now the Middle East. As people began settling down to farm, a small local wild cat may well have "offered" to provide rodent control in exchange for a warm, cozy spot by the fire. The arrangement worked out well for all involved, and the little cats that were first welcomed for their hunting skills stayed to charm us.

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# My Brothers' Burden Walk: Marching For the Lives of Firefighters



ECB Publishing, Inc. Photo By Ashley Hunter, May 7, 2018

Tom "Bull" Hill has been walking since he started at Mile Marker 0 in Key West, FL., on March 20. Walking to raise awareness to the plight that Florida firefighters are in. Bull's small mission has since grown as people volunteer to walk alongside him, families choose to spend their vacations marching dry, hot backroads and local fire stations provide support every step of the campaign's way.

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The jobs of firefighters are usually dangerous; when others run away from fires, explosions, disasters and danger, firefighters run directly into the threat. Firefighters know the risks of their jobs; they know that every day may be their last. Every burning building can become their tomb, a car fire can result in an explosion, or a forest fire can become a dangerous maze.

But how frequently are firefighters warned that the most dangerous aspect of their job isn't the flames, but rather the building chemicals, the flame retardants, the toxic smoke that boils up black during fires?

They can fight fires, run bravely into an engulfed building, but the danger that threatens firefighters today is more often smaller, more unnoticeable and much harder to fight.

According to the CDC, firefighters are 14 percent more likely to develop cancer than the general public and twice as likely to be diagnosed with skin and testicular cancer or mesothelioma – a cancer caused by asbestos that attacks the lining of the lungs, heart or abdomen.

Despite those statistics, Florida lawmakers do not presume that firefighters who die or are left disabled by cancer could have contracted the illness within their line of duty. As such, when a firefighter dies from cancer, his or her family get nothing but the medical bills.

Tom "Bull" Hill is walking to change that.

On March 20, aided by a committee that had helped put the plan together, Bull set out from Mile Marker 0 in the Florida Keys, with the aim to walk all the way to the state capitol in Tallahassee.

The walk is personal to Bull, who is a retired firefighter from the Orange County Fire Rescue.

Bull has sat alongside two of his fellow firefighters from Orange County, Stephen "Shakey" Vanravenswaay and John Perez, and watched while both men died from cancer that Bull believes they contracted due to their line of work. "Both were ashamed that they were leaving their families with nothing," said Bull, who walked into Jefferson County on Monday, May 7. "They both said that within their last few days. That really haunted me."

Florida is one of the few states that has nothing in place to help the families of cancer-fighting firefighters. Only 12 states continue to refuse to have a presumptive-cancer law, and Bull's crew is walking to get that changed in Florida.

"We have nothing in place. If you read the reasons and go through the silliness of it, it's really crazy," said Bull. "The State of Florida funds the University of Miami, and they are leading researchers in the study of cancers in firefighters throughout the years." Bull added that the university has confirmed that firefighters are more at risk for multiple types of cancers...but once those research papers make their way into the hands of lawmakers, the ball gets dropped. "They either don't believe it, or lobbyists say something and they table it," said Bull.

During his whole walk up to Jefferson County, Bull stated that no senators had reached out to his crew, despite the massive media coverage on the walk. The few people who had reached out, mainly local lawmakers and a few



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It started with one pack with a few badges and patches, but has since grown to a total of six more packs with approximately 800 badges, patches, name tags and tokens from fallen firefighters, and Tom "Bull" Hill remembers many of the stories of the families who have approached him, asking him to carry their loved one's name along his journey. The packs were rotated amongst his crew, everyone taking a turn at carrying the burden of firefighters who have died, sacrificing their lives for others.



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The weight of the 800 firefighters remembered on the seven packs carried by members of Tom "Bull" Hill's crew and volunteers is more than just a physical weight. Cancer is one of the top three killers of firefighters, but currently, Florida is one of the 12 states that do not recognize a firefighter's disability or death from cancer could be presumed to have been contracted in the line of duty. This is what Bull walks against; to change the minds of lawmakers and see to it that firefighters fighting cancer and their families are cared for.



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When the March of the Bull crossed into Jefferson County, the Jefferson County Fire Rescue squad met with the marchers, escorting them all the way to the Leon County line. Four of the JCFR firefighters also took a turn at carrying the heavy weight of the packs for a portion of the walk. Pictured, from left to right, are: Dylan Paternoster, from Miami-Dade; Randy Paternoster, a firefighter from the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue; JCFR Firefighter and EMT Kyle Collins; JCFR Firefighter and EMT Brian Bausherr; Tom "Bull" Hill; JCFR Firefighter and Medic Mike Reed; and JCFR Lt. and Medic Matthew LaMendola.

House Representatives, Bull said they placed blame on each other, with no one wanting to take responsibility.

"To me, it's a shame that this even has to be done this way," added Bull.

Even though the journey has been tough, sitting with "Shakey" Vanravenswaay, Bull made a promise to a dying man, one he has kept and plans to continue keeping. "I told him that I would make a promise and that I would do something to help make a change," said Bull. Later, while sitting with John Perez, that promise was rekindled. "He told me, 'if you just walk, don't quit, something big will happen in this state', and that's how it started," said Bull. "I had no real plans other than just following through what these two men said." Four months after Perez's death, Bull was in the Florida Keys, starting his journey to Tallahassee.

Despite the grief that inspired the walk, and the haunting need for change, the walk has been a positive factor for some.

"There have been eight-ten widows who have walked [with us], and they say they feel so much better after they've done this," said Bull. Families have joined with Bull, walking with him, rallying behind him. A petition was raised with the goal to gain 50,000 signatures, which it reached over the May 12-13 weekend.

"For forty some odd days, walking close to 700 miles, it's the same thing over and over again," said Bull. Each day, Bull meets new families who have lost their firefighting loved ones. Sons and daughters without fathers, husbands and wives without spouses, parents who have lost their firefighting children, the stories pour in and more names, more patches, more badges, are added.

When Bull started his walk on March 20, he carried one backpack adorned with 87 patches, badges, shields and names of fallen firefighters. That has since grown to around 800 names, and six other packs which are carried by Bull's fellow walkers.

"People want this done," said Bull. "As crazy as it sounds, I walked out on faith. I couldn't even imagine what is happening would happen."

When Bull's crew marched into Jefferson County, the Jefferson County Fire Rescue (JCFR) met them at the Jefferson/Madison county line and escorted them all the way to the Leon County line, with quite a few JCFR firefighters walking alongside Bull and sharing the load of carrying the name and badge laden backpacks.

"To the best of our knowledge, no Jefferson County firefighter has died of work related cancer," said JCFR Deputy Chief Derrick Burrus, adding that one of the FireMedics, however, is a cancer survivor. The JCFR presented Bull with a challenge coin from their department for him to carry onto the rest of his journey.

Monday night, the crew was housed overnight in Jefferson County's Station 1, where a presentation was provided on Tuesday Morning about the 800+ fallen firefighters who were the names behind the badges and shields on the seven backpacks. The walk continued throughout Tuesday, the crew rested on Wednesday, and Thursday, May 9, they marched up onto the steps of the capitol, with five firefighters representing JCFR during the march to the capitol building.

The walk may be complete, but the fight is far from over. Now begins perhaps the most exhausting aspect of their campaign: convincing lawmakers to hear their voices make a change that will provide firefighters with the provisions they need for work-related illnesses.

The petition is still open, and can be found at [ipetitions.com/petition/march-of-the-bull](http://ipetitions.com/petition/march-of-the-bull). Those interested in staying up to date with Bull's campaign can also tune into the Facebook page, *MyBrothers BurdenWalk*.

# Saving a school: Howard Academy Field Day



ECB Publishing, Inc. Photo By Ashley Hunter, May 5, 2018  
**Inside the Howard Academy cafeteria, Linda Barrington-Gilley provided a look at an old way of life through her collection of various antiques. From old cake mix boxes, toys, and washboards to irons, typewriters, and clothing, Barrington-Gilley took people back to the past with her antiques.**



ECB Publishing, Inc. Photo By Ashley Hunter, May 5, 2018  
**Helping out for the Howard Academy Day were a troupe of willing volunteers. Pictured, from left to right, are: Christine Underwood, Nancy Benjamin, Louiza Collins-Larry and Shirley Washington.**



ECB Publishing, Inc. Photo By Ashley Hunter, May 5, 2018  
**Inside the old academy, Gladys Rowan-Watson (left) and Kent Watson (right) took donations and offered tours of the historic African American high school.**

Ashley Hunter  
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The third annual Howard Academy Field Day took place on Saturday, May 5 at the Historic Howard Academy school grounds.

Howard Academy was built in 1936 to provide a place for African American students, grades one through twelve, to be consolidated into one schoolhouse.

In 1940, the original schoolhouse became an elementary school, and a new second building was constructed as the Howard Academy High School.

Located on Chestnut Street, Howard Academy was the first school for African American students in Jefferson County, and is a historic landmark which is crumbling.

In 1957, when another school for African American children was built on Second Street, and then with the integration of schools in the early 1970's, old Howard Academy was abandoned. But those who graduated from the academy's hallowed halls, or have relatives who graduated from Howard Academy remember what the school used to be, and are willing to work to returning it to a former place of glory.

The Howard Academy Educational and Recreational Council (HAERC) is attempting to salvage a crucial part of Jefferson County's history, and the Howard Academy Field Day is one of the council's fundraising events that currently aims to collect the monies required to repair the bathroom facilities and electrical needs of the school. Once those two matters are repaired, the academy will be able to remain open more frequently for tours, and can begin to focus on other repair needs as the funds present themselves.

On Saturday, May 5, the Howard Academy Field Day offered a place for the community to come out, purchase delicious meals from vendors, tour the academy, view antiques and memorabilia from days gone, or learn about the history of education in Jefferson County. The HAERC also offered an essay contest for children, with the children being given prizes for their essays and an invitation to read their essay aloud during the field day.

Essays were required to have a minimum of 100 words for grades 1-6 and 250 words for grades 7-12.

All essays were required to be on the topic of "May 20 is Emancipation Day in Florida. Why do we celebrate it and why is it important to me?"

The essays were judged on organization, support of ideas, spelling, punctuation and age-appropriate grammar.

**Essay contest winners for Kindergarten grades:** Armani Alexander, Reign Carillo, Sudiksha Kolluru, with all winners receiving a \$10 prize.

**Essay contest winners for 1st - 6th Grades:** Luke Brault, 1st Place (\$50 prize); Kaitlyn Johnson, 2nd Place (\$25 prize); and Georondre Pittman, 3rd Place (\$15 prize).

**Essay contest winners for 6th - 12th Grades:** Ayianna Bradley, 1st Place (\$75 prize); Keyshawn Thomas, 2nd Place (\$50 prize); and Dylan Moore, 3rd Place (\$25 prize).

To learn more about Howard Academy, how you can help save a piece of Jefferson County's history, or the Howard Academy Educational and Recreational Council, visit them online at [howardacademycouncil.org](http://howardacademycouncil.org).

## Howard Academy Essay Contest 1st Place Winners

10th grader Ayianna Bradley won first place in the 6th-12th Grade Essay contest hosted in conjunction with the Howard Academy Field Day by the HAERC.

Bradley won a \$75 prize for her winning essay, in which Bradley wrote about the importance of the Emancipation Proclamation and what the day meant to her. "Knowing my ancestors were fighting for something that was so important to them lets me

know that I can fight too. I can fight for what I want. If I want anything in life then I can go get it," writes Bradley.

1st Grader Luke Brault won the 1st-6th Grade Essay contest. Brault's essay, titled "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness" was accompanied by a drawing of Abraham Lincoln. "Emancipation Day means people can come together peacefully," wrote Brault in his essay.

In the beginning of the year 1863, Abraham Lincoln signed his name on a dotted line that deemed all slaves of the United States free. This piece of paper was later known as the Emancipation Proclamation. May 20th is the official day that Florida celebrates Emancipation Day. We celebrate this day because it marks the day that the Proclamation came into effect and freed all of the slaves in Florida. This day was wished for by all African American ancestors and they finally got their wish of freedom. Our African American ancestors were suffering for so long and finally became free. The news rung from the top of the hills down to the cotton fields.

This day is important to me because it exemplifies a deeper message of freedom. This document allowed slaves to fight for their freedom, and gave them purpose. President Lincoln's signature gave all people in bondage a reason to believe that there was hope for them.

Knowing that my ancestors were fighting for something that was so important to them lets me know that I can fight too. I can fight for what I want. If I want anything in life then I can go get it. I should never give up on dreams and goals that's important to me. This event is also significant to me because it makes me humble because African Americans actually had to FIGHT for their own freedom, it wasn't given. It was taken from them and one single document changed that. I am forever grateful because it has shaped America in more ways than one.

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Alfred "Mac" McNeill**



**Captain  
William Massey**

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This week began in 1962, when President John F. Kennedy signed May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day and the week that the day fell on to be Police Week. In Jefferson County, we honor all of our law enforcement officers and thank them for their jobs to serve and to protect.



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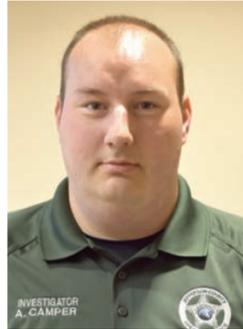
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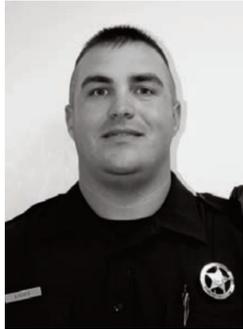
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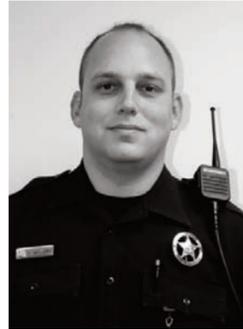
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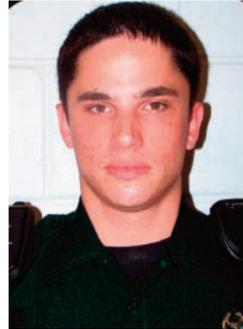
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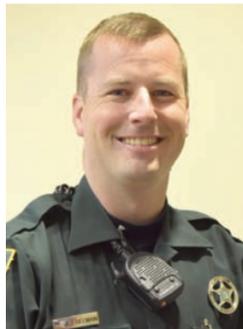
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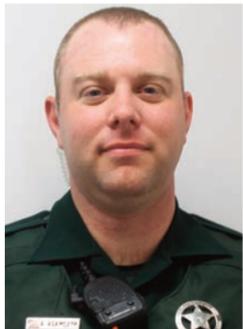
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[www.cbeflorida.org](http://www.cbeflorida.org)  
**Dr. David E. Walker, Pastor**

Sunday School.....9:45 AM  
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Sunday Evening.....6:00 PM  
Wednesday Evening.....7:00 PM

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625 Tindell Road • Aucilla • 997-2081  
P.O. Box 163 • Monticello  
**Pastor Daryl Adams**  
(850) 251-0129

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

**CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST**

US 19 South at Cooper's Pond Road  
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**Minister Steve Cordle**

Sunday Bible School.....10:00 AM  
Worship Hour.....11:00 AM  
Wednesday  
Bible Study .....7:00 PM

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[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 & 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  
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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...*

**Graduation Thoughts**

Graduation exercises are called "Commencements." Commencement means to begin or start. To be sure, there is life after high school and new beginnings and new starts. The whole business of graduation is powerful and promising, but what is it you are graduating to? Some would say that you're graduating to the "real world," but I would suggest that such thinking is badly in need of correction.

If the "real world" is out there, does that mean we're currently living in a fantasy world? I



**Pastor John Hicks**  
First United Methodist Church

wouldn't say so. To graduate from high school means, among other things, that many of you have already:

- 1) Coped with the divorce, or severe discord in the marriage of your parents.
- 2) Watched a police car pull up to your high school and haul off one of your friends.
- 3) Experienced the death of a friend or someone your age.
- 4) Found at least two jobs, quit at least one, and moaned about the wages you received at all of them.
- 5) Experienced failure or rejection.
- 6) Didn't get the grade you wanted, the part you wanted, the letter of acceptance you wanted, the date you wanted, or the position on the team you wanted.
- 7) Broken a law, gotten a ticket or crunched a fender.
- 8) Caused someone close to you to cry, curse, or wring their hands.

9) Been forced to make some rather personal decisions (under the influence of some very powerful pressures).

If those things don't constitute slices of the real world, I don't know what does. If someone tells you that you're not a part of the real world yet, what they probably mean is that you're not fully earning your own way; which is probably true. But it carries with it the dangerous assumption that the only thing separating you from the real world is money and the fact that you're not making very much of it.

Education was never intended to teach you all you need to know in life, rather it simply equips you with the mental tools you need to live life. Whether or not you're making any money, you are experiencing the real world and learning a great deal. And you must have gotten to be halfway decent at it or you wouldn't be graduating.

Of course, at this time, the expectation is that we should pass on some words of wisdom. We who have "Been there, Done that, Got the T-Shirt" are expected to offer advice or encouragement to get you going. What should we say?

A good start might be that passage from Proverbs 3:5-6; "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight."

Also Philippians 4:8. "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable; if anything is excellent or praiseworthy, think about such things." Good advice for us all!

**A great way to be a good influence on others**



**Sheryl H. Boldt**

Would our friends or family members be eager to tell God everything we do together?

As important as it is to consider the company we keep, it's equally important to consider what kind of company we are to others. The influence we have on each

other impacts us more than we'll ever realize. What would it take for our influence to be a positive one?

For some of us, it would take having true repentance for our sin and the fear of God.

Don't you hate the moments (sometimes years) that follow after you've willfully disobeyed God? Shame and damaged credibility are bad enough, but the wrenching realization of how we've grieved our heavenly Father strips us of the joy we previously had with Him.

It's even worse when we entice others to follow our lead.

In 2 Samuel 11, King David allowed his lust over Bathsheba to mature into a shameful affair. Then he callously arranged the murder of her honorable husband, thus, bringing innocent men into his sin. He – the king of Israel. What an example. What an influence.

But when the prophet Nathan confronted David about his sin, David pled with God for forgiveness.

**MEMORIAL M.B. CHURCH**

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

*Sundays*

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

*Wednesdays*

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

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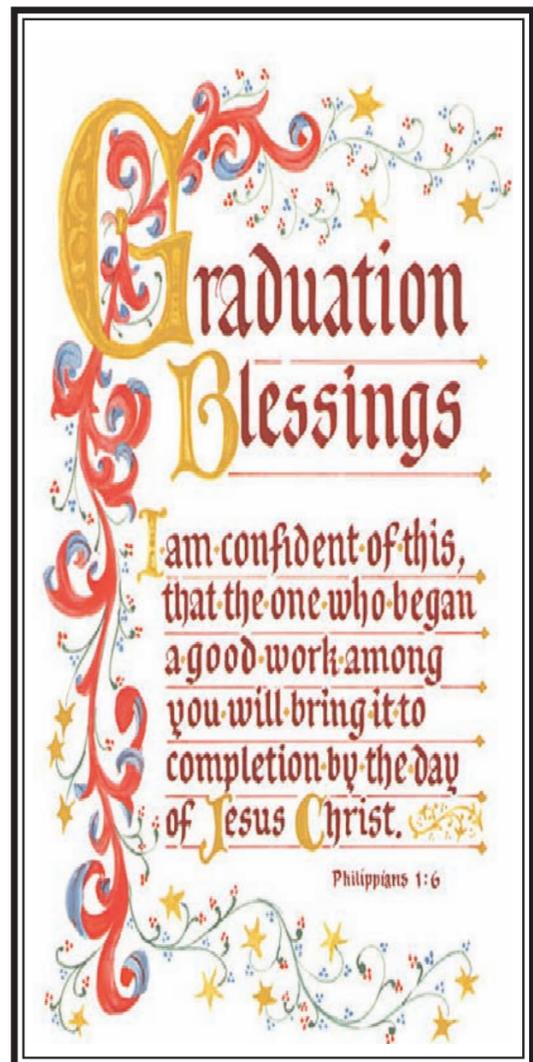
Sunday School.....10:00 AM  
Worship Service.....11:00 AM  
Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 PM

**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 & Prayer Meeting.....7:00 PM



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# WORK WORTH DOING



Porch de Salomon is pleased and grateful to have completed our first family house of 2018: Juan Isidro and Juana's casa in San Jose Chacaya. Team Chicago put on the finishing touches (paint, stove assembly, landscaping, micro-business sign-painting and firewood moving) and we all enjoyed a touching dedication ceremony and excellent meal. It's an honor and privilege to have been a part of the most exciting day/night ever for this sweet, hard-working family.

Pictured clockwise from bottom left are: Juana and her children working hard; Team Centenary/CUMC members digging foundation footers; Team Chicago members help Lonny move part of an Ecoplancha wood stove and Stephanie Conte, PA, in clinic.

"Far and away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing."  
- Theodore Roosevelt

[Jesus] said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."  
- Matthew 9:37-38 (NIV)

Porch de Salomon strives to ensure that our short-term teams have plenty of worthwhile work to do during their week. Likewise, we do our best to ensure that our ministry's week-in/week-out work (52 weeks a year) is worth doing. Our touchstone is to bring hope and a tangible benefit to as many of the "lost, least, and the last" as we can—in the name of Jesus of Nazareth.

Our complete May 2018 newsletter contains great photos and examples of this "work worth doing." You can view it at: [porchdesalomon.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/May-2018-PorchTalk.pdf](http://porchdesalomon.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/May-2018-PorchTalk.pdf)

Not everyone can join a team or visit Guatemala, but these teams often depend on "senders"—folks who encourage, pray, and support them financially. In the same fashion, our Porch staff depend on the generosity of our mission partners who fund everything from food, to medicine, to salaries, to electricity bills, to school scholarships, to fuel, and more. Without this work of giving, little to nothing can be done. We thank our Jefferson County mission partners! Please contact me if you'd like to get involved or do more. Gracias! Contact Lloyd Monroe at (850) 688-2076 or [dlloydmonroe@gmail.com](mailto:dlloydmonroe@gmail.com).

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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](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

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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

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**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

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Sunday School.....10:00 AM  
Sunday Worship.....11:00 AM  
Children's Chapel.....11:00 AM  
Sunday Evening.....6:00 PM  
Wednesday Evening.....7:00 PM  
Prayer Meeting and Bible Study  
Classes for Students

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email: [indspsgs@gmail.com](mailto:indspsgs@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

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### 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  
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[www.waukeena-cemetery.com](http://www.waukeena-cemetery.com)

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Pastor Jered Day  
[www.fbcloyd.net](http://www.fbcloyd.net) • [fbcloyd1@embarqmail.com](mailto:fbcloyd1@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  
**2nd/4th Monday** 6:00 pm Ladies Bible Study  
**Thursdays** 9:30 am Crafty Ladies  
**2nd Thursday** 11:00am Lloyd Silver Saints  
**3rd Thursday** 5:30pm W W Diners  
(Widows/Widowers)  
**3rd 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  
Ascend Youth Group  
\* Connect Groups - 2nd & 4th Sunday Evenings  
of the month



Team Work (well worth doing!): Our April Team Chicago (IL) and Centenary/CUMC (CA) short-term teams were superb. Their tangible work included house construction and, for the California team, providing four free village medical clinics where over 550 patients were seen.



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**YORKIE**, female, gold & silver 6lbs. **lost on Lake Road near Oetinger Rd.** north of Monticello. Very scared. Call 850-544-4224. 5/16,18



# Legal Notices

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION  
File Number: 18-45-CP  
IN RE: ESTATE OF  
FRANKLIN C. BLOW,  
Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
The administration of the estate of FRANKLIN C. BLOW, deceased, whose date of death was March 21, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Jefferson County, Florida, Probate Division under probate file # 18-45-CP, the address of which is 1 Courthouse Circle. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.  
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.  
ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.  
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.  
The date of the first publication of this notice is May 16, 2018.

Personal Representative  
Virginia G. Blow  
1685 Boston Highway  
Monticello, Florida 32344  
5/16,23  
Attorney for Personal Representative  
Jill G. Denton  
165 E. Dogwood Street  
Monticello, Florida 32344  
(850) 997-3503

## 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  
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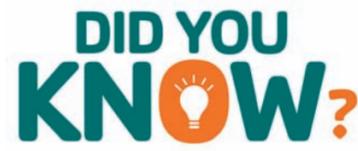
## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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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