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## A K9 is coming

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The venture started in 2016 when Jefferson County Sheriff's Office (JCSO)'s Trevor Boland went to Sheriff David Hobbs and expressed his interest in being a K9 officer in the future, should the position become available.

At that time, the JCSO currently had a K9 and handler, but the handler ended up leaving the department, and the dog was retired, meaning the JCSO no longer had a K9 in their agency.

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**-Deputy Trevor Boland**



Deputy  
Trevor Boland

did not have a K9," said Sheriff McNeill, who was appointed Sheriff by Gov. Scott last year. "We were requesting K9 assistance to do sweeps at the school; sometimes our guys would make stops on the interstate and they would request FHP to bring a K9. And we would work closely with Madison and Taylor, who all had K9's."

This cooperation with surrounding agencies worked well for the JCSO, but was far from ideal. Relying on other agencies for a K9 did not always

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## The Sheriff Jefferson County needs...



Our family's original intention was not to endorse a specific candidate for Sheriff, but just as his original intention was not to run for office, we are proud to publicly announce our full support to our current Sheriff, Mac McNeill. This endorsement is not an impulsive one, but one that has had months of thoughts and prayers to ensure that this is what is best for Jefferson County and the continued professionalism that Sheriff Hobbs strived to achieved.

Yes, Sheriff McNeill was appointed by the Governor, just as two of the previous Sheriffs of Jefferson County were before Sheriff Hobbs was elected. Although his home address is that of the neighboring county, his roots come from a very similar place with a very similar lifestyle.

Our family has an abundance of knowledge about what it takes to be a Sheriff and we feel that the county will continue to benefit and grow, in the proper directions, under the continued leadership and guidance of Sheriff McNeill. He is the absolute, most qualified candidate for the position.

This year, we ask that you consider supporting the candidate Jefferson County needs. Sheriff McNeill has the connections, the supervisory leadership and the general know-how to grow the Sheriff's Office and continue its transition into the ever-changing world we live in. Sheriff McNeill has the commitments from the current staff and deputies to maintain and continue stabilizing the Sheriff's Office.

Many have asked who we feel Sheriff David Hobbs would have pushed for the position. It is a very clear choice. He would have chosen the candidate who would be the Sheriff for every citizen of the county. The candidate who would not take the role of the Sheriff as a title, but as a calling. The candidate dedicated to enforcing the law fairly and equally. The candidate who is un-bought and unbiased. The candidate who understands the position requires honesty and integrity. That is why our candidate and our vote will be for Sheriff Mac McNeill!

Join us in supporting the best choice for Jefferson County. We back MAC. You should too!

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## Florida GDP hits \$1 trillion milestone

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The gross domestic product (GDP) for the State of Florida hit a significant milestone last week when it surpassed the \$1 trillion mark. According to a press release from the Florida Chamber Foundation, if Florida were an independent country, it would rank 17th worldwide for GDP, ahead of Saudi Arabia, the Netherlands, Switzerland and Argentina.

Florida Chamber Foundation Chief Economist Dr. Jerry Parrish had predicted Florida to reach the milestone in 2018. According to Dr. Parrish, Florida

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## AMENDMENT SEVEN Know before you vote

Rick Patrick, ECB Publishing, Inc.

This is the seventh in 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 Seven.

The seventh amendment Florida voters will decide upon in November is dubbed the First Responders and Military Member Survivor Benefits, Supermajority Board Votes for College Fees, and State College System Amendment. As its lengthy title suggests; the amendment, if it passes, it would make three changes to the Florida Constitution.

First, the amendment would require employers to provide death benefits, as the state legislature defines, to the surviving spouses of first responders who are killed while engaged in official duties. It would also require the state to provide death benefits, as the state legislature defines, to the surviving spouses of active-duty members of the U.S. Armed Forces who are accidentally or unlawfully and intentionally killed.

In addition, the amendment requires the state to waive certain educational expenses, as defined in statute, for the surviving spouse or children of the deceased first responder or military member in order to obtain a career certificate, an undergraduate education or a post-graduate education.

For the purposes of this amendment, first responders are defined as firefighters, paramedics, emergency medical technicians (EMTs), law enforcement officers, correctional officers, correctional probation officers and members of the Florida National Guard. Currently, death benefits are provided by state statute for law enforcement, correctional and correctional probation officers, firefighters and members of the Florida National Guard. The current statutes require employers of first responders to pay death benefits to survivors. Death benefits range from \$50,000 to \$150,000; depending on the circumstances of death.

The remaining two aspects of Amendment Seven deals with the state's colleges and universities. Amendment Seven would require a nine-member vote of a university's 13-member board of trustees and a 12-member vote of the 17-member state board of governors in order to

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## Where Is Our BP Money?

Lazaro Aleman  
ECB Publishing, Inc.

Almost two months after the Jefferson County Commission selected a consultant to help the county acquire the millions in Restore Act money that it's entitled to receive, as a result of the 2010 British Petroleum (BP) oil spill, the board last month approved the contract with Langston Associates, Inc.

Commissioner Betsy Barfield, the board member most well versed on the Restore Act, told her colleagues on Thursday, June 21, that it was imperative to get the contract signed so that Langston Associates could begin securing the BP monies. She said the three-year contract was renewable for an

additional two one-year extensions after its original time period.

Per the contract, Langston will conduct the administration, monitoring and implementation of the various components of Jefferson County's Restore Act grant program, as well as provide general program guidance and grant writing and application services to the commission and staff.

"The Langston team," according to the contract, "shall position Jefferson County in a position of strength and competitiveness for the multiple leveraging opportunities that each funding source provides, as well as seeking and securing competitive grants from agencies outside of the Restore playing

field."

Among the specific daily tasks that Langston will perform are to review the notices of funding availability, investigate the funding leverage opportunities, plan grant projects and proposals, write grant narratives, and respond to grantor agency requests for additional information.

The county's responsibilities, per the contract, are to furnish the required information and services and render approvals and decisions as necessary for the orderly progress of the consultant's services, with the county coordinator as the designated contact person.

The county will pay for the  
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## Emerald's Gem Box...

### Do Politics bring out the worst in people or do politics bring out the "real" in people?

Political Season..... Most of us can't wait to see it get over! Even those that are running for office seem to anticipate the end of it.

There seems to be stress and tension in many conversations about politics; whether it's about national, state or local candidates.

In the newspaper business I have people mad at me for many things.



**Emerald Greene Parsons**  
Columnist

Some people get mad because their mug shot (or a loved one's mug shot) is on front page. Others get mad if their name is mentioned in the "Crime Beat." I also get phone calls and emails saying we don't proof-read enough and their story had mistakes in it. And still yet, a lot of people don't like my column and my political stand-points. I even had one lady come in and cancel her subscription to the paper because she didn't like my column and didn't want to read it anymore. However, I've also had many emails and phone calls saying they do like my column and political thoughts and appreciate what I'm doing. Everyone is different; some don't like our church pages while others thank us for not being embarrassed of our Christian beliefs, as many liberal news outlets are. No matter what the day holds or what phone calls I get ... the good always out-weighs the bad!

I was raised not to worry about what people thought of me and said about me. My father always said to me, "Show me a newspaper publisher that everyone likes and I'll show you a newspaper publisher not doing his job correctly" and he taught me to have "alligator hide" when it came to what people thought.

With all of that being said; political season brings a different set of issues and controversies than my normal newspaper strife usually does.

I have begun to wonder ... "Do politics bring out the worst in people or

do politics bring out the "real" in people?"

During political season I begin to get telephone calls and emails that accuse me of liking one candidate more than the other. I'm accused of putting one candidate's picture in the paper more than others. If we cover a debate forum we get telephone calls saying we gave one candidate five sentences more coverage than another candidate. I'm asked to investigate certain candidates and expose who they "really are." I have been asked, in the past, why some of the questions in the political section "Meet Your Candidates" were worded the way they were; were we trying to help one candidate over another? Were we trying to hurt one candidate with the questions? Are we just being too nosy? The list goes on and on.

Two years ago, during political season, I was stopped and accused of giving one candidate more favor because I was seen hugging (that candidate) hello. Had I been a man I would have shaken his hand. So, I'm not sure if the implication was because I hugged him or if the problem seemed to lie in the fact that I was nice to him. Either way, it didn't sit well with me and I think I made myself clear that it didn't.

So, again I ask, "Do politics bring out the worst in people or do politics bring out the "real" in people?"

I encourage everyone to ask themselves that question.

In life in general, when some people do nothing but jab fingers and say ugly remarks about others... we have names for people like that! What makes it any different when politics are involved? If everything that comes out of someone's mouth is derogatory, is it because politics made them do it, or is it because it is in their heart?

*But the things that come out of the mouth come from the heart, and it is those things that make a person unclean. It is out of the heart that evil thoughts come" - Matthew 15:18-19*

Think about that as you start deciding on who to vote for!



## They Like Jesus, The Church? Not So Much

Around ten years ago Dan Kimball wrote a book titled *They Like Jesus But*



**Gary B. King**  
Guest Columnist

*Not The Church.* He made some good points about the disconnect between what the church is and the public's perception of what they think it should be. As I see it, the reason for the

disconnect is people are flawed.

The church is made up of people who are flawed. I know because I am one of them. Each of us in the church is on a spiritual journey and are at different levels of maturity in Christ making the church an imperfect work in progress. We make mistakes while learning to do better.

Then there are those wolves in sheep's clothing who have committed atrocities and brought dishonor on the name of Christ and the work of the church. Things have been done that are inexcusable and received the just condemnation of a watching public. But these are the exception and not the rule.

But the same is true of the public's perspective of the church; it's flawed. Take the title of Kimball's book, *They Like Jesus But Not The Church.* If one claims to like Jesus you would think they would like what Jesus likes and follow His example.

This may surprise some, but Jesus Himself introduced the idea of "church". He told Peter and the other eleven, "you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church," (Matthew

16:18). This is the first mention of the church in Scripture.

In his letter to the Ephesians Paul exhorted, "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her." (Ephesians 5:25). Jesus founded the church, loved the church and ultimately died to establish the church. That should at least rate a "like and share" if you like Jesus.

Those who would be the first to misquote Jesus saying, "Do not judge so that you will not be judged," are the first to judge the church and say things about it that in most instances they know nothing about. After all, they are admittedly on the outside looking in.

Then there are those who say they dislike organized religion. What does that even mean? I don't watch a lot of sports, but when I do I like watching organized sports. Does it mean they would prefer disorganized religion, or some level of disorganization they would be comfortable with?

Organized religion was corrupt and needed to make some changes in Jesus' day. Hypocrisy was rife from the leadership down. But it did not stop Jesus practicing what He preached and engaging those who were leading God's people astray.

"And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and as was His custom, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath," (Luke 4:16). It seems Jesus made it His practice to be in His place of worship on His day of worship.

How do you like Him now?



## Letters To The Editor

Letters to the Editor are typed word for word, comma for comma, as sent to this newspaper. Please keep letter to 600 words or less.

## Thank you for your service

This morning, while driving Maddie to camp at Cavallo Farms, I saw what appeared to be a small pony in the roadway. Even from a great distance, I could tell that whatever it was, it was huge! As I approached, I saw a white Tahoe in the median and a man trying to get this "pony" to come to him. That's when I realized that it was NOT a pony, but a gigantic dog (Seriously, think big...and this dog was bigger.) The animal was emaciated, nervous, and totally disoriented. We pulled over and I tried to figure out what I could do to help the man and the dog. While I fancy myself an animal lover and someone who is always willing to assist, his size and demeanor made me hesitant to get out of the car. People were blowing past the dog, traveling down US 27 as if he were nothing.

Thankfully, the man in the Tahoe was not discouraged by the dogs size or demeanor. He pulled his car back around and continued to keep an eye on the animal, oncoming traffic, and his surroundings. Turns out, he was law enforcement! We were so captivated by others driving past the dog, that we didn't notice his blue lights. He called for an additional deputy to come on scene and assured me he would take care of the massive dog, and himself.

I have been thinking about this dog and my encounter with the law enforcement officer all morning, so I decided to call Jefferson County SO dispatch and inquire about the animal. I felt like a total idiot doing so- but the dispatcher was incredible. He was familiar with the incident and told me that the dog was a Bull Mastiff (hence why it looked like a small pony) and that he was taken to a local veterinary clinic. What I found to be even more incredible, is the law enforcement officer we encountered was Sheriff McNeill of JCSO! The kindness and compassion that he gave the dog, combined with his reassurances to my daughter (who wanted to make this dog her new pet) was amazing!

Thank you both for your service! You did not go unnoticed.

Sincerely,  
Ashley Black

*Editor's Note:*

The dispatcher on call that day was Communications Supervisor Joe Garrison and the other deputy mentioned, in the letter, was Deputy Adam Kalinowski.

## And again, Thank You!

Dear Editor:

Yesterday, I had the opportunity to be involved with a rescued mastiff dog that was noticed as a stray by Sheriff McNeill on Highway 27 in Jefferson County. He contacted Animal Control and dispatch sent Officer Robbie Slack on the mission. Robbie and Sheriff McNeill tracked the dog through the woods, over fences and finally were able to catch and confine this big dog. Florida Mastiff Rescue in Stewart, Florida networked with volunteers to determine what to do with him. I have been involved in dog rescue since living in Monticello for 29 years on occasion and was contacted to house this dog until he could be transported to a foster home in Clearwater, Florida.

This mastiff is one lucky dog! I cannot say enough about Officer Robbie Slack of Jefferson County Animal Control for putting his heart and soul into this animal and having the expertise to capture him. In discussing the situation with Florida Mastiff Rescue representative, Pam Boswell, she praised Robbie's help with this dog to the utmost. Pam told me, "We have never had an animal control organization do more than Jefferson County's Robbie Slack." Robbie transported the big dog to Animal Medical Clinic for evaluation and vaccinations and then to my kennel.

In addition, kudos to Sheriff McNeill for physically being an integral part of helping Robbie in his efforts. Most especially, he is to be credited with DOING SOMETHING from the very beginning of noticing he dog in distress on a very hot day. Robbie was very appreciative of his help and staying until the dog was safely in the dog box on his truck.

Robbie affectionately named the big boy "Beast." When we put him in the air conditioned kennel, he immediately took a big sigh and plopped down for a nap. I will make sure Beast has everything he needs until Florida Mastiff Rescue steps in to transport him to his new home.

Big thanks to Sheriff McNeill and Robbie Slack!

Sue Henrikson

## Change needed

Dear Editor,

After watching the live feed from school board meeting I was honestly very disappointed with the behavior of some of our elected council members. For someone in a position of power to act so unprofessional and act with such poor character just baffles me.

What a lot of people didn't know is that a three-year-old boy was injured at the pageant due to the run-down conditions of the auditorium. That three-year-old was my son. He slipped on this way out of the pageant on the right stage stairs. The carpet on the stairs was soaking wet and he fell and hit his head against the concrete wall corner. We later found out he was suffering from a concussion and he had a large knot on the left side of his head. He had just won the pageant but was unable to enjoy it because he was in so much pain.

This incident was brought to attention at the meeting but was so easily overlooked and brushed off. I didn't see any remorse for what happened to my child. I only saw hate and focus towards the newspaper, instead of the real issues.

I am writing this to be a voice for my son as none who should have cared seemed to care about him or how bad his injuries could have been. I want to say thank you to the members of the pageant who did take that time to check on my son after the incident.

As a citizen of this county I am truly disappointed and hope that someone can take a stand and demand a change because there seriously needs to be one.

Thank you,  
Chyanna Johnson

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mean that the JCSO would have access to a K9 when they needed one.

“I have felt like we were getting the assistance we needed from the surrounding agencies, but I would prefer to have our own,” said McNeill.

When Sheriff McNeill came to the agency, Boland readdressed his interest in being a K9 handler, especially since the JCSO no longer had one. Before Boland came to him, Sheriff McNeill had already looked into the budget to see if the agency had the funds required to invest into a K9, but there was no allowance that could be made to squeeze in the up-front costs of obtaining a K9 and training a handler.

“K9’s aren’t cheap. By the time you purchase the dog and get the training...even the upkeep of the dog, the medical and feeding of the dog and the hours that the officer has to devote just to caring for the dog, they can be quite expensive,” said Sheriff McNeill.

As Boland expressed his interest in becoming a K9 handler, Sheriff McNeill encouraged his interest, and suggested Boland try and find ways to lessen the financial strain of starting up the K9 venture at the JCSO.

“I called a few other agencies, and asked how they got their first dog,” said Boland, who found that some other agencies had received their first dog through donations from the community. “I found that to be a pretty good idea, so I brought it forth to the Sheriff.”

The idea was supported by Sheriff McNeill, so Boland went out and sought donations.

“Boland went out, on his own, and made contact with people in the community and raised the money to obtain the dog,” said Sheriff McNeill.

By making contact with local business and plantation owners in pursuit of obtaining donating funds that would go towards the initial start-up price of obtaining a dog for the department, Boland managed to raise enough funds and the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office will once more have a K9 and handler within the agency.

“Anytime we have an issue at the school or we need to do random sweeps, we’ll have the K9. If our guys are on a stop or our drug unit needs a dog, we’ll have the K9. It’s in our agency,” said McNeill.

In August, Boland will leave for the Southern Coast K9 training facility in New Smyrna Beach for a four-week training program. There, he will be paired with a K9 and taught how to work alongside the dog.

“There’s a lot of guys at the agency who would love to be a K9 [handler], but Boland earned it. He earned it through his dedication of going out and raising those funds,” said Sheriff McNeill.

“I want the community to understand that 90 percent of this sits on him and what he was able to accomplish.”

The K9 will bring a massive benefit, both in providing a safety aspect for the community as well as helping the JCSO

obtain more funding.

“On traffic stops and stuff like that, we can bring more income into the community by arresting drug dealers who have cash on them. We’ll be able to seize that cash. When we are able to do that, we won’t have to rely on the taxpayers as much. It will be an ease that we will be able to take off the tax burden,” said Boland.

Monies seized from drug dealers by the JCSO typically go towards obtaining new equipment for the department, and thus furthering the agency’s ability to serve and protect the community to the best of their ability.

In situations that demand a K9, the agency will no longer have to wait for a Madison County, Taylor County or Florida Highway Patrol K9 to arrive on scene, if at all.

“We won’t have to call out. We may call [another agency] and request a K9, and we may not get one. They may not have anyone out, they may not have one available; this will eliminate that,” said Sheriff McNeill.

The JCSO is also looking towards the future.

This is one K9 with one handler, but in the future, McNeill says he is planning to bring in more dogs and their specially trained officers. Already, there are concepts in the works to bring in officers who are already trained handlers along with their dogs so that the JCSO can avoid the start-up cost of purchasing a new dog.

Boland will return from training, with the JCSO’s new K9 in late August.

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increase college fees. Currently, it only requires a simple majority vote in order to increase fees.

If passed, the amendment would also add the structure of the state college system to the state constitution. It would not change the current structure. The system that would be added to the state constitution requires that:

there be a single state college system comprised of all public community and state colleges:

- a local board of trustees shall govern each institution;
- members of a board of trustees must be a

resident of the college’s service delivery area;

- members of a board of trustees are appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by the state Senate, to four-year terms; and
- the state board of education shall supervise the state college system.

It should be noted that North Florida Community College (NFCC) currently has a nine-member board of trustees, appointed by the governor. There are three members for Madison County, two from Suwannee County and one each from Taylor, Lafayette, Jefferson and Hamilton counties.

According to North Florida Community College (NFCC) President John

Grosskopf, the effect on NFCC would be minimal if the amendment passes. This is because NFCC already enjoys a great deal of local control.

“[One of] our strengths has always been in our local control. I don’t see this [amendment] changing any of that,” said Grosskopf.

To date, there are no organized groups either supporting or opposing the passing of Amendment Seven.

In order to become law, this proposed amendment will have to pass with at least 60 percent of the vote in the November election. As with any proposed legislation, one should carefully weigh both sides of the argument and then make the wisest choice.

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consultant from the Restore Act monies that it receives, based on the established fees set in the contract. Those fees are three and seven percents of the project costs, as detailed in the application for the grant writing and grant administration services, respectively.

The commission selected the Jacksonville-based Langston Associates over its competitor, the Tallahassee-based Gov-

ernment Services Group, Inc., on May 3.

The commission determined that a consultant was necessary to help the county’s staff and officials navigate the extremely complicated and difficult process that is required to claim the BP monies.

The county is expected to receive \$14 million in BP money by the end of July, provided all the requirements are met. Among those requirements, the county had to submit a list of the projects that it wants to accomplish with the funding, which projects also had to be reviewed

and approved by various state and federal agencies.

The projects that the county has submitted for approval include continuation of the upgrades at the headwaters of the Wacissa River; acquisition of land for construction of a boat ramp at Malloy’s Landing; eradication of the exotic vegetation in the Wacissa River, particularly the hydrilla; and extension of sanitary sewer line from the Lloyd interchange to Monticello to reduce septic effluents impacting the Aucilla basin.

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is adding \$2.74 billion to the state’s GDP on a daily basis.

“Becoming a \$1 trillion economy means Florida is continuing to grow and create jobs, keeping unemployment lower than the national average, and creating

economic opportunity,” said Dr. Parrish.

“Thanks to the focus of Florida’s business community and strong leadership from the Governor, Cabinet and Legislature, Florida continues to move in the right direction.”

While in Madison on Wednesday, July 11, Gov. Rick Scott, talked about the economic growth the Sunshine State has

experienced over the last seven years.

“The private sector has added 1,539,800 jobs in the last seven years and five months. I said we would get 700,000 jobs in seven years and now we have more than doubled that,” Scott said. “This is an historic moment for Florida, reaching a record \$1 trillion in GDP. By working every day to create private-sector jobs, we’ve been able to increase Florida’s GDP by more than \$270 billion – 37 percent – since 2010. When I came into office I made it very clear that we would get our economy back on track. Florida’s unemployment is at a low 3.8 percent. Florida’s growing economy is producing real results for families across our state and we now have the 17<sup>th</sup> largest economy in the world.”

“This growth in our economy is good news and reminds us of the positive impact that business, community, philanthropic and elected leaders can have on Florida when we work together toward a common goal of securing Florida’s future,” said Tony Carvajal, executive vice president of the Florida Chamber Foundation.

The GDP is the total value of all goods produced and services provided during a year.

## Lunar Eclipse Friday

Ashley Hunter, *ECB Publishing, Inc.*

The longest lunar eclipse of the century is slated to take place this Friday, July 27.

Unfortunately, the eclipse will not be visible to stargazers from North America.

The eclipse, which will include a blood moon, will begin around 1:14 p.m., and will be visible to those who are watching the sky from the Middle East, south or east Africa, west or southeast Asia, and India.

According to NASA, the eclipse should last for more than 100 minutes, although the totality of the eclipse (during which time the moon will be a red ‘blood’ moon), should last for about an hour and 42 minutes.

Residents in Australia will be able to

see the eclipse as the moon sets, while those in western Europe and eastern Brazil will be able to see the phenomena as the moon rises.

While North America will be left out of this eclipse, NASA still says there is plenty for U.S. residents to be excited about. While the eclipse won’t be visible for those on American soil, the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter, a robotic spacecraft which is orbiting the moon, will experience the event first hand.

This lunar event also takes place right after the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin’s landing on the moon during the Apollo 11 mission, which took place on July 20, 1969.

The next lunar eclipse that will be visible from the United States will take place next year, on Jan. 21, 2019.

# Carquest Retail Auto Parts hosted Chamber After 5

Debbie Snapp  
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Carquest Retail Auto Parts held the monthly Chamber After 5 during their Ribbon Cutting event on July 19 at Carquest's new location, 1321 South Jefferson Street, in the Winn-Dixie Shopping Center.

Owner Monty Morgan and the Carquest staff, greeted their guests and offered tours of the facility.

This was a social event to bring together members of the business community in an atmosphere designed to encourage networking and interaction while enjoying tasty treats, drinks, and giveaways.

Members form comfortable relationships, which strengthens community bonds because people tend to do business with people they know while promoting business and Monticello.

Carquest offers a good presence upon entering its doors. It's family-friendly staff are well versed in the business of auto parts, mower parts, and the like. The business offers small engine repairs, and will eventually have a mechanic on-site.

Advertised sales and in-store sales are offered daily including a



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**Carquest Retail Auto Parts Chamber After 5 and Ribbon Cutting held its opening on Thursday evening, July 19 at its new location in the Winn Dixie Shopping Center plaza.**

bargain bin in the back of the store with even more sale items for the bargain shopper.

The business has everything from motor oil to small engine parts, mower blades, belts, Stihl products and supplies. Carquest's Battery Center is stocked with most batteries requested and will order anything not stocked.

The knowledgeable staff will help with battery and wiper blade installation as well as testing batteries and alternators. Hydraulic hoses are made on-site.

Carquest is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and closed on Sunday. Contact the store at (850) 997-5207 or email

[monticellocarquest@yahoo.com](mailto:monticellocarquest@yahoo.com) for more information, or just make a trip to the store for any of your automotive needs.

The next meeting of the Monticello Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce is at 12 p.m. on Tuesday, August 7 at 420 West Washington Street. The program topic is "Back to School."



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**The July Chamber After 5 networking event was hosted at the recently relocated Carquest Retail Auto Parts and sponsored by the Monticello Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce. Pictured is owner Monty Morgan (right), sharing future plans for the store with Chamber members.**



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**Carquest Retail Auto Parts was host business for the July Chamber After 5. Pictured, left to right, are guests Tom and Denise Vogelgesang and local farmer Mike Purvis. Behind the counter is Scott Ismond, Advance Auto Parts representative, and Fancy Noland, Carquest personnel.**



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**Carquest Retail Auto Parts hosted the July Chamber After 5 at its new location, 1321 South Jefferson Street. Pictured left to right are guests Guy and Sandra Hood, and Ron Cichon.**



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**Carquest Retail Auto Parts owner Monty Morgan helps one of the many guests attending the opening of his recently relocated store.**

## Upcoming Chamber Ribbon Cutting at Splish and Splash Pet Grooming

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Monticello-Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Splish and Splash Pet Grooming, a newly established local business.

Shop Owner Christina Floyd invites the community to join for the Grand Opening of her business, located at 160 West Washington Street on the Courthouse Circle.

The ceremony will be held at 12 p.m. on Saturday, July 28.

The shop will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on that day.

Be sure to bring your pet and help welcome this small business to Monticello.

Splish and Splash Pet Grooming hours of operation will be on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.



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# OBITUARIES

## Wise Blake

Wise (Hickey) Blake, 89, of Winter Haven, died July 7, 2018 at Winter Haven Hospital following an extended period of debilitating health.

He was a native of the St. Phillip Community in Lloyd, a retired security guard, and an affiliate of St. Phillip A.M.E. Church. In addition to having resided in Winter Haven for the past year, he had also resided in the Capitola Community in the 1950s, after marrying the former Pansy Russ. The Blakes eventually moved to Jamaica, NY, where they remained until the late 1990s. After returning to his native St. Phillip Community, "Hickey," as he was affectionately called by family and friends, enjoyed his social, forever-young lifestyle to the fullest extent. In recent years, even though he was an octogenarian, he could be seen driving his Ford Mustang in Jefferson and Leon counties.

Survivors include two daughters, Loretha Blake Burkhart, of Winter Haven and Genevieve Blake, of Daytona Beach; a 92-year-old sister, Tommie Lee Blake, of St. Albans, NY; a local nephew, Larry Blake; two local nieces, Mary Blake Campbell and Gail Blake Austin, all of the St. Phillip Community; a 94-year-old sister-in-law, Lula Mae Wilson Blake, of the St. Phillip Community; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and a multitude of cousins, including a special one, Rosa Bassa of Lloyd, who composed his obituary.

Honoring Mr. Blake's request, a graveside service was held on July 14 in Winter Haven.

## Johnnie Lee Morris, III to speak at New Bethel AME Church this Saturday



Johnnie Lee Morris, III

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The parents of Johnnie Lee Morris, III invite the community to attend a Praise and Worship Service honoring their son on Saturday, July 28, at 1 p.m.  
The afternoon service will take place at New Bethel A.M.E. Church, 6496 Ashville Highway just east of Monticello, where Rev. Jimmie F. Dickey is pastor.  
Johnnie is a Senior at Morehouse College in Atlanta, GA. and will be the Speaker for this special occasion.  
Should you have any questions or concerns about this service contact Mrs. Erma Morris at (850) 597-3386 or (850) 544-8798.

## SnappHappy Feral Cat Sanctuary to hold weekend fundraisers

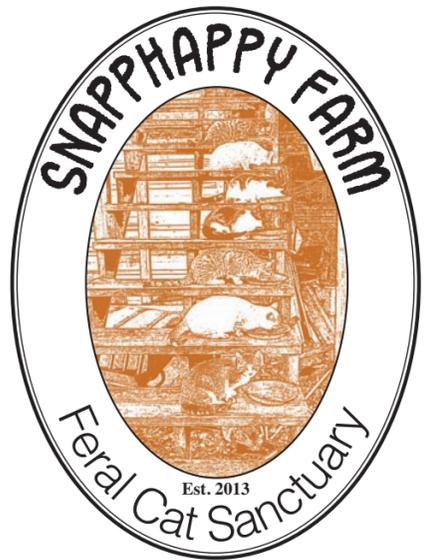
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SnappHappy Feral Cat Sanctuary will hold weekend Yard Sale fundraisers beginning this Friday and Saturday, July 27 and 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through the summer months, with all funds collected going directly to the feeding and doctoring of the cats.

The sanctuary was established in 2013 out of love and necessity of housing stray and homeless cats found and trapped throughout the Jefferson County area. Many of these cats were picked up from the area dump sites and even more were taken to or dropped off at the Jefferson County Humane Society (JCHS) and the County Animal Shelter. The cats have all passed through the JCHS but, because of its limited amount of space, have found a good home at SnappHappy.

The cats are all spayed and neutered before they are released into the northeast countryside, and volunteers make sure that they are well-cared for and given love and affection. Many of these cats are adoptable and would make great house or barn cats.

SnappHappy Feral Cat Sanctuary came about because of the need to spay and neuter the many, many, many stray cats in Jefferson County. An average female cat has the capability to give birth to three litters of kittens a year, with an average of four kittens each litter, with a



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possible lifetime of 15 years. This could result in up to 180 kittens in her lifetime.

Since its beginning, SnappHappy Feral Cat Sanctuary has taken in more than 100 cats—not including kittens born after the arrival of the pregnant cat to the farm. Several of the cats have found forever homes. It's through fundraising efforts and donations that the needs of these cats are taken care of.

Volunteers are welcome to come play with the cats and kittens and help with their care and cleanup.

The Yard Sales will be held at 3366 North Salt Road, Monticello. Call (850) 997-3392 or (850) 997-0901 for dates, times and more information.

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# How I feel about beach renourishment



**Merry Ann Frisby**  
Guest Columnist

Just before Popeye punches Bluto, Popeye usually says "It's all I can stanx cuz I can't stanx no more!" Well, that is how I feel about beach

renourishment.

I read that Florida beaches are mostly closed to all but owners of condos and homes on the shore. These same wistfully advertised beaches will eventually be churned and degraded by storms and hurricanes. No one knows who will win the sand lottery after the next hurricane.

There's not much we can do about a hurricane, Mother Nature is who she is. There is something we can do about man made sand churning; our eternal beach renourishment. We can stop doing it.

Re-spitting clean sand on eroded beaches is primarily to protect beach houses and businesses that are built on well, "the sand." It also increases beach fronts for recreational use, but

now primarily for the property owners. The Bible says, "The foolish man built his house upon the sand." Today's message is that the foolish man pays for someone else to build his house upon the sand.

Beach renourishment is exceedingly expensive. In 2005 the cost to re-nourish 24 kilometers of Miami Beach was \$64 million dollars. In today's economy this task is likely much, much more expensive. Primarily tax dollars are used to pay for this practice. Tax dollars are in short supply these days.

Also many of the beneficiaries of sand nourishment are private home owners and businesses. Now with this new law enacted, there is limited public access to shorefronts. We tax payers can barely get to the newly minted beaches.

A counter argument is that the private home owners and businesses pay beaucoup taxes to sustain Florida's budgets. In today's economy, property taxes have gone up; what is our return on investment for using tax dollars to maintain these private beaches?

Beach re-nourishment sand is picked to be compatible with the native beach. Usually sand is sucked up from a mile or two of the place to be nourished. I have heard that we are running out of close sand and are turning to other areas for sand sucking.

Securing sand from a pristine source may soon cost a heck of a lot more. There are transportation costs and sand compatibility issues. If we can not get the sand close to the beach that needs help, does it come from other states waters, other

countries waters? Sucking up sand from international waters is a much deeper and more costly project.

I know that beach communities collect higher property taxes on these expensive, endangered luxury homes. Good for them. Let the Counties collecting these taxes, pay for beach renourishment.

The Army Corp of Engineers is a big player in this effort. As I recall they were also big players in the Katrina levee failures in New Orleans. The Corps efforts at levee building and maintenance were heavily criticized. Monday morning quarter backers discovered that in part The Corp yielded to political pressure. They are after all funded by the federal government which is a political animal. I wonder what pressures may exist to nourish Florida's beaches?

Monticellans are paying federal income taxes for the Army Corps of Engineers to conduct sand sucking operations. I'll bet that the Army Corp of Engineers has their hands full trying to figure out which dams and levees in this country are about to fail and drown towns and people. I suspect they could think of a better use of their time than sand-sucking,

I suspect that any rookie engineer would know that any sand spit up today may be gone with the tide tomorrow. To me this effort is like bailing out the ocean with a spoon, or trying to rid your yard of squirrels. It is expensive and endless.

I propose that the small counties coalition could adopt a man in a Popeye suit as our motto. Lets ask our next legislative delegation to say "Youze asking for it, Bluto!"

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## JCSO's New Captain: Gerald Knetch

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Earlier this year, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office (JCSO) Captain Massey stepped down from his role in order to pursue the upcoming office of Sheriff. This left an empty spot within the sheriff's office.

Selected to fill the seat left empty by Massey is Monticello's born-and-raised Gerald Knetch.



**Captain Gerald Knetch**

Knetch has been in a law enforcement related field since 1995, when he started out in the Jefferson County Jail. In 1997, Knetch began working as a patrolman with the Monticello Police Department before he returned to serving Jefferson County as a deputy with the JCSO.

As one of the officers who was employed under Jefferson County's Sheriff David Hobbs, Knetch says he is pleased with the JCSO as a whole.

"We have a good Sheriff's Office here," said Knetch. "I just want to continue with the Sheriff's Office that was under Hobbs and Capt. Massey and make sure everything is ran in a good way"

It is to those who came before him that Knetch gives all the credit. "I've been here a long time, I know the department and I grew up watching some really good people be in the role I am in now," Knetch claims.

For Knetch, he says he entered law enforcement as an opportunity to help people. Every day in law enforcement is different from the days that follow or precede it.

Further, being in law enforcement gives Captain Knetch the opportunity to make a difference in his home town community.

"It's better to be a peace officer than a police officer," he adds.

Personally, he finds the situations where he is able to directly help people, such as finding lost loved ones or reconnecting families, the most satisfying; during those moments, he says he finds

the most satisfaction in his profession of choice.

In his future with the JCSO, Captain Knetch would like to see the Sheriff's Office get out more and provide more community-based services around the county, such as a neighborhood crime watch.

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# North Florida Community College named 2018 “Great College to Work For” by The Chronicle of Higher Education

NFCC receives “Great College to Work For” Honor Roll designation for third consecutive year



North Florida Community College is one of the best colleges in the nation to work for according to a new survey released by The Chronicle of Higher Education. This is the third consecutive year NFCC has been recognized as a “Great College to Work For” and received the Honor Roll designation for creating an exceptional work environment for its faculty and staff.

The Chronicle’s “Great Colleges to Work For” survey is the largest and most comprehensive workplace study in higher education. Now in its eleventh year, it recognizes the colleges that get top ratings from their employees on workforce practices and policies. The 2018

results, released in The Chronicle’s eleventh annual report on The Academic Workplace, are based on a survey of 253 colleges and universities and direct employee feedback from those institutions. NFCC is one of only 84 institutions to achieve the 2018 “Great College to Work For” recognition and one of only 4 two-year colleges with 2,999 students or less to make the Honor Roll.

“Receiving this honor for the third consecutive year is a validation of our collective efforts at NFCC,” said Mike Williams, NFCC District Board of Trustees Chair. “The Board of Trustees strives to provide our faculty and staff with the tools and

resources they need to achieve mission success. Our President and his management team have set a great vision for our College and communicate it well to all involved, resulting in a strong commitment to that vision. I think that open lines of communication and the recognition of each person’s contribution to fulfilling our mission will continue to make NFCC a great place to work.”

NFCC landed a spot on the Honor Roll for achieving high marks in nine categories that reflect best practices and policies of great colleges. The College was specifically recognized for achievement in the following categories:

- Collaborative Governance
- Compensation and Benefits
- Facilities, Workspace, and Security
- Job Satisfaction
- Professional/Career Development Programs
- Respect and Appreciation
- Supervisor/Department Chair Relationship
- Teaching Environment (faculty only)
- Work/Life Balance

“North Florida Community College employees care about the work they do, the people they work with and the

integrity of the institution as a whole,” said NFCC President John Grosskopf. “This recognition speaks volumes about our campus, employees and the extraordinary work environment that we enjoy here at NFCC.”

The survey results are based on a two-part assessment process: an institutional audit that captured demographics and workplace policies, and a survey administered to faculty, administrators, and professional support staff. The primary factor in deciding whether an institution received recognition was the employee feedback.

“The Great Colleges to Work For distinction is well-known by academic jobseekers as a sign that an institution’s employees are valued and given opportunities for growth even when they face financial constraints,” said Liz McMillen, editor of The Chronicle. “Any college or university that’s on the list is showing that they emphasize one of their most valuable assets: their faculty and staff.”

For more information and to view all the results of the survey, visit The Chronicle’s website at [www.chroniclegreatcolleges.com](http://www.chroniclegreatcolleges.com). The “Great Colleges to Work For” 2018 Honor Roll can be viewed at [chronicle.com/interactives/greatcolleges18/honorroll](http://chronicle.com/interactives/greatcolleges18/honorroll).

## Register for JUMPSTART sessions by July 26; free for NFCC students

### NFCC JUMPSTART sessions designed to help students succeed

North Florida Community College is providing an opportunity for students enrolling in fall classes to get a JUMPSTART on the essential skills necessary to succeed in their courses. JUMPSTART offers free study skills, strategies, and academic review sessions for NFCC students preparing to enroll in ENC 1101 (Freshman English I), MAT 1033 (Intermediate Algebra), STA 2023 (Statistics) and/or any science course. Students can also utilize JUMPSTART sessions to help learn strategies for using NFCC technology effectively.

JUMPSTART sessions are FREE for NFCC students planning to register for Fall Term 2018 classes. Five unique sessions in Technology, Science, English and Math are available, each with two different date/time options, and will be held on the NFCC campus in Madison, Fla.

Technology and Science sessions will be held Monday, July 30, and Tuesday, July 31, English and Math sessions being held on Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 1 and 2.

Registration for JUMPSTART is open now through Thursday, July 26. For more information and/or to register, contact Elizabeth Gonzales at (850) 973-1719, [gonzales@nfcc.edu](mailto:gonzales@nfcc.edu) or Tina Tucker at (850) 973-9411, [tuckert@nfcc.edu](mailto:tuckert@nfcc.edu), or visit [www.nfcc.edu/jumpstart](http://www.nfcc.edu/jumpstart) to view a schedule of sessions and access an online registration form.

## Jefferson Somerset Track and Field gets a new name



Photo Submitted July 16, 2018

Jefferson Somerset Track and Field has a new name: Jefferson Somerset Cross Country. This name change also applies to their Facebook Group, which has been online for about a year and has over 70 members. The name change took place on July 16 when summer training began.



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# Building a winning attitude at camp

Ashley Hunter  
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The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual WIN WIN ELITE Football and Cheerleading Camp was held at Jefferson Somerset on Thursday, July 12. This year, the camp partnered with Leroy Smith and the Diamonds In The Rough Sports, Education and Entertainment to provide a winning concept of personal discipline, and having love and a heart for others.

Starting at 10 a.m. and ending around 2 p.m., the camp gathered Jefferson's athletic youth of all ages to engage in their sport as well as to learn how to respect one another, encourage one another and how to excel in greatness.

Leroy Smith and the Diamonds furthered the partnership for this event by bringing in the Jefferson County Health Department's Impact Team to teach the youth about the affects of peer pressure and how to



The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual WIN WIN ELITE Football and Cheerleading Camp was held this year on Thursday, July 12. The camp contained athlete aspects as well as a discussion period by the Jefferson County Impact Team to help inspire the youth athletes to build a life that is successful and free of negative influences.

resist giving in to it as well as the importance of surrounded themselves

with positive people who build them up rather than bring them down.

The Impact Team spoke heavily on the lasting effects of negative influences, whether that be through the friends they make, the company they keep or the celebrities and lifestyles they idolize.

In order to further make their point, the Impact Team asked questions and drew answers from the youth themselves, with one young man, Sh'Marion Ford, going above and beyond in his answers regarding negative triggers and turning negative situations into positive outcomes.

Ford was invited to come to the front and speak to his fellow athletes

and classmates about his experiences with bullying and negativity at school as well as his goals for his future, before adding, "I want to make my life better and help others."

Some of the special guest visitors for the camp were various former and current athletes. Zoron Wade, a football athlete at FAMU football; Jibreel Hazley, a football athlete at FAMU, Jajuan Harley, a former NFL Buffalo Bills athlete; and Erin Mays, the head cheerleading coach at Jefferson were all a part of the program.

After the discussion by the Impact Team, the visiting athletes autographed photos while the youth enjoyed pizza.

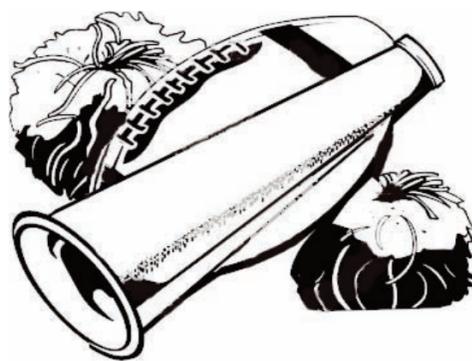


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Special guest visitors for the July 12 camp were various current and former athletes such as Zoron Wade (FAMU Football), Jibreel Hazley (FAMU Football), Jajuan Harley (NFL Buffalo Bills), and Erin Mays (Head Cheerleading Coach of Jefferson). The visiting athletes spoke to the youth and signed photographs.



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Sh'Marion Ford, one of the young students who attended the Thursday, July 12 WIN-WIN Football and Cheerleading Camp, spoke to his fellow classmates about his own experiences with bullying, self control, and helping others.



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## Questions to ask before embracing DIY

*Metro Editorial*

Home improvement projects are as popular as ever. The home improvement site *HomeAdvisor* found in its 2017 True Cost Survey that, between February 2016 and February 2017, homeowners spent an average of just over \$5,000 on home projects. That marked a nearly \$1,900 increase from the year prior, indicating that homeowners are increasingly opening their wallets to transform their homes.

In addition to spending money to improve their homes, many homeowners are spending their time on projects as well. While DIY projects can provide a sense of fulfillment and personal attachment to one's home, prospective do-it-yourselfers should ask themselves some questions before picking up their hammers and getting to work.

### Do I have any physical limitations?

No matter how much home improvement television shows may simplify projects, prospective DIYers should know that such undertakings are typically very difficult and oftentimes physically demanding. Homeowners with existing health conditions or other physical limitations may not be capable of performing certain tasks or may need to take frequent breaks, which can delay projects.

### Do I have the time?

Many home improvement projects require a significant amount of time to complete. Homeowners whose time is already stretched

thin with commitments to work and/or family may not be able to complete projects within a reasonable amount of time. That's fine if working on a part of the home that won't affect daily life, but can prove stressful or problematic if the project is in a room such as a kitchen or bathroom that residents of the home use each day. Novice DIYers should be especially honest with themselves about the time they have available to work on the project, as such homeowners are bound to experience a few time-consuming missteps along the way.

### Can I afford it?

While DIY might seem more affordable than hiring a contractor, that's not necessarily true. Novice DIYers may need to buy or rent tools, and costs that can add up. Contractors already have the tools necessary to begin and complete projects, so the cost savings of DIY might not be as significant as homeowners think. Before going the DIY route, homeowners should solicit estimates from contractors, comparing the estimates to how much a project will cost if homeowners do it themselves.

### Can I go it alone?

Many home improvement projects require more than one set of hands, and it's risky and even foolish for first-time DIYers to assume they can begin a project and see it through to completion entirely on their own. Homeowners whose spouses, partners, friends, or relatives are willing to chip in may think that's enough. However, the DIY skills of those who volunteer may be a mystery until the project begins. Novice DIYers should enlist the help of a friend or family member with home improvement experience. If no such person is available, it may be wise to hire a contractor instead.

Home improvement projects may seem simple on television. But prospective do-it-yourselfers must make honest assessments of their skills, time and budgets before taking on a DIY project.

## QuickTIPS

*Metro Editorial*

Warm weather often inspires renewed vigor in decorating or organizing a home. People who live in apartments, small homes or condos or those who have embraced the "tiny house" movement must rely on clever decorating to maximize their spaces. Here are some ideas when space is at a premium.

**Go vertical.** Utilize vertical space, such as lights hung on a wall beside a bed instead of lamps on a nightstand or bookshelves and other shelving to keep items off of the floor.

**Bench seating.** Benches can provide more seating when entertaining guests and also can be moved to the living room or elsewhere as needed. Place a small bench in a foyer and put some wicker bins beneath for storage.

**Utilize natural light.** Rooms that have ample light can seem more spacious. Pull up blinds (or skip them if privacy isn't an issue) and use the sunshine to help spaces appear more airy.



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Sunday School.....9:45 AM  
Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 AM  
Sunday Evening.....6:00 PM  
Wednesday Evening.....7:00 PM

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**Pastor Daryl Adams**  
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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  
(850) 997-1166  
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Sunday Bible School.....10:00 AM  
Worship Hour.....11:00 AM  
Wednesday  
Bible Study .....7:00 PM

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**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

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**Pastor, Robert Dennison**

Sunday Bible Study.....9:45 AM  
Morning Worship Service.....11:00 AM  
Choir Practice.....5:00 PM  
Evening Worship Service.....6:00 PM  
**WEDNESDAY**  
Bible Study/Prayer Meeting.....6:00 PM  
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325 West Washington Street  
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[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

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(850) 545-2039  
[sonnyjohnjr@aol.com](mailto:sonnyjohnjr@aol.com)  
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Sabbath Morning Worship.....11:00 AM  
Wednesday/Friday Bible Study.....6:30 PM

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325 W. Walnut Street • Monticello  
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[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**

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**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...*

**The Energy of Synergy**

Synergy is where different entities cooperate advantageously for a final outcome. Simply defined, it means that the effect of the whole is greater than the sum of the individual parts.

In a horse-pulling contest at a county fair, the first-place horse moved a sled weighing 4,500 pounds. The runner-up pulled 4,000 pounds. The owners of the two horses wondered how much the animals could pull if they worked together. So they hitched them up and loaded the sled. To everyone's surprise, the horses were able to pull 12,000 pounds that's 3,500 pounds more than the combined total of each alone!

This is an example of synergy taking place, where combining forces produces better results than individual effort.

We see this in the migration

of geese. By flying in a V formation, each goose can fly longer and faster than they could if they flew alone. The updraft of the wings of the goose in front of them helps make flight easier for the goose following. When the lead goose gets tired, it drops back and another takes his or her place.

The geese in the back honk encouragement to those in front. Someone estimated that the flock can travel 71 percent further by flapping, rotating, helping, or simply honking, which enables them to accomplish what they set out to do quicker and more efficiently.

The same can apply to us. Teamwork will produce an overall better result than if each person was working toward the same goal individually. An acronym for team: T.E.A.M = Together Everyone Achieves More! Henry Ford described teamwork as the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results.

In the community sense, think of what we could accomplish if everyone came together for a common purpose!

You might ask, "What difference would I make?" Yet one person joined together with many others can make the difference between the project being completed or just dreamed about. Teamwork makes the dream work!

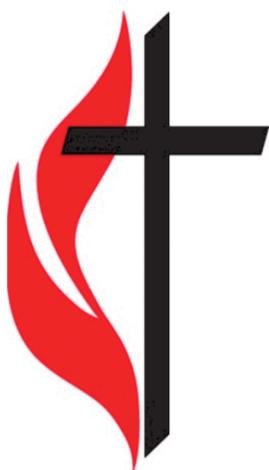
In the spiritual sense, Christians might ask, "What can one person do?" Yet a timid Christian voice can become a roar when the voice joins together with the voices of others in a congregation and the voices of the entire body of Christ.

The mission of a coordinated body of Christ can change the world on an unimaginable scale, but it takes joining forces with other believers to truly have the best and most powerful impact for the Kingdom!

It begins at home and with us. Just think of the impact we could have in Monticello and all of Jefferson County if we all came together with other believers of other churches in our community for a common purpose! We would experience the blessings coming from the energy of synergy in building God's Kingdom!

**Summer Ministry Intern at First United Methodist Church**

Photo Submitted  
**Dr. Chandra Snell, summer ministry intern at First United Methodist Church.**



Debbie Snapp, *ECB Publishing, Inc.*

First United Methodist Church (FUMC) has a summer ministry intern, Dr. Chandra Snell, as part of its Conference Ministry Intern Program. Dr. Snell is a professor at Florida A&M University, earning her Doctorate in Communication at Florida State University and her undergraduate degree was

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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

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

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**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

obtained at the University of Florida.

Dr. Snell says that she has been feeling God's call to minister as an ordained deacon.

Deacons are clergy leaders who are called by God, authorized by the Church, and ordained by a Bishop to a lifetime ministry of Word, service, compassion and justice that connects the Church to the world and the World to the Church. This can be done is a variety of special callings and specialized areas of ministry.

Just this summer Dr. Snell has been teaching the Adult Weekly Bible Study at FUMC among other things including: assisting with the church MERGE Youth Ministry program and serving as liturgist and worship leader. She's been doing a bit of preaching and helping with general worship planning as well. Another service she's been learning more about and providing is pastoral care to hospitalized and shut-in church members,

Assisting with the Eagle Wings Food Pantry program offered to Jefferson County residents is just another of the many services and program Dr. Snell is learning more about. Most recently, she served as a "Buddy" to a mentally challenged adult at Camp Pioneer, an annual event held at the United Methodist Church (UMC) Warren Willis Camp in Fruitland Park, and directed by Rev. John Hicks, pastor at FUMC.

Besides being the mother of a teenage son, Dr. Snell enjoys reading, traveling and laughing. She serves on the Board of Directors and as Spiritual Director at Wisdom's Wellspring, a UMC ministry for women in transition based in Tallahassee. She is co-chairperson and faculty co-adviser of the FAMU Wesley Foundation.

She will be facilitating a workshop, "Discerning your Spiritual Gifts for Such a Time as This," at the Evangelical and Ecumenical Christian Women Gathering on July 26-29 in St. Louis, MO.

This very talented Christian woman may be contacted at [chandraclark05@gmail.com](mailto:chandraclark05@gmail.com).

# CHURCH NEWS NOTES

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**July 23-27**

Restored Glory Christian Center will continue its Vacation Bible School from 6 to 8 p.m. through Friday at 1287 South Jefferson Street. *The Holy Spirit ~ The Hero Inside of Us* will include fun, food, crafts, games and teaching. To register go to [restoredglory.org](http://restoredglory.org) or call (850) 997-RGCC. Eddie and Elder Veronica Yon, Pastors.

**July 23-27**

Central Baptist Church Aucilla will continue its Vacation Bible School through Friday from 6 to 8:30 p.m. for children three years of age to eighth grade. Adult classes and a nursery will also be provided. Dinner will be served. This year's theme is *SPORTS*. To volunteer and for more information contact Pastor Daryl Adams at (850) 251-0129.

**July 26, 28, 29**

Union #2 Jefferson County Ministers, Deacons and Home Missions Society will convene with Hickory Hill Missionary Baptist Church, on Bassett Dairy Road, at 7 p.m. on Thursday for Union Bible Study; on Saturday at 10 a.m. Business Session will convene; and will conclude on Sunday beginning with Church School at 9:45 a.m. followed with Morning Worship at 11 a.m. For more information call (850) 688-2903.

**July 26, 28, 29, 30**

AA meetings are held at 8 p.m. on Mondays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays at Christ Episcopal Church annex, 425 North Cherry Street. For information call (850) 251-0278. Father Jim May, church pastor.

**July 27**

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

**July 27, 28**

USDA Commodities Food Program and Second Harvest Food Bank together with the churches of New Bethel AME, Elizabeth MB, Hickory Hill MB, Mt. Pleasant AME, and Philadelphia MB will provide food to those needing assistance monthly at 8 a.m. on the fourth Saturday with distribution at the New Bethel AME Church, 6496 Ashville Highway. Volunteers

are also needed on the Friday evening before at 6 p.m. to help bag the food packages. Contact Nellie Randell at (850) 997-5605, or Jackie Harvey at (850) 997-8410 to volunteer or for more information about this program. Rev. Jimmie F. Dickey, NBAMEC pastor.

**July 28**

All God's Children Ministry Outreach will host a Back To School Community Event at 1380 Mamie Scott Drive on Saturday with free school supplies to students who attend. There will be a bounce house, hamburgers and hot dogs! Vendors interested in setting up a booth and participating should call Willie Ann Dickey at (850) 519-1801.

**July 29**

Mt. Zion AME Church will hold a Pastor's Appreciation Program for its pastor, Rev. Edward Scott II, with guest speaker Rev. Theodore Houston of Tallahassee, former pastor of Mt. Ararat AME Church. Come make this a grand celebration. Dinner will be served after the service. For more information, call (859) 997-5256.

**July 29**

Saint Phillip AME Church will host a Ministers' Appreciation event at 3 p.m. on Sunday for its pastor Rev. J.W. Tisdale. Guest Preacher will be Rev. Dr. Barbara Thomas Reddick. For more information call (850) 997-4226.

**July 30 - August 3**

Sweetfield Missionary Baptist Church will render its Annual Revival with prayer meetings on Monday and Tuesday. Wednesday to Friday guest speaker Rev. Charles Smith, pastor of Mount Pleasant Ministries of Capps will share the Word. All services will begin at 7:30 p.m. nightly. Church Pastor Kassalando Brooks, Sr.

**August 1, 15**

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

**August 4**

Olive Baptist Church will host a Back to School Supply Giveaway at the Monticello News on Saturday at 10 a.m. for students Pre-K to twelfth grades. Children must be present with an adult. For more information contact Pastor David During at (850) 997-1596.

**August 4**

Saint Phillip A.M.E. Church will hold a Welcome Back to School event beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday at 08 Phillip Road. This is a free event with food, prizes, backpacks and other supplies. Rev. J.W. Tisdale, pastor. (850) 997-4226

**August 5**

First United Methodist Church will host a violin and piano recital at 2 p.m. on Sunday with violinist Jared Starr and pianist Andy Lagrimas. All are welcome to this musical journey. Admission is free. Rev. John Hicks, pastor. (850) 997-5545

**August 14**

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.

**August 16**

Clergy Gathering at 12 p.m. on the third Thursday for lunch, a presentation and fellowship. Held at Big Bend Hospice in Tallahassee, 1723 Mahan Center Boulevard. For more information contact Candace McKibben at [candace@bigbendhospice.org](mailto:candace@bigbendhospice.org).

**August 27**

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 [alzheimersproject.org](mailto: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.



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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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[www.waukeenaah-umc.org](http://www.waukeenaah-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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**Sunday** 9:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Praise & Worship  
4:59 pm Choir  
5:00 pm TeamKID  
6:00 pm Youth  
6:00 pm Praise & Worship

**Wednesday** 5:30 pm Family Supper  
6:30 pm Youth Potter's Wheel (Grades 6-12)  
Music Missions and More (Children)  
6:45 pm Worship on Wednesday

**2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Monday** 6:00 pm Ladies Bible Study  
**Thursdays** 9:30 am Crafty Ladies  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday** 11:00am Lloyd Silver Saints  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday** 5:30pm W W Diners (Widows/Widowers)  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Friday** 6:00pm Brotherhood

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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

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4th Sunday Individual Outreach Ministry & Fellowship  
3rd Sunday Holy Communion  
Wednesday Evenings  
Prayer Meeting.....6:30 P.M.  
Bible Study.....7:00 P.M.

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Sunday Church Service.....10:00 AM  
Tuesday Night Taabo.....6:00 PM  
Thursday Church Service.....7:00 PM  
Pastor's Office by Appointment

**SARDIS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

4543 Waukeenaah 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

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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

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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  
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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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The Monticello City Council will conduct its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at 7:00 p. m. at City Hall.

City Hall is located at 245 S. Mulberry Street, Monticello. Persons with disabilities who need an accommodation to participate in the meetings should contact City Clerk Emily Anderson at 850/342-0292.

For agenda and packet materials, please contact City Hall.

7/25

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF THOMAS M. LYLE

File No. 18000057CPAXMX  
Division Probate

Deceased.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Thomas M. Lyle, deceased, whose date of death was April 29, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Jefferson County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 1 Courthouse Circle, Monticello, Florida 32344. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE 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.

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The date of first publication of this notice is 7/25/18.

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## Tasty meal gets kids cooking in the kitchen

Getting children to try new foods is not always easy. Kids have a tendency to be picky when it comes to the foods they eat, and many youngsters are reluctant to try all but the most familiar foods.

Helping kids embrace a variety of foods may take time, but such a noble effort can produce successful results. Dining on different foods helps to develop the palate and also ensures that children are being exposed to an array of nutrients and vitamins that are essential for growing bodies.

One way to help children be more receptive to new foods is to involve them when choosing the menu and preparing meals. A youngster who went shopping, picked out foods and assisted in the kitchen may be more eager to try the final product than one who has not.



Mexican-inspired dishes may be one way to put new foods on the dinner table. "Cheddar Beef Enchiladas" from *Casseroles, Slow Cooker & Soups* by Taste of Home editors (RDA Enthusiast Brands) features familiar ingredients combined with some more exotic flavors. Enchiladas can appeal to picky eaters.

### Cheddar Beef Enchiladas

Yield: 2 casseroles (5 to 6 enchiladas each)

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| 1 lb   | ground beef                |
| 1      | envelope of taco seasoning |
| 1 cup  | water                      |
| 2 cups | cooked rice                |
| 1 can  | refried beans (16 ounces)  |
| 2 cups | shredded cheddar cheese    |
| 10     | flour tortillas (8 inches) |
| 1 jar  | salsa (16 ounces)          |
| 1 can  | cream of chicken soup      |

In a large skillet, cook beef over medium heat until no longer, pink; drain. Stir in taco seasoning and water. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, for 5 minutes. Stir in rice. Cook and stir until liquid is evaporated.

Warm up the tortillas if you want to make them easier to roll. Spread about 2 tablespoons of refried beans, ¼ cup of the beef mixture and 1 tablespoon cheese down the center of each tortilla; roll up. Place seam-side down in two greased 13x9x2-inch baking dishes.

Combine salsa and soup; pour down the center of the enchiladas. Sprinkle with remaining cheese. Bake one casserole, uncovered, at 350 F for 20 to 25 minutes or until heated through and cheese is melted.

You can cover and freeze leftover casserole for up to 3 months. To reheat frozen casserole: Thaw in the refrigerator overnight. Cover and bake at 350 for 30 minutes. Uncover; bake 5 to 10 minutes longer, or until heated through and cheese is melted.

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